

# Rebels "steal" national title in a rout, 103-73

## Hunt, Augmon keys in Tark's first title

DENVER (AP) — The NCAA's ultimate Rebel won its biggest prize.

UNLV ended the tournament of thrills and close finishes with the largest margin of victory in a championship game, a 103-73 win over Duke on Monday night.

They did it with the style they have made famous — tenacious man-to-man defense — as they rattled Duke, a team known for its savvy and poise.

"Our team was overmatched today," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "They are more athletic than we are. They never let down. They're better than we are, especially when they're playing like that. We lost to the best team in the country playing at their best."

And they were at their best from the start.

"I told the kids it was going to come down to the last shot of the game and I just hope that we take it," UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian said.

But it was never really close. UNLV scored the first points and never trailed.

UNLV broke the tournament record for steals in a game with 16, eclipsing the mark set by Duke in the 1986 championship game and matched by Oklahoma in the 1988 title game.

The Rebels also set a record for most points scored in a tournament with 571, just bet-

ter than their regular-season average of 92.3.

For Tarkanian, who looks pained even when his team wins, getting the trophy capped a 13-year battle with the NCAA, which in 1977 ordered the school to suspend him for violations. Tarkanian went to court for an injunction and the case eventually reached the Supreme Court, which ruled in favor of the NCAA but said only UNLV could discipline him.

But no court could stop the Rebels on Monday night.

Their first 10-point lead came on a sequence of four UNLV steals in four consecutive possessions — the last was by Stacey Augmon, who took the ball from Phil Henderson near mid-court and sailed in for a dunk. That made it 21-11.

Duke got within 10 points, 57-47, with 16:24 to play, but the larcenous crew from just off The Strip went to it again.

The Rebels went on an 18-0 run to put the game away and it was Augmon and Anderson Hunt, the Final Four's Most Outstanding Player, who took turns putting the Blue Devils away.

Hunt started the run with a side jumper and Larry Johnson scored on a drive for a 61-47 lead. Augmon stole the ball on three straight possessions and he found Hunt each time to end the break.

Augmon whipped a cross-court pass to Hunt for a 3-pointer. He found Hunt again with a pass for a layup and then fed Hunt again after taking the ball from Henderson at his own foul line.

Hunt ended it with a 3-pointer to make it 75-47 with 13:18 to play.

UNLV, which beat Georgia Tech 90-81 in the semifinals, was never really challenged on the run to the title, winning its six NCAA games by an average of 18.8.

Duke, which made it a record eight straight final four appearances without winning the national title, reached the Final Four with a last-second overtime win over Connecticut but handled Arkansas 97-83 in the semifinals.

### DUKE (73)

Burles 2-4 0-2 4, Lachner 3-12 3-6 13, McInnis 4-7 4-14, Davidson 0-20 2-21, Hurley 0-1 2-22, Davis 2-3 2-8 6, Kunkel 1-4 0-2 10, Hill 0-2 0-0 0, McCaffrey 1-2 2-4 4, Hank 0-0 0-0 0, Palmer 0-0 0-1 1, Cook 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 26-63 20-27 73.

### UNLV (103)

Johnson 8-12 4-22, Augmon 9-7 0-1 12, Butler 1-4 2-2 4, Hunt 12-16 1-2 29, Anthony 5-11 3-4 13, Searcy 2-3 1-2 5, Rice 0-1 0-0 0, Young 2-2 0-0 0, Jones 4-5 0-0 0, Lynamich 1-2 2-2 4, Jeter 0-0 0-0 0, Rice 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 41-67 14-37 103.

Half-time: UNLV 47, Duke 33. Top scorers: Duke 11 (Davidson) 16, Kunkel 9; UNLV 12 (UNLV) 14 (Hunt) 47, Johnson 22, Crumovack 13, Young 13, Anthony 9; Rice 9; Rice 9; Tunkel 9; Augmon 8; Burles 10 (Lachner) 10, UNLV 13 (Johnson) 11, Austin 10, Hill 10, Hill 10, UNLV 24 (Augmon) 7. Total fouls: Duke 16, UNLV 21. A-S-A.

## NCAAs swan song for Musburger on network

DENVER (AP) — Brent Musburger, let go by CBS on Sunday, finished his career with the network Monday by thanking his co-workers.

Musburger waited until the final moments of CBS' broadcast of UNLV's 103-73 victory over Duke before saying farewell.

"As you know," he said, "this was my last assignment with CBS after 22 years with the television network, radio network and the stations. And I had an opportunity to work with the greatest directors, producers, technicians in the world. Not to mention analysts, like my good friend Billy Packer. Billy, we have shared some great memories."

Musburger then put his arm around Packer.

"Brent, we saw a great champion here tonight," said Packer, the former Wake Forest coach turned announcer. "It's been an honor for all of us to work with a great champion of broadcasting."

Musburger, in his sixth season as CBS's lead broadcaster for the NCAA tournament, then delivered his final signoff for CBS.

"Folks, I've had the best seat in the house. Thanks for sharing it. I'll see you down the road."

He threw it back to host Jim Nantz, a possible replacement for Musburger on "The NFL Today."

"Brent," Nantz said, "I just want to add thanks for everything. We're all going to miss you. And we certainly wish you the best."

After the broadcast was over, fans at McNichols Arena shouted encouragement.

"You're a pro, baby," one yelled.

Musburger raised an arm to the crowd and gave a "No. 1" sign with his index finger extended. He gave a thumbs up and shook hands with Packer and much of the crew.

Musburger was escorted out of the building by security and did not answer questions. Jimmy Tubbs, Musburger's personal assistant, said the broadcaster would not discuss his departure from CBS while in Denver, but would be available for questions later in the week.

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