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DATE
1979
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Poland National Team
Pan American University
University of Nevada, Reno
Idaho State University
University of Tulsa
UNLV, University of Montana,
Texas A & M, North Texas State

UNLV, Loyola Marymount University,
Weber State, Michigan State

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18TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CLASSIC
UNLV, Loyola Marymount University,
University of Utah

4TH ANNUAL REBEL ROUNDPUP
UNLV, University of Montana,
Texas A & M, North Texas State

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Note to the Media
Credentialed: All requests for press and/or photo passes must be made at least one calendar week before the game and it is preferred that they be in writing. UNLV has only limited seating along press row, however, some additional seating in the stands is available and we will do all we can to accommodate legitimate members of the working press corp.

Statistics: UNLV supplies complete NCAA game statistics, including play-by-play, all team and individual statistics, half-time "quickie" stats, and post game quotes. "Quickie" box scores are also provided along press row to all broadcasters during every time-out. The UNLV statistical crew for the 1979-80 season returns in tact for their seventh season with the Runnin’ Rebels. We salute them and thank them for their years of donated and dedicated service to the program. They are: Michael Mlynarczyk (Head Statistician), Ken and Pam Hicks (Play-by-Play), Tim Smith (Turnovers, Assists, Steals and Blocked Shots), Duane Neel (Botts Attempted), Jim Thomas (Rebounds), Harold Frazier (Minutes Played), and John and Barbara Horn (Alternate).

Press Room: The Press room is located adjacent to the UNLV bench in the rotunda of the Las Vegas Convention Center, under the sign which says, “Section A”. It is open to all media personnel upon display of the official 1979-80 UNLV basketball press credential issued only through the UNLV Sports Information Office. A pre-game meal is served two-hours before the scheduled tip-off time, one telecopier and five telephones are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Interviews: Post-game interviews are conducted on an informal basis outside of the team locker rooms. Following a 10-minute cooling off period, both locker rooms will be open, upon approval of the respective coaches, to members of the media.

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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, magnificently broadened its civic atmosphere, and created a cosmopolitan atmosphere unlike the rough-and-tumble tradition of the Old West which characterized it for so long.

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 a hour's drive from the campus. Lake Mead and the Colorado River flow to the south, offering fishing and all kinds of water sports — skiing, sailing, boating and skin diving. And in almost any direction out of town, the outdoor person can find a panorama of rugged red-rock land-


desert, bike trails and forgotten ghost towns which await a weekend's exploration and a lifetime of memories.
UNLV: A Dynamic Story

Las Vegas is known world-wide as an entertainment capital. But there is another side of the city which is gaining national recognition each year. The University of Nevada, Las Vegas is one of the country's fastest-growing institutions of higher learning. In less than ten years, UNLV has tripled its campus in size, allowing room for the university's 65 different students, including almost two dozen at the master's and doctoral levels.

Founded in 1957, UNLV has grown from a single one-story building in the desert to a green 350-acre campus with a total headcount enrollment of more than 9,500. To accommodate the increasing enrollment, UNLV has undertaken a massive construction program which has brought more than $25 million worth of new buildings in the 350-acre campus in just the past seven years.

These include an of the most modern teacher education facilities in the country, a major classroom and office building, a 690-seat complex complete with a 50-meter indoor swimming pool, new laboratories and classrooms in the life sciences, and a sprawling 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 Dickison 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. Ham, 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 $10.9 million facility is included in the university's 1979-83 capital improvement request to the legislature. The center will house teaching, research and studio facilities for the departments of theatre arts, music and art. Approved by the state legislature is a 10,000-seat continuing education and activities center which will serve as the new home for basketball starting in 1981.

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

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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 worldwide.

The university's reputation in the sciences is growing, too, as it carries out research projects in such areas as desert ecology, environmental biology and geology, taking full advantage of its unique southwestern desert setting.

Two new research centers at UNLV, the Desert Biology Research Center and the Visibility Research Center, have received national attention. UNLV is becoming an international leader in desert and environmental stress research through the desert biology center. The visibility center is the nation's first to monitor air quality and study technical and socio-economic problems of air pollution in western states.

The UNLV theatre arts department continues to earn regional and national awards for its outstanding 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 continuing 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. Leonard Goodall

President

Dr. Leonard "Pat" Goodall, UNLV's fourth president, stepped into the university's top administrative post in July 1997. In his new role, the university is perhaps on the brink of its greatest period of development.

With an administrative background at three urban universities, he is especially suited to the job. He is capable of handling the diverse administrative tasks required of such a position.

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Dr. Al Negratti

UNLV Athletic Director

Dr. Al Negratti has been named the athletic director of UNLV University, Las Vegas, Nevada. Negratti, who comes to Las Vegas from the University of Portland, has been the athletic director at Portland for the past six years.

He is the author of three books, and has been an accomplished intercollegiate athletics in the west, said UNLV President Leonard Goodall, who recommended his appointment to university regents. "He is especially adept at management and budget administration, and is well regarded for his ability to work with alumni, athletics and other community groups."

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Roger Barnson

Assistant Athletic Director - Business

The personable Barnson is the first assistant AD in the fine, but has a history of athletic work with the University of Southern California, the University of Nevada, and UNLV. He is the author of two books, and has been an accomplished intercollegiate athletics in the west, said UNLV President Leonard Goodall, who recommended his appointment to university regents. "He is especially adept at management and budget administration, and is well regarded for his ability to work with alumni, athletics and other community groups."

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Wayne Pearson

Assistant Athletic Director - Development

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In addition to being UNLV growing from a virtual nothingness to a force for college in athletics, Pearson is the coordinating for the fundraising program at UNLV which has brought in over $1 million each of the last three years for the UNLV athletic program.

Born in East Ely, the 49-year old Pearson was recommended for the UNLV head athletic director position by the university Board of Regents, whose function was to start a marching band for the UNLV athletic program which was involved in a conflict in December of 1977 and UNLV had its first-ever marching band last fall.

A strong man of action, Pearson's background is such that it continually draws tremendous interest from professional organizations around the country.

A graduate of White Pine High School in Ely, he received both his bachelor and Master of Arts degrees in General Business Administration from the University of Nevada, Reno. He got his undergraduate degree in 1962 and his master's after serving two years in the U.S. Army in 1957.

Not compliant in any area of his life, he continued his education and obtained his doctorate in Educational Psychology and Measurement from Cornell University in New York in 1979.

His employment history clearly shows that the diverse and multifaceted capabilities of this intriguing UNLV head athletic director is in addition to numerous research projects with emphasis on United States military history, probability theory and research (e.g., Pearson is the Nevada State Executive Director of the Nevada Commission on Economic Development from 1963-1968, and a member of the Nevada State Gaming Control Board from 1972-1978.

Currently, his energies flow in many directions and all quite successfully. In addition to his superintending all UNLV athletic program, Pearson is also the sole practitioner of Nevada Research Consultant, specializing in Market Research, economic forecasts, public opinion surveys, special consulting to advertising agencies and business firms.

He is also a newly-appointed member of the board of directors of the Nevada Branch of the Silver State Foundation, which operates the Dunes Hotel in Las Vegas.

A member of the Phi Kappa Phi, national academic Honor Society, Pearson has been one of the five-person board of directors for the state of Nevada since he was first appointed by Governor Paul Laxalt in 1970.

A member of the Nevada President of the Nevada Psychological Association, Pearson is also a member of the UNLV athletic family.
Jerry Tarkanian  
Head Coach

UNLV's 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 ranked in the top 20 three of the past five seasons along with winning the national scoring title three of the last four years if it hadn't been for Tarkanian, the magician behind the UNLV basketball success story.

Tarkanian is, after all, the winningest all-time major college basketball coach in America. After 11 seasons as a major college coach, Tarkanian has coached his teams to a 265-58 record for a brilliant .836 winning percentage.

In six seasons as UNLV's head coach, Tarkanian has had the Runnin' Rebels to 160 games, a goal they set for themselves as freshmen. When Eddie Owens, Glen Gondreich, Lewis Brown, Robert Smith and Sam Steim left UNLV after the 1975-76 season, their four-year total was 102-16, an amazing record for an astoundingly small group of players.

After six seasons in Las Vegas, Tarkanian's teams have compiled a record of 213-32.

Last season, the final year of a two-year NCAA probation for the Runnin' Rebels, UNLV finished with a 21-8 record which included victories over Arizona, Maryland, San Francisco and Marquette.

