

*Lobo Volleyball*

# **MATCH PROGRAM**

**SEPT. 17 • VS. N.M. STATE**



# TONIGHT'S PROMOS

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**STUDENT APPRECIATION / GREEK NIGHT: FREE RAFFLE ENTRY, STUDENT TAILGATE PREGAME WITH FREE PIZZA!**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of School ..... University of New Mexico  
 City/Zip ..... Albuquerque, N.M. 87106  
 Founded ..... 1889 by Territorial Legislature  
 Enrollment ..... 22,225  
 Nickname ..... Lobos  
 School Colors ..... Cherry & Silver  
 Conference ..... Mountain West  
 Affiliation ..... NCAA Division I  
 President ..... Dr. Garnett Stokes  
 Interim Athletic Director ..... Dave Williams

## PROGRAM HISTORY

First Year of Volleyball ..... 1975  
 All-Time Record (Pct.) ..... 727-696 (.511)  
 Mountain West Record (Pct.) ..... 179-226 (.442)  
 NCAA Tournament Appearances ..... 9  
     1981, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 2009 & 2010  
 NCAA Tournament Record ..... 5-9  
 Last NCAA Postseason Opponent ..... USC  
 Last NCAA Postseason Result ..... L, 0-3, 2010 (1st Rd.)  
 Conference Championships ..... 2  
     1988 (High Country) and 1991 (WAC)

## VOLLEYBALL STAFF

Head Coach ..... Jon Newman-Gonchar  
     (Northern Arizona, 2005)  
 Year at UNM ..... 6th season  
 Year Overall ..... 6th season  
 Record at UNM (Pct.) ..... 71-63 (.530)  
 MW Record (Pct.) ..... 39-47 (.453)  
 Career Record (Pct.) ..... Same  
 Associate HC / Recruiting Coord. .... April Sanchez  
     (Colorado Mesa, 2011)  
 Year at UNM ..... 6th season  
 Assistant Coach/ Offensive Coord. .... Matt Kuelpman  
     (LMU, 2015)  
 Year at UNM ..... 2nd season  
 Dir. of Operations ..... Nick Ziegelmann  
     (Washington State, 2019)  
 Year at UNM ..... 1st season  
 Volleyball Athletic Trainer ..... Madison Faucett  
 Strength Coach ..... Russ McCarthy  
 Academic Advisor ..... Joylynn Benefiel

## 2023 IN REVIEW

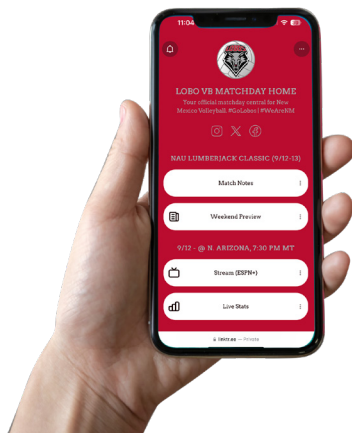
2023 Overall Record ..... 19-12 (.586)  
 2023 Mountain West Record ..... 10-8 (.444)  
 2023 Mountain West Finish ..... T-4th  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost ..... 6/8  
 Starters Returning/Lost ..... 1 + Libero/5  
 Newcomers ..... 11

## FACILITIES

Main Home Venue ..... Johnson Center Gymnasium  
 Capacity ..... 4,800  
 Location ..... Redondo Dr. & Stanford Dr.



