

Preseason Notes

UNM HISTORY

- The University of New Mexico begins its 109th season of football in 2007. The Lobos have an all-time record of 436-499-31.
- The school was founded in 1889. Three years later, the first football game was played on Oct. 7, 1892, when a team representing UNM played a squad from Albuquerque High School in a vacant lot north of the town's ice factory. The preps prevailed 5-0. The territory of New Mexico was not granted statehood until 1912.

2007 PERSONNEL; MOST STARTERS BACK UNDER LONG

- The Lobos return 43 lettermen for 2007, including 18 position starters, eight on offense and 10 on defense. **That's the most returning starters for head coach Rocky Long in his 10 seasons at New Mexico.** The previous high had been 17 returning for the 2003 season.
- UNM returns 18 lettermen on offense, 23 on defense and two specialists.
- A total of 25 Lobos (10 on offense and 15 on defense) bring a cumulative 284 games of starting experience into the 2007 season. That nearly doubles last year's total of 152 starts among 17 players.

UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS UNDER ROCKY LONG

- Four bowl games in the past five years after six postseason appearances between 1938-2001
- UNM is the only school in the Mountain West Conference that has been bowl eligible and produced at least six wins in each of the past six seasons (2001-06). That's also a first in Lobo history.
- The Lobos have 40 wins since 2001, the second-most by New Mexico in a six-year span. UNM had 41 from 1959-64.
- New Mexico has a 23-14 conference record since 2002 (27-17 since 2001), the second-most wins in the league over that span
- The program's top-13 semester grade-point-averages have been attained under Rocky Long, all in the past 14 terms since the 2000 spring semester

SECOND YEAR FOR NEW MEXICO BOWL

- The second New Mexico Bowl will be played Dec. 22, 2007, at University Stadium in Albuquerque. ESPN will televise the game live. The bowl game matches teams from the Mountain West Conference and Western Athletic Conference.
- ESPN Regional Television (ERT) is responsible for the bowl's organization, operation, sponsorship, marketing efforts and more. Under the direction of ERT, the University of New Mexico provides marketing, management and game day operations support for the bowl. Jeff Siembieda is the Executive Director. Former UNM athletics director Rudy Davalos is Chairman of the Executive Board.

INDOOR PRACTICE FACILITY AT UNM

- Slated for completion during 2-a-days begin in early August, the \$7 million indoor practice facility was funded by New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson and members of the state legislature.
- The new facility was designed by the Albuquerque architectural firm of Molzen-Corbin & Associates. The general contractor is The Jaynes Corporation of Albuquerque.
- The facility measures 70 yards wide by 136.7 yards in length for a total of 86,100 square feet. This size encompasses a full football field with a 7-yard run-out on both ends and sides. The building is approximately 76 feet tall with 70 feet clear height along the ridgeline. It will be constructed of a steel truss supporting members with a polyclad fabric in tension stretched over the steel superstructure and also lining the inside of the structure. The bottom 12 feet of the outside will be clad with steel siding panels. The building has steel doors for entries and exits as well as overhead coiling doors for convenience and ventilation during fair weather. The facility will contain two filming towers, one at mid-field and one at the north end zone. The entire interior floor surface will be artificial turf. Although the building fabric cladding has translucent properties, the building is designed to attain approximately 80 foot-candles indoors after dark.

2007 CAPTAINS

- The team voted senior receivers **Travis Brown** and **Marcus Smith** as offensive captains, while LB **Cody Kase** and safety **OJ Swift** got the nod on defense. Kase is a captain for the second straight season.

NUMBERS UNDER ROCKY LONG ARE UNPARALLELED IN LOBO HISTORY

Granted, current head coach Rocky Long has coached more games (109) than any other Lobo mentor, but the numbers attained by the program under his watch are unprecedented, especially in the current decade. Long and the Lobos have a 52-57 overall record in nine seasons, but they are 45-41 since 2000. He is the only coach to guide New Mexico to four bowl games. In fact, UNM appeared in only six bowls in its first 103 years of competition, but has been to four in the past five years.

