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

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Conference
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Homecourt
Las Vegas Convention Center
(8,376)

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 clear, dry climate and take advantage of all the attractions of the world-famous "Strip." But the casual tourist gets only a narrow, often distorted view of perhaps the most rapidly-changing city in the country.

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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 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.
The University

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. UNLV is the hub of a new Las Vegas which adds another dimension to an already diverse and unique city.

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 $20 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 capital 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 -

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 throughout the world.

The university's reputation in the sciences is growing, too, as it carries out research projects in such fields 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 teacher education program, a growing nursing department and solid preparation of students in the social sciences, 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

Dr. Brock Dixon, vice president for administration, has been acting president of UNLV since April when Dr. Donald Baeppler was named chancellor of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Dr. Dixon joined the administrative staff as dean of administration in 1971, becoming vice president in 1974. He was unanimously appointed by the Board of Regents as acting president. He continues to keep the fast-paced style set by Chancellor Baeppler and brings to the office a comprehensive and expert knowledge of public administration.

A political scientist, Dr. Dixon specializes in local government, public law and political theory. He continues to teach courses in the political science department.

Before coming to UNLV, he was provost and dean in the College of Arts and Sciences at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon, from 1968 to 1971. From 1949 to 1968 he taught and held various administrative positions at Portland State College.

His experience there included professor of political science, chairmanship of the political science department, assistant to the dean of faculty and dean of administration.

Bill Ireland
Athletic Director

Continuing to guide and direct one of the most dynamic and fastest-growing athletic departments in the country, Bill Ireland begins his sixth year as the UNLV Director of Intercollegiate Athletics as a chairman of the national board of the National Association of Athletics Directors.

Ireland now governs an intercollegiate sports (all men's) and volleyball (women's) program.

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During his tenure, the Rebels have added men's and women's volleyball and have expanded their program to include more than 200 varsity athletes in men's and women's sports.

In addition to Bill Ireland, the UNLV athletic department has added a number of talented and capable administrators.

Roger Barnsone
Assistant Athletic Director - Business

After five years as UNLV's only assistant athletic director, Roger Barnson begins his sixth year with the Rebels with a new title, assistant athletic director for business management.

Not only will he be doing something different than he has for the past five years, but because his specific expertise has been in that area he now has the title to go with it.

Barnson is also responsible for administering the seven sports - cross-country, basketball, swimming, golf, tennis, track and volleyball - in the women's athletic program.

If he continues to attack his job with the same tenacity of purpose he has in his previous five years, UNLV can be assured of a financially sound intercollegiate athletic program.

In acting Barnson's duties and responsibility to the department are far more encompassing than his title would hint. He is the business manager for 19 intercollegiate sports (both men's and women's), as well as nine intramural sports. He directs the ticket manager's office, the athletic department's information office, the trainee's office, and the insurance for over 500 athletes in the respective seasons of competition.

Additionally, as the assistant athletic director, he is in charge of all travel plans for Rebel athletics, from New Mexico to Las Vegas and 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 of Reno, he served as a charter football coach in 1968 from Clark High School in Las Vegas and was named as the Rebel secondary and was relieved of his hand in that sport as well.

Barnson was born on December 17, 1936, in Boulder City, Nevada. As a prep he established a record which makes him one of the state's top performers in three straight years in high school. Barnson lettered on the varsity baseball team, All State football team, and varsity basketball team.

He also competed on his varsity basketball team to round out an already productive athletic career.

He earned his master's degree from Northern Arizona University and got his shot at a head coaching job in 1965 when Clark High School opened.

In three seasons, his Charger football teams compiled a 15-3 record, and in 1967 Barnson's squad went 8-1, losing only the State AAA championship game.

At UNLV, Barnson has become an accomplished administrator, capable of handling key duties at numerous banquets and other events throughout the year.

Barnson is married to Tina, have two children: daughter Leigh Alison and son Roger, Jr.
Like its renowned 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.

Producing the elaborate light shows during pre-game ceremonies against San Jose State in five post-season tournaments, UNLV head coach Jerry Tarkanian has led the Runnin' Rebels to historical heights.

Some visiting coaches have vowed to never again return to the Strip, the Convention Center Courtyard floor, the "Welcome to Tark's Tank," the LSU, or the "Hall of Fame" long after the game at one of the most historic arenas in the country.

UNLV will play 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 seating near the floor is available in the rotunda with the unrivaled sight lines which quickly works the crowd into a frenzy -- that's why a prominent placed sign welcomes visitors with "Welcome to Tark's Tank."

The Las Vegas Convention Center is one of the most homey with its stately rotunda, Ample space is available in its home arena, The Las Vegas Republic -- and the NCAA vintage.

Unlike UNLV, Tark's troops have been nearly as impressive with a 64-4 record in five seasons in the Las Vegas Convention Center, including a 107-84, 116-92, and 102-98 victory in the NCAA finals in Atlanta, Georgia, in March of 1977.

