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REBELS' CLASS OF 2008: Future point guard set to sign

Bellfield expected to make UNLV choice official

By MATT YOUNG
 REVIEW-JOURNAL
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Oscar Bellfield, right, took part in the adidas Super 64 Tournament in Las Vegas in July. Photo by John Locher

On more than one occasion, Oscar Bellfield was offered a scholarship to play basketball at UNLV. Every time, he declined.

For more than two years, Bellfield, a 6-foot-1-inch point guard from Los Angeles, played a walking game with college recruiters. He rejected most of them.

He shot down his first offer from Washington after his freshman year of high school, and continued his defensive stance as UNLV, San Diego State, Oregon State, Washington State and others made subsequent advances.

"I didn't want to rush into something," he said. "I wanted to make sure it was the right choice."

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After a few twists and turns in his recruiting tale, Bellfield committed to the Rebels in early March. The senior from Westchester High School plans to send in his letter of intent today, when the spring signing period opens.

"The UNLV program, each year, is getting better and better," Bellfield said.

The Rebels are 57-15 with three NCAA Tournament wins in the past two years. But coach Lon Kruger's four-player recruiting class for 2008 is not creating much hype.

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All Star Sports recruiting analyst Bob Gibbons said UNLV's incoming group could rank in the top 50 nationally.

"I think this is a good class. There's not a McDonald's All-American, but Lon is not geared to go after those players," Gibbons said. "He seems to want guys who are a good fit in the program and can be coachable."

Gibbons said New Mexico is signing a top 25 class that ranks as the best in the Mountain West Conference.

Bellfield and 6-10 center Bryce Massamba from Findlay Prep in Henderson can sign with the Rebels today. Signing in November were Dashawn Mitchell, a 6-6 forward from Monmouth Academy in Howell, N.J., and 6-8 forward Darvis Santee from Midland (Texas) College.

None of those players is a five-star prospect, but the ranking of recruits is far from an exact science.

UNLV was in the hunt for two highly touted senior forwards -- Luke Babbitt from Galena High and Jeff Taylor from Hobbs, N.M. Babbitt orally committed to Ohio State but reneged and will sign with UNR. Taylor eliminated the Rebels when he narrowed his list to three schools, and Texas is the favorite to get him.

Gibbons said "Las Vegas has a lot to offer," and his opinion is that UNLV's coaching staff is recruiting wisely.

"They just don't seem to have success recruiting those high-profile guys at this point. But they don't just automatically assume they're not going to get a kid. They are making the effort," Gibbons said.

"There's something to be said for efficiency in recruiting, and not spending all their time going after kids who will probably go to Arizona or UCLA. But look at Lon's success. They get good guys."

Gibbons said his analysis of the Rebels' class is incomplete because he knows little about Mitchell, a possible sleeper.

"Massamba can be an inside force," Gibbons said. "If Santee was still around in the spring, a coach like Tom Crean at Indiana would love to have him."

Kruger has one scholarship remaining, and it might go to Rene Rougeau for his senior year. Rougeau, who still is paying his own way through school, started 27 games for the Rebels as a junior.

With six newcomers next season -- a group that includes two redshirts, freshman center Beas Hamga and sophomore point guard Tre'Von Willis -- it's logical that UNLV's final scholarship should go to Rougeau or a transfer.

Malcolm Thomas, a 6-9 freshman from Pepperdine, is showing interest in the Rebels. Thomas might be leaning toward transferring to UCLA.

Gibbons said Bellfield should "fit in perfectly in Kruger's style of play" as a backup point guard next season.

As a junior at Woodland Hills (Calif.) Taft High, Bellfield drew interest -- but no offers -- from Kansas, Oregon and Southern California. Last summer, after he struggled with a groin injury and played poorly in a summer tournament in Las Vegas, his options dwindled.

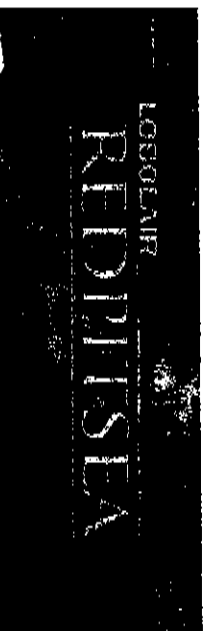
The Kansas recruiters were long gone, and the UNLV coaching staff also backed off.

But Bellfield put together a strong senior season at Westchester High, and after three players dropped off the Rebels' roster, a scholarship opened and the two sides were brought back together.

Bellfield was no longer in position to wait for a call from a top Pac-10 Conference program. He jumped at his final offer from UNLV.

"Another chance came, and I really wanted to go there," said Bellfield, who has a long relationship with Rebels assistant coach Lew Hill. "We've been talking for a while. I feel everything worked out well. I wouldn't regret anything."

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I'm sure WeebleNet is pocked full of shots at UNM and our recruits. I'm also certain there will be predictions of how Hamga and Willis are going to dominate our new guys and how they're still separating themselves from us and the rest of the pack.
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LVRJ: Rebels' Drama Nearly a Flop

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MOUNTAIN WEST'S OPENING ACT: Rebels' drama nearly a flop

UNLV survives sloppy showing, slips past Lobos

By MATT YOUNG/LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL

After another dramatic finish at the buzzer, UNLV sophomore guard Tre'Von Willis was not in a celebratory mood.

He said he was "bummed," and he offered an apology to his teammates. But most importantly, he was not sorry about the result.

Willis scored 15 points, and the Rebels barely escaped with a 60-58 victory over New Mexico on Saturday night in the Mountain West Conference opener at the Thomas & Mack Center.

"We take the win. But at the same time, we're all unhappy with our effort," Willis said. "We were disappointed in our effort."

UNLV (13-2) extended its home winning streak against MWC opponents to 25 games, but the journey to that destination was a 40-minute struggle.

The Rebels missed five free throws in the final 37 seconds, and had to hold on during a white-knuckle ending.

The Lobos' Chad Toppert missed an open 3-point attempt with five seconds left, and after the ball took a high bounce off the rim, Tony Darridge rebounded and missed a short shot in the lane at the buzzer.

"We had a little trouble at the line there at the end and gave them opportunities," UNLV coach Tom Kruger said. "We feel fortunate to come out with a win."

Willis made a big play out of a timeout with 1:04 remaining, when he drove strong through the lane for a layup to put the Rebels ahead 58-53.

"That is exactly the play we wanted," Kruger said. "Tre drove the ball and made a nice finish."

After UNLV's Marceao Rutledge missed two free throws, Jonathan Willis made a 3-pointer to cut New Mexico's deficit to 58-56 with 14 seconds left. Willis went to the free-throw line and hit an air ball on his first attempt. He regrouped and made the second shot.

Toppert hit two free throws with 3.4 seconds to go. Willis was fouled again, and he missed the first shot and made the second.

"I made the game a little closer at the end," said Willis, who made 7 of 11 free throws. "I was a little bummed about that (air ball). I felt I let my team down. I apologized to the team and said it will never happen again."

Daniel Farris, the Lobos' 6-foot-9-inch, 245-pound forward, finished with 19 points.

"Farris is a tough guy," Kruger said. "He's unheralded with what he's doing and how good he's playing."

Darridge finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds for New Mexico (9-6).

Rebels seniors Joe Darger and Rene Rougeau scored nine points each. Darger had 10 rebounds, and Rougeau grabbed seven.

Farris scored inside to put the Lobos up 36-33 three minutes into the second half, prompting Kruger to use a timeout.

Darger's 3-pointer pulled the Rebels within 43-41, and Darris Santez's layup tied it at 43 with 10:33 left.

Rougeau scored on a reverse layup, was fouled by Roman Martinez and finished the three-point play to put UNLV up 46-44. Rougeau dribbled off a Santez screen and knocked down a 17-foot jumper to make the score 48-44 at the 9:09 mark.

The Lobos led 52-50 after Farris' layup with 6:20 to go. Rougeau made a jumper and Willis hit two free throws to put UNLV ahead 54-53 with 4:11 remaining.

Willis' two free throws extended the lead to 56-53 with 1:50 to play.

Farris scored 10 points to lift New Mexico to a 32-30 halftime lead.

The Rebels played sluggishly for most of the first half, confirming Kruger's concerns of an emotional letdown three days after UNLV's 56-55 upset win at 18th-ranked Louisville.

"I definitely think it was a letdown," Darger said. "We didn't come in and play with the intensity like we hoped."

"It's something that seems to happen to teams sometimes. We didn't play so well. We were real sloppy with the ball and had a lot of unforced turnovers."

Senior guard Wank Adams, out since Dec. 23 with a lower abdominal injury, entered at 12:25 of the first half with the Rebels trailing 17-13. Adams was out of sync, and he shot 0-for-6 and did not score.

UNLV is off until playing at Texas Christian on Saturday.

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Darridge 37 5-17 0-1 10 3 2 10
Willis 12 1-3 1-2 0 0 0 4
Gardt 26 3-6 2-5 3 4 3 9
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Bealfield 18 2-7 0-1 3 3 4 5
Willis 32 4-12 7-11 1 4 3 15
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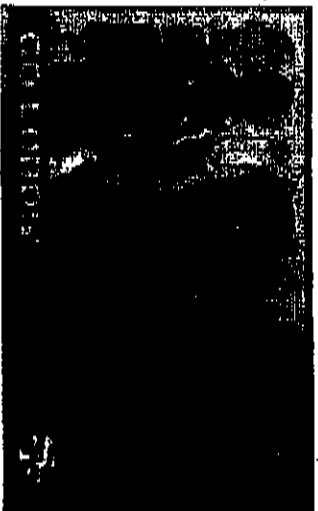
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The Rebels can call it a sluggish effort on their part, but the Lobos were flat in key areas as well - FTs and 3 pointers.
I'd call it a slug fest that they were fortunate to win. Credit the Lobos for finding ways to have a chance to win at one of the toughest home courts in the league against a quality team despite not playing well in all areas.



Do not see the game, it's too strange.

