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Tonight's Game

Most Americans are well aware of Japanese imports—Toyota and Datsun cars, Sony TVs, Seiko watches... What they are not as familiar with is Japanese basketball, which Las Vegas sports fans will be seeing for the first time when Meiji University's team take to the floor of the Thomas & Mack Center tonight to meet the awesome strength of UNLV's Runnin' Rebels.

How does a game like this go from the drawing board to reality between schools located half-way around the world from each other?

Ironically, the Meiji vs UNLV basketball game was an off-shoot of Japan's national sport of sumo.

Somehow between the main course and dessert, the subject of having a Japanese university team broke into the conversation as a possible opponent for the Runnin' Rebels. Yoshinaga said he would put in a call to Japan to find out if he could line up a representative team for UNLV and before he left Las Vegas, the game with Meiji was made.

It will be the first time a Japanese university team will play against a major American collegiate basketball power. The Japanese national team, and several "all-star" teams have toured the U.S. but as far as a single Japanese university team playing against a major U.S. team is concerned, tonight's game is a historic "first."

Basketball observers in Japan consider this game a major breakthrough for basketball among Japanese university teams. Other universities in Japan will be looking closely at the results, not so much from the finals points posted on the scoreboard, but how the Japanese players react to facing one of the best teams in America, coached by the winningest coach in collegiate basketball in Jerry Tarkanian.

Basketball in Japan was among the best in the Orient for a number of years in the 50s and 60s, but another sport came onto the scene and many potential young athletes, eyeing the chance to play in the Olympic Games, opted for the other game...volleyball.

And, volleyball did, indeed, become the top sport for Japan in world competition. However, in recent years, many of the younger players are returning to basketball and Japan is slowly returning to the top in the Orient.

Several post-season tournaments, featuring top American college teams, have heightened the resurgence of interest among the young athletes, as they give them the opportunity to see some of the best players in the world participate.
A MESSAGE FROM UNLV PRESIDENT
DR. ROBERT C. MAXSON

Dear friends of UNLV:

Please let me take this opportunity to welcome you to the first basketball game of the season for UNLV basketball, the 1984-85 basketball season. We are proud to have the opportunity to host the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, a highly respected basketball program. Our home court provides an exciting and enjoyable environment for both our fans and visitors.

This is particularly an exciting game for the Maxson family as we are new to the Las Vegas community and are not familiar with the local basketball scene. We hope that this game will be a successful one for both of our teams.

It is our hope that this game will be the beginning of a long and fruitful relationship between our institutions. We appreciate the continuing support of our fans and anticipate a highly exciting basketball season.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Maxson
UNLV President

UNLV DIRECTOR OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS
Dr. Brad Rothermel

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS "RUNNIN' REBEL" FANS

It is both an honor and privilege for me to extend greetings to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and to the people of the City of Las Vegas, on behalf of Meiji University. The Meiji University and its basketball team are grateful that they have been given this opportunity to play against one of the great teams in America. It will be a great experience for our team and we hope that their participation will create a spirit of goodwill between our institutions of higher education. We at Meiji feel that sports is an important facet in developing young students and being able to travel abroad certainly enhances this process. Perhaps, one day, the basketball team from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, will be able to travel to our country to experience our culture and the same time we will be able to reciprocate the hospitality extended to our young men on this trip to the U.S.

Shinichi Yamamoto
President, Meiji University
Jerry Tarkanian...More Than Just A Coach

Leonard Gray (Seattle Supersonics). UNLV alumni in the pros at one time or another include: Ricky Sobers (Chicago Bulls), Larry Mikan (Houston Rockets), Eddie Owens (Buffalo Braves), Jackie Robinson (Seattle SuperSonics), Sam Smith (Chicago Bulls), Glen Gondrezick (Chicago Bulls), Sidney Green (Chicago Bulls), and Reggie Theus (Chicago Bulls, Kansas City Kings).

In addition, four members of the 1983-84 Rebel squad were selected in the recent college draft. They are Jeff Collins (Phoenix Suns, 4th round), Danny Tarkanian (San Antonio Spurs, 8th round), Eric Booker (Utah Jazz, 8th round), and Paul Brozovich (Golden State Warriors, 8th round).

