

BOWLES

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Bowles gives alot of respect to his linemen, and says that the feeling is mutual. His linemen know that if they can all fulfill their assignment for a brief moment, their star will hit the hole immediately.

"They work as hard as they can and I respect them for that," admitted Bowles.

Bowles' fan club is already growing, but the question is: Who actually is at the top of the list?

Bowles says its dad, Mitch Bowles, Sr., but he also has girlfriend Tonya in the stands. Bowles, Sr., hasn't missed a game yet, and conceivably is at the top of the list. The younger Bowles admits that even during game time, he can "hear pops yelling from the field." During film-time one day, Bowles said he could hear his father's voice on the video tape. He also says that it's not unusual to find Dad at practice, mingling with the

players and getting involved. "The whole team really loves him," said Bowles. Jackie Bowles has attended a few games, but doesn't exactly enjoy watching 200 lb. defensemen hurling her 'little boy' across the field. It isn't too often that Bowles is getting caught, but the thought of him being the target doesn't sit too well with Mom. "It scares her to watch me," said Bowles. "Pops likes to see

me walk into the end zone, but Mom likes to see me walk through the front door." Bowles will once again be stepping into the spotlight Friday night, in what will be either the final prep game of his career or a stepping stone towards the Southern Zone and Nevada State Championship. Is Eldorado gonna be in the playoffs in two weeks? According to Mitchell Bowles: "We're gonna win State!"

Bailey

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The recruiting process from high school to college is a hectic transition when you got coaches calling you all the time."

Bailey was recruited to UNLV by former Head Coach Jim Strong, and it was the small amount of pressure that eventually brought 5'10" speedster to Vegas. "I didn't want coaches calling all the time and they understood that. They didn't call too much, but they did call just enough."

In 1991, Bailey led the Rebels in receiving with 37 recep-

tions for 595 yards and four touchdowns. He also rushed for 151 yards on 31 carries, including a 47-yard TD scamper against Washington State. As a sophomore, Bailey shed alot of light on what could be expected from his collegiate career.

En route to becoming the third Rebel in school history to earn first team all-Big West honors at two positions (receiver and kick-off returner), he set UNLV's single-season all-purpose yardage record by tallying 1,883 yards. With the Rebels far from being labeled as a Top 25 team,

they were boasting a Top 25 player as far as statistics were concerned. His all-purpose yardage mark placed him fifth in the nation; his 14.6 yards per punt return were sixth-best; he was 20th-best in kick returns, averaging 24.0 ypr.; and, he finished 23rd in the nation in receiving with 75.6 ypr.

Bailey had a career-day against San Jose State that year, attaining 313 yards (151 receiving, 148 on kickoff returns, and 14 on punt returns).

The two other Rebels that achieved all-Big West honors at

two positions were Hunkie Cooper of the Arizona Rattlers in the Arena Football League and Randall Cunningham of the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles. According to Bailey, who was a freshman during Cooper's senior year, he had an excellent teacher at Rebel Park.

"Hunkie was always by my side, letting me know what I was doing wrong," says Bailey. "He stressed the do's and don'ts of the position and I kind of emulated what he did."

In 1993, Bailey battled injuries throughout the season, breaking bones in both hands as well as suffering shoulder and ankle injuries. He managed to finish as the Rebels' third-leading receiver, yet still had one thing left to achieve in his senior year - the Big West title.

"It's just mental, and you have to focus. Right now I have four or five different places - two in my left and three in my right - where it really hurts. If its cold outside I'll really feel it. The first couple of catches of any game are gonna be tough with the speed of the ball hitting my hands. After that, the adrenaline gets flowing and I just block it out of my mind."

Its always tough to rebound from an injury and Bailey's position coach, Brian White, has done all he's can to help the healing process.

Eldorado

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Eldorado on several occasions, says that Eldorado must "have tenacity on every down," in order to shut down Rancho's explosive threat. He also stated that many of the students are beginning to talk about Friday's game, creating alot of "hype" around the campus. Maxwell will also see time from the backfield, alongside Bowles, at the full-back spot. Maxwell's size allows him to come up with crucial blocks.