Prior to the start of the 1979-80 season, he allowed three recruits and Tarkanian and his staff landed city players-of-the-year from New York City, Pittsburgh and Los Angeles.

UNLV won the Western Regional Championship, during the 1979-80 season and finished with the third place trophy in the NCAA Finals in Atlanta, Georgia, in March of 1979. To get there, 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, 86-83, and Idaho State, 107-50, to capture the Western Regionals.

Then UNLV lost a heartbreaker, 84-83, to the University of North Carolina, but had the pride and power to come back and defeat the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, 106-64, for the consolation title of the 1979 NCAA Finals.

After that historic 1979-80 season, UNLV finished fourth in the final Associated Press poll, sixth in the United Press International poll and third in the Basketball Weekly poll.

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

In NCAA playoffs, an all-under coach Tarkanian, UNLV has a fine 14-5 record, or 70 percent winning margin.

Winning is a fact of life to Tarkanian on the court and off. In 21 years of coaching in the segregated, high school and junior college game, the 49-year-old Runnin' Rebel coach has known nothing but unparalleled success.

In 11 seasons as a major college coach, his teams have appeared in seven NCAA post-season tournaments in addition to his being the winningest college coach.

What is equally amazing is that Tarkanian NEVER lost a home game while playing at Long Beach State prior to coming to UNLV in 1971. His fourier teams won 65 straight home games in the campus gym and Las Vegas Beach arena, culminating with a nationally-televised impressive 77-66 victory over Marquette in 1973.

At UNLV, Tarkanian's troops have been nearly as impressive, with a 19-7 record in six seasons in the Las Vegas Convention Center, including a 72-game streak at one point, which is the longest in recent NCAA vintage.

On Runnin' Rebel games nights, the otherwise state convention had turned into a mass of theatrical light explosions which quickly work the crowd into a frenzy - that's why a prominent sign outside visitors with "Welcome to Tark's Shark Tank."

The only two teams who dared to defeat the Runnin' Rebels in the 1973-74 season were Texas Tech, 82-76, and the University of Houston, 75-72. The Runnin' Rebels avenged the Houston loss in 1975, beating the Cougars in the opening round of the Holiday Classic, 119-62.

In 1977-78, the University of New Mexico ended UNLV's 76-game win streak on Jan. 7, 1978, with a 102-98 win and Portland State also stifled the Runnin' Rebels by a 93-84 score.

Last season, three teams got out of Las Vegas as winners, Temple University, 89-74, New Mexico again, 108-99, and San Diego State, 94-91.

Selbstick crowds have been traditional at UNLV in the Tarkanian era. The Rebels played two seasons in the West Coast Athletic Conference with Tarkanian, UNLV did lose a home game in 14 nights. UNLV has now withdrawn from the WCAC and has membership pending final vote of the president's council to join the Western Athletic Conference. In six seasons under Tarkanian, UNLV has compiled a record of 252-87.

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in five years. No other junior college coach in the history of California basketball has achieved those heights. At Pasadena (1965-66), Tarkanian was 67-4 and bagged a fourth state title while finishing in the runner-up spot his other year.

An astonishing feature of Jim's wins is that they have been accomplished at schools which had never previously won a basketball championship. Riverside was last in its conference for two straight years before Tarkanian; Pasadena was last in its conference the previous year; Long Beach State had never won a championship; and UNLV had never finished higher than fourth in the WAC.

The outstanding coach started his coaching career with five years in California 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, Chick Terry, Ed Ratleff, Leon Gray, and Roscoe Podexter. 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. Six years ago, Tarkanian brought three high school All-America performers with him. They are Eddie Owens (Houston, Texas), Lewis Brown and Jackie Robinson (both from Los Angeles).

Five years ago, he recruited Robert Smith (Los Angeles), four years ago he brought Sam Smith (Las Vegas) and Reggie Theus (Inglewood, California), three years ago he brought in all-star junior college center Larry Moffett (Gary, Indiana), two years ago Earl Evans came to Las Vegas from Port Arthur, Texas and last year another host of young talent included Richard Box (River­side, CA) and Michael Burns (Las Vegas).

This year, three more high school All-America players have been added to the UNLV roster by Tarkanian in the 1979 New York City Player-of-the-Year in Larry Anderson and the 1978 Los Angeles Player-of-the Year in Michael Johnson.

Jerry Tarkanian, is a toweling, nail-biting, hard-working Armenian who came to Las Vegas with a commitment to excellence as his insipiring 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 1966 by Riverside County for his "guidance and care 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 Ratleff (Houston Rockets), John Q. Trapp (Los Angeles Lakers), Glenn McDonald (Boston Celtics) and Leonard Gray (Seattle SuperSonics). At UNLV, Ricky Sobers (Chicago Bulls), Glen Grodenez (New York Knicks), Robert Smith (New Jersey Nets), Reggie Theus (Chicago Bulls), Larry Moffett (Houston Rockets), Eddie Owens (Buffalo Braves), Jackie Robinson (Seattle SuperSonics), Sam Smith (Chicago Bulls), and Earl Evans (Detroit Pistons) have all played in the NBA. Sobers, Robert and Sam Theus, and Evans are still on active status.

In six years as the UNLV head coach, 16 players have been drafted by the NBA, including at least one each year and a NCAA and pressured a record of six following the 1976-77 season.

An intense individual, Tark has won 'The Fish that Saved Pittsburgh,' and stars Dr. "J" Julius Irving and Tarkanian has a small part on film as well as having had a big part as a technical director behind the long film production.

He is featured speaker for another season at the weekly meeting of the Rebel Quarterback Club and he again has his Sunday weekly television show which airs on KSHO TV, Channel 13.

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

He's a winner.
Bill Genian
Part-Time Coach

Joining UNLV this year as a part-time assistant basketball coach is Bill Genian. He can be guaranteed that the only thing that will be "part-time" about this coaching position is Genian's salary. The full-time assistant coach will do his work for the UNLV basketball program will be his salary.

Under reguations of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, only two part-time assistant coaches are allowed and one part-time. George McQuarn and Rex Hughes are already on board, so when Genian decided late past summer to join the UNLV Rebel ship, the roster was filled except for the part-time position.

The 29-year-old assistant came to UNLV this year from Pasaden City College, where he had been an assistant coach for two out of the last four years in the Lancers Basketball program.

Genian has quite a connection with UNLV people over the years. Not only did he work at Pasadena City College where coach Tarkanian is a legendary former head coach at UNLV, he was an assistant coach to former UNLV assistant Lynn Archibald at Idaho State University during the 1975-76 season and he played his junior college basketball for two seasons at Pasadena CC and the coach was former UNLV men's assistant and current women's head coach Dan Ayala.

A 1969 graduate of Planet High School in Pomona, Calif., he attended the University of Southern California. The Trojans, he has been the head coach for Kent State University during the 1975-76 and 1976-77 seasons.

"For great respect for Jerry," said Hughes after he had signed his contract with EXT, "I have known John Hodges for many many years. I could work for him, but he is one of them."

Hughes and his wife, Pati, have two boys - Jeff (14) and Rich (10). The Hodges have made a move to Las Vegas, Genian said, planning to stay on at Pasadena, but when he saw a possible opening on Tarkanian's staff, he jumped at the opportunity.

When announcing his decision to move to Las Vegas, Genian said, "I wanted to leave my mark. I, since, want to leave behind in George Tarkanian's programme."

"It was a step up for Genian, but I'll give as much to Tarkanian's program as he gets from it."

Single, Genian graduated from Cal State, Hayward, in 1975 and he readily admits that his major interest is to become a head coach at the college level. At UNLV, in addition to doing alot of recruiting, he will also have the position of assistant UNLV basketball summer camp coach.

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Volunteer Coach

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Runnin' Rebels
Rebuilding...A New Era Emerges

Rebuilding is not often the term used to describe the prospects for a Jerry Tarkanian basketball team, but that's just what the winningest active major college coach in America is predicting for his high-scoring UNLV runnin' Rebels.

With a winning percentage of an amazing .836 (265-52), which includes a six-year total of 143-22 at UNLV, Tarkanian is quick to respond to overly optimistic questions about the prospects for his 1979-80 team. "We are losing three starters from last year and of our leading players for this year's team we have one senior, five sophomores and two freshmen. And after looking at our schedule, which gets tougher as the season progresses, winning 20 games would be considered a major accomplishment."