The following figures go back to 1965, when the NCAA increased scholarship limits and two-platoon football began nationally:

UNM Record by Decade	Overall	Pct.	Conf.	Pct.	Winning Seasons	Winning Seasons/Conf.	Bowl Appearances
1965-1969	10-40	.200	3-25	.107	0	0	0
1970-79	52-57	.477	33-33	.500	4	3	0
1980-89	39-76	.399	22-52	.297	1	1	0
1990-99	45-71	.387	28-50	.358	3	1	1
1965-99 (35 years)	146-244	.374	86-160	.349	8	5	1
2000-current	45-41	.523	30-21	.588	4	4	4

Coaching Records	Overall	Pct.	Conf.	Pct.
Bill Weeks, 1965-67	5-24	.172	2-13	.153
Rudy Feldman, 1968-73	24-37	.393	16-22	.421
Bill Mondt, 1974-79	32-36	.471	18-23	.439
Joe Morrison, 1980-82	18-15	.545	12-9	.571
Joe Lee Dunn, 1983-86	14-30	.318	9-21	.300
Mike Sheppard, 1987-91	9-50	.152	4-26	.133
Dennis Franchione, 1992-97	33-36	.478	21-27	.438
Rocky Long, 1998-2006	52-57	.477	34-32	.515

YEAR-BY-YEAR STARTS FOR THE 2007 LOBOS

Offense	2003	2004	2005	2006	Total	Consec.
OG Robert Turner ...	13	12	11	13	49	49
WR Travis Brown	2	10	12	24	2	
OG Bo Greer			11	13	24	24
OT Anthony Kilby			11	13	24	24
QB Kole McKamey ...	0	11	9	2	23	0
TB Rodney Ferguson ..	0			13	13	13
C Vince Natali	0	0		13	13	13
FB Matt Quillen			0	13	13	13
WR Marcus Smith	0	0	0	12	12	2
OT Devin Clark				12	12	12
TE John Mulchrone ...			1	11	12	5
WR Thomas Wilson ...			10	1	11	0
QB Chris Nelson			2	6	8	0
QB Donovan Porterie ..				5	5	1
WR Jonathan Brooks ..			0	1	1	0
TE Clayton Cardenas ..				1	1	0
TE Chris Mark				1	1	0
OG Patrick Hodges ..	0	0	0	1	1	0

Total starts / returning offensive players 118

Defense	2003	2004	2005	2006	Total	Consec.
lobo Quincy Black.....	0	10	13	23	15	
LB Cody Kase	0	11	11	22	8	
CB DeAndre Wright ..			6	13	19	18
S OJ Swift			4	13	17	13
DE Mike Tuohy	4	0		11	15	0
S Tyson Dittmore	0	2	13	15	13	13
NT Tyler Donaldson ..				13	13	13
lobo Major Mosley	0	0	13	13	13	13
CB Glover Quin				13	13	13
LB George Carter	0	0	11	11	0	
NT Wesley Beck			0	10	10	10
S Blake Ligon			9	0	9	0
S/LB Aleem Harris			8	1	9	1
LB Zach Arnett			1	2	3	0
DE Stephen Hutchinson ..	0	0	3	3	1	
NT Jeremiah Lovato ..				2	2	0
LB Herbert Felder	0	0	1	1	0	

Total starts / returning defensive players 166

Total starts / all returning players, 2007 284

Total starts / all returning players, 2006 152

boldface indicates returning players for 2007

2007 SCHEDULE NOTES

- Four games on national television - the most appearances ever for the New Mexico Lobos in one season - highlight the 2007 football schedule. UNM will play three games on College Sports Television (CSTV): Sept. 1 at UTEP, Sept. 29 at home against BYU and Oct. 20 at San Diego State. Additionally, the Lobos will make their first appearance on the VERSUS network when they host Air Force on Thursday, Oct. 25.
- "Four games on national television is great for our fans and for the program," Lobos head coach Rocky Long said. "It's a very demanding schedule, but fair and balanced. We look forward to the season."
- UNM will open the season against its three-oldest rivals: UTEP (74 games), New Mexico State (97 games) and Arizona (64 games).
- New Mexico opens Sept. 1 at **UTEP**. The third game of a four-game series between the Lobos and Miners will be the 75th meeting between the two rivals since 1919. UNM won 26-13 last year in Albuquerque.
- It's the 98th meeting between New Mexico and **New Mexico State** Sept. 8 at University Stadium. UNM has a 64-28-5 lead in a series

that began Jan. 1, 1894. The Lobos have won four straight over the Aggies and six of the past seven, including a 34-28 victory last year in Las Cruces.

