

NEVADA WOLF PACK

2025 FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

14 BOWL GAMES IN PAST 19 YEARS
14 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
53 ALL-AMERICANS

TRACK THE PACK

TELEVISION

- FS1
• Dan Hellie (Play-By-Play)
• Petros Papadakis (Analyst)

ON RADIO

- Wolf Pack Radio Network - KOZZ 105.7 FM
• John Ramey (Play-By-Play)
• Mike Edwards (Analyst)

ONLINE

- NevadaWolfPack.com
• Live statistics & postgame coverage

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Football Instagram: @nevadafootball
• Football Twitter: @NevadaFootball

2025 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Aug. 30	.....at #2/3 Penn State (CBS).....	L, 11-46
Sept. 6	..... Sacramento State (NSN/MWN) ..	W, 20-17
Sept. 13	..... Middle Tennessee (NSN/MWN) ...	L, 13-14
Sept. 20	.....at Western Kentucky (ESPN+)	L, 16-31
Oct. 4	.....at Fresno State* (CBSSN)	L, 17-20
Oct. 11	..... San Diego State* (CBSSN).....	L, 10-44
Oct. 18	.....at New Mexico* (FS1)	6:45 p.m.
Oct. 24	..... Boise State* (CBSSN).....	7 p.m.
Nov. 8	.....at Utah State* (CBSSN).....	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 15	..... San José State* (CBSSN)	12:30 p.m.
Nov. 22	.....at Wyoming* (MWN)	11 a.m.
Nov. 29	..... UNLV* (CBSSN)	6 p.m.

*Mountain West game All times Pacific

MOUNTAIN WEST STANDINGS

	Conf.	Pct.	Total	Pct.
UNLV	2-0	1.000	6-0	1.000
San Diego State	2-0	1.000	5-1	.833
Boise State	2-0	1.000	4-2	.667
Fresno State	2-1	.667	5-2	.714
Hawai'i	2-1	.667	5-2	.714
Utah State	1-1	.500	3-3	.500
Wyoming	1-1	.500	3-3	.500
San José State	1-1	.500	2-4	.333
Colorado State	1-1	.500	2-4	.333
New Mexico	0-2	.000	3-3	.500
Nevada	0-2	.000	1-5	.167
Air Force	0-4	.000	1-5	.167

GAME NOTES | NEVADA AT NEW MEXICO | GAME 7

Game Information

Date: Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025
Kickoff: 6:45 p.m. PT
Stadium: University Stadium
Location: Reno, Nev.
Capacity: 37,440
Surface: FieldTurf
Series: Nevada leads, 6-3-1
Last Meeting: W, 34-24 (10/28/23)
TV: FS1
Radio: Wolf Pack Radio Network
..... (KOZZ 105.7 FM in Northern Nevada)
..... The Varsity Network App

Nevada Wolf Pack

Record 1-5, 0-2 MW
Ranking (AP/Coaches) --/--
Streak L4
Last result L, 10-44 vs SDSU
Head Coach Jeff Choate
Record at Nevada 4-15



New Mexico Lobos

Record 3-3, 0-2 MW
Ranking (AP/Coaches) --/--
Streak L2
Last result L, 41-25 at Boise State
Head Coach Jason Eck
Record at New Mexico 3-3



NEVADA TRAVELS TO NEW MEXICO

Nevada makes its first trip to Albuquerque since 2016 as it faces New Mexico Saturday a 6:45 p.m. PT. The game will air on FS1, with Dan Hellie (play-by-play) and Petros Papadakis (analyst) on the call.

The Wolf Pack Radio Network will call the game on KOZZ 105.7 FM in Northern Nevada, online at www.thevarsitynetwork.com and on the Varsity Network app. John Ramey (play-by-play) and Mike Edwards (analyst) will be on the call, with the 60-minute pregame show to begin at 5:45 p.m. PT

