### 1978-79 RUNNIN' REBEL SCHEDULE

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**HOME GAMES: 8:05 p.m. (PST) Las Vegas Convention Center**
(Note: Marquette game - 11:00 a.m. PST)

**HEAD COACH:** Jerry Tarkanian (Six year, W 122, L 24)

**ASSISTANT COACHES:** George McQuarn, Ralph Readout

**PART-TIME COACH:** Jim Long

**STUDENT ASSISTANTS:** Mike Mike, Matt Porter, Greg Hayes

**STUDENT MANAGER:** Larry Chin
The City

Las Vegas enjoys a worldwide reputation as an entertainment and tourist capital. Each year, an average of nine million visitors relax in its warm, dry climate and take advantage of all the attractions of the world-famous "Strip." But the casual tourist gets only a narrow, often ill-instructed view of perhaps the most rapidly-changing city in the country.

The community traces its history back to 1855 when a band of 50 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 railroads 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 which it serves.

Surrounding Las Vegas is one of the most picturesque areas of the Southwest, offering residents unlimited outdoor recreation year round. 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 red-rock landscapes, bike trails and forgotten ghost towns which await a weekend's exploration and a lifetime of memories.

General Information

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Estimated Enrollment 30,000
School Colors Scarlet and Gray
Nickname Runnin' Rebels
Conference NCAA Independent
Homecourt Las Vegas Convention Center (8,376)

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Equipment Manager Floyd Browning, 739-3154
Academic Advisor Dallas Norton, 739-3670
Coordinator, Booster Activities Davey Pearl, 739-3614
Head Football Coach Tony Knap, 739-3400
Assistant Football Coaches Steve Buratto, 739-3452
Tom Cruickshank, 739-3466
John Lowry, 739-3452
Roy Shivers, 739-3456
Adam Rita, 739-3456
Scott Solomann, 739-3156
Dp-up Johnson, 739-3156
Doug Fitan, 739-3156
Rich Abajian, 739-3156
Head Basketball Coach Jerry Tarkowski, 739-3286
Assistant Basketball Coaches Ralph Readout, 739-3234
George McQuar, 739-3234
Women's Basketball Coach Dan Ayala, 739-3151
Assistant Women's Basketball Coach Donna Wick, 739-3151
Head Baseball Coach Fred Dalimore, 739-3499
Assistant Baseball Coaches Jack Pryor, 739-3499
Ken Reed, 739-3484
Rick Down, 739-3499
Track and Cross Country Coach Al McDaniels, 739-3256
Assistant Track Coaches Thurman Warwick Dave Roberts
Bonnie Rannald
Women's Cross Country Coach Bonnie Rannald, 739-3636
Golf Coach Chuck Drakich, 739-3289

Women's Golf Coach Carol Peterson
Tennis Coach Fred Albrecht, 739-3621
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Founded in 1957, UNLV is now the state’s largest university with a total headcount enrollment of more than 9,000. Many of the university’s academic programs already are well known across the nation.

To accommodate the increasing enrollment, UNLV has undertaken a massive construction program which has brought more than $250 million worth of new buildings to the 350-acre campus in just the past five years.

These include one of the most modern teacher education facilities in the country, a major classroom and office building, a 990-seat drama theatre, a physical education complex complete with a 50-meter indoor swimming pool, new laboratories and classrooms in the life sciences, and a spacious 2,000-seat concert hall which serves as a cultural home for the entire community.

The next major project is a $7 million addition to the James Dickinson Library. Ground is expected to be broken in mid-1979 with completion expected about two years later. With nearly a third of a million volumes, the current three-story library has just about reached its capacity.

A generous gift from local attorney and businessman Artemus W. Hahn, Jr. has provided seed money for a new fine arts building. It is the largest single private contribution the university has ever received for a building project.

The $10.4 million facility is included in the university’s 1979-80 capitol improvement request to the legislature. The center will house teaching, research and studio facilities for the departments of theatre arts, music and art.

Because it has become such an exciting place to live and teach, the university has been able to attract some of the brightest young professors in the country.

There are more than 350 faculty on the staff now. They come from distinguished centers of learning—such as Berkeley, Harvard, Chicago, Princeton — and through their research and publications, they are earning a fine academic reputation for UNLV in circles of higher education.

There are currently 65 different degree programs available to students, including almost two dozen at the master’s and doctoral levels.

The College of Hotel Administration, for example, ranks among the finest programs of its type in the United States, and its graduates hold top management positions in hotels, restaurants and hospitals the world over.

The university’s reputation in the sciences is growing, too, as it carries on dramatic productions, and music students are now earning credits playing behind the superstars of show business on the Las Vegas Strip.

UNLV’s student Jazz Ensemble recently was named the second best college jazz group in the world in competition in Switzerland. The group just returned from a critically acclaimed tour of the Orient.

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

The university also reaches out into the community through its aggressive continuing education program that last year enrolled 15,000 local residents — from housewives to business owners, graduates to four-year-olds.

The future is bright for UNLV as it completes its 21st year of service to Nevada through its program of teaching, research and public service.
Dr. Brock Dixon
President

He received his Ph.D. in 1957 from the University of Southern California. His doctoral dissertation is titled "Governing the Suburban Fringe of Portland, Oregon." He was awarded the MA from the University of Oregon in 1946 and the AB from Pacific College in Oregon, in 1939. Research projects and articles on various administrative topics have appeared in several professional journals, and he has written numerous book reviews for Western Political Quarterly.

Dr. Dixon was the organizer and first president of the Columbia Research Institute, a non-profit corporation specializing in research in political and economic problems. He has been active since 1942 in the UNLV Reserve and is now a commander, USNR, retired.

From 1972 to 1977 he served on the Nevada Statewide Training Authority Committee, and for three years was a member of the Board of Trustees for Nevada Family, a halfway house for drug addicts.

Bill Ireland
Athletic Director

Continuing to guide and direct one of the most dynamic and fastest-growing athletic departments in the nation, Bill Ireland began his sixth year as the UNLV Director of Intercollegiate Athletics as a man respected and loved by the UNLV family. He is a native of raced into the UNLV scene. He has already been known to throw full ticket manager's office, the athletic department offices, and the information office, the trainer's office, and the insurance for the over 500 UNLV athletes and their respective seasons of competition.

Additionally, as the assistant athletic director, he is in charge of all travel plans for Rebel athletes, from personnel, 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 eight consecutive years.

The personable Barnson is the first assistant AD in the brief, but busy athletic history of UNLV. A native Nevedean, he was as a charter football coach in 1968 from Clark High School in Las Vegas, and member of the Rebel secondary and was Ireland's right hand man in that sport as well.

Barnson was born on December 17, 1936 Boulder City, Nevada. He had a prep he established a record which makes him one of the state's upcoming three straight years in high school, Barnson led UNLV on the All State football and baseball teams. He also competed on his varsity basketball team to round out an already productive athletic career.

He earned his master's degree from the Northern Arizona University and got his shot at a head coaching job in 1969 when Clark High opened. In three seasons, his Charger football teams compiled a 17-5-2 record and in 1967 Barnson's squad went 8-1, losing only the State AAA championship game.

As the UNLV, Barnson has become an accomplished administrator and has 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.
The Las Vegas Convention Center – Home of the Runnin’ Rebels

UNLV plays all of its home games on one of the finest hardwood courts in the country — the 6,352-seat Las Vegas Convention Center rotunda. Capacity crowds cheer the Rebels in comfort in theater-type cushioned and down the court for an established games on one of the finest under head coach Jerry Tarkanian, playing seating capacity, the 6,352 seat Las Vegas Convention Center conveniently located facilities — the fabled Las Vegas Convention Center has been virtually sold out for the past five years, and the University of North Carolina, 75-72. The Runnin’ Rebels avenged the Houston loss in 1976, beating the Cougars in the opening round of the Holiday Classic, 116-92.

Last season, the University of New Mexico snapped UNLV’s 72-game win streak with a 102-98 win and Portland State also trimmed the Runnin’ Rebels by a 69-84 score.