- New Mexico and **Arizona** renew a rivalry that started in 1908. Playing for the first time since the 1997 Insight.com Bowl in Tucson, the 65th game between the Lobos and Wildcats will be Sept. 15 at Arizona Stadium. It's the first regular-season match-up since 1990 in Albuquerque. UA has won four straight in the series since 1977.
- The non-conference schedule concludes Sept. 22 when UNM hosts **Sacramento State**. It's the first meeting between the Lobos and Hornets.
- The Mountain West Conference schedule begins on Saturday, Sept. 29 when defending MWC champion **BYU** comes to University Stadium for Homecoming. Kickoff is 6:30 p.m. for the national telecast on CSTV.
- The Lobos have an open week on Oct. 6 before playing a pair of road games at **Wyoming** Oct. 13 and at **San Diego State** Oct. 20.
- UNM returns home on Thursday, Oct. 25 to entertain **Air Force**. The remaining home games are Nov. 10 against **Colorado State** and Nov. 24 versus **UNLV**.
- The Lobos visit **TCU** on Nov. 3 and **Utah** on Nov. 17.

COACHING CHANGES

- Rocky Long has five new offensive assistant coaches on his staff. **Dave Baldwin** is the Lobos' third offensive coordinator in as many seasons after the departure of Bob Toledo to become head coach at Tulane. Baldwin served the past four seasons as the offensive coordinator at Michigan State.
- Coaching the Lobo wide receivers is **Matt Wells**, who spent the past five seasons as tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator at Tulsa. Wells replaces long-time assistant Dan Dodd joined Toledo at Tulane.
- The new running backs coach is veteran assistant **Buzz Preston**, who spent last season at Stanford and from 2002-04 at Notre Dame. Preston takes over for Cornell Jackson, who accepted a position at Baylor.
- The Lobos' new offensive line coach is definitely not a new name. Former UNM all-conference performer **Jason Lenzmeier** begins his first season as a full-time staff member after serving as a graduate assistant in 2006. Lenzmeier, 26, is New Mexico's youngest full-time assistant coach since 1984 when Greg Azar, then 24, coached the Lobo defensive line. Lenzmeier was a four-year starter for UNM on the offensive line from 2000-03, earning first team all-Mountain West Conference honors at offensive tackle as a senior.
- **Everett Todd** returns to coaching after a one-year hiatus as an administrator for the Lobos. Todd is coaching the defensive line after the departure of Lenny Rodriguez.

DEVELOPMENT OF WALK-ONS IS IMPRESSIVE

- Some of the better-known Lobos began their careers as walk-ons, including eight team captains since 2001: Jarrod Baxter (2001), Josh Bazinet (2004), Terrell Golden (2003), Brian Johnson (2001), Casey Kelly (2002-03), Mohammed Konte (2001) and Mike Mohoric (2005) all started their UNM careers without athletic scholarships.
- Nine members of the 2006 team began as walk-ons: NT Billy Brittain, K Kenny Byrd, WR Jason Caprioli, QB Bryan Clampitt, DE Stephen Hutchinson, CB Daniel Lowney, deep snapper Jon O'Brien, TE Curtis Pino and P Jordan Scott.
- Current walk-ons who were contributors to the team in 2006 were starting NT Wesley Beck and back-up NT Jeremiah Lovato.
- Baxter, a fifth-round pick of the Houston Texans in 2002, was a walk-on during the fall semester of 1997 under former head coach Dennis Franchione. He was placed on scholarship in the spring of 1998. Johnson, a two-time first team all-conference selection, was a 195-pound walk-on running back when he came to UNM in the fall of '97. He had to wait a year for a scholarship after impressing Long and his staff during '98 spring drills. Konte, also a redshirt in '97, paid his own way for three years before being placed on aid in the fall of 2000 and earned honorable mention all-MWC honors.
- The 2001 list was S Terrell Golden, a three-year starter and honorable mention all-conference in 2001, and WR Terrence Thomas.