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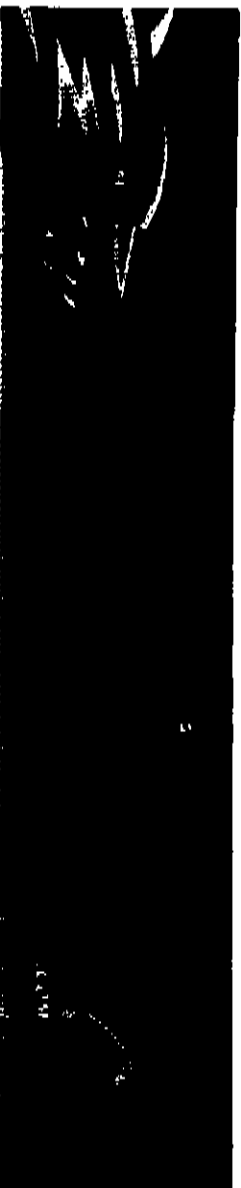
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Utah Boylen: MWC needs to schedule tougher teams

In two years at Utah, coach Jim Boylen has made an impact on Mountain West Conference basketball in a variety of ways. Boylen is optimistic. His sideline antics can be entertaining sidekicks. He sometimes grabs a microphone and shouts to the home crowd after wins. He has cried in news conferences.

He also guided the Utes to a No. 5 seed in the NCAA Tournament last season, the highest seed in the conference's 10-year history. Boylen talks about coaching his players to be fearless and tough, so he schedules the same way -- and he hopes the rest of the league's coaches start to do the same. "I bet my guys will play anybody, anytime," he said. "I want them to think like that."

"So many guys are scheduling to win 20 games. It doesn't matter. It's who you play. What are your quality wins?" If the Mountain West is to be considered an elite conference, Boylen said, its coaches must schedule with less caution and more toughness. Before the MWC tournament in Florida, Boylen said, "We set the standard for the league, how you get into the NCAA Tournament, who you have to play and how you should run your program. In my opinion, Boylen said he's not criticizing other coaches, but he's not backing off that comment, either. "I really feel that way," he said, also explaining that recruits want to play in big-time games.

The Utes beat Gonzaga and Louisiana State last season and lost to California, Oklahoma and Utah State. Next season, Utah is set to play LSU, Oklahoma, Utah State, Illinois, Michigan and Oklahoma State. But next on Boylen's schedule is the American Cancer Society's Cancer vs. Cancer Golf Classic & Gala, Sunday through June 2, a second-year event hosted by UNLV coach Lon Kruger.

"I've got maybe an spring relationship with Lon as you can have with a rival," said Boylen, who recently signed a new five-year contract worth \$850,000 a year, a figure that could increase to \$1 million with bonuses.

Kruger designed a rivalry: the MWC's second-toughest nonconference schedule last season, when the Rebel recorded marquee victories over Louisville and Arizona. But the MWC got only two teams -- Utah as an automatic qualifier and Brigham Young as an at-large selection -- into the NCAA Tournament, and both lost in the first round. San Diego State, which lost the conference tournament championship to the Utes, was snubbed because of its weak nonconference schedule. New Mexico and Wyoming also played soft schedules.

Only Utah, BYU and UNLV ventured out of conference and beat elite opponents, and the Cougars' beat win was against Utah State. "Our goal at Utah is to get into the NCAA Tournament before we get to the conference tournament, or be so good enough that if we get some win in the conference tournament, we're in," Boylen said. "We try to (schedule) six kind of big-time games. That's what you have to do."

The Utes ranked No. 12 in the Ratings Percentage Index going into last season's conference

tournament at the Thomas & Mack Center. Games against Division II opponents don't count in the RPI. Boylen scheduled a D-II opponent last season -- and lost to Southwest Baptist -- and Krueger has one, Pittsburg State, on the schedule next season. For the MWC to be in better position to get NCAA at-large spots, Boylen said, coaches need to schedule to improve their teams' RPI.

Boylen said he and his staff study all potential opponents by charting returning players and starters, the percentage of offense returning and by projecting teams' records and RPIs based on their schedules. "We're making some educated decisions," he said. The conference tournament is another example of different philosophies among coaches. It will be at the Thomas & Mack next season, completing a four-year contract. Administrators and coaches at STU and Hearl Mexico have been outspoken about moving the tournament. "I think it will stay in Vegas. I've never complained about it being there because I think that's the best place for it," Boylen said. "So many people complain about the conference tournament being in Vegas, but they go there thinking they need to win three games. Last season, I felt we were in before we even got there."

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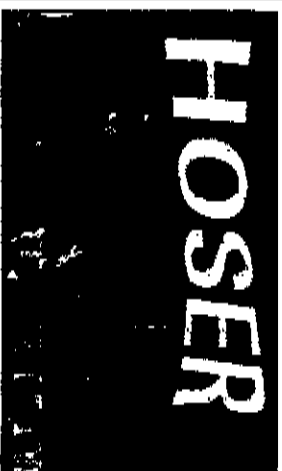
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HOSER
the user

I have to agree with Boylen. The MWC seems to schedule soft. Don't know exactly what NIM would have to give up to upgrade the schedule since it seems very tough to get same teams into the PIT but somehow Jifford needs to get more name teams on the schedule. Seems like there are too many Hosers every year.

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weathypoop
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says the coach that has MD fans attend games. of course the big boys want to go a venue where its essentially a neutral court game.
 also no offense to the coach here but teams like LSU, Oklahoma, Utah State, Wisconsin GB, and Cal can have recruiting seasons where one year they are good and the next mel down. Last year was a perfect storm for the team. I don't there lack continues through next season although they are already looking a "tough"

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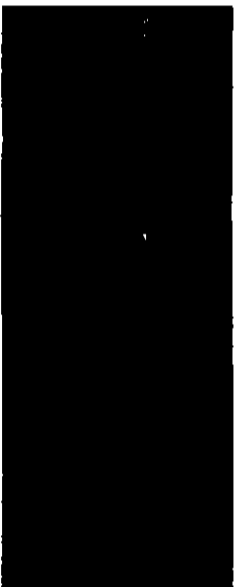
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It wasn't that our schedule wasn't tough enough last year. The problem was we didn't win enough games on our schedule. Of course losing the first game in the MWC tournament doesn't help say. I trust coach to schedule the right teams to challenge our team, but not bury them early and take away their confidence.



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I can promise you that we've tried to get a bunch of big name teams. Fact is everyone scared to play in the M. Nobody want to play us here. The coaches are basing their call but you can make the other guys play you if they dont want to. UTA's arena reputation isnt anything like the M. The big boys know better than to come here.



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05-25-2009

Loboxpat

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#7

Join Date: Aug 2007

Location: ALMA, UT & DENV

Posts: 7,245

User ID: 5


Avatar: 

Thanks: 9,685

Thanked 6,033 Times in 2,304 Posts

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"Reaction increases in relation to risk to equal proportion to age" -- Ernest Hemingway


Boylen is right in some respects but the bravado is comical. It'll be fun to see the fearless Utes crumble in the PK again next season.

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05-25-2009 #8



sdauphiliq
Alma, Colo

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Location:	San Diego
Posts:	1,458
User ID:	954
Avatar:	
Thanks:	7
Thanked 778 Times in 372 Posts	
Given:	0
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He is right, how I expect Utah's attendance to have a huge rise, most of their fans had a walk and see approach with boylen I hate but tend to agree with boylen, studs and unns schedule was way too soft last year

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<p>05-25-2009</p> <p>Garishwolf 201 W. Labo Way to you</p>	<p>Smelish_chicks_AHT</p> <p style="text-align: right;">#9</p>
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05-25-2009 #10



Bulchuter
444 posts

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Macy years ago....Ellenberg attempted to get big name teams to come to the PIT. Some of the refusal factors were printed in the paper. Thanks but no Thanks type of refusal...I.e. schedulers are made too far in advance, not interested, they us at our place and/or etc., etc. Guarantee was not high enough. The Lobos were able to get Georgetown to come to the PIT for one game and for the sum of \$100,000.00. I believe that was during the Colson era.

I believe that in time and with some decent local sports reporters (minus the Rick Wright type) getting into the fray by publishing reasons why big name schools refuse to come to the PIT. Put a little pressure on Sports networks...i.e Sports Illustrated, sporting news, Alton Maguire, and yes ESPN (although they are still upset with the MWC handing their own TV network their Mountain). Challenge the NCAA to penalize some big schools for refusing to go head to head with non BCS schools.

And I suppose it may take the 2 for 1 games for a few seasons to finally get their attention. Maybe quiet as Arizona will have the guts to play us once more. Still burns me that Olson gets praised for being a good coach....M.O. a cowardly coach!


Oh well...if Coach Alford and Staff continue to bring credibility to the Lobo program...big BCS schools won't be able to dodge the Alford Gang!

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05-25-2009 #11

LaboCado I agree Pit is a double-edged sword. Great hometown, but tough to get top teams here.


Labo User Legend



Handman, who cares. Even the Youts fans don't care. So yeah, big same school's will go there. I think we're in a situation where we have to accept 2-for-1s.

Labo User Legend

Join Date:	Apr 2009
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05-25-2009


#12

LoboGator
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Winning solves everything.
 Boylen's philosophy is not new, tell me something I don't know. And what good did playing the schedule he played do him? They got into the NCAA's and choked big time, embarrassing.
 I already hate that guy.
 The Lobos need to take care of business on the court, period. We need to beat some tough teams on the road, period.
 Like I said, winning solves a lot of problems.

Lobos under Steve Alford: Never give up!



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05-25-2009

#13

LoboMike
 Re: Hi LoboLobo to you

Alford doesn't need any advice from Boylen on scheduling. He knows what he is doing there.



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 Thanks: 2,807
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05-25-2009

#14

LoboLobo
 LoboLobo



Join Date: Jan 2008
 Location: Denver
 Posts: 156
 User ID: 911
 Status: Online
 Thanks: 1
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Our schedule was plenty hard last year. Unfortunately we lost at home to Central Florida, and UTEP, and had a very winnable game at Creighton. You take those 3 as wins and we are a 10 seed, even with the Wyoming loss... (Wyoma was pretty crappy too).

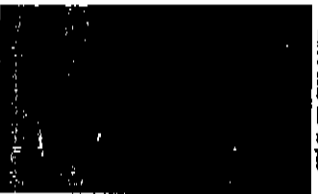
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05-26-2009

#15

He just stated alot of the things SA has been saying for a year now, bring em on.