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# 2024 ROSTER AT A GLANCE



**1**  
**REAGAN MILLER**  
6-1 • MB • FR  
Birmingham, Ala. -  
Hoover HS



**2**  
**MARIAN HATCH**  
5-7 • S • FR  
Rio Rancho, N.M.  
Cleveland HS



**3**  
**GISELLE GROE**  
5-5 • L / DS • SO  
Torrance, Calif.  
Mater Dei HS



**4**  
**LAURYN PAYNE**  
5-11 • OH • JR  
Leesburg, Va.  
Riverside HS



**5**  
**AMANDA TREMEROLI**  
6-0 • OH • FR  
Phoenix, Ariz.  
Pinnacle HS



**6**  
**MADISON BLANCO**  
5-7 • S • R-SO  
El Paso, Texas  
Franklin HS



**9**  
**ANGELA CROSETTI**  
5-6 • L / DS • R-SR  
Sherman Oaks, Calif.  
SNHU / St. John's



**11**  
**SONILA WAFEEK**  
5-9 • S • SR  
Cairo, Egypt  
Al Gomhorya HS / UIC



**12**  
**SEENANE BREWER**  
5-10 • OH • FR  
Lawrence, Kan.  
Lawrence HS



**13**  
**ZOE LEONARD**  
6-2 • MB • FR  
Phoenix, Ariz.  
Arcadia HS



**16**  
**MADELEINE MILLER**  
6-1 • S • SO  
Shueyville, Iowa  
Mount Vernon HS



**18**  
**NAOMI CHANKOUMI**  
5-11 • OH • JR  
Houston, Texas  
Cypress Springs HS / CSUB



**19**  
**ELIZABETH WOODS**  
6-2 • MB • SR  
Rowlett, Texas  
Sachse HS



**21**  
**JADA BOUYER**  
5-9 • OH • G-SR  
Liberty Township, Ohio  
Lakota East HS / Toledo



**22**  
**LIEPA LAVICKYTE**  
6-1 • MB • R-SO  
Sandnes, Norway  
Toppvolley / Oregon State



**23**  
**FALANIKA DANIELSON**  
6-2 • L • G-SR  
Ewa Beach, Hawaii  
Milliani HS / Temple



**24**  
**KIALAH JEFFERSON**  
5-11 • OH • SR  
Prosper, Texas  
Prosper HS / VCU



**JON NEWMAN-GONCHAR**  
Head Coach  
6th Season  
Northern Arizona, 2005



**APRIL SANCHEZ**  
Associate HC / Recruiting Coord.  
6th Season (2nd as Assoc. HC)  
Colorado Mesa, 2011



**MATT KUELPMAN**  
Assistant Coach / Off. Coord.  
2nd Season  
LMU, 2015



**NICK ZIEGELMANN**  
Director of Operations  
1st Season  
Washington St., 2019

# 2024 ROSTER AT A GLANCE

## NUMERICAL ROSTER

#	NAME	POS.	HT.	YR.	HOMETOWN (PREV. SCHOOL)
1	Reagan Miller	MB	6-1	Fr.	Birmingham, Ala. (Hoover HS)
2	Marian Hatch	S	5-7	Fr.	Rio Rancho, N.M. (Cleveland S)
3	Giselle Groe	L	5-5	So.	Torrance, Calif. (Mater Dei HS)
4	Lauryn Payne	OH	5-11	Jr.	Leesburg, Va. (Riverside HS)
5	Amanda Tremmeroli	OH	6-0	Fr.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Pinnacle HS)
6	Madison Blanco	L	5-7	R-So.	El Paso, Texas (Franklin HS)
9	Angela Crosetti	L	5-6	R-Sr.	Sherman Oaks, Calif. (Inst. Oriente de Puebla)
11	Sohila Wafeek	S	5-9	Gr.	Cairo, Egypt (UIC / Al Gomhorya HS)
12	Seenane Brewer	OH	5-10	Fr.	Lawrence, Kan. (Lawrence HS)
13	Zoe Leonard	MB	6-2	Fr.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Arcadia HS)
16	Madeleine Miller	S	6-1	So.	Shueyville, Iowa (Mount Vernon HS)
18	Naomi Chankoumi	OH	5-11	Jr.	Houston, Texas (CSUB / Cypress Springs HS)
19	Elizabeth Woods	MB	6-2	Sr.	Rowlett, Texas (Sachse HS)
21	Jada Bouyer	OH	5-9	Gr.	Liberty Township, OH (Toledo / Lakota East HS)
22	Liepa Lavickyte	MB	6-1	R-So.	Sandnes, Norway (Oregon St. / Toppovolley)
23	Falanika Danielson	L	5-5	Gr.	Ewa Beach, Hawaii (Temple / Mililani HS)
24	Kialah Jefferson	OH	5-10	Sr.	Prosper, Texas (VCU / Prosper HS)

## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

#	NAME	POS.	HT.	YR.	HOMETOWN (PREV. SCHOOL)
6	Madison Blanco	L	5-7	R-So.	El Paso, Texas (Franklin HS)
	Seenane Brewer	OH	5-10	Fr.	Lawrence, Kan. (Lawrence HS)
21	Jada Bouyer	OH	5-9	Gr.	Liberty Township, OH (Toledo / Lakota East HS)
18	Naomi Chankoumi	OH	5-11	Jr.	Houston, Texas (CSUB / Cypress Springs HS)
9	Angela Crosetti	L	5-6	R-Sr.	Sherman Oaks, Calif. (Inst. Oriente de Puebla)
23	Falanika Danielson	L	5-5	Gr.	Ewa Beach, Hawaii (Temple / Mililani HS)
3	Giselle Groe	L	5-5	So.	Torrance, Calif. (Mater Dei HS)
2	Marian Hatch	S	5-7	Fr.	Rio Rancho, N.M. (Cleveland HS)
24	Kialah Jefferson	OH	5-10	Sr.	Prosper, Texas (VCU / Prosper HS)
22	Liepa Lavickyte	MB	6-1	R-So.	Sandnes, Norway (Oregon St. / Toppovolley)
13	Zoe Leonard	MB	6-2	Fr.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Arcadia HS)
16	Madeleine Miller	S	6-1	So.	Shueyville, Iowa (Mount Vernon HS)
1	Reagan Miller	MB	6-1	Fr.	Birmingham, Ala. (Hoover HS)
4	Lauryn Payne	OH	5-11	Jr.	Leesburg, Va. (Riverside HS)
5	Amanda Tremmeroli	OH	6-0	Fr.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Pinnacle HS)
11	Sohila Wafeek	S	5-9	Gr.	Cairo, Egypt (UIC / Al Gomhorya HS)
19	Elizabeth Woods	MB	6-2	Sr.	Rowlett, Texas (Sachse HS)