Tarkanian's 11 years at UNLV, a total of 23 players have been drafted by the NBA. Six players alone from the 1976-77 team were drafted by the NBA—an NCAA and NBA record.

Tarkanian has been honored with other coaching duties throughout his stellar career. He coached in Ecuador for the People-to-People Sports Committee in April and May of 1968 and in Educational Management from Redlands University.

Jerry Tarkanian and his wife Lois, the former Lois Huter, reside with their four children—Pamela, Jodie, Danny and George—in the Charleston Heights section of Las Vegas.
New Rebs

Best Since 76-77 Squad?

Rarely when a team loses four of its top nine players to graduation is there much cause for rustmism, but University of Nevada, Las Vegas Coach Jerry Tarkanian's 1984-85 Runnin' Rebels are an exception.

Once again, it appears that the Runnin' Rebels will live up to their nickname as this will be one of the quickest UNLV teams that Tarkanian has coached. Moreover, the fact that this squad is filled with good shooters may make it comparable to Tarkanian's 1976-77 Rebel team which advanced to the Final Four.

Gone from the 1983-84 squad, which captured the NCAA regular season championship and advanced to the NCAA Western Regional before losing to eventual national champion Georgetown University, are starting guards Danny Tarkanian (the school's all-time steals and assist leader) and Jeff Collins, as well as part-time starters center Paul Brozovich and swingman Eric J. Bank, who played in 21 of 25 games, respectively.

Additionally, two players who made outstanding progress in 1983-84, center John Flowers (Sr., 6-10, 225) and guard Ricky Cohler (So., 6-4, 185), who showed promise as a freshman last year, will be back. UNLV will also have guard Anthony Jones (Jr., 6-6, 195), a transfer from Georgetown; Eldridge Hudson (So., 6-6, 212), who sat out last year recovering from a knee injury; Richard Robinson (Sr., 6-9, 266), who played in five games last season before contracting mononucleosis and being declared a medical redshirt; Gary Graham (So., 6-4, 185), who played in 28 games as a freshman during the 1982-83 season; and Armon Gilliam (So., 6-6, 230), a transfer from Indiana University.

In addition, the Rebels signed two recruits to add depth to the squad in Leon Symanski, a 6-8 forward from Independence Junior College, and Chris Fancher, a 6-0 guard from Crawford County High School in Marseo, Indiana.

Tarkanian feels that this combination of players could form an excellent team, but recognizes the possible problems.

"I think we have the potential to be a very fine team. We have good depth, good size and good quickness. These factors should allow us to set the pace in most games and play more aggressively on defense than we have in the past. We'll certainly have the opportunity to substitute more freely so that all of our players can stay fresh," said Tarkanian.

Though Tarkanian doesn't see any real weaknesses for this team, he does have some concerns.

"I don't think that we have any major weaknesses, but we do have some question marks. Eldridge (Hudson) is still recovering from his injury, and his status for the season is unknown. We also need to get some good leadership, but I'm not sure who will step out to provide that. We're really counting on Freddie (Banks) and Gary (Graham) to handle the point guard position for us. However, it's important that Freddie improve on his defense from last year," Tarkanian said.

Another obstacle the Rebels will encounter is one of the strongest schedules in UNLV history. In addition to the always competitive PCAA schedule, the Rebels' non-conference opponents include Georgetown, Maryland, San Diego State, Kansas State, and Colorado State.

Undoubtedly, Tarkanian is concerned.

"This is one of the toughest schedules we've ever faced. Practically all of the conference teams have improved since last year, and we have some super non-conference teams coming in here. In addition to those, we will be making a trip to Georgetown for a rematch with the defending NCAA champs."

Good Luck to Runnin' Rebels and Meiji Teams

Line Davies
For Richie Adams

The Climb To The Top Was Much Steeper Than Most

Not often, but every once in a while someone comes along who becomes an overnight sensation. He always had the potential and the talent but perhaps didn't channel his energies in the right direction. Something happens—something that few can explain—that turns him into one of the hottest and most talked about persons in his field.

Adams is the premiere basketball player in Nov. 1982, recording a season to win the PCAA Player-of-the-Year award and the acclaim of all who saw him play. He led the 1982-83 season as one of the leading candidates for All-America honors.

