



**2016 GILDAN NEW MEXICO BOWL  
NEW MEXICO LOBOS (MW) VS. UTSA ROADRUNNERS (C-USA)  
POSTGAME NOTES**

**GAME**

Saturday's attendance of 29,688 is the fifth highest attendance in Gildan New Mexico Bowl history.

UTSA's 27-yard field goal with 8:41 in the first quarter marked the 10<sup>th</sup> straight time in the GNM Bowl that a team has scored in the first quarter. The only game in which a score was not recorded was the inaugural game in 2006 between San Jose State and New Mexico.

It's the third straight year the designated home team (UTSA) has kicked a field goal on its opening possession.

Richard McQuarley's 1-yard touchdown run with 0:04 left in the first quarter marked the fifth straight GNM Bowl in which both teams scored in the first quarter.

For the third straight year, the first quarter ended with the scored 7-3.

UNM led 10-6 at the half. The 16 combined points tied the 2006 game (both halves) for the second fewest in the first half in GNM Bowl history (10 points in the first half in 2014 game is the record—Utah State 7, UTEP 3) and third fewest for any half (3 points in the second half in 2007 game, UNM 3, Nevada 0).

Kevin Strong Jr.'s block of UNM K Jason Sanders' extra-point attempt in the third quarter represents the first blocked PAT in NM Bowl history and the second failed PAT attempt (San Jose State's Jared Strubeck missed a PAT in 2006).

UNM's 13-13 victory marked the fourth fewest points in the bowl game. New Mexico's 23-0 win.

The teams combined for 660 yards of total offense, marking the third lowest in GNM Bowl history (UTEP and Utah State combined for 622 in 2014, and UNM and San Jose State combined for 657 in 2006).

The 3:15 length of game was seven minutes off the record of 3:08 set by Temple and Wyoming in 2011; however, the game was only the fifth shortest in GNM Bowl history.

Saturday marked the fifth consecutive GNM Bowl in which the team scored first lost the game.

**TEAM – New Mexico (9-4 overall)**

New Mexico improved to 4-8-1 overall in bowl-game appearances. It is their first bowl victory since the 2007 New Mexico Bowl.

UNM won the coin toss and deferred. It is the fifth straight coin-toss win for the Lobos.



Lamar Jordan's passer rating of 236.1 set a new NM Bowl record. The old mark was 213.6 by QB Adam Tafralis of San Jose State in 2006.

UNM set GNM Bowl records for fewest attempts (six) and completions (three). The previous marks were 12 and five, respectively (both Utah State, 2014). UNM's 77 passing yards were second fewest (Utah State 68, 2014).

Jason Sanders' 52-yard field goal to end the first half was the second longest field goal in the game's history (New Mexico's John Sullivan hit a 53-yarder in the 2007 GNM Bowl against Nevada).

Nickel back Lee Crosby's interception of UTSA QB Dalton Sturm at the UNM 26 with 2:38 left in the third quarter marked the first turnover of the game.

Richard McQuarley scored on two touchdown runs to become the third Lobo to score multiple TDs in the GNM Bowl (Lamar Jordan 3, 2015; Marcus Smith 2, 2006-2007).

#### TEAM – UTSA (6-7 overall)

UTSA is now 0-1 in bowl games after losing its inaugural appearance on Saturday.

Jarveon Williams' 38-yard run in the first quarter was the longest play from scrimmage in the game.

Josiah Tauaefa's 10-yard sack of UNM QB Lamar Jordan was the first sack of the game.

UTSA's eight penalties tied with five other teams for the second most penalties in the GNM Bowl (Washington State had 10 in 2013).

#### INDIVIDUAL

The Offensive MVP was New Mexico quarterback Lamar Jordan. Jordan led UNM with 81 rushing yards on 13 carries and was 3-of-4 passing for 77 yards.

The Defensive MVP was New Mexico linebacker Dakota Cox. He finished with 10 tackles (six solo), 1.5 sacks and one pass breakup.