## COACHING STAFF

- HEAD COACH:** Jon Newman-Gonchar  
(6th season, Northern Arizona 2005)
- ASSISTANT COACH:** April Sanchez  
(6th year, Colorado Mesa 2011)
- ASSISTANT COACH:** Matt Kuelpman  
(2nd year, LMU 2015)
- DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS:** Nick Ziegelmann  
(1st year, Washington St. 2019)

## PRONUNCIATIONS

- |    |                          |                                   |
|----|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1  | <b>Reagan</b> Miller     | <i>Raygen</i>                     |
| 2  | <b>Marian</b> Hatch      | <i>Mary-in</i>                    |
| 3  | <b>Giselle</b> Groe      | <i>Ja-zell grow</i>               |
| 5  | Amanda <b>Tremmeroli</b> | <i>Tremor-roll-ee</i>             |
| 11 | <b>Sohila</b> Wafeek     | <i>So-hee-luh Whah-feek</i>       |
| 12 | <b>Seenane</b> Brewer    | <i>Se-nun-lee</i>                 |
| 16 | <b>Madeleine</b> Miller  | <i>Maduhline</i>                  |
| 18 | <b>Naomi</b> Chankoumi   | <i>Nay-owe-mi Shan-koomy</i>      |
| 21 | <b>Jada</b> Bouyer       | <i>Jay-duh Boy-er</i>             |
| 22 | <b>Liepa</b> Lavickyte   | <i>Lee-aye-pa La-vee-skee-tah</i> |



# 2024 LOBOS STATISTICS

## Game Records

Overall	Conference	Home	Away	Neutral
5 - 3	0 - 0	2 - 1	1 - 1	2 - 1

## Team Box Score

		Attack					Set		Serve			Dig		Blocking								
#	Player	SP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SE	SA/S	RE	DIG	DIG/S	BS	BA	TOT/S	BLK/S	BE	BHE	PTS
1	Miller, Reagan	20	15	0.75	9	45	.133	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	3	0.15	2	5	7	0.35	0	0	19.5
3	Groe, Giselle	32	0	0.00	1	8	-.125	2	0.06	4	5	0.13	7	66	2.06	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	4.0
4	Payne, Lauryn	30	85	2.83	43	278	.151	0	0.00	0	1	0.00	9	26	0.87	2	4	6	0.20	1	1	89.0
6	Blanco, Madison	15	0	0.00	0	2	.000	2	0.13	4	1	0.27	1	20	1.33	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	4.0
9	Crosetti, Angela	14	0	0.00	0	1	.000	4	0.29	3	7	0.21	2	19	1.36	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	3.0
11	Wafeek, Sohila	26	0	0.00	0	6	.000	86	3.31	1	6	0.04	1	19	0.73	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0
12	Brewer, Seenane	12	22	1.83	14	67	.119	1	0.08	0	1	0.00	3	10	0.83	0	2	2	0.17	1	0	23.0
13	Leonard, Zoe	1	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
16	Miller, Madeleine	32	13	0.41	1	37	.324	235	7.34	8	3	0.25	0	83	2.59	0	5	5	0.16	0	1	23.5
18	Chankoumi, Naomi	29	45	1.55	26	122	.156	3	0.10	0	0	0.00	0	16	0.55	0	10	10	0.34	1	0	50.0
19	Woods, Elizabeth	32	55	1.72	22	135	.244	2	0.06	6	10	0.19	1	25	0.78	7	26	33	1.03	2	1	81.0
21	Bouyer, Jada	30	73	2.43	17	205	.273	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	26	0.87	1	14	15	0.50	2	1	81.0
22	Lavickyte, Liepa	16	10	0.63	4	37	.162	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	5	0.31	2	13	15	0.94	0	0	18.5
23	Danielson, Falanika	32	0	0.00	0	15	.000	29	0.91	8	9	0.25	5	117	3.66	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	8.0
24	Jefferson, Kialah	28	82	2.93	49	250	.132	9	0.32	8	11	0.29	9	83	2.96	5	11	16	0.57	1	0	100.5
NEW MEXICO		32	400	12.50	186	1208	.177	373	11.66	42	54	1.31	48	518	16.19	19	90	64	2.00	8	4	506.0
Opponents		32	421	13.16	175	1262	.195	376	11.75	48	73	1.50	42	495	15.47	15	94	62	1.94	12	2	531.0