Sellout crowds have been traditional at UNLV in the Tarkanian era. In the Rebels’ two seasons in the Western Athletic Conference with Tarkanian, UNLV did not lose a home game in 14 nights. (UNLV has now withdrawn from the WAC and has membership pending final vote of the president’s council to join the Western Atlantic Conference.)

In five seasons under Tarkanian, UNLV is 33-18 on the road.

The UNLV Rebels have lost only five games in the past five seasons under Tarkanian, they ended the 1975-76 season with a 20-8 record. For Jerry Tarkanian, however, it wasn’t enough.

"I’ve always said that when your team wins and you lose, the only way you improve is to lose. I think we’ve been improving for the past five years. We’ve learned how to play basketball, how to win games, and how to lose games."

Like its renown counterparts on the "Strip," the Convention Center "Showroom" has been virtually sold out for the past five years, with only very limited seating available for a few games.

UNLV Runnin’ Rebel basketball has come a long, long way in a relatively short time. It wouldn’t have advanced to the NCAA finals and the NCAA playoffs and been rated in the top 20 three of the past four seasons if it hadn’t been for Jerry Tarkanian, the magician behind the UNLV basketball success story.

Jerry Tarkanian is, after all, the winningest active major college basketball coach in America. After 10 seasons as a major college coach, Tarkanian has coached his teams to a 244-44 record for a brilliant .847 winning percentage.

In five seasons as UNLV’s head coach, Tarkanian has led the Runnin’ Rebels to records of 20-4, 24-5, 29-2, 29-3, and 20-8. The goal of the players who were with Tarkanian in his first four years with UNLV was to win 100 games, a goal they set for themselves as freshmen. When Eddie Owens, Glen Goodreau, Lewis Brown, Robert Smith and Tom Smith left UNLV after the 1976-77 season, their four totals were 102-18, an amazing record for an astounding group of players.

After five seasons in Las Vegas, Tarkanian’s teams have compiled a record of 122-24, for a winning percentage of 318.

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Winning is a fact of life to Jerry Tarkanian, on the court and off. After 20 years of coaching in the college, high school and junior college ranks, the fifty-year Runnin’ Rebel coach has known nothing but unparalleled success. In the Tarkanian era, his teams have appeared in seven NCAA post-season tournaments and won their seventh NCAA vintage.

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The outstanding coach started his coaching career with five years in high schools; San Joaquin Memorial, Antelope Valley and Redlands.

Regarded as one of the great recruiters in the nation, "The Pied Piper of College Basketball" landed for Long Beach State such nationally-recognized superstars as Sam Robinson, George Trapp, Chuck Terry, Ed Ratliff, Leonard Gray and Roscoe Pondexter. In his first year at UNLV, Tarkanian may have recruited as well as he did during his entire tenure at Long Beach State.

As his winning tradition continues to grow, so does his reputation. Five years ago, Tarkanian brought three high school All-Americans performers with him. They are Edrice Owens (Houston, Texas), Lewis Brown and Jackie Robinson (both from Los Angeles). Four years ago he recruited Robert Smith (Los Angeles), three years ago he brought Sam Smith (Las Vegas) and Reggio Theus (Inglewood, California). Two years ago, he brought in all-star junior college center Larry Moffett (Gary, Indiana) and last year Earl Evans (Port Arthur, Texas) more than proved his ability.

Jerry Tarkanian is a toweling, nail-biting, hard-working Armenian who came to Las Vegas with a commitment to excellence as his inspirating philosophy. He will settle for nothing less than excellence from his players, both on and off the court. In addition to a nationally-recognized basketball program for UNLV, Tarkanian has developed a tutorial program for his players that has paid high dividends.

UNLV attempts to emphasize equally the importance of academics and basketball to all student athletes.

Evidence of his strong belief in academics was his selection as "Professor of the Year" in 1970 by the students of Long Beach State. He was also honored as the "Father of the Year" in 1966 by Long Beach State, where Tarkanian’s coaching reputation is well-known. His team has never won a conference title in California.

Riverside County for his "guidance and care and on and off the court of all the young men under his tutelage, as well as his family of four."

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), Ed Ratliff (Houston Rockets), John Q. Trapp (Los Angeles Lakers), Glenn MacDonald (Boston Celtics) and Leonard Gray (Seattle SuperSonics). At UNLV, Ricky Sobers (Indiana Pacers), Glen Gondrezick (New York Knicks), Robert Smith (Denver Nuggets), Reggie Theus (Chicago Bulls), Larry Moffett (Houston Rockets) and Eddie Owens ( Buf- fao Braves) have all played in the NBA.

In five years as the UNLV head coach, 14 players have been drafted by the NBA, including at least one each year and a NCAA and pro-basketball record of six following the 1976-77 season. An intense individual, Tark has coached in Ecuador for the People-to-people Sports Committee and, in April and May of 1968, he coached the Junior College Olympic Team in the Olympic Trials.

The 47-year-old coach easily won the hearts of Las Vegas fans, and the Los Angeles Times called him an "instant Las Vegas celebrity."

A native of Euclid, Ohio, Tarkanian attended Pasadena City College before graduating from Fresno State in 1959. He received his Master’s degree from Redlands University in 1960.

Tarkanian and his ever-active and totally-involved wife, Lois, reside with their four children — Pamela, Jodie, Danny and George — in their sparkling Las Vegas home in the Charleston Heights area of town.

With Tarkanian’s tradition and colorful image, invitations for him to speak at clinics and banquets arrive almost daily. He will average nearly one per week during the off season, sending him virtually all over the country.

During the 1976-77 season, Tarkanian was selected by the Medalist Tradition as the "College Coach of the Year."

This past summer, Tarkanian got his first crack as an associate director for a new movie which is entitled "The Fish That Saved Pittsburgh," and stars Julius "Dr. J" Irving.

Las Vegas is one of the most unique cities in the world, one which sees losers every day. Maybe that’s why they appreciate a man like Jerry Tarkanian even more.

He’s a winner.
Ralph Readout
Assistant Coach

Ralph Readout returns for his fifth season as an assistant basketball coach under Jerry Tarkanian. This assistant 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 1963, and his Master of Arts degree in Educational Administration from Ohio State University in 1961. Readout attended Ohio University on a scholarshio and graduated with honors from Ohio State graduate school. He was a stellar basketball player during his four undergraduate years at Ohio U.

Readout's assistant coach

George McQuarn
Assistant Coach

George McQuarn returns to UNLV for his third season as an assistant coach for the Runnin' Rebels. A keen student of the game of basketball, he is also a strong supporter of the philosophy that athletics and academics can, do, and must mix, and mix well.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, he was a volunteer assistant last year for the Runnin' Rebels after coming to Las Vegas after three years as an assistant for the University of Kentucky. He was a five-year letterman and two-time All-American in basketball at UNLV.

McQuarn is now the head coach at Southern Utah University; he twice served as an assistant football coach in the mid-1980s. He had earned his Master's degree in Secondary Education and was also a graduate of Notre Dame in 1973 and 1975 and a member of the University Athletic Hall of Fame. He has been associated with the Runnin' Rebels since 1973.

Jim Long
Part Time Coach

UNLV's part time assistant coach is Jim Long, a native of Detroit, Michigan. He was a volunteer assistant last year for the Runnin' Rebels after coming to Las Vegas after three years as an assistant for the University of Kentucky.

His approach to basketball coaching is significant. His work has been part of many award-winning athletic programs, including the UNLV Sports Information Office, which has put out over the last four years.

Larry Chin
Student Manager

Repliying a living legend wasn't an easy task for the UNLV's star-becoming "Veteran" manager. Larry Chin was quite well in his first two seasons as the Runnin' Rebel student manager. 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 UNLV head coach Jerry Tarkanian, retired two years ago 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 head coach Ron Meyer (now at Southern Methodist University) before taking over for the legendary Castillo prior to the start of the 1976-77 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 "second" senior year, specializing in photography. He still has time to take many photos which have appeared in UNLV athletic publications, including the 1978-79 Runnin' Rebel yearbook.

His work has been part of many of the award-winning athletic programs the UNLV Sports Information Office has put out over the last four years.

