RUNNIN’ REBELS

University of Nevada, Las Vegas 1977-78
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**Runnin' Rebel Basketball University of Nevada Las Vegas 1977-78**
Las Vegas enjoys a worldwide reputation as an entertainment and tourist capital. Each year, an average of nine million visitors relax in its clear, dry climate and take advantage of all the attractions of the world-famous "Strip." But the casual tourist gets only a narrow, often distorted view of perhaps the most rapidly changing city in the country. The community traces its history back to 1855 when a band of 30 missionaries journeyed to the brush-clad springs known as Las Vegas, or "The Meadows," to build a settlement for the Mormon Church. Even before the first settlers, the oasis in the desert had become a favorite stopping place for travelers on the Old Spanish Trail which ran between Santa Fe and Southern California. Actual development as a townsite didn't take place until 1905 when the railroad conducted a land auction before hundreds of prospective settlers. In all, 1,200 lots were sold in two days and the town was on its way to modern development. By 1955—a half century later—the desert train stop had grown to a community of more than 100,000 people. The year marked the founding of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and the beginning of a new era in the city's history because, in the brief few years since then, Las Vegas has blossomed into a metropolis of more than 300,000 residents, measurably broadened its civic outlook and created a cosmopolitan atmosphere quite unlike the rough-and-tumble tradition of the Old West which characterized it for so long.

Today, Las Vegas is essentially a brand new city. It is the fifth-fastest growing city in the United States, averaging 11 per cent each year. High-rise hotels, office and apartment buildings are being constructed all over town. The development of parks, museums, hospitals, libraries and new industry has further altered the face of the city. The university has emerged as its cultural center and there is a unique closeness between UNLV and the city it serves. Surrounding Las Vegas is one of the most picturesque areas of the Southwest, offering residents unlimited outdoor recreation the year around. Like to snow ski? There is a 12,000-foot mountain with complete ski facilities less than an hour's drive from the campus. Lake Mead and the Colorado River to the south offer fishing and all kinds of water sports. Skiing, swimming, sailing, boat racing and skin diving. And in almost any direction out of town, the outdoor person can find a panorama of rugged mountain landscapes, hike trails and forgotten ghost towns which await a weekend's exploration and a lifetime of memories.
Las Vegas Convention Center

Home of the Runnin' Rebels

UNLV plays all of its home games on one of the finest hardwood court arenas in the country — the 6,357-seat Las Vegas Convention Center rotunda. Capacity crowds cheer the Rebels in comfort from theater-type cushioned seats. Ample parking is available at the conveniently located facility, one mile east of the fabled Las Vegas Strip.

UNLV certainly enjoys playing in its home facility, as a matter of record, going into the 1977-78 season, The Runnin' Rebels have won 59 straight games in the Convention Center. Their record going into the 1977-78 season, the Runnin' Rebels have won 59 straight games in the Convention Center.

During the record-setting seasons of 1975-76 and 1976-77, the Runnin' Rebels lit up the courts at a nearly unbelievable pace. During the 1976-77 season, the Runnin' Rebels played 19 games at the center, scoring 2,105 points for an average of 111.0 per game. Once again, the Runnin' Rebels had 16 games of 100 or more points and in a pre-season exhibition game against the National Team of the Republic of China, UNLV pumped in 174 points.

The Convention Center has also been SOLD OUT for the past four seasons. In addition, with only very limited seating available for a few games. Producing the elaborate light shows accompanying the ceremonies again this season will be a long-time Rebel supporter, Art Rader.

Dr. Donald Baepler
President

UNLV is a campus that's on the move. In fact, it is one of the fastest-growing schools in the nation. There are currently more than 9,000 students attending classes on the campus today. To accommodate all of these new students, the university has undertaken a massive construction program that has brought more than $25 million worth of new buildings to the campus in just the past five years.

Included in these new buildings is one of the most modern teacher education facilities in the country, a major classroom and office building, a 600-seat drama theatre, a physical education center complete with a 50-meter indoor swimming pool, excellent laboratories and classrooms for the life sciences, and a beautiful two-year 2,000-seat concert hall which serves as a cultural home for the entire community.

The campus of UNLV has tripled in size in less than a decade, with only very limited seating available for a few games. Producing the elaborate light shows accompanying the ceremonies again this season will be a long-time Rebel supporter, Art Rader.

Science students and faculty are carrying out important research projects in such areas as desert ecology, environmental biology and geology, taking full advantage of their unique Southwestern desert setting.

The university's theatre department has consistently earned national awards for acting, directing, set design and costuming. And music students may earn credits while playing behind the superstars of show business on the Las Vegas Strip.

The university also has a progressive teacher education program, a growing nursing department, solid preparation of students in the social sciences, the humanities, business and economics.

UNLV also reaches out into the community through its aggressive continuing education programs that last year enrolled 15,000 local residents.

The outlook is bright for UNLV as it completes its 20th year of service to Nevada through its programs of teaching, research and public service.

The University has been capably guided the past four years by Dr. Donald H. Baepler, the third man to serve as president of UNLV and an administrator who sets a fast-paced style for the young institution.

A biologist by profession, Dr. Baepler has maintained an active participation in the sciences, teaching at least one class each semester while carrying out his many other administrative duties. He is a Rebels Club member and an enthusiastic booster of all the university's athletic endeavors.

He is also acting chancellor for the University of Nevada system this year, dividing his time between UNLV and the chancellor's office in Reno.

Dr. Baepler came to UNLV in 1963 from Central Washington State College in Ellensburg where he held the position of dean of administration. During eight years there, he also served successively as chairman of the biology department and assistant to the president.

His special area of interest is ornithology, or the study of birds, and he has traveled widely to conduct research and writing on the subject. He has done field work on the cold plains of Alaska, in the jungles of Guatemala and nearly every part of the continental United States, providing data on bird life for 200 agencies as the National Audubon Society, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Science Foundation.

Papers resulting from this research activities have appeared in several national science journals and the author has been asked to report his findings before numerous learned societies.

Additionally, Dr. Baepler has found the time to serve his community through his leadership roles in the Governor's Manpower Conference and in the Explorer Scout Division of the Boulder Dam Area Council of the Boy Scouts. He was recently elected president of the Zoological Society of Nevada, the parent organization of the Las Vegas Zoo.

Nationally, he serves as an evaluator of grant proposals for the National Science Foundation and is a commission member of the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools.

Born in Edmonton, Canada, the 44-year-old administrator earned his graduate degrees at the University of Oklahoma and a bachelor's diploma from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota.

He is an officer and member of a number of professional associations and honor groups.
Bill Ireland

 Already a proven coach, Bill Ireland is in his fifth year as the UNLV director of intercollegiate athletics—a talented and capable administrator. Moving up to his present position in 1973 after starting and coaching the Rebel football program for five successful seasons, Ireland now governs one of the nation’s finest and fastest growing athletic programs for both men and women.

 Keenly aware of growing trends in the world of sports, Ireland began a women’s athletic program two years ago, and not at the expense of the already-established programs. When he began his career as athletic director, the program was struggling along with seven sports (all men’s), and during the 1977-78 athletic year, the Rebels will be represented in 16 different sports, including five for women’s competitors.

 On a national scene, Ireland’s impact has been felt as well. He has appeared before the United States Senate committee investigating Title IX regulations (regarding women’s athletics), has served on numerous committees in the National Collegiate Athletic Association, and is an exceptionally active member of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics.

 As a matter of fact, he spearheaded the push which brought the 1977 national NAIDSA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) convention and workshop to Las Vegas last June.

 The Rebels, under head football coach Ireland, posted a 26-32-1 overall record with a near-perfect 1 mark in the first season of competition in 1968. After leading the Rebels to four consecutive winning seasons, Ireland has taken further giant steps toward building UNLV into a major college program in every detail. He was instrumental in pushing for the Las Vegas Stadium, which opened during the 1971 season and no one has worked any harder or more diligently in putting the community behind the still-youthful Rebel football program.

 Before coming to UNLV, Ireland had already established himself as a firm and vital part of the Nevada sports scene as an athlete and as a coach, both on the high school and collegiate level.

 Born in McGill, Nevada on April 29, 1927, he was an outstanding athlete in the White Pine County Schools. After graduating from high school, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and then entered the University of Nevada, Reno where he competed in football and baseball. Following graduation from UNR in 1952, he stayed on campus as the Wolf Pack’s first graduate assistant in athletics and served as an assistant coach in three sports for two years.

 During his seven years with the UNR athletic program, he also became an accomplished baseball sportscaster. Here at UNLV, he has done the color commentary for the Rebel football games on radio, and has a weekly television and radio show known as the “Rebel Report.”