## Team statistics

	UNM	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	400	421
Errors	186	175
Total Attacks	1208	1262
Attack Pct	.177	.195
Kills/Set	12.50	13.16
SET		
Assists	373	376
Attempts	1245	1276
Assist Pct	.300	.295
Assists/Set	11.66	11.75
SERVE		
Aces	42	48
Errors	54	73
Attempts	720	732
Serve Pct	.925	.900
Aces/Set	1.31	1.50
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	48	42
Errors/Set	1.50	1.31
Attempts	659	666
Reception Pct	.927	.998
DEFENSE		
Digs	518	495
Digs/Set	16.19	15.47
BLOCKING		
Block solo	19	15
Block Assist	90	94
Total Blocks	64	62
Blocks/Set	2.00	1.94
Block Errors	8	12
Ball handling errors	4	2
ATTENDANCE		
Total	2020	920
Dates/Avg Per Date	3/673	2/460
Neutral Site #/Avg	3/96	-
Current win streak	0	-
Home win streak	0	-

## Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Score-by-set	Att.
08/30/2024	Tulane	W	3-1	19-25,28-26,25-23,25-23	448
08/30/2024	North Dakota	W	3-2	22-25,25-27,27-25,28-26,15-12	714
08/31/2024	UC Irvine	L	0-3	16-25,14-25,18-25	858
09/05/2024	vs Kansas City	W	3-0	25-22,25-21,25-22	89
09/06/2024	vs Howard	W	3-1	25-22,26-24,23-25,25-15	91
09/07/2024	at Houston Christian	W	3-1	25-21,22-25,25-22,25-20	213
09/12/2024	at Northern Ariz.	L	2-3	22-25,11-25,25-20,25-22,12-15	707
09/13/2024	vs Tarleton St.	L	1-3	18-25,25-19,23-25,27-29	109



# LOBO

## Match Notes

### ALL-TIME SERIES

UNM is 30-46 against their rivals to the south all-time in a series that dates back to 1974. This will be the first meeting between the two teams since 2019. A win for the Lobos would be their first over the Aggies since Oct. 16, 2016 (3-1) — also their last win at home over NMSU. UNM is 5-6 over its last 11 matchups with NMSU but has lost three in a row.

### LAST WEEKEND

UNM will be looking for an emphatic bounceback at home after dropping two hard-fought matches over the weekend, falling to Northern Arizona in five sets (22-25, 11-25, 25-20, 25-22, 12-15) and to Tarleton State in four sets (18-25, 25-19, 23-25, 27-29).

On the weekend, Laurn Payne led the offense with 21 kills, while Jada Bouyer added 20 and true freshman Seenane Brewer poured in 12 more and Liz Woods and Kialah Jefferson both finished with 11 each. Madeleine Miller contributed significantly with 51 assists, and Falanika Danielson anchored the defense with 32 digs. The Lobos outblocked their

opponents 11-9, with Elizabeth Woods and Liepa Lavickyte combining for 10 total blocks.

UNM held their own in defense, averaging 17.11 digs per set and recording a total of 154 digs over the weekend to stay competitive throughout despite .143 hitting across nine sets.

### THREE-HEADED ATTACK

Last season, UNM's All-Mountain West outside hitter duo of Kaitlynn Biassou (24.5%) and Uxue Guereca (26.8%) combined for just over half of the Lobos' total attack attempts and 54% of their kills (775/1,435). Through eight matches this season, they've leaned on three attackers — junior Laurn Payne (85 kills, 278 TA) as well as senior transfers Kialah Jefferson (82 kills, 250 TA) and Jada Bouyer (73 kills, 205 TA) — who have combined for 59.4% of attempts and 60.0% of kills.

Jefferson has posted a team-leading three double-doubles and surpassed double-digit kills five times — after posting career highs in kills (2.83/s) and digs (2.91/s) last season at VCU, she's averaging 2.93 kills

per set and 2.96 digs per set in her first eight matches as a Lobo.

After recording 76 kills over 119 sets of action (0.638 kills/set) in her first two seasons at UNM, Laurn Payne has excelled with more touches — she's already posted 85 kills in 30 sets so far this season (2.83 kills/set). After not surpassing double-digit kills once in her first 44 matches from 2022-23, Payne has done so five times through her first eight this season, including a career-high 16 against Tulane in UNM's season opener on Aug. 30.

Toledo grad transfer Jada Bouyer is hitting .273, the second-best average on the team overall and the best of any Lobo with 25 or more attempts. She's also come up with 15 blocks, ranking third on the team.

### LIZ ON THE BLOCK

Senior middle Elizabeth Woods — the lone returning starter from last year's team — has racked up 19 total blocks in UNM's first six matches, good for No. 2 in the Mountain West and Top-50 in the nation (No. 42). She's finished with five or more block assists and block solos combined in five of UNM's six matches so far, hitting above .300 in four.

Prior to UNM's season opener against Tulane, Woods had never attempted a serve in a collegiate match — this season, she's served up six aces (0.26 per set). She's hit above .300 on 13 or more



attempts in five matches this season and finished with six or more kills in six.

## JOHNSON IS BOOMING

The Lobos have seen an increase in attendance in each season since 2019 — not counting the 2020-21 season that limited attendance due to the COVID pandemic — and UNM's average attendance of 841 per home game last season was its highest since 2016 (1,248) and highest of Newman-Gonchar's tenure. Saturday's Senior Day brought in 1,589 fans to the Johnson Center — the highest-attended Lobo Volleyball game of the season. In 2023 overall (including three games at The Pit), the Lobos' average of 956 fans per game is the highest since 2016 — including seven games with over 1,000 in attendance.