He may decide to go ahead and graduate this year, and what will be UNLV's loss will certainly be the world's gain. Hard-working, conscientious, and dedicated young men like Larry Chin are hard to come by these days.
Mike Milke
Student Assistant

Former four-year Runnin’ Rebel letterman Mike Milke has joined his former team as a student assistant for the 1978-79 academic year. Milke, a hard-working guard during his four seasons as a player, is diligently finishing up work for his bachelor’s degree at UNLV.

While attending classes, he will also be a part of the coaching staff for the Runnin’ Rebels. He is a very dedicated and willing-to-learn individual and he wants not only to get his degree in physical education, but also learn as much about coaching as he can.

Mike finished his career as a starter for UNLV, starting in nationally televised game last year against the University of Kentucky and the man he was guarding, talented Kyle Macy, did not score a point in the game.

Milke is a soft-spoken, likeable young man from Hilltop High School in his hometown of Chula Vista, California, where he earned numerous honors and played in the San Diego prep All-Star game as well.

As a three-year high school starter, he ended his prep career by averaging 21.3 points per game in addition to handling off eight assists per game and pulling down six rebounds per game.

Milke is from a very athletic family. His father retired in 1972 after coaching basketball for 20 years. His brother George was a starting pitcher for the University of Southern California Trojans and was named MVP of the 1974 College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska.

He will also handle some administrative duties for the Runnin’ Rebels this year as well as being the junior varsity coach for that UNLV “walk-on” program.

Matt Porter
Student Assistant

Another four-year letterman in the colorful history of Runnin’ Rebel basketball, Matt Porter becomes a UNLV student administrative assistant this year now that his eligibility has been all used up.

He has returned to school to complete his coursework for a bachelor’s degree in business and will be an aide in the UNLV basketball office as well as working with the team on the practice court to improve.

Prior to his hard-working UNLV cage career, Porter was a starter for three seasons at Kennedy High School in Buena Park, California before entering the U of the Runnin’ Rebels.

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-Orgame 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 team.

On the Rebel junior varsity four years ago, his high game was against El Camino Junior College where he canned 33 points, hitting 16 of 23 from the field. He also pulled down 11 rebounds in the 86-81 victory. In addition, he scored 34 points in the 97-90 win over the Northern Arizona Junior varsity team that year.

Porter has been married for nearly two years and will be soon not only a former UNLV basketball player, but also a graduate of the UNLV school of business.
"We have the pieces for the picture in developing the return of the Runnin' Rebels." With those words, and two returning starters, coach Jerry Tarkanian prepares his UNLV basketball team for the challenging 1978-79 season.

Beginning a non-conference, conference season in the Western Athletic Conference, the Runnin' Rebels will play all of their future league-mates except Brigham Young University as they await the expected 1980 entry into the league proper.

Never much to predict, the winningest active coach in America (244-44 in 10 major college seasons) does feel his recruiting season has brought him the speed and quickness he desires to mold another team like the one which literally "brought the house down" from 1974-77 in setting a total of 15 NCAA single game, single season and tournament records for scoring.

Realizing that his four recruits are all freshmen, Tarkanian gains most of his enthusiasm on the return of two starters from last year's 20-8 team along with two very talented redshirts who will now be eligible to become Runnin' Rebels.

UNLV, which has a five year total under Tarkanian of 122-24, will have the benefits of the return of both 6-2 guard Tony Smith and 6-8 forward Earl Evans next season, although the Runnin' Rebels did lose talented All-America guard Reggie Theus who decided to turn pro and give up his senior college season.

Smith, from Saginaw, Michigan, shoots 490 from the outside and was the second-leading scorer on the team last year, averaging 16.5 ppg and getting 104 assists. Smith is one of the top free throw shooters in the nation, (61 of 69 for .864%).

Evans, forced to play center last year because UNLV did not have one, scored 15.8 ppg, shot .557 from the field, and got 264 rebounds for an average of 10.2.

Bringing a big grin to Tarkanian's usually sullen and gloomy Armenian face is the thought of redshirts Brett Vroman and Flint Ray Williams being eligible. Vroman is a 7-0 center who transferred from UCLA, while the 6-3 Williams, is a talented guard from Pepperdine.

Tarkanian's four prized recruits for the 1978-79 season all bring great speed and quickness. New faces for the Runnin' Rebels will be freshmen Richard Box, Michael Loyd, Freddie "Machine Gun" Thompson, and Michael "Spiderman" Burns.

The 6-5 Box is the CIF AAA player-of-the-year from Riverside, California's North High School, while Loyd is an all-CIF player (5-11) out of LA Dorsey High. Thompson, 6-4, is a prep All-America from Las Vegas High while Burns, 6-6, is a late-blooming screecher from Las Vegas' Chaparral High School. All four are expected to be real stars of the future in the Runnin' Rebel galaxy.

Besides the WAC teams, UNLV has home games scheduled in 1978-79 with San Francisco, Maryland, Arizona and Marquette University.
This Hustlin', Runnin' Rebel returns for his senior year after working hard to earn his stripes as a UNLV veteran. Steve Burgess in a lot of innate ways is what Runnin' Rebels are really made of. He came to UNLV as a walk-on from Bishop Gorman High School in Las Vegas in 1974 and promptly established himself as a dedicated, hard-working team player. One who is willing to sacrifice whatever it takes to become the best player he possibly can while helping the team become the best team it possibly can.

Although he understands his role as a Runnin' Rebel reserve, he will never really accept it and no one will ever blame him for it. Many players who don't play as much as they think they should become complacent to the point where they are no longer helping themselves or the team for which they play. Burgess has not let any of this happen to him. He practices every day as if he were a regular and has put in his time over the years playing in junior varsity games. His help to the varsity has been immeasurable. He doesn't have impressive game statistics, as a matter of fact, he appears in only one UNLV game last season, missed both his field goal attempts, his only free throw try, committed three fouls and did get two rebounds in just five minutes of playing time.

He is a never-say-die guy whose statistics from UNLV practice sessions would indicate why he has remained a part of the program over the years. Some players are referred to as practice players because they leave their game on the practice court. For Steve Burgess, his game IS the practice court and he makes every second count.

Remember his name. Steve Burgess will win you a beer some day when the barroom banter shifts to the Runnin' Rebels and you have a sure winner when you try and get someone to guess who is the only Runnin' Rebel letterman who stuck it out with the program for four seasons even though he saw only very limited action.

Steve is a good athlete, but all Runnin' Rebels are. He was a three year basketball letterman for Mike Hastings at Gorman High, earning honorable mention All-State for the Gaels his senior season. He also lettered one year in baseball and twice in tennis for Gorman.

He played in the 1974 Optimist Prep All-Star summer basketball game. His brother Rick is a field goal kicker for the Air Force Academy football team.

A hard-working guy with a hard-working attitude which will carry him far in the coaching profession he has chosen for his future. A Runnin' Rebel from top to bottom, Steve Burgess is a pleasant part of the UNLV basketball program.

Academic major: Physical Education.

Steve Burgess
6-4, 190, Senior
Las Vegas, Nevada

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One of six seniors on the 1978-79 UNLV team, Sam Copeland is also one of five returning lettermen from last year's 20-8 Runnin' Rebel squad. He is a diligent player who came off the bench rather well for UNLV last year, ending the season with a 2.4 per game scoring average.

He appeared in all 28 games for UNLV last season, playing 212 minutes in all. He made .464 percent of his shots from the field (26 of 56), and .519 from the foul line (14-27). He did not score in double figures in any game for UNLV last season, but he did score seven points in three different games. The most he ever played was 16 minutes against Cal State, Northridge, where he made three of four from the field and one of two free throws for seven points.

When the Runnin' Rebels long 72-game home win streak was snapped last January 7 by the University of New Mexico by a 102-98 score, Sam did all he could to help the team. In only six minutes of playing time, he made all three of his field goal attempts, one of two free throws and got three rebounds for seven points.

Sam Redshirted at UNLV after transferring to Las Vegas two years ago from the University of Vermont. At Vermont, he was a freshman starter and earned the honor of Yankee Conference "Rookie of the year" following his play in the 1975-76 season. For Vermont, he averaged 15 points per game, including a personal high of 28 points.