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NEW MEXICO RECORD BOOK UPDATE

Rushing Yards - Career

1.	4,973	DonTrell Moore	2002-05
9.	2,073	Rocky Long	1969-71
20.	1,466	Nate McCall	1970-71
21.	1,430	Chris Shelton	1994-97
22.	1,325	Reginal Johnson	1996-99
23.	1,282	Rodney Ferguson	2004-current

Rushing Yards - Season

1.	1,450	DonTrell Moore	2003
2.	1,298	DonTrell Moore	2005
3.	1,240	Mike Williams	1976
4.	1,234	Rodney Ferguson	2006

Rushing Attempts - Season

1.	276	DonTrell Moore	2003
2.	275	DonTrell Moore	2005
3.	265	Mike Williams	1977
4.	258	Mike Williams	1976
5.	252	Rodney Ferguson	2006

All-Purpose Yards - Season

1.	2,138	Terance Mathis	1989
2.	1,910	Winslow Oliver	1995
3.	1,861	Terance Mathis	1987
4.	1,669	DonTrell Moore	2005
5.	1,626	DonTrell Moore	2003
6.	1,564	Chuck Hill	1950
7.	1,525	Rodney Ferguson	2006

Receiving TDs - Season

1.	13	Pascal Volz	1997
	13	Terance Mathis	1989
3.	10	Terance Mathis	1986
4.	9	Marcus Smith	2006

Receptions - Career

1.	263	Terance Mathis	1985-87, '89
8.	116	Martinez Williams	1996-99
9.	106	Travis Brown	2004-06

Sacks - Career

1.	44	Johnny Jackson	1981-84
7.	17	Robert Rumbaugh	1977-79
8.	16	Daniel Kegler	2001-03
9.	15.5	Jesse Becton	1991-92
10.	15	Bob Shupryt	1977-80
	15	Steve Vaipulu	1989-90
12.	14.5	Michael Tuohy	2004-current

Passes Broken Up - Season

1.	17	Brandon Payne	2005
6.	12	Glover Quin	2006
9.	11	Tim Wescott	1977
	11	Stephen Persley	2001
11.	10	DeAndre Wright	2006

GPA CLIMBS UNDER LONG

The top-13 semester GPAs have been attained under Rocky Long, all in the past 14 semesters. UNM's semester GPAs under Rocky Long:

Spring 1998	2.41
Fall 1998	2.29
Spring 1999	2.51
Fall 1999	2.50
Spring 2000	2.52
Fall 2000	2.42
Spring 2001	2.59
Fall 2001	2.59
Spring 2002	2.63
Fall 2002	2.56
Spring 2003	2.69*
Fall 2003	2.63
Spring 2004	2.65
Fall 2004	2.52
Spring 2005	2.55
Fall 2005	2.66
Spring 2006	2.66
Fall 2006	2.60
Spring 2007	x.xx

* record

- The 2002 recipients were Bazinet, C Ryan Cook, deep snapper Martin Lovato, Ryan Rice and Wes Zunker, who was an all-MWC kicker in 2003. Cook became arguably the best center in school history. He was a three-time first team all-conference selection (2003-05) and was chosen by the Minnesota Vikings in the second round of the 2006 NFL Draft. Gaus, Mohoric, Selander and C Derek Watson were awarded scholarships in 2003. Mohoric was a first team all-MWC linebacker in 2005. The list in 2004 was Brittain, Jesse Demarest, Pino, CB Mike Powdrell, RB Daniel Ramirez, OG Bryan Humphreys, OG Melvin Foster, S Brandon McKinley and WR Martin Romero. Byrd, Clampitt, Hutchison, Lowney, O'Brien received scholarships before the 2005 fall semester. WR Jason Caprioli and starting P Jordan Scott were put on aid in August of 2006.