 He is an excellent speaker, a superb spokesman for one of the fastest growing athletic programs in the nation.

 A complete family man, he is married to the former Jeannine Brunetti and they have seven children: Chris, Kerry, Kimberly, Kelly, Michael, Patrick and Terrence.

 Roger Barnson

 Assistant Athletic Director

 If there ever was one man behind the scenes who held an entire program together then it would have to be assistant athletic director Roger Barnson.

 Barnson begins his fifth year as the assistant AD, and if he attacks his job with the same tenacity of purpose he has the previous three, UNLV can be assured of a financially sound intercollegiate athletic program.

 In actuality, Barnson’s duties and responsibility to the department are far more encompassing than his title would hint. He is the business manager for 16 intercollegiate sports (both men’s and women’s), as well as handling the accounts for the ticket manager’s office, the athletic department main office, the sports information office, the trainer’s office, and the insurance for the over 500 UNLV athletes during their respective seasons of competition.

 Additionally, as the assistant athletic director, he is in charge of all travel plans for Rebel athletics, from charters to lodging, and he assists teams visiting Las Vegas in any way he can.

 He is also the event manager for Rebel home football and basketball games. A bit beyond the call of duty, he has even been known to throw batting practice for the UNLV baseball team.

 And, of course, he is the administrative assistant for athletic director Bill Ireland, with whom he has worked for nine consecutive years.

 The personable Barnson is the first assistant AD in the brief but busy athletic history of UNLV. A native of the area, he came to UNLV as a charter football coach in 1968 from Clark High School in Las Vegas. For five seasons, he coached the Rebel secondary and was Ireland’s right-hand man in that sport as well.

 Barnson was born on December 27, 1938 in Boulder City, Nevada. As a prep he established a record which makes him one of the state’s all-time performers. For three straight years in high school, Barnson’s name was on the All-State football and baseball teams. He also competed on his varsity basketball team to round out an already productive athletic career.

 After graduating from Boulder City High in 1957, Barnson decided to attend Arizona State University on a baseball scholarship. Concentrating on his pitching technique and style, he became a regular for the early teams of the legendary coach Bobby Winkles in the Valley of the Sun. His ability on the mound earned him several offers to play pro ball, but he turned them down in favor of securing a coaching career. Upon his graduation from ASU in 1961, he went to work as an assistant coach at Western High School in Las Vegas.

 He earned his master’s degree from Northern Arizona University and got his first coaching job in 1965 when Clark High opened. In three seasons, the Charger football teams compiled a 17-9-0 mark. In his first season, he had a 6-3-1 mark. In 1966 it improved to 5-3, and in 1967 Barnson’s squad went 8-1, losing only the State AAA championship game.

 In his capacity at UNLV, Barnson has become an accomplished announcer, handling the emcee duties at numerous banquets and other events throughout the year.

 Barnson and his wife, Tina, have two children: daughter Leigh Alison and son Roger, Jr.
Jerry Tarkanian

Head Coach

UNLV Runnin’ Rebel basketball has come a long, long way. It wouldn’t have advanced to the NCAA finals and the NCAA playoffs and been rated in the top 20 the past three seasons if Jerry Tarkanian, the winningest active major college basketball coach in America. After nine seasons of coaching Division I basketball, Tarkanian has won 224 games and lost only 36 for a brilliant .862 winning percentage.

In four seasons as UNLV’s head coach, Tarkanian has led the Rebels to records of 20-6, 24-5, 29-2 and 28-4. The goal of the players who were with Tarkanian each of the four years he has been at UNLV has a goal to win 100 games, a goal they established for themselves as freshmen. When Eddie Owens, Glen Gondrezick, Lewis Brown, Robert Smith, and Sam Smith left UNLV after the 1976-77 season, their four year total was 102-16, — an amazing record for an astounding group of players.

After four seasons, Tarkanian’s record of 102-16 is a winning percentage of .864.

UNLV won the Western Regional Championship during the 1976-77 season and finished with the third place trophy in the NCAA Finals in Atlanta, Georgia last March. But to those who think the Runnin’ Rebels established 14 NCAA single-game, single-season, and tournament records in the playoffs, UNLV defeated the University of San Francisco, 121-95, the University of Utah, 88-83, Idaho State University 107-90 in the Western Regionals. Then UNLV lost a heartbreaker, 84-83 to UCLA in the national title game, and defeated the University of North Carolina, Charlotte, 106-94 in the NCAA Finals.

In 1975-76, UNLV won its first 23 games, ended at 29-2 with a lofty third place rating in the Associated Press polls.

Winning is a fact of life to Jerry Tarkanian, on the court and off. In 20 years’ of coaching in the collegiate, high school and junior college ranks, the fourth-year Rebel coach has known nothing but success.

In nine seasons as a major college coach, his teams have appeared in seven NCAA post-season tournaments in addition to his being the winningest active major college basketball coach in the nation.

What is equally amazing is that Tarkanian NEVER lost a home game while coaching at Long Beach State. His 48er teams won 65 straight home games in the campus gym and Long Beach arena, culminating with a nationally-televised impressive 77-66 victory over Marquette.

The Runnin’ Rebels have won 50 straight games going into the 1977-78 season, and, in three seasons, the Runnin’ Rebels have a spectacular 67-2 record in the friendly, yet boisterous, surroundings of the Las Vegas Convention Center.

On Runnin’ Rebel game nights, the otherwise stately convention hall is turned into a mass of theatrical light explosions which quickly works the crowd into a frenzy — and that’s why a prominently-placed sign welcomes visitors with “Welcome to Tark’s Shark Tank.”

The only two teams who dared to defeat the Runnin’ Rebels were both in the 1975-76 season when the freshman-laden squad fell to Texas Tech, 82-76, and to the University of Houston, 76-72. The freshmen avenged the Houston
Tarkanian's players have gone on to play in professional basketball. They include Chuck Terry (Houston Rockets), Eric McWilliams (Houston Rockets), George Trapp (Detroit Pistons), Bob Rule (Cleveland Cavaliers), John Q. Trapp (Los Angeles Lakers), Glenn MacDonald (Boston Celtics), Leonard Gray (Seattle Supersonics), and most recently Ricky Sobers (Diana Farrow). Darrell Evans, who played for Tarkanian in junior college, is a starter for the Atlanta Braves in major league baseball.

Last year, Tarkanian's players set an NBA and NCAA record. All six eligible Rebels were drafted by NBA clubs. Seniors Eddie Owens (Kansas City), Glen Gondrezick (New York Knicks), Sam Smith (Atlanta), Lewis Brown (Milwaukee) and Robert Smith (Denver), joined junior Larry Moffett (Houston) on the record-breaking draft list.

An intense individual, Tarkanian has coached in Scuderia for the People-to-People Sports Committee and in April and May of 1968, he coached the Junior College Olympic Team in the Olympic Trails. The 46-year-old coach easily won the hearts of Las Vegas fans, and the Los Angeles Times called him an "instant Las Vegas celebrity." He has a great relationship with the Rebel players and has the innate ability to communicate on an intimate basis.

Tarkanian's Terrific Totals

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Ralph Readout

Assistant Coach

Ralph Readout returns for his fourth season as an assistant coach under Jerry Tarkanian. This exuberant coach has 14 years of head coaching experience at the prep level in Ohio, where he established winning programs at four schools.

He has an extensive background in many fields, having earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Ohio University in 1953 and his Master of Arts degree in Educational Administration from Ohio State University in 1961. Readout attended Ohio University on a scholastic scholarship and graduated with honors from Ohio State's Graduate School. He was a stellar basketball player while at Ohio U.

Tarkanian's assistant is an intense and enthusiastic coach with keen insight into the learning process and psychological applications of coaching. His approach to basketball coaching is firmly based on psychological motivation and his contributions to the success of last year's 29-3 record-breaking Rebel team were indeed significant.

He was quite an athlete at Ohio University; he played not only basketball, but baseball as well. He was a three-year letterman as a starter and was elected captain of his basketball team.

Ralph Readout is an asset to our staff and I regard him as an outstanding coach and a very honest person."
Returning for his third year as a Rebel assistant, former UNLV all-star Odis Allison will be in his first year as a regular assistant. Allison is a former Rebel cage great and one of only six former UNLV players who have played in the NBA. Allison, whose smooth moves helped the Rebels during the 1969-70 and 1970-71 seasons, has left his mark on the UNLV all-time scoring charts as he scored 857 points for a 17.9 career scoring average in the 48 games in which he played. His 857 points are the 15th highest a UNLV player has ever recorded.