Garshworf

2x 1st Lobo Lur to you

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 Status: ONLINE
 Thanks: 54,424
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#16



Agnes


10x 1st Lur to you

Join Date: Aug 2007
 Posts: 538
 User ID#: 143
 Status: OFFLINE
 Thanks: 222
 Thanked 940 Times in 314 Posts
 Gender: Female
 Country: United States in 1 Post

Our schedule was weak. Its time for everyone to finally admit that Boylen liars himself -- A Lur, but that doesnt make him wrong. We have said it before.....MWM needs to play some heavy hitters -- at THEIR place

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06-26-2009 #17



lobosdick
User

Join Date: Aug 2002
 Location: Albuquerque
 Posts: 256
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 Service: Classic
 Threads: 259
 Threaded 226 Times in 220 Posts

Our schedule last season wasn't THAT bad, and it was expected to be stronger. There is a little luck involved. Drake was a top 10 team the season before, and while you don't expect them to be a top 10 team again last season, you certainly didn't expect them to drop off as much as they did. WISU wasn't quite as good as expected. Also, S. Miss, San Diego, Ole Miss, Texas Tech, CS-florida, etc had worse seasons than expected. Unfortunately, it seems that every team that UWM scheduled last season ended up being worse than expected and more worse than expected. How much you can do about that.

I don't think Boylen is saying anything that everyone else doesn't already know. But I guess he doesn't realize it's quite a bit easier for Utah to get home and hornet's with marquee teams than it is UWM. And I'm not scratching my head trying to figure out how Utah had such a high SOS last season. Sure they played Oklahoma, LSU and Gonzaga, but they also played (and lost) to SW Baptist (which doesn't factor into SOS but should) and Idaho St. as well as several other cupcakes. Just seems ridiculous that playing bet 2 or 3 marquee teams can increase your SOS so much. I think UWM would have done just as well against Utah's schedule as Utah did.

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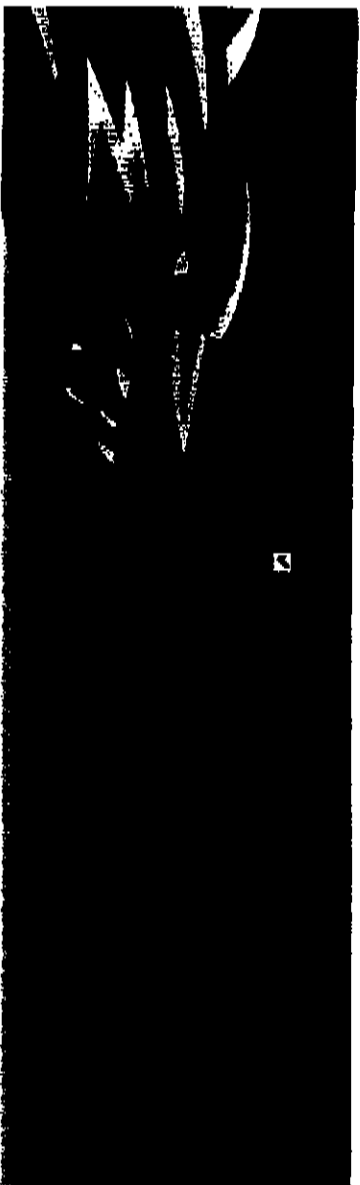
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Formula supports Utah's Nevill as Player of Year

'Blind Points' system proves worth of 7-foot-2-inch Utes center

By MATT YOUNGANS

It took four years for Utah center Luke Nevill to quiet the criticism that he was a 7-foot-2-inch, 265-pound underachiever. He stood head and shoulders above the crowd but seldom was a standout as he made progress seemingly at the pace of his lumbering stride.

"I definitely thought I had the potential," Nevill said. "I knew that I had it in me."

And he finally proved it to the rest of the Mountain West Conference, earning Player of the Year honors.

The Utes tied for the conference title with Brigham Young and New Mexico. All three teams feature star seniors -- the Cougars are led by guard Lee Cummond and the Lobos by guard Tony Darridge.

Nevill came out ahead in voting by the conference's nine head coaches and a media panel, and as UNLV coach Lon Kruger said, "I have no argument with Nevill getting it."

But when anything is decided by a vote, there could be an argument. Opinions lead to debates. Opinions supported by statistics can settle debates.

In this case, the "Bird Points" system will be used as a guide. Former NBA great Larry Bird revealed several years ago his statistical method for rating basketball players, and it's a much simpler formula than what the NFL uses to rate the passing efficiency for quarterbacks.

Bird's system goes like this: Players get one point for each point, rebound, assist, steal and block, and one point is subtracted for each missed field goal, missed free throw and turnover.

The method was applied to the top players in the Mountain West to determine who's best and who's overrated and underrated, at least in statistical terms.

As it turns out, Nevill is the winner again. In conference games only, he totaled 489 positive points for points scored (267), rebounds (153), assists (16), steals (3) and blocks (50) and 125 negative points for missed field goals (64), missed free throws (19) and turnovers (42).

Nevill's 364 net points, an average of 22.8 over 16 games, beat out Cummond (322, 20.1). Wyoming senior guard Brandon Ewing (285, 17.8), BYU sophomore guard Jimmer Fredette (271, 16.9) and Darridge (259, 16.2) rounded out the top five.

Utah coach Jim Boylen was asked how he determines who the top player is when there are multiple candidates in a tight race.

"It's a guy who plays both ends, a guy who's not a one-dimensional player, and winning is important," Boylen said. "If you look at statistics, if you look at winning, if you look at how other teams prepare for him, Luke is a very worthy Player of the Year candidate."

"He has dominated the league defensively. He has been a dominating player at both ends. Luke just rolling down the lane without the ball makes it hard on the defense. How do you measure that? I think stats are one piece of it, they are a tool, but there's more to it than that."

Nevill is the league's only truly dominant center. Eliminate

him from the equation, and the MWC is ruled mostly by guards and small forwards, with Cummond ranking as the best of the rest.

"I would say Cummond is the most complete player, maybe not the best player, but the most complete," Ewing said. "He rebounds, defends, and he can score when his team needs him to score. He does it all."

"You look at the box score and he's got 25 points, nine rebounds, four assists, two blocks and two steals, and that's a complete game,"

Ewing said he prides himself on being an efficient player, and he rates No. 3 in the conference on the "Bird Points" scale.

"I believe I'm a true point guard," Ewing said. "I go out to get 15 to 20 points, make sure my teammates are happy and put my team in position to win. I know a lot of players are scoring 25 points, but they take 30 shots to get 25 points."

UNLV senior guard Wink Adams was voted second team all-conference, but he is tied for 25th on the "Bird Points" list, slipping so low because of his 122 missed field goals.

The Rebels' highest-ranking player is senior swingman Rene Rougeau, tied for eighth.

"Rene's versatility has been huge to us because he's a mismatch," Kruger said. "Offensively, he can drive the ball at big guys, he can post smaller guys, and he's a good rebounder. Defensively, he can guard the ball or guard bigger guys in the low post."

Nevill put the Utes over the top this season, but he credited Boylen, in his second year, for boosting his development into the league's best.

"When Boylen got here, we had a different mentality as a team. We practiced a lot harder, and the focus was on defense," Nevill said. "Waking up early in the morning to go lift weights. ... Everything we've done has been a grind. It has been tough."

"But I needed that drive and that push to get myself and this team to the next level."

Contact reporter Matt Youmans at myoumans@reviewjournal.com or 702-387-2907.

Ranking the Mountain West's best

The conference's top five players are graded by the "Bird Points" system created by former NBA great Larry Bird. Players get one point for each point, rebound, assist, steal and block. A point is subtracted for each missed field goal, missed free throw and turnover.

Rank Player, Team Plus-Minus Total/PPG.
 (1) L. Newill, Utah 489-125 364/22.8
 (2) L. Cunnamard, Brigham Young 451-129 322/20.1
 (3) B. Ewing, Wyoming 447-162 285/17.8
 (4) J. Fredette, Brigham Young 422-151 271/16.9
 (5) T. Darridge, New Mexico 404-145 259/16.2
 Note: Statistics for conference games only. Averages for 16 games.
 Ranking the best of the rest
 The conference's top remaining players are graded by the "Bird Points" system created by former NBA great Larry Bird. Players get one point for each point, rebound, assist, steal and block. A point is subtracted for each missed field goal, missed free throw and turnover.
 Rank Player, Team Plus-Minus Total/PPG.
 (6) Z. Buljan, Texas Christian 396-155 241/15.1
 (7) J. Tavearnau, Brigham Young 381-144 237/14.8
 (8) R. Rougeau, UNLV 342-108 234/14.6
 (8) S. Green, Utah 321-87 234/14.6
 (10) K. Langford, Texas Christian 349-119 230/14.4
 (11) R. Martinez, New Mexico 322-94 228/14.3
 (12) O. Fatis, New Mexico 344-117 227/14.2
 (13) B. White, San Diego State 210-44 166/13.8
 (14) L. Wade, San Diego State 340-149 191/13.6
 (15) T. Willis, UNLV 369-153 216/13.5
 (16) T. Johnson, Wyoming 327-118 209/13.1
 (17) J. Emery, Brigham Young 271-66 205/12.8
 (18) K. Spain, San Diego State 348-149 199/12.4
 (18) L. Bortha, Utah 305-107 199/12.4
 (20) A. Murofske, Wyoming 345-148 197/12.3
 (21) S. Ogilvi, Wyoming 320-130 190/11.9
 (22) M. Walker, Colorado State 302-158 144/11.1
 (23) A. Henke, Air Force 325-151 174/10.9
 (24) M. Holland, Air Force 265-99 166/10.4
 (25) W. Adams, UNLV 348-183 165/10.3
 (25) W. Gardner, Colorado State 263-98 165/10.3
 (25) C. Toppert, New Mexico 244-79 165/10.3
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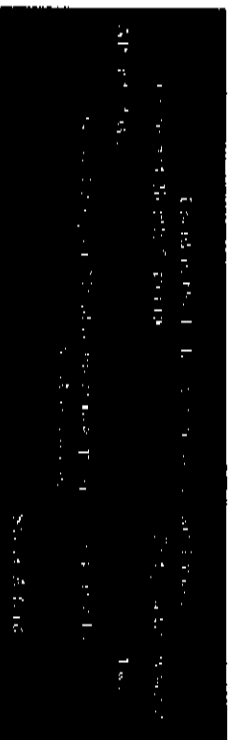
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interesting. tony has one of the leagues best FG%. I guess his F% did him in for this "list". then again tony leads the league in FG makes, but 5th in FG attempts.

i dont know right now if I like this system for gauging talent. Shaun green compares with Chad Toppert in many categories yet when you take into account this system, its not even close.. Does it overachieve some players?



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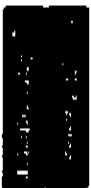
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#3

Wow that Bird Point system actually tracked the all MWC team pretty well. The one glaring ommission is Ro, he was 11th overall in points which should have made him the top choice for 3rd team All-MWC, just a hair from making the 2nd team. But he made neither. That was a blatant miss by the coaches and media.