NEVADA DEPTH CHART AT NEW MEXICO

LT	55 .. Jack Foster	6-6 .. 298... R-Jr.	X	9 Jonathan Maldonado	6-6 ... 233..... R-Jr.
	52 Trenton Scott.....	6-6 365 6Y		19 Sam Cook	6-4 233 6Y
LG	70 .. Snoop Leota-Amaama ..	6-4 .. 331 .. R-So.	DT	99 Thomas Witte	6-3 ... 275..... 6Y
	56 Hadine Diaby.....	6-3 301 Jr.		10 Logologo Va'a	6-3 329 R-Jr.
	73 Tyler Miller.....	6-2 302 R-Fr.	DT	43 Nelson Ropati.....	6-3 ... 291..... Sr.
C	78 .. Andrew Madrigal	6-3 .. 321... R-Sr.		96 Tanner Vaughan.....	6-3 270 R-Sr.
	58 Ethan Lowell.....	6-3 282 R-Fr.	JACK	32 Dylan LaBarbera	6-1 ... 248..... Jr.
RG	54 .. Josh Grabowski	6-3 .. 307... R-Sr.		3 Kameron Brown.....	6-2 249 Fr.
	70 Snoop Leota-Amaama	6-4 331 R-So.	WILL	2 EJ Smith.....	6-0 ... 243..... Jr.
RT	76 .. Zach Cochnauer.....	6-5 .. 306..... 5Y		44 Austin Harnetiaux	6-2 228 R-Jr.
	66 Henry Sellards.....	6-4 300 R-Fr.	MIKE	33 ... Stone Combs	6-1 ... 227..... R-Jr.
WR-X	18 .. Marcus Bellon.....	5-7 .. 178... R-Sr.		0 Nakian Jackson	6-1 237 R-Jr.
	12 Nate Burleson II	6-2 166 R-So.	STAR	8 Kasen Kinchen	5-9 ... 182..... 6Y
	3 Charles Brown.....	5-10 .168 R-Sr.		18 Aiden Walker	5-10 ... 180 Fr.
WR-H	85 .. Jett Carpenter.....	6-3 .. 258..... 6Y	LCB	4 Edward Rhambo.....	6-1 ... 191 ... R-Jr.
	0 Nathaneal Floyd	6-1 187 6Y		18 Aiden Walker	5-10 ... 180 Fr.
TE-Y	11 .. Jace Henry	6-3 .. 270..... 6Y	S	5 Murvin Kenion	5-11 . 202..... 5Y
	82 Jayden O'Rourke.....	6-9 262 Jr.		26 Isaiah Jordan	6-0 200 Fr.
WR-Z	1 Jordan Brown	5-10 193..... 6Y	S	15 Bishop Turner.....	5-10 . 188... R-So.
	86 Zedekiah Anahu-Ambrosio	5-9 176 Fr.	-or-	22 Hayden McDonald ...	5-8 ... 177... R-Sr.
RB	2 Herschel Turner	5-9 .. 196..... So.		25 Austin Ambush	6-1 198 6Y
	25 Ky Woods	5-9 173 R-Jr.	RCB	1 AJ Odums	5-10 . 178..... 5Y
	20 Caleb Ramseur.....	5-9 201 Sr.		18 Aiden Walker	5-10 ... 180 Fr.
QB	6 Carter Jones.....	6-3 .. 197..... Fr.	K	84 Joe McFadden	5-9 ... 180... R-Sr.
-or-	13 Chubba Purdy	6-1 205 6Y	P	39 Bailey Ettridge	5-11 . 207..... Fr.
-or-	10 AJ Bianco	6-3 217 R-Jr.	KR	20 Caleb Ramseur	5-9 ... 201..... Sr.
				25 Ky Woods	5-9 ... 173..... R-Jr.
			PR	18 Marcus Bellon	5-7 ... 178... R-Sr.
				1 Jordan Brown.....	5-10 ... 193 6Y

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2025 NEVADA WOLF PACK FOOTBALL — MEDIA INFORMATION



QUICK FACTS

Location	Reno, Nev.
Founded	1874
Enrollment	21,657
Nickname	Wolf Pack (two words)
Colors	Navy Blue & Silver
Conference	Mountain West
President	Brian Sandoval
Director of Athletics	Stephanie Rempe
Athletic Dept. Phone	(775) 784-6900
Stadium	Mackay Stadium
Capacity (Surface)	30,000 (FieldTurf)
Press Box Phone	(775) 784-6545
Head Coach	Jeff Choate (Montana Western '93)
Nevada Record	4-15 (Second Season)
Career Record	32-37 (Five seasons)

Football Information

2024 Record	3-10 Overall, 0-7 MW
Basic Offense; Defense	Multiple, Multiple
Starters Ret. (Off/Def/Kickers)	10 (5/5/0)
Lettermen Ret.	34
First Year of Football	1896
All-Time Record	581-536-33
All-Time FBS Record	204-204
All-Time Mountain West Record	43-62
Bowl Appearances	19
Last Bowl Game	2021 Quick Lane Bowl