Adams is recognized in basketball circles as having awesome talent. He can do so many things to help a team win. He's a tremendous leaper, a strong rebounder, and has worked on his outside shooting to the point that he can dominate a game—especially when it counts.

There was another honors bestowed on Adams for his performances during last season. Associated Press named him as an honorable mention All-American; he was first team All-PCAA; he was named to the PCAA All-Tournament team and was selected as the MVP of that tourney.

Adams, it seems, has come of age.

"Richie has Great athletic ability," said Rebel Coach Jerry Tarkanian, who in his 22 years of coaching has sent 23 players to the NBA. "He really surprised all of us with how well he did last year. He has tremendous quickness and is a great leaper. There is nobody his size (6-9, 225) who can jump any higher or quicker."

Adams was UNLV's leading scorer in 1983-84 with a 15.2 average. He led a team that had seven players average at least seven ppg. In PCAA games, Adams average 15.0 ppg, also a Rebel High. He was the team's top rebounder averaging 6.7 rpg overall and 7.7 rpg in PCAA play. He shot a very respectable 70 percent from the foul line and, although there are no stats to back this up, was even a better foul shooter when the game was on the line. He shot a perfect 20 percent from the field with a .576 mark—second on the team to Ed Catchings. His defense was also improved as evidenced by his team leading 10 blocked shots and his third best total of 46 steals.

With all the numerous honors, all the acclaim, the crowds chanting Richie Adams—turning him from just another player on the floor into the PCAA's Player-of-the-Year.

Top Was Much Steeper Than Most

His first season as a Rebel was 1981-82 and Adams played in 28 games, 14 as a starter, and averaged 7.5 ppg and 4.7 rpg. The following September, however, he left UNLV to return to New York because of his grandmother's death. He returned to UNLV in November but Tarkanian redshirted Adams. Confused and hurt, Adams decided to return home to the Bronx. After finally realizing that pro basketball was his way to set his mother out of the Bronx, he returned to UNLV the following September.

Adams' third arrival at UNLV left Tarkanian with doubts. He wasn't going to take Adams back until his son Danny, the starting point guard last season and UNLV's career steal leader, talked his father into giving Adams another chance. For UNLV and Richie Adams, three real-ly was a charm.

"He's much more settled now," said Tarkanian. "He's happy. He has a better perspective of himself. I was so happy for Richie when he won PCAA Player-of-the-Year. He worked hard and earned it."

As a result of his outstanding season in 1983-84, Adams moved up to 30th on the All-Time UNLV scoring list. With another great season, he has the possibility of moving up to the top 10, with the likes of Michael Burns, Richard Box and Reggie Theus.

The Richie Adams story has taken many paths over his 21 years. The story now finds him on a new path, one of a successful career and more importantly, a successful life. Richie Adams has won the adoration of the Las Vegas fans, the respect of his collegiate coaches throughout the nation, the admiration of his fellow players and has caught the eyes of pro scouts. They all see Richie Adams as the PCAA's top player as a legitimate All-America candidate, as a boatrodder with outstanding athletic ability and as a person who is very happy to be at UNLV. What they should remember is that Richie Adams has to work much harder than most to get where he is today, and that alone makes him an All-America.

Boyd Grant, head coach at Fresno State said "Richie Adams is a great competitor. He has a bit of Bill Russell in him. What I mean by that is Richie's great intimidation factor—you might have him beat but his quickness and leaping ability allow him to recover and cause problems for someone trying to score over him."

"I'll say this—he is the best player in the PCAA and I've never met a person who wouldn't have the same kind of reaction as last year. He has great ability and seems like a person who has a lot of his act together."

Rod Tueller, head coach of Utah State University adds: "Richie Adams is an outstanding basketball player. I was very impressed with his performance. I don't think anyone does some very unorthodox things quite as well. I don't mean that as a criticism—he's just not an easy player to plan strategy against. He's a great rejector, a great leaper and he has the ability to dominate a game. He's somebody you just can't ignore."

On Adams's story, he is one who doesn't want to be ignored.
LAS VEGAS, THE CITY

The city of Las Vegas, Nevada is a thriving metropolis of nearly half-a-million permanent residents nestled in a desert valley near the southeastern tip of the state.