SLOW STARTS, FAST FINISHES

- The trend with Lobo football this decade has been as the leaves start to fall, so have the opponents. A look at UNM's record following its lowest point (worst record) of the season:

Year	Start	Finish (Regular Season Only)
2001	2-4	4-1
2002	3-5	4-1
2003	1-3	7-1
2004	2-4	5-0
2005	3-3	3-2
2006	2-4	4-2
Totals	13-23	27-7

OFFENSE NOTES

- New Mexico had 16 touchdown drives under 2 minutes and 17 that took 5 plays for less
- UNM averaged 316.9 yards a game, but the average was 353.7 yards over the last 5 games compared to 285 yards the first 7
- TB Rodney Ferguson** had a tremendous sophomore in 2006, leading the Mountain West Conference in rushing with 1,234 yards. Notables on the Albuquerque native:
 - four 100-yard games, including three straight to end the season
 - 1,234 yards, the 4th-best single season total in school history
 - 450 yards in the last 4 games (112.5 average) and 685 in the last 6 games (114.2 average)
 - 22 carries for a career-high 210 yards against San Diego State, becoming the 7th Lobo to surpass 200 yards in a game and the first since DonTrell Moore had 242 vs. Colorado State in 2003
 - 252 carries, 5th-most by a Lobo
 - 1,525 all-purpose yards, No. 7 on the UNM single-season list
- WRs Travis Brown** (64) and **Marcus Smith** (53) gave the Lobos two receivers with 50 or more receptions in a season for the first time since 1990...the last duo to do it was Eric Morgan and Mike Henderson
- Having a receiving tandem reach 50 catches and 800 yards in the same season is certainly a rarity...in fact, Brown and Smith are just the second Lobo duo to achieve such numbers:

Lobo Receiving Tandems with 50 Receptions and 800 Yards in a Season

1990	Eric Morgan (80-1,043) and Mike Henderson (55-810)
2006	Travis Brown (64-867) and Marcus Smith (53-859)

- Brown has a catch in 25 consecutive games and 30 of 33 career games...he has 106 career receptions, ranking 9th all-time at UNM
- Smith hauled in 9 TD receptions in 2006, tying for 4th (Don Black, 1958/Mike Henderson, 1990/Hank Baskett, 2005) on the UNM single-season list

DEFENSE NOTES

- New Mexico tied a school record by returning 4 interceptions for TDs (**Michael Tuohy, Cody Kase, Quincy Black and Blake Ligon**)...the 1982 team also returned 4 for scores
- CB Glover Quin** had 63 tackles for the season, the most by a Lobo cornerback since Art Celestine had 72 in 1995...Quine finished the season with 12 pass breakups, tying for the 6th-most in a single season at UNM

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- **CB DeAndre Wright** finished with 14 passes defended on the season (10 PBU, 4 INT)

LOBOS AMONG THE NATION'S BEST ON THE ROAD

- New Mexico has been outstanding away from home in recent years. The list below presents the best winning percentage away from home in all games - road and neutral - since 2003:

1.	Southern Cal	24-4	.857
2.	Boise State	21-5	.808
3.	LSU	19-6	.760
4.	TCU	18-7	.720
5.	West Virginia	17-7	.708
6..	Georgia	19-8	.704
	Louisville	19-8	.704
8.	Boston College	18-8	.692
9.	Tennessee	15-8	.652
	Oklahoma	15-8	.652
11.	Wisconsin	16-9	.640
12.	Virginia Tech	15-9	.625
13.	Navy	18-11	.621
14.	Florida	16-10	.615
15.	Notre Dame	14-10	.583
	New Mexico	14-10	.583

COMEBACKS ON THE ROAD

- Rallying to win games on the road has been commonplace in recent years. The list since 2002:

Year	Opponent	Trailing	Qtr.	Final Score
2002	at BYU	16-14	4th	20-16
2003	at Utah	14-3	2nd	47-35
2004	at UNLV	17-7	2nd	24-20
	at Colorado State	7-3	Half	26-17
2005	at Missouri	28-21	3rd	45-35
	at Wyoming	17-7	2nd	27-24
	at Utah	27-19	Half	31-27
2006	at UNLV	28-14	Half	39-36 (OT)
	at Colorado State	19-10	4th	20-19

MWC ROAD GAME SUCCESS

- While the Lobos have had their troubles at home of late, that has not been the case in MWC road games. UNM is 8-3 in its last 11 and has won 15 of its last 21 away. UNM has not lost consecutive MWC away games since 2000 (at UNLV and at BYU). A look at the recent results:

