SPORTS

Prep Basketball Roundup Division titles just one game away for Las Vegas, Gorman

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Las Vegas and Bishop Gorman High Schools have found themselves just one victory away from winning their respective division titles as the Southern Nevada Class AAA boy's basketball regular season wraps up this week.

Having won all 13 of their Sunset Division games, the Gaels of Bishop Gorman remain the only unbeaten team in division play. Winning the division title means an automatic berth to the state tournament.

But it will all be up for grabs Friday night when the Gaels host division rival and last year's state champion Durango High School (12-1 in division play) at 7 p.m. Durango's sole loss came at the hands of Bishop Gorman three weeks ago on Durango's home

Paced by Ra'oof Sadat and Kevon Jones, Durango, coming offa 113-102 win over Cheyenne Tuesday (Sadat 43 points and Jones 32 points in the contest), post a league leading 22-5 overall record.

The Western Warriors are the only other Sunset Division team to clinch a berth to the Southern Zone tournament, scheduled for February 20-24 at Durango.

In the very competitive Sunrise Division, a total of five teams have secured a trip to the zone tourney.

At the top of the pack are the Las Vegas Wildcats (10-3 in division play and 18-7 overall) who hold a one game lead over Valley and Green Valley, both of whom are 9-4 in the division

going into the final game of the regular season. Las Vegas is paced by sophomore point guard Mario Finleyand forward Corey Kaufmann.

Rancho (8-5), coming off a heartbreaking 64-63 overtime loss at home to Green Valley Tuesday, has also made it to zone, as have the Chaparral Cowboys.

On Friday, The Sunrise game of the week will no doubt pit Valley against Rancho. Valley, led by junior swingman Jevon Banks (18.9 points per game), is playing well and has matched Las Vegas' 18-7 overall record.

In case there are any ties in division records after Friday's games, a one-game playoff will be held Saturday.

All games are slated to begin at 7 p.m. Friday.

SOUTHERN NEVADA GLASS AAA BOYS PREP BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

SUNRISE DIVISION Div. Overall x-LAS VEGAS 10-3 18-7 x-VALLEY 9-4 18-7 x-GREEN VALLEY 9-4 14-6 x-RANCHO 13-10 8-5 x-CHAPARRAL 7-6 13-9 BASIC 5-8 12-11 **ELDORADO** 4-9 9-15

VO-TECH 0-13 8-17 x-Conference Tournament Qualifier

NAME, TEAM

Slocum, ELD

Truman, GV

Roban, BG

Banks, VAL

Sadat, DUR

Spears, RAN

Jones, DUR

NAME, TEAM

Rivas, BAS

Spears, RAN

J.Johnson, VAL

Henderson, CHEY Manor, CLAR

Ireland, RAN

Caldwell, BAS

Henderson, CHEY

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

(AS OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1996)

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SUNSET DIVISION Div. Overall. 13-0 21-7 x-B. GORMAN x-DURANGO 12-1 22-5 14-12 12-13 x-WESTERN 8-5 6-7 **BONANZA** CIM-MEMOEIAL 4-8 9-16 CHEYENNE 4-8 9-16 5-8 CLARK 11-15 **SILVERADO** 0-13 6-19 **ASSISTS**

NAME, TEAM AST APG Finley, LV 24 195 8.1 LeCour, LV 192 24 8.0 Felton, RAN 19 130 6.8 O'Conner, BAS 15 98 6.5 McTyler, DUR 142 5.4 26

TUESDAY'S RESULTS Green Valley 64, Rancho 63 (OT) Las Vegas 76, Chaparral 57 Clark 59, Silverado 26 B. Gorman 68, Western 59 Durango 113, Cheyenne 102 Bonanza 58, Cimarron-Memorial 56 Basic 72, Eldorado 60 FRIDAY'S GAMES

Valley at Rancho, 7 p.m. Eldorado at Chaparral, 7 p.m. Green Valley at Vo Tech, 7 p.m. Western at Cheyenne, 7 p.m. Clark at Bonanza, 7 p.m. Cimarron-Memorial at Silverado, 7 p.m. Durango at Bishop Gorman, 7 p.m. Las Vegas at Basic, 8:30 p.m.

