

UNLV RUNNIN' REBELS WILL LOOK TO DEDAN THOMAS FOR GUIDANCE

Seven Runnin' Rebels, including the starting backcourt, are back from last year's 21-8 team that finished out of first place for the first time in its 11-year Big West history with a 13-5 record.

Six-foot senior guard **Dedan Thomas**, an All-American honorable mention pick last year that averaged 7.5 ppg., heads the Runnin' Rebel offense. Certainly one of the top point guards in the nation, Thomas was second in the U.S. in assists in 1993, averaging 8.6 apg. It's pretty tough to find a playmaker anywhere - NBA included - with a better assist/turnover ratio (248/68) than Thomas recorded as a junior.

Thomas' starting backcourt mate, junior **Reggie Manuel** is back as well and is looking forward to a season in which he'll stay on the perimeter. Because of UNLV's lack of frontline depth last year, Manuel often times had to play down low, near the basket, and though he held his own, he prefers to wander in his natural outside territory. The scrappy guard, who can generally index the glass (4.3 rpg. last year), managed to average 8.5 ppg. as well. Manuel may surprise with his considerably hidden offensive skills.

Senior **Ken Gibson** (G., 6-3, 7.3 ppg, 1.5 rpg) returns as UNLV's designated 3-point

shooter. There were a number of weeks last year, that Gibson led the nation in 3-point field goal percentage, and he eventually finished amongst the Top 30 in the nation. During the month of January, Gibson ripped the twine on 22-of-36 attempts from treyland. Sophomore **Lawrence Thomas** (G., 6-1, 4.4 ppg, 1.0 rpg) appeared in all 29 games as well as a 1993 true freshman and figures to be a key reserve once again. Senior **Fred Haygood** (Sr., 6-8, 1.0 ppg, 1.6 rpg) joined the program several weeks into last season and played in 26 games. Haygood's experience and familiarity with UNLV's program make him an asset off the bench.

UNLV loses 3 impact players — each a 1993 All-Big West first team selection — from last year's

team. Most notable of the trio is second team All-American forward **Isaiah J.R. Rider**, an NBA lottery selection (5th pick - Minnesota). Also gone is two-year starting guard **Dexter Boney** and three-year letterman forward/center **Evric Gray**, who is the last remnant of UNLV's 1990 national championship team. The three-some averaged 62.3 points (89.4 team average) and 21.7 rebounds (36.6 team average) and with them went 69% of the UNLV offense.

Runnin' Rebel coach **Rollie Massimino** welcomes five newcomers and a redshirt to this year's Rebel edition. Junior college transfers **Clayton Johnson** (F., 6-5, College of Southern Idaho) and **Patrick Savoy** (F., 6-8, Mississippi Gulf Coast JC) join redshirt freshman **Kebu Stewart** (F., 6-8, Brooklyn, N.Y.) as the most likely choices to move into

the starting lineup. Johnson, who averaged 21.3 points last year, and Stewart, who chipped in 36.2 points during his 1992 senior season, should bolster the Rebel



Clayton Johnson

RUNNIN' REBEL FACTS

Location: Las Vegas, NV 89154
 Founded/Enrollment: 1957/19,428
 Nickname: Runnin' Rebels
 Colors: Scarlet & Gray
 Joined the Big West: Nov. 13, 1981

President: Dr. Robert C. Maxson
 Faculty Athletic Rep: Dr. Paul Burns
 Athletic Director: Jim Weaver

Head Coach: Rollie Massimino (Vermont, '56)
 Career Record: 412-265 (22 years)
 @ UNLV: 21-8 (1 year)
 Office: (702) 895-3295

Assistants: Tom Massimino (Penn '81)
 Jay Wright (Bucknell '83)
 Darwin Cook (Portland '80)

SID: Tommy Sheppard
 Office: (702) 895-3207
 Fax: (702) 895-0989
 Home: (702) 791-3251