2001 (2-0)

at Wyoming W, 30-29
at San Diego St. W, 20-15

2002 (2-2)

at Air Force L, 38-31 (OT)
at UNLV W, 25-16
at BYU W, 20-16
at Colorado St. L, 22-14

2003 (3-0)

at Utah W, 47-35
at San Diego St. W, 30-7
at Wyoming W, 26-3

2004 (3-1)

at Air Force L, 28-23
at UNLV W, 24-20
at Colorado State W, 26-17
at BYU W, 21-14

2005 (3-1)

at TCU L, 49-28
at Wyoming W, 27-24
at San Diego State W, 47-24
at Utah W, 31-27

2006 (2-2)

at Air Force L, 24-7
at UNLV W, 39-36 (OT)
at Colorado State W, 20-19
at BYU L, 42-17

STATISTICAL TRENDS

- Under Rocky Long, the Lobos are 26-7 when rushing for 200 yards or more and 22-5 when exceeding 225...the losses came against

Colorado State (254 yards) in 1999, Utah State (263) in 2002, Texas Tech (235) in 2003, and BYU (244) and Air Force (227) in 2005

- Since 2001, the Lobos are 30-5 when taking a lead into the fourth quarter. The losses were in 2001 (led BYU 13-10, but lost 24-20), to Washington State (led 14-7, lost 21-17) and BYU (led 24-13, lost 27-24) in 2004, to Colorado State (led 25-18, lost 35-25) in 2005 and this year to Wyoming (led 10-7, lost 14-10).

- Also since 2001, UNM is 28-6 when scoring first. The losses were against Utah State in 2002, Navy in the 2004 Emerald Bowl, last year against UTEP and Colorado State and to Portland State and Wyoming in 2006.

- Since the start of 2001 - a span of 71 games - opponents have been held to less than 100 yards rushing 37 times. Only 10 times in the past 78 games has an opponent reached 200 yards rushing: Air Force (262) in 2006, Missouri (242), TCU (272) and Air Force (278) in 2005, Utah (278), Air Force (239) and Navy (269) in 2004, Air Force (261) and New Mexico State (262) in 2002 and Utah (255) in 2001.

EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS...AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN

- Since the inception of the MWC in 1999, the Lobos have proved the experts wrong nearly every year. A look at the predicted finish and where UNM eventually wound up from 1999-2006:

Preseason	7th	Final	T5th
Preseason 1999	7th	Final 1999	T5th
Preseason 2000	8th	Final 2000	T5th
Preseason 2001	7th	Final 2001	T3rd
Preseason 2002	6th	Final 2002	2nd
Preseason 2003	2nd	Final 2003	2nd
Preseason 2004	4th	Final 2004	2nd
Preseason 2005	2nd	Final 2005	T4th
Preseason 2006	5th	Final 2006	5th

Composite MWC Record (conference games only)

	2002-06	2001-06	1999-06
Utah	25-12	30-14	37-21
New Mexico	23-14	27-17	33-25
BYU	22-15	29-15	38-20
Colorado State	19-17	24-19	35-22
Air Force	16-20	19-24	26-31
San Diego State	15-21	17-26	23-34
Wyoming	13-24	13-31	17-41
UNLV	8-29	11-33	16-42

SUPPORTING THE HOME TEAM

- After many years where season tickets were at less than 5,000, UNM has sold at least 10,700 season tickets for 13 consecutive seasons. The top-10 gates in University Stadium history have occurred since 1997, including a record 44,760 for the 2005 encounter against New Mexico State.

	Avg. Atten.	Season Tickets
1991	15,822	4,390
1992	19,247	5,416
1993	25,307	8,221
1994	26,848	13,063
1995	25,383	12,340
1996	23,585	10,751
1997	30,662	12,299
1998	26,743	14,254
1999	25,111	12,390
2000	23,656	12,223
2001	31,268	13,202
2002	30,512	14,142
2003	35,127	14,801
2004	37,282	15,729
2005	38,341 (record)	17,404 (record)
2006	28,633	15,525