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With only six games remaining in this long disappointing season, the UNLV Runnin' Rebels have found themselves with their backs against the wall. At 7-13 overall

and 4-8 in Big West Conference play, UNLV, currently tied for last place in the conference standings with Cal-State Fullerton, is in desperate search of their first road win of the season - a win they will need if

they are to have a shot at making it to the six-team Big West Conference tournament in three weeks.

The team is currently 0-8 on the road and has 3 games away from home remaining on their

schedule before the Big West tourney kicks off March 8 in Reno.

In their last outing, on the road at UC Santa Barbara (UCSB) last week, the Rebels managed to blow a 15 point second half lead in a 65-57 loss to the Gauchos. Plagued by inconsistent play and poor shooting all season long, UNLV shot just 38% from the field and 57% from the free throw line.

The Rebels, who have lost two straight and 6 of their last 7 contests, has even gotten erratic play from their three most dependable players; Clayton Johnson, Jermaine "Sunshine" Smith and Warren Rosegreen, their last few games.

Johnson, UNLV's leading scorer (15.9 points and 5.1 rebounds per game) jawed with officials after taking an elbow from a UCSB player while fighting through a pick, and was consequently hit with a technical; a major turning point in the game, and was benched by Rebel coach Jim Bayno for the remainder 10-or-so minutes of the game.

Smith, second on the team in

who had stepped up his game in recent weeks, was benched at the beginning of the same game against UCSB for arriving late to a team meeting. He managed to score 12 points and had three steals, though he shot poorly (4 of 12).

Rosegreen, who has been the Rebels' force down low for most of the season, was benched two weeks ago for arriving late for a shootaround, and last week he grabbed only four rebounds in a 84-65 loss to Long Beach State (Rosegreen leads the Big West in rebounding and ranks 9th nationally).

The only bright spot, of late, for the Rebels has been 6-7 junior center Tony Lane (11 points and 5 rebounds per game), who scored a team high 18 points while grabbing 6 rebounds in UNLV's loss to UCSB. But more impressive was Lane's career-high 30 points in UNLV's last victory, a 84-75 win at home against San Jose State two weeks ago.

The Rebels' next contest will, again, be on the road against Pacific (10-10 overall and 6-6 in scoring (12.9 points per game), conference play) in a nationally

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televised game on ESPN Thursday, February 15 at 9 p.m. Then on Saturday, February 17, they will return home for their first of a three game stint at the Thomas & Mack Center, against Cal-State Fullerton.

In the other two home games they will face UC Irvine on February 19 and New Mexico State February 24. All home games are slated to begin at 8:05 p.m.

Will Make Donation To United Negro College Fund Stupak to play with Globetrotters Saturday

Stratosphere Corp. chairman Bob Stupak will fulfill a lifelong dream this Saturday when he will join the Harlem Globetrotters at their game at Madison Square Garden in New York for a minute or two of game time.

There are two catches. however, for Stupak, according to Globetrotters owner Mannie Jackson. He's expected to score a basket, and he will make a \$100,000 contribution to the United Negro College Fund.

"When I was a kid, I always wanted to play with the Harlem Globetrotters," Stupak said. "But I never thought it would be possible.

Stupak's recent drive to fulfill his dreams comes as a result of a severe motorcycle accident last March that left him in a coma for more than a month.

"I want to do what I wanted to do even more," he said after

coming out of the coma. "I decided that if God was going to keep me alive, then I had to play with the Harlem Globetrotters."

The College Fund, founded in 1944, has raised nearly \$1 billion to support 41 private, historically Black colleges and universities. It is the oldest and most successful African-American higher education support organization in the country.