The fiery coach is pleased with his talent, but also knows how young it is. "We have some very good players and some potentially great ones, but most of them still have a lot of growing and maturing to do as college basketball players." The only legitimate returning starter from last year's 21-8 team is 6-3 senior point guard Finitive Ray Williams, Three freshmen - 6-4 Freddie "Machine Gun" Thompson, 6-6 Michael "Spider-man" Burns, and 6-6 Richard "The Professor" Box, took turns starting at the small forward position for the Runnin' Rebels last season.

The other freshman on last year's squad, which won the NCAA scoring average for UNLV for the third time in the last four years, was shifty 5-11 point guard Michaelloyd. Williams, who scored 7.9 ppg as UNLV's point guard, set two school records in assists. He had 19 assists against the University of Wyoming and set a new per game average with 7.1 and his 193 total were just two short of the UNLV standard.

Bums, who set a new single game mark last season with six steals against Cal State Pomona, averaged 10.1 and got 6.3 rpg during his freshman year. Thompson averaged 7.0 ppg and got 2.8 rpg and was 11 for 11 from the free throw line in one game last season. The speedy and flashy Lloyd scored 6.7 ppg and gave off 5.4 assists per game last year in his reserve role.

The steadily-improving Box opened his college career by scoring 6.2 ppg and getting 4.1 rpg. He finished with a very strong effort, making 20 of his last 26 field goal attempts and scoring in double figures in each of the last four UNLV games.

The Runnin' Rebels are scheduled to come off NCAA probation in August, but Tarkanian and his staff were still limited to three scholarships for the 1979-80 year. Fortunately, UNLV was able to sign three players of the year from their respective hometowns.

The New York City Point- of-the-year, 6-9 forward Sidney Green from Thomas Jefferson High School in Brooklyn, will join the Runnin' Rebels along with 6-6 finesse forward Larry Anderson, who was the Pittsburgh Player-of-the-year for Schenley High School. The third Runnin' Rebel prospect is 6-8 power center Michael Johnson who enters UNLV after one season at Oxnard JC. Johnson was the 1978 Los Angeles Player-of-the-year for Crenshaw High School.

All three prep All-Americans, Green averaged 35 ppg and 25 rpg last season and was MVP of the three prep all-star games this spring. Anderson, who improved solidly each season, averaged 26 ppg, 16 rpg and five apg last year. Johnson averaged 12 ppg and 14 rpg at Oxnard and at Crenshaw finished with 22.5 ppg and 15.1 rpg.

A new era in UNLV basketball begins with this crop of young, but extremely talented Runnin' Rebels. Possibly a new style of play will dictate some changes and readjustments in the eyes of UNLV's faithful.

One thing is certain, with the schedule that coach Tarkanian has lined up for the 1979-80 season, UNLV fans are going to have to be very patient as the young Rebels improve gradually against some of the finest teams in America.

UNLV will play the likes of Texas A & M, Michigan State University, all of the Western Athletic Conference schools except Brigham Young University and the Air Force Academy, arch-rival University of Nevada-Reno (twice), and one of the major highlights of the 28-game regular season schedule is a January 17 date in rival Madison Square Garden. It will be the first appearance ever of a UNLV basketball team (or any other team for that matter) in New York City.

And, of course, the big showdown game at the end of the regular season on February 17 in the Las Vegas Convention Center when the powerful University of Kentucky Wildcats visit for a game which will be nationally televised by NBC TV. It will be the first time a Runnin' Rebel game has been televised nationally from the Convention Center.

UNLV will also have seven games televised to the Southern California area this season again. This year, veteran announcer Chick Hearn returns for his third season with UNLV and joining him again on the mike's will be UNLV volunteer assistant coach Dennis Hodges.

The seven games which will be telemunicated to Southern California on KHJ TV, Channel 11 in Los Angeles, will also be aired LIVE in Las Vegas over KVVU TV, Channel 9.

KVVU TV will also carry the UNLV road games against Utah, San Diego State and Hawaii on a live basis to the Las Vegas area.

All in all, things shape up to be another year of excitement in Runnin' Rebel basketball.

And, for the first time in three seasons, the team, the school, the fans and the city have something to look forward to. UNLV is now off NCAA probation and if the UNLV record is good enough this season, a spot in the expanded 48-team NCAA playoffs is indeed very probable.

Welcome back, Runnin' Rebels.
Richard Box
6-6, 190, Sophomore
Riverside, California

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"The Professor" as he is quickly becoming known not only because of his intelligent court play, but also his academic ability. Richard Box is on the verge of becoming another star in the UNLV basketball galaxy and he will only be a sophomore this season.

A former prep star at John W. North High School in Riverside, California, Box developed into a stronger and stronger player during his freshman season last year and ended the year as the starter at the small forward position. His freshman season at UNLV resulted in a 6.7 per game scoring average and a 4.1 rebounding average, and, although those stats in themselves are not overly impressive, the potential was clearly there for a very bright future in the Runnin' Rebel program.

Box concluded his freshman season at UNLV in rather grand style, making 20 of his last 26 field goal attempts and scoring in double figures in each of the last four UNLV games. His high for the season was a 21-point, 14-rebound effort against San Diego State and in the regionally televised game against Marquette, Box scored 13 points as he made six of nine field goal attempts.

In all, Box scored in double figures in seven games during his 26-game freshman season at UNLV. This past summer, after compiling a 3.3 grade point average in his computer science major, Box was selected as one of the players for the West team in the summer festival in Colorado Springs, Colorado, part of the olympic training development program.

This fall he came back and in the exhibition game against the Wyoming Cowboys Box scored in double figures in seven games

The Professor came on strong at the end of last season against San Diego State State last year, Richard played in 33 minutes, making 10 of 15 field goal attempts and one of three free throws for his 21 points. For his freshman season he shot .660 from the field (76 of 116) to lead the Rebel shooters in just his first year.

From the foul line, however, he had problems, making just .615 percent of his attempts (24 of 39). His stats were all compiled during his freshman season in which he averaged just over 16 minutes playing time per game.

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The Professor will be teaching some things this season to Runnin' Rebel opponents.

Box graduated from North High with a 3.2 grade point average and he has certainly carried that over into a much harder curriculum here at UNLV.

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The "Little Fella," UNLV's diminutive sophomore point guard, returns for his second season as a Runnin' Rebel and if he improves like he did during his first year, he should be better and better and an even greater contributor to the Runnin' Rebel success story.

The only thing that will impede his progress this season is the fact that not only is he playing the same position as a senior, but Flintt Ray Williams, UNLV's other point guard this season, is the team captain for 1978-79.

So, even though this season may not see him getting as much playing time as he would like, Michael will play enough to help himself and the UNLV team.

An extremely quick player with a very good shooting touch, he scored 6.7 points per game for the University of Utah and scored 18 points, his most valuable point total, in a 112-61 victory over the University of Idaho in the free throw position as a senior, but he can also play in that position.

Loyd is also a quick player, as he finished his prep career at Dorsey High, the same school where Tarkanian is finishing his prep career.

The story begins. After his great basket-scoring records.

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The "machine gun" is resting, Freddie Thompson, the former prep All-America from Las Vegas High School in Las Vegas, has finally become a Runnin' Rebel this season while he learns to play the guard position for the Southwest Conference. Thompson had a good freshman year for UNLV, even starting some of the time at the small forward position. However, if things are going to continue to be prosperous for him as a Runnin' Rebel, he is going to have to learn a lot of things and that is just what he is doing.

A tremendously hard worker, Freddie is a walk-on to the UNLV basketball program, but has a great shooting touch and will be able to keep his spirits high during this redshirt season and return next season with the same determination and enthusiasm for the game that he presently has.

Last year as a freshman, Freddie averaged 7.0 points per game and 2.8 rebounds each contest. He scored in double figures in nine of the 28 games in which he played, getting his personal high of 17 in his first college game against Stetson University. He also had 17 against Cal State, Northridge, 15 against Colorado State, two against both Utah and Wyoming, and 10 against Middle Tennessee State and Wichita State.

The most he played was against San Diego State when he scored 12 points in 33 minutes of playing time.

He led UNLV in free throw shooting in 1978-79 with a fine .808 percentage. He made 97 of 120 free throw attempts. His best effort was a perfect 11 of 11 in a road game against Colorado State and he also had a perfect 10 of 10 against Wichita State. His near perfect games were 11 of 12 against Stetson and eight of 10 against the University of Arizona. The Arizona game was also his high rebounding game when he got 12 against the Wildcats.

Thompson was one of the most highly heralded prep All-Americans in the history of the state of Nevada and he was on everybody's prep All-America team following his senior season.

