



Gameday Media Notes

Nov. 27, 2021 | UT Arlington at UNLV
Cox Pavilion (2,500) | Las Vegas, Nevada
12 p.m. Pacific

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UT Arlington Lady Mavs

3-1 Overall / 0-0 Sun Belt

Head Coach: Shereka Wright
Season: Second
Alma Mater: Purdue '04
UNLV Record: 16-8 (.667)
Career Record: Same



VS



UNLV Lady Rebels

3-1 Overall / 0-0 Mtn. West

Head Coach: Lindy La Rocque
Season: Second
Alma Mater: Stanford '12
UNLV Record: 18-10 (.643)
Career Record: Same

2021-22 Schedule

[3 NOV	(Exh.) Cal State LA	W	106-45]
9 NOV	at Oral Roberts	W	85-81
13 NOV	Montana State	W	80-42
17 NOV	at Northern Arizona	L	62-84
20 NOV	Southern Utah	W	92-59
27 NOV	UT Arlington ¹		12 p.m.
28 NOV	Grambling ¹		12 p.m.
1 DEC	at Utah Valley		3 p.m.
5 DEC	at CSU Bakersfield		1 p.m.
12 DEC	vs. Texas Tech ²		4:30 p.m.
18 DEC	Pacific		2 p.m.
21 DEC	Hawaii		2 p.m.
28 DEC	at Fresno State*		6:30 p.m.
31 DEC	Wyoming*		2 p.m.
3 JAN	at New Mexico*		6 p.m.
6 JAN	at Air Force*		5:30 p.m.
13 JAN	Boise State*		6:30 p.m.
15 JAN	Utah State*		4 p.m.
19 JAN	at San Jose State*		6 p.m.
22 JAN	at Nevada*		2 p.m.
27 JAN	New Mexico*		6 p.m.
29 JAN	Air Force*		2 p.m.
5 FEB	at Utah State*		TBA
9 FEB	at Boise State*		5:30 p.m.
12 FEB	San Diego State*		2 p.m.
16 FEB	Fresno State*		6:30 p.m.
19 FEB	San Jose State*		TBA
24 FEB	at Wyoming*		5:30 p.m.
26 FEB	at Colorado State*		12 p.m.
2 MAR	Nevada*		6 p.m.
6 MAR	Mountain West 1st Round ³		
7 MAR	Mountain West 2nd Round ³		
8 MAR	Mountain West Semifinals ³		
9 MAR	Mountain West Championship ³		

Schedule Notes:

All times Pacific

- * - Mountain West Conference opponent
- 1 - UNLV Thanksgiving Classic at COX Pavilion
- 2 - First United Bank Center, Canyon, Texas
- 3 - at Thomas & Mack Center, Las Vegas

UNLV (3-1) hosts its Thanksgiving Classic starting Saturday with a noon matchup versus UT Arlington (3-1) at the Cox Pavilion. Kansas City (3-1) and Grambling State (2-2) will follow at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Stream live video or listen to live audio, featuring Wyatt Tomchek on play-by-play, at UNLVRebels.com. Sunday's matchup with Grambling State will broadcast on YurView (Cox Ch. 14, 1014HD in Las Vegas).

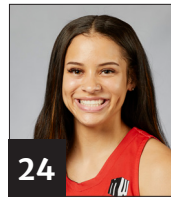
All-time series: UNLV leads 2-0.

First meeting: Nov. 25, 1994, in Las Vegas. UNLV won 60-59.

Last meeting: Nov. 27, 2004, in Las Vegas. UNLV won 79-57.

Sunday, UNLV will face Grambling State at noon, while UT Arlington meets Kansas City in the following contest.

UNLV Projected Starting Five



Essence
Booker

5-8 | JR | G
Las Vegas, Nev.
Ball State (1)/Nevada (2)
Spring Valley H.S.

Season

GP/GS	4	4
PTS	67	16.8
REB	59	14.8
FG	23-50	.460
3FG	7-14	.500
FT	14-16	.875

AST	13	3.3
TO	4	1.0
BLK	0	-
STL	10	2.5



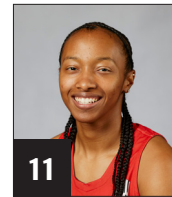
Jade
Thomas

5-10 | SOPH | G
Las Vegas, Nev.
Centennial H.S.

Season

GP/GS	4	4
PTS	12	3.0
REB	14	3.5
FG	5-18	.278
3FG	1-10	.100
FT	1-2	.500

AST	5	1.3
TO	5	1.3
BLK	1	0.3
STL	6	1.5



Justice
Ethridge

5-9 | SR | G
Las Vegas, Nev.
Centennial H.S.