Coaching Staff

Payam Saadat (Second Season) Assistant HC/Interior DL	
David Gilbertson (Second Season) Off. Coordinator/QB	
Kane Ioane (Second Season) Defensive Coordinator	
Parker Henry (Second Season) Special Teams Coord./LB	
Joey Thomas (Second Season) Passing Game Coord./Secondary	
Virgil Green (Second Season; 4th overall) TE	
Nico Johnson (Second Season) ILB	
Matt Wade (First Season) Senior Off. Analyst	
Mike Lynch (Second Season) OL	
Rob Christoff (First Season) Senior Def. Analyst	
Tevis Bartlett (Second Season) Assistant DL	
Jim Mastro (First Season, 12th Overall) RB	
James Price (Second Season) WR	
BJ Robertson Senior ST Analyst	
Ron Crook Senior Analyst	
Jason Loscalzo (Second Season) Strength & Conditioning	

Support Staff

Bobby Merritt General Manager	
Eli Miller Dir. of Football Operations	
Brittney Patera Director of Nutrition, Football	
Kyle Nyce Head Athletic Trainer, Football	
Gabbie Garlow Head Football Equipment Manager	
Dennis Eck Assistant On-Campus Coordinator	
Garrett Becker Asst. AD, Creative Services/FB Video Coordinator	
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INTERVIEW POLICY

All interview arrangements must be made through the Nevada Communications office. Please check with the athletic communications office for any changes to the weekly schedule, including practice times.

Head coach Jeff Choate will be available on a weekly basis at a press conference on Mondays at 11:30 a.m., located on the ground level of Cashell Fieldhouse.

Generally, the Nevada Communications office will live-stream the Monday press conference via the Mountain West Network (www.themw.com/watch) and archives will be available shortly after the conclusion of the press conference.

Requests for student-athletes for the post-practice interviews during the week must be submitted no later than 12 p.m. on Mondays to the Nevada Communications office.

Post-practice interviews take place in the lobby of the Cashell Fieldhouse.

CREDENTIALS

All requests for media access at Mackay Stadium, and seating in the Mackay Stadium press box, must be made by 5 p.m. two days before gameday. Please submit to Aaron Juarez (aaronjuarez@unr.edu). Those receiving accommodation will be notified later that evening.

LIVE STATISTICS

In-game statistics will be provided by Sidearm Stats this season, and will be available to the media during games at the following link: www.nevadawolfpack.com/sidearmstats/football/summary

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WEEKLY RADIO SHOW

Jeff Choate's weekly radio show with John Ramey is live on Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. at Brew Brothers, located inside the Eldorado Casino Hotel & Casino, during the season. It is available in Northern Nevada on KHIT 94.5, 1450 AM, and the Varsity Network app.

POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

In general, no coaches or student-athletes are available to media on the field or en route to the locker room, with the exception of the live, originating television broadcast if pre-arranged. Nevada's locker room is closed to the media.

Interview requests should be submitted to Aaron Juarez of the Nevada Communications office no later than the five-minute mark of the fourth quarter. Assistant coaches are not available after games. Generally, the Nevada Communications office will live-stream postgame press conferences following home games via the Mountain West Network and archives will be available shortly after the conclusion of the press conference.

Postgame press conferences for home contests will take place in the media room on the ground level of Cashell Fieldhouse, with head coach Jeff Choate and selected players. Postgame pressers for road contests will be subject to the current protocols of the game location. Please submit interview requests to Aaron Juarez via text (208-982-0040) no later than the five-minute mark of the fourth quarter.

MEDIA WORK AREA

The Paul R. Stuart Press Box in Mackay Stadium has wireless, ethernet and phone lines available during the game and after the conclusion of each game.

PARKING

Media parking permits for gameday are available via the Nevada Communications Office are generally for levels five and six of the West Stadium Parking Complex. Local television satellite trucks have designated parking near the main (southwest) entrance to the stadium. These trucks must be in place at least two hours before game time and cannot leave while crowds are present outside the stadium.

POSTGAME ESCORT

For all media members covering the Wolf Pack this season who would like to be escorted back to their vehicle when leaving Mackay Stadium, please contact Aaron Juarez.

CLEAR BAG POLICY

The University of Nevada, in an effort to provide a safer environment for the public and to expedite entry into the athletic venues, has implemented a new policy limiting the size and type of bag allowed for all events.