In his best prep career under Sherrell Stephens at Las Vegas High, his senior season he 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 twice on prep All-America teams. Scholastic Magazine listed him among the top 50 seniors in 1978.

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

Thompson averaged 28.8 points per game as a junior in high school and 15.7 for his prep All-American career. For his regular season career at Las Vegas High, Thompson scored 2,035 points.

His last semi-official appearance as a Runnin' Rebel this year was in the Red and White scrimmage when he had not yet made his final decision about redshirting. He played for the running red team in the 1978-79 game, scoring 26 points and getting seven rebounds. He made eight of 15 field goals and 10 of 13 free throws for his scoring total. Freddie is one of the most likely players ever to wear a UNLV uniform and UNLV's coaches and fans both hope to see the "Machine Gun" back on the Convention Court next season.

Every team needs a Freddie Thompson. His one class guy. Birthday: September 14, 1980. Academic major: Hotel Administration.

**REDSHIRT Freddie Thompson**

6-4, 175, Sophomore

Las Vegas, Nevada

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**FREDDEE'S FACTS**

The maestro waves his magic arms and things just seem to happen. Flintie Ray Williams is not only a senior on this year's Runnin' Rebel team, he is not only the team captain for the 1978-80 UNLV squad, he is the man of the assist, a key to victory in the game of basketball.

Flintie is the point guard who'll get you if you aren't alert. He's the guy who can make things happen and usually do. He will be needed as a leader and a great player if the young Rebels of this season are to achieve the success that they should. Flintie is the key.

The clean-machine from Los Angeles who enjoys the luxurious lifestyle of Las Vegas and appears to have the ability to become UNLV's next player in the NBA, Flintie, whose original college class graduated last year, has already drafted and after his fourth round selection in June of 1979, he is now the property of the Detroit Pistons up until 24 hours after the 1980 NBA draft when he made the New Jersey Nets during the 1978-79 season.

As a junior in high school, he won all-CIF All-American Prep team where he attended before Williams, who is known as a man of words among his friends, classmates, and the media, is no stranger to being a captain. He was captain of his 1974-76 Dorsey High School team in Los Angeles which went 24-1 and was captain of the 1978-79 Pepperdine University team where he attended before transferring to Olds and over the National Men's team of Poland.

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Flintie Ray Williams 6-3, 195, Senior Los Angeles, Calif.
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Tarkanian is one of the and is even shown in a few scenes of the movie. Larry Anderson was the team captain at UNLV's all-time leading scorer Eddie Owens, and like Owens, Anderson is a southpaw. Increasing his productivity each season at Schenley, Anderson averaged 16 points per game, nine rebounds per game and three assists per game as a sophomore. 26, 13 and four as a junior and during his senior season he scored 26 points per game, got 16 rebounds per game and contributed five assists each contest.

As a junior, Anderson had one game of 44 points and 21 rebounds and during his senior season for coach Fred Yee, he came in with one effort of 41 points and 22 rebounds.

Anderson, who is truly a great pure shooter, was first team all-city and all-state in Pennsylvania two straight years. Following his senior season, he played in several all-star games including the Dapper Dan Roundball Classic in Pittsburgh, the Big Brothers Roundball Classic in Houston, the Sun King Classic in Oakland, and the Big-15 game. He also played on a U.S. AAU team which challenged a Russian AAU team.

His prep career at Schenley was phenomenal and his prep team at Schenley took the league, division and state titles for Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania for all four years he was in high school. He was a member of each of the championship teams, starting for three seasons.

He will get better and better with each game for UNLV and in his debut as a Runnin' Rebel against the national team of Poland, Anderson made seven of 10 field goals for 14 points.

The annual pre-season scrimmage of the season, the annual Red and White game, Anderson played on the winning White team in the 138-97 game, scoring 13 points. He made six of 13 field goal attempts and his one free throw along with collecting seven rebounds, getting one assist and one steal to help his cause.

He will split playing time this season at wing guard with senior Billy Hungate. Larry should be especially effective as he continues to learn the system when the Rebels play a zone defense because of his solid height for a guard.

Schenley High, from where he graduated in June of 1979, is also the former school of a past Runnin' Rebel, Robert "Jeep" Kelly, who lettered for coach Tarkanian as a freshman during the 1973-74 season, but finished his college career at the University of Hawaii.

Anderson was one of the trio that coach Tarkanian pulled in.

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Brett Bales has returned to the UNLV roster after a year's absence. Well, that is to say that he will return to the roster in the spring semester. He left UNLV after his freshman year of 1977-78 and went back home to Las Vegas when he couldn't find the Wizard of Oz, he decided to come back to the land of the Rough Riders.

However, his return to the lineup will be slow in coming. He will have redshirted the proper amount of time this fall with the starting semester, but he seriously had knee surgery which may require him to sit out the entire year, coming back as a junior next season because you cannot redshirt two seasons.

Bales is a hard-working diligent player who works equally hard both on and off the court. He originally came to UNLV from Shawnee Mission North High School in that Kansas city after he was recruited to UNLV by former UNLV assistant coach Ralph Readoul.

A 1977 graduate of Shawnee North, he was a talented high school athlete and earned two letters each as he started in football and basketball as a prep.

Following his senior season as a prep, he also played in two all-star games, the Kansas East-West game and the Kansas City Metro All-Star game, doing well in both.

His father Bill Bales played college basketball with Radford and was an outstanding college player in his own right.

While playing for coach Lyle Wingate during his senior season at Shawnee North, the young Bales averaged 18.0 points per game and 6.3 assists each night on the court.

Following two-plus years of college classes, Bales is still carrying a 2.7 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, or a low B average. His major is hotel administration and although he will be the first to admit that his immediate goal is to play for the Runnin' Rebels, he also eagerly reports that his ultimate goal is to manage a hotel somewhere.

In his first season with UNLV two years ago, for which he earned a varsity letter as a member of the travel squad for the 1979 Runnin' Rebels, he appeared in just six games, scoring only two points and getting three assists to his name. Because of a knee injury, he is still on the inactive status on the UNLV roster and it is very possible that he won't make it back healthy in time to do himself or the team any good.

In that case, he will go ahead and split playing time the season instead of just the first semester and attempt his comeback next season with the Runnin' Rebels.

He knows that his role in the program, is a very hard worker, generally a nice player to have around.

And even if he never plays much for UNLV, yet alone over crack a starting lineup, Bales will get his degree and help the basketball program just as much as he physically and mentally can.

He knows what it means to be a Runnin' Rebel, or else he wouldn't even be back in Las Vegas.
Billy Cunningham
6-4, 192, Junior
Harvey, Illinois

Eric Gaines
6-3, 185, Junior
Los Angeles, Calif.

Another redshirt who is now eligible to compete for the Runnin' Rebels, Billy Cunningham is a transfer from Indiana University, where he played his freshman season and part of his sophomore year under Bobby Knight.

Cunningham is a great athlete and was part of the Rebel baseball program this past spring before he decided to return to basketball and give this sport all of his attention.

He will have a hard time cracking the top eight player rotation this season for UNLV, not because of his athletic ability, but because of the people he is competing against. He is primarily a wing guard although he could be used on the point as well for the Runnin' Rebels.

Cunningham is extremely articulate as well as being a good athlete and hopes to advance to law school when he graduates from UNLV with a degree in communications. He is currently carrying a 2.5 grade point average and his goals are not only to perform well in the classroom, but also on the basketball court.

Pre-season practice was good for him and he is ready to make the move up the playing ladder should anyone falter this season.

He was a three-sport star for Thornridge High School in Dalton, Illinois, running two letters each as he started both his junior and senior season in football, basketball and baseball.

He was a quarterback in high school and knows how to call the signals, whether on the turff or the hardwood.

A 1976 graduate of Thornridge, he was a freshman on the Indiana University varsity during the 1976-77 season, playing quite a bit and started the 1977-78 season as a starter as a sophomore but then came the conflict with coach Knight and here he is at UNLV.

During his junior season at Thornridge High he averaged 16 points per game and capped that with a senior season which saw him get 19 points per game.

Cunningham was also a record-setting quarterback and when scholarship time came around, his final two choices were to either go to the University of Michigan on a football scholarship or to Indiana University on a basketball scholarship.

He obviously chose the latter, and although he appears equally adept in football, basketball and baseball, it is hard to play more than one sport in college and he has decided that basketball is his number one.

He was all-conference in football, basketball and baseball as a prep and first team all-state in basketball following his senior season. He played in the 1979 Illinois Basketball Coaches Association All-Star game held at Illinois State University.