Located in the southernmost United States, Las Vegas is within a 30-mile radius of Lake Mead; the massive Hoover Dam and Colorado River recreational area; the world-famous trails of 12,000 foot Mt. Charleston; and a panorama of red-rock mountains, eroded sandstone landscapes and replicas of old western towns. Also, within easy reach is the Southern California coastal area, Arizona's Grand Canyon, California's Death Valley and Southern Nevada's Zion National Park.

1983-84 SCHEDULE

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1. North Carolina 8
2. Arkansa* 9
3. Kentucky 10
4. Purdue 11
5. Illinois 12
6. UCLA 13
7. Oklahoma 14

Associated Press 1983-84 Final National Rankings

* Indicates shared first place

FINAL PCAA STANDING - 1983-84

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**Meet the Runnin' Rebels**

**Richard Robinson**

C 6-7 206 FR.
Granada Hills, CA

Robinson was awarded a medical redshirt last season due to a bout with hepatitis... appeared in five games averaging 1.2 points per game in only 20 minutes of action... "Richard has a great deal of athletic talent. He is quick, can block shots, he is just a good all-around player," said Coach Mark Warkentien... as a prepster at Kennedy High School, Robinson earned All-City honors while averaging 15 points and 15 rebounds per game.

**Anthony Jones**

C-F 6-6 187 JR.
Washington, D.C.

Jones redshirted last season at UNLV... a transfer from Georgetown University... "Coach Tarkanian has compared Anthony as another Reggie Theus," said Coach Mark Warkentien... as a prepster at Dunbar High School, Jones earned numerous honors including: McDonalds All-America, Adidas All-America, Dapper Dan Classic, International Team and the AAU National Team... also elected as his team's MVP and was named All-Metropolitan and Mr. Basketball.

**Chris Francher**

G 5-10 160 FR.
Morengo, IN

Francher comes to UNLV with a list of impressive credentials... averaged 18.5 points per game at Crawford County High... named player of the year for the Patoka Lake Conference for three consecutive years... named all-state honorable mention two years in a row and earned all-regional honors three straight years... "He is a real hard worker. His statistics indicate that he's a great shooter; he'll just have to make the adjustment to our style of play," said Coach Bill Lastra.

**Fred Banks**

G 6-2 156 SO.
Las Vegas, NV

Banks appeared in 35 games as a freshman, averaging 4.9 points per game... a local product from Valley High School, became an instant favorite of the Rebel fans... will more than likely start at point guard this season... "Potentially, he can be All-American," said Coach Mark Warkentien... "He is quick, can press, and is a great point guard and shooter"... named to the 1983-84 PCAA All-Freshman team.

**Ed Catchings**

F 6-7 201 SR.
Los Angeles, CA

Catchings appeared in 34 games and was the second leading scorer with a 12.3 average... high game was 30 points vs West Virginia on 12-10-83... received many honors last year including: PCAA Player of the Week, MVP and All-Tournament Team-Miller High Life, All Tournament Team-Budweiser Classic... impressive field goal percentage of .605 (170-281) and free throw percentage of .804 (78-97)... cousin Harvey Catchings plays for the Milwaukee Bucks

**Frank James**

F 6-6 190 SR.
Baltimore, MD

James appeared in 35 games last season averaging 11.5 points per game... "Spoon" was named to the PCAA All-Conference (second team) and Miller High Life-Rebel Round-up All-Tournament Team.
MEET THE RUNNIN’ REBELS

30 Leon Symanski
F 6-7 210 JR.
Orange, CA
A transfer from Orange Coast Junior College, Symanski averaged eight points and eight rebounds per game last season. “He is an excellent defender,” said Coach Mark Warkentien. “Leon is a Bronzovich type of player, a blue collar player.” If Symanski can be compared to the durable, Bronzovich, his asset to the 1984-85 Runnin’ Rebels will be tremendous.

32 Gary Graham
G 6-3 185 SO.
Baltimore, MD
Graham elected to redshirt last season giving the Rebels tremendous depth in the guard position. In 1982-83, Graham appeared in 28 games averaging 1.9 points per game. “Gary is a good medium shooter and is very strong defensively,” said Coach Tim Grigrich. Gary was voted the Freshman Trophy by the coaches for displaying hard work. Graham and teammate Frank James played at rival high schools in Maryland (Graham attended Dunbar and James attended Wallbrook).