## NCAA/CONFERENCE STAT RANKINGS

The Lobos rank among the Top 100 in NCAA D-I in three statistical categories:

- Digs per Set: 42nd (16.19/set)
- Total Attacks per Set: 21st (37.78)
- Total Digs: 75th (518)

They rank among the Top four in the Mountain West in six:

- Digs per Set: 1st (16.19)
- Total Digs: 1st (518)
- Total Attacks per Set: 1st (37.78)
- Opp. Hitting Percentage: 3rd (0.195)
- Total Attacks: 2nd (1,209)
- Total Assists: 5th (373)

## THE NEW STANDARD

Head Coach Jon Newman-Gonchar's Lobos are coming off their third-straight winning season and Mountain West Tournament appearance, most recently breaking through with a run to the conference semis after finishing the season tied for fourth in the standings — their best finish since 2015. UNM's five-set win over host UNLV in the First Round of last year's conference tournament was the Lobos' first semifinals appearance under the current format as well as their first win in the conference tournament since 2006.

UNM has elevated to another level of consistency in the past three seasons under Newman-Gonchar, winning 62.2% of its matches overall and 53.7% in conference matchups, with a 25-13 (.658)



***UNM's five-set win over UNLV in the 2023 Mountain West Tournament was its first win in the conference tournament since 2006, securing the Lobos' first-ever conference semifinal appearance under the current format.***

record at home in that span. Finishing 2023 at 19-12 overall and 10-8 in MW play, Newman-Gonchar moved up to No. 3 among UNM coaches (tenured five or more seasons) in winning percentage (.530) and No. 2 in conference win percentage (.453) since the Lobos joined the Mountain West. In 2023, the Lobos led the conference in opponent hitting percentage (.180) and digs (1,823 total; 15.58 per set) while ranking second in blocks (286 total; 2.44 per set), making it back-to-back years in which they pace the MW in opponent hitting and digs. They swept the season series with Boise State for the first time since 2014 and went 3-1 against UNLV and San Diego State, beating them both on the road in the same week for the first time since 2008.

## YOUR 2024 LOBOS

This time around, the Lobos will be looking to repeat their success without five of last year's starters, bringing in a variety of experienced transfers to bolster a group of returners with expanded roles. UNM's new-look roster features 11 newcomers and six returners — Woods (107 sets played in 2023) and sophomore Libero Giselle Groe (75 sets played) both return after becoming pivotal rotation pieces in 2023. Among six transfers joining the Lobos for

the 2024 season, four already have three or more seasons of D-I experience under their belts:

- Senior outside hitters Jada Bouyer (Toledo) and Kialah Jefferson (VCU) bring 576 combined set appearances to Albuquerque, coming off a 2023 season in which Bouyer racked up 286 kills to go with 71 total blocks and Jefferson finished with 280 kills and 294 digs.
- Senior setter Sohila Wafeek (UIC) finished her four-year UIC career ranked ninth in program history in assists (3,047) and averaged 8.28 assists per set in 368 set appearances there.
- An 2020 AAC Libero of the Year during her time at Temple, Falanika Danielson joins the Lobos as a fifth-year transfer with 408 set appearances across 108 matches under her belt — she averaged 3.71 digs per set (1,471 total) across four seasons of play at Temple.
- They'll be joined by junior transfer Naomi Chankoumi — who accumulated 250 kills across 121 sets in two seasons at CSU Bakersfield — as well as redshirt sophomore middle and Norwegian national Liepa Levickyte (Oregon State).

Alongside them, returning letterwinners Lauryn Payne, Madison Blanco and Angela Crosetti all look to play bigger roles this fall, with five true freshmen giving the Lobos depth all over the court.



## JON NEWMAN-GONCHAR

### HEAD COACH

-Led the Lobos to their best finish since 2015 in MW play in 2023, finishing tied for fourth with a 10-8 mark in conference matchups.

-77 wins at UNM. 50th win came in a sweep of Colorado State on Nov. 10, 2022.

- Winning record in each of the last three years (37-22, 62.7%). 20 wins in 2021 were most for the program since 2013.

-Back-to-back-to-back MW Championship participants (2021-23). First UNM team to reach the MW Semifinals since 1999; first MW Tournament win since 2006.

- Swept CSU at Fort Collins for the 2nd time in program history.

- Swept the season series with Boise State for the first time since 2014.

- First time in program history winning in Laramie and Fort Collins in the same year

- 2 wins over Power 5 schools (first match as the Lobo head coach against Rutgers, a sweep on Aug. 30, 2019 and a four-set win over Kansas State on Sept. 21, 2019)

- 18 MW Player of the Week selections (8 Offensive, 6 Defensive, 4 Freshman)

- Swept the MW weekly awards on November 14, the 2nd time all-time that UNM has swept the awards both times occurring under Coach Newman-Gonchar

- Led the MW in digs, digs per set and in opp. hitting % in 2022

- In conference matches in 2022, led the MW in digs (1146) and digs per set (16.14), 2nd in the MW in opponent hitting % (.188) and blocks (175) and blocks per set (2.46).