To get there, the Runnin' Rebels established a 14-4 record in the NCAA. UNLV finished fourth in the final Associated Press poll, third in the United Press International national poll, and third in the Basketball Weekly poll.

In 1975-76, UNLV won its first 23 games, ended at 29-2 with a loss to Vermont in the Associated Press poll.

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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-America performers with him. They are Eddie 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 Reggie Theus (Inglewood, California). Two years ago, he brought in All-Star junior college center Larry Moffett (Gary, Indiana) and last year Earl Evans (Fort 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 inspiring 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 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 Ratliff (Houston Rockets), John Q. Trapp (Los Angeles Lakers), Glenn MacDonald (Boston Celtics) and Leonard Gray (Seattle SuperSonics).

At UNLV, Ricky Solberg (Indiana Pacers), Glen Gondrezick (New York Knicks), Roberts Smith (Denver Nuggets), Reggie Theus (Chicago Bulls), Larry Moffett (Houston Rockets) and Eddie Owens (Buttfa 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, Tarkanian 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.

Following the 1976-77 season, Tarkanian was selected by the Medalist Industry 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.

### Tarkanian's Terrific Totals

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*Denotes California Junior College Champion*
Ralph Readout
Assistant Coach

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

He has an extensive background in many fields, having earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Ohio University in 1963, and his Master of Arts degree in Educational Administration from Ohio State University in 1961. Readout attended Ohio University on a scholastic scholarship and graduated with honors from Ohio State graduate school. He was a stellar basketball player during his four undergraduate years at Ohio U.

Tarkanian's assistant is an intense and enthusiastic coach with keen insight into the learning process and psychological applications of coaching. His approach to basketball coaching is firmly based on psychological motivation and his contributions to the success of UNLV's basketball teams have been very significant.

He has a great relationship with the Runnin' Rebel players and has the innate ability to communicate on all levels with those whom he is associated.

He has pioneered the Big Stick technique this season at UNLV. During practice sessions and pre-practice warm-ups, he works with the UNLV big men by tossing a plastic basketball bat in front of their shooting plane to help them let loose of the ball over the tallest of opponents.

He was a three-year Lettermen starter and was elected captain of his basketball team. He first came to UNLV in 1973 and served as an assistant football coach for one season under Ron Meyer (who is now the head coach at Southern Methodist University), working with the defensive secondary.

Developing a new coaching philosophies each season he has been at UNLV, Readout has returned his hairstyle to the "crew cut" which, he says, will help bring back the "good old days when players weren't afraid of taking a charge."

Readout and his wife, Dottie, are thoroughly enamored with the Las Vegas environment.

George McQuarn
Assistant Coach

An intuitive and hard working coach, George McQuarn returns to UNLV for his third season as an assistant coach for the Runnin' Rebels.

As a 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.

He is basically the founder of the UNLV basketball tutorial program and nightly during the 1978-79 basketball season a special study-twill be held for the Runnin' Rebels under his overall supervision and direction of coach McQuarn.

He is dedicated not only to excellence on the court, but in the classroom as well and in addition to his coaching responsibilities in practice and at games, he is the academic advisor for the dozen varsity players and two redshirts in the basketball program.

McQuarn has spent a tremendous amount of time in setting up the tutorial program and he will spend even more in trying to do it personally that the philosophy which motivated him to start it is carried out and the end result is better student attitudes for the UNLV basketball program.

One of the reasons why coach McQuarn is totally involved with the academic side of the Runnin Rebel philosophy is because he is a prime mover of the great basketball talent UNLV has had during the past three seasons.

He knows that to offer a complete package to a gifted, young athlete, he must be able to provide a suitable academic environment for the student-athlete to exist in.

UNLV head basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian and George McQuarn have been long-time coaching friends and Tarkan is extremely happy when George accepted his offer three years ago to become a Runnin Rebel.

McQuarn came to UNLV from the position of summer, assistant coach of recreation for the city of Compton, California. He built a high school coaching record prior to that at Verbum Dei High School in Los Angeles.

During the years 1969 through 1973, McQuarn coached Verbum Del where his team compiled an amazing 123-8 total record which earned him an unprecedented four consecutive AAAA California Interscholastic Federation championships.

He is a graduate of Long Beach State University and he and his wife, Jackie, have two children — one boy (Michael) and one girl (Tracy).

Jim Long
Part Time Coach

UNLV's part-time assistant coach for the past three seasons will be 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.

He originally went to Kentucky in the early years as a graduate student in journalism, but his past association with the basketball program became too much of a temptation and he soon sought out a liaison with the UK staff as a scout, which the following year blossomed into the position of head junior varsity coach for the Wildcats.

A 1965 graduate of Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods, Michigan, Jim twice lettered in basketball and three times in tennis.

He completed requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree in Foreign Language (German) and a teaching certificate from the University of Michigan in 1970.

After three years of teaching at Grand Haven, where he was head junior high and assistant varsity coach, he returned to the University of Michigan to begin his graduate studies and to work under Johnny Orr and earned his Master's degree in Secondary Education in 1974.