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#4

Howler

Wise Wolf



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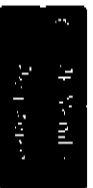
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#5

I love Tony D. and wish he would have won POY but to be honest I really don't have a problem with Nevill winning POY. I think that most UNM fans only saw him play 2 times this year but I saw him play at least 10 times and I was really impressed by how well he controlled the games both offensively & defensively.

Not only did Nevill lead the conference in rebounding and blocked shots but he altered too many shots to count. He was really a force on defense and the main focus of every other team on offense. Plus he rebounds really well. Farts outplayed Nevill in head to head matchups but overall Luke is still a great player. Hats off to Farts for playing so well against Nevill and hopefully he can do it again if needed. Heck, Nevill had 16 points and 5 rebounds against the Lobos and this was considered a bad game for him.



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 Alpha Wotr

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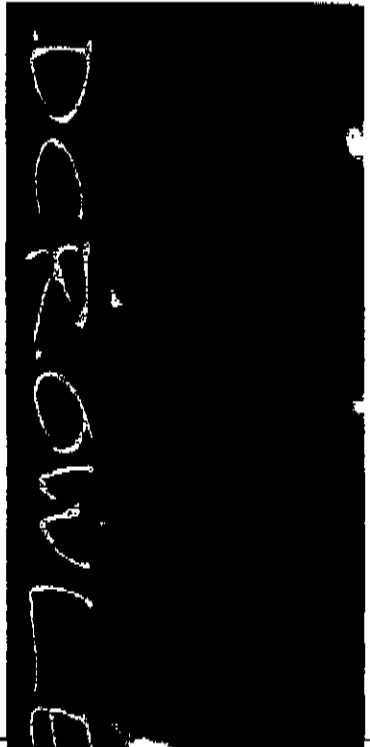
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It makes me wonder how JR and Curmand stacked up last year. I couldn't find enough stats to do the calculation. Anyone?

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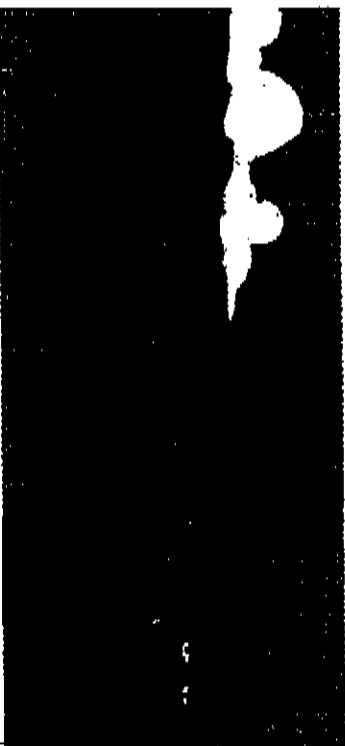
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Draw your own conclusions.



"Now at the risk of being unpopular this reporter places the blame for all of this squarely on you, the viewers!"
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If you can read this then you are using the Lobolair black skin

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#8

Loboluba

Little Lobo



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of course so does BYU and Utah.... Funny how having the best players makes you one of the best team.

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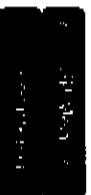
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Draw your own conclusions.

Those numbers basically validate what everyone knows, Curmmard cannot hold JR's Jock Strap with both hands!

Lobos under Steve Alford: "Never give up!"



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100% agree + Ro does so many of the things that don't make the stat sheet. In much earlier posts, I was saying that he has to be at least 3rd string All MWC. He may not be as big, or jump as high, or be as quick, or but he is a PLAYER.

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Howler

Wise Wolf

Originally Posted by LoboLuba
of course so does BYU and Utah....Funny how having the best players makes you one of the best team.

#11

I see three from BYU but I only see two from Utah (neville and green) in the top 12. Am I missing another Ute?



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#12

Garishwolf

Re: Mr. Lobo Liar to you



Boooooooooooooooooo to Buyon,,,,,,he's still hurtin after the PIT loss, ask coach Fisher and I think you'd get a lot more TD respect.



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Four months after the season started, it has long been forgotten that New Mexico faced low expectations with experts thinking the Lobos would be somewhere about a .500 team in the Mountain West.

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#13

dcrowley

Alpha Lobo



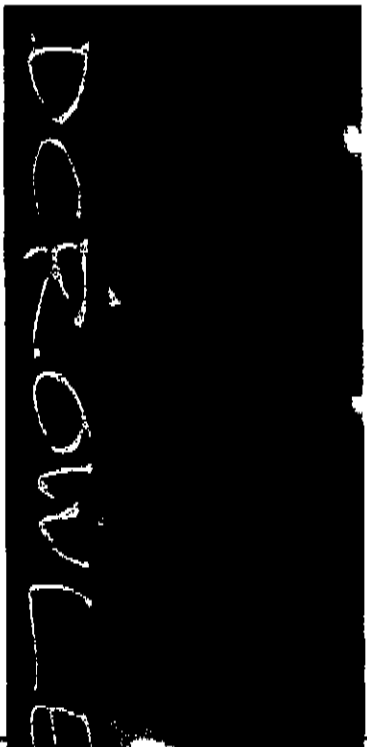
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Originally Posted by Keat_Brockman
Using various sources (I had to take a shower after visiting the BYU site) I came up with these calculations.
BIRD's system goes like this: Players get one point for each point, rebound, assist, steal and block, and one point is subtracted for each missed field goal, missed free throw and turnover.
JR 293 pts 132 rbs 54 ast 24 steals 21 blocks -32 turnovers -34 missed ft -105(missed fg) = 353
Lee 248 pts 113 rbs 54 ast 12 steals 17 blocks -36 turnovers -11 missed ft -71(missed fg) = 325
Draw your own conclusions.

Ahhhh hah! I knew it! What the formula is missing is "From BYU or UTah? + 30".



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#14

Burro lobo

The Lobo Lur Chosen



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What, no points for crying? That's the third most important quality in any U U or BYU players resume!



The original point and click interface was a Smith & Wesson.

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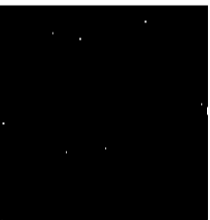
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hungrywolf1

Wise Wolf



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COOL ARROW >>>----->

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hobo

Wise Wolf



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What hurt Tony D is the start of the MWC regular season. Had he posted some of the same numbers in earlier MWC regular season games, he would have been POY. He was clearly the dominating player in the second half of MWC play.

If he continues the roll this week, he will be Tourney MVP.

hobo

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I would have to guess that "whining" is the either the equalizer or the tie-breaker, whichever BYU or Utah may need at the time.

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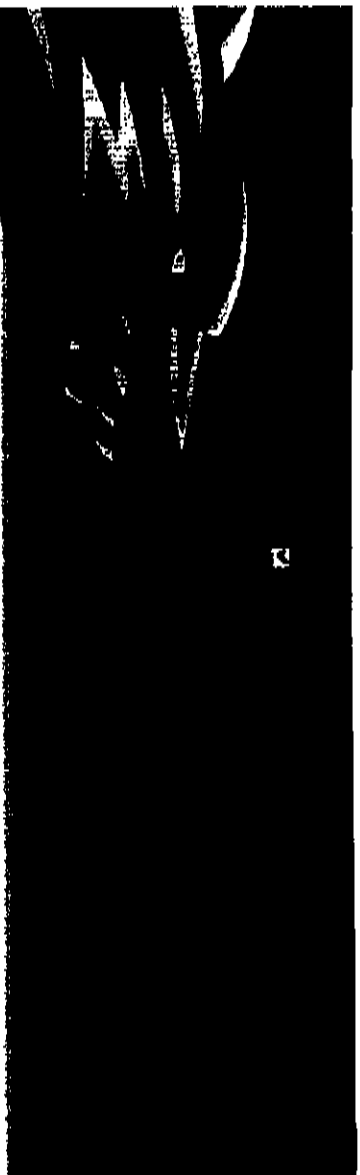
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Kruger rejects Rebels' 'fatigue'

UNLV 'not limping' into MWC tourney

BY MATT YOUNG
REVIEW-JOURNAL

UNLV basketball coach Lon Kruger is tired of hearing about how his team appears to be exhausted.

"I don't believe that," Kruger said Sunday, a day after the Rebels finished the regular season with a 70-63 victory over Utah at the Thomas & Mack Center.

"I think all teams are a little bit tired right now. This is a tough grind. But this time of year kind of makes you forget all about fatigue."

Kruger is not one to make excuses, but he doesn't need any, either. As he pointed out, UNLV won four of its last five games and is "not limping home."

The best news for the Rebels, 23-7 overall and 12-4 in the Mountain West Conference, is they get to stay

home for the league tournament.

Second-seeded UNLV opens against seventh-seeded Texas Christian (14-15, 6-10) at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Thomas & Mack, where the Rebels have won 21 consecutive games against conference opponents.

UNLV won the Mountain West tournament last year, beating Brigham Young 78-70 in the championship game, and earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

The Cougars (25-6, 14-2) might be considered slight favorites over the Rebels going into this week's tournament.

If the seedings hold up, Friday's semifinals could be intriguing. Barrington upsets, BYU will play fourth-seeded San Diego State (19-11, 9-7) and UNLV will play third-seeded New Mexico (24-7, 11-5).

Kruger has been fielding questions about his team's fatigue factor since the Rebels' 59-45 loss at New Mexico last Tuesday.

Kruger's roster lacks depth and size. The tallest starter is 6-foot-7-inch junior Joe Darger, who appears to be wearing down while defending bigger players in the low post.

Kruger is using eight players, but sophomore forward Matt Shaw has been the only regular contributor off the bench.

Senior point guard Curtis Terry saved UNLV on Saturday by recording 22 points, 10 assists and five rebounds against Utah.

But Terry also committed six turnovers, and the Rebels' offense was out of sync most of the game. Terry constantly dribbled around the perimeter while his teammates too often stood and watched his audition for the Globetrotters.

"To be able to knock down some shots after I haven't hit any for a while, that definitely got my confidence higher," said Terry, who ended a slump by shooting 7-for-12 and making four 3-pointers. He had scored in double figures just once in the previous 10 games.

BYU, 21st in the nation in the Ratings Percentage Index, is a virtual lock to make the NCAA's 65-team field.