- 7 All-Conference selections (2 in 2023, 2 in 2022, 1 in Spring 2021, 2 in 2021, 1 honorable mention in 2019)

-10 semesters in a row over in which the team posts a 3.4 GPA or better

-5-time AVCA All-Academic Award

-Reached 65th in the RPI on Oct. 3, 2022, the highest RPI under Coach Newman-Gonchar

Jon Newman-Gonchar became the 10th head volleyball coach at the University of New Mexico on Jan. 21, 2019.

The Lobos have sustained success under Newman-Gonchar and have made the MW Tournament each of the past two years that it has been held. The Lobos have achieved a winning record in each of the last 3 years (56-34, 62.2%) with 20 wins in 2021 the most for the program since 2013. Finishing 2023 at 19-12 overall and 10-8 in MW play, Newman-Gonchar moved up to No. 3 among UNM coaches (tenured five or more seasons) in winning percentage (.530) and No. 2 in conference win percentage (.453) since the Lobos joined the Mountain West.

This past season, the Lobos led the MW in digs, digs per set and in opp. hitting %, and in conference matches, led the MW in digs (1146) and digs per set (16.14), 2nd in the MW in opponent hitting % (.188) and blocks (175) and blocks per set (2.46). UNM finished 54th in the NCAA in total digs (1830) and 64th in digs per set (15.64).

The Lobo head coach has served under renowned volleyball coaches such as Arkansas's Jason Watson, Iowa State's Christy Johnson-Lynch and former Loyola Marymount coach, USA Women's National Team assistant and current Georgia head coach Tom Black. Newman-Gonchar took over at the helm of the Lobos after serving as the associate head coach at the University of Arkansas for the previous three seasons. In his last season in Fayetteville, a pair of Razorbacks earned AVCA All-South Region honors, giving Arkansas

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### EDUCATION

Northern Arizona  
2001-2005

### CAREER UNM COACHING RECORD

Year	Record	MW (FINISH)	Pct.
2019-20	11-19	6-12 (8th)	.367
2020-21	4-10	4-10 (10th)	.286
2021-22	20-10	11-7 (5th)	.667
2022-23	17-12	8-10 (T-5th)	.586
2023-24	19-12	10-8 (T-4th)	.613
2024-25	5-3	0-0	.625
<b>CAREER</b>	<b>76-66</b>	<b>39-47</b>	<b>.535</b>

at least one All-Region honor in each of his three seasons with the program. The year prior, the Razorbacks went 19-11.

"I'm excited to welcome Jon and have him be our head volleyball coach," said Eddie Nuñez, Director of Athletics. "We wanted someone with a wide breadth of experience and someone that will bring excitement and championships to Lobo Volleyball. Jon has been at all levels of Division I and he has tremendous national team experience. We look forward to having Jon and his wife Morgan join the Lobo family."

Prior to Arkansas, Newman-Gonchar was an assistant coach at Iowa State in Ames. With the Cyclones, the program went 56-31 overall, including 32-16 in Big 12 play. Iowa State defeated five ranked teams over those three seasons, finished as high as second in the Big 12, and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament twice. Individually, Newman-Gonchar coached his student-athletes to four AVCA All-America certificates, six AVCA All-Region honors and 18 All-Big 12 selections including a trio of Big 12 Libro of the Year honors and the 2015 Big 12 Freshman of the Year. In his three seasons at Iowa State, he worked directly with the team's setters and middle blockers.

Newman-Gonchar has also had assistant coaching stops at Loyola Marymount (2010-12) and UC San Diego with both the men's and women's teams (2007-09) and Louisiana-Lafayette (2006). He also has been an assistant coach with the Thompson Rivers University men's volleyball team in British Columbia, and he was a volunteer assistant coach at his alma mater Northern Arizona.

A native of Claremont, Calif., Newman-Gonchar earned his bachelor's degree in health sciences in December 2005 from Northern Arizona. He and his wife Morgan have two children, Hudson and Grayson.







## APRIL SANCHEZ

### ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH / RECRUITING COORDINATOR

April Sanchez joined Jon Newman-Gonchar's staff at UNM as an assistant coach in June 2019 and was promoted to associate head coach in March 2023. "April has been a key contributor to the rise of Lobo Volleyball, and every piece of this program has been impacted positively by her incredible work ethic and insights," commented Newman-Gonchar at the time of her promotion. "I am

thrilled to be able to name her my associate head coach."

With the Lobos, Sanchez serves as UNM's defensive coordinator, overseeing defensive efforts, as well as working with liberos and defensive specialists. Off the court, she serves as a community coordinator, directing and coordinating UNM's summer camps, and planning and organizing UNM's volunteer work in the community.