Season

GP/GS	4	4
PTS	29	7.3
REB	14	3.5
FG	12-28	.429
3FG	4-10	.400
FT	1-2	.500

AST	2	0.5
TO	6	1.5
BLK	0	-
STL	8	2.0



Khayla (KAY-luh)
Rooks

6-1 | SR | F
San Marcos, Calif.
Washington (4 yrs.)
Mission Hills H.S.

Season

GP/GS	4	4
PTS	31	7.8
REB	18	4.5
FG	12-23	.522
3FG	5-9	.556
FT	2-6	.333

AST	13	3.3
TO	6	1.5
BLK	0	-
STL	3	0.8



Desi-Rae (des-EE+ray)
Young

6-1 | SR | C
Las Vegas, Nev.
Desert Oasis H.S.

Season

GP/GS	4	4
PTS	59	14.8
REB	23	5.8
FG	23-44	.523
3FG	0-0	-
FT	13-19	.684

AST	7	1.8
TO	11	2.8
BLK	5	1.3
STL	5	1.3

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UNLV Quick Facts

University Information

Location Las Vegas, Nev.
 Founded 1957
 Enrollment 30,679
 Undergraduate 25,412
 Graduate 4,237
 Professional 1,054
 Nickname Lady Rebels
 Colors Scarlet & Gray
 Home Court . . . Cox Pavilion (2,500)
 Thomas & Mack Center (17,923)
 Conference Mountain West
 President . . . Keith E. Whitfield, Ph.D.
 Faculty Rep. Brackley Frayer
 Interim AD Erick Harper
 Assistant AD/SWA Mallory Poole
 Ticket office phone . (702) 739-FANS
 Website UNLVRebels.com
 Social media @UNLVLadyRebels

History

First season. 1974-75
 All-time record 825-552 (.599)
 updated Nov. 22, 2021
 First season. 1974-75
 NCAA appearances. Eight
 WNIT appearances. 11

Coaching Staff

Head coach Lindy La Rocque
 Alma Mater Stanford '12
 UNLV record 18-10/2nd season
 Overall record Same
 Assistant coaches Roman Owen,
 Mia Bell, Karlie Burris
 Director of operations. . . Amie Callaway
 Video coordinator . . . Brianna Tucker
 Office phone (702) 895-3151

Team

2020-21 record 15-9 (.625)
 MWC record/standing . . . 13-5 (2nd)
 Starters R/L 3/3
 Letterwinners R/L 4/8
 Newcomers. 8

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Lady Rebels' latest

Last time out

- UNLV thumped Southern Utah 92-56 Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Cox Pavilion.
- Nneka Obiazor scored a season-high for the second straight game, totaling 21 points.
- Obiazor hit 10 of 11 field goal attempts and now ranks 31st among Division I players in field goal percentage (.629).
- Essence Booker added 16 points. She has been one of UNLV's top two scorers in every game.
- Freshman Alyssa Durazo-Frescas recorded season highs with an 11-point outing behind 3-of-4 3-point shooting.
- The Lady Rebels shot 58 percent (37-of-64) from the field, their best ever under La Rocque.
- Point guards Booker and Kiara Jackson combined for 13 assists and zero turnovers.

Preseason hype

- Picked third in the Mountain West preseason poll, the Lady Rebels return four student-athletes from last year's team, including two starters, and welcome eight newcomers.
- Reigning Mountain West Freshman of the Year Desi-Rae Young was named to the 2021-22 Preseason Mountain West All-Conference Team.
- UNLV crushed Cal State Los Angeles 106-45 in its lone exhibition on Nov. 3. Senior guard Justice Ethridge's double-double of 16 points and 12 rebounds led the Lady Rebels.

Road winning streak ended

- With its loss at Northern Arizona, UNLV's road winning streak ended at 10 consecutive, matching the program record set over the 1985 and 1986 seasons.
- It was the first true road defeat under head coach Lindy La Rocque.
- At the time of the loss, UNLV shared the fifth longest active road winning streak in NCAA Division I women's basketball.

Short memories

- The Lady Rebels have only suffered consecutive defeats once under Lindy La Rocque.
- Under La Rocque, UNLV is 8-1 following a loss (in the same season of play) with an average margin of victory of 17 points in those nine games.