Allison was a second team All-West Coast Athletic Conference pick in his junior season and he made second team All-WCAC again as a senior, although he missed the last part of the season with an injury. Allison was drafted by the then San Francisco Warriors (now Golden State) and played the 1971-72 season as a reserve forward. He returned to UNLV to complete work for his degree and works primarily with the younger players, especially the junior varsity team, which he guided to an 11-10 finish during the 1975-76 season. He did not coach the junior varsity last year, but will be back at the helm of the young Rebel team this year.

Allison will also be involved on a limited basis with the Rebel recruiting drive during the course of the season ahead. He is from the Oakland, California area and will be used extensively in that area because of his contacts.

Allison is the first-ever former Rebel cager to be assigned to the basketball office as a regular coach.

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Junior Varsity Schedule 1977-78

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Head Coach: Odis Allison
Assistant Coach: Greg Hayes

Larry Chin
Student Manager

Replacing a living legend wasn’t an easy task to ask of him, but UNLV’s student manager, Larry Chin, did quite well in his first season last year with the Runnin’ Rebels.

Chin used his extensive background of working with a variety of sporting teams to do the job of replacing UNLV’s living legend — Gil Castillo. Castillo, known as “My main man” by coach Jerry Tarkanian, retired prior to last season after five years with Tark at Long Beach State and another three with him at UNLV.

Of Chinese-American descent, Chin is a 1974 graduate of Western High School in Las Vegas where he served as student manager for both football and soccer for two years.

Chin, who was born in Tucson, Arizona and moved to Las Vegas in 1964, was student manager on both the 1974 and 1975 UNLV football teams under former Rebel head coach Ron Meyer before taking over for Castillo prior to last season. A dedicated individual, he still helps Floyd Browning (UNLV’s equipment manager) with the football program in his spare time.

Chin is a Liberal Arts major at UNLV, in his senior year, specializing in photography. He still has time to take many photos which have appeared in UNLV athletic publications, including this 1977-78 Runnin’ Rebel Yearbook.
Jerry Tarkanian has had easier jobs. The nation's winningest college basketball coach, with a nine-year total of 224-36, must find replacements for five graduating seniors and one junior who were all selected in the NBA draft this past June. Not only did the six help UNLV to set 14 NCAA scoring records, they also became the most players ever drafted into the NBA from one time in one year.

Eddy Eddie Owens (2,221 career points), Sudden Sam Smith (843 points), Glen "Gondo" Gondrezick (1,311 points), Robert Stick Smith (954 points and 448 assists), Big Lew Brown (1,289 points and 1,019 rebounds), and Larry "The Great Eliminator" Moffett are all gone from last season's 29-3 team which finished third in the NCAA finals, but back are two talented "regulars" from that legendary team.

Scoring more points than any team in the history of NCAA basketball for two straight seasons, returning Runnin' Rebels are junior guards Reggie Theus and Tony Smith. Theus, the talented 6-7 guard who seems to be able to do it all, averaged 14.5 points per game last season and became famous in the NCAA playoffs for his "no look" passes which excited fans and frustrated opponents. Theus also had 136 assists last year in his sophomore season.

Theus had his finest game as a Runnin' Rebel in the first round of the NCAA playoffs in Tucson last year when he led UNLV to a stunning 121-95 ambush over the powerful University of San Francisco. In that historic game, "Dr. T." scored 27 points, led the team with eight rebounds and five assists.

Tony Smith, who will be the only SMITH on the 1977-78 UNLV team, had a fine sophomore season with the Runnin' Rebels. He learned the style that has won the West, to the tune of 9.0 points per game and 8.9 rebounds per game for his three year totals. His injury appears corrected and his heart of a lion is ready for a great senior season as the 1977-78 Runnin' Rebel captain.

Junior 6-7 forward Earl Evans is from Long Beach Poly High School. InJUry, what does it look like. On paper, UNLV is tough once again. Also on paper is a schedule which looks like a possible cause for cardiac arrest as the Runnin' Rebel road show must hit spots like Oregon, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona and Hawaii. If UNLV is doing well, national TV dates against Marquette (January 13) and against Kentucky (March 4) will be a great showcase for the fastest team in the West.

To sum it all up, the names will be changed and some old memories will be replaced as the blazing history of the Runnin' Rebels continues to light the college map.
Returning for his second senior season, UNLV Captain Jackie Robinson hopes that 1977-78 sees his return as a Rebel star. Set to finish his college career last season, Jackie was the tallest of the three seniors on the 1977-78 squad. Robinson is a tough and rugged competitor and he has to be one of the hardest working players in the country. He has doggedly and determinedly worked on his game and his rehabilitation with undying loyalty and perseverance. His strength and stamina have carried him far and two years ago was his finest as a Runnin' Rebel, especially in shooting where he made tremendous strides towards developing a soft touch.

In his first three seasons with UNLV playing above the rim and led UNLV in rebounding during the 29-2 1976-77 season, averaging 8.9 boards per game for the well-balanced, nationally-ranked team. Playing in all 31 Runnin' Rebel games that season, Jackie made 158 of 308 field goal attempts for an fine .513 percentage and 59 of 90 free throw tosses for an improving .656 percent. His 376 points represent an average of 12.5 per game. Opponents committed only 59 fouls. He was fouled for an improving .656 percent.

Jackie scored in double figures in 20 of the 31 games his junior season, with a career high of 26 against the University of Colorado. In all, Robinson had five efforts of 20 or more points, but consistently contributed 15 to 18 points. On the boards, Jackie was a real asset, especially on offense, and in 14 games, he pulled down 10 or more for the Runnin' Rebels. He had a seasonal high of 15 on the road against Iowa State University and had 14 each in the UNLV wins over the University of Utah and Loyola Marymount University.

Jackie is a swarming mass of muscle-dribbling, running, driving, twisting, jumping, shooting, and doing everything he can to help the Runnin' Rebels come away with a victory. In these productive years with UNLV, Robinson has appeared in 83 games, scoring 308 points for a 3.7 point-per-game average and has gotten 699 rebounds for an average of 8.3 per game.

Robinson had a very successful prep career at Morningdale High School in Inglewood, Calif., and finished his senior year with a 17.8 scoring average plus a first-team spot on the CIF AAAA All-Star squad with former Rebel Lewis Brown. The All-America high school player was the MVP of the South Bay league and played for the U.S. AAU All-Stars in Europe during the summer of 1973. While at UNLV, he has spent the summer months working with youth at various camps throughout the Southwest.

Jackie capped his junior year by being selected honorable mention Academic All-America for UNLV.

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**Captain Jackie Robinson**

6-6, 206, Senior Inglewood, Calif.
Tony Smith has been waiting two years for the chance to be the only Smith on the Runnin’ Rebel basketball team. For one season as a junior, and one year as a reserve guard, Tony played alongside Rebel greats Robert and Sam Smith.

With both now finished with their collegiate careers, Tony will be the only Smith on the 1977-78 UNLV squad. And he will surely make his presence felt.

He transferred to UNLV two years ago after playing his freshman year at the University of Houston and last year made the most of the playing time he got. Preparing himself for his starring assignment this year, the junior-speedster averaged 9.1 points per game and gave off 94 assists in the 31 games he played last year.

Coach Tarkanian feels he may be the best pure shooter on the team this season and last year he scored in double figures 14 games, saving his best play for the NCAA playoffs. Against Idaho State in the NCAA Western Regional championship game and his first-ever appearance on national TV, Tony made seven of 10 field goals, four of four free throws and handed out four assists while scoring his 18 points.

He followed that great performance (which was done in only 12 minutes of playing time) by almost pulling out the championship game and his first-ever appearance on national TV, Tony had a career high of 27 points while scoring his 18 points.

Tarkanian feels he may be the only Speedster to ever hold a team in the air on a single-handed reverse slam dunk while just playing only 12 minutes, he made six of eight field goals (no layups) for 12 points.

He is a good dribbler, has a tricky move driving to the hoop and can really get off the ground. Back at the NCAA finals in Atlanta, he got a standing ovation from some 6,000 fans who came out to watch the Rebels practice after he did a reverse slam dunk while just warming up for the session to begin.

It was a 1974 graduate of Saginaw High School in Michigan where he was the Michigan Prep Player of the Year in 1974, averaging 35 points per game as a senior.

Starting for the Houston Cougars as a freshman, Smith helped lead that club to a 36-10 season. In 23 games, Tony played 410 minutes, made 72 of 174 field goals and 29 of 44 free throw tries for a 7.8 per game scoring average. Smith had a career high of 27 points and handed out 10 assists in a game against Rice, and led the Cougars that season in assists with 2.6 per game.