The Rebels are in better shape than the Lobos, but both teams probably have a little work to do before Selection Sunday. UNLV has an RPI of 29 and a schedule strength that ranks 71st. New Mexico is 53rd in RPI with a poor schedule strength that ranks 150th.

The Mountain West is widely projected to be a three-bid league. But neither the Rebels nor the Lobos will feel

secure on Sunday unless they reach Saturday's title game.
"If we win three games this week, then we're in and we don't have to worry about it," Terry said. "Maybe we can seal the deal up ourselves."

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Maxwell58

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*The best news for the Rebels, 23-7 overall and 12-4 in the Mountain West Conference, is they get to stay home for the league tournament.
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I can't believe that was typed into a story. An admission of the unfair advantage.

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Lostlobo

Wise Wolf



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Still doesn't matter. I can't see any way that team wins three nights in a row.

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Wolfen1

Lobo Lair King



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LVRJ Article - FORMER HOOSIERS STAR: Alford takes aim at Rebels again
 Newsweek From USA Today brings Lobos to Iowa

With perfectly feathered hair that topped off his chad-boy image, Steve Alford was admired during his playing days at Indiana for being one of the best pure shooters in college basketball. As a coach at Iowa, it was no secret that he had fewer admirers. And it was not because his hairstyle changed. So after a modestly successful run with the Hawkeyes -- but one that left Alford feeling unappreciated by a segment of the school's administration and fans -- he left for a warmer welcome in Albuquerque, N.M. "When you're there eight years, some people can get tired of hearing your song and dance, and fans want a freshness just like coaches do," said Alford, who in March replaced Ritchie McKay at New Mexico.

"There has been a lot of enthusiasm over the change, and I appreciate that. The people in New Mexico love basketball, hopefully the winning will come as we continue to build this thing." Five new coaches joined the Mountain West Conference this season, but Alford will need no introduction when his Lobos (16-5, 3-3) meet UNLV (16-4, 5-1) at 7 p.m. today at the Thomas & Mack Center. Alford might even get a cool reception from the crowd. The last time he saw the Rebels was on March 28, 1987, and he was shooting them down in the NCAA tournament semifinals. Alford scored 33 points to lead Indiana to a 97-93 victory in the Final Four in New Orleans. Freddie Benis made 10 3-pointers and scored 36 points for top-ranked UNLV, but the Hoosiers advanced and defeated Syracuse to win the national championship.

All that matters now is the Rebels are in a first-place conference the wild Brylham Young, and Alford is trying to knock them off again. UNLV, riding a 15-game home winning streak in the conference, has won nine of the past 10 games against New Mexico in Las Vegas. The Lobos have had a week to prepare and ponder what went wrong in that 83-66 loss at BYU on Jan. 26. "For the first time in 21 games, we didn't match the intensity and effort level of our opponent," Alford said.

New Mexico is led by senior guard J.R. Giddens, maybe the most talented player in the Mountain West. Giddens was being disciplined by McKay and did not make the trip for last year's game at UNLV. But he scored 28 points off the bench in the rematch at Albuquerque, which the Rebels also won.

"He's very tough because he can do so many things," UNLV coach Lon Kruger said. "He can score outside, score inside, beat you off the dribble, and he's a very good offensive rebounder and good defender." UNLV senior Corey Bailey will draw the assignment of trying to slow Giddens. The Lobos will be just as concerned about containing Rebel junior guard Wylie Adams, who has averaged 23.7 points in the past three games. Adams had 27 points to lift UNLV to a 76-72 overtime victory over New Mexico last year at the Thomas & Mack. The past three games between the teams were decided by a total of seven points, with the Rebels winning all three.

Under McKay, the Lobos finished 15-17 last year. Alford already has surpassed that win total, and his presence could help make the Mountain West stronger. "Anytime you add good coaches, that's positive for the league," said Kruger, who went 2-0 against Alford when Kruger was in his last year at Illinois and Alford was in his first year at Iowa. "There's a pretty good balance in the league. I think you're going to have tough battles every time you go on the road, and there's the potential for that at home, too." In eight seasons at Iowa, Alford went 152-106 and had seven straight winning seasons. He won the Big Ten Tournament twice.

But he also served under five school presidents and two athletic directors in eight years, and he said he was bothered by constant speculation that he wanted to leave for Indiana and follow in the footsteps of his former coach, Bob Knight, now at Texas Tech.

"That complicates things and your recruiting gets to be difficult, too, because that gets used against you ... 'Don't go there because he's going to leave in a year,'" Alford said.

"Coach Knight called me on (New Mexico) and told me some possible things. When he left and he went south, it kind of made it OK for me to go somewhere else."

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Llibka
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Another reference to Knight saying nice things about UMI. I'm actually going to cheer the guy next time he comes to the PG.

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Nice to see you back Rool!



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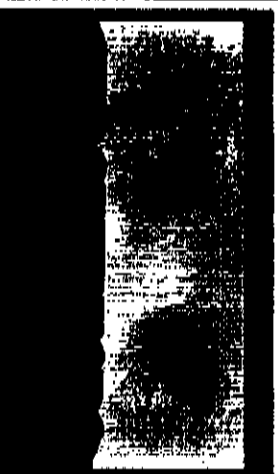
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Burno Ioko

The Lobo Lair Chess



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He would be happy with that statement I think, he is his own man and says what he feels. I've always liked Bobby Knight, but have changed a few times. Not when he threw the chair.

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UNLV SQUARES FWFC LEAD: Terry on target at right time

Rebels' 3-pointer snaps tie, yields win at San Diego State

BY MATT YOUNG/MS

REVENUE-ORIENTED

SAV DIEGO — Not every shot UNLV senior Curtis Terry takes is a thing of beauty. He threw up an air ball early in Saturday's game that was just plain ugly.

He was reminded of it, too, drawing loud taunts from fans every time the ball touched his hands.

So with the clock winding down and the game tied, Terry decided it was payback time. He relied off a screen and made the winning 3-pointer with 26 seconds remaining, lifting the Rebels to a 72-69 victory over San Diego State.

"I was looking to take my shot when I had it," he said. "I don't want to sound cocky, but it felt good when I let it go."

Terry's shot took the air out of a season-high crowd of 9,131 at Cox Arena, and he made it in front of the Aztecs' student section that spent most of the day mocking him.

"I heard it," a smiling Terry said of the taunting. "I don't care, though."

UNLV improved to 15-4 and climbed into a first-place tie in the Mountain West Conference with Brigham Young at 4-1.

San Diego State (14-6, 4-2) had a chance to tie, but Kyle Spain's 3-point attempt hit the back of the rim with four seconds to go, and Marcus Lawrence secured the rebound for the Rebels.

"It was really a tough battle all the way," UNLV coach Lon Kruger said. "It was a horrible environment. It really proved of the toughness and the effort."

After Spain made two free throws to tie the game at 69, Kruger called timeout with 38 seconds left and set up a play for guard Hank Adams.

Denied on a drive to the baseline by the Aztecs' Lorenzo Wade, Adams spun and fired a pass to Terry, who came free on the left wing after ruining off a screen by Rene Rougeas at the top of the key.

"I told him, 'The ball is yours.' Everybody knew he was getting the ball," Terry said. "He had a chance to make it to the hoop, but he got out off, and I was able to step behind him and get an open look."

San Diego State's Richie Williams was short on a 3-pointer to tie and fouled Terry on the rebound with 11 seconds to go. But Terry missed the free throw, allowing the Aztecs one more shot.

"Unfortunately I couldn't hit the free throw. We were just trying to add a little more drama," said Terry, who shot 3-for-7 from 3-point range and finished with 10 points.

Junior forward Joe Dargatz led the Rebels with 19 points and 10 rebounds.

"Curtis always does a good job of hitting big shots," Dargatz said. "Everybody on the team had their

moment and their time to shine."
 Senior forward Corey Bailey stepped into the spotlight by scoring 15 points. Bailey shot 6-for-6 and made two 3-pointers.

"It was great for Corey," Kruger said. "He has been up and down in terms of production at times, but his attitude is great. He made some shots, got a couple big rebounds and always does a good job defensively."

Bailey was the primary defender on Wade, who entered as San Diego State's leading scorer with 15.4 points per game. Wade, a Cheyenne High School graduate, was held to eight points.

"Corey had the best game of his career," Terry said. "He knew that Wade was their guy. Corey wanted to guard him and take on that challenge."

UNLV shot 25-for-50 from the field and 10-for-21 on 3-pointers.

Adams finished with 13 points and six assists. Rougeau had eight points, five rebounds and four blocked shots. Sophomore forward Matt Shaw came off the bench to produce seven points and six rebounds.

Evan Amorosso's 15 points led the Aztecs, who also got 13 points from Spain and 11 points and seven rebounds from Billy White.

A freshman from Green Valley High, White left the game with a lower back injury with 13:41 to go. He fell hard under the basket on a layup attempt, and stayed on the floor for about five minutes before being helped to the locker room.

White returned with 6:23 remaining. Amorosso scored on an assist from White to pull San Diego State within 64-63 at the 2:38 mark.

Terry answered with a deep 3-pointer 10 seconds later. White tied the score at 67 on a layup with 1:55 left.

The Rubens had a 37-35 halftime lead and stretched it to 49-40 early in the second half.

"It's huge for us," Terry said. "We knew we had a chance to come in here and take over first place."

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UNLV 72, San Diego State 69

UNLV Mn FG-A FT-A R A PF TP

Bailey	28	6-6	1-2	3	0	4	15
Danger	30	6-11	4-4	10	0	4	19
Adams	38	5-13	2-2	2	6	2	13
Rougeau	32	3-5	2-3	5	4	2	8
Terry	29	3-8	1-3	3	3	4	10
Rutledge	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Wallace	12	0-1	0-0	1	0	2	0
Lawrence	12	0-0	0-0	1	3	1	0
Shaw	18	2-6	2-2	6	1	2	7
TOTALS	200	25-50	12-16	33	17	21	72

Field goals--50.0%. Free throws--75.0%.

Three-point goals--10-21 (Danger 3-5, Terry 3-7, Bailey 2-2, Shaw 1-2, Adams 1-4, Wallace 0-1). Team rebounds--2. Blocked shots--4 (Rougeau 4). Turnovers--14 (Terry 4, Adams 3, Rougeau 2, Bailey 2, Lawrence, Wallace, Danger). Steals--3 (Rougeau 2, Wallace).

