

Alabama State at New Mexico

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

Alabama State Hornets (3-4, 0-0 Southwestern Athletic Conference)

Coach: Tony Madlock (60-82, 5th season overall; 44-62, 4th season at Alabama State)

Projected starters

	Pos.	Ht.	Year	PPG	RPG	APG
2 Micah Simpson	G	6-2	Sr.	17.4	3.1	3.4
20 Asjon Anderson	G	6-2	Sr.	17.1	1.1*	4.6
11 Cameron Palesse	G	6-5	Sr.	6.4	4.9	1.6
23 R'Chaun King	F	6-6	Fr.	7.4	3.4	0.3
24 Jequarius Stanback	F	6-9	Fr.	6.3	4.1	2.1^

Reserves

	Pos.	Ht.	Year	PPG	RPG	APG
0 Tyler Byrd	G	6-3	Jr.	8.6	3.1	2.1*
1 Damarien Yates	F	6-7	Jr.	6.1	3.6	1.4*
3 Trey Miller	G	6-2	Sr.	7.3	1.7*	4.0
4 Mario Andrews	F	6-6	Sr.	2.6	5.6	0.1
12 Tyler Mason	F	6-9	Jr.	4.9	3.0	0.3^

*Steals ^Blocks

What you need to know about the Hornets: Alabama State won 20 games last season and played in the NCAA Tournament. The Hornets have a big road win this season already, upsetting UAB in Birmingham on Nov. 11, 77-74. In that game, they held the Blazers to two made 3-pointers (on 20 attempts) and moved the ball well, assisting on 19 of 28 made field goals (67.9% assist rate). Alabama State has its spots on the floor — shooting better than 70% in the midrange on the right side of the court and hitting 12-of-21 (57.1%) of their left corner 3s — the corner that will be in front of the Lobos bench in the first half. The only place on the court the Hornets are hitting better than one-third of their shots is at the rim (69-of-138 or 50%, which is not a good percentage at the rim.)

New Mexico Lobos (4-2, 0-0 Mountain West)

Coach: Eric Olen (244-121, 13th season overall; 4-2, 1st season at UNM)

Projected starters

	Pos.	Ht.	Year	PPG	RPG	APG
1 Deyton Albury	PG	6-3	Sr.	11.0	4.0	1.6*
23 Jake Hall	G	6-4	Fr.	11.7	2.2	1.8
8 Chris Howell	G	6-6	Sr.	6.3	2.0*	4.2
5 Antonio Chol	F	6-9	Jr.	10.3	4.2	1.0^
10 Tomislav Buljan	F	6-9	Fr.	12.8	11.8	1.0*

Reserves

	Pos.	Ht.	Year	PPG	RPG	APG
0 Kevin Patton Jr.	G	6-8	Jr.	1.4	1.4	0.4*
2 Tajavis Miller	G	6-4	Sr.	6.0	2.0	0.8*
3 Luke Haupt	G	6-7	Sr.	5.0	4.0	2.0
4 Uriah Tenette	G	5-11	Fr.	11.0	1.6*	2.2
29 Timeo Pons	G	6-9	Fr.	0.0	0.5	0.0
31 Milos Vicentic	F	6-7	Sr.	3.0	0.5	0.3
35 JT Rock	C	7-1	So.	2.7	1.7	0.5^

*Steals ^Blocks

What you need to know about the Lobos: Deyton Albury is expected to return to the starting lineup for the Lobos on Wednesday, but don't take that to mean Uriah Tenette's minutes will be down. UNM is the only Division I team in the country with three freshmen averaging double digits in scoring and that isn't changing anytime soon as Tomislav Buljan, Tenette and Jake Hall are all integral parts of what the Lobos are doing right now. UNM's offense has been about balance, with five players leading the team in scoring through six games, and never has the same player led in scoring in back-to-back games. UNM is the highest-rated defense (52 in the country per KenPom) the Hornets have played this season.