

UC Riverside at New Mexico

7 p.m., Tuesday, the Pit. **TV:** Altitude 2. **Radio:** 770 AM/96.3 FM. **Streaming:** TheMW.com. **Line:** Lobos by 18½

UC Riverside Highlanders (2-0, 0-0 Big West)

Coach: Gus Argenal (87-96, 7th season overall; 2-0, first season at UC Riverside)

Projected starters

	Pos.	Ht.	Year	PPG	RPG	APG
10 Marqui Worthy Jr.	G	6-4	Jr.	18.5	2.5*	3.5
44 Jailen Daniel-Dalton	G	6-6	Sr.	6.0	2.0	1.5^
0 Osiris Grady	F	6-9	Jr.	18.0	7.0	1.0*
12 Andrew Henderson	G	6-5	Sr.	14.5	5.5	3.0
8 B.J. Kolly	C	6-10	Sr.	4.5	4.5	1.0^

Reserves

	Pos.	Ht.	Year	PPG	RPG	APG
0 Tyler Jones	G	6-2	So.	4.5	1.0	0.5
1 De'Undrae Perteete	G	6-5	So.	4.5	1.5	1.5
13 Ben Waller	F	6-6	Fr.	2.0	3.0	0.5
23 Dylan Godfrey	F	6-8	Jr.	8.5	5.0	4.5
34 Daniel Tobiloba	C	7-0	Jr.	1.0	1.5	0.5*

*Steals ^Blocks

What you need to know about the Highlanders:

Argenal is in his first year at Riverside. The former Eric Musselman assistant at both Nevada and Arkansas also was a head coach at Cal State East Bay and at Division II Cal State San Bernardino, where he led the Coyotes to back-to-back NCAA D-II Tournaments, including the NCAA D-II Final Four in 2024. Matt Musselman, Eric's son, is also on staff as an assistant coach at UC Riverside. In their road win Thursday at North Dakota, they got a combined 40 points from Worthy and Grady, transfers from UMass and Utah Valley, respectively. The Highlanders have size and often go inside. About two-thirds of the team's field goals attempted came from inside the arc and the team connected on 69% (20-of 29) of those shots against North Dakota.

New Mexico Lobos (2-0, 0-0 Mountain West)

Coach: Eric Olen (242-119, 13th season overall; 2-0, 1st season at UNM)

Projected starters

	Pos.	Ht.	Year	PPG	RPG	APG
1 Deyton Albury	PG	6-3	Sr.	10.5	5.0	1.5
23 Jake Hall	G	6-4	Fr.	11.5	2.5	2.0
8 Chris Howell	G	6-6	Sr.	4.5	3.0*	4.0
5 Antonio Chol	F	6-9	Jr.	8.0	2.0	1.5^
10 Tomislav Buljan	F	6-9	Fr.	12.5	9.5	1.5*

Reserves

	Pos.	Ht.	Year	PPG	RPG	APG
0 Kevin Patton Jr.	G	6-8	Jr.	1.5	1.0	1.0*
2 Tajavis Miller	G	6-4	Sr.	7.5	1.5	0.5
3 Luke Haupt	G	6-7	Sr.	3.0	5.0	1.0*
4 Uriah Tenette	G	5-11	Fr.	9.5	2.0*	2.5
29 Timeo Pons	G	6-9	Fr.	0.0	0.5	0.0
31 Milos Vicentic	F	6-7	Sr.	2.5	0.5	0.5
35 JT Rock	C	7-1	So.	4.0	3.0	0.5^

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What you need to know about the Lobos:

The defense, particularly in the first halves of each game last week, was off the charts. The offense? Well, not as much. Only in the second half of Saturday's game vs. UT Arlington did the Lobos offense start to play efficiently, and it's no coincidence that it was a half that started with big man Tomislav Buljan getting things going in the paint. This offense needs enough of a paint threat to draw a defense in for the outside shooters to have the space necessary for the entire scheme to work. UNM has won comfortably, twice, but still seems as though it has some things to prove, such as more consistent rebounding. That will be a point of emphasis this week against UC Riverside and New Mexico State.