Assistants: Chris Johnson, Jim Gemma
 Local Radio: KDWN (720 AM)

1992-93 Records
 Overall: 21-8
 Big West: 13-5 (2nd)
 Home: 14-2
 Away: 6-5
 Neutral: 1-1

All-Time Record: 778-249 (35 years)
 Big West Record: 178-16 (11 years)
 BWC Tourney Record: 25-3 (10 years)
 Big West Titles: 9 (1983-84, 85-86, 87-88, 89-90, 91-92)
 Big West Tourney Titles: 7 (1983-85, 86-87, 89-90, 91-92)

NCAA Appearances: 12 (1975-76, 77-83, 84-85, 86-87, 88-89, 90-91)
 NCAA Record: 30-11 (.732)
 NIT Appearances: 3 (1980, 1982, 1993)
 NIT Record: 4-4 (.500)

Home Court: Thomas & Mack (18,500)
 Press Row: (702) 798-0912

offense. Freshman **Brian Hovevar** (F., 6-8, Cleveland, Ohio) gives the Rebels some frontline depth and relieves Massimino of the frontline headaches he endured last year. Hovevar can play anywhere in the frontcourt and is an accomplished scorer with impressive range. Freshman **Seth Meyers** (G., 6-6, Steelton, Penn.) and **Jermaine "Sunshine" Smith** (G., 6-2, Middle Village, N.Y.) bring good offense skills to UNLV but will have to battle hard or wait their turn in the guard-heavy UNLV lineup. Meyers give the Rebels another threat from the 3-point line and is a very aggressive defender. Smith possesses an exciting combination of strength and speed, and could figure in UNLV's up-tempo transition game. He has tremendous capabilities at either guard position and will be a vital part of Massimino's game plan.

AGGIE FACTS

Location: Las Cruces, NM 88003
 Founded/Enrollment: 1888/15,494
 Nickname: Aggies
 Colors: Crimson & White
 Joined Big West: Jan. 1, 1983

President: Dr. James Halligan
 Faculty Athletic Rep: Dr. Jim Fisher
 Athletic Director: Al Gonzales

Head Coach: Neil McCarthy (Sacramento State, '65)
 Career Record: 370-179 (18 years)
 @ NMSU: 170-81 (8 years)
 Office: (505) 646-1447

Assistants: Jeff Hoop (Cedarville '76)
 Gar Forman (Utah State '82)
 Chris Nordquist (Schriner '88)

SID: Steve Shull
 Office: (505) 646-3929
 Fax: (505) 646-2425
 Home: (505) 382-1068
 Associate: Brian McCann
 Local Radio: KSNM (98.7 FM)

1992-93 Records
 Overall: 26-8
 Big West: 15-3 (1st)
 Home: 13-2
 Away: 7-4
 Neutral: 6-2
 BWC Tourney: 2-1

All-Time Record: 1038-815-2 (86 years)
 Big West Record: 110-70 (10 years)
 BWC Tourney Record: 10-6 (9 years)
 Big West Titles: 2 (co-1990, 1993)
 BWC Tourney Titles: 1 (1992)

NCAA Appearances: 14 (1952-59, 60-67, 68-69, 70-71, 75-79, 90-91, 92-93)
 NCAA Record: 10-16 (.385)
 NIT Appearances: 2 (1939 & 1989)
 NIT Record: 1-2 (.333)

Home Court: Pan American Center (13,007)
 Press Row: (505) 646-3400

AGGIE FACTS

Location: Logan, UT 84322
 Founded/Enrollment: 1888/17,432
 Nickname: Aggies
 Colors: Navy Blue & White
 Joined the Big West: Sept. 10, 1977

President: Dr. George Emerit
 Faculty Athletic Rep: Dr. Mike Parent
 Athletic Director: Chuck Bell

Head Coach: Larry Eustachy (Long Beach State, '79)
 Career Record: 61-33 (3 years)
 @ USU: first year
 Office: (801) 750-1861