He also had 30 steals his freshman season and last year as a Runnin’ Rebel sophomore he had 32.

It will be counted on very heavily to help direct both the Runnin’ Rebel offense and defense in 1977-78. He has gained more maturity, experience, and is dedicated to being the team player he must be to fill the space in the UNLV lineup.

It won’t be long and Tony will be the only Smith regularly on the minds of the Rebel faithful.
Probably the most heralded non-starter in the nation last season, the sensational and colorful Reggie Theus returns to UNLV for his junior season as a equals All-America candidate. He has already been selected to several pre-season All-America teams by many sports media persons who feel he was one of the most gifted players in the NCAA tournament last year.

To say that he wasn't a starter last year is a bit of a misnomer. To be accurate, UNLV had five talented seniors last year and there was no way they didn't deserve to be in the Runnin' Rebel starting lineup — when the starting lineups were introduced.

UNLV was the champion of the run-and-gun past two seasons and each year the Runnin' Rebels meet eighteen points per game in all 32 games for UNLV (as a matter of fact he has played in all 86 games since coming to UNLV). He also paved off 186 assists while playing some forward but mostly from the guard position.

He consistently played about 25 minutes per game last year and his shooting touch picked up as the season went along. His most devastating performance during the record-breaking season was in the first NCAA playoff game when he nearly single-handedly blasted the then 29-1 San Diego State, 124-122.

Against North Carolina, Charlotte, he played 33 minutes and made 11 of 18 field goals from the field again, got five rebounds and dealt off eight assists for 24 points.

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A three-year Runnin' Rebel letterman, Mike Milke is expected to make strong contributions this season. He has always been a hard-working, determined and quietly consistent player and this should be his year with UNLV.

In three seasons with UNLV, he hasn't scored too much or even played too much but his presence has been felt on the practice court, where coach Tarkanian has said many times that games are won or lost. He practices like he were a starter and not only has this helped him perfect his game, it also has given the regulars something tough to go against on a day-to-day basis.

He could have gone to other schools of lesser quality and been a starter, but he has courageously chosen to stay at UNLV and be a vital, if not spectacular part of a growing and winning program.

Last season Mike played 96 minutes in 20 games, scoring 32 points and giving out 27 assists. As a freshman, Milke proved he could make the big play; he came off the bench late in the final minutes of the crucial road game against St. Mary's to sink three challenging free throws to ice an 81-75 Rebel victory.

He is a solid ball handler and has had 61 assists in his three seasons on the Rebel varsity.

Mike Milke
6'3", 174, Senior
Chula Vista, Calif.

Physical Education major.
A newlywed in the Runnin’ Rebel lineup, Matt Porter is back after lettering for three seasons with the team as one of only three seniors on the 1977-78 team.

He is a very good outside shooter, and, like Mike Milke, could be starting at some lesser known school on some lesser quality team but he, too, chose to stick with a winner these past three years.

Porter is a fine pure shooter with great range, and, although he hasn’t seen much action on the Rebel varsity the past three years, he did lead the 1974-75 UNLV junior varsity to a fine 17-6 record, averaging just under 19 points per game.

With the varsity last year he played 74 minutes in 18 games averaging 1.0 points per game.

He was a starter for three seasons at Kennedy High School in Buena Park, California, before coming to Las Vegas.

Scoring an accurate 23 points per game during his senior year at Kennedy, the Cypress, California product was for three years named to the All-Freeway league. This honor was capped by his being selected All-Orange County and All-CIF first team, and co-Most Valuable Player of the league in his final year as a prep.

He is a hard worker right in the mold of all the UNLV greats and led his high school team in scoring during all three years, including free throws, rebounding and assists. He was Kennedy’s MVP all three years he was on the varsity.

On the Rebel junior varsity three years ago, his high game was against El Camino Junior College when he canned 37 points, hitting 16 of 23 from the field. He also pulled down 11 rebounds in the 86-84 UNLV victory. In addition, he scored 34 in the 97-90 win over the Northern Arizona junior varsity that year.

Matt was married this past June and he is anxious looking forward to doing what he can during his senior season at UNLV.

Birthdate: March 25, 1956.

Business major.
Brett Bales is a member of the freshman trio to select UNLV as the place to continue his education and play basketball as well.

An All-League, All-Metro and second team All-State high school star from Shawnee Mission North High near Kansas City, Kansas, (Shawnee Mission is where the NCAA headquarters are located), Bales averaged 18 points per game and 6 rebounds his senior season. He also was selected to play in the Kansas East-West All-Star game this past summer.

Bales will also have to make the changeover from his high school style of play to the run-and-gun style of the Rebels, but he should have little difficulty in adjusting. Said coach Tarkanian when Bales decided to enroll and play ball at UNLV, "Brett is a likeable young man and he has the kind of credentials to do well in our program."

UNLV assistant coach Ralph Readout described Bales, an All-league football player as well, as "very aggressive and a fierce competitor." Readout, coincidentally played basketball with Bales' father back in their high school days in Ohio.

Bales finds himself in a rather tough situation, with All-American candidate Reggie Theus starting at one guard, and returning letterman Tony Smith at the other. 1977-78 must then be a year of patience and practice for the 19-year-old-freshman.

Although he will see a limited amount of varsity action, he will have his own chance to show his stuff and develop his skills as a member of the Rebels' junior varsity team. He will also have the opportunity to watch and acquire some of the knowledge, attitudes and tradition of the Runnin' Rebels basketball program from some of the best to ever play at UNLV — Robinson, Theus, Smith, et al.

For Bales the future is one of unlimited potential. Knowing the type of young man Brett Bales happens to be, UNLV and the Runnin' Rebel coaches staff are proud to be a part of that future.


Earl Evans is a man who wants to play basketball. That's why the "Pearl" left USC a year ago and came to UNLV to redshirt, knowing that this season he would have his chance to be a Runnin' Rebel regular.

He is a super-talented player who can play either forward, center, and if really pressed, could handle the pressure at guard as well. This year with UNLV, because of the absence of a proven postman, Earl will have to play center on defense and on offense UNLV will be using a three-forward offense without a postman much of the time.

Earl was a two-year starter with the Trojans before he realized that USC was just not the place he was going to get ready for the pros. He came to UNLV and has spent a year getting his game and his mind ready for the challenge of being a Runnin' Gunnin' Rebel.

Well, his time has arrived and if he plays even close to his credentials, he will be a great one.

Earl was a prep All-America player and the 1974 Texas Prep Player-of-the-Year for Lincoln High in Fort Arthur High School.

UNLV knows how good Texas superstars can be as Eddie Owens was the 1973 Texas Prep Player-of-the-Year and he graduated from UNLV last year as the all-time leading scorer in Runnin' Rebel history.

While lettering for two seasons at USC, Earl averaged 14 points per game as a sophomore and seven as a freshman, but always his true energy seemed harnessed when he was in a Trojan uniform.

He has had a full year of getting "loose" to the Runnin' Rebel style and it seems to fit him perfectly. He loves to run, and gun, and hustle, and scramble, and jump, and do all those little things that have made UNLV basketball so popular across the country.

He also relishes the idea of being able to play in front of those large national TV audiences this year where he can be another showcase of the entertainment capital of the world.

He once scored 51 points in one high school game and had 10 assists in the same game.

When he made his decision to transfer to UNLV he said, "I want to be a part of a successful and outstanding college basketball program and UNLV certainly has all of this and more.

Coached by James Tarkanian in high school, he played in both the Kentucky All-American and the Same Classic for seniors.

He is also a pledge of the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity at UNLV and he and his wife, Debra, are expecting their first child in February.

Birthdate: November 11, 1955. Physical Education major.

Earl Evans will most assuredly be a glittering new star, in the ever-growing UNLV Runnin' Rebel galaxy.

Birthdate: November 11, 1955. Physical Education major.
Where does he find them? How does he keep coming up with them? The "he," of course, is Runnin' Rebel head basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian. The "them" are ballplayers like Willard Govain.

Overlooked by most schools, Govain has been making a name for himself in the Rebels pre-season drills. A darkhorse recruit which no other school showed much interest, Govain seems to be cut from the same type of mold as former Rebel great Glen Gondrezick. Diving and sliding for loose balls, to Govain, a brushed-burned knee, scraped and swelled elbows are simply signs of a job well-done. He has outstanding hustle and determination that just won't quit.

A tough, hard-nosed junior college transfer from the College of Alameda, Govain is a 1975 graduate of Fremont High School in Oakland, California. He first attended Laney Junior College for a year then transferred to Alameda.