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"Psychologically, its hurt his game early in the season alot," admits White. "Anytime you come off any injury there is gonna be apprehension on anyone's part, that's human nature."

"We're trying to get the ball in Henry's hands more," adds White. "The more times its in his hands, the more big plays he's gonna make. Hopefully if we can get it in his hands 10 times, he's gonna produce 4 or five big plays."

Although there is a good possibility that Bailey could excel to the next level, he says it's not on his mind as much as finishing on top of the league.

"As the season is winding down, the only things on my mind right now is school and the (Las Vegas) Bowl game. Knowing we have an excellent shot at getting there and there are only three (league) games left, I don't really have time to think about the next level 'til after I finish with this."

Bailey is currently fourth in the nation in kickoff returns averaging 27.6 ypr, and is online to conclude his collegiate career in fine fashion. On October 8, he

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STU DURANDO	
1. Green Valley	8-0
2. Cheyenne	7-0
3. Wooster	7-1
4. Western	7-1
5. Elko	6-1
6. McQueen	5-2
7. Rancho	5-3
8. Reed	6-2
9. Eldorado	5-3
10. Reno	6-2
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broke UNLV's all-time all-purpose yardage mark, passing Henry Vereen, who amassed 4,280 yards from 1975-78. Bailey now has a combined 4,527 yards catching, running and returning kicks.

He needs 35 more receiving yards and 18 more catches to become UNLV's all-time reception king in both categories.

Earlier in the season, UNLV coaches moved Bailey into the backfield to try and spruce up the talent, but when senior Kofi Banks suffered a concussion in the Idaho game, it was back to wideout. Bailey says he doesn't mind what position he plays, just as long as the team succeeds.

"I'm pretty comfortable playing anywhere on the field," says Bailey.

"I can make the transition to running back if need be. It really doesn't matter to me, I just want to help the team and I really want a ring. I'll kick if they need me to."

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UNLV

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opponents.

The Spartans hold the edge in this series, 8-4-1, but UNLV has been able to knock off the past two victories. SJSU had a six-game winning streak against the Rebels heading into Halloween two years ago, but was upset when Omar Love had a career-day with 144 yards rushing and one TD. Last year, at San Jose, QB Bob Stockham connected on 18 completions for 289 yards and one TD to lead the Rebels to a 28-14 victory.

Horton says that a win Saturday could put UNLV in the driver's seat, but knows it won't come easy.

"They're physical up front. They're nasty, they play hard and do a good job with the offensive and defensive fronts. Their receivers have great speed, probably the fastest receivers we've seen this year. Then again our run game defense has been our Achilles Heel all year. If we let them come in here and run for a bunch of yards its probably gonna go down to the last minute in the fourth quarter again."

Kickoff is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., and will be telecast live over KDWN-AM (720), with Ken Korach calling the action and Tony Cordasco providing analysis.

•Korach, Cordasco and Horton host "The Jeff Horton Show," a live weekly radio show every Tuesday from Big Dog's Cafe & Casino on West Sahara. Listeners are encouraged to call-in locally or nationwide to speak directly with Coach Horton.

•Horton and local television personality Colin Cowherd co-host "UNLV Football with Jeff Horton" every Sunday at 4:30 p.m. on KVBC-Ch. 3.

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Sunday October 30, 1994		
BUFFALO	-2' (39)	Kansas City
Dallas	-15 (37)	CINCINNATI
NEW ENGLAND	-1 (43)	Miami
N.Y. GIANTS	-1 (35)	Detroit
Philadelphia	-6' (38)	WASHINGTON
DENVER	-3 (40)	Cleveland
N.Y. Jets	-1 (36)	INDIANAPOLIS
L.A. RAIDERS	-9 (39)	Houston
SAN DIEGO	-6' (37)	Seattle
Minnesota	-6' (36)	TAMPA BAY
ARIZONA	-2 (35)	Pittsburgh
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CHICAGO	-1' (34)	Green Bay

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