While working on his Master's degree, he was also junior varsity coach at Saline High School.

A potential organizer of summer basketball camps for children, Long worked three years at Michigan's summer camp, three more at Kentucky's as camp director, and last year was the co-coordinator and camp director for Jerry Tarkanian basketball camps at UNLV.

When he came to UNLV he commented, "I always wanted to be associated with the Runnin' Rebels because of their reputation for playing a superb running game combined with an aggressive, full-court defense."

Jim Long

Larry Chin
Student Manager

Replacing a living legend wasn't an easy task. But the fast-becoming "Veteran" manager, Larry Chin, did 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 UNLV Rebel yearbook.

His work has been part of many of the award-winning exhibits at the UNLV Sports Information Office.

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.

Larry Chin
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 games 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 handing 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. 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 in summer.

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 land 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 All-Organe 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 37 points, hitting 16 of 23 from the field. He also pulled down 11 rebounds in the 86-84 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.

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Runnin' Rebels
Fitting the Pieces
Back Together Again

"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 Flintie 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 screamer 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 appeared 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 someday 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.

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 letterman. 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.

Academic major: Social Welfare.

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Sam Copeland
6-4, 200. Senior
Fallsburg, New York

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Sam's Saga

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Earl "The Pearl" is back for his sen-
ior season to weave some more magic for
the Runnin' Rebels. What was a
USC's top two years ago with
the transfer has certainly been UNLV's
best-suiting for his

After sitting out a very tough year in
1976-77 when UNLV was 29-3 and
ex-
vancing to the NCAA finals in Atlanta,
Earl was just waiting for his turn. Well, he
got his first hour upon the stage last
season 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; the UNLV home game of the season,
which have made

In all last season, Earl scored 25 or more
points on nine occasions, including
one hot streak near the end of the
season where he scored 23, 24, and 25
points in consecutive games, getting
one hot streak near the end of the
season where he scored 23, 24, and 25
points in consecutive games, getting
six of eight free throws for his
season high 32 points.

He made 11 of 17 field goals ,
through 48 minutes ,

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 throws for his
season high 33 points.

In the other Runnin' Rebel double
overtime victory of 1977-78 against
Tulsa, which UNLV won 104-103, "The
Pearl" labored through 46 minutes,
imposing 13 field goals, driven of 10
free throws, for 27 points and pulling
16 rebounds. In all last season,
he was in double figures in rebounding
in 15 of 26 games with a season high
of 18 against Portland State. His best
overall night may have been against
Tulsa, however, in the championship
game at the Rebel Roundup where his
33 points led UNLV to a 98-84 thru-
match victory. He made 11 of 13 from
the field, one of those free throws and
hauled 11 rebounds off the boards.

Earl was a prep All-America player
and the 1974 Texas Prep Player-of-the-
Year for Lincoln High in Port Arthur,
Texas. UNLV knows how good Texas
super pros can be as former UNLV All-
American Eddie Owens (the all-time
UNLV scoring champ) was the 1973 Texas
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Co-Captain
Earl Evans
6-8, 202, Senior
Port Arthur, Texas

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Eddie McLeod returns to the Runnin' Rebel lineup for his senior year after a rather disappointing, yet interesting junior, first-season with the team. Making four of seven free throws for nine points, Eddie came to UNLV as a 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, 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 a team-leading 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 points.

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 seven 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 record for most points (60) 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.

Birthdate: September 26, 1957.

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

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 1976-79 Runnin' Rebel basketball team.

A talented long-range shooter, Smith is a two-year letterman for UNLV following a redshirt year after transferring to Las Vegas from the University of Houston and.

He was a regular, although not a starter on the 1977-78 UNLV team which won the NCAA Western Regional Championship and last season he was a starter guard along with All-America Huggie 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 15.5 per game average. In his 27 games a year ago, Smith scored in double figures in 24 of the games, including nine games of 20 or more points.

He made an incredibly good 40 per cent of his shots from the field (192 of 480) and 484 per cent of his free throws (61 of 99). 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 19 field goals and five of six free throws for 27 points and against Kentucky he was even better, making 11 of 17 fielders 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 Coles.

With UNLV last season, he led the Runnin' Rebels with 39 steals and he played 899 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 throw attempts 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.

As one of the co-captains for his team, another lifetime dream fulfilled.

Birthdate: June 27, 1956. Academic major: Physical Education.

Game-by-Game (1977-78)

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Co-Captain **Tony Smith**

6-2, 175, Senior Saginaw, Michigan 22
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.

Head coach Jerry Tarkanian is sure, however, that Vroman will leave more marks than that behind him even if he does have only one season of eligibility left.

Tarkanian has said that about the only player out of high school that he has "best". UCLA on in signing was former UNLV All-America guard Reggie Theus.