He is a 1975 graduate of Central High School in Fallsburg, New York, where he was a four-year varsity basketball lettermen. As a senior in high school, Copeland averaged 29 points per game, including a career high of 48 points in one game.

Coached by James McDermott at Fallsburg Central, he was selected first team all-state his senior season.

Birthdate: April 16, 1957
Academic major: Social Welfare.

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Earl "The Pearl" is back for his senior season to weave some more magic for the Runnin' Rebels. What was USIC's top two years ago when his transfership has certainly been UNLV's.

After sitting out a very tough year in 1976-77 when UNLV was 21-3 and advancing to the NCAA Finals in Atlanta, Earl was just waiting for his turn. Well, he got his first hour upon the scene last year and he made the best of every score.

His act was hard to top, especially when you consider that the defection of former center Larry Moffett to the NBA; forced Evans (a natural forward) to play center, a position which is not best-suited for his talents.

Rebel head coach Jerry Tarkanian has said many times that Earl Evans can be one of the finest forwards in the country and this year it appears that "The Pearl" is going to give his chance to show his real stuff.

Playing out of position for him last year did have fooled most UNLV fans as his statistics rivaled the best centers in major college basketball. Posing up "down under," Earl still averaged 15.8 points per game, fourth highest on the team and led the Runnin' Rebels in rebounding with a very good 10.2 boards per game.

The silky-smooth master of the dunk, fast-break and all-away jumper virtually won six collegiate games for UNLV last season with his versatile play.

His season high was 32 points in the final UNLV home game of the season, a double-overtime thrilling victory over St. Mary's (100-98) in a game which he went into overtime in the first place after hitting a 46-foot overhand shot at the buzzer.

In the 26 games he played for UNLV last season he scored 20 or more points nine occasions, including one hot streak near the end of the season where he scored 23, 24, and 25 points in consecutive games, getting 11, 16 and 16 rebounds in the respective games.

Against St. Mary's, the workhorse played 47 minutes out of the possible 50, making 13 of 21 field goal attempts and six of eight free throwers for his season high 39 points.

In the other Runnin' Rebel double-overtime victory of 1977-78 against Tulsa, which UNLV won 104-103, "The Pearl" labored through 44 minutes, making 10 of 17 field goals, driven of 10 free throws, for 27 points and pulling down 16 rebounds. In all last season, he was in double figures in rebounding in 15 of 26 games with a season high of 19 against Portland State. His best overall night may have been against Tulsa, however, in the championship game of the Rebel Roundup where his 23 points led UNLV to a 90-84 twin-match victory. He made 11 of 13 from the field, one of those free throws and hauled 17 rebounds off the boards.

Earl was a prep All-American player and the 1974 Texas Prep Player-of-the-Year for Lincoln High in Port Arthur, Texas. UNLV knows how good Texas super prep can be as former UNLV All-

Amrican Eddie Owens (the all-time UNLV scoring champ was the 1973 Texas Prep Player-of-the-Year.

Coached by James Gamble in high school, Evans played in both the Kentucky All-American and the Seimco Classic for seniors.

Evans lettered two seasons for UNLV, averaging 14 points per game as a sophomore and more below transferring to UNLV.

He can surely do all those "little" things like run, jump, shoot, hustle, and play the Big D. Those things which have made Runnin' Rebel basketball so popular across the country.

He can do them all with the fact that the UNLV basketball coaching staff has selected Earl and fellow senior Tony Smith as the UNLV co-captains for 1978-79.

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

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**Eddie's Etchings**

**Birthdate:** September 26, 1957.

Academic major: Recreation.

**Smiling Eddie McLeod returns to the Runnin' Rebel lineup for his senior year after a rather disappointing, yet interesting junior, first-season with the program last season.**

The bubbly, always-cheerful bachelor has come back this fall as a real surprise player, working as hard as anyone on the court to make his way into the regular revolving rotation of UNLV this season.

Head coach Jerry Tarkanian says, "Eddie has come back with a new attitude and a new effort and he has worked very hard in pre-season drills and is playing better than he ever has."

In the Red and White intra-squad scrimmage this year which concluded pre-season workouts, bustling Eddie swished 32 points through the nets in a losing effort for the Red team. He was playing against starting center Brett Vroman, yet still managed to make 12 of 21 field goal attempts, eight of 10 free throws and pull down 13 rebounds.

His squad lost, 146-109, but he still had a very exceptional game, especially when you consider that he scored only 112 points in all 28 of last year's games combined.

During the 1977-78 season, Eddie played in every Runnin' Rebel game, scoring in double figures twice. Against Pepperdine, in a road game in Malibu, he played a season high 32 minutes, making six of 11 field goals, and getting 10 rebounds to go with his season high-12 rebounds.

Midway through the season, he played 22 minutes against Cal State, Northridge making four of seven field goal attempts and both of his free throw attempts for 10 points.

In another respectable effort last year, Eddie played 24 minutes against Arkansas State in the Convention Center, making four of seven field goals, one of four free throws for nine points. He also got four rebounds in the game.

The former all-league and all-city player for Locke High School in Watts, Eddie came to UNLV as a junior college All-America from Oxnard Junior College in that California city. He was an all-state JC player and all-Western Conference as well.

He averaged 24 points per game at Oxnard JC and he holds the Oxnard records for most points (66) and most rebounds (20) in a single game.

McLeod was coached by Bill Bloom at Oxnard JC and he was a three-year high school letterman at Locke High School.

**Academic major: Recreation.**
The miles have been many and the shots have been long for Tony Smith and he has come out of it all as a team leader and the co-captain of the 1976-77 Runnin’ Rebel basketball team.

A tall, left-handed forward, Smith is a two-year letterman for UNLV following a redshirt year after transferring to Las Vegas from the University of Houston.

He was a regular, although not a starter on the 1976-77 UNLV team which won the NCAA Western Regional Championship and last season he was a starter guard with All-America Hokie Theus who is now with the Chicago Bulls of the NBA.

As a sophomore two years ago, he averaged 9.0 points per game, scoring 18 points in the Western Regional championship game against Idaho State and another 12 in the NCAA semi-final game against North Carolina.

Last year was his best season as a Runnin’ Rebel, however, as he was second on the team in scoring with a 16.5 game average. In his 27 games a year ago, Smith drained in double figures in 24 of the games, including nine games of 20 or more points.

He made an incredibly good .496 percent of his shots from the field (192 of 385) and .804 percent of his free throws (61 of 76). He also had 104 assists.

His two year average shows him with 714 career points for a 12.3 per game average.

He is a real show player who comes to play the big ones. In UNLV’s two national television appearances last year, he dazzled the national audiences with superlative performances against Marquette and Kentucky, the 1977 and the 1978 NCAA championship teams.

In the Marquette game, Smith made 11 of 18 field goals and five of six free throws for 37 points and against Kentucky he was even better, making 11 of 17 field goals and seven of seven charity tosses for a Runnin’ Rebel career high 29 points.

He has known great success wherever he has played basketball and as a prep for Saginaw High School in that Michigan city, he was selected as the Michigan Prep Player-of-the-Year in 1974. During his senior season he averaged 25 points per game for coach Charles Cokas.

With UNLV last season, he led the Runnin’ Rebels with 39 steals and he played 889 minutes, third most on the 1977-78 team.

Starting for the Houston Cougars as a freshman, Smith helped lead that club to a 16-10 season. In 23 games, he played 415 minutes, made 72 of 174 field goals and 30 of 44 free throws for a 7.6 per game scoring average.

For some unknown reason, UNLV has had a lot of superstars with the last name Smith, including one season with three of the top eight players having that last name.

Well, Tony stood by himself last year and again this year, he will be the only Smith regularly on the minds of the Runnin’ Rebel faithful.

And as the co-captain for his team, another lifetime dream fulfilled. Birthdate: June 27, 1956. Academic major: Physical Education.
If he never does another thing for UNLV, Brett Vroman will still go down in Runnin' Rebel cage history as the first-ever seven-foot player the school has ever had.

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The National Basketball Association likes so much of his talent already that he was invited to the team's pre-season camp this year for two reasons. One is that he's a point guard who can fill the "five" role. The other is that he's a seven-footer. Tarkanian has said that about the only player out of high school that he has "best" UCLA man in signing was former UNLV All-America guard Reggie Theus.