33 Eldridge Hudson
G-F 6-7 212 SO.
Carson, CA
Hudson redshirted last season due to a knee injury which required surgery. In 1982-83, Hudson appeared in 26 games, averaging 9.3 points per game. High game was 18 points vs Wagner College on 12-28-82. Most rebounds 15 vs UN Reno on 12-9-82. “Eldridge in one word is a winner. He is a great kid and will do anything to win,” said Coach Tim Grigrich. As a prepster at Carson High School, Hudson was named Los Angeles Player of the Year in 1981, while leading his team to the first state championship game ever played in California.

35 Armon Gilliam
F 6-8 230 SO.
Bethel Park, PA
A transfer from Independence Junior College, Gilliam averaged 17 points and 11 rebounds a game, in 1982-83. His team sported a 33-5 record and a berth into the National Junior College Tournament. As a prepster at Bethel Park, Gilliam averaged 13 points and 10 rebounds a game his senior year. Recruited by Houston, North Carolina State, Maryland, Pittsburgh and Duquesne...chose UNLV because of “their style of play.”

43 Rickey Collier
G 6-4 186 SO.
Riverside, CA
Collier appeared in 17 games as a freshman, averaging 2.8 points per game. High game was 12 points vs San Jose State on 1-12-84. “He plays very hard and is a good shooter,” said Coach Mark Warkentien. As a prepster at Ramona High School, Collier earned All-CIF and was named All-America by Street and Smith.

55 John Flowers
C 6-9 230 SR.
Fort Wayne, IN
Flowers appeared in #7 games as a junior, averaging 7.1 points per game. High game was 16 points vs Long Beach State on 1-6-84. Most rebounds was 10, accomplished three times vs Long Beach State, Irvine and Fresno State. “John is a superior athlete. He can run and jump so well and possessed great board strength,” said Coach Mark Warkentien. In 1981, Flowers was the state finalist in the 400 and 200 meter runs...transfer from the University of Indiana.
Optimism reigns high for the 1984-85 edition of the UNLV Runnin’ Rebels as they gathered for the traditional team photo at the Thomas and Mack Center. Some say the current Rebels may be one of the best ever assembled. They are (front, left to right) Gary Graham, Anthony Jones, Ed Catchings, Richie Adams, Frank “Spoon” James, John Flowers, Leon Symanski, Eldridge Hudson. In the back (left to right) are Head Coach Jerry Tarkanian, Coach Bob Kloppenburg, Manager Barry Vacarro, Head Trainer Jerry Kaslowski, Fred Banks, Richard Robinson, Armon Gilliam, Ricky Collier, Chris Francher, Coach Mark Warfenkien, Coach Tim Grgurich, and Coach Bill Lastra.
1984-85 MEIJI ROSTER

No. Name Ht. Wt. P C Hometown High School
4 Masayuki Okabe** 6-5 166 F Sr. Saitama (Kokugakuin)
5 Kunho Okamoto** 6-4 173 F Sr. Saitama (Warabi)
6 Hideki Matsugami** 6-2 155 G Sr. Saitama (Warabi)
8 Ryo Narita** 6-6 170 F Sr. Yokohama (Kanai)
9 Yutaka Miyoshi* 6-6 175 Jr. Niigata (Kogyo)
10 Koji Yamamoto*** 6-1 170 G Jr. Tokyo (Meiji)
12 Kenji Kawabata 6-7 170 C Jr. Yamagata (Meiji)
13 Koichi Hamanishi 6-5 167 F Jr. Akita (Minami)
13 Makoto Sasaki* 6-1 160 G Jr. Hokkaido (Tomakomai)
15 Manabu Maruyama* 6-0 162 G Jr. Aomori (Jitsugyo)
16 Masashi Yamamoto* 5-10 152 G Jr. Akita (Yokote)

SQUAD BREAKDOWN
*Lettermen Returning (8): Adams, Banks, Catchings, Collier, Flowers, Graham, Hudson, James
*Lettermen Lost (6): Booker, Brozovich, Collins, Posti, Roberts, Tarkanian
*Starters Returning (3): Adams, Catchings, James
*Starters Lost (2): Brozovich, Collins, Tarkanian
*Seniors (4): Adams, Catchings, Flowers, James
*Juniors (2): Jones, Symanski