Scouting UT Arlington

- UT Arlington has twice been UNLV's opening opponent for its Thanksgiving Classic.
- The Lady Rebels defeated the Lady Mavs 60-59 in the 1994-95 season and 79-57 in 2004-05.
- UT Arlington comes to Vegas on the heels of two consecutive overtime wins—75-74 at North Texas (Nov. 20) and 69-66 vs. Houston (Nov. 17). Overall, the Mavs have won nine straight overtime games.
- The Sun Belt coaches picked UT Arlington to finish third in the conference standings in their preseason poll.
- Terryn Milton was a Preseason All-Sun Belt Second Team selection. Milton is one of five key returners for the Lady Mavs and averaged 9.6 points and 3.7 assists last season.

Scouting Grambling State

- UNLV and Grambling State have met just once previously, Dec. 7, 1990, in Houston, Texas—an 80-67 win for the Lady Rebels.
- Grambling is 2-2 with wins against Louisiana-Monroe and Northwestern State and losses to Florida and Florida State.
- The Lady Tigers were picked to finish fifth in the SWAC Preseason Poll.
- Graduate senior and Central Arkansas transfer Alexis Holt leads Grambling State with 17.0 points and 4.8 rebounds per game. Holt also has a team-high 13 assists and nine steals through four games.
- Grambling State head coach Freddie Murray is 74-81 (.478) in his sixth season as head coach.

Did you know? In 1951, 28 students began meeting for classes in Las Vegas High School's auditorium as an extension program of the University of Nevada, Reno. In 1954, the state's regents founded the Southern Regional Division of the University of Nevada, popularly known as Nevada Southern. Students adopted the Rebel name and mascot to reflect their desire to break free from UNR.

Pronunciations

Taylin SmithTAY-lin
Nneka Obiazor NNEH-kaa
oh-BEE-eye-zhor
Kiara Jackson kee-AIR-uh
Keyana Wilfred kee-ahn-uh
Khayla Rooks KAY-luh
Desi-Rae Young des-EE + ray

Lindy **La Rocque**luh-ROCK

Mountain West Conference Preseason Poll

1. Fresno State (13) 269 points
2. New Mexico (7) 251
3. UNLV (3) 232
4. Colorado State (1) 207
5. Wyoming 190
6. Boise State 166
7. San Diego State (2) 135
8. Nevada 123
9. San Jose State (1) 105
10. Air Force 62
11. Utah State 42

Preseason All-Conference Team

G McKenna Hofschild. . . Colo. State
 G Haley Cavinder Fresno State
 G Hanna Cavinder Fresno State
 F Antonia Anderson . . . New Mexico
 C *Desi-Rae Young*. UNLV

Players of the Week

Nov. 15 Desi-Rae Young

Next home game

- UNLV plays three consecutive games on the road before returning home at the Cox Pavilion on Saturday, Dec. 18., versus Pacific.
- The game tips off at 2 p.m. PT and will stream on the Mountain West Network.
- UNLV then hosts Hawai'i the following Tuesday, Dec. 21, also at 2 p.m. with a broadcast locally on YurView (Cox Ch. 14, 1014HD).

Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Class.	Exp.	Hometown / Previous School
0	Taylin Smith	G	5-6	Fr.	HS	Beaverton, Oregon/Liberty HS
1	Nneka Obiazor	F	5-10	So.	TR	Eden Prairie, Minnesota/Youngstown State
2	Kenadee Winfrey	G	5-11	Fr.	HS	Canyon, Texas/Canyon HS
3	Kiara Jackson	G	5-7	Fr.	HS	Grand Prairie, Texas/South Grand Prairie HS
5	Jade Thomas	G	5-10	So.	1L	Las Vegas, Nevada/Centennial HS
11	Justice Ethridge	G	5-9	Sr.	2L	Las Vegas, Nevada/Centennial HS
12	Alyssa Durazo-Frescas	G	5-7	Fr.	HS	Newport Beach, California/Mater Dei HS
15	Keyana Wilfred	C	6-3	Jr.	2L	Mitchell, Nebraska/Mitchell HS
20	Khayla Rooks*	F	6-1	Sr.	TR	San Marcos, California/Washington
23	Desi-Rae Young	C	6-1	So.	1L	Las Vegas, Nevada/Desert Oasis HS
24	Essence Booker	G	5-8	Jr.	TR	Las Vegas, Nevada/Ball State
44	Alyssa Brown	F	6-1	Fr.	HS	Tucson, Arizona/Sahuaro HS