SDSU Mn FG-A FT-A R A PF TP

Wade	36	4-11	0-0	4	7	2	8
White	33	5-9	1-2	7	1	1	11
Amorosso	31	6-8	2-4	6	0	3	15
Spain	23	3-9	6-7	3	1	4	13
Gay	17	1-6	0-0	0	1	0	3
Johnson	2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Williams	23	4-9	1-1	1	1	4	10
Thomas	17	0-2	2-2	1	0	0	2
Dave	18	3-6	1-2	5	0	1	7
TOTALS	200	26-61	13-18	33	11	15	69

Field goals--42.6%. Free throws--72.2%.

Three-point goals--4-20 (Amorosso 1-1, Williams 1-4, Spain 1-5, Gay 1-5, Wade 0-1, Thomas 0-1, Dave 0-3). Team rebounds--4. Blocked shots--2 (Wade, Amorosso). Turnovers--9 (Spain 2, Gay 2, White, Williams, Wade, Amorosso). Steals--9 (Spain 2, Gay 2, Thomas 2, White, Williams, Wade).

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Screaking Rebel's hit late 3-pointer to edge Aztecs
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SAN DIEGO -- Joe Darger scored 19 points and Curtis Terry hit the go-ahead 3-pointer with 26.2 seconds left to lead Nevada Las Vegas to a 72-69 win over San Diego State on Saturday.

UNLV (15-4, 4-1 Mountain West) won for eighth time in nine games and moved one-half game ahead of San Diego State into first place.

The Aztecs (14-6, 4-2 MWC) suffered consecutive losses for the first time in 34 games. San Diego State was coming off a 59-56 loss at Brigham Young on Wednesday.

Terry hit the deciding 3-pointer from the top of the key, his second 3-point shot in the final 2:18, to put the Runnin' Rebels ahead 72-69. Terry, who finished with 10 points, made a 3-pointer at the 2:18 mark to give UNLV a 67-63 lead.

San Diego State missed two 3-point attempts in the final 12.2 seconds.

UNLV led the entire game except for a 29-second span in the first half. But the game was close throughout with the Runnin' Rebel's biggest lead being nine points, 48, midway into the second half. San Diego State twice tied the game in the final two minutes. The first time at 67-67 on Billy White's rebound basket of a missed free throw with 1:53 remaining. Kyle Spain hit two free throws to tie the score 69-69 with 45.5 seconds left.

Darger, who made three 3-point shots, also had a game-high 10 rebounds. Corey Bailey chipped in 15 points, making all six field-goal attempts.

Ryan Anderson paced San Diego State with 15 points and Spain added 13.

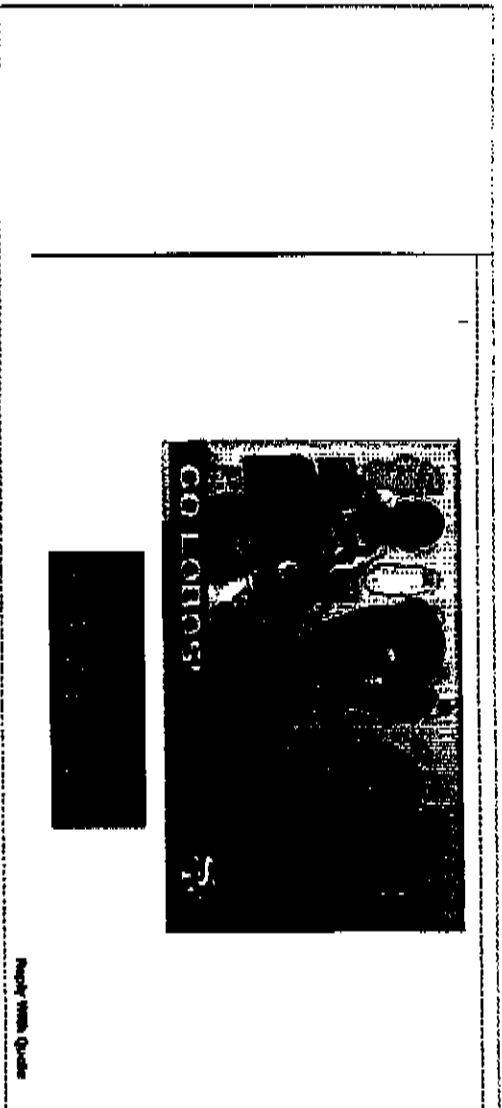


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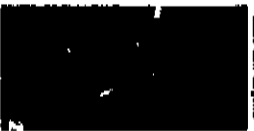
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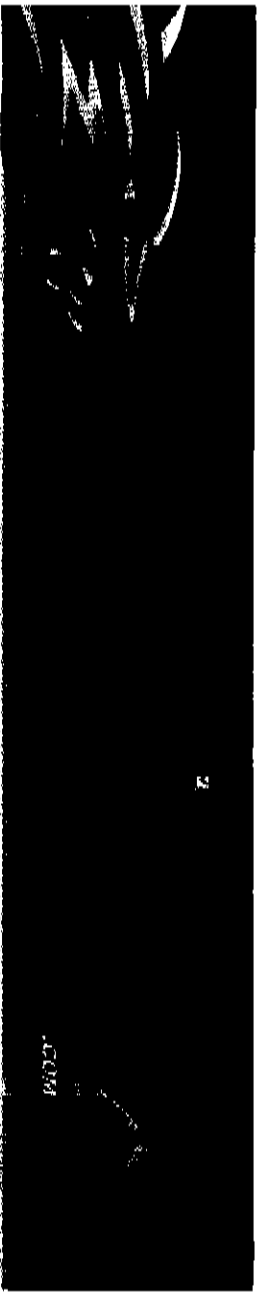
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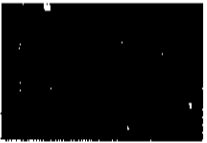
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MOUNTAIN WEST WHIPPING: Terry's hot hand hits Rebels

Senior leads UNLV to easy win over BYU

**BY MATT YOUIMANS
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 UNLV Basketball - Men**

UNLV -- 70
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KEY: Senior guard Curtis Terry made five 3-pointers and led the Rebels with 21 points, including 14 in the first half.

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UNLV junior Rene Rougeau (24) shoots over Brigham Young's Trent Plaisted in the first half of the Rebels' 70-41 victory over the Cougars on Tuesday night. Rougeau had 15 points and seven rebounds.

With almost every flick of his right wrist, UNLV senior Curtis Terry lit up the scoreboard. And in no time at all, he turned out the lights on Brigham Young.

A meeting of two of the strongest teams in the Mountain West Conference turned one-sided in a hurry Tuesday night.

Terry made sure of that by scoring 14 of his 21 points in the first half as the Rebels rolled to a 70-41 victory over the Cougars before a crowd of 13,074 at the Thomas & Mack Center.

Less than three minutes into the game, Terry buried the first of his five 3-pointers, and that all but signaled the end for BYU.

"After I got the first one to go down, I was feeling in a rhythm," Terry said. "You can't explain it. I felt like wherever I let it go, it was going to go in, and I didn't have any hesitation about it."

Terry's third 3-pointer put UNLV up 19-5 with 11:10 left in the half. His fourth 3 stretched the Rebels' lead to 36-13 at the 4:04 mark.

He launched most of his shots from about 25 feet, and said afterward, "For me, it's just like a layup because I feel comfortable out there."

UNLV, which improved to 13-4 and 2-1 in the Mountain West, posted its largest margin of victory over BYU in 25 series meetings.

"I expected a really good effort," Rebels coach Lon Kruger said. "We played extremely hard and extremely smart."

Junior forward Rene Rougeau finished with 15 points, seven rebounds, three steals and three blocked shots for UNLV, which bounced back from Saturday's 12-point loss at Air Force.

"The message we sent was definitely saying that we're going to protect our home court," Rougeau

said.

The Rebels shot 10-for-25 from 3-point range, as Terry hit 5 of 8 and sophomore forward Matt Shaw was 2-for-4.

The Cougars (12-5, 1-1) were harassed into shooting 3-for-21 on 3-pointers and committed 19 turnovers with just five assists.

"Our defense dictated things," Terry said.

Trent Plaisted, BYU's 6-foot-11-inch center, was held to five points -- well below his average of 16.6 per game -- and shot 1-for-10 on free throws.

Plaisted was defended mostly by 6-7 Joe Darger, with Rougeau and Shaw jumping in to help.

"I thought I could hold my own against him," Darger said. "Plaisted is a great player and a very skilled big guy, but he just couldn't get it going tonight."

Darger had five points and four rebounds, but what he did defensively allowed the Rebels to defend the Cougars' perimeter shooters.

"Joe is a coach's dream," Kruger said. "He does whatever he has to do, and he was banging so much inside."

Jonathan Tavernari, a sophomore from Bishop Gorman High School, shot 1-for-9 and finished with three points. Tavernari struck the first blow of the game for BYU by hitting a 3-pointer from 25 feet, but the Rebels scored the next nine points, and Tavernari was no factor the rest of the game.

Freshman guard Kendall Wallace made a 3-pointer with seven minutes left in the half to extend UNLV's lead to 26-9.

Rougeau's steal and layup made the score 33-12 two minutes later. At that point, the Cougars had 10 turnovers and the Rebels held a 17-0 advantage in points off turnovers.

Lee Cummand scored 11 points for BYU, which was held to its lowest point total in the series against UNLV.

"We expected this game to be a lot more competitive," Cougars coach Dave Rose said. "They were just really physical."

What made the Rebels' dominance more impressive was that their leading scorer, junior guard Wink Adams, shot 0-for-5 from the field and had just five points.

But Terry picked up his scoring to propel the Rebels.

"For the most part, Curtis always shoots with a lot of confidence," Kruger said. "He made some shots that were deep."

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UNLV 70

Brigham Young 41

BYU Min M-A M-A O-T A PF PTS

Tavernari	26	1-9	0-0	1-3	0	23
Plaisted	23	2-3	1-10	1-6	0	15
Burgess	25	0-5	2-2	0-4	2	5
Murdock	32	2-5	2-2	0-1	2	6
Cummand	33	4-9	2-2	2-5	0	31
Loyd	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	2
Rose	3	1-1	0-0	1-1	0	2
Martineau	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Fredette	10	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	23
Collinsworth	18	0-3	0-0	1-1	0	0
Miles	17	4-7	1-4	0-1	0	19

TOTALS 200 15-45 8-20 6-35 5 20 41

Field goals--33.3%. Free throws--40%.