COACHING STAFF
Head Coach: Kyoichiro Hayashi
Assistant Coach: Satoru Mori
Assistant Coach: Kunikazu Myodo
President of Meiji Alumni Association: Tomiya Omura

1984-85 UNLV REBELS ROSTER

No. Name Ht. Wt. P C Hometown High School
00 Richard Robinson 6-9 206 C Fr. Granada Hills, CA (Kennedy)
11 Anthony Jones 6-6 187 C-F Jr. Washington, DC (Dunbar)
12 Chris Francher 6-6 160 G Fr. Los Angeles (El Camino JC)
13 Fred Banks* 6-2 156 G Jr. Baltimore, MD (San Jacinto JC)
20 Ed Catchings* 6-7 201 F Fr. Orange, CA (Orange Coast JC)
25 Frank James* 6-6 190 F Sr. New York, NY, (Ben Franklin)
30 Leon Symanski 6-7 210 F So. Baltimore, MD (Dunbar)
31 Richie Adams** 6-8 215 F-C So. Carson, CA (Carson)
32 Gary Graham* 6-3 185 G So. Bethel Park, PA (Independence JC)
33 Eldridge Hudson* 6-7 212 G-F So. Riverside, CA (Ramona)
43 Rickey Collier* 6-4 186 G Sr. Fort Wayne, IN (Southside)
55 John Flowers* 6-9 230 C Sr. Fort Wayne, IN (Southside)

SQUAD BREAKDOWN
*Sophomores (5): Banks, Collier, Gilliam, Graham Hudson
*Freshmen (2): Francher, Robinson
*Guards: Banks, Collier, Francher, Graham
*Forwards: Adams, Catchings, Gilliam, James, Symanski
*Centers: Adams, Flowers, Robinson
*Forward-Guard Swingmen: Hudson, Jones

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Good Luck to Both Teams for a Successful Season!
Meiji University Players...

4 Masayuki Okabe  
F 6-5 Sr.

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Meiji University Set The Tone For Today's Japan

Meiji University's history dates back to 1881, when a group of young scholars, dedicated to the instruction of scholarly French law and the humanities and sciences, established Meiji Law School, providing equal opportunity for education for generations to come.

A private institution, Meiji Law School was originally founded by scholars who intended to modernize Japan and Japanese education with European techniques. During its development into the university system of today, individuals associated with the institution had to overcome many difficulties and restrictions to achieve the mission and the search for truth.

Tatsuo Kishimoto, one of the founders of Meiji Law School, was one of the students sent by the Ministry of Justice to Europe, where he studied French law at the University of Paris. He returned to Japan on February 8, 1880, and participated in the development of a new science of law for the government in the early Meiji Era (1868-1912). He felt the importance and need to promote the spread of knowledge of French law in Japan. In 1881, he decided to found Meiji Law School and gathered other scholars interested in the founder's intentions and drew the attention of the entire nation.

Meiji Law School moved to one of its present-day campuses in 1886 to accommodate its growing student body under Kishimoto, who took over as the institution's president at that time.

In 1888, the Ministry of Education designated Meiji Law School as a specially approved educational institution and divided the Schools of Law and Political Science. The two schools led the way in the development of modern institutions of higher learning, but faced many serious financial difficulties as a private school.

Meiji's status as a university was formally recognized by the government in 1903 and the school was renamed Meiji University, adding the Schools of Commerce and Literature. The School of Commerce had to close because of diminishing student enrollment, but the university kept alive the desire to reestablish it for many years and in 1922, it was reopened.

In 1904, the School of Commerce was the first among Japanese institutions to inaugurate a program that has served as a model for commerce education in Japan. As Japan developed as a capitalistic nation, it was necessary for industrial and business circles to develop their human resources to serve society.

The School of Commerce met these needs and occupied a respected position while serving in the development of the university as a whole. Meiji became a full-fledged university in 1925 with the establishment of three additional schools and a three-year college.

A women's college was established in 1929 to offer the first opportunity for women in Japan who desired to seek higher education.

The university was granted a charter in 1952 for a new postgraduate educational program in each school, dedicated to the instruction in advanced study and research. The School of Business Administration was the first of its kind in Japan and established in 1953.