Well, now he has two in a way. You see, Vroman transferred to UNLV last year after playing three seasons for the Wizards of Westwood. He didn't like what was happening to the program over there and decided that his best chance at the pros would be spending his final season in college as a Runnin' Rebel.

The National Basketball Association likes so much of his talent already that he feels his professional chances are much better with another year of college. Indeed, he was drafted by the Philadelphia 76ers, the team that had the No. 1 pick of the draft. (Vroman was the No. 2 pick.)

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The big guy has arrived at UNLV. Enjoy him while you can. This is his only year to "do it all" for the Runnin' Rebels. Drafted: December 25, 1955.

Academic Major: Finance.

Another of the talented new faces in the Runnin' Rebel starting lineup for 1975-76, Flint Ray Williams is coming off a redshirt year after transferring from Pepperdine University in Malibu, California.

He appears to be a point-guard deluxe and if he continues his improvement, he will be in two seasons at Pepperdine, he could be a great Runnin' Rebel before his junior season ends this year.

In his season at Pepperdine, "The Maestro" played in 52 games, averaging 2.1 points per game by making .486 per cent of his field goal attempts (216 of 447) and .598 per cent of his charity tosses (109-182). He also averaged 2.3 rebounds per game and gave out 186 assists in his first two college seasons.

UNLV will best remember him during his freshman season when he scored a five point assist effort helped stop the Runnin' Rebels in Malibu, 93-91, after UNLV had opened that season with 23 straight wins.

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- **Birthdate:** December 25, 1955
- **Height:** 7-0, 220 lbs
- **Sophomore, Provo, Utah**

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One of the talented new super recruits of the nation's winningest active major college coach, Richard 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 16 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 53.2 points per game and 8.9 rebounds each contest. He shot 58% from the field and hit 42 points in one game for his prep career high.

He is playing forward for the Runnin' Rebels this season, possibly as the back-up to senior captain Earl Evans, but like all of Tarkanian's players, he is capable and has learned several positions for UNLV.

Box was all freeway league and all Riverside County along with his other honors and played in the Houston Roundball Classic, the Wendy's Classic and the Basketball Congress International all-star games along with the SunShine Classic in Oakland during this past summer. In the two games of the Wendy's tournament in Albuquerque, Box scored 18 points in each game.

Tarkanian said that Box was always near the top of the UNLV recruiting list and believes Box has the potential to be a great player for the Runnin' Rebels. The soft-spoken player's final three choices were UNLV, Santa Clara and the University of California, Berkeley.

He graduated from North High with a 3.2 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and appears to be making strong progress in the classroom as he is in on the UNLV practice court.

In the UNLV Red and White intra-squad game to conclude pre-season workouts, Box played the majority of his time with the starters, hitting five of seven field goals and getting eight rebounds for 10 points in the 14-10 win over the regulars (White).

He helped lead his North High team to the Ivy League championship last season and his squad made it all the way to the CIF finals. He was a three-year varsity letterman in basketball as a prep and did not letter in any other sport since he chose instead to devote his time to basketball.


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 leaping 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 per game 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."" The league. Burns 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, two 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-Mist New Year game this summer in addition to the Wendy's Classic.


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

Michael Burns
6-6, 178, Freshman
Las Vegas, Nevada
Isn't the 'little fella' something."

As a matter of fact, when the Armenian coach of the decade gets excited about somebody, he usually does get a bit tongue-tied and the quickest thing that can come out when he drools as Michael Loyd races up the court is simply "little fella."

UNLV has built a reputation in basketball on being fast. I mean, after all, the Runnin' Rebels have been to the NCAA championships and the NCAA playoffs three times in the last five years. But, believe it or not, Michael Loyd may possibly be the fastest player in the history of UNLV basketball.

Michael Loyd has already taken over the uniform and the number (10) of the legendary and loveable Robert Smith, now a guard with the Denver Nuggets of the NBA. Michael even started for the White (No. 1 team) unit in the Red and White game prior to the start of this season. Not only did he start in the intra-squad battle, he came through with 18 points. He is a freshman, remember, and his eight for 21 game prior to the start of this season.

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As it was, he not only scored the 18 points, but he handed off a truly amazing 13 assists, had two blocks (remember he is ONLY 5-10 and two steals. If isn't enough for starters, the "little fella" only turned the ball over two times while playing point guard for a group which poured 146 points through the nets during the scrimmage.

Not bad for a freshman. Especially a freshman who is going to be one of the revolving eight-man regular lineup used by Tarkanian this season.

The speed merchant from Los Angeles' Dorsey High School earned two letters in both varsity baseball and basketball at Dorsey, but that is just where the story begins. After his great basketball season of last year, which saw him earn 40 points in one game while handing out 15 assists, he was selected all-league, all-city, all-state, all-central city and all California Interscholastic Federation. He was even the most valuable player for his team and his league.

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.


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 line-up appears to be the small forward post.

Thompson, listed on about everybody's All-America picks, had a great, great career under coach Sherrell 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 20.7 in his sophomore year. For his regular season career at Las Vegas High he scored 2,035 points.