At the College of Alameda, Govain led the team to a 27-7 record last year and the Camino Norte Conference championship 11-3 conference mark. He established four new school records for the Alameda Cougars in just one season: Govain averaged 23 points per game, 14 rebounds and seven assists. Perhaps the statistic that best proves his hustling, bustling, all-out style of play is the six steals per-game he also averaged. For the Rebels he will play mostly at a forward, but he can go at guard to relieve and spell Reggie and Tony when the need arises.

Govain will probably start for the Rebels, this year, and he's sure to see plenty of action, and with his hustle and determination for all the Rebel faithful.

Birthdate: January 5, 1956.

Hotel Administration major.

One of the three freshman recruits on this year's Runnin' Rebel varsity roster, Manuel Johnson enters UNLV with impressive credentials and the hopes of a bright and productive future with the program.

Manuel is a tall 6-8 and came into camp weighing 240 pounds and quickly lost his "baby fat" during the weeks of grueling pre-season camp with the Runnin' Rebels.

Johnson is a June graduate of Long Beach Poly High School in that California city where he was a three-year letterman and starter, averaging 16 points and 15 rebounds per game during his fine senior season. A first-team pick in the Moore League, he was also a second-team AAAA CIF selection as well.

He culminated his senior season by being selected as one of 60 McDonald's All-America preps last season and was honored by his prep squad as its most valuable player.

Coach Tarkanian comments about his new player, saying, "He is an outstanding basketball talent who can rebound with the best. He is considered a good outside shooter and we expect him to work hard on improving his quickness and look forward to him helping the program within one or two years.

He may be placed into action a little sooner than a lot of people expected after Larry Moffett decided to turn pro in August. When he isn't at the Rebel post this season, UNLV will use a three-forward offense, utilizing the strength and quickness of the forwards UNLV has this season.

He is in a very tough position this season, much like Jackie Robinson was when he was a freshman. Johnson will have to mature quickly because he will be needed at the post position throughout the long season ahead.

It has been fairly hard for him to adjust to the Runnin' Rebel program, but he seems to have renewed his confidence and will hopefully be a viable part of the squad in his first college season.

Birthdate: July 16, 1956.

Physical Education major.
Los Angeles native Eddie McLeod joins up with the Runnin' Rebels this season after playing for two years in the junior college ranks.

McLeod lettered three times for Locke High School in Watts, was named All-City and All-League and is considered a "pure shooter."

Coach Tarkanian commented on McLeod when he signed the 6-8 forward back in April of this year, "he will will compliment our existing personnel very well."

Called a "late bloomer" by the coaching staff, McLeod came into his own at Oxnard Junior College, where he averaged 24 points per game and 10 rebounds. He also earned Junior College All-American honors to go along with his first team selection to the Western Conference All-Star squad. He holds the Oxnard records for most points—45, and rebounds—20, in a single game.

He isn't real big and physical, but will be able to use his quickness and speed to help him in running the patented UNLV offense. He may spend a lot of time at the forward spot depending on the game situations.

Eddie McLeod
6-8, 190, Junior
Los Angeles, Calif.

One of only three freshman ballplayers on this year's edition of the Runnin' Rebels, Jack Porter is definitely a player with a bright future at UNLV.

Porter has a fine outside shot and is a good ballhandler, but, of course it will take time for him to adjust and make the transition from high school to major college ball. Once he gets that all important experience under his belt, there's no question that he'll be a contributing factor for the Runnin' Rebels success in the years to come.

There is no question that he has all the necessary tools and skills to make it big. Porter is from that high school basketball hotbed of Chicago. He attended Holy Cross High in Melrose Park, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. All-Conference and All-District his junior and senior seasons, Porter led his conference in scoring his senior year as well. He averaged 24 points-per-game his junior year, to go with eight rebounds and four assists. The following year he hit for a 20-point average per game, grabbed off another eight boards and handed off three assists each game.

He also has excellent leaping ability as he prepares to make his way into the hearts and minds of Runnin' Rebel fans everywhere.

Birthdate: September 26, 1967.
Recreation major.

Jack Porter
6-1, 170,
Freshman
Melrose Park, Ill.
Captain Jackie Robinson

Tony Smith

Reggie Theus

Earl Evans
It appears that Gerald Sims has finally found a home he likes. After struggling through a period of time in which he didn't adjust and couldn't establish a basis, he now is back on the right track and that could mean bad news for Rebels opponents in 1977-78.

Sims is at the top of the list of the new Rebel recruits for the upcoming season. Sims is out of Mack High School in his hometown of Detroit, Michigan, where he lettered three straight years and averaged 25 points per game his senior season. He then went to Mt. San Jacinto Junior College the following two years where he burned the nets for a 28-point average per game. He was also voted the California Junior College Player-of-the-Year. He has got to be considered one of the "regulars" of the Runnin' Rebels this year, although he may not be one of the initial starting five. Big things are expected of him this season, with Sims' scoring ability hoped to make up for the key losses suffered by the Rebels through graduation last season.

He will be teamed up with Reggie and Tony Smith in the forecourt of the Runnin' Rebels team with his fine outside shot and soft touch a major factor in success the Rebels will enjoy this year. He possesses excellent speed and quickness which he used very effectively going to the hoop. He also has the fine outside range which can eliminate opponent's zones defenses, and free himself for his one-on-one moves.

Defensively he is also a standout, with a nose for the ball and the ability to pull down that key offensive or defensive rebound. A top foul shooter as well, his overall ballhandling ability and game sense will make Sims a welcomed addition to the Runnin' Rebels for the 1977-78 season.

Birthdate: May 21, 1956. Physical Education major.

Rebel Redshirts

Brett Vroman

Two talented players who are redshirting this season at UNLV are 7-0 Brett Vroman and 6-4 Sam Copeland. Vroman is a transfer this year from UCLA while Copeland came in at mid-year last season from the University of Vermont.

Vroman is the former All-State, and All-America prepster from Provo High in Provo, Utah, and played three years for the Bruins including his freshman year under John Wooden when the Bruins won their last NCAA championship.

After three somewhat frustrating years, Vroman decided that the best place for him to play basketball with a chance of playing professional ball would be UNLV. He will be a senior next year when he becomes eligible to play for the Runnin' Rebels but he will be working out with the team all of this season.

Copeland started his freshman year at the University of Vermont where he was selected as the Rookie of the Year in the Yankee Conference but he decided to transfer to UNLV after the first half of his sophomore year. A final decision has yet to be made in his case, but there is a possibility he will play during the second semester of this season. He transferred in at mid-year, so he becomes eligible at mid-year. The coaches and he may decide, however, that it would be better to just go ahead and sit out this entire season and then have two full years of eligibility beginning next season.

He is from Fallsburg, New York and is a 1975 graduate of Fallsburg Central High School.
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Dec. 15 at U.C. Riverside
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Dec. 23 at Arizona
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Feb. 17 at Santa Clara
Feb. 18 at San Francisco
Feb. 24 Seattle
Feb. 25 Portland

November 26: Las Vegas
Head Coach: Tynes Hildebrand
(SID: Dan McDonald
Conference: Independent
1976-77 Record: 17-9
Nickname: Demons
Colors: Purple, Burnt Orange and White

November 29: Malibu, California
December 5: Las Vegas
Head Coach: Gary Colson
SID: Bob Rose
Nickname: Waves
Conference: WCAC
Athletic Director: Wayne Wright
Colors: Blue and Orange

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December 20-21: Las Vegas
Head Coach: Tex Winter
SID: Jerry Ashby
(312) 492-7493
Nickname: Wildcats
Conference: Big Ten
1976-77: 7-20
Series History: First Meeting
Athletic Director: John Fonte
Colors: Purple and White

Northwestern University

University of Tennessee

University of Iowa

December 20-21: Las Vegas
Head Coach: Ray Mears
SID: Simon Fraser
(312) 492-7393
Nickname: Volunteers
Conference: Southeastern
1976-77 Record: 22-6
Athletic Director: Bob Woodruff
University of Cal., St.