The first-round pick in the NBA draft was given the "best" chance at the pros by Tarkanian and UNLV athletics director Jim Alford.

"He comes from a basketball family, has a lot of experience at the prep level and is good at all the fundamentals," Alford said. "I hope he does well in the NBA and that he'll return to UNLV and become a member of our basketball hall of fame."

Vroman attended Daniel Murphy High School and was named All-State two seasons at Pepperdine, where he was runner-up in the Los Angeles City Player-of-the-Year balloting. He was voted the Most Valuable Player of Pepperdine's Summer High School Basketball Development League and All-Ameri.

Although Vroman was picked in the first round of the NBA draft, he never finished another season at Pepperdine. He entered Pepperdine last season after averaging 26.3 points and 14.0 rebounds his senior season. He was voted the Most Valuable Player of the Summer High School Basketball Development League for both his junior and senior years and he started in the backcourt at the 1975 California-USA prep all-star games. He was selected as the high school coaches All-America team.

As a junior in high school, he won All-GIF AAA second team honors at Mt. Carmel High and was named to All-CIF AAA third team his sophomore season while attending Daniel Murphy High School.

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Flintie Ray Williams, UNLV's new point guard, was the new Runnin' Rebel point guard, following in the footsteps to the Denver Nuggets and All-America Reggie Theus (now with the Chicago Bulls). He appears to be the all-guard All-American of the summer, having played in all six of the Rebel's exhibition games. Flintie Ray Williams is coming off a redshirt year after transferring from Pepperdine University in Malibu, California.

As a senior point guard, he led Pepperdine to a second-team All-American selection by the Los Angeles Daily News and a place in the starting lineup for his senior season. In his senior season, he scored 30 points and had 10 assists against the University of Portland.

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Vroman was a point guard at Pepperdine and will now be a point guard at UNLV. He has the ability, if he continues his improvement, to become a great Runnin' Rebel before his junior season ends this year.

Another of the talented new faces in the Runnin' Rebel starting lineup for 1978-79, Flintie Ray Williams is coming off a redshirt year after transferring from Pepperdine University in Malibu, California.
One of the talented new super recruits of the nation's winningest active major college coach, Rich- ard Box entered UNLV this fall after an outstanding prep career for Riverside, California's North High School.

It may have taken a while to do it, but Tarkanian finally signed the versatile 6-6 freshman after a very long recruiting season. After visiting Box's home in Riverside on the day national letters-of-intent could first be signed (April 12), it was not until tension-filled days that Box finally signed on April 27. After his great senior season when he was selected as the California Interscholastic Federation 3-A player-of-the-year, Box also appeared in four post-season prep all-star games.

During his senior season for coach Gene Hughes at John W. North High School in Riverside, Box averaged 33.2 points per game and 8.9 rebounds each contest. He shot 58.0% from the field and hit 42% from beyond the arc.

Richard
Box
6-6, 186, Freshman
Riverside, Calif.

During his senior season for coach Lloyd Booth at Chaparral, Burns averaged 23.4 points per game in 25 games during his senior season, including a 21.9 per game average in 16 league games.

Many local fans like to snicker when they talk about the big one that got away. The top cat of the local prep scene who was lured away to play for the "big" school in some other part of the country.

Well, Jerry Tarkanian fooled the local skeptics this year as the UNLV head coach signed not only one, but both of the outstanding Las Vegas area prep stars to suit for the Runnin' Rebels starting this fall.

One of those talented young men is Michael Burns, the 6-6 forward from Chaparral High School in Las Vegas. "Spiderman," as he is affectionately known, was a late-blooming screamer who had all the college scouts buzzing at the first Wendy's Classic in Albuquerque this past April but by then it was too late as the lesping prospect had already landed in Tark's tank.

He has worked very hard to develop his basketball talent and is at the point where he is seriously challenging for a starting position on the UNLV varsity as a freshman.

Playing for coach Lloyd Booth at Chaparral, Burns averaged 23.4 points in 25 games during his senior season, including a 21.9 per game average in 16 league games.

Named the most valuable player in the Wendy's tournament after scoring 72 points in two games, Burns was an all-conference and all-state player for two seasons for the Cowboys and Tarkanian is very pleased indeed to have signed him.

Commented the winningest college coach in America, "Michael Burns and Freddie Thompson are the two finest players to come out of Las Vegas schools since I have been here. Mike's strengths are exactly the things we are looking for, he has extreme quickness and mobility which will really help our program the next four years."

He made his varsity debut in the Red & White game this year scoring 21 points for the winning white squad by canning nine of 15 field goal attempts, three of five free throws and grabbing 13 rebounds. Burns said his final decision was between UNLV and the University of New Mexico, although he did admit that the Runnin' Rebels always did have the edge.

"I like coach Tarkanian and the style of play the Rebels use, and the school is close to my home and my family and friends can see me play a lot," said Burns about his choice to attend UNLV.

It appears the Spiderman has found a home in Las Vegas and the prospects appear to be there for him to spin a web that even the most talented opponents will not be able to get out of. He was a three year basketball letterman at Chaparral and played in the Opti- man Winter game this summer in addition to the Wendy's Classic.


Michael
Burns
6-6, 178, Freshman
Las Vegas, Nevada

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Michael Loyd

5-10, 160, Freshman
Los Angeles, Calif.

I guess maybe Tark the Shark, who has pulled more recruiting bonuses than Houdini has escaped from sunken chests, put it best when he said, "The little fella, our point guard out of Dorsey High in Los Angeles, is every bit as good as we thought he would be and maybe even better. I think he is just going to be a super, super player."

Enough said, Tark has done it again. Welcome to Las Vegas, Michael Loyd.
Birthdate: May 31, 1960
Academic major: Undecided.

Freddie Thompson

6-4, 175, Freshman
Las Vegas, Nevada

One of the fantastic four freshmen Runnin' Rebel recruits for 1978-79, Freddie Thompson is soon to establish himself as a starter for UNLV. He has had great coaching and his desire to learn and to be coached has helped him tremendously in pre-season Rebel practice sessions.

When the situation arises, fast Freddie can also play guard, but his primary spot in the UNLV lineup appears to be the small forward post.

Thompson, listed on about everybody's All-America picks, had a great, great career under coach Sherriil Stephens at Las Vegas High. This past season, "Machine Gun" averaged 30.1 points per game overall and 29.2 in 14 league games. He was three times selected to the all-conference and all-state teams in addition to being picked two years on prep All-America teams. Scholastic Magazine listed him as one of the top 50 seniors of last year.

He was honored as the most valuable player in the state in 1977 and last season he was voted the most valuable player in the conference.

Following high school this past summer, he played in three prep all-star games — the Roundball Classic in Houston, the Sunkist Classic in Oakland, and the Wendy's Classic in Albuquerque.

Having as his personal goal "to become as good as possible," Thompson averaged 26.8 points per game as a junior in high school and 27 in his sophomore year. For his regular season career at Las Vegas High he scored 2,035 points.

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In the Red & White scrimmage, concluding pre-season drills for UNLV, Thompson gave forewarning of things to come as he made eight of 15 field goal attempts, four of six free throws for 20 points and pulled down six rebounds.

He is certainly a player with a future in the UNLV basketball program.
Birthdate: September 14, 1960
Academic major: Hotel Administration.
Runnin’ Rebel Co-Captains

Tony Smith
6-2, 175, Senior
Saginaw, Michigan

Earl E. Evans
6-8, 202, Senior
Port Arthur, Texas

Jerry Tarkanian: The winningest active coach in America
10 major college seasons
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The Faces of a Champion
is it really true that when new Runnin' Rebel forward-center Tom Sawyer was in high school he was coached by Mark Twain and one of his teammates was Huck Finn and another was Injun' Joe? well, was the head cheerleader at his high school really Becky Thatcher? Believe it or not, Tom Sawyer is ready to maintain a spot on the UNLV roster for the 1978-79 season.

He came to UNLV last year after coming from Northwestern Junior College and he is a walk-on to the Runnin' Rebel athletic program. His hard work and overall athletic ability have apparently earned him a spot on the travel squad for this season.