Like most recruits that UNLV gets didn't come easy for coach Jerry Tarkanian to get Thompson. Thompson's final two choices were Arizona State and UNLV.

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.

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
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 Lochel while his Lima Senior High school coach was Jim Homan. 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.

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 let­
erman from Saginaw, Michigan, and plays swing guard for UNLV this season while Evans (6-6, 202) is a one-year let­
erman 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 co­captain. "It is 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 66 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 that.

"The former Prep All-America for Lincoln High in Port Arthur, Evans averaged 15.6 points per game while making .571 percent of his field goals (171 of 307) and .882 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 was 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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Ralph Readout
PART-TIME COACH: Jim Long
STUDENT ASSISTANTS: Mike Milke
Matt Porter
Greg Hayes
STUDENT MANAGER: Larry Chin
The Opponents

Stetson University

Dr. Glenn Wilkes  Head Coach
Greg Guye  Top Scorer

1978-79 Schedule
Nov. 25 at UNLV
Nov. 27 at Colorado
Nov. 30 at Sunshine State Tourney
Dec. 2 Sunshine State
Dec. 6 Jacksonville
Dec. 8 Hatter Classic
Dec. 30 U. of Chicago
Dec. 22 La Salle
Dec 28-29 at Tangerine Tourn.
Jan. 4 Evansville
Jan. 6 Columbia
Jan. 10 U. of South Florida
Jan. 13 at Mercer Univ.
Jan. 15 at Furman Univ.
Jan. 20 Campbell College
Jan. 27 George Washington
Jan. 29 U. of South Florida
Feb. 5 at Old Dominion
Feb. 7 at U. of Richmond
Feb. 10 Air Force Academy
Feb. 13 at Marquette
Feb. 17 at Oral Roberts
Feb. 19 at Sanford Univ.
Feb. 23 South Carolina
Feb. 28 Mercer Univ.

University of San Francisco

Dar Bellumomi  Head Coach

1978-79 Schedule
Nov. 11 People's Republic of China at Oakland Coliseum
Nov. 25 at UC Santa Barbara
Nov. 26 Chico State
Nov. 30 at Cal Berkeley
Dec. 2 at Nevada, Las Vegas
Dec. 5 San Diego State
Dec. 8 Sanf ord
Dec. 9 Sacramento State
Dec. 15 Golden Gate Invitational
Dec. 16 Golden Gate Invitational
Dec. 22 San Francisco State
Dec. 23 Seattle Pacific
Dec. 30 Texas
Jan. 5 at Loyola Marymount
Jan. 6 at Pepperdine
Jan. 12 Seattle
Jan. 13 Portland
Jan. 16 at Nevada, Reno
Jan. 24 Santa Clara
Jan. 27 at Santa Clara
Feb. 1 at Portland
Feb. 3 at Seattle
Feb. 9 at Loyola Marymount
Feb. 15 at Nevada, Reno
Feb. 17 at St. Mary's
Feb. 23 at Portland
Feb. 24 Loyola Marymount

University of Maryland

Lefty Driesell  Head Coach

1978-79 Schedule
Nov. 21 Athletes In Action
Nov. 24 Bucknell
Nov. 28 Georgetown at Capital Centre
Dec. 2 at Air Force
Dec. 4 at Nevada, Las Vegas
Dec. 7 Penn State in Hershey, PA
Dec. 9 Biscayne
Dec. 16 East Carolina
Dec. 20 N. C. State
Dec. 23 Canisius
Dec. 29 Maryland Invitational Tournay
Dec. 30 Holy Cross - St. Joseph's
Jan. 3 George Washington
Jan. 6 Wake Forest
Jan. 10 at North Carolina State
Jan. 13 Louisville
Jan. 17 at Clemson
Jan. 20 North Carolina
Jan. 24 Navy
Jan. 27 Notre Dame
Jan. 31 Virginia
Feb. 3 at Duke
Feb. 7 at North Carolina
Feb. 10 at Clemson
Feb. 13 Duke
Feb. 20 Wake Forest in Greensboro, NC
Feb. 24 at Virginia Tech
Mar. 1 Atlantic Coast
Mar. 2 Conference Tournament
Mar. 3 in Greensboro, NC

Cal State, Northridge

Barry Zepel  Head Coach

1978-79 Schedule
Nov. 25 at Cal State, Stanislaus
Nov. 27 at U. C. Davis
Nov. 30 at LA Baptist
Dec. 5 at Westmont College
Dec. 7 Sacramento State
Dec. 9 Cal State Dominguez
Dec. 12 at UNLV
Dec. 15 at Cal. Lutheran
Dec. 16 US International
Dec. 20 Fresno Pacific
Dec. 26 Occidental
Dec. 29 Chicago St.
Jan. 2 at Weber St.
Jan. 5 at Cal State Dominguez
Jan. 12 Cal Poly (SLO)
Jan. 13 Cal State, Bakersfield
Jan. 16 at San Diego State
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Jan. 28 at Cal Poly Pomona
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Feb. 10 Cal Poly Pomona
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Feb. 23 at Cal Poly (SLO)
Feb. 24 at Cal State Bakersfield