Cunningham is a gifted athlete, but more than that, he is a gifted person. He has learned to accept the circumstances within which he has to live and although he possessing could not play what he would like to, he knows that playing basketball is just part of his life, not all of it.

No matter if Billy Cunningham becomes a UNLV superstar or not, he will become a superstar of life. He has a bright future ahead of him, both on and off the court.


Another of the last sheep to find coach Jerry Tarkanian’s flock, Eric Gaines will have one-half of a junior season and a complete senior season left to play for UNLV when he regains his eligibility in the spring semester of this 1979-80 season.

The 6-4 guard transferred to UNLV from Oxnard Junior College in California after playing his freshman season at Pepperdine University. One of the big reasons he is in Las Vegas now is because his good friend, Orlando Ray Williams, is with UNLV.

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Sidney Green
6-9, 202, Freshman
Brooklyn, New York

Green comes to play as well as being talented. In the pre-season exhibition game against Poland this year he had 14 points, and a game-high 13 rebounds.

In the annual Red and White scrimmage which concluded the pre-season drills, "Sid" smoothed his way for a game-high 30 points and 19 rebounds as he made 12 of 20 field goal attempts and all six of his free throws. He even had time to hand out eight assists and block three shots.

A remarkable effort, but I guess when you are as smooth as Silk, things just seem to glide right into place. Birthdate: January 4, 1961. Academic major: Communications.

Talk about putting a career into just one season. Well, that's just what 6-3, senior, walk-on guard Billy Hungrecker managed to transferred to UNLV this year for his final year of collegiate eligibility, despite the fact that he has yet to play at a four-year college.

Although he was said to be all-everything in New York following his senior season at Henry Hudson Regional High School in Highlands in 1974, Hungrecker's playing experience since then includes nothing at all during his first 75 as he attended a college prep-school, only 73 seconds in two years at Temple University in Philadelphia, and last year when he was all-conference at Mt. San Antonio Junior College in California.

So, although he is a senior in eligibility, he is far from a veteran in experience, especially on a major-college level. Injuries stopped him at Temple, and, unfortunately enough for him, he must cram a lifetime of experiences and memories into one season as a Runnin' Rebel.

But, if anyone could do it, Billy Hungrecker might just be the man. He is the "grandpa" of this year's Young Rebels at 24-years old, and he may just become the first walk-on in coach Jerry Tarkanian's long and active career as the all-time winningest major college basketball coach in history to become a starter.

As a matter of fact, even when he isn't starting this season, it appears that he will be sharing playing time with freshman super star Larry Anderson at the wing guard position for the Runnin' Rebels.

Billy isn't just a good, but he is a great shooting guard, especially if left un-noticed for a moment, which is certain not to happen this season with such studys as Flintie Ray Williams, Sidney Green, Richard Ross and Michael Burns running up and down the court for UNLV this season.

In the pre-season exhibition game this season against the Poland National team, Billy served warning on the collegiate basketball world of his potential as he canned six of 10 shots and added in just 23 minutes of playing time in the 87-71 UNLV victory over Poles.

Hungrecker started against the Polish team and in the annual pre-season Red and White game he ended up playing for both teams. He made five of 10 field goals and four of four free throws for the winning white team (150.87 final), and helping out the red squad, he made four of six fielders for more points in the extended 46-minute battle.

As for his prep background, he was all Shore Conference, all county and all-state senior and he was always a great pure shooter. He averaged 27.7 points per game as a senior, making 92 per cent of his free throws. He was runner-up New England Prep School player-of-the-year in 1975.

He broke legendary Ernie O'Gregorio's scoring record of 32 points with 33 points in a single game, which included 24 of 28 field goal attempts.

"Walk-on-of-the-year" in the Nation. It could very well be that there will be none better than he has the potential of being.

He may have to put a lot in his one season at UNLV, but when "Thanks for the Memories" time comes around, Billy Hungrecker will be remembered.

Michael Johnson
6-8, 240, Sophomore
Los Angeles, California

The "Big fella" has arrived. He should be something to behold this season.

Darryel Mayes
6-2, 187, Freshman
Portland, Oregon

Coach Jerry Tarkanian has an "open-door" policy at UNLV. He welcomes "walk-ons" with open arms and a ready whistle and freshman Darryel Mayes is one of those talented high school senior stars from last year's team who wanted to forego any scholarship offers and cast his lot with UNLV in hopes of making the Runnin' Rebel team of 1976-77.

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UNLV: The University, The Runnin’ Rebels — A Winning Combo...
Be serious, the man said. Go West Young Man, Horace Greeley said. UNLV returning squad member Ed Pawlak kind of did both.

It is only 300 miles from the Pacific Ocean, which is much closer than his home in Addison, Illinois, which is a suburb of Chicago. And, although he walked onto the UNLV practice court by way of last year's defunct junior varsity team, he didn't exactly come to UNLV with the greatest credentials from high school. His sports information questionnaire does say that he did letter, one season anyway, at Glenbard North High School, where he was coached by Terry True. However, his questionnaire also has the reply: "Are you kidding?" to the question "The high point of your athletic career to date?"

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6-7, 200, Sophomore
Addison, Illinois
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Walking onto a campus is hard enough if the surroundings are totally strange to you, but walking onto the practice court of a nationally ranked major college basketball program is next to impossible, yet that is exactly what junior center Wayne Washington did this summer and fall at UNLV.

All the way from Everett, Washington, Washington packed up his bags and headed south to see if he could become a Runnin’ Rebel. Well, not only was he allowed on the practice court by coach Jerry Tarkanian, he made the team and the travel squad for the 1979-80 season.

Originally from California, Washington graduated from John Muir High School in Rowadena, California and spent the time after graduating in January of 1979 working and deciding if he wanted to go on to play college basketball. Well, he decided to go up to Washington where he ended up at Everett JC and started last season for the conference championship team at Everett.

As a matter of fact, Everett, under head coach Wiley Davis, won its league, then went on and was the Region I champion, before finishing fifth in the state tournament. In junior college last season, Washington averaged 13 points per game and an impressive 15 rebounds per game.

In a semifinal regional playoff game on February 22, 1979, Washington scored 25 points and collected 25 rebounds against Green River Junior College.

Coached by Gary Talbert in high school, Washington stated his reason for walking on at UNLV as, “I want to play for the best...Jerry Tarkanian.”

A hard-working and muscular athlete, he is also a diligent student and has a solid C average in his finance major in the college of business at UNLV.

When he is finished with college he plans on getting into real estate sales and also has very high aspirations of attending law school at the University of Washington in Seattle.

In the annual Red and White scrimmage which concludes pre-season drills at UNLV, Washington played for the winning team in the 130-97 game. He scored four points as he made one of three field goal attempts, both of his free throw attempts and pulled down six rebounds. He also blocked two shots during the 88-minute scrimmage.

As to how much playing time he will actually see this season as a Runnin’ Rebel, it clearly remains to be seen. It is highly unlikely that he would become part of the eight-man regular rotation, but he will be there as a very strong help to the team on the practice court.

Not every player is meant to be a star and Washington has accepted his supporting role in the Runnin’ Rebel cast with great enthusiasm and determination to help the team in any way he can. In other words, he’s happy to be here.


Tom Sawyer
6-8, 190, Senior
Lima, Ohio
35

Wayne Washington
6-7, 207, Junior
Everett, Washington
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Flintie Ray
1979-80 Runnin’ Rebel Captain

Flintie Ray Williams, the 6-3, 195 pound senior point guard from Los Angeles, has been selected by UNLV head basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian as the Runnin’ Rebel team captain for the approaching 1979-80 season. Starting his second season as a Runnin’ Rebel, Williams was the starting point-guard for the 21-8 team at UNLV in 1978-79 and set a new per game assist mark, averaging 7.1 assists per game.

He scored 7.9 points per game and just missed another record as his 193 assists were just two short of the Runnin’ Rebel record set by Robert Smith during the 1976-77 season.

The hard-working senior also set another Runnin’ Rebel assist mark last year as he had 16 assists against the University of Idaho State, and just missed another record as his 193 assists were just two short of the Runnin’ Rebel record set by Robert Smith during the 1976-77 season.

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Williams, who is one of only two seniors on the current Runnin’ Rebel team, is also pleased with his selection as the Runnin’ Rebel captain. “I am really very excited to be the Runnin’ Rebel captain this season. It is a great privilege and honor to be the captain of a team of UNLV’s prominence. I just hope I can help the team that much more as the captain. We could have a great team and we must do our part to make the team as successful as it should be. I am looking forward to this season more than any other year in my life.”