Under Sanchez' guidance, the Lobos have led the Mountain West in opponent hitting percentage in each of the last three seasons as they rolled to three straight MW Tournament appearances, pacing the league in total digs and digs per set in both 2022 and 2023 after ranking second in 2021. UNM's 1,830 total digs in 2022 and 1,823 in 2023 were the fifth- and sixth-most in a single season in program history, and the Lobos have held opponents to an .180 hitting percentage combined across the last three seasons — no other Mountain West team has even held opponents below .190 in the same span.

In her first season as Associate Head Coach, the Lobos finished tied for

fourth in the MW standings — their best finish since 2014 — and outlasted UNLV in five sets in the first round of the conference tournament for their first postseason win since 2006.

Sanchez came to UNM having spent the previous four seasons at Idaho State as an assistant coach. With the Bengals, Sanchez was responsible for scouting opponents, film and stat analysis, camp coordination and assisted in recruiting.

In February 2020, Sanchez served as a court assistant as well as a technical assistant at the U.S. Women's National Team Open Tryout held at the U.S. Olympic Training Center.

Most recently, Sanchez attended the NCAA Women Coaches Academy in 2018, which is designed for women coaches to increase their individual effectiveness by learning skills and strategies that directly impact personal and team success.

Prior to working at Idaho State, Sanchez served as the head volleyball coach at Colorado Northwestern Community College for two seasons and prior to that, was an assistant coach at CNCC for three years.

Sanchez graduated from Lamar Community College in December 2007, where she had a successful collegiate career in which she was named to the 2007 All-Region IX volleyball team and the 2007 South Region IX volleyball team. In addition, she earned the 2007-08 American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award.

After graduating from LCC, Sanchez went on to attend Colorado Mesa University where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in history in May 2011.



## MATT KUELPMAN

### ASSISTANT COACH / OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR

Matt Kuelpman joined the UNM program in March 2023.

In Kuelpman's first season as an assistant coach and offensive coordinator, the Lobos averaged 12.26 kills per set, with Uxue Guereca (393 kills) and Kaitlynn Biassou (382 kills) both recording nearly 400 kills each on route to All-MW honors. UNM finished tied for fourth in the conference standings for the Lobos'

third-straight MW Tournament appearance, outlasting UNLV in five sets in the first round to advance to the conference semis.

Kuelpman comes to UNM from Weber State, where he was the assistant coach for the past four seasons and also served as the recruiting coordinator for its 2023 and 2035 classes. During his time with the Wildcats, his responsibilities included coaching the backrow defense and coordinating

the offense during matches, coaching the team's blocking, serving, and defensive strategies, and oversaw the team's travel and camps. While he was with Weber State, the Wildcats improved in digs per set, kills per set and won the Big Sky Championship for the second time in program history. In 2019, Weber State competed in the NIVC tournament and advanced to the quarterfinals after beating MW opponents Boise State and Wyoming. "Matt brings a rich background in the technical and tactical aspects of high level volleyball," notes Newman-Gonchar. "He comes from a great line of coaches who know what it takes to win on and off the court. We are fired up to have his skill set on staff and can't wait for him to begin."

Weber State had its best season in school history in 2020, going 15-1 and won the first-ever Big Sky regular season title in program history and later won the first conference tournament championship since 1988. The Wildcats repeated as conference champions in 2021, and from 2019 through 2021, the Wildcats won 25-straight matches at home for the longest home winning streak in the nation.



## NICK ZIEGELMANN

### DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS / TECH COORDINATOR

Ziegelmann joins UNM after working outside of college sports for the past five years — he most recently served as Vice President of Business Development at ICON International, a specialized finance company where he worked with finance, marketing and legal teams to coordinate media and procurement for clients. He's also served as Director of New Business after working in sales operations and serving as a national media associate during

his time there dating back to October 2019.

"We knew from the very first phone call that Nick had what we were looking for," said Newman-Gonchar on the hire. "He's driven to learn and wants to be the best

servant leader he can — plus he has the interpersonal skills that will allow him to thrive in all the demands that the job requires."

Before that, Ziegelmann worked as a team manager and social media strategist for Washington State's Women's Volleyball team for two years, assisting with video work, practice planning and management of the team's social media channels. The Cougars reached the NCAA Tournament in both seasons, going all the way to the Sweet 16 in 2018.

"I'm excited to join the all-star cast of UNM staff and student athletes to help advance the incredible sport of volleyball," Ziegelmann said. "Thank you to Coach Jon, April [Sanchez], and Matt [Kuelpman] for this fantastic opportunity."

A five-time honor roll member at WSU, Ziegelmann graduated in 2019 with a BS in Economic Sciences, double minoring in Business Administration as well as Sport Management.

