

# SENTINEL SPORTS

## Sunshine Smith ignites Runnin' Rebels

*Sentinel-Voice*

With what has been a roller coaster ride of a season thus far for players and fans alike, the UNLV Runnin' Rebels are, once again, playing inspired basketball. So inspired in fact, that they've found themselves atop the Big West Conference for the first time in quite some time.

At 3-2 in conference play (tied with U.C. Santa Barbara) and 6-7 overall, UNLV — for now, anyway — is shining bright, literally.

Why the sudden elevated play? Jermaine "Sunshine" Smith, that's why. With the loss of starting shooting guard Damian Smith for the season, Jermaine has stepped up his

game and, along with forwards Clayton Johnson and Warren Rosegreen, has, for the time being, put UNLV back on the basketball map.

With the Rebels winning 5 of its last 7 games, Sunshine Smith has led the Rebels in scoring in six of them, taking the offensive pressure off of Clayton Johnson. In their last two contests, he has

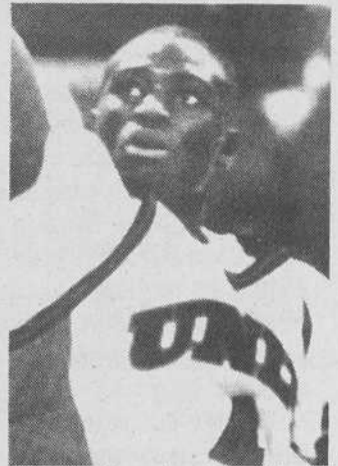
led the team offensively, scoring 21 and 23 points, respectively, against two of the conference's best teams, Long Beach State and U.C. Santa Barbara.

The game against Santa Barbara was especially sweet for Smith and the Rebels because not only was his 23 points a game high, but also that particular game catapulted

UNLV into a tie for first place with Santa Barbara in the conference standings.

Though shooting only 47% from the field (mostly due to the slow start at the beginning of the season), Jermaine is currently second in scoring for UNLV at 13.7 points per game. Also, he's shooting a team high 41% from 3-point range and 80% from the free throw line.

A 6-1, 195 pound junior, Smith, now in his third year at UNLV, is a 1993 graduate of Oak Hill Academy in Mouth of Wilson, Virginia — one of the top prep basketball programs in the country. In starting every game his senior season, Jermaine



UNLV's Jermaine "Sunshine" Smith is shooting a team high 41% from 3-point range and 80% from the free throw line for the Rebels, who are now tied for first place in the Big West Conference

### Super Bowl XXX

## Dallas, Pittsburgh eye Super Bowl title

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The Dallas Cowboys and Pittsburgh Steelers are no strangers to Super Bowl hype. The Steelers were almost there a year ago but lost an emotional AFC Championship Game to the San Diego Chargers, and the Cowboys are making their third Super Bowl appearance in four years. And even though it was some time ago, the two teams have met there twice before. The two met their twice in the '70s with Pittsburgh winning both contests.

But this time around, things

may prove to be a little different. Dallas has more than proven themselves as the NFL's team of the '90s, and already are posted as 13 point favorites for Super Bowl XXX.

The Cowboys held off a game Green Bay Packers team last Sunday and captured a 38-27 win to capture the NFC title and earn a trip to Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Arizona for the Super Bowl on January 28.

Green Bay (13-6) and their inspirational leader, defensive end Reggie White, kept the game close in the first half before Dallas

capped off a 99-yard drive with an Emmitt Smith touchdown to take a 24-17 halftime lead.

From there, Dallas proved why they're ranked as the NFL's best. Even though the Packers took a 27-24 lead into the fourth quarter, Dallas took their high-powered offense, led by Smith, and turned it on as they wore down Green Bay's defense. In the quarter, Smith ran virtually untouched for two touchdowns (5 and 16 yards).

Many felt that all year long, Green Bay's inconsistent defense had relied on NFL MVP

Brett Favre's outstanding season to carry them. But on Sunday, an apparently jittery Favre completed just 5 of 15 first-half

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