December 20-21: Las Vegas
Head Coach: Tex Winter
SID: Ray Mears
(615) 974-3371
Nickname: Volunteers
Conference: Southeastern
1976-77 Record: 7-20
Series History: First Meeting
Athletic Director: Bob Woodruff
Colors: Orange and White

December 20-21: Las Vegas
Head Coach: Late Olson
SID: Ray Mears
(319) 353-4912
Nickname: Hawks
Conference: Big Ten
1976-77 Record: 19-9
Series History: First Meeting
Athletic Director: Larry Koentopp
Colors: Blue and Gold

1977-78 Schedule
Nov. 26 Western Illinois
Dec. 2 at Show-Me Classic
Dec. 6 Cal
Dec. 3 vs. Kansas State
Dec. 5 vs. East Carolina
Dec. 2 at Rebel Roundup
Dec. 31 Loyola
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Jan. 12 at Cal State, Fullerton
Jan. 14 at Cal State, Fresno
Jan. 20 vs. Pacific
Jan. 21 vs. Cal State, San Jose
Jan. 26 at Cal State, Long Beach
Jan. 28 at Cal State, San Diego
Feb. 2 vs. U.C., Irvine
Feb. 4 at Cal State, San Diego
Feb. 9 Cal State, Long Beach
Feb. 11 Cal State, San Diego
Feb. 17 vs. Pacific
Feb. 18 at Pacific
Feb. 19 vs. Cal State, Fresno
Feb. 20 at Cal State, Fullerton
Mar. 2 at Cal State, Fullerton
Mar. 2-4 at PCAA Tournament

17th Annual Las Vegas Holiday Classic

December 28-29: Las Vegas
Head Coach: Ralph Barkey
SID: Bob Vazquez
(805) 961-2141
Nickname: Bulldogs, Zags
Conference: PCAC
1976-77 Record: 11-16
Series History: 1-0
Athletic Director: Larry Koentopp
Colors: Blue and White

University of California, Santa Barbara

Gonzaga University

Seattle University

December 28-29: Las Vegas
Head Coach: Gonzaga
SID: Pat Hayes
(509) 328-4220
Nickname: Bulldogs
Conference: WCC
1976-77 Record: 14-14
Series History: 1-0
Athletic Director: Ed O'Brien
Colors: Scarlet and White

1977-78 Schedule
Nov. 17 vs. Oregon State
Nov. 27 vs. UCLA
Dec. 2 vs. Oregon State
Dec. 6 vs. Washington State
Dec. 10 vs. Washington State
Dec. 14 vs. Central Washington State
Dec. 16-17 vs. Kentucky
Jan. 11 vs. Idaho State
Jan. 21 at Santa Clara
Jan. 24-25 at Las Vegas
Jan. 26 vs. Loyola
Jan. 28 vs. Cal State, Fullerton
Jan. 31 vs. Cal State, Fresno
Feb. 3 vs. Cal State, San Jose
Feb. 5 vs. Cal State, Long Beach
Feb. 7 vs. Cal State, San Diego
Feb. 9 vs. U.C., Irvine
Feb. 12 vs. Cal State, San Diego
Feb. 14 vs. Cal State, Long Beach
Feb. 16 at Cal State, San Diego
Feb. 19 at Pacific
Feb. 20 vs. Cal State, Fresno
Feb. 22 vs. Cal State, Fullerton
Feb. 23 at Cal State, Fullerton
Feb. 24 at Cal State, Long Beach
Feb. 26 vs. Cal State, San Diego
Feb. 28 vs. Cal State, Long Beach
Mar. 2 at Cal State, Fullerton
Mar. 2-4 at PCAA Tournament

1977-78 Schedule
Nov. 28 Simon Fraser
Dec. 3 vs. Whitworth College
Dec. 5 vs. E. Washington State
Dec. 9 vs. St. Mary's College
Dec. 20 vs. Portland
Dec. 23 at Washington State
Dec. 25 vs. Puget Sound
Dec. 29 vs. Lewis and Clark
Dec. 30 vs. Oregon State
Dec. 30 at Las Vegas
Jan. 4 vs. Weber State
Jan. 7 vs. Idaho State
Jan. 9 vs. Southern Oregon
Jan. 12 vs. St. Mary's College
Jan. 15 vs. Gonzaga
Jan. 17 vs. Oregon State
Jan. 19 vs. Portland
Jan. 22 vs. Idaho State
Jan. 24 vs. San Francisco
Jan. 29 vs. Gonzaga
Feb. 2 vs. Loyola
Feb. 5 vs. Oregon State
Feb. 9 at Portland
Feb. 11 vs. Idaho State
Feb. 12 vs. Gonzaga
Feb. 15 vs. University of Washington
Feb. 17 vs. Oregon State
Feb. 19 vs. San Francisco
Feb. 22 vs. Loyola
Feb. 24 vs. Long Beach
Feb. 26 vs. Cal State, Fullerton
Mar. 3 vs. Loyola
Mar. 5 Las Vegas
Mar. 7 vs. Louisville
Mar. 9 vs. Southern California
Mar. 11 vs. Arizona
Mar. 13 vs. Loyola
Mar. 15 vs. San Diego State
Mar. 17 vs. UCLA
Mar. 19 vs. Arizona State
Mar. 21 vs. Southern California
Mar. 23 vs. UCLA
Mar. 25 vs. Arizona State
Mar. 27 vs. Loyola
Mar. 29 vs. San Diego State
Mar. 31 at Los Angeles

Bill O'Connor
Head Coach
Seattle University
January 28: Louisville, Kentucky
Head Coach: Denny Crum
SID: Gary Tuell
Series History: Conference: Metro
Nickname: Cardinals
1976-77 Record: 21-7
Colors: Cardinal, Black and White

February 4: College Park, Maryland
Head Coach: Charles "Lefty" Driesell
SID: Jack Zane
Series History: Conference: ACC
1976-77 Record: 15-12
Series History: First Meeting
Athletic Director: James Kehoe
Colors: Scarlet and Black

February 11: Las Vegas
Head Coach: Marvin Adams
SID: Jerry Schaeffer
Series History: Conference: Southwest
1976-77 Record: 16-10
Series History: 4-0
Athletic Director: Bill White
Colors: Green, Orange and White

February 17: Las Vegas
Head Coach: Ken Edwards
SID: Larry Sellers
Series History: Conference: Independent
1976-77 Record: 9-18
Series History: 7-3
Athletic Director: Ray Nagel
Colors: Green and White

February 24-25: Honolulu, Hawaii
Head Coach: Larry Little
SID: Ed Inouye
Series History: Conference: Independent
1976-77 Record: 9-18
Series History: 7-3
Athletic Director: Ray Nagel
Colors: Green and White

University of Louisville
Sidney Crum
Darrell Griffith
Super Leader

University of Maryland
Lefty Driesell
Lawrence Brown
6-6 Senior

Arkansas State University
Marvin Adams
Head Coach
Ron Percy
Top Guard

Pan American University
Bill White
Head Coach

Portland State University
Randy Woods
Returning Starter

University of Hawaii
Larry Little
Head Coach
John Moore
Senior Forward
HOLIDAY CLASSIC RECORDS

1976
- RESULTS: (Championship) UNLV 81, Fresno State 69; (Consolation) Idaho State 81, Albuquerque 77, (First Round) Idaho State 79, Fresno State 81, Albuquerque 78.

1975
- RESULTS: (Championship) Idaho State 85, UNLV 61; (Consolation) Cal Western 69, Portland 77, (First Round) Portland 79, Cal Western 66, Albuquerque 77, Portland 64.

1974
- RESULTS: (Championship) Cal Western 64, UNLV 41, (Consolation) New Mexico Highlands 80, Occidental 79, (First Round) Western Washington (State) 83, Cal Western 57, Occidental 6.

1973
- RESULTS: (Championship) Occidental 68, Whittier 66; (Consolation) UNLV 66, Cal Western 70; (First Round) Occidental 67, Cal Western 73, Whittier 72, UNLV 66.

1972
- RESULTS: (Championship) Orange State 80, Cal Poly, Pomona 75; (Consolation) UNLV 77, Cal Western 46; (First Round) Cal Poly, Pomona 86, UNLV 80; Orange State 47, Cal Western 37.

The Classic salutes these outstanding performers:

1976
- ALL-TOURNAMENT: Nick Peppergrove, St. Mary's; Sandy Thies, UNLV; Ken Harmon, Eastern Michigan; Lewis Brey, UNLV; Robert Smith, UNLV; MVP - Robert Smith, UNLV.

1975
- ALL-TOURNAMENT: Otis Redding, Houston; Jackie Robinson, UNLV; Ricky Green, Michigan; Eddie Owens, UNLV; Robert Smith, UNLV; MVP - Eddie Owens, UNLV.

1974
- ALL-TOURNAMENT: Eddie Owens, UNLV; Ricky Schoen, UNLV; Ken Harmon, Houston; Ray Edwards, Southern Illinois; David Brown, UNLV; MVP - Eddie Owens, UNLV.

1973
- ALL-TOURNAMENT: John Johnson, Denver; Dave Osipovich, UNLV; Vic Matulich, Montana; Clyde Chapman, UNLV; MVP - Ricky Schoen, UNLV.