With the growth of the nation, Meiji University has remained as one of the eminent universities in Japan, with an enrollment of over 30,000. On November 4, 1980, the university celebrated its centennial anniversary at Tokyo Budokan Hall.

Over 200,000 students have graduated from Meiji and they have made great contributions to the Japanese society.

In more recent times, the university has adopted a policy of admitting a number of foreign students each year. Intentions for foreign students are accorded special consideration for admission to Meiji.

Except for students sent by foreign government, Japan does not issue permits to foreign students to enter Japan without university admission credentials issued from accredited schools, such as Meiji, in Japan.

Admission to Meiji in all cases is determined by the university and appropriate selection examination. Applicants must be proficient enough in Japanese to study and do research at the university. If the applicant's language ability is not adequate, he or she must complete at least one year of Japanese language instruction at an authorized language institution in Japan.

All the Meiji schools offer courses leading to a Bachelor's Degree with graduate programs leading to Master's and Doctoral Degrees. Japan's private universities, with Meiji taking the lead, have contributed greatly to the progress of all students both Japanese and foreigners.

Private universities in Japan, as in other countries, rely on funds from private sources, tuition and fees, and receive little financial aid from the government. Nevertheless, eighty percent of all college students in Japan, study at private universities.

And Meiji University has set the tone for today's Japan.

Meiji Shooters Eye a Hot Hand

Kunho Okamoto

"I am really excited about being able to play against Las Vegas," Kunho Okamoto, senior starting forward, said about the game with UNLV.

Interviewed during a Meiji practice session, as the team prepared for its U.S. trip, Okamoto, a much-sought-after prep star from the Northern Japanese Island of Hokkaido, Okamoto said that the trip to Las Vegas was a culmination of his three years on the Meiji varsity.

Considered as one of Meiji's best pure shooters, the 6-4 star said he will probably have to adjust his shooting game against the Runnin' Rebels. "In Japan, at 6-4, I am right up there with most of the players as far as height is concerned but after looking over the Las Vegas roster, I know that my task will be a little different than when I play in our league back in Japan."

Masayuki Okabe

Masayuki Okabe was named captain of the Meiji team for the U.S. trip because as Coach Kyoichiro Hayashi said, "he gives leadership to our team both with his play and his maturity."

The 6-5 forward, who claims a vertical jump of nearly 30 inches, says the most important thing about playing UNLV is not to be intimidated by the physically bigger American players. "If I can get my shots, I am confident that I'll be able to put down my share of baskets," he said.

Okabe averaged nearly 20 points a game in league play which is an indication that he can score points. "If certainly will be a challenge to both our team and to me personally to see how we will stack up against a tough opponent like Las Vegas."
THE 1984 UNLV CHEERLEADERS

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No Ref Baiting For Meiji's Coach Hayashi

No matter how the officials may call the game, you won't find any complaints from the coach of the Meiji University basketball team, ranting and raving on the bench.

The reason is simple... when he's not coaching, Hayashi is often called upon to put on the striped shirt and put a whistle in his mouth to perform as a referee.

One is a handbook of F.I.B.A referees in Japan, Hayashi usually refers games involving international competition held in Japan.

His most memorable assignment, by his own testimony, is working the Olympic Games basketball finals during the Tokyo Games, won the the United States team in 1964.

Because of his excellent work during the Olympics, Hayashi was also invited to be one of the officials at the Unibirds' game in the University in Hungary the following year in 1965.

Hayashi feels he learned much about his approach to coaching basketball while working games as an official, for international games under international rules, which differs in many ways from the way the game is played in the United States, he said, "I personally understood the game in another language under international rules there is a lot more contact and it can get very rough."

Hayashi is a former player, who has been regarded as a basketball prodigy in Japan. He was a part of the very first college basketball club to be formed in Japan (Meiji University), and set many national records during his career.

As he approaches retirement, Hayashi reflects on his many accomplishments and the impact he has had on the sport of basketball in Japan.

Hayashi's time as a player and as a coach has been marked by a number of significant achievements.

Some of the highlights include:
- Winning multiple national championships with Meiji University.
- Barring more than 300 individual games over the years.
- Being named the most valuable player in the industrial basketball league.
- Being a member of the Japanese national team that competed in the Olympic Games.
- Having his number retired by Meiji University.

Hayashi is widely respected for his dedication to the sport and his contributions to the development of basketball in Japan.

