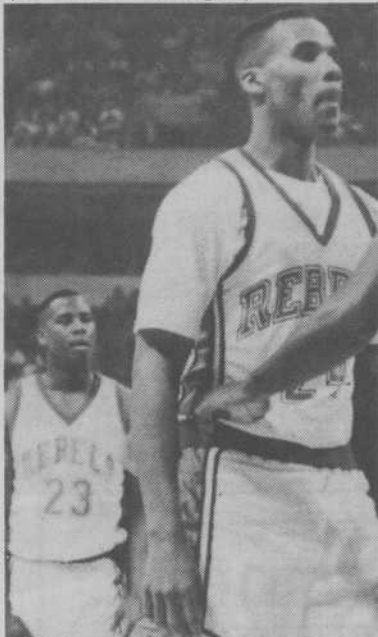


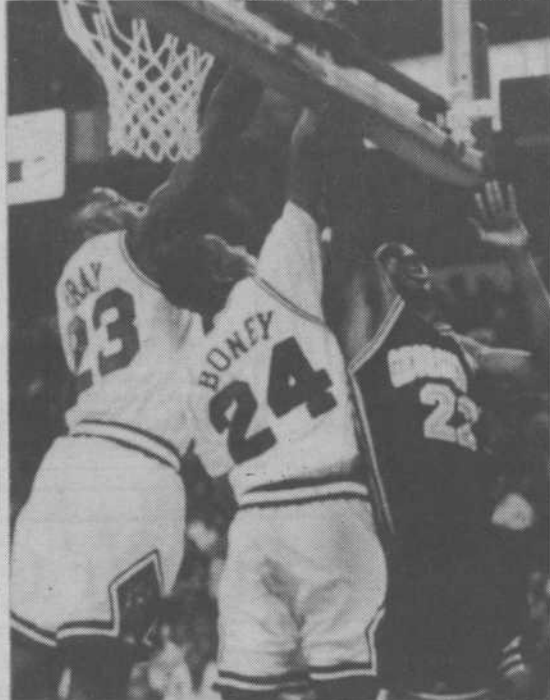
DEXTER BONEY

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With former teammate Evric Gray (23) always watching his back...



...Boney would be able to slash to the hoop, with Gray, and deny anyone that would try to score, or...

Rider, and one of the West Coast's fiercest forwards, Evric Gray.

The return to national television exposure for the 'Rebels, plus the addition of Massimino to the team, brought great interest to UNLV's program. Boney came through when it counted, and then some, which may have raised some eyebrows.

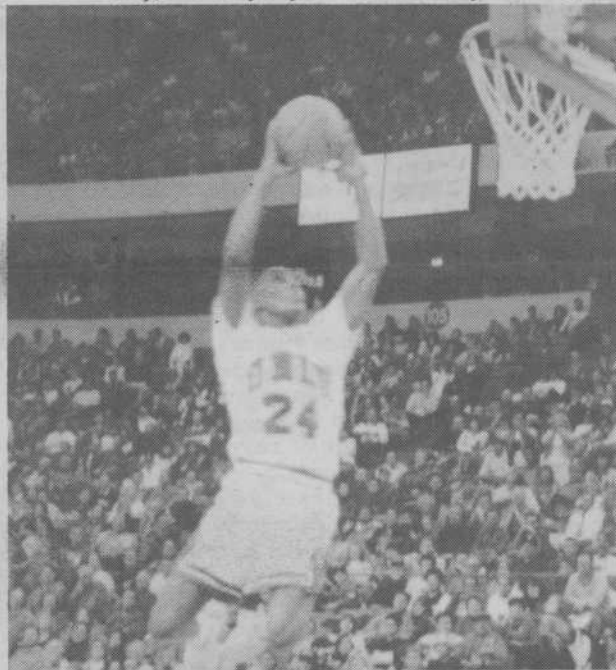
One of the quickest players in the country, the slashing forward led the Rebels this past season with 67 steals, (12th most in school history). Boney has 121 steals in his career, placing him 11th, tied with Anthony Jones, on UNLV's all-time list.

Boney's consistent shooting resulting from his keen eye for the basket and his tenacious "hands-in-the-face" defense earned him first-team all-Big West honors.

Following a 21-point performance against UC Irvine, in UNLV's home opener, Boney had a mediocre night, scoring 16 points against Marquette on ESPN.

Boney got a bit more pumped up for Missouri, as ESPN once again telecast live from the Thomas and Mack. In 25 minutes, Dex nailed 7-11 fg (.636), 2-4 from 3-point range. He also snatched 6 rebounds and had 2 steals.

Boney came through in UNLV's biggest game of the season when Georgetown invaded the T&M on January 23. Rider had unleashed on the Hoyas defense for 40 points, and although he could've very easily stole the show, he had a great supporting cast, including Boney. Along with guard Reggie Manuel, Dex led all players shooting .71% from the field,



...just as easily soar to the basket for a slam dunk.

nailling 10 of 14 shots. He also had 3 key steals in that game.

