

New Mexico at New Mexico State

7 p.m., Saturday, Pan American Center, Las Cruces

TV: None. **Radio:** 770 AM/96.3 FM (ABQ). 99.5 FM (LC). **Streaming:** ESPN+. **Line:** Lobos by 3½.

New Mexico Lobos (3-0, 0-0 Mountain West)

Coach: Eric Olen (243-119, 13th season overall; 3-0, 1st season at UNM)

Projected starters

	Pos.	Ht.	Year	PPG	RPG	APG
1 Deyton Albury	PG	6-3	Sr.	10.5	5.0	2.0
23 Jake Hall	G	6-4	Fr.	12.3	2.7	2.3
8 Chris Howell	G	6-6	Sr.	8.0	2.7*	4.3
5 Antonio Chol	F	6-9	Jr.	10.0	2.7	1.3^
10 Tomislav Buljan	F	6-9	Fr.	12.0	10.0	1.3*

Reserves

	Pos.	Ht.	Year	PPG	RPG	APG
0 Kevin Patton Jr.	G	6-8	Jr.	1.7	1.7	0.7*
2 Tajavis Miller	G	6-4	Sr.	9.3	2.7	0.7*
3 Luke Haupt	G	6-7	Sr.	5.7	4.3	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.	2.3	0.3	0.3
35 JT Rock	C	7-1	So.	4.0	3.0	0.5^

*Steals ^Blocks

What you need to know about the Lobos: Neither Deyton Albury nor Uriah Tenette played in Tuesday's game against UC Riverside, but one (Albury) was suited up and available and the other (Tenette) went through the morning walk through and both are likely, though not certain, to play in Las Cruces. Last season, NMSU, aside from beating the Lobos in the Pit, held D-II opponents to a 46.9 effective field goal percentage, 21st best in the country. UNM's shooting outside the paint hasn't yet hit its stride, but Olen's offense is still predicated on creating space and offensive efficiency (last season's UC San Diego team had a 55.1 effective FG percentage, 31st best nationally). UNM will have a size advantage overall, but neither team has exactly dominated the glass (UNM has 108 boards and has surrendered 108 to three lower-rated DI teams; NMSU has 72 rebounds to 68 against two D-II teams).

New Mexico State Aggies (2-0, 0-0 C-USA)

Coach: Jason Hooten (293-203, 16th season overall; 32-34, third season at NMSU)

Projected starters

	Pos.	Ht.	Year	PPG	RPG	APG
1 Gabe Pickens	PG	6-0	So.	4.0	2.5	4.0
21 Jemel Jones	G	6-4	Sr.	23.5	5.5	2.5
9 Anthony Wrzeszcz	G	6-4	Sr.	10.0	1.0	0.5
0 Julius Mims	F	6-9	Sr.	12.0	8.0	1.0^
24 Cyr Malonga	C	6-11	Jr.	11.0	5.5	1.0

Reserves

	Pos.	Ht.	Year	PPG	RPG	APG
3 Kyrese Mullen	F	6-7	Sr.	1.0	2.0	0.0
4 Jae'Coby Osborne	F	6-6	So.	3.0	3.0	2.0*
5 Chris Terrell	G	6-0	Sr.	4.5	3.5*	1.5
8 Jayland Randall	G	6-5	Sr.	5.5	3.5	2.0*
11 Elijah Elliott	G	6-1	Sr.	4.0	1.5*	0.5
44 Augustine Ekwe	F	6-9	Fr.	6.0	4.5	1.0^

*Steals ^Blocks

What you need to know about the Aggies: Julius Mims, the 6-9 transfer forward from Idaho, missed Tuesday's game against New Mexico Highlands after suffering a concussion in the Nov. 4 season opener against Adams State. He has cleared concussion protocol and is likely available for this game. The offense didn't look good in Game 1 in an 83-72 win over the Grizzlies, scoring under a point per possession (0.976) against the Division II team. It was better in Tuesday's 74-58 win over the D-II Cowboys, especially in the second half when the Aggies scored 45 points and 1.452 per possession. NMSU forced the two D-II teams into 21 and 22 turnovers, respectively. Jemel Jones, the Aggies' star, lost twice last year to Olen's UC San Diego team while starting at Cal State Bakersfield, scoring seven points with five turnovers in the first meeting before going off for 29 points and four turnovers later in the season.