The articulate and outspoken Williams, who is known as a man of words among his friends, classmates, and media, is not a stranger to being a captain. He was captain of his 1974-75 Dorsey High School team in Los Angeles which went 24-4 and was captain of the 1976-77 Pepperdine University team where he attended before transferring to Grand Junior College.

In two years at Pepperdine he had 186 assists, giving him 37% for his college career, an average of 4.7 per game.

He will be joined each game this season with a game captain, picked by the coaches.

UNLV Runnin’ Rebel Basketball

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*Indicates Letters Earned

HEAD COACH: Jerry Tarkanian (Seventh year, W 143 L 32)
ASSISTANT COACHES: George McQuain, Rex Hughes
PART TIME COACH: Bill Genian
STUDENT MANAGER: Steve Parker
November 30: Las Vegas
Head Coach: Bill White
(916) 381-2227
Nickname: Broncos
Conference: Trans America 1978-79 Record: 13-13
Series History: UNLV leads, 3-0
Athletic Director: Bill White
Colors: Green, Orange, White

Pan American University

Bill White
Head Coach

Donald Knight
Forward

1979-80 Schedule
Nov. 30 at UNLV
Dec. 5 Dallas Baptist
Dec. 7 at Shocker Classic
Dec. 11 Lamar University
Dec. 15 St. Mary’s
Dec. 17 at McNeese State
Dec. 20 NE Louisiana
Dec. 22 Oklahoma St.
Dec. 27 at West Texas St.
Dec. 29 SW Louisiana
Jan. 3 North Texas St.
Jan. 8 at Air Force
Jan. 12 New Mexico State
Jan. 14 Trinity
Jan. 19 at Lamar University
Jan. 22 Mercer U.
Jan. 24 at North Texas St.
Jan. 31 Illinois State
Feb. 2 Air Force
Feb. 7 at Houston Baptist
Feb. 9 Denver U.
Feb. 11 at Hardin-Simmons
Feb. 12 Abilene
Feb. 13 Samford U.
Feb. 17 at Trans America Conference Tournament

December 7: Las Vegas
Head Coach: Jim Carey
(702) 741-8841
Nickname: Bengals
Conference: Big Sky 1978-79 Record: 14-13
Series History: Tied, 3-3
Athletic Director: I. J. Caccia
Colors: Orange & Black

University of Nevada-Reno

Jim Carey
Head Coach

Steve Hunt
Guard

1979-80 Schedule
Nov. 30 at UCLA
Dec. 1 at USC
Dec. 3 Pepperdine
Dec. 5 Cal State Fullerton
Dec. 7 at UNLV
Dec. 10 at Oral Roberts
Dec. 12 at McNeese State
Dec. 15 Col. of Great Falls
Dec. 16 at Utah State
Dec. 19 at U. of Arizona
Dec. 21 Rocky Mountain Col.
Dec. 22 Carroll College
Dec. 25-26 at Idaho Classic
Jan. 1 at Idaho
Jan. 5 Boise State
Jan. 10 at U. of Montana
Jan. 12 at Montana State
Jan. 17 at Nevada-Reno
Jan. 19 at Northern Arizona
Jan. 21 at Weber State
Jan. 23 at Boise State
Jan. 27 at Idaho State
Feb. 1 at Montana State
Feb. 3 at Northern Arizona
Feb. 4 at Weber State
Feb. 10 at Idaho State
Feb. 12 at Boise State
Feb. 15 at Montana State
Feb. 17 at Northern Arizona
Feb. 20 at Wyoming
Feb. 22 at North Dakota
Feb. 24 at Idaho State
Feb. 28 at Boise State
March 1 at Big Sky Tournament

December 8: Las Vegas
Head Coach: Lynn Archibald
(208) 236-2771
Nickname: Wolf Pack
Conference: Big Sky 1978-79 Record: 14-13
Series History: Tied, 3-3
Athletic Director: Dick Trachok
Colors: Silver & Blue

Idaho State University

Lynn Archibald
Head Coach

Ray Watson
SR Guard

1979-80 Schedule
Nov. 30 North Carolina
Dec. 4 at Oklahoma State
Dec. 7 Brigham Young U.
Dec. 10 UNLV
Dec. 12 at McNeese State
Dec. 15 Neb. Oklahoma State
Dec. 20 Oral Roberts
Dec. 29 at Purdue University
Jan. 3 at Louisville
Jan. 5 Southern Illinois
Jan. 7 at Wichita State
Jan. 10 at Texas State
Jan. 12 Creighton U.
Jan. 14 Drake
Jan. 15 New Mexico State
Jan. 24 at Indiana State
Jan. 26 at Southern Illinois
Jan. 31 at Georgia
Feb. 2 Bradley
Feb. 4 at West Texas State
Feb. 6 at New Mexico State
Feb. 11 Drake
Feb. 14 Indiana State
Feb. 16 at Bradley
Feb. 18 at Oral Roberts U.
Feb. 23 at Wichita State

University of Tulsa

Jim King
Head Coach

Billy Keys
SR Forward

1979-80 Schedule
Nov. 30 North Carolina
Dec. 4 at Oklahoma State
Dec. 7 Brigham Young U.
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Feb. 23 at Wichita State

The Opponents
4th Annual Rebel Roundup

December 21-22: REBEL ROUNDUP at Las Vegas
Head Coach: Mike Montgomery
Dec. 22 at Fresno State
Dec. 24 vs. Pepperdine
Dec. 26 vs. Utah State
Dec. 28 vs. Michigan State
Dec. 30 at San Jose State
Jan. 1 at Idaho State
Jan. 3 vs. Montana State
Jan. 5 vs. Boise State
Jan. 7 at Boise State
Jan. 9 vs. Colorado State
Jan. 11 at Wyoming
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Feb. 28 at Montana State
Mar. 1 vs. Montana State

19th Annual Las Vegas Holiday Classic

December 28-29: LAS VEGAS HOLIDAY CLASSIC
Head Coach: Jim Johnson
Dec. 28 vs. Utah State
Dec. 29 vs. Idaho State
Dec. 30 vs. Montana State
Jan. 1 vs. Montana State
Jan. 2 vs. Montana State
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Mar. 1 vs. Montana State

Michigan St. University

Weber State University

Loyola-Marymount University

Volunteer State University

N. Texas State Univ.

University of Montana

Texas A&M University

December 21-22: REBEL ROUNDUP at Las Vegas
Head Coach: Andy Everest
Dec. 21 vs. Nevada State
Dec. 22 vs. Nevada State
Dec. 23 vs. Nevada State
Dec. 24 vs. Nevada State
Dec. 25 vs. Nevada State
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Feb. 27 vs. Nevada State
Feb. 28 vs. Nevada State
Mar. 1 vs. Nevada State
## University of Utah

**January 10:** Las Vegas
**February 7:** Honolulu
**Head Coach:** Larry Little
(801) 961-6501
**SID:** Eddie Inouye
(801) 961-7511

**Nickname:** Runnin' Utes

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**Athletic Director:** Amie Ferrin
**Colors:** Crimson & White

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## University of Hawaii

**January 14:** Salt Lake City
**Head Coach:** Larry Pirtle
(913) 581-6445

**SID:** Bruce Woodbury
(801) 581-3515

**Nickname:** Runnin’ Utes

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**Athletic Director:** Ray Nagel
**Colors:** Scarlet & Black

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## San Diego State University

**January 11:** Las Vegas
**February 5:** San Diego
**Head Coach:** Dave Gaines
(714) 266-6249

**SID:** Bruce Herman
(714) 265-5547

**Nickname:** Aztecs

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**Athletic Director:** Rich Regan
**Colors:** Blue & White

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## Seton Hall University

**January 17:** Madison Square Garden
**New York City**
**Head Coach:** Bill Rafferty
(201) 762-9000

**SID:** Larry Keefe
(201) 762-9000

**Nickname:** Pirates

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**Athletic Director:** Ken Trickey
**Colors:** Blue & White

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## Oklahoma City University

**January 19:** Oklahoma City
**January 31:** Las Vegas
**Head Coach:** Ken Trickey
(405) 523-5301

**SID:** Bob Colt
(405) 523-5304

**Nickname:** Chiefs

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**Athletic Director:** Jim Bowden
**Colors:** Orange & White

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## University of Texas-El Paso

**January 25:** Las Vegas
**February 23:** El Paso
**Head Coach:** Don Haskins
(915) 747-5323

**SID:** Scott Bolding
(915) 747-5330

**Nickname:** Miners

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**Athletic Director:** Jim Bowden
**Colors:** Orange & White