3-point Goals--3-21, 143 (Fredette 1-2, Cummand 1-4, Tavernari 1-5, Collinsworth 0-2, Murdock 0-3, Burgess 0-5). Team Rebounds--3. Blocked Shots--2 (Tavernari, Plaisted). Turnovers--19 (Cummand 4, Murdock 3, Tavernari 3, Collinsworth 2, Fredette 2, Burgess, Martineau, Loyd, Plaisted, Miles). Steals--3 (Tavernari 2, Murdock).

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Rutledge	16	1-3	2-3	1-2	1	1	4
Wallace	12	2-4	0-0	1-1	1	0	5

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 Field goals--40.4%. Free throws--66.7%.
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It could be worse for BYU. They could have blown an 18 pt lead in the 2nd half. They just suffered an old-fashioned whipping. Nothing more, nothing less. Lucky for them that they won't get a reputation for collapsing.



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ED GRANNEY: UNLV's fortunes tied to defense

You knew it was going to be a good night for UNLV's basketball team Tuesday when Curtis Terry made his second 3-pointer from Boulder City and Marcus Lawrence made one with his eyes open. You knew it was going to be a long night when it became obvious from countless whistles that the officiating crew was hoping to be noticed by some of the 46 people watching on the mtu.

You knew this wasn't the UNLV that stumbled to a 1-1 start in Mountain West Conference play from the initial defensive stop, from the first time a Brigham Young guard tried to pass inside and instead saw nothing but harassing arms shielding his view.

Somewhere between being bounced by a weak Air Force side in Colorado Springs, Colo., on Saturday and hosting the team most assume will rule the Mountain West this season, the Rebels remembered what earned them those 11 nonleague wins. UNLV won't beat anyone the next few months if it can't pressure the ball and contain penetration. It obviously can beat anyone in conference when it does.

This is a crazy part about basketball, that over a three-day stretch the same group of players can go from not being able to guard me off the dribble to waxing BYU 70-41 by completely taking a system-dictated offense out of anything it wants to do. BYU could barely make a second pass most first-half possessions, never mind run anything that might expose UNLV for its miniature self.

Part of it is youth with the Rebels. Part is adapting to new, more significant roles. A lot of it is focus and concentration and accepting the truth that each defensive possession should be valued like open road on Interstate 15.

UNLV didn't do any of it when escaping at Colorado State and losing at Air Force, but did Tuesday at the Thomas & Mack Center in a manner that was as surprising as it was impressive.

"I think going on the road (in conference) was a bit of an eye-opener for some of our guys," said Rebels coach Lon Kruger. "They learned you have to lock in with your focus even more. We weren't pleased with what we did Saturday, but credit Air Force. They kicked our tails.

"This is not the typical BYU. We know that. We know what to expect when we go up there to play them. This kind of thing happens sometimes."

Not often to this extent. This is BYU's worst loss in 25 games to UNLV and the fewest points the Cougars have managed in any of them. BYU can be a nightmare to defend in transition, but that is on nights it doesn't commit 19 turnovers or makes passing to a wing appear more difficult than advanced calculus.

Trent Plaisted is this league's leading interior player, but the BYU center was less a factor than Fred Thompson is with voters today. Plaisted, all 6 feet 11 inches and 245 pounds of him, finished with three shots in 23 minutes. He was 1-for-10 on free throws, more than confirming his reputation as being dreadful from the line.

Credit for helping Plaisted disappear is due smaller and yet more resilient players in UNLV's Joe Darger, Rene Rougeau and Matt Shaw, but what the Rebels were able to stop inside was a direct result of pressure outside. That's where BYU shot 3-for-21 on 3s, where it was overmatched the first 20 minutes at an astounding level.

"I don't want to say too much (about Plaisted), because we play them again and he's very, very good," Kruger said. "I'm really proud of the defensive effort. We played extremely hard and smart and won the battle for position."

The outcome might shock some if it wasn't the Mountain West. If it wasn't a league where San Diego State loses to Northern Colorado one day and wins at New Mexico another, where Colorado State nearly beats UNLV and then fails to something called Parade State, where RPIs and strength-of-schedule ratings are not topics for positive discussion, where BYU has now shown enough warts to believe the conference tournament here in March is winnable for several teams.

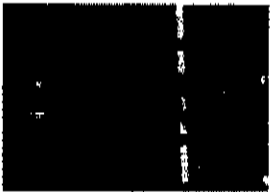
"You look at some of the scores and it's hard to understand what's going on in the league," Kruger said. "But that's going to be the nature of this race."

The longer his team remembers to defend, the longer it will remain part of it.

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BYU's Tavernari tops in return

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UNLV Basketball - Men

Jonathan Tavernari nailed a 3-pointer from the top of the circle to give Brigham Young a 3-0 lead over UNLV on Tuesday night, but it was all downhill from there for the Bishop Gorman High School graduate.

The 6-foot-6-inch sophomore sharpshooter from Brazil made 1 of 9 shots from the field and finished with a season-low three points for the Cougars, who were routed 70-41 at the Thomas & Mack Center, their most lopsided loss to the Rebels in 25 meetings.

"I personally hit a flat spot, and I couldn't hit a shot. It's really hard when one of your top three scorers goes (1 of 9)," said Tavernari, who entered third on the team in scoring (14.3 points) and rebounding (5.8). "I forced a lot of shots, but I've got to give the UNLV defense a lot of credit. They get up in your grill and make you make tough decisions and lose your focus."

Tavernari, whose previous season low was four points in a toss at Boise State, also had three rebounds, two steals and a block in 26 minutes, but said he needs to do more when his shot is off and has a "million things" that need improvement.

"I've got to be the kind of (player) that, if I'm not making my shots, I've got to help my team in other ways, and that's really a challenge for me right now," he said. "One thing I'm disappointed with myself is my mental toughness. I wasn't as mentally tough as I thought I was or had been before, and it really hurt us."

"The coaching staff, especially (head coach Dave Rose), count on me a lot, and I let him down big-time."

Rose said UNLV's pressure defense and physical play caused major problems for his team.

"They kind of sped him (Tavernari) up and got him out of the pace that he plays at," Rose said. "Jonathan's a real competitor, and a lot of times he tries to do things on his own and make up for when the team's having problems. Tonight it didn't work out for him."

For the most part, until Tuesday, it had worked out this season for Tavernari, who has made big strides since last year, when he averaged 6.5 points and 12.3 minutes per game en route to winning Mountain West Conference Freshman of the Year honors.

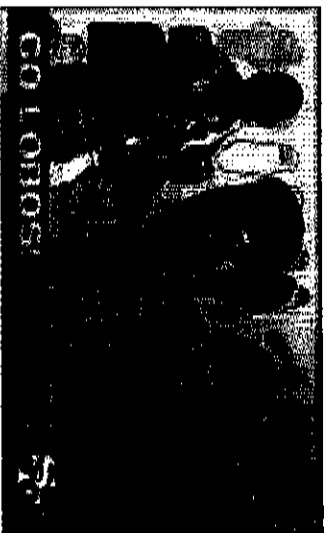
Tavernari, who has started 11 of 17 games this season and entered fourth in minutes played (26.3), leads the team in 3-pointers made (45) and attempted (125).

He came up big in games against No. 1 North Carolina and No. 6 Louisville, scoring 18 points in a loss to the Tar Heels, in which he tied a career high with six 3-pointers, and pouring in a career-high 29 points in a win over the Cardinals.

Tavernari, who said he worked hard in the offseason to shed 15 pounds and 5 percent body fat, always has been able to shoot the ball, but Rose said he has added other facets to his game.

"Defensively, he's really focused in on trying to do a better job of guarding, and he's a much better defensive rebounder this year," Rose said. "Offensively, he's kind of expanded his offensive game, as far as his ability to post up and score inside."

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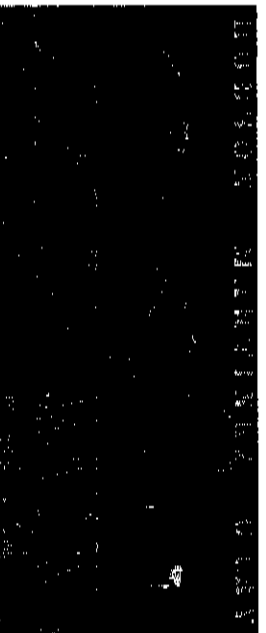
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MWC FOES: UNLV never gets on track

Raptors struggle to gain altitude; Air Force soars

Anderson, Falcons leave UNLV flat-footed

By MATT YOUNG'S REVIEW-JOURNAL
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KEY: Tim Anderson scored 27 points for the Falcons, who shot 62 percent from the floor.

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. -- Air Force senior Tim Anderson is not an NBA prospect by any stretch.

But against a sleepy UNLV defense, he looked like the next Steve Nash.

Anderson scored 27 of his 27 points in the second half Saturday to lift the Falcons to a surprisingly easy 65-53 victory over the Rebels.

"Anderson is a great competitor," UNLV coach Lon Kruger said. "He really made some big plays."

Kruger had no compliments for his own team. After the Rebels' sixth straight loss at Clune Arena, they walked away embarrassed by an all-around poor effort.

UNLV trailed by as many as 17 points and dropped to 12-4 overall, 5-1 in the Mountain West Conference.

Anderson, a 6-foot-3-inch guard, shot 8-for-9 at Air Force hit 62 percent (21-for-34) from the floor.

"You can't be happy with that," Kruger said. "They had their way with pretty much anything they wanted to do offensively."

Cards Terry scored 12 points and Wink Adams 11 to lead the Rebels, who played tentatively on the offensive end and were missing their usual defensive intensity.

The Falcons (9-6, 1-1) used a late 14-4 run to take a 32-25 halftime lead.

Anderson's 3-pointer with 11:15 left in the game ignited an 11-2 spurt that put Air Force up 54-37.

Anderson scored eight of his team's 11 points.

"We're very disappointed," Terry said. "We didn't come out and have a lot of energy, enthusiasm and excitement about this game."

"We played technical somewhat. Our focus and intensity just wasn't there."

Terry and Adams combined to shoot 7-for-27. Adams hit 3 of 14 shots, including 1 of 9 3-pointers, after making his first 3-point attempt of the game.

UNLV was unable to penetrate the Falcons' 2-3 zone defense.

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"They played a zone, and we didn't know it was going to be that extended. They had us starting our offense so far out, we couldn't really get to the paint. We were running our offense from 5 to 10 feet behind the 3-point line."

