

GUIDED BY ROOKIE HEAD COACHES, EMU AND NEVADA LOOKING STRONG

While Las Vegas Bowl II is now less than two months away, it is two rookie head coaches that have their football squads on a collision course for the December 17th meeting.

In the Big West Conference, it is Jeff Horton that is guiding the Wolfpack of Nevada in the league race, which happens to see first-year member Northern Illinois currently on top.

While NIU boasts a 3-1 BWC record, including a 46-42 victory over Nevada, it is the Wolfpack that is beginning to come on strong at mid-season. Horton, a

former UN assistant coach, succeeds Chris Ault, now the institution's Athletic Director.

Last week the Wolfpack got by pre-season favorite Utah State 48-44. Arguably, Nevada has the nation's top offensive player in quarterback Chris Vargas.

Vargas, last year's LV Bowl MVP, has already thrown for 2,515 yards and 20 touchdowns, while leading the country in total offense.

In the Mid-American Conference, Eastern Michigan has bolted out to a 4-2 record and is

one of three teams with a 3-0 mark in MAC play. Former UNLV and Notre Dame assistant Ron Cooper has seen his Eagles reel off four straight victories, after dropping the season's first two games.

EMU's most notable victory was a 28-21 win over pre-season favorite and arch-rival Central Michigan.

There are four conference matchups in each league, with

the additional four teams seeing non-conference action.

All four games in the BWC involve league leaders. North- ern Illinois (4-3, 3-1 in the BWC) will host SW Louisiana (4-2, 1-1); Pre-season favorite Utah State (1-5, 1-1) will travel to UNLV (1-5, 0-1) for the Rebels' Homecoming; Louisiana Tech will play at San Jose State (1-5, 1-0); and New Mexico State (3-3, 2-1) will head to Pacific (1-5,

0-1)

The top four teams in the MAC will square off in the two biggest games so far this season. Defending MAC and Las Vegas Bowl champion Bowling Green (4-2, 3-0 in the MAC) will travel to Ball State (4-2, 3-0); EMU (4-2, 3-0) will play host to western-counterpart Western Michigan (3-3, 3-1); Central Michigan (2-5, 2-3) visits Kent (0-6, 0-4) and Ohio (1-6, 1-4) will

play at Miami of Ohio (2-4, 1-3).

In non-conference games, Akron (3-3, 3-2) will hit the road to meet the Temple Owls and Toledo (2-4, 1-3) will host Cincinnati.

Big West members Nevada (4-2, 2-1) and Arkansas State (1-6, 0-4) have dates with Weber State and Mississippi State respectively. The Wolfpack will be at home, while Arkansas State takes their show on the road.

These activities are sponsored by The City of Las Vegas.

LOCAL LEAGUE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OVER-35 BASKETBALL LEAGUE
The City of Las Vegas Municipal Sports Unit is now organizing an Over 35 basketball league.

Registration takes place October 18-November 15, at a cost of \$350 per team. Teams will qualify for a rebate if no games are forfeited. The league is limited to the first eight teams of eight players.

Play will take place beginning at 6:00 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays, at the Las Vegas Academy (formerly Las Vegas High School), 315 S. 7th Street. Call 229-2256.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE
Open play basketball for women only, is now offered at the Chuck Minker Sports Complex, 275 N. Mojave Rd. Play takes place 12:30-3:30 p.m., Saturdays, through November 13. There is no charge.

Increased interest and participation will lead to the establishment of a league. Call 229-6563.

PERSONALIZED WEIGHT TRAINING
Personalized weight training programs are available through the Mirabelli Community Center, 6200 Elton Ave., for \$2 per day, or \$10 per month. Qualified City personnel will work with you to develop a program catered to your individual needs.

Call 229-6359 for an appointment.

RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT
The Chuck Minker Sports Complex, 275 N. Mojave Rd.,

is preparing for a blind draw mixed doubles racquetball tournament. Competition begins at 6 p.m., Friday, November 12. Partners will be determined on the night of play.

Registration continues through November 11, at a cost of \$5 per program member, \$15 for non-members. Players can be male or female, but must be at least 13 years old.

Call 229-6563 for more information.

AFTER-SCHOOL 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL LEAGUE
An after-school, three-on-three basketball program is now being organized at the Mirabelli Community Center, 6200 Elton Ave. Play begins Wednesday, November 3, and continues each Monday and Wednesday thereafter, at 3:30 p.m., through December 15.

The program is designed for ages 7-17, and uses strategies for half-court, outdoor competition. Trophies will be awarded for first and second place winners. Registration is \$2.

Call 229-6359 for more information.

HOT SHOT BASKETBALL PROGRAM
A hot shot basketball program begins Friday, November 12 at the Chuck Minker Sports Complex, 275 N. Mojave Rd. Play begins at 3 p.m., each Friday thereafter.

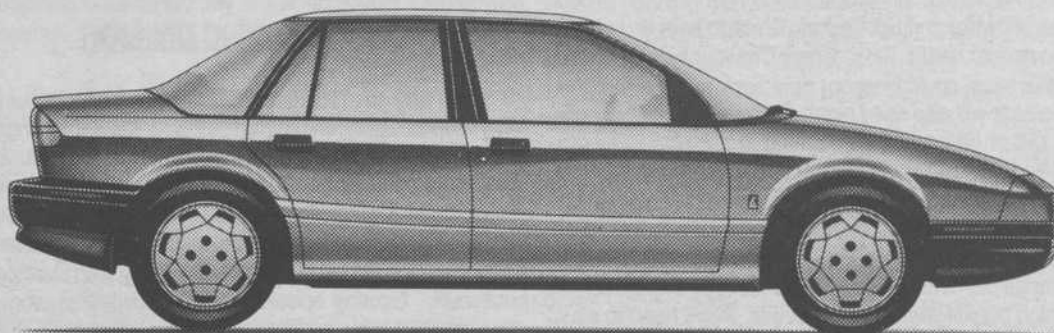
The program is designed for ages 8-15, and will concentrate on networking local youth in hopes of developing future leagues. The cost is \$1.

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