Assistants: Dave Miller (Springfield College '85)
 Steve Barnes (Azusa Pacific '90)
 Bob Boyd (USC '52)

SID: John Lowandowski
 Office: (801) 750-1361
 Fax: (801) 750-2615
 Home: TBA
 Associate: Tim Monsell
 Local Radio: KNLC (104 FM) and KNFL (105 FM)

1992-93 Records
 Overall: 10-17
 Big West: 7-11 (7th)
 Home: 7-6
 Away: 3-10
 Neutral: 0-1

All-Time Record: 1007-804 (83 years)
 Big West Record: 134-117 (15 years)
 BWC Tourney Record: 8-14 (15 years)
 Big West Titles: 1 (1980)
 BWC Tourney Titles: 1 (1988)

NCAA Appearances: 11 (1939-62, 63-64, 70-71, 75-79, 80-83, 88)
 NCAA Record: 5-13 (.278)
 NIT Appearances: 4 (1960-67, 78-84)
 NIT Record: 2-4 (.333)

Home Court: Smith Spectrum (10,270)
 Press Row: (801) 750-1686

GAUCHO FACTS

Location: Santa Barbara, CA 93106
 Founded/Enrollment: 1944/18,200
 Nickname: Gauchos
 Colors: Blue & Gold
 Joined the Big West: July 1, 1969;
 left in 1974; readmitted July 1, 1976

Chancellor: Dr. Barbara Uehling
 Faculty Athletic Rep: Dr. Steven Allaback
 Athletic Director: John Kasser

Head Coach: Jerry Pimm (USC, '60)
 Career Record: 339-208 (19 years)
 @ UCSB: 166-122 (10 years)
 Office: (805) 893-2141

Assistants: Ben Howland (Weber State '80)
 Bobby Castagna (CSUN '75)
 Michael Fenison (Cal Poly Pomona '88)

SID: Bill Mahoney
 Office: (805) 893-3428
 Fax: (805) 893-4537
 Home: (805) 883-2365
 Assistants: Diane O'Brien, Kirk Reynolds
 Local Radio: KTMS (1250 AM)

1992-93 Records
 Overall: 18-11
 Big West: 10-8 (5th, tie)
 Home: 10-5
 Away: 7-5
 Neutral: 1-1

All-Time Record: 891-741 (68 years)
 Big West Record: 160-171 (22 years)
 BWC Tourney Record: 5-12 (12 years)
 Big West Titles: none
 BWC Tourney Titles: none

NCAA Appearances: 2 (1988 & 1990)
 NCAA Record: 1-2 (.333)
 NIT Appearances: 2 (1989, 1992 & 1993)
 NIT Record: 0-3 (.000)

Home Court: The Thunderdome (6,000)
 Press Row: (805) 893-4361

SPARTAN FACTS

Location: San Jose, CA 95192
 Founded/Enrollment: 1957/30,000
 Nickname: Spartans
 Colors: Gold, White & Blue
 Joined the Big West: July 1, 1969

President: J. Handel Evans
 Faculty Athletic Rep: Dr. Charles Whitcomb
 Athletic Director: Dr. Thomas Brennan

Head Coach: Stan Morrison (California, '62)
 Career Record: 227-266 (18 years)
 @ SJSU: 24-83 (4 years)
 Office: (408) 924-1245

Assistants: Stan Stewart (Loyola Marymount '78)
 Brad Winslow (USC '88)

SID: Lawrence Fan
 Office: (408) 924-1217
 Fax: (408) 924-1291
 Home: (408) 923-6104
 Local Radio: TBA

1992-93 Records
 Overall: 7-19
 Big West: 4-14 (8th, tie)
 Home: 6-7
 Away: 1-12

All-Time Record: 895-865 (80 years)
 Big West Record: 125-228 (24 years)
 BWC Tourney Record: 12-14 (15 years)
 Big West Titles: none
 BWC Tourney Titles: 1 (1980)

