

# SPORTS

## REBELS AND MARQUETTE TO SQUARE OFF ON ESPN



Dexter Boney soars for the crowd at the Thomas and Mack, against Cal-Irvine.

By W.G. Ramirez

7-foot-1 and 6-foot-8 two times!!!  
That is the frontline UNLV Head Coach Rollie Massimino will have to contend with when he brings his Runnin' Rebels, now 3-0 (1-0 in Big West Conference play), on to the Thomas and Mack Center floor Saturday night against the Marquette Warriors.  
The consistent concern about

this season's basketball team has been the lack of size the Rebels have been plagued with. Fortunately, UNLV has counteracted with their quickness to pull off early season victories. Rollie's Rebels will try to do it again when they face the Warriors in a nationally televised contest on ESPN.

Last Saturday, the Rebels hosted Cal-Irvine in both teams' league-opener, at the T&M, with

UNLV coasting to a 115-97 victory.

A balanced attack from seniors J.R. Rider (27 points, 5 rebounds), Evric Gray (26 pts., 3 reb., 4 blocked shots) and Dexter Boney (21 pts., 8 reb., 3 steals) sparked the Rebels, who extended their nation-leading winning streak and home-court winning streak to 26 and 49 respectively.

The Rebels, who forced 19 Anteaters turnovers and never trailed the game, shot .571 from the floor for the evening.

Junior guard Ken Gibson blasted UCI, shooting 5-5 from the field, 3-of-3 from 3-point range, tallying 14 points.

Guards Dedan Thomas and Lawrence Thomas each added nine points for the cause.

The Warriors, who have begun the season 5-0, returns all five starters from last year's 16-13 squad. Marquette is led by senior forward Ron Curry, who is averaging 18.8 pts. per game and 11.4 rebounds. 7'1" center Joe McIlvane, averaging 18 ppg., leads the nation with an average of six blocked shots per game.

"McIlvane is a terrific basketball player," stated Massimino at Tuesday's Tip-off Luncheon.

Coach Mass seemed very pleased with the season so far, expressing the fact that his team is getting better each game. He is extremely impressed with his team's scoring average.

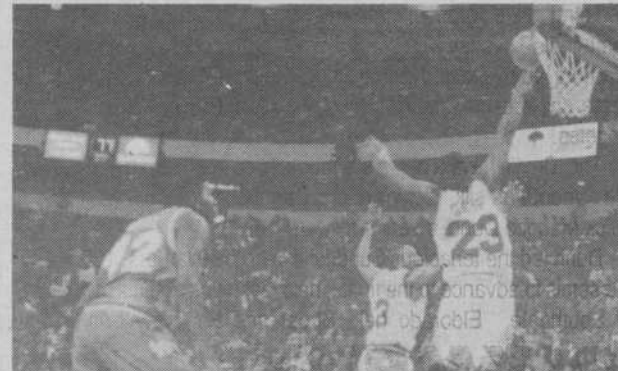
"We are averaging 96 points a game," says Massimino, "that's more than we scored in two games at (Villanova)."

The last time the two teams met was on March 4, 1979 when Michael "Spiderman" Burns scored 17 points and snagged 14 rebounds in leading UNLV to an 86-81 victory at the Las Vegas Convention Center. The series is currently tied at 1-1.

Saturday's UNLV/Marquette matchup, as all Runnin' Rebel games this season, will be carried live over KDWN-AM (720) with Ken Korach and Glen Gonderzick calling the action.

ESPN will begin its coverage, following the first game of a doubleheader, Temple at Cincinnati, at 6:30 p.m. with Steve Physico and Paul Sunderland calling the action.

Tip-off is scheduled for 6:30p.m.



Reggie Manuel (l.) and Evric Gray's tenacious "D" helped the Rebels to victory last Saturday. Photo by Savoy/LVS-Voice

### LVSV TOP 25

(Following Tues., Dec. 22)

TW Team	Record	LW
1. KANSAS	(7-0)	1
2. DUKE	(6-0)	2
3. INDIANA	(8-1)	3
4. KENTUCKY	(6-0)	4
5. MICHIGAN	(6-1)	5
6. SETON HALL	(8-1)	6
7. NO. CAROLINA	(7-0)	7
8. GEORGETOWN	(5-0)	8
9. FLORIDA ST.	(6-3)	10
10. UCLA	(7-1)	11
11. IOWA	(8-0)	12
12. ARIZONA	(2-2)	9
13. GEORGIA TECH	(5-1)	15
14. SYRACUSE	(8-0)	17
15. MICHIGAN ST.	(5-1)	18
16. OKLAHOMA	(6-1)	13
17. TULANE	(5-2)	14
18. CINCINNATI	(3-1)	16
19. UNLV	(3-0)	19
20. CONNECTICUT	(4-1)	20
21. NEBRASKA	(7-0)	21
22. PURDUE	(6-0)	22
23. ARKANSAS	(6-0)	NR
24. CALIFORNIA	(5-0)	NR
25. NEWMEX. ST.	(6-2)	25

## A GOLDEN SUMMER

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(This is the third of a five-part series that looks back at the sports world in 1992).

"You're the greatest athlete ever," said 1976 decathlon champion Bruce Jenner, following Jackie Joyner-Kersey's gold medal victory in the heptathlon. Joyner-Kersey, exhausted from the grueling 800-meter finale, circled the track draped in a large U.S. flag. She totaled 7,044 points-the first time she has cracked 7,000 since she had won the gold in Seoul. Joyner-Kersey became the first woman to repeat as Olympic

heptathlon champion. "Because it was so historic, I really wanted to get the gold," said Joyner-Kersey.

Not only did she become the first double heptathlon winner, she also became the second American woman, since Wyoming Tyus won the 100 meters in 1964 and 1968, to win the same track title in consecutive Olympics.

Gail Devers achieved much more than just a gold medal by capturing the Olympic women's 100-meter dash. After almost two years of bad diagnoses (diabetes and exhaustion),

Devers discovered she had Graves' disease, a hyperthyroid condition that can be controlled by medication. The only problem about the medication was

that it was on the Olympic ban list. She received radiation treatments instead and began to experience side effects. Her

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Gwen Torrence, Carlette Guidry, Esther Jones and Evelyn Ashford won the gold in the women's 4 X 100 relay.

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Denver +6-1/2 over KANSAS CITY

CINCINNATI +1-1/2 over Indianapolis

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**19-14 Best Bets--22-20-3 Upset Specials**

**LAST WEEK:** The Pack Attack is back in Green Bay. The Packers covered against the Rams - unlike my other four picks. To tell you the truth, the Jets should've been an Upset Special last week. They won the past three - four of five in Miami - what was I thinking? By the end of the week, I was all over New York. The 'Skins are unbelievable, the Bears are hopeless, and the Browns blew it.

**THIS WEEK:** Randall's final regular season home game should be a rout; Same with the Cowpoks!!! The Dolphins struggle against the AFC East weaklings, and it'll happen again; Elway returns!!! Sorry Indianapolis, no postseason play for this season.

**Good luck and don't let the "dogs" bite you.**