1972
- ALL-TOURNAMENT: Bobby Florez, UNLV; Lester Water, UNLV; Carl Hildebrandt, UNLV; MVP - Tim Leonard, UNLV.

1971
- ALL-TOURNAMENT: Greg Streit, Southern Illinois; Tim Martin, Baylor; Tim Leonard, UNLV; Mike Harkraders, Long Beach; MVP - Bill Smith, Orange State.

1970
- ALL-TOURNAMENT: Dave Budryk, UNLV; Dick Garrett, UNLV; MVP - Don DeMiero, Santa Barbara.

1969
- ALL-TOURNAMENT: Charles Bradbury, Cal Western; Bob Davis, UNLV; MVP - George Krsnik, UNLV.

1968
- ALL-TOURNAMENT: Sonny Geppert, Colorado Springs; Bob Wade, UNLV; MVP - Sonny Geppert, Colorado Springs.

1967
- ALL-TOURNAMENT: Vicky Bower, UNLV; Bob Davis, UNLV; MVP - Robert Smith, UNLV.

1966
- ALL-TOURNAMENT: John Trapp, UNLV; Rick Adelman, UNLV; MVP - Bob Davis, UNLV.

1965
- ALL-TOURNAMENT: John Trapp, UNLV; Rick Adelman, UNLV; MVP - John Trapp.

1964
- ALL-TOURNAMENT: Jay Kennedy, Albuquerque; Ron Grover, Idaho State; Elbert Miller, UNLV; Jack Kennedy, Fresno State; Jerry Chandler, UNLV; MVP - Elbert Miller, UNLV.

1963
- ALL-TOURNAMENT: Clyde Dauwood, UNLV; Gene Barkowski, Albuquerque; Steve Dominguez, Al Roscetti, Cal Western; MVP - Gene Barkowski, Albuquerque.

1962
- ALL-TOURNAMENT: Mike Harkraders, Long Beach; Tim Donohue, UNLV; MVP - Mike Harkraders, Long Beach.

1961
- ALL-TOURNAMENT: Sonny Geppert, Colorado Springs; Bob Wade, UNLV; MVP - Sonny Geppert, Colorado Springs.

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1950
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1949
- ALL-TOURNAMENT: Sonny Geppert, Colorado Springs; Bob Wade, UNLV; MVP - Sonny Geppert, Colorado Springs.
"Champions of the West"

It happens every year. The season ends, but never before in the history of UNLV basketball and UNLV Runnin' Rebels, who now have an NCAA three- season in Runnin' Rebel basketball and the final performance for five talented UNLV seniors.

UNLV's record-setting team clinched its greatest season ever with a 29-3 record and a third-place finish in the NCAA Championships at the Las Vegas Holiday Classic and the Runnin' Rebels clearly etched themselves in the hearts of all Las Vegas.

Senior All-America Eddie Owens, who led the Rebels in scoring once again with a 21.8 per game average, led the assault on the record books as he set five individual marks this season. Owens became the all-time leading scorer in UNLV history this season with 2,221 points and also set marks for most field goals made (14), and no team may ever equal some of the feats of the Rebels.

Sudden Sam Smith, 5th (1,311), Lewis Brown is 6th (1,289), and most consecutive free throws made in one game (15). Robert also set standards for most assists in a career (954) and in a season (195), and most rebounds in a career (831) and history this season.

The Polls and The Men Who Put Us There

**Season:** 3,436, UNLV, 1976-77 (22 games)
Most 100-Point Games: 12, UNLV, 1976-77 (in 32)
Most Consecutive 100-Point Games: Season: 12, UNLV, 1976-77

NCAA TOURNEY RECORDS

Most Field Goals Made: One Game: 121, UNLV vs. U. San Francisco (96), regional first round, 3-12-77

NCAA CONSOLATION GAME RECORDS

Most Points: Two Teams: 200, UNLV (106) vs. UNCC (94), Atlanta, 1977
Most Field Goals Made: Two Teams: 83, UNLV (47) vs. UNCC (36), Atlanta, 1977
**Most Points, One Team:** 106, UNLV vs. UNCC (94), Atlanta, 1977
Ecstasy, Agony, Memories—They did it all . . .

The Omni--The Final Four

1977 TOURNAMENT SCORING LEADERS


Eddie Owens, UNLV                          8*  74*  62%  35*  76%  44*  54*  3.72
Steve Hayes, Idaho State                  7   67*  95%  16   81%  19   21   6.27
Jeff Jones, Utah                           7   56*  60%  29   61%  10   11   2.71
Mark Jones, UCLA                          7   51*  69%  32   71%  7   8    2.60
Ed Thompson, Idaho State                 8*  42   52%  20   62%  9   10   2.22
Cedric Maxwell, UNC Charlotte            7   59*  86%  19   80%  11   12   3.32
Lew Massey, UNC Charlotte                 7   51   53%  19   71%  11   12   2.63
Rickey Green, Michigan                    7   64   69%  28   71%  14   16   3.46
Phil Hubbard, Michigan                     7   48   68%  18   62%  7   8    2.67
John Long, Detroit                        8*  48   69%  15   72%  6   7    2.42
Butch Lee, Marquette                     8*  46   78%  22   65%  13   14   2.96
Mike Glenn, SIU                           7   56   75%  18   64%  11   12   2.97

*Indicates tournament leader
†Most Outstanding Player
\ Member of all-tournament team

A Record Year

UNLV Opponent  OPP Leading Scorer  Top Rebounder  Attendance

102 U. of Nevada, Reno                      87  Owens, 20  Gondo, Moffett, 6  6,274 Sellout
78 U. OF OREGON                            87  Gondrezick, 21  Gondrezick, 11  6,270 Sellout
115 IOWA STATE U.                         80  Owens, 20  Gondo, Moffett, 6  6,274 Sellout
96 U. OF Utah                              100  Owens, 31  Gondo, Brown, 8  12,200 Sellout
118 San Diego State                       113  S. Smith, 34  Brown, 12  5,251 Sellout
112 NORTH DAKOTA STATE                    81  Owens, 39  Brown, 12  6,270 Sellout
135 U. OF IDAHO                            78  Gondrezick, 23  Brown, 12  6,270 Sellout
104 MURRAY STATE                          77  Brown, 17  Brown, 12  6,005 Sellout
100 U. OF OKLAHOMA                        89  Owens, 34  Gondrezick, 15  6,270 Sellout
109 EASTERN MICHIGAN                      85  T. Smith, Brown, 21  Gondrezick, 14  6,270 Sellout
104 ST. MARY'S COLLEGE                   81  Theus, 22  Brown, 12  6,270 Sellout
113 U. OF COLORADO                        91  Owens, 24  Moffett, 14  6,270 Sellout
121 U. OF NEW MEXICO                      96  Gondo, S. Smith, 20  Gondo, 13  6,270 Sellout
112 CAL STATE, NORTHRIDGE                 72  Gondrezick, 23  Gondo, 12  6,270 Sellout
132 NORTHERN ARIZONA, U.                90  Brown, 19  Brown, 12  6,270 Sellout
113 U. SANTA BARBARA                      69  Gondrezick, 36  Moffett, 14  6,270 Sellout
85 PEPPERDINE U.                          80  Owens, 20  Gondo, Moffett, 6  6,274 Sellout

107 Bradley U.                            106  Owens, 31  Gondo, Moffett, 6  6,274 Sellout
84 Illinois State U.                       89  S. Smith, 24  Gondrezick, 13  7,300 Sellout
89 Rutgers U.                             85  Owens, 20  Gondo, Moffett, 6  6,005 Sellout
106 U. OF DENVER                           84  Owens, 26  Moffett, 14  6,270 Sellout
99 U. OF LOUISVILLE                       96  Owens, 21  Gondo, 12  6,270 Sellout
135 PAN AMERICAN U.                      106  Owens, 26  Gondrezick, 13  6,270 Sellout
112 PORTLAND STATE U.                    96  Owens, 22  Gondrezick, 12  6,270 Sellout
99 U. of Denver                           82  S. Smith, 30  Gondrezick, 12  2,316 Sellout
124 U. OF HAWAI I                          84  Owens, 26  Gondrezick, 12  6,307 Sellout
117 Pepperdine U.                          94  Owens, 20  Gondo, Moffett, 6  2,900 Sellout
121 U. of San Francisco                 105  Theus, 27  Gondo, 12  14,438 Sellout
88 U. OF Utah                             83  R. Smith, 21  Moffett, 17  22,783 Sellout
107 Idaho State U.                        90  Owens, 24  Moffett, 16  22,783 Sellout
83 U. OF North Carolina                  94  Owens, 24  Moffett, 16  16,086 Sellout
116 U. OF Car, Charlotte                94  Owens, 12  Moffett, 16  16,086 Sellout
106 HOME GAMES IN ALL CAPS  Rebel Roundup  Las Vegas Holiday Classic  NBA Playoffs

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“Welcome Home Runnin’ Rebels, You Still #1”

Captain Robert Shows the Trophy!

