

SPORTS

AT 5-0, THE REBELS ARE RUNNIN' TO '93



REGGIE MANUEL DROPS A 3-POINT BOMB ON MARQUETTE

By W.G. Ramirez

When Runnin' Rebel Head Coach Rollie Massimino first came to UNLV, the question remained, "Will they still be runnin'?"

Five games into the season, the Rebels are 5-0, averaging 92.2 points per game and are defeating their opponents by an average of 15.6 ppg. Yeah, they're runnin'.

If that is not the jist of things, everyone is having a great time. The players love Massimino, and vice-versa. The fans seem to be accepting the change, as roars from the T&M can be heard during home games, when UNLV announcer Dick Calvert cries RRRRollie Massimino during

introductions.

Smiles are floating about everywhere!!!!

Then again, why shouldn't there be. November 1 there were those skeptics that didn't believe UNLV could survive the post-Tarkanian era, something they have done, and he hasn't.

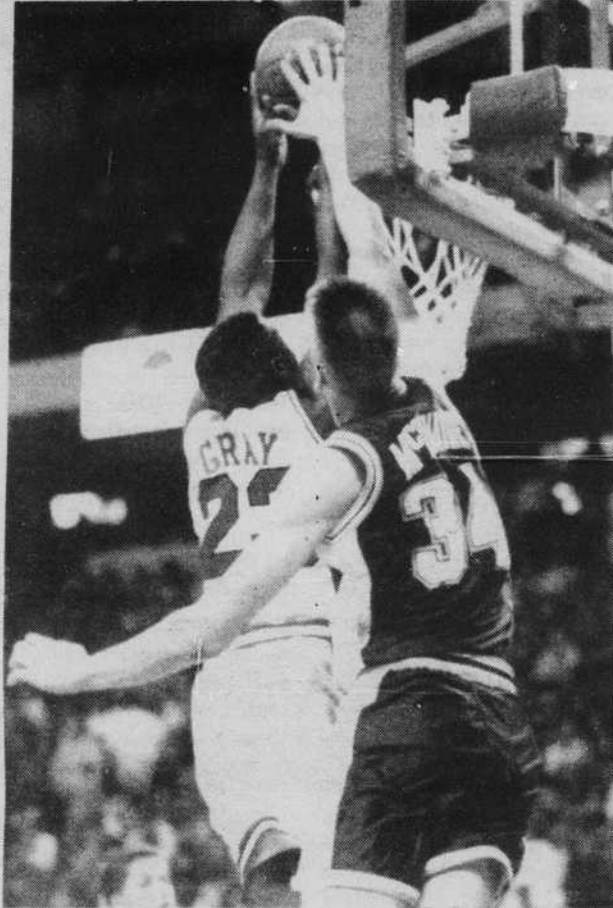
Unfortunately Tarkanian's NBA debut wasn't spectacular, but the Rebels are still runnin', and they're lookin' good at the same time.

Its like they haven't missed a beat and have a desire that only they could feel. J.R. Rider has come into the national spotlight, and in doing so, has introduced his teammates, such as Evric Gray, Dexter Boney and Dedan Thomas to basketball fans everywhere.

Last Saturday, when the Rebels hosted Marquette at the T&M, ESPN carried the game live into primetime and showed that this is still the city with the west coast's strongest contender. The highest ranked team on the west coast, at the present time is UCLA at #11. The Rebels are next at #16.

Rider scored a career-high 32 points and 15 rebounds in the contest. Boney and Gray each finished with 16 points. Thomas dished out 11 assists while adding 7 points to the cause. Reserve guard Ken Gibson, UNLV's 3-point specialist, came off the bench, to halt Marquette's second-half rally by canning two free throws and two treys to push the Rebels lead out of reach.

UNLV has caught flack for turning down holiday tourna-



EVRIC GRAY TAKES MARQUETTE'S 7-FOOT CENTER, JOE McILVANE TO THE HOOP.

Rebel photos by Savoy/LVS-Voice

ments, which would involve playing Top Ten teams, so that their schedule would be lighter. UNLV will face Georgetown, Texas A&M, Missouri and Louisville this season - but not yet. In turn, the Runnin' Rebels have faced the likes of Loyola Marymount, San Diego St., UC Irvine, Marquette and Hofstra, last night in which they won 79-41.

Regardless of their schedule strength, there is one thing that everyone is seeing, these Rebels are for real and they're getting better each and every game.

"From November 1, to yesterday, this team has improved 4000%," said Massimino, at Tuesday's Rebel Luncheon.

"They deserve a lot of credit for their defensive adjustments. The other night, (during the Marquette game), I thought we played very, very well. At times, I thought it was the best we've ever played."

Massimino appears to be very excited about his new group of players. At times you can actually see the "family-style" attitude he speaks of. A new ritual at the Runnin' Rebel Luncheon, is a brief look back at the Rebels' previous game. Rollie, sort of, narrates the footage, with a hint of proudness in his voice.

As the new year kicks in, college basketball has become the focus of sports fan's eyes.

LVSU TOP 25

(Following Tues., Dec. 22)

TW	Team		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.	NORTH CAR.	(7-0)	7
8.	GEO. TOWN	(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.	GEO. 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.	CONNECT.	(4-1)	20
21.	NEBRASKA	(7-0)	21
22.	PURDUE	(6-0)	22
23.	ARKANSAS	(6-0)	NR
24.	CALIFORNIA	(5-0)	NR
25.	NEW MEX. ST.	(6-2)	25

The excitement builds greater and greater as March Madness creeps closer. But its not just the fans of course, its 12 players and their coaches on a Saturday afternoon with 18,000+ fans screaming. Its Dick Vitale and (See Rebels, Page 15)

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

JOSH GIBSON

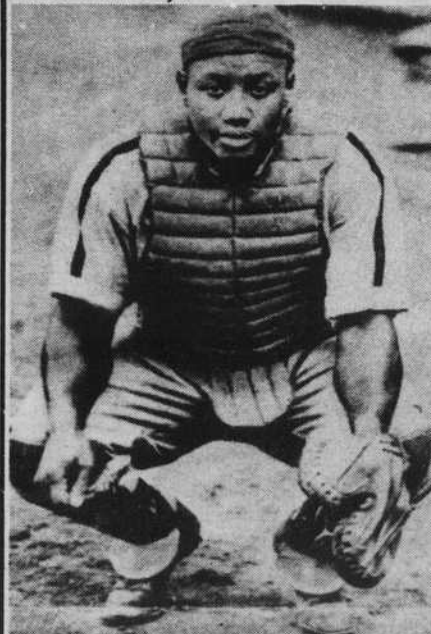
(Baseball Catcher)

By Gwen Walker

Josh Gibson was born in 1911 in Buena Vista, Georgia, and later moved to Pittsburgh, PA. At age 16, Josh began his baseball career with the Pittsburgh Crawfords in 1927. In the 1930-31 season he played with the Homestead Grays.



GWEN WALKER



In 1932 Josh returned to the Crawfords to team up with Satchel Paige and stayed with them till 1936. Then he went back to the Grays in 1937 where he was outstanding until his death in 1947.

He led the Negro National League with an average of .393 in 1945. Josh was the Homerun King of Negro baseball. He once hit a homer 513ft. in 1930 at Minesser, PA. His name is enshrined in Baseball's Hall of Fame. He hit the first homer in the left field bleachers of Yankee Stadium.

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