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LAS VEGAS
HONORS ITS SENIOR

Definitely the toast of Las Vegas, the Runnin’ Rebels ended the regular season at home with the Mayor of Las Vegas (Oran K. Gragson) proclaiming March 3, 1975 as “UNLV Basketball Appreciation Day”, urging “all of our citizens in this great community to give due recognition for this tremendous effort by the UNLV basketball team and thank them for the honor they have won.”

Over 6,200 Las Vegas fans honored “their” team at Rebel Appreciation Night against Portland State and watched the team’s only senior, All-America guard and team captain Ricky B. Sobers, honored in a Las Vegas-style pre-game ceremony. The evening included UNLV athletic Director Bill Ireland presenting Ricky a special award from the Las Vegas Review-Journal newspaper for the best “single season performance ever by a Rebel basketball player”, and, a three foot by five foot cake also presented to Ricky and his fans by the UNLV Booster’s Club.

Mrs. Lois Tarkanian represented the Rebel Hoopster’s Club (women’s organization) and gave Ricky a collage photograph, hilighting his senior season as a Rebel.

The Rebel MVP for 1974-75 responded to the crowd’s recognition of his efforts with his best game yet, scoring 32 points, dealing off 13 more assists, and pulling down five rebounds from his point-guard position. Ricky B. Sobers had his cake, and, ate it, too. Las Vegas is a first-class town.