He is a 1973 graduate of Lima, Ohio's Senior High School, where he earned six varsity letters. Besides three varsity letters in basketball, Sawyer earned varsity stripes two times in swimming and one more time in soccer.

In junior college he was coached by Art Locher while his Lima Senior High School coach was Jim Homey. He plans on becoming a coach after his career with UNLV and feels that from the Runnin' Rebel coaching staff he is learning a great deal about his hopeful profession.

He comes from an athletic background and his father, Mr. T.G. Sawyer, was an all-sports star at Colgate University. During his high school playing career, he was a member of the Ohio AAU champions and his Lima team was the Northwest Ohio champions his senior year.

He has raised some eyebrows with his aggressive play and willingness to be coached and to learn which has certainly helped him earn a spot on the Runnin' Rebel roster despite the fact that he is a walk-on to the program.

Whether he was coached in high school by Mark Twain or not, Tom Sawyer has built his raft and landed on Runnin' Rebel island where he has apparently earned the right to stay for a couple of years. Birthdate: October 27, 1953. Academic major: Music.

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UNLV Co-Captains – Smith and Evans

Tony Smith

Earl Evans

Seniors Tony Smith and Earl Evans, two of the most talented players ever to play basketball for UNLV have been named by their coaches as the co-captains for the 1978-79 Runnin' Rebel team.

"These guys have really put their all into the game of basketball and we are happy to make them our co-captains for this season," praised UNLV head coach Jerry Tarkanian.

"They have both proven in their careers what it takes to be a Runnin' Rebel and in pre-season practices this year they have really paid the price and have been great leaders-by-example for all of our players," Smith (6-2, 175) is a two-year let­terman from Saginaw, Michigan, and plays swing guard for UNLV this season while Evans (6-6, 202) is a one-year letterman from Port Arthur, Texas.

Both were starters for UNLV's 20-8 team last year, but both played a bit out of their normal positions to help the team cause. Smith played point guard last year and was the Runnin' Rebels second-leading scorer with a 16.5 per game scoring average while Evans played center and was fourth in scoring at 15.8 points per game and led UNLV in rebounding with a 10.2 per game average.

Smith and Evans both are transfers from other schools and both redshirted one season before starting their UNLV careers. Smith transferred in from the University of Houston after his freshman season while Evans joined UNLV from the University of Southern California after two seasons with the Trojans.

"It's an honor that I hope I can prove worthy of," Smith commented about his selection as co-captain. "It takes a certain type of leadership to be a good one — a good captain wants to win and I sure do want to win."

A 1974 graduate of Saginaw High School in that Michigan city, the former Michigan prep player-of-the-year has averaged 12.3 points per game in two seasons for UNLV. He has scored 714 points in 96 games, shot .466 from the field (315 of 676) and an even more impressive .825 from the foul line (94 of 114). A deft long-ball shooter, Smith scored in double figures in 24 of the 27 games he played for UNLV.

Last season, he started every-game last season, scoring 20 or more points in nine games. Enjoying the benefits of playing on national TV, he had his best games of the season last year in nationally televised games against Marquette and Kentucky.

Against Marquette he scored 27 points, hitting 11 of 18 field goals and five of six free throws and against Kentucky he canned 29 points including 11 of 17 field goals and seven of seven free throws.

Smith was the team captain for the Trojans of Saginaw High in both his junior and senior seasons. His final two years his teams won over 30 games each year, losing only the Class A Michigan prep championship game each season.

Evans is equally proud of his award. "We've had so many great players at UNLV who have been captains, that it makes me feel very proud. It also makes me proud to think the coaches have so much confidence in my ability. You have to be a leader to be a captain and set a good example by being a winner. I'm going to try really hard to do both.

The former Prep All-America for Lincoln High in Port Arthur, Evans averaged 15.8 points per game while making .547 per cent of his field goals (171 of 307) and 883 per cent of his free throws (30 of 43). He pulled down 264 rebounds in the 26 games he played to lead the Runnin' Rebels with a 10.2 per game average.

Moving back to his normal forward position is expected to really improve his game even more.

Because Smith and Evans were both eligible for the NBA draft last year because they redshirted one year at UNLV and were seniors, they were selected in the June draft. Smith went in the 6th round to Cleveland and Evans in the 7th to the Detroit Pistons. Both decided they would much rather play their senior seasons for UNLV than go to the pros too soon.
# UNLV Runnin' Rebel Basketball
## 1978-79 Alphabetical Roster

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**STUDENT ASSISTANTS:** Mike Milke
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**STUDENT MANAGER:** Larry Chin
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Steve 40.

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November 25: Las Vegas
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Conference: Independent
1977-78 Record: 14-13
Series History: UNLV leads, 2-0
Athletic Director: Dr. Glenn Wilkes
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History: UNLV leads, 7-6
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Nickname: Terrapins
Conference: Atlantic Coast
1977-78 Record: 15-13
Series History: Maryland leads, 1-0
Athletic Director: Orl James
Colors: Red, white, black & gold

December 2: Las Vegas
Head Coach: Dr. Glenn Wilkes
SID: (301) 454-2126
Nickname: Terrapins
Conference: CCAA
1977-78 Record: 27-6
Series History: UNLV leads, 6-0
Athletic Director: Dr. Glenn Wilkes
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SID: (301) 454-7005
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December 15-16: Golden Gate Invitational at San Francisco
Head Coach: Stan Morrison
(209) 966-2472
SID: Frank W. Sotlys
(805) 667-3428
Nickname: Gauchos
Conference: Pacific Coast
1977-78 Record: 22-8
Series History: First meeting
Athletic Director: Bob Devaney
Colors: Scarlet and cream
Conference: Big 8

December 15-16: Golden Gate Invitational at San Francisco
Head Coach: Ed Delany
(403) 472-2260
SID: Dick Bellard
(403) 472-2263
Nickname: Cornhuskers
Conference: Big 8
Series History: First meeting
Athletic Director: Bob Devaney
Colors: Scarlet and cream
Conference: Big 8
December 29-30: LAS VEGAS HOLIDAY CLASSIC
Head Coach: Dave Benaderet
(213) 642-2765
SID: Ben Garcia
(213) 642-3063
Nickname: Lions
Conference: WAC
1977-78 Record: 11-15
Athletic Director: Richard Baker
Colors: Crimson and white

Loyola Marymount University

Baylor University

Temple University

Las Vegas Holiday Classic

December 29-30: LAS VEGAS HOLIDAY CLASSIC
Head Coach: Sid Williams
(817) 754-4648
SID: Sid Williams
(817) 754-4648
Nickname: Bears
Conference: Southwest
1977-78 Record: 14-13
Series History: Baylor leads, 1-0
Athletic Director: Jack Patterson
Colors: Green and gold

December 29-30: LAS VEGAS HOLIDAY CLASSIC
Head Coach: Don Casey
(215) 787-7443
SID: Al Shier
(215) 787-7445
Nickname: Owls
Conference: East Coast
1977-78 Record: 24-5
Series History: First meeting
Athletic Director: Ernest C. Casale
Colors: Cherry red and white

January 4: San Diego
February 17: Las Vegas
Head Coach: Tim Vzie
(714) 286-6249
SID: John Maffei
(714) 286-5547
Nickname: Aztecs
Conference: Western Athletic
1977-78 Record: 19-9
Series History: UNLV leads, 5-2
Athletic Director: Dr. Ken Karr
Colors: Scarlet and black

January 6: Salt Lake City
February 16: Las Vegas
Head Coach: Jerry Pimm
(801) 581-6445
SID: Bruce Woodbury
(801) 581-3510
Nickname: Utes or Runnin' Utes
Conference: Western Athletic
1977-78 Record: 23-6
Series History: UNLV leads, 2-1
Athletic Director: Steve Malovic
Colors: Black and gold

January 9: Las Vegas
Head Coach: Gene Smithson
(316) 689-3265
SID: Gary Griffith
(316) 689-3265
Nickname: Shockers
Conference: Missouri Valley
1977-78 Record: 13-14
Series History: WSU leads, 1-0
Athletic Director: Ted G. Bredesheit
Colors: Black and gold