NCAA Appearances: 2 (1951 & 1980)
 NCAA Record: 0-2 (.000)
 NIT Appearances: 1 (1981)
 NIT Record: 0-1 (.000)

Home Courts: The Event Center (5,000)
 San Jose Arena (18,000)
 Press Row: (408) 924-8466 - Event Center
 (408) 999-5871 - San Jose Arena

WOLF PACK FACTS

Location: Reno, NV 89557
 Founded/Enrollment: 1874/12,400
 Nickname: Wolf Pack
 Colors: Blue & Silver
 Joined the Big West: July 1, 1992

President: Dr. Joseph Crowley
 Faculty Athletic Rep: Dr. Chris Estine
 Athletic Director: Chris Ault

Head Coach: Pat Foster (Arkansas '61)
 Career Record: 276-122 (13 years)
 @ Nevada: first year
 Office: (702) 784-4380

Assistants: Jason Glover (Grand Canyon '85)
 Jeff Kidder (Kentucky '88)
 Chris Crease (NE Louisiana '92)

SID: Paul Stuart
 Office: (702) 784-4600
 Fax: (702) 784-4386
 Home: (702) 829-1302

Assistant: Michael Connors
 Assistant: Mike May (Basketball Contact)
 Local Radio: KROW (780 AM)

1992-93 Records
 Overall: 9-17
 Conference: 4-14 (8th, tie)
 Home: 6-8
 Away: 3-9
 Neutral: 0-0

All-Time Record: 856-859 (80 years)
 Big West Record: 4-14 (1 year)
 NCAA Appearances: 2 (1984-85)
 NCAA Record: 0-2 (.000)
 NIT Appearances: 1 (1979)
 NIT Record: 1-1 (.500)

Home Court: Lawlor Events Center (11,200)
 Press Row: (702) 784-4404

49ER FACTS

Location: Long Beach, CA 90840
 Founded/Enrollment: 1949/27,444
 Nickname: 49ers
 Colors: Black & Gold
 Joined Big West: 1969

President: Dr. Karl Anatol
 Faculty Athletic Rep: Dr. Dave Bernstein
 Athletic Director: David O'Brien

Head Coach: Seth Greenberg (Fairleigh Dickinson, '78)
 Career Record: 51-39 (3 years)
 @ LBSU: same
 Office: (310) 985-4659

Assistants: David Spencer (Delaware '72)
 Clyde Vaughan (Pittsburgh '84)
 John Welch (UNLV '86)

SID: Scott Cathcart
 Office: (310) 985-7978
 Fax: (310) 985-8197
 Home: (909) 279-9558
 Assistant: Tony Gervase
 Local Radio: KORG (1190 AM)

1992-93 Records
 Overall: 22-10
 Big West: 11-7 (4th place)
 Home: 10-2
 Away: 6-7
 Neutral: 6-1

All-Time Record: 622-530 (43 years)
 Big West Record: 202-152 (24 years)
 BWC Tourney Record: 16-13 (15 years)
 Big West Titles: 8 (1970-71, 72-73, 74-75, co-76, co-77)

NCAA Appearances: 6 (1970-71, 72-73, 77-83)
 NCAA Record: 7-7 (.500)
 NIT Appearances: 3 (1980-88, 90)
 NIT Record: 2-4 (.333)

Home Court: The Gold Mine (1,900)
 Press Row: (310) 985-4667

TITAN FACTS

Location: Fullerton, CA 92634-9480
 Founded/Enrollment: 1957/22,500
 Nickname: Titans
 Colors: Blue, Orange & White
 Joined Big West: July 1, 1974

President: Dr. Milton A. Gordon
 Faculty Athletic Rep: Dr. Lee Gilbert
 Athletic Director: Bill Stumard

Head Coach: Brad Holland (UCLA '79)
 Career Record: 15-12 (1 year)
 @ CSF: 15-12 (1 year)
 Office: (714) 773-3711