SID: Fred Cooper (904) 734-4121
Nickers. Hatters Conference: Independent 1977-78 Record: 14-13 Series History: UNLV leads, 2-0 Athletic Director: Dr. Glenn Wilkes Colors: Green, Gold & White

SID: Bill Fusco (415) 666-6891 Name: Donw Conference: West Coast 1977-78 Record: 23-6 Series History: Maryland leads, 1-0 Athletic Director: Bill Belluomini Colors: Scarlet and white

SID: Pete Cassidy (213) 885-3231 Name: Terrapins Conference: CCAA 1977-78 Record: 15-13 Series History: Maryland leads, 1-0 Athletic Director: Larry Zepel Colors: Red, white, black & gold

SID: Larry Sisson (916) 267-2155 Name: Dons Conference: West Coast 1977-78 Record: 23-6 Series History: UNLV leads, 2-0 Athletic Director: Dan Fusco Colors: Scarlet, Red & White
**December 15-16: Golden Gate Invitational at San Francisco**  
Head Coach: Stan Morrison  
(209) 846-2341  
December 19-20: Golden Gate Invitational at San Francisco  
Head Coach: Ross McCall  
(713) 845-1241  
SIG: Jan Butter  
(713) 845-5725  
Conference: Southwest  
1977-78 Record: 12-12  
Series History: Tied 9-9-9  
Athletic Director: John Rehle  
Colors: Orange and black

**University of the Pacific**  
Head Coach: John Rehle  
(209) 946-2472  
Name: Tigers  
Conference: PCAA  
1977-78 Record: 17-10  
Series History: UOP leads 4-3  
Athletic Director: Dr. Charles W. Dempsey  
Colors: Orange and black

**Texas A & M University**  
Head Coach: Bob Devaney  
(402) 845-1241  
SIG: John Murphy  
(615) 898-2450  
Conference: Big Eight  
1977-78 Record: 14-14  
Series History: Tied 14-14-14

**University of Arizona**  
Head Coach: Fred Snowden  
(502) 626-1919  
SIG: Jim Freeman  
(502) 626-1282  
Conference: Pacific  
1977-78 Record: 20-9  
Series History: Arizona leads 2-0  
Athletic Director: David H. Strack  
Colors: Cardinal and Navy blue

**December 19: Las Vegas**  
Head Coach: Bob Devaney  
(402) 845-1241  
SIG: John Murphy  
(615) 898-2450  
Conference: Pacific  
1977-78 Record: 20-9  
Series History: Arizona leads 2-0  
Athletic Director: David H. Strack  
Colors: Cardinal and Navy blue

**December 22-23: Rebel Roundup at Las Vegas**  
Head Coach: Joe Cipriano  
(403) 472-2260  
SIG: Ben Banks  
(403) 472-2263  
Conference: Big Eight  
1977-78 Record: 18-8  
Series History: First meeting  
Athletic Director: Bob Devaney  
Colors: Scarlet and cream

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**University of California, Santa Barbara**  
Head Coach: Ed DeLacy  
(805) 961-3428  
Conference: Pacific  
1977-78 Record: 7-11  
Series History: First meeting  
Athletic Director: Bob Devaney  
Colors: Blue and gold

**University of Nebraska**  
Head Coach: Jim Freeman  
(502) 626-1919  
SIG: Jim Freeman  
(502) 626-1282  
Conference: Big Eight  
1977-78 Record: 18-8  
Series History: First meeting  
Athletic Director: Bob Devaney  
Colors: Scarlet and cream

**Middle Tennessee State**  
Head Coach: Jimmy Earle  
(615) 898-2120  
Conference: Ohio Valley  
1977-78 Record: 18-8  
Series History: First meeting  
Athletic Director: Charles Murphy  
Colors: Blue and white
December 29-30: LAS VEGAS HOLIDAY CLASSIC
Head Coach: Dave Benaderet
(213) 642-7765
SID: Ben Garcia
(213) 642-3063
Nickname: Lions
Conference: WAC
1977-78 Record: 11-15
Athletic Director: Richard Baker
Colors: Crimson and white

December 29-30: LAS VEGAS HOLIDAY CLASSIC
Head Coach: Sid Wilson
(817) 754-4648
SID: Sid Sidlow
(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: Jim Johnson
(714) 286-6249
SID: John Maffet
(714) 286-5547
Nickname: Aztecs
Conference: Western Athletic
1977-78 Record: 24-5
Series History: First meeting
Athletic Director: Ernest C. Casale
Colors: Cherry and green

January 4: San Diego
February 17: Las Vegas
Head Coach: Tim Vieze
(714) 286-6249
SID: John Maffet
(714) 286-5547
Nickname: Aztecs
Conference: Western Athletic
1977-78 Record: 19-9
Series History: UNLV leads, 5-2
Athletic Director: 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: Ted C. Bredhock
Colors: Black and gold