*Super Senior gaining additional season per NCAA Covid-19 legislation

Head coach: Lindy La Rocque (second season / Stanford '12), **Assistant coaches:** Roman Owen (second / Central Oklahoma '09), Mia Bell (eighth / UNLV '14), Karlie Burris (first / Portland '09), **Director of Operations:** Amie Callaway (second / UNLV '16), **Video Coordinator:** Brianna Tucker (second / Cal State Monterey Bay '19), **Athletic Trainer:** Rob Ortiz (first / UNLV '12), **Strength & Conditioning:** Heather Farmer (second / North Alabama '15), **Equipment Manager:** Larry Chin (26th)

#BEaREBEL: The latest from the Rebel community

- **Men's basketball:** The Rebels are 3-2 after suffering losses to No. 4 Michigan (74-61) and Wichita State (74-73) in the last week.
- **Football:** UNLV lost its penultimate game, a 28-20 defeat to No. 19 San Diego State. It was UNLV's sixth one-possession loss of the year.
- **Men's swimming:** UNLV is ranked No. 23 in the national polls. Junior Panos Bolanos won the 200 backstroke in an NCAA 'B' qualifying time on the final day of the Tennessee Invitational. Junior Cam Castro won the 1650 freestyle, another NCAA 'B' qualifying mark and the fourth-fastest time in school history.
- **Women's tennis:** Rebels captured finals wins in three of the five flights of the Inaugural Jolene Watanabe Classic held at UNLV.
- **Volleyball:** UNLV's Mariena Hayden was named the Mountain West Player of the Year this week. She also earned the honor in the COVID-displace Spring 2021 season. UNLV hosts the Mountain West Tournament Wednesday through Friday this week at the Cox Pavilion.

Diversity reigns at UNLV

- UNLV is recognized as the most diverse university in the United States. For the fall 2021 semester, nearly 67 percent of students identify as ethnic minorities. This figure has increased two percent since fall 2020.
- Approximately 31 percent of UNLV students are Hispanic and 16 percent are of Asian descent.
- Nevada residents make up 86 percent of UNLV's enrollment of 30,679 students.
- Keith E. Whitfield, Ph.D., became UNLV's first Black president (11th overall) upon his appointment on Aug. 24, 2020.
- Erick Harper is UNLV's first Black director of athletics, holding an interim title, following the departure of Desiree Reed-Francois, the first person of color to hold the position.

Class of 2022 signees

Erica Collins | C | 6-3 | Chino Hills H.S. | Chino Hills, Calif.

Two-time all-state, who carries a 4.0 GPA, averages a double-double through 50 career high school games. Collins represented the USA West region at the 2018 Junior NBA World Championships, a tournament that featured 32 of the world's top U14-year-old teams.

Jasmyn Lott | PG/SG | 5-8 | Frisco Memorial H.S. | Frisco, Texas

Two-time all-state selection has earned district's newcomer, offensive and defensive player of the year honors, respectively, in each successive season. Lott has catapulted her varsity team from a sub-.500 record as a freshman to 23 wins in 30 games last year.

Did you know? UNLV sits in the top spot in *U.S. News & World Report's* annual listing of the nation's most diverse universities for undergraduates. The university has ranked in the top 10 since the rankings debuted more than a decade ago.

Individual Career Highs

No.	Name	Points	FG	3FG	FT	Rebounds	Assists	Steals	Blocks
1	Nneka Obiazor	29	11	5	7	13	3	2 (2x)	1
5	Jade Thomas	24	8	7	4	12	5 (2x)	4	1 (4x)
11	Justice Ethridge	22	8	5	4	6	4	4	2
15	Keyana Wilfred	18	7	0	6	10	4	1 (4x)	3
20	Khayla Rooks	17	6	5	6	10	7	3	2
23	Desi-Rae Young	21	9	0	7	12 (2x)	4	3	3 (2x)
24	Essence Booker	22	8	5	10	8 (2x)	6	4	1 (2x)

Individual Season Highs

No.	Name	Points	FG	3FG	FT	Rebounds	Assists	Steals	Blocks
0	Taylin Smith	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
1	Nneka Obiazor	21	10	0	3	8	2	0	2
2	Kenadee Winfrey	6	2	2	1	5	0	0	0
3	Kiara Jackson	10	4	1	2	3	7	4	0
5	Jade Thomas	8	3	1	1	6	4	3	1
11	Justice Ethridge	12	5	2	1	5	1	2	0
12	Alyssa Durazo-Frescas	11	4	3	0	3	1	1	0
15	Keyana Wilfred	4	1	0	2	6	4	1	3
20	Khayla Rooks	14	5	2	2	6	6	2	0
23	Desi-Rae Young	21	8	0	5	10	4	2	3
24	Essence Booker	21	7	4	6	4	6	4	0
44	Alyssa Brown	3	1	0	2	6	0	0	0

Did you know? UNLV is part of the top 3% of institutions nationally for research. UNLV is designated a Carnegie R1 institution, indicating engagement in the highest levels of research activity.