# HEAD-TO-HEAD MATCHUP



## OVERALL

5-3	Record	4-4
32	Sets Played	32
1-1	In 3 Sets	
3-1	In 4 Sets	
1-1	In 5 Sets	

## ATTACK

400	K	411
12.50	K/S	12.84
186	E	142
1208	TA	1124
0.177	PCT	0.239

## PASS

373	A	374
11.66	A/S	11.69

## SERVE

42	SA	37
54	SE	87
1.31	SA/S	1.16
48	RE	43

## DIG

518	DIGS	505
16.19	DIG/S	15.78

## BLOCK

19	BS	13
90	BA	92
64	TOT/S	59
2.00	BLK/S	1.84

## MISC.

8	BE	13
4	BHE	0
506.0	PTS	507.0

## ALL-TIME SERIES

Series Record: 30-46

H: 17-18: A: 11-25: N: 2-3

11/8/74	W 2-0	A	9/13/99	L 3-1	A
11/9/74	L 2-0	A	10/30/01	L 3-0	A
11/16/74	W 2-1	H	9/13/02	L 3-1	A
10/18/75	L 2-0	N	9/24/02	W 3-2	H
10/25/75	L 2-0	H	9/22/03	L 3-0	H
11/21/75	L 2-0	N	10/21/03	L 3-2	A
9/10/76	L 2-0	A	9/14/04	L 3-1	H
10/2/76	L 2-0	H	10/5/04	L 3-0	A
11/13/76	L 2-0	A	8/29/05	L 3-0	A
11/20/76	L 2-0	H	11/7/05	L 3-1	H
9/9/77	L 2-0	A	9/11/06	L 3-0	H
11/4/77	L 3-0	H	10/15/06	L 3-0	A
9/16/78	L 2-1	A	9/4/07	L 3-1	A
11/10/78	L 3-1	H	11/28/08	L 3-2	H
9/15/79	L 2-0	A	10/13/09	W 3-0	A
10/27/79	L 3-0	H	9/14/10	W 3-2	H
9/13/80	L 2-1	A	10/4/11	L 3-1	A
11/15/80	L 3-2	A	10/23/12	L 3-0	H
9/5/81	L 2-1	N	9/23/13	W 3-2	A
10/2/81	W 3-1	A	10/20/14	W 3-0	H
11/5/81	W 3-0	H	9/29/15	L 3-1	A
11/7/81	W 3-2	H	10/16/16	W 3-1	H
9/11/82	L 2-0	A	10/16/17	L 3-0	A
9/26/82	L 3-0	H	9/1/18	L 3-0	H
9/29/82	W 3-2	H	9/7/19	L 3-0	A
10/2/82	W 3-1	N			
10/15/82	L 3-0	A			
11/12/82	W 3-1	H			
9/9/83	W 3-1	A			
9/15/83	W 2-1	H			
9/17/83	L 3-2	H			
10/21/83	L 3-2	H			
11/18/83	L 3-0	A			
10/4/84	L 3-1	A			
10/6/84	W 3-0	A			
10/6/84	W 3-1	A			
10/26/84	W 3-2	H			
10/17/85	L 3-0	A			
11/8/85	L 3-0	H			
10/31/86	W 3-1	A			
11/13/86	W 3-0	H			
10/17/87	L 3-1	H			
11/12/87	L 3-2	A			
10/13/88	W 3-2	A			
11/16/88	W 3-0	H			
10/25/89	W 3-0	A			
11/16/89	W 3-0	H			
9/2/90	W 3-0	N			
11/24/90	W 3-0	H			
9/12/93	W 3-0	H			
9/13/96	W 3-0	H			
9/21/98	W 3-0	H			

## SERIES NOTES

Last win	10/16/16 (3-1)
Last loss	9/7/19 (3-0)
Last home win	10/16/16 (3-1)
Last home loss	9/1/18 (3-0)
Last road win	9/23/13 (3-0)
Last road loss	9/7/19 (3-0)
Last neutral win	9/2/90 (3-0)
Last neutral loss	9/5/81 (2-1)
Last season sweep	2016
Last season swept	2019
Last five matches	1-4
Last 10 matches	4-6
Last shutout win	10/20/14
Last shutout loss	9/7/19
Longest win streak	9 (10/13/88-9/21/98)
Longest losing streak	11 (9/22/03-11/28/08)



# HOME COURT: JOHNSON CENTER

## EXHIBITION

8.23 HIGHLANDS

## NON-CONFERENCE

8.30 TULANE

8.30 NORTH DAKOTA

8.31 UCI

9.5 UMKC

9.6 HOWARD

9.7 HCU

9.12 NAU

9.13 TARLETON STATE

9.17 NMSU

9.19 NMSU

## CONFERENCE PLAY

9.26 UNLV

9.28 SAN DIEGO STATE

10.1 AIR FORCE

10.5 BOISE STATE

10.10 UTAH STATE

10.12 NEVADA

10.17 SAN JOSÉ STATE

10.19 FRESNO STATE

10.24 COLORADO STATE

10.26 WYOMING

10.31 FRESNO STATE

11.2 SAN JOSÉ STATE

11.7 NEVADA

11.9 UTAH STATE

11.12 AIR FORCE

11.14 BOISE STATE

11.21 SAN DIEGO STATE

11.23 UNLV