Boney had nine new career highs after last season, including scoring (28), Fg's made (11), 3-pt. Fg's made (5), rebounds (13) and steals (6).

Unlike many college players that tend to let their ego take over their game, Boney has learned a discipline and a respect for the sport that would please any coach on the sidelines. He attributes his fine qualities to both Tarkanian and Massimino.

"My first year at UNLV, I wasn't a scorer," admits Boney. "It just made me play better on defense. Coach Mass sort of turned me loose and let me play a lot more, and my offense got better."

Asked if he could quickly put a "verbal resume" together, Boney rattled off what any team

can expect by drafting him.

"Speed and quickness. Athletic ability, a lot of athletic ability. Helping the team out a lot. Giving 100% all the time."

"D," as he is referred to occasionally by wife Dawna, was invited to all three pre-draft mini camps and participated in two of them. He and Gray went to Phoenix first, where Boney won the Slam Dunk competition, and recently returned to 'Vegas from Chicago. A third camp, in Virginia, missed the talents of Boney.

The perfect gift for Dex and Dawna's baby boy Dshaun, whose 1st birthday is July 15, would be daddy heading to the pros and succeeding in the NBA.

With the positive attitude and kind manner that comes with knowing Dexter Boney, little Dshaun just may get "the perfect gift."

MAKE CHILDHOOD A DREAM

(NAPS)—NBA Superstar Patrick Ewing is teaming up with parents and kids to block child abuse and lead a fast break to educating others about stopping it. A new anti-child abuse poster features the 7-time NBA All-Star and 2-time Olympic gold medalist.

Sponsored by the American Amusement Machine Association (AAMA) on behalf of the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse (NCPCA), the poster is the sixth in an annual series of anti-child abuse awareness posters featuring athletes and TV personalities. Posters are being distributed nationwide to schools, libraries and other related target points to increase awareness during April, National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

"We believe more people must become aware of the prevalence of child abuse and ways they can help prevent it," said William G. Rickett, AAMA president. "Through education and spending time in family activities, parents and others can learn how to stop child abuse before it ever starts."

The poster features a photo of Ewing and a young boy relaxing at home by playing compact discs on a CD jukebox. The text accompanying the photo encourages the reader to "take time out to be with your kids" and to "help your children shoot for their dreams."

"I am delighted that Patrick Ewing and AAMA have teamed up in support of our efforts," said



Patrick Ewing says "Make childhood a dream. Take time out to-be with your kids."

Dr. Anne Cohn Donnelly, NCPCA executive director. "Together with Patrick, we can defend against child abuse."

Free posters are being distributed primarily to schools, libraries, youth organizations and community groups. To get a free copy of the poster, or to obtain more information on child abuse prevention, write to: NCPCA, P.O. Box 2866J, Dept. NAPS, Chicago, IL 60690, or to AAMA, 12731 Directors Loop, Woodbridge, VA 22192.

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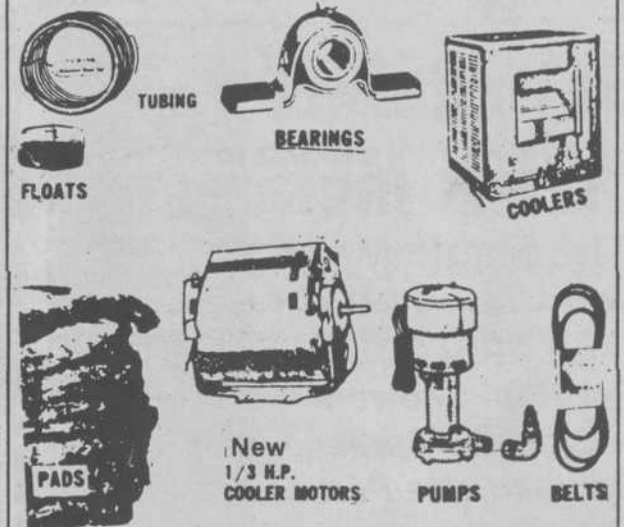
close as two, 106-104, but it was Jordan that would once again bring that tongue out.

A miraculous drive to the hoop put Jordan at the free throw line to complete a three-point play and push the Bulls out of reach, and eventually the victory.

Game 5 is scheduled for Friday night, at Chicago Stadium, at 6:00 p.m. If Barkley and the Suns can manage to escape Chicago with the victory Friday, the series will return to Phoenix for Game 6, and possibly Game 7.

Throughout the entire season, Chicago is 3-0 in Phoenix, while the Suns are 2-1 in Chicago. The Bulls' only home loss in the playoffs have come at the hands of the Suns - Game 3, a triple overtime thriller, 129-121.

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