Las Vegas Holiday Classic
Idaho State University

Marquette University

March 4: Las Vegas
Head Coach: Hank Raymonds
SID: Greg Sbaraglia
Conference: Independent
1977-78 Record: 16-10
Nickname: Bengals
Conference: Big Sky
Athletic Director: Milton "Dubby" Holt
Colors: Orange and black

Athletes In Action

March 8: Anaheim
Head Coach: Bill Gates
SID: B.B. Branton
Conference: Independent
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Nickname: Bengals
Conference: Big Sky
Athletic Director: Milton "Dubby" Holt
Colors: Red, white and blue

3rd ANNUAL REBEL ROUNDUP
December 22-23, 1978
Las Vegas Convention Center
Las Vegas, Nevada

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA (V)
December 22
7:00 p.m.

U.C. SANTA BARBARA (H)
December 23
5:00 p.m.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE (V)
December 22
9:00 p.m.

UNLV (H)

RESULTS

1977
RESULTS: (Championship) UNLV 85, Iowa 82; (Consolation) Northwestern 93, Tennessee 86, (First Round) Iowa 90, Tennessee 88, 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-STARS

1977
ALL-TOURNAMENT: Reggie Theus, UNLV; Tony Allen, Northwestern MVP — Reggie Theus, UNLV

1976
ALL-TOURNAMENT: Roger Pheley, Bradley; Cliff Johnson, Oklahoma; Glen Condredge, UNLV; Aaron Curry, Oklahoma; Eddie Owens, UNLV. MVP — Eddie Owens, UNLV.

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
8, Willard Givain, UNLV, 1977
Most Free Throw Attempts: 11, Reggie Theus, UNLV, 1977
11, Wooldridge, Murray State, 1976
Most Rebounds: 16, Johnson, Oklahoma, 1976
Most Assists: 11, Ronnie Lester, Iowa, 1977
Most Steals: 5, Willard Givain, UNLV, 1977
5, Reggie Theus, UNLV, 1977
Most Blocked Shots: 4, William Mayfield, Iowa, 1977

Team Game
Most Points: 104, UNLV, 1977
70, Bradley, 1976
Most Points—Half: 61, UNLV, 1977
68, Bradley, 1976
Most Free Throws—Half: 28, Bradley, 1976
Most Field Goals: 44, Northwestern, 1977
44, UNLV, 1976
Most Free Throws: 29, Bradley, 1976
Most Free Throw Attempts: 24, UNLV, 1977
24, UNLV, 1976

Most Free Throws Made: 7, Northwestern, 1977
Most Free Throws Attempted: 39, UNLV, 1976

Most Free Throws Attempted: 15, UNLV, 1977

Individual Tournament
Most Points: 59, Allen, Northwestern, 1977
Most Field Goals: 26, Allen, Northwestern, 1977
Most Free Throws: 13, Teus, UNLV, 1977
Most Free Throws Attempted: 17, Teus, UNLV, 1977
Most Steals: 34, Johnson, Oklahoma, 1976

Team Tournament
Most Points: 204, UNLV, 1976
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Fewest Points: 150, Bradley, 1976
150, Bradley, 1976
Most Field Goals: 92, UNLV, 1976
92, UNLV, 1976
Fewest Field Goals: 160, Bradley, 1976
160, Bradley, 1976
Most Free Throws: 40, UNLV, 1976
40, UNLV, 1976
Fewest Free Throws Made: 18, Tennessee, 1977
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Most Free Throws Attempted: 59, UNLV, 1976
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Fewest Free Throws Attempted: 36, Tennessee, 1977

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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); Cliff Richardson (Seattle U.); Willard Gover (UNLV); Reggie Theus (UNLV); and Paul Cathey (Gonzaga). Theus was also the MVP of the 1977 tournament.
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A Different Kind of a Season

Jerry Tarkanian and his 1977-78 UNLV Rebels, who now have a five year winning streak in the nation snapped by New Mexico (102-98), at 72 straight, still pulled out victories.

Running Rebels basketball team posed in front of the Las Vegas Convention Center: Front row (left to right): Steve Burgess, Willard Govain, Matt Porter, Tony Smith, Mike Milke, Jerry Tarkanian, Brett Bales, student manager Larry Chin. Standing (left to right): head coach Jerry Tarkanian, assistant coach George McGuinn, Reggie Theus, Jackie Robinson, Manuel Johnson, Brett Worman, Eddie McLeod, Earl Evans, Sam Copeland, assistant coach.

