

New Mexico at Arizona

2 p.m., Sunday. **Radio:** 610 AM/95.9 FM. **Streaming:** TheMW.com

Arizona Wildcats (6-1, 0-0 Big 12)

Coach: Becky Burke (1st season at UA, overall 180-93)

Projected starters

	Pos.	Ht.	Year	PPG	RPG	APG
0 Mickayla Perdue	G	5-7	Sr.	17.6	1.7	1.2
33 Daniah Trammell	F	6-1	Fr.	12.6	2.7	0.7^
4 Noelani Cornfield	G	5-6	Sr.	12.1	3.4	8.0
8 Mireia Jurado	G	6-0	Fr.	6.4	5.4	1.7
3 Sumayah Sugapong	G	5-7	Jr.	7.6	5.0	2.0*

Top reserves

	Pos.	Ht.	Year	PPG	RPG	APG
13 Nora Francois	F	6-2	Sr.	6.4	5.0	1.4
5 Molly Ladwig	G	5-9	Fr.	2.4	2.3	0.7
11 Tanyuel Welch	G	5-10	Jr.	4.2	3.0	0.5
14 Blessing Adebajo	F	6-3	So.	2.5	1.2	0.3^
1 Kamryn Kitchen	G	5-9	So.	4.0	1.6	0.6*
20 Achol Magot	C	6-7	Jr.	2.4	0.6	0.2^

^Blocks *Steals

What you need to know about Arizona: The Wildcats have been playing fast and furious in Burke's first season, averaging nearly 80 points per game during a 6-0 start. That pace slowed significantly in Wednesday's surprising 63-57 loss to Southern, a game in which Arizona had 24 turnovers and trailed nearly all the way. Up to that point, the Wildcats had not been tested often, facing only two opponents (UC Irvine and Northern Colorado) with winning records. Nor have the Wildcats been road warriors this season as all 11 of their non-conference games are at home. Still, it's a UA team that can use quickness and defensive pressure to rack up points in a hurry. Point guard Cornfield is the catalyst and does an outstanding jog distributing the ball, amassing 56 assists through seven games. Perdue is by far the top 3-point threat and has accounted for half of her team's 90 attempts and 30 makes. Arizona has considerable size on its bench but Burke has opted for a smaller, quicker lineup that leans heavily on its starters. Perdue played all 40 minutes against Southern and is one of three players averaging more than 30 minutes per game. The Wildcats rely on transition. They force nearly 19 turnovers per game and average 16.9 points off turnovers.

New Mexico Lobos (6-3, 0-0 Mountain West)

Coach: Mike Bradbury (10th season at UNM, 186-106, overall 364-223)

Projected starters

	Pos.	Ht.	Year	PPG	RPG	APG
4 Alyssa Hargrove	G	5-8	Sr.	7.0	3.7	2.9
3 Destinee Hooks	G	5-9	Jr.	15.9	4.4	1.6
12 Cacia Antonio	G	5-11	Jr.	11.0	5.5	1.5
13 Joana Magalhães	G	5-5	So.	6.1	1.8	2.2*
40 Clarissa Craig	F/C	6-3	Sr.	7.0	4.4	0.7

Top reserves

	Pos.	Ht.	Year	PPG	RPG	APG
11 Nayli Padilla	G	5-9	So.	11.1	4.3	1.7
23 Emma Najjuma	F	6-4	So.	2.1	4.4	0.7^
44 Laila Abdurraqib	G	5-6	Fr.	6.3	1.8	1.6
15 Drew Jordan	G/F	5-11	Jr.	4.8	2.0	1.1*
5 Kaia Foster	G	6-2	Fr.	1.7	2.3	0.7
20 Tyler Jones	G	5-9	Fr.	2.3	1.3	1.5
24 Jessie Joaquim	F	6-2	Jr.	2.6	5.0	0.6*
14 Leonor Peixinho	F	6-1	Fr.	0.7	0.8	0.2

^Blocks *Steals

What you need to know about New Mexico: The Lobos will be looking for a fast start after stumbling out of the gates in recent outings. UNM is averaging 70.4 points per game but has scored just 13 first-quarter points in its last five outings with 20 of 65 coming against Chicago State. It hasn't been a matter of coming out flat as the Lobos have been good defensively and created quality first-quarter scoring chances. UNM has simply shot poorly (21 of 82, 25.6%) in its last five first quarters with numerous missed layups and rushed perimeter shots. The Lobos are largely a guard-oriented bunch but they do need more production from their posts. Craig managed just 3 total points in UNM's two games in Florida, and Najjuma capitalized on extra minutes with 21 rebounds off the bench. New Mexico's bench as a whole continues to be productive and Bradbury continues to go 10 to 11 players deep on a regular basis. The starting guards have provided steady play with Hooks and Antonio the top scoring threats, although both had off shooting days in the Lobos' 63-60 loss to Cincinnati.