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**December 31:** Las Vegas
**January 14:** Salt Lake City
**Head Coach:** Bill Rafferty
(913) 581-6445

**SID:** Bruce Woodbury
(801) 581-3515

**Nickname:** Runnin’ Utes

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**Athletic Director:** Amie Ferrin
**Colors:** Crimson & White

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January 26: Las Vegas
February 22: Albuquerque
Conference: Western Athletic
1978-79 Record: 5-23
Nickname: Lobos
Colors: Cherry, Silver & Turquoise

University of New Mexico
Norm Ellenberger

Colorado State University
Jim Williams

U.S. International
Barry Young

1978-79 Schedule
Dec. 1 at U. of Colorado
Dec. 4 West Texas State
Dec. 8 at New Mexico State
Dec. 11 Grand Canyon St.
Dec. 15 Weber State
Dec. 19 Southern Cal
Dec. 21 Illinois Tech
Dec. 22 New Mexico State
Dec. 29 Lobo Invitational
Jan. 3 Brigham Young
Jan. 6 at U. of Utah
Jan. 10 at U. of Wyoming
Jan. 12 at Colorado State
Jan. 17 U. of Hawaii
Jan. 19 San Diego State
Jan. 23 at UTEP
Jan. 25 at U. of New Mexico
Jan. 31 at U. of Utah
Feb. 2 at Brigham Young
Feb. 7 Colorado State
Feb. 9 U. of Wyoming
Feb. 14 at San Diego State
Feb. 15 at U. of Hawaii
Feb. 25 UNLV
Mar. 1 UTEP

University of Wyoming
Kevin McKinney

University of Kentucky
Joe M. Hall

1978-79 Schedule
Nov. 30 Mississippi Valley St.
Dec. 1 U. of South Dakota
Dec. 4 at Stanford U.
Dec. 8 at Air Force Academy
Dec. 15 Concordia
Dec. 17 U. of Colorado
Dec. 19 Boise State
Dec. 21 Ft. Lewis College
Dec. 28-30 at All College Tournament
Jan. 2 at U. of Hawaii
Jan. 5 at San Diego State
Jan. 10 at New Mexico
Jan. 12 U. of Hawaii
Jan. 14 at U. of Louisiana
Jan. 21 at Drexel U.
Jan. 23 at Georgetown U.
Jan. 27 at U. of Wisconsin
Jan. 28 UNLV
Jan. 31 at U. of Hawaii
Feb. 2 San Diego State
Feb. 7 at U. of New Mexico
Feb. 9 at UTEP
Feb. 14 at UNLV
Feb. 16 Air Force Academy
Feb. 21 Brigham Young
Feb. 23 at U. of Utah
Mar. 1 at Colorado State

February 13, Las Vegas
February 27: Laramie
Conference: Western Athletic
1978-79 Record: 5-23
Nickname: Cowboys, Pokes
Conference: Western Athletic
1978-79 Record: 5-12
Series History: Tied, 2-2
Athletic Director: George C. McCarty
Colors: Brown & yellow

February 17: Las Vegas
NATIONAL TV — NBC
Head Coach: Jim Brandenburg
(307) 271-4300
SID: Dick Christman
(307) 766-2256
Nickname: Cowboys, Pokes
Conference: Southeastern
1978-79 Record: 19-10
Series History: UNLV leads, 6-4
Athletic Director: Cliff Hagan
Colors: Blue & White
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TEXAS A&M (V)
December 21
7:00 p.m.

NORTH TEXAS STATE (H)

CONSOLATION
December 22, 7:00 p.m.

UNLV (H)
December 21
9:00 p.m.

REBEL ROUNDUP RECORDS
Individual Game
Most Points:
37, Tony Allen, Northwestern, 1977
Most Field Goals:
18, Tony Allen, Northwestern, 1977
Most Free Throws:
8, Reggie Theus, UNLV, 1977
Most Field Goal Attempts:
11, Reggie Theus, UNLV, 1977
Most Steals:
5, Willard, Murray State, 1976
Most Blocks:
5, Robin Robinson, UC Santa Barbara, 1978

Team Game
Most Points:
104, UNLV, 1976
Fewest Points:
55, UC Santa Barbara, 1978
Most Points — Half:
61, UNLV, 1977
Fewest Points — Half:
26, Bradley, 1976
26, UC Santa Barbara, 1978
26, Nebraska, 1978
Most Field Goals:
44, Northwestern, 1977
44, UNLV, 1976
Fewest Field Goals:
17, UC Santa Barbara, 1978

Most Free Throws:
27, UNLV, 1976
Fewest Free Throws Made:
3, Nebraska, 1978
Most Free Throw Attempts:
46, UNLV, 1976
Free Throw Attempts Attempted:
3, Nebraska, 1978
Most Steals:
15, UNLV, 1977

19th ANNUAL
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MICHIGAN STATE (V)
December 28
7:00 p.m.

WEBER STATE (H)

CONSOLATION
December 29, 7:00 p.m.

LOYOLA-MARYMOUNT (V)
December 29
9:00 p.m.

UNLV (H)

1972 Holiday Classic All-Tournament team of Lester Weaver, UNLV, Jimmie Baker, UNLV, Bobby Florence, UNLV (MVP), and Coniel Norman, Arizona, with former Nevada Governor Mike O'Callaghan. Not pictured: Frank Kendrick, Purdue.
## Holiday Classic Records

### RESULTS:

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### Individual Game

- **Most Points:** Mike Miller, 1966
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### Basketball Appreciation Dinner

- **April 19, 1979 — Caesars Palace Hotel**
- **Everybody Loves the Runnin' Rebels**

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**UNLV's Annual Basketball Appreciation Dinner**

- **Jerry Tarkanian**
- **1979-79 MVP Earl Evans and Tarkanian**

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**University of Nevada Athletics**

- **Nevada Congressman James Santini**
- **Nevada Governor Robert List**

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**Assistant coach George McQuar (center) and former greats Elbert Miller and Silas Stepp.

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**Booster Mrs. Susan Molasky with Glenn Gondrezick and Reggie Theus.**
Another 20-Win Season


And the best goes on. The 1978-79 basketball season has continued for UNLV, but not before Coach Jerry Tarkanian and his Rebels doffed 6-playoff-bound tama, ending with a 21-8 record, the sixth straight sweep in 20 or more wins at the school year in the Nevada desert.

Winning is a tradition at UNLV and the Runnin' Rebels, despite suffering through the second year of a two-year NCAA probation, defeated the likes of San Francisco (117-82), Maryland (94-88), Arizona (117-70), Iona 86-76, and Marquette (86-63) before closing the final page in another colorful and exciting chapter in Runnin' Rebel basketball.

The season ended with a 9-4 home triumph over Colorado State University as the seniors made their final curtain call on the hardwood stage of the Las Vegas Convention Center where the Runnin' Rebels have compiled an amazing 99-7 record over the last six seasons under Tarkanian, the nation's winn ingest active major college basketball coach. Tarkanian, with an 11-year major college record of 265-53, has a winning percentage of .836 and a six-year 97 win at 143-32.

UNLV co-captains Earl Evans and Tony Smith ended their memorable Runnin' Rebel career with exciting final years. Evans led UNLV in scoring with 17.8 points per game and in rebounding with a 10.1 per game average. Smith was second in scoring with his 17.1 per game average.

Evans had his personal best in scoring for UNLV's point guard, just missed another record as his 193 assists were just two short of the Runnin' Rebel record set by Robert Smith during the 1967-68 season. Williams did set a new per game mark in assists, however, averaging 7.1 assists per game during the 1978-79 season.

Burns statistics led the four talented UNLV freshmen as he scored 10.7 points per game and got 8.3 rebounds per game. Freshman Freddie "Machine Gun" Thompson who along with Burns and fellow freshman Rich Box shared starting duties at small forward, scored 7.0 ppg and got 2.8 rpg. Freshman point guard Michael Loyd scored 6.7 ppg and got 4.6 assists per game in his reserve role. Box opened his college career by scoring 8.2 ppg and getting 4.1 rpg. He finished with a strong effort, missing 20 of his last 26 field goal attempts and scoring in double figures in each of the last four UNLV games.