**2021-2022 University of Nevada Las Vegas Women's Basketball
Overall Statistics (as of Nov 23, 2021)**

Overall Record: 3-1 Conf: 0-0 Home: 2-0 Away: 1-1 Neutral: 0-0

#	Player	GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG		3PT		FT		Rebounds				PF	DQ	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
					FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG								
24	Booker, Essence	4-4	126	31.5	23-50	.460	7-14	.500	14-16	.875	3	4	7	1.8	6	0	13	4	0	10	67	16.8
23	Young, Desi-Rae	4-4	82	20.5	23-44	.523	0-0	.000	13-19	.684	7	16	23	5.8	11	0	7	11	5	5	59	14.8
01	Obiazor, Nneka	4-0	67	16.8	22-35	.629	0-0	.000	5-8	.625	8	10	18	4.5	3	0	3	6	2	2	49	12.3
20	Rooks, Khayla	4-4	99	24.8	12-23	.522	5-9	.556	2-6	.333	9	9	18	4.5	5	0	13	6	0	3	31	7.8
03	Jackson, Kiara	4-0	83	20.8	11-19	.579	4-9	.444	4-8	.500	0	6	6	1.5	4	0	11	8	0	6	30	7.5
11	Ethridge, Justice	4-4	88	22.0	12-28	.429	4-10	.400	1-2	.500	4	10	14	3.5	4	0	2	6	0	8	29	7.3
02	Winfrey, Kenadee	3-0	35	11.7	4-10	.400	3-6	.500	1-4	.250	3	6	9	3.0	5	0	0	0	0	0	12	4.0
12	Durazo-Frescas, Alyssa	4-0	43	10.8	5-15	.333	3-9	.333	0-1	.000	0	5	5	1.3	3	0	1	0	0	2	13	3.3
05	Thomas, Jade	4-4	96	24.0	5-18	.278	1-10	.100	1-2	.500	1	13	14	3.5	4	0	5	5	1	6	12	3.0
15	Wilfred, Keyana	4-0	47	11.8	3-9	.333	0-0	.000	4-8	.500	9	7	16	4.0	2	0	5	5	5	1	10	2.5
44	Brown, Alyssa	4-0	25	6.3	2-7	.286	0-1	.000	3-4	.750	2	2	4	1.0	3	0	0	3	0	0	7	1.8
00	Smith, Taylin	3-0	9	3.0	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0.0
Total		4	800	200.0	122-259	.471	27-69	.391	48-78	.615	56	102	158	39.5	52	0	60	55	13	45	319	79.75
Opponents			800	200.0	108-249	.434	22-66	.333	28-40	.700	43	96	139	34.8	74	2	56	66	11	26	266	66.50

Team Statistics	UNLV	OPP	Conf	Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Att.
SCORING	319	266		11/09/21	at Oral Roberts	W	85-81	389
Points Per Game	79.8	66.5		11/13/21	MONTANA ST.	W	80-42	423
Scoring Margin	13.3	-		11/17/21	at Northern Ariz.	L	62-84	325
FIELD GOALS-ATT	122-259	108-249		11/20/21	SOUTHERN UTAH	W	92-59	588
Field Goal Pct	.471	.434						
3 POINT FG-ATT	27-69	22-66						
3PT FG Pct	.391	.333						
3PT Made Per Game	6.8	5.5						
FREE THROWS-ATT	48-78	28-40						
FT Pct	.615	.700						
FT Made Per Game	12.0	7.0						
REBOUNDS	158	139						
Rebounds Per Game	39.5	34.8						
Rebounds Margin	4.7	-						
ASSISTS	60	56						
Assists Per Game	15.0	14.0						
TURNOVERS	55	66						
Turnovers Per Game	13.8	16.5						
Turnovers Margin	2.7	-						
Assist/Turnover Ratio	1.1	0.8						
STEALS	45	26						
Steals Per Game	11.3	6.5						
BLOCKS	13	11						
Blocks Per Game	3.3	2.8						
ATTENDANCE	1,011	714						
Dates/Avg Per Date	2-506	2-357						
Neutral Site #/Avg	-	0-0						

* = Conference game

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
UNLV	79	77	84	79	319
Opponents	65	65	69	67	266