San Diego State University

University of Utah

Wichita State University

[Images of team members]
January 12: Fort Collins
March 8: Las Vegas
Head Coach: Jim Williams
(303) 491-6232
SJD: Mike Mills
(303) 491-5067
Nickname: Rams
Conference: Western Athletic
1977-78 Record: 19-6
Series History: First meeting
Athletic Director: Thurman "Fum" McGraw
Colors: Green and gold

Colorado State University

University of Wyoming

University of Hawaii

University of Texas at El Paso

University of New Mexico

Iona College

January 12: Laramie
February 4: Las Vegas
Head Coach: Jim Brandenburg
(307) 766-5114
SJD: Kevin M. McKinney
(307) 766-2256
Nickname: Cowboys, Pokes
Conference: Western Athletic
1977-78 Record: 10-16
Series History: First meeting
Athletic Director: George C. McCarty
Colors: Brown and yellow

January 19: Honolulu
January 20: Honolulu
Head Coach: Larry Little
(808) 948-6501
SJD: Ed Inouye
(808) 948-7523
Nickname: Rainbow Warriors
Conference: Independent
1977-78 Record: 1-26
Series History: UNLV leads 9-3
Athletic Director: Ray Nagel
Colors: Orange and white

January 26: Las Vegas
February 24: El Paso
Head Coach: Don Haskins
(915) 747-5323
SJD: Scott Blessing
(915) 747-5330
Nickname: Miners
Conference: Western Athletic
1977-78 Record: 10-16
Series History: First meeting
Athletic Director: Jim Bowden
Colors: Silver, cherry and turquoise

January 27, Las Vegas
February 23: Albuquerque
Head Coach: Norm Ellenberger
(505) 277-4505
SJD: John Gonzales
(505) 277-2035
Nickname: Lobos, Wolfpack
Conference: Western Athletic
1977-78 Record: 24-4
Series History: tied, 2-2
Athletic Director: Lavan McDonald
Colors: Maroon and gold

January 30: Las Vegas
Head Coach: Jim Valvano
(914) 636-2100
SJD: Jim Marchon
(914) 636-2100
Nickname: Gaels
Conference: Independent
1977-78 Record: 17-10
Series History: First meeting
Athletic Director: Jim Valvano
Colors: Maroon and gold

Colorado State University

University of Wyoming

University of Hawaii

University of Texas at El Paso

University of New Mexico

Iona College
### Idaho State University

- **Head Coach:** Lynn Holt
- **Colors:** Orange and black

**1978-79 Schedule**
- Nov. 20: Oregon State
- Nov. 28: at Portland
- Dec. 5: at Washington
- Dec. 19: at Montana State
- Dec. 28: at Weber State
- Jan. 13: at Northern Arizona
- Jan. 20: Boise State
- Dec. 29: at Utah State
- Dec. 30: at Utah
- Jan. 27: at Gonzaga
- Jan. 28: at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
- Feb. 3: at Washington State
- Feb. 10: at Idaho State
- Feb. 12: at TCU
- Feb. 19: at Washington State
- Feb. 26: at Utah State
- March 4: at Utah

### Marquette University

- **Head Coach:** Bernard Toone
- **Colors:** Black and gold

**1977-78 Schedule**
- Nov. 29: at Florida State
- Dec. 1: at Ohio State
- Dec. 5: at Notre Dame
- Dec. 12: at Wisconsin
- Dec. 19: at Bradley
- Dec. 23: at Northwestern
- Dec. 26: at Illinois
- Dec. 29: at Detroit
- Jan. 2: at Michigan State
- Jan. 9: at Indiana
- Jan. 13: at Ohio State
- Jan. 16: at Minnesota
- Jan. 20: at Illinois State
- Jan. 23: at Indiana State
- Jan. 30: at Purdue
- Feb. 3: at Indiana
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- Feb. 23: at Ohio State
- Feb. 26: at Illinois
- March 2: at Notre Dame

### Athletes In Action

- **Head Coach:** Hank Raymonds
- **Colors:** Red, white and blue

**1977-78 Schedule**
- Nov. 11: vs. at UNLV
- Nov. 17: at San Francisco
- Nov. 24: at Arizona State
- Dec. 1: vs. at Arizona
- Dec. 4: at UCLA
- Dec. 7: at Arizona State
- Dec. 11: at Kansas State
- Dec. 15: at Arizona
- Dec. 18: at Southern California
- Dec. 22: at Cal State Fullerton
- Dec. 26: at San Jose State
- Dec. 29: at Utah State
- Jan. 2: at Utah
- Jan. 5: at Stanford
- Jan. 9: at Colorado State
- Jan. 12: at Arizona State
- Jan. 16: at Arizona
- Jan. 19: at California State University Fullerton
- Jan. 23: at San Diego State
- Jan. 27: at UCLA
- Feb. 1: at Los Angeles State
- Feb. 4: at Oregon State
- Feb. 7: at Oregon
- Feb. 11: at Stanford
- Feb. 14: at California State University Fullerton
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- Feb. 21: at Arizona
- Feb. 24: at Southern California
- Feb. 26: at UCLA
- Feb. 28: at Stanford
- March 3: at San Diego State

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### 3rd ANNUAL REBEL ROUNDEUP

- **December 22-23, 1978**
- **Las Vegas Convention Center**
- **Las Vegas, Nevada**
- **UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA (V)**
  - **December 22**
    - **7:00 p.m.**
    - **CHAMPIONSHIP**
      - **December 23, 5:00 p.m.**
    - **CONSOLATION**
      - **December 23, 8:00 p.m.**
  - **MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE (V)**
    - **December 22**
      - **9:00 p.m.**
    - **UNLV (H)**

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### RESULTS

- **1977**
  - **RESULTS:** (Championship) UNLV 85, Iowa 64; (Consolation) Northwestern 93, Tennessee 86, (First Round) Iowa 92, Tennessee 86, UNLV 101, Northwestern 95.

- **1976**
  - **RESULTS:** (Championship) UNLV 100, Oklahoma 89; (Consolation) Murray State 83, Bradley 80; (First Round) Oklahoma 90, Bradley 70, UNLV 104, Murray State 77.

### ALL-STARTS 1977

- **ALL-TOURNAMENT:** Reggie Johnson, Tennessee; Tim Evans, UNLV; Ronnie Lester, Iowa; Reggie Theus, UNLV; Tony Allen, Northwestern; MVP — Reggie Theus, UNLV.

- **1976**
  - **ALL-TOURNAMENT:** Roger Phegey, Bradley; Cliff Johnson, Oklahoma; Glenn Gondrezick, UNLV; Aaron Curry, Oklahoma; Eddie Owens, UNLV; MVP — Eddie Owens, UNLV.

### REBEL ROUNDEUP RECORDS

#### Individual Game
- **Most Points:** 37, Tony Allen, Northwestern, 1977
- **Most Field Goals:** 18, Tony Allen, Northwestern, 1977

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### Team Game
- **Most Points:** 104, UNLV, 1977
- **Most Field Goals:** 70, Bradley, 1976
- **Most Points—Half:** 61, UNLV, 1977
- **Most Field Goals—Half:** 28, Bradley, 1976
- **Most Free Throws:** 44, Northwestern, 1977
- **Most Free Throws Attempted:** 24, UNLV, 1977
- **Most Free Throws Made:** 17, Tennessee, 1977

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### Most Free Throws Attempted

- **14, Iowa, 1977**
- **14, Tennessee, 1977**
- **15, UNLV, 1977**

### Individual Tournament

- **Most Points:** 59, Allen, Northwestern, 1977
- **Most Field Goals:** 29, Allen, Northwestern, 1977
- **Most Free Throws:** 13, Tennessee, 1977
- **Most Free Throws Attempted:** 17, Tennessee, 1977
- **Most Rebounds:** 34, Johnson, Oklahoma, 1976

### Team Tournament

- **Most Points:** 204, UNLV, 1976
- **Most Field Goals:** 150, Bradley, 1976
- **Most Free Throws:** 92, UNLV, 1976

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### Fewest Free Throws Made

- **16, Tennessee, 1977**
- **36, Tennessee, 1977**

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The table above provides a comprehensive overview of the 3rd ANNUAL REBEL ROUNDEUP, including details about the participating teams, their schedules, and the results of the tournament.
CLASSIC TEAM — The All-Tournament team for the 1977 Las Vegas Holiday Classic were: (left to right) Earl Evans (UNLV); Jeff Perry (U.C. Santa Barbara); Clint Richardson (Seattle U.); William Govain (UNLV); Reggie Theus (UNLV); and Paul Cathey (Gonzaga). Theus was also the MVP of the 1977 tournament.