UNLV Runnin’ Rebels 1976-77 Final Statistics

1976-77 FINAL STATISTICS
RECORD: W 29 L 3 (HOME: 19-0; AWAY: 5-2; NEUTRAL: 5-1)
THIRD PLACE — NCAA FINALS, THE OMNI, Atlanta, Georgia

PLAYER | FGM | FG% | FTA | FT% | REB | AVE | PCT | PTA | PCT | PCT
--- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---
Eddie Owens | 22 | 284-546 | .520 | 131-108 | .829 | 178 | 5.6 | 94-45 | 69 | 21
Sam Smith | 29 | 185-309 | .515 | 60-73 | .822 | 88 | 3.0 | 71-3 | 43 | 14
Glen Gondrezick | 12 | 198-374 | .503 | 91-124 | .734 | 247 | 10.8 | 118-5 | 467 | 14.6
Reggie Theus | 17 | 200-365 | .553 | 108-132 | .818 | 145 | 4.5 | 106-3 | 446 | 14.5
Robert Smith | 12 | 195-318 | .497 | 96-106 | .925 | 7.25 | 8.7 | 408 | 12.8 | 195
Levis Brown | 31 | 134-202 | .609 | 49-69 | .710 | 253 | 8.2 | 96-31 | 317 | 10.2
Tony Smith | 31 | 123-278 | .446 | 33-43 | .769 | 43 | 1.4 | 74-4 | 279 | 9.0
Larry Moffett | 11 | 110-214 | .512 | 25-54 | .463 | 92 | 9.2 | 111-0 | 257 | 8.0
Mike Milke | 15 | 110-214 | .512 | 15-3 | .882 | 15 | .8 | 140 | 1.2 | 51
John Rodriquez | 14 | 10-33 | .303 | 16 | 1.1 | .90 | 21 | 1.6 | 8
Gary Wagner | 16 | 11-22 | .500 | 2-9 | .222 | 14 | 1.9 | 0 | 0
Matt Porter | 8 | 5-27 | .185 | 11 | 1.1 | .90 | 18 | 1.0 | 3
Dale Thompson | 2 | 2-2 | .100 | 0 | 0 | .00 | 0 | .0 | 0
Tom Schubert | 1 | 1-2 | .500 | 2-2 | .100 | 1 | 1.0 | 2 | 2.0
Pepper Bartlett | 1 | 1-1 | .000 | 0 | 0 | .00 | 0 | .0 | 0

(Rebounds)

UNLV
32 | 1408-2840 | .496 | 810-793 | .769 | 1644 | 51.4 | 797 | 33 | 3246 | 1071
Opponents
32 | 1105-2201 | .490 | 586-869 | .686 | 1446 | 40.5 | 657-35 | 2906 | 877

Minutes Played:
Team (640)—Gondrezick (927), Owens (897), R. Smith (868), Theus (814), Moffett (750), S. Smith (731), Brown (561), T. Smith (536), Milke (66), Porter (74), Wagner (47), Rodriguez (39), Schubert (22), Thompson (6), Bartlett (4).

Turnovers:
Team (530)—Theus (82), Brown (78), Owens (71), Gondrezick (66), R. Smith (56), T. Smith (53), Moffett (48), S. Smith (43), Milke (18), Wagner (9), Rodriguez (6), Porter (4), Schubert (3).

Steals:
Team (250)—Gondrezick (62), R. Smith (42), Theus (42), Smith (40), T. Smith (2), Moffett (27), Brown (15), Porter (2), Milke (2), Wagner (1), Schubert (1).

Quarterfinals: 1-0, First Round; 2-0, Second Round; 3-0, Third Round; 4-0, Sweet 16; 5-0, Elite 8; 6-0, Final Four; 7-0, National Championship.

1976-77 Final Statistics

#1976-77

Oklahoma State 74-77 1-1
Pacific, L. C. 74-77 1-1
Pepperdine College 74-77 1-1
Seattle 74-77 1-1

TOTALS 350 152 .988

Coaching Records

Team Coach W L Pct.
1958-59 Michael Dukacs 10 12 .455
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1970-71 John Deaver 16 10 .615
1971-72 John Deaver 14 8 .667
1972-73 Jerry Tarkanian 20 5 .800
1973-74 Jerry Tarkanian 20 5 .800
1974-75 Jerry Tarkanian 20 5 .800

TOTALS 180 92 .667

Coaching Companions

1976-77 Jerry Tarkanian 14 5 .737
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### Seasonal Records

- **Most Field Goals Made**: 43 vs. Houston U. (1973-74)
- **Most Rebounds (including Team)**: 86 (1975-76)
- **Most Consecutive Wins**: 29 (1975-76 and 1976-77)
- **Highest Average Margin**: 75 (1975-76)

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### Individual Records (Basketball)

- **Most Victories**: 29 (1975-76 and 1976-77)
- **Best FG Average**: .714, Jim Baker (1973-74)
- **Best Rebound Average**: 12.4, Jim Baker (1973-74)
- **Worst Field Goal Percentage**: .392, Reggie Theus (1975-77)
- **Worst Points**: 3,426 (1975-76 and 1976-77)
- **Worst Game**: 117-284 (1974-75)
- **Worst Opponent**: ALABAMA - 1966-67 St. Mary's (209-358)

### Seasonal Records (Basketball)

- **Most Field Goals Attempted**: 1,242 (1975-76)
- **Most Free Throws Attempted**: 397, Elburt Miller (1966-67)
- **Most Free Throws Made**: 247, Bob Florence (1977-78)
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### Miscellaneous Records (Basketball)

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Former UNLV Coaches Ed Gregory, Chuck Drakulich and John Bayer pose with current head coach Jerry Tarkanian.

Robert Riley
Bruce Chapman
Tommy Watkins
Cliff Findlay

Dennis Lyons, Jerry Chandler, Carla Watson, Elbert Miller and John Q. Trapp

Al Cline and Booker Washington

Toby Houston and Bobby Florence

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Record Seven Rebels Drafted by NBA

Eddie Owens
2nd Round-Mississippi City Kings

Career Totals
Year G FGM-FGA Pet FTM-FTA Pet
1973-74 28 111-222 .500 41-69 .603
1974-75 29 135-287 .470 71-92 .772
1975-76 31 182-409 .445 70-103 .680
1976-77 32 188-374 .503 91-124 .734
Totals 115 533-1124 .474 245-337 .727

Reb Ave PF-FO TP Ave A
48 2.1 26 1 99 3.0 10
172 5.9 159 1 341 11.8 76
256 8.5 114 7 436 14.9 95
283 7.2 271 34 131 11.4 52

Sam Smith
3rd Round-Atlanta Hawks

Career Totals
Year G FGM-FGA Pet FTM-FTA Pet
1975-76 31 220-359 .597 69-102 .673
1976-77 32 155-241 .646 110-148 .735
Totals 63 375-599 .634 179-250 .714

Reb Ave PF-FO TP Ave A
95 3.1 26 3 292 10.4 13
46 1.5 22 3 334 12.1 14
175 5.6 84 5 699 21.8 73

Larry Moffett
2nd Round-Houston Rockets

Career Totals
Year G FGM-FGA Pet FTM-FTA Pet
1976-77 32 114-241 .474 81-107 .754

Reb Ave PF-FO TP Ave A
286 9.2 211 28 567 19.1 23

Lewis Brown
4th Round-Milwaukee Bucks

Career Totals
Year G FGM-FGA Pet FTM-FTA Pet

Reb Ave PF-FO TP Ave A
118 5.0 86 3 7.2 11.0 6
Faces Behind the Scenes

Dallas Norton
Administrative Assistant

William Morris
Booster Liaison

Dave Pearl
Coordinator Booster Groups

Wayne Pearson
Coordinator Athletic Fund Raising

Floyd Browning
Equipment Manager

Sherman Bennett
Ticket Manager

Dominic Clark
Sports Information Director

Jim Gallaghner
Sports Information Assistant

Dave Koeppen
UNLV Head Trainer

Mark Hughes
UNLV Information Director

Tom Jones, IV
UNLV Photographer

Charlotte Summers
Secretary to Athletic Director

Shirley Blackburn
Department Secretary

Maxton Wrenn
Department Secretary

Carol Forsythe
Basketball Secretary