In his retirement, Hayashi plans to continue to be involved in the sport in some capacity, whether it be coaching, mentoring, or serving in a consultant role.

In conclusion, Hayashi's legacy as a basketball player and coach is one of outstanding achievement and dedication to the sport. His impact on the development of basketball in Japan is immeasurable, and his contributions will be remembered for years to come.
UNLV ATHLETICS—ALIVE WITH PRIDE

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas enjoyed its most successful year in recent history. UNLV can now boast its first ever national champion as native Sheila Tarr captured first at the NCAA championships in the heptathlon. Also, UNLV had 12 of its 14 intercollegiate sports invited to national post-season competition. The previous high was three sports. Lastly, the UNLV athletic department can boast being in the black for the first time in the history of UNLV.

The 1983-84 season was full of highlights, but the highlight of them all has to be the UNLV Lady Rebel track team. Under the guidance of coaches Al McDaniels and Mike Strong, had more than Sheila Tarr to be proud of. The whole team finished 25th at the NCAA Championships and throughout the season had several individuals ranked in the top 20.

The Rebel swimming team did very well, finishing third in the NCAA's behind perennial powers USC and Pepperdine. Two individuals did qualify for the NCAA Championships: Tim Dobias in the 200 and 400-yard IM and Pablo Newallo in the 200-breast.

The Rebel soccer team also advanced to the Far West Regional of the NCAA championships and German Aranda took fifth. One of the few near misses occurred to the Rebel football team in the final game of the season. All they needed was a win over CSU-Long Beach for a trip to the California Bowl and a NCAA championship. Leading 21-17 with a little over a minute to play and needing to drive 91 yards, the Rebels finished second in the NCAA.

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LADY REBEL BASKETBALL

Misty Thomas

Olympic Experience Boosted Misty’s Skills

In Southern California fans of the two-time national champion Lady Trojans of USC speak with near reverence of their star Cheryl Miller.

In Southern Nevada, fans of UNLV’s Lady Rebels say they also are blessed to have one of the top women players in America, one who probably be an All-American this year.

Her name is Misty Thomas, a 5-11 junior out of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, who has guided the Lady Rebs over the past two years from the point guard post.

With Misty’s hands on the trot-tle, the Lady Rebs registered a 24-4 mark during the 1982-83 season, the most successful record in UNLV’s history. That was followed by a first-ever PCAA Women’s Basketball Championship in the 1983-84 season and a berth in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, another first for the school.

“We’ve tasted two years of success,” Lady Rebel Co-Head Coach Jim Bolla said. “We finally made it to the NCAA Tournament.

Now that we know that it takes to get there, we have to take it one step further.”

Despite a 78-58 loss in the first round of the NCAA Tournament to Cal State Long Beach, the 1983-84 campaign was overwhelmingly one of the most prosperous ever for UNLV Women’s basketball.

The catalyst for the Lady Rebs’ goal of climbing to the top of the collegiate basketball world is Misty Thomas, who developed her talents during the off season through international competition at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games, as a member of the Canadian Olympic team. Thomas was instrumental in leading Canada to a fourth place in Los Angeles.

Last year Misty compiled a 15.5 points per game average, grabbed 6.3 rebounds per game and broke the school record for assists with 180, breaking Sheila Powell’s old mark of 174 set in 1976-77.

Thomas also earned CoSIDA Academic All-America honors accumulating a 3.94 grade point average. Along with Danny Tarkanian, first team Academic All-America on the Rebels’ men’s team, they became the first-ever Academic All-America tandem in the country.

The Lady Rebs, although blessed with the talents of Misty Thomas, will certainly not be a “one woman team.”

Returning to give the Lady Rebs a chance to fulfill their goal of making the NCAA Tournament is Donya Monroe, 6-2 junior. Monroe finished the 1983-84 season as the top rebounder for the team with 8.5 rebounds per game to go with her 11.8 points per game, which made her the third highest scorer on the team.

Also returning are sophomore Angela Christian (6-2) and Charlotte Blair (5-9). Christian saw action last season as the back-up power forward and tallied 7.1 points and 5.2 rebounds per game.

Adding depth to this year’s squad are junior Jackie Tefft (6-4) and Kathy LaVern (6-1).
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