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Wolfe's report for 1978-79 season:

"The 1978-79 UNLV Rebels, who defeated the San Francisco Dons in a play-off record of 21-8, are currently ranked 17th in the nation with a 22-6 mark. The team is led by seniors Brett Vroman, Earl Evans, and Michael Burns. Vroman is averaging 14.1 points per game, Evans 17.8, and Burns 13.2. The team's leading rebounder is Vroman with 8.3 rebounds per game, followed by Evans with 7.1 and Burns with 6.2. The team is shooting .546 from the field and .719 on two-pointers. UNLV is averaging 91.8 points per game and allowing 76.8.

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Rebel Report

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UNIVERSITY OF COLORO...
UNLV's New Basketball Alumni Association

Lonnie Wright has a dream. Elburtt Miller has a dream. Ralph Piersc has a dream. Three new Rebel basketballers have a dream. They have all been college educated and they all played for UNLV. They all want UNLV's basketball program to grow to its highest aspirations. But, unlike pipe dreams, these young guys are men of action.

They want to help the Rebel basketball program grow. They also want to help the former Rebels still be a part of the program and so, on February 17, 1978, after many hours of hard work and devotion, the UNLV Basketball Alumni Association was officially born into the UNLV athletic community and the city of Las Vegas.

"We want a lot of things," reflects Wright, the spokesman for the group. "We want to provide a lasting attachment to the UNLV basketball program for the players. We also want to do things for the community and the current program. Our ideas, our hopes and dreams for this organization are much bigger than Lonnie Wright or any other single person. I am just a grain of sand to this organization and to UNLV basketball."

"What we want on the horizon is to help the community. That's why last year we started our first Community Roundball Classic and tonight we are having our second."

The Classic is for the community. Last year, stepping out on faith as it were on what the public's response to the organization and the game would be, the former Rebels played basically what would have to be considered an intra-squad game in the campus gym which can seat about 1,800 people comfortably. Well over 3,000 people jammed the gym and, for the first time, a real visible spark was started between the Rebels and the UNLV fans.

"I grew up in Las Vegas on the West Side," remembers Wright, "and UNLV basketball is worshipped over there. Ever since I was a kid, I always wanted to play for the Rebels and fortunately, I got my chance. And so here I am, a whole lot of other guys. Now it's our turn to do something for the community and for the program which has given us so much."

UNLV basketball is big news in Las Vegas and the players are recognized in near-star-like fashion like the glittering celebrities of the Las Vegas Strip.

Well, after the initial success of the Community Roundball Classic, the UNLV Basketball Alumni Association decided to give the community an even bigger spectacle this year, which in turn could provide more funds to help the needy youth in the area.

Everyone literally said it couldn't be done, but Lonnie and his fellow workers finally persuaded UCLA's Alumni to play against the Rebels in the Las Vegas Convention Center. Although UNLV once played in UCLA's Pauley Pavilion in the NCAA Regional tournament in 1976 against Arizona, the Rebels have never played UCLA in basketball.

There couldn't be a more ideal opponent for UNLV than the legendary Wizards of Westwood. Well, after many months of negotiations which included helping UCLA form its own Alumni Basketball Association, UNLV's Basketball Alumni Association finally got its game for all reasons.

But like Wright is very quick to remind, "The Community Roundball Classic and the UNLV Basketball Association is much more than just a game. It is a way for us to help the community. We will put on free clinics in Las Vegas, Henderson and Boulder City at youth centers as well as provide donations to worthy needy organizations in Clark County."

As counselors to the current ball players Wright reminds, "We can offer advice on a different level than the coach. The players can come to us with a problem they might not want to talk to a coach about. And, we can react to the community. We aren't their coaches, we can be closer to them, show them both sides of the fence so to speak."

"We can really level with the young guys, tell them where they are going wrong, and help them get turned around. We can talk to them in pretty strong terms."

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Rebel Nostalgia...

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

Donnie Lyons, Jerry Chandler, Curtis Watson, Elbert Miller and John Q. Trapp

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Al Clise and Booker Washington

Toby Houston and Bobby Floance

Robert Riley

Bruce Chapman

Tommy Watkins

Cliff Findlay

For the Record

To Give Your Best

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

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.

Of get a player who's as tough or reckless on the court Than Gondo, master of the charge; not many of his sort. And no one ever will forget the two years of the "cannon." Of Speaken 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 little general, Robert Smith, 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

Robert Smith
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### Individual Records

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- **Most Minutes Played:** 2,886 (1975-76)
- **Most Points Scored:** 2,221 (1976-77)
- **Most Rebounds:** 1,110 (1975-76)
- **Most Assists:** 712 (1976-77)
- **Highest Field Goal Percentage:** .603 (1976-77)
- **Highest Free Throw Percentage:** .878 (1975-76)

### Team Records

- **Most Consecutive Games Won:** 22 (1975-76)
- **Most Consecutive Wins in One Season:** 22 (1975-76)
- **Most Consecutive Games Won at Home:** 31 (1975-76)
- **Most Consecutive Games Won on Road:** 17 (1975-76)
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### Coaching Records

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  - Field Goals Made: 22
  - Field Goals Attempted: 72
  - Field Goal Percentage: 46.3%

- **Jim Jansen**
  - Points: 120
  - Field Goals Made: 44
  - Field Goals Attempted: 111
  - Field Goal Percentage: 40.0%

- **Bob Florence**
  - Points: 110
  - Field Goals Made: 40
  - Field Goals Attempted: 106
  - Field Goal Percentage: 39.6%

- **Jackie Robinson**
  - Points: 106
  - Field Goals Made: 36
  - Field Goals Attempted: 100
  - Field Goal Percentage: 36.0%

- **Jerry Tarkanian**
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- **Earl Evans**
  - Points: 356
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- **Jim Jansen**
  - Points: 120
  - Field Goals Made: 44
  - Field Goals Attempted: 111
  - Field Goal Percentage: 40.0%

- **Bob Florence**
  - Points: 110
  - Field Goals Made: 40
  - Field Goals Attempted: 106
  - Field Goal Percentage: 39.6%

- **Jackie Robinson**
  - Points: 106
  - Field Goals Made: 36
  - Field Goals Attempted: 100
  - Field Goal Percentage: 36.0%

- **Jerry Tarkanian**
  - Points: 102
  - Field Goals Made: 34
  - Field Goals Attempted: 96
  - Field Goal Percentage: 35.4%
## UNLV Year-by-Year

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Jackie Robinson, Mike Allison, Dennis Hodges, and assistant coach Dennis Hodges, and assistant coach Ralph Readout. The Highest Scoring Team in NCAA History.

Those Runnin' Gunnin' Rebel Records...

**NCAA Division I TEAM RECORDS**

- **Most Points**: 1975-76
- **Most Points, Both Teams**: 1975-76
- **UNLV vs. Hawaii-Hilo (111), Feb. 19, 1976**
- **Highest Free Throw Percentage**
  - **Single Player**: Sam Smith, Hawaii-Hilo (111), Feb. 19, 1976
  - **Quart**: San Jan., 1979
  - **Greatest Free Throw Percentage**
  - **SINGLE**: Sam Smith, Hawaii-Hilo (111), Feb. 19, 1976
  - **SANTA**: San Jan., 1979
  - **110.5-UNLV**, 1975-76
- **Most Scoring OFFENSE SCORING MARGIN**
- **Most Points, Two Teams**: 200, UNLV (106) vs. UCSC (94), Atlanta, 1977
- **Most Field Goals Made, Two Teams**: 202, UNLV (97), vs. UNLV (30), Atlanta, 1977
- **Most Points, One Team**: 106, UNLV vs. UNLV (94), Atlanta, 1977

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**SEASON FREE THROW PERCENTAGE HIGH**

- **Colleges only.**
- **Winningest NCAA head coaches**

**UNLV v. MAJOR COLLEGE TEAM LEADERS LAST 10 SEASONS**

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Tarkanian's Runnin' Rebels
Always in NBA Draft

The following is a list of the Runnin' Rebel basketball players who have been drafted by the National Basketball Association during the six seasons Jerry Tarkanian has been the head basketball coach at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Please note that at least one UNLV player has been drafted each season and in 1977, the Runnin Rebels became the first team ever in college basketball history to have six players drafted at one time.

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Ricky Sobers, 1975

Aloha Classic (Honolulu, Hawaii)
Robert Smith, 1977
Glen Gondrezick, 1977
Earl Evans, 1979 (All-Tournament team)
Tony Smith, 1979

Pizza Hut Classic (Las Vegas, Nevada)
Booker Washington, 1972
Bobby Florence, 1974
Ricky Sobers, 1975
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Eddie Owens, 1977 (Most Valuable Player)
Jackie Robinson, 1978
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