Assistants: Bob Hawking (CS Northridge '71)
 Chris Brazier (Montana State '84)
 George Tuttle (Texas '90)

SID: Mel Franks
 Office: (714) 773-3970
 Fax: (714) 773-3141
 Home: (714) 525-7609
 Local Radio: KMNy (1600 AM)

1992-93 Records
 Overall: 15-12
 Big West: 10-8 (5th, tie)
 Home: 10-3
 Away: 5-8
 Neutral: 0-1

All-Time Record: 449-460 (33 years)
 Big West: 144-154 (19 years)
 BWC Tourney: 13-17 (18 years)
 Big West Titles: 1 (co-1976)
 BWC Tourney Titles: 1 (1978)

NCAA Appearances: 1 (1978)
 NCAA Record: 2-1 (.667)
 NIT Appearances: 2 (1983 & 1987)
 NIT Record: 0-2 (.000)

Home Court: Titan Gym (4,000)
 Press Row: (714) 773-3970

ANTEATER FACTS

Location: Irvine, CA 92717
 Founded/Enrollment: 1962/16,700
 Nickname: Anteaters
 Colors: Blue & Gold
 Joined the Big West: July 1, 1977

Chancellor: Dr. Laurel Wilkening
 Faculty Athletic Rep: Dr. Lyman Porter
 Athletic Director: Dan Guerrero

Head Coach: Rod Baker (Holy Cross, '74)
 Career Record: 86-94 (7 years)
 @ UC: 13-43 (2 years)
 Office: (714) 856-8536

Assistants: Greg Vetrone (Long Island '86)
 Rob Orellana (UNLV '91)
 Tim Murphy (Colorado State '84)

SID: Bob Olson
 Office: (714) 856-5814
 Fax: (714) 856-5260
 Home: (714) 646-2386
 Assistant: Slacey King

1992-93 Records
 Overall: 6-21
 Big West: 4-14 (8th tie)
 Home: 2-9
 Away: 3-10
 Neutral: 1-2

All-Time Record: 390-386 (28 years)
 Big West Record: 109-157 (16 years)
 BWC Tourney Record: 5-13 (13 years)
 Big West Titles: none
 BWC Tourney Titles: none

NCAA Appearances: none
 NIT Appearances: 2 (1982 & 1986)
 NIT Record: 2-2 (.500)

Home Court: Bren Events Center (5,000)
 Press Row: (714) 856-5814

TIGER FACTS

Location: Stockton, CA 95211
 Founded/Enrollment: 1851/4,000
 Nickname: Tigers
 Colors: Orange & Black
 Joined the Big West: July 1, 1969
 (Pacific joined Big West basketball in 1971)

President: Dr. Bill Atchley
 Faculty Athletic Rep: Dr. Don Bryan
 Athletic Director: Bob Lee

Head Coach: Bob Thomason (Pacific, '71)
 Career Record: 118-104 (8 years)
 @ Pacific: 66-77 (5 years)
 Office: (209) 946-2341

Assistants: Dave Shoemaker (CSUF '81)
 Tod Banister (Sacramento St. '85)
 Tony Marcopoulos (St. Stanislaus St. '87)

SID: Kevin Messenger
 Office: (209) 946-2479
 Fax: (209) 946-2757
 Home: (209) 952-4170
 Assistant: Mike Millerick
 Local Radio: KJAX (1280 AM)

1992-93 Records
 Overall: 16-11
 Big West: 12-6 (3rd)
 Home: 10-3
 Away: 6-5
 Neutral: 0-3

All-Time Record: 843-914 (82 years)
 Big West Record: 128-206 (22 years)
 BWC Tourney Record: 10-15 (16 years)
 Big West Titles: 1 (1979)
 BWC Tourney Titles: 1 (1979)

NCAA Appearances: none
 NIT Appearances: 2 (1982 & 1986)
 NIT Record: 2-5 (.286)

Home Court: Alex G. Spanos Center (6,150)
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