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Slowing down the pace considerably to adjust to his lack of depth, Tarkanian still pulled out his "usual" 20 wins, but this year his Rebels had to come from behind almost every game, won seven games by two points or less and had to go to double overtime twice to pull out victories.

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Theus Becomes UNLV's Fourth All-America

Reggie Theus, the 6-7 junior All-America guard-forward of the UNLV Runnin' Rebels who is now with the NBA's Chicago Bulls, was presented three special awards to highlight the annual Runnin' Rebel appreciation dinner held on May 1 in the Grand Ballroom of the Moyer Student Union on the UNLV campus.

Jerry Tarkanian, who finished five seasons at UNLV by coaching the Runnin' Rebels to a 20-8 record in 1977-78, presented Theus with the team's most outstanding player award to start his award presentation. Previously during the colorful evening, which was attended by nearly 350 UNLV rooters, Theus was presented with the MVP award of the Rebel Quarterback Club by toastmaster Danny Lee.

Theus' first award of the evening was a new one given by the newly-formed UNLV Basketball Alumni Association. Group vice-president and former Rebel Lonnie Wright and club president Elbert Miller, another former Reb great, presented Theus with the UNLV Basketball All-America award. Theus is one of only four All-America selections UNLV has had thus far. Miller was the first (1968) and he was followed by Ricky Sobers (1975), Eddie Owens (1976 and 1977) and Theus (1978).

Theus finished his three-year Rebel career with 1,177 points and 401 assists.

For the Record

There's nothing to be sad about, no need to shed a tear, When you've given all you have to give each day throughout the year. Don't cry for losing just a game, don't moan about the score. Thank God you had the chance to play and hear the thousands roar. It's only made for one to win but no one really loses. You only lose when you have failed and always make excuses. One game cannot erase the joy of all that's gone before. The thrills, the chills, the victories; you gave us so much more. We'll never see another shot so smooth, so soft, so deadly; You'll never see the graceful form of one like Steady Eddie.

To Give Your Best

(written after UNLV's 84-83 loss to North Carolina in the 1977 NCAA semifinals)

Or get a player who's as tough or reckless on the court Than Gondo, master of the charge; not many of his sort. Of Sudden Sam the long range bomb; he sure could make it happen. The same is true of No. 10, the last of an old breed, the kind that all teams need. And years from now, fans will recall Big Lew—what can we say? In four years here he did it all and did it all his way. We'll miss them all and wish them best They took us to the top. Just one regret now that it's here— We wish it wouldn't stop.
Gone, But Never Forgotten
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**Miscellaneous Records: Attendance**

- **Home**: 10,287
- **Away**: 3,267 (1972-73)
- **Overall**: 424,772 games, 514,778 (1977-78)
- **Average**: 7,862 (20 games), 7,862 (20 games)
### UNLV Year-by-Year

#### 1960-69

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1971-78
Head Coach: Jerry Tarkanian
W 29  L 3  PCT .906

1977-78
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W 20  L 8  PCT .714

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All-Time Runnin’ Rebel Letterman

A
Marcus Adams 1977-78
Dennis Allen 1971-72, 1972-73
Jim Arrington 1968-69, 1969-70
Art Baker 1969-70, 1970-71

B
Jim Baker 1973-74, 1974-75
Ben Bal 1971-72
Jerry Bakken 1973-74, 1974-75
Roley Bakewell 1970-71
Randall Bakewell 1970-71

C
Chick Carey 1965-66, 1966-67
Jim Coan 1962-63
Eddie Coan 1961-62
Jim Connor 1961-62

D
Ron Dale 1973-74
Bill Davis 1968-69
Chris Dowlen 1969-70, 1969-70
Pat Dwyer 1964-65
Don Evans 1964-65, 1965-66

E
Ken Edwards 1964-65, 1965-66
Earl Evans 1971-72

F
Bill Farr 1961-62
Mike Fennell 1961-62
Cliff Foskey 1961-62, 1962-63

G
John Freeman 1974-75
Bennie Furg культура 1958-69, 1965-66

H
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Don Goodwin 1965-66, 1974-75, 1975-76, 1976-77

I
Arl Hahn 1961-62, 1962-63
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Jerry Hansen 1968-69, 1969-70
Jim Harris 1961-62

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Don Hess 1965-66, 1966-67
Wayne Higginson 1966-67
Jim Hines 1964-66

K
Jeep Kelly 1973-74

L
Terry Leonard 1974-75, 1975-76

M
Don McDonald 1974-75, 1975-76, 1976-77

N
Deeley Coan 1966-67

O
Barry Orton 1973-74

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W
Gary Richardson 1971-72
White Rice 1960-61
Andy Riley 1975-76

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Gary Tapper 1962-63, 1963-64
Eddie Taylor 1972-73

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Larry Thrash 1973-74, 1973-74
Toby Houston 1970-71, 1971-72

**NCAA Division I Regional**

**NCAA Division I Finalist**
Runnin' Rebels Hold 15 NCAA Scoring Records

1975-76 UNLV Runnin' Rebels — The high-scoring University of Nevada, Las Vegas basketball team front row left to right: Jackie Robinson, Mike Milke, Matt Porter, Glen Gondrezick, Mickey Berkowitz, Reggie Theus, Sam Smith, Robert Smith and Henry Walters. Standing (left to right): head coach Jerry Tarkanian, assistant coach Lynn Archibald, assistant coach Otto Allison, Don Weiner, Boyd Batts, Lewis Brown, Phil Plemmons, Eddie Owens, student manager Gil Castillo, assistant coach Dennis Hodges, and assistant coach Ralph Reaudt. The Highest Scoring Team in NCAA History.

Those Runnin' Gunnin' Rebel Records... 

NCAA Division I TEAM RECORDS

SINGLE GAME RECORDS
Most Points
164—UNLV vs. Hawaii-Hilo (111), Feb. 19, 1978
Most Points, Both Teams
225—UNLV vs. (194) & Hawaii-Hilo (111), Feb. 19, 1978

SINGLE FREE THROWS
Highest Free Throw Percentage (Min. 40 scored): 95.5%—UNLV vs San Diego State, Dec. 11, 1976 (42 of 44)

SEASON Scoring
Highest Average Per Game
110.5—UNLV, 1975-76 (3,426 in 31)
Most Games at Least 100 Points
23—UNLV, 1975-76
23—UNLV, 1976-77

Most Consecutive Games at Least 100 Points
12—UNLV, 1976-77

SEASON FIELD GOALS
Most Field Goals
1,436—UNLV, 1976-77 (attempted 2,998, 48.5%)
Most Field Goals Per Game
46.3—UNLV, 1976-77 (1,436 in 31)

SEASON ATTENDANCE RECORDS
Home Court, Single Game
23,806—Kentucky vs. UNLV (70), Mar. 4, 1978 at Lexington, KY

NCAA TOURNAMENT RECORDS
Most Points

Most Field Goals
Five-Game Series: 215, UNLV, 1976-77 (1,436 vs. USF, 37 vs. Utah, 44 vs. Idaho State, 41 vs. UNLV, 47 vs. North Carolina, Charlotte)

Most Points
One Game: 121, UNLV vs. U. San Francisco (95), regional first round, 3-12-77

NCAA CONSOLATION CHAMPIONSHIP 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 (38), Atlanta, 1977

Most Points, One Team
106, UNLV, vs. UNCC (94), Atlanta, 1977

UNLV Impressive in NCAA Stats

MAJOR COLLEGE TEAM LEADERS LAST 5 SEASONS

Last 5 Seasons
Win-Lost-Pct.

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