1977-78 UNLV Runnin' Rebels

W 20 L 8

UNLV OPPONENTS

Record: W 20 L 8 (Home: 17-2; Away: 3-6; Neutral: 0-0)

PLAYER

REGGIE THEUS

TOBY SMITH

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EARL EVANS

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SAM COPELAND

MIKE MILKE

MANUEL JOHNSON

MARCUS ADAMS

BRETT BALES

MATT PORTER

STEVE BURGESS

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UNLV

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1978-79 Stat Final Results

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REGGIE THEUS

28

181-399

465

167-207

807

191

6.8

101-4

529

19.0

126

TOKI SMITH

28

197-409

483

61-19

184-5

29

31.1

14-2

445

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104

JACKIE ROBINSON

27

165-352

524

102-138

739

239

9.0

66-22

432

16.0

34

EARL EVANS

27

171-300

557

69-101

683

254

10.2

94-8

411

15.8

85

GERALD SIMS

28

90-200

446

30-43

896

275

7.5

210

7.5

82

EDDIE McLEOD

28

43-88

489

26-42

619

103

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SAM COPELAND

28

26-56

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MIKE MILKE

20

10-31

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MANUEL JOHNSON

1977-78

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OTHERS

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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. Nine awards were given in all and senior Jackie Robinson was presented the Captain's award as being the team's seasonal captain during the 1977-78 season. Robinson finished his career with 1,258 points and 908 rebounds. Captain Jack was also presented the Outstanding Defensive Player award by his coach.

Fellow seniors Mike Milke and Matt Porter were each given "Rebel Awards" for their contributions to the program the past four years by Tarkanian.

Junior center Earl Evans was honored as the team's leading rebounder (10.2 per game), and junior Tony Smith was presented as the leading free throw shooter (.884, 61 of 69).

Guard Brett Bales was presented the Freshman award and another highlight of the evening was a short speech by former Rebel Glen Gondrezick, now a regular with the New York Knicks in the NBA. "Gondo," along with the other UNLV award winners, received a standing ovation when introduced. Master of Ceremonies for the evening was local TV sports personality Dick Gregg.

**For the Record**

( archival 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 course, the same goes for all the rest. Or 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." Or 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 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

Larry Moffett

Lewis Brown
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### Coaching Records

- **All-Time**: 223 games, 180-43, 76.3%.

### All-Time Series Records

- **Greenville, Illinois**: 75-67, 54.5%.
- **Baylor**: 67-56, 56.0%.
- **North Texas**: 65-56, 53.3%.
- **Cal State**: 64-58, 53.8%.
- **Grand Canyon**: 65-66, 51.2%.
- **Hawaii**: 75-76, 51.3%.
- **Western Washington**: 65-66, 51.2%.
- **Pomona**: 61-66, 49.1%.
- **Illinois State**: 70-71, 71.4%.
- **Los Angeles**: 62-73, 46.0%.
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W: 1 L: PCT: .570

UNLV OPPONENT Opp W L PCT

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1977-78 Head Coach: Jerry Tarkanian
W: 14 L: PCT: .583

UNLV OPPONENT Opp W L PCT

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NCAA College Division Regionals

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Runnin’ Rebels Hold 15 NCAA Scoring Records

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Those Runnin’ Gunnin’ Rebel Records...  

NCAA Division I Team Records

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Single Game 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
115.0—UNLV, 1975-76 (3.426 in 31)
Most Games at Least 100 Points
23—UNLV, 1975-76
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Most Consecutive Games at Least 100 Points
12—UNLV, 1976-77

Season Field Goals

Most Field Goals
1436—UNLV, 1975-76 (attempted 2938, 49.5%)
Most Field Goals Per Game
46.3—UNLV, 1975-76 (1436 in 31)

Season Attendance Records

Home Court, Single Game
33,206—Kentucky (80) vs. UNLV (78), Mar. 4, 1978 at Lexington, KY

UNLV Tournament Records

Most Points

Most Field Goals
Five Game Series: 215, UNLV, 1976-77 (744 vs. USF, 37 vs. Utah, 44 vs. Idaho State, 41 vs. California, 47 vs. North Carolina, Charlotte)

Major College Team Leaders Last 5 Seasons

UNLV Impressive in NCAA Stats

MAJOR COLLEGE TEAM LEADERS LAST 5 SEASONS

RANKING IN EACH CATEGORY

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33,206—Kentucky (80) vs. UNLV (78), Mar. 4, 1978 at Lexington, KY

UNLV Tournament Records

Most Points

Most Field Goals
Five Game Series: 215, UNLV, 1976-77 (744 vs. USF, 37 vs. Utah, 44 vs. Idaho State, 41 vs. California, 47 vs. North Carolina, Charlotte)

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Winningest Active Major College Coaches

Coach Jerry Tarkanian, UNLV (10) 244 44 847
Denny Crum, Louisville (9) 168 37 788
Dean Smith, North Carolina (7) 137 35 710
Billy Knight, Kentucky (6) 139 29 724
Joe Mullaney, Brown (5) 128 27 745
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

Al Clise and Booker Washington

Toby Houston and Bobby Florence

Robert Riley

Bruce Chapman

Tommy Watkins

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The following is a list of the Runnin' Rebel basketball players who have been drafted by the National Basketball Association during the five 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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