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Winning is a fact of life to Jerry Tarkanian -- on the court and off.

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In five seasons at Cal State, Long Beach, he ran up an amazing 122-20 record. He is the winningest active major college coach with an .859 percentage. He guided the 49ers to five straight conference titles (four in the Pacific Coast Athletic Association and one in the California Collegiate Athletic Association) and led them into the NCAA Western Regional four consecutive years.

In final national rankings, his CSULB teams were ranked among the top ten of university division teams for three straight years.

What is equally amazing is that Tarkanian NEVER lost a home game at Long Beach. His 49er teams won 65 straight home games in the Campus Gym and the Long Beach Arena, culminating with an impressive 77-66 victory over Marquette that drew a PCAA and CSULB record crowd of 12,878 spectators.

Prior to coming to Long Beach, Tarkanian spent seven years in the jc ranks at Riverside and Pasadena City Colleges. At Riverside (1962-66), he had a 131-9 overall record, which included three consecutive state championships and four league championships in five years.

No other junior college coach in the history of California basketball achieved those heights. At Pasadena (1966-68), Tarkanian was 67-4 and bagged a fourth state title while finishing in the runner-up spot another time.

An astonishing feature of his wins is that they were accomplished at schools which had never previously won a basketball championship. Riverside was the first, and in its conference two consecutive years before Tarkanian's arrival, Pasadena had lost in its conference the previous year and Long Beach had never won a championship in basketball.

The amazing coach started his coaching career with five years in high school at San Joaquin Memorial, Antelope Valley, and Redlands High Schools.

Regarded as one of the great recruiters in the nation, "The Pied Piper of college basketball" landed for Long Beach such nationally recognized superstars as Sam Robinson, George Trapp, Chuck Terry, Ed Ratleff, Leonard Gray and Roscoe Pondexter. Even though he left almost completely a returning team three ranked team at Long Beach, Tarkanian already may have recruited equally as well at UNLV.

He is bringing to his new school such highly-touted high school All-Americans as Eddie Owens (Houston, Texas), Lewis Brown (Los Angeles, California), Jackie Robinson (Los Angeles, California). They are joined by a pair of junior college All-Americans, also new recruits, Lawrence Williams (Los Angeles) and Ricky Sobers (New York). They'll combine with returning Rebels Jimmie Baker, a consensus All-American, and Bobby Florence, a fine shooting senior, to give Tarkanian the makings of a superior team.

Tarkanian comes to Las Vegas with a COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE as his driving philosophy. Not only does he hope to achieve a nationally-ranked basketball program, but he is also working with a special tutoring and counseling program for his players. He emphasizes equally the importance of academics and basketball to his student athletes.

Evidence of his strong belief in classes, as well as games, is his selection as "Professor of the Year" in 1970 by the students of Long Beach State and his selection as "Father of the Year" in 1966 in Riverside County for his "guidance and care on and off the court to all the young men under his tutelage, as well as his family of four."

Tarkanian's players have gone on to establish themselves in the pros. They include: Chuck Terry (Milwaukee Bucks), Eric McWilliams (Houston Rockets), George Trapp (Detroit Pistons), Bob Rule (Cleveland Cavaliers), Ed Ratleff (Houston Rockets) and recently-returned John O. Trapp (Los Angeles Lakers).

An intense individual, he has also 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 43-year-old coach has won the hearts of Las Vegas fans and the L. A. Times called him "Las Vegas Celebrity." A true champion-builder, when he arrived at Long Beach, it was unknown nationally. When he left, it was an established power, second in the West only to UCLA.

A native of Ecuador, Ohio, Tarkanian attended Pasadena College before graduating from Fresno State in 1956. He received his Masters from the University of Redlands in 1960.

Tarkanian and his devoted and totally-involved wife, Lois, reside with their four children, Pamela, Jodie, Danny and George in Las Vegas.
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GERALD MYERS
HEAD COACH

RICK BULLOCK
CENTER

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Conference: Southwest
Sports Information: Lew Harris
Colors: Scarlet and Black

Athletic Director: J. T. King
Head Coach: Gerald Myers
1972-73 Record: 19-8
Series History: 0-1
Assistant Coaches: George Davidson, Gerald Oglesby

Scouting Report
The Red Raiders should be stronger than their 19-8 Southwestern Conference Championship record of last season. The three key players for TTU are center Rick Bullock and guards Rich Little and Don Moore. Last season Tech beat UNLV 67-53 in Lubbock. The Red Raiders opened their season last night at Fresno State.

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