

THE VOTES HAVE BEEN CAST

MEDIA POLL	SENTINEL POLL	COACHES POLL
1. Utah State 301 (19)	1. Utah State	1. Utah State 91 (4)
2. Nevada 289 (9)	2. Nevada	2. Louisiana Tech 75 (3)
3. San Jose State 234 (1)	3. San Jose State	3. Nevada 75 (1)
4. Louisiana Tech 232 (3)	4. Northern Illinois	4. San Jose State 68 (1)
5. Northern Illinois 206 (1)	5. UNLV	5. Northern Illinois 62 (1)
6. UNLV 164	6. Louisiana Tech	6. UNLV 60
7. New Mexico State 137	7. New Mexico State	7. New Mexico State 49
8. Pacific 112	8. Pacific	8. Pacific 30
9. S.W. Louisiana 98	9. S.W. Louisiana	9. S.W. Louisiana 28
10. Arkansas State 42	10. Arkansas State	10. Arkansas State 12

PREVIEW

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LeShon Johnson, the Huskies' All-American Tailback that finished number two in the nation in rushing with 1,338 yards last season. Johnson will key the Huskies this season in their quest for the Big West crown in their rookie season in the league. N. Illinois returns 40 players from last season's 5-6 team. Head Coach Charlie Sadler hopes that QB Scott Crabtree will be able to excel after a mediocre 1992 campaign. Linebackers Steve Wild, an All-Conference candidate, Tony Smith and Gerald Nickelberry will guide the Huskies' 5-2 defense. Although the Huskies' defense may be prepared for some of the quickness in the BWC, its "western" schedule includes the top 3 passing teams in the league from last year - Nevada, Pacific, and New Mexico State. NIU lost three of its starters from the secondary, but will depend on a trio from the JUCO ranks.

Louisiana Tech: The Bulldogs may not have quite a pleasant inaugural season in the BWC, returning a mere five starters, only one on offense. There will be too much inexperience for the 'Dogs to succeed, but will definitely be able to learn. The young talent includes junior RB Jason Cooper, Jr., who is already 10th on the Bulldogs all-

time rushing list. Bulldog coach Joe Raymond Peace will once again produce an outstanding defensive squad, which in the past two seasons (22 games) has given up more than 7 points only 3 times. Linebackers Fred Price, Lance Reed, and Carlos Bolton will key the defense.

UNLV on Offense: Former Parade All-American Omar Love will be the center of attention in the backfield for the Rebels, along with WR Henry Bailey. Bailey will be joined by fellow receiver Demond Thompkins, arguably pairing the two best wideouts on the west coast.

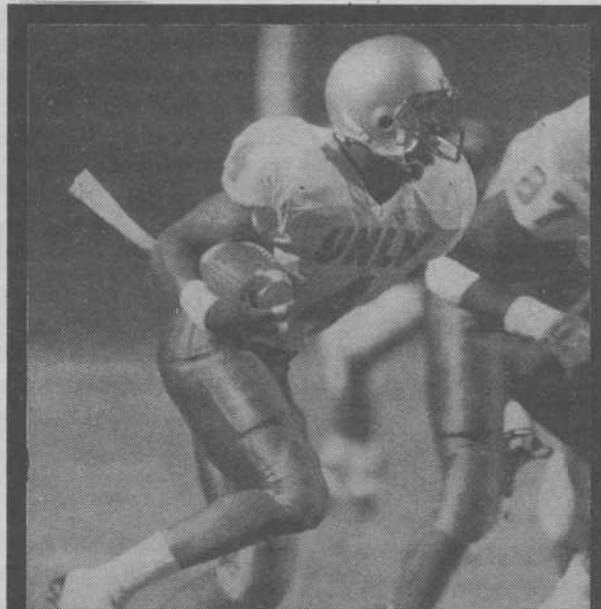
The duo combined for 96 of UNLV's 138 receptions. While Thompkins led the Rebels in receptions with 54, Bailey was ranked fifth in the nation in all-purpose yardage.

The loss of RB Shannon McLean to academic ineligibility will leave the burden on Love's shoulders. Love will also be helpful in receiving the ball coming out of the backfield when needed. Love has explosive quickness and the smarts on the field to generate a lot of yardage.

Bob Stockham, who possesses tremendous arm strength, will be calling the signals for UNLV. Head Coach Jim Strong would normally be able to turn to option-QB John Ma'ae, but won't be able to thanks to a

fractured wrist bone suffered during spring training.

The play of Lonnie Palelei and John Hurley will be missed, but UNLV still may have quite a solid offensive line this season. Jerry Reynolds, Howard McGowen, Doug Roper and Robbie Morrison will key the front line.



OMAR LOVE

LOCAL LEAGUE ANNOUNCEMENTS

★★★ FALL COED VOLLEYBALL

Registration for fall coed volleyball league at the Baker Park Community School, 1100 E. St. Louis Ave., takes place through September 9. Competition begins the week of September 13, and includes three levels of play; beginners take the court Tuesdays, while intermediate players see action Wednesdays. The advanced beginner league plays Thursdays.

The cost is \$90 per team and \$5 per match.

★★★ YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

A youth basketball league is now being organized at the Baker Park Community

School, 1100 E. St. Louis Ave.. Registration takes place September 6-17, from 3-8:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and noon to 12 p.m.-6 p.m., Fridays. The cost is \$45 per team, which includes official's fees. This league is designed for ages 10-12 and begins play September 24. Play will continue Friday evenings and Saturday mornings through December 17.

★★★ RECREATION BASKETBALL LEAGUE

A recreation basketball league is now being organized by the City of Las Vegas Municipal Sports Unit. Registration for the adult league continues through September 7, at a cost of \$300 per team, plus a \$20 officials fee. Play will take place Mondays and Wednesdays

beginning September 20. League play begins at 6:30 p.m. Call 229-2089 or 229-2362.

★★★ WOMENS 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL LEAGUE

A women's 3-on-3 basketball league is now being organized at the Chuck Minker Sports Complex, 275 N. Mojave Rd.

Play begins September 25, and continues each Saturday thereafter, at 12 noon. Registration continues through September 20 at a cost of \$125 per team, which does not include official's fees. The league is open to women 13 and older. Call 229-6563.

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LAKERS AND CLIPPERS SCHEDULED FOR EXHIBITION DATE IN VEGAS

Sentinel-Voice

Jerry West, General Manager of the Los Angeles Lakers, is expected to announce today an NBA exhibition game against the Los Angeles Clippers at the Thomas and Mack Center. The date is tentatively set for Wednesday, October 20.

Last year, Las Vegas was treated to an exhibition matchup between the Charlotte Hornets and Portland Trailblazers, featuring former Runnin' Rebel Larry Johnson.

The last time the Lakers played in Las Vegas, was during the 1992 playoffs, when they met the Trailblazers in Game 4 of the opening round. The game was shifted to the T&M following the L.A. riots.

Former UNLV center Elmore Spencer currently plays with the Los Angeles Clippers.

West is scheduled to make the announcement today in the Board Room at the T&M, at 10:00 a.m.

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