The Rebels shot 3-for-10 and had seven turnovers in the first 10 minutes. Rene Rougeau's steal and layup pulled UNLV to within 18-16, but Air Force answered that brief rally and led the rest of the way. "I thought we opened up very pretty and smart and a little bit frantic," Kruger said. "They just competed harder, and we certainly aren't a team that can allow that to happen and expect to come out on top."

Rougeau finished with five points, seven rebounds and five steals. Corey Bailey had nine points and six rebounds. Those two combined to produce one of the Rebels' few highlights.

Five minutes into the second half, Rougeau missed a short baseline jumper and Bailey flew through the lane for a one-handed slam.

Anderson made a 3-pointer on the next possession to thrill the crowd of 5,146 at Clune Arena, where the Falcons are 64-3 since the beginning of the 2003-04 season.

Anderson also made 9 of 12 free throws.

Kruger said UNLV must "bounce back very quickly" before facing Brigham Young on Tuesday at the Thomas B. Mack Center.

"If we can't get up for that game ... then I don't know what it's going to take to get us going," Terry said.

Air Force 65

UNLV 53

UNLV Nm FG-A FT-A R A PF TP

Bailey 24 3-5 2-2 6 1 3 9

Darger 25 2-5 4-4 2 1 5 9

Adams 34 3-14 4-4 5 0 1 11

Rougeau 32 2-4 1-2 7 14 5

Terry 38 4-13 1-2 1 4 4 12

Rutledge 11 1-2 0-0 2 0 1 3

Wallace 2 0-0 0-0 0 0 1 0

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Shaw 13 2-3 0-0 1 0 2 4

TOTALS 200 17-47 12-14 26 8 23 53

Field goals--36.2%. Free throws--85.7%.

Three-point goals--7-24 (Terry 3-9, Bailey 1-1, Rutledge 1-2, Darger 1-2, Adams 1-9, Lawrence 0-1). Team rebounds--2. Blocked shots--None. Turnovers--14 (Adams 4, Bailey 2, Terry 2, Rutledge 2, Shaw, Darger, Rougeau). Steals--5 (Rougeau 5).

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COLORADO SPRINGS GAZETTE: Home confident Falcons spend UNLV

**BY JAKE SCHALLER
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Air Force guard Tim Anderson's actions always have spoken louder than his words. In the second half of the Falcons' 65-53 win over UNLV on Saturday, the soft-spoken senior's actions were heard at deafening decibels.

Anderson scored 21 of his game-high 27 points after halftime, including 14 in a row during an 8-minute, 32-second span; he also converted a layup while being fouled with 1:57 remaining to subdue a brief UNLV rally.

"He's a great competitor," said UNLV coach Len Kruger, whose team had its five-game winning streak snapped and fell to 12-4 and 1-1 in the Mountain West Conference. "I brought throughout the game, but especially during that stretch, he really made some big plays and finished some plays and increased the margin."

With the victory, in front of an announced crowd of 5,146 at Clune Arena, Air Force snapped a two-game losing streak and improved to 9-6, including 1-1 in the league. And coming off last week's 22-point loss to Utah, the Falcons also gained some much-needed momentum heading into a week in which they'll play at two of the tougher venues in the conference -- Wyoming's Arena-Auditorium and The Pit at New Mexico.

"Our kids just some confidence this week," coach Jeff Reynolds said. "Hopefully this win will give them some confidence."

Playing on a home floor where they are now 64-3 since the start of the 2003-04 season, the Falcons looked more confident Saturday. A week after making only 11 of 35 shots -- including just 3 of 18 in the second half -- against Utah, they made 21 of 34 (a season-best 61.8 percent) against a UNLV team that held its first 15 opponents to 39.5 percent. Six Falcons hit 3-pointers, and Air Force shot 9

of 15 from beyond the arc.

Anderson led the way. After failing to hit the rim on his first shot, he dug out miss a field goal attempt and finished 8 of 9 from the floor. He knocked down a pair of 3-pointers, was perfect on mid-range jumpers and showed off his athleticism with swishing, leaning dunks to the hoop.

He made a pair of free throws less than 3 minutes into the second half to give Air Force a 39-27 advantage, then scored the team's next 12 points, including two 3-pointers and an off-balance lefty layup that led to a three-point play.

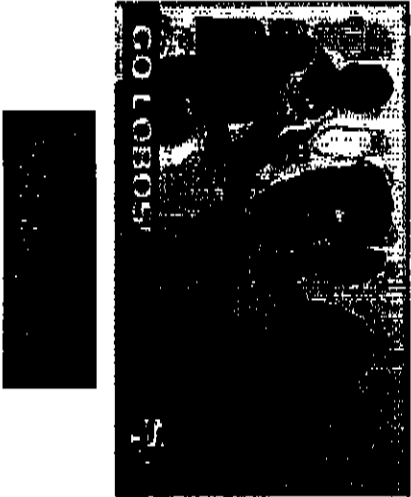
"The shots were there," Anderson said. "It wasn't like we were calling certain plays or I was trying to force it. They came to me."

Anderson credited the play of his teammates for helping open things up for him. Air Force shot 11 of 19 in the first half, with senior Keith Warren scoring nine points and junior Matt Holford and freshman Evan Washington both hitting a pair of 3-pointers.

"I didn't get it started," Anderson said. "First half these guys were stepping up, hitting big shots."

In addition to scoring, Anderson directed traffic on offense and helped lead a defensive effort that harassed UNLV into a dreadful 36.2 percent shooting performance.

"If we can play defense like we did today and shoot the ball with some consistency, I think we can be very good, particularly at home," Reynolds said.



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ROOBY VENUE: Terry must be Rebels' strong point
 Senior's role critical as UNLV tries to end Clune skid

**BY MATT YOUNG/MS
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 UNLV Baseball - Men**

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LINE: UNLV -6; total 118 COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. -- An experienced point guard might be the most important ingredient to winning on the road in college basketball, and UNLV has one in senior Curtis Terry.

When the crowd noise cranks up the pressure and the home team heightens its intensity, it's Terry's job to remain calm. If the panics, everything can fall apart.

Not every player thrives in a hostile environment. Terry must excel in those situations for the Rebels to be successful.

"I think it's a lot more fun to know everybody is cheating against you," he said. "It's definitely a different experience. Some people shy away from it. I don't shy away from that. I like to take a big shot."

"If I let it get to me and affect my psyche, then I think we'll struggle."

Terry and his teammates return to one of the Mountain West Conference's toughest venues at 3 p.m. today, when UNLV (12-3, 1-0) plays Air Force (8-6, 0-3) at 5,858-seat Clune Arena.

The Rebels have lost five consecutive games at Clune, which sits at the base of the Rocky Mountains. The site is usually chilly inside the tiny arena, which is attached to a hockey rink.

A senior point guard, Kevin Kruger, also led UNLV into Clune last January, but the result was a 56-50 defeat. The Rebels shot 1-for-18 from 3-point range, with Kruger missing the one with 1:55 left in the game.

UNLV's top three scorers this season -- junior guard Wink Adams, junior forward Joe Gagner and Terry -- combined to shoot 3-for-19 in last year's road loss to the Falcons. Terry went scoreless and missed all four of his 3-pointers.

"That was just an off day. I don't think it's a tough shooting gym," Terry said. "I just think we hit a

bad streak and couldn't get anything to drop. But hopefully we'll shoot the ball a lot better this time." Since the beginning of the 2003-04 season, Air Force is 63-3 at home. It is 7-1 at home this season, losing to Colorado 60-50 on Nov. 29.

But the Falcons' talent level has dropped significantly this season. First-year coach Jeff Reynolds, an Air Force assistant the past two seasons, inherited one returning starter, a senior guard Tim Anderson.

The Rebels, 4-4 in Mountain West road games last year, are 3-1 on the road this season. They opened conference play last Saturday with a nail-biting 65-62 victory at Colorado State.

It was not an impressive victory, especially considering the Rams lost at home to Division II Oklahoma Panhandle State on Tuesday.

Terry rescued UNLV by hitting 6 of 8 3-pointers and scoring 18 points. He was on the floor for 38 minutes and had five assists and no turnovers.

"If I would have bogged down and let everything get to me, I think we would have been in trouble," Terry said.

He showed the value of a senior point guard, even if the 6-foot-5-inch Terry is more of a shooting guard running the point out of necessity.

"Always, when you go on the road, you need your leadership to step forward and give maturity and give direction," Rebels coach Lon Kruger said. "In a game like this, that's huge."

"I think Curtis has stepped forward. He has shot the ball well, and he has given us good direction," Terry, averaging 11.2 points, leads UNLV in assists (63), turnovers (31) and 3-pointers (32). His responsibilities in road games are magnified -- he needs to make big shots while operating the offense aggressively and without error.

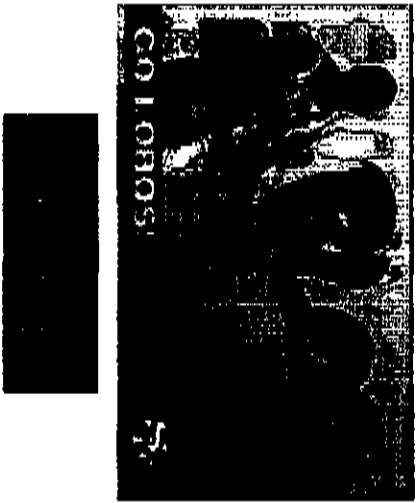
In Kruger's four seasons, Terry has played in all 133 games, with 40 starts. So he is suited for the job.

"It's hard to get out on the road and get a win, especially if you get behind and the crowd gets into it. But you can't play all home games," Terry said.

"If things aren't going your way, the other team is making a run, you can't get anything going and it seems like everything is against you ... I think some people might get tired. But I bring the ball up and I'm controlling the tempo and running what Coach calls.

"We can't have guys getting down on themselves if they make a bad play. At home, if you make a bad play, the crowd is still behind you. On the road, one bad play can change the tempo of the game and the atmosphere completely. You've got to fight through it."

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So, You guys like the fact that there was no mention of what preceeded SA's comment?

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A bit of a whiner?
What, about the location of the conference journey?
Up yours Vegas...

#7

burquesid
Alpha Lobo

It really shouldn't have mattered what happened before the incident. He should have been above it.

Originally Posted by LHf 
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RE Originally Posted by burquesid *It really shouldn't have mattered what happened before the incident. He should have been above it.*

Absolutely correct. It doesn't matter if Tavenan started the whole thing or not. A coach can not get into it with a player. Justified or not the coach will be the one who gets killed over it. It's not the end of the world.

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