Approved Bags:

- Clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC tote bags that do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12"
- One-gallon clear plastic storage bags
- Small Clutch Purses 4.5" X 6.5" or smaller

Exceptions: An exception will be made for medically necessary items and diaper bags after proper inspection. These bags will be tagged to inform venue security that the bag has been cleared by the gate inspection member and to limit any disturbance to the patron once inside the stadium. Accredited media may bring bags for working purposes into the facility but must enter at the press box elevator or gate 2 on the west side of the stadium and make bags available for search.



2025 NEVADA WOLF PACK FOOTBALL



HEAD COACH JEFF CHOATE



Jeff Choate begins his second season as Nevada head football coach in 2025. Choate was named the 28th head coach of the Nevada football program Dec. 4, 2023.

In his first season in Reno, Choate produced six All-Mountain West selections, including honorable mention safety Kitan Crawford who went on to be selected in the seventh round of the 2025 NFL Draft by the Arizona Cardinals. In his first full season as a starter at safety, Crawford led Nevada with 76 tackles, picked off two passes (one of which was returned for a touchdown) and broke up seven more.

Choate's debut season with the Wolf Pack featured a memorable 42-37 victory over Oregon State on Oct. 12, the University of Nevada's 150th Birthday. In that contest, the Wolf Pack showed Choate's vision, a hard-nosed, run-the-ball team that churned out 353 rushing yards and five scores on the ground. It would be one of two 300-yard rushing games for the Wolf Pack in 2024, and one of four in which it eclipsed the 200-yard mark. For the year, the Wolf Pack rushed for 163.5 yards per game and 21 touchdowns, far out-pacing its numbers from previous seasons.

Choate came to Nevada from Texas, where he served as the co-defensive coordinator and inside linebackers coach since 2021. Under Choate's tutelage, the Longhorn defense topped the Big XII in rushing defense (80.8 ypg, third in the country), red-zone defense (71.4 percent, fourth in the country), scoring defense (17.5 points per game, 13th in the country), and total defense (321.7 yards per game, 23rd in the country), as the Longhorns earned a spot in the College Football Playoff, finishing the season 12-2 with a Big XII title.

Prior to his time in Austin, Choate served four seasons (2016-19) as head coach at Montana State. There, he led the Bobcats to a combined 19-9 record over his final two seasons, making consecutive appearances in the FCS playoffs with a run to the semifinals in 2019.

Since starting as a graduate assistant at Utah State in 2002, Choate's stops have included championship and top-10 programs as Boise State (2006-11), Montana State (2016-20), and Texas. In the 2024 Sugar Bowl, the Longhorns faced No. 2 Washington, where Choate spent two seasons (2014-15) as an assistant under Chris Petersen, and his resume includes two Fiesta Bowl titles (Boise State, 2007 and 2010).

At Texas, Choate helped guide Jaylan Ford to one of the finest years for a linebacker in program history in 2022. Ford earned All-American honors and All-Big 12 Conference accolades after totaling a career-high 119 tackles (61 solo), 10 tackles for loss, two sacks, three forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and four interceptions. The 119 tackles were the most for a Longhorn since 2014 and his four interceptions tied the single-season record for a Texas linebacker, last accomplished by Derrick Johnson in 2002 and 2003.

Over his four seasons at the Montana State helm, the Bobcats improved dramatically in many statistical categories. By his final season (2019), Montana State ranked in the FCS top 25 in rushing offense (8th/258.1 ypg), turnover margin (13th/+0.87 tpg), rushing defense (18th/121.2 ypg), scoring defense (23rd/22.1 ppg), and total offense (25th/426.5 ypg), along with sacks allowed (7th/0.93 spg), sacks (20th/2.73 spg), tackles for loss allowed (11th/4.67 tpg) and net punting (14th/39.17 ypp). Two Bobcats earned second-team FCS All-America honors, including OL Mitch Brott and DL Bryce Sterk. Along with those two, a total of 13 Montana State players received All-Big Sky Conference recognition, including first-team linebackers Troy Andersen and Josh Hill and third-team linebacker Amandre Williams. Montana State finished the season 11-4, winning six of its last seven games with the only loss coming to No. 1 North Dakota State in the playoff semifinals. The 11 wins are the second-highest single-season total in program history and included a fourth-straight win over Montana for the first time since 1977.

From 2006-2011, Choate was an assistant at Boise State in several roles. He served as special teams coordinator all six years and also spent time coaching running backs (2006-08), linebackers (2009) and nickel backs (2010-11). During that time, the Broncos posted a 73-6 overall record, winning four Western Athletic Conference Championships and two Fiesta Bowl Championships and finishing ranked in the top 11 five times (2006, '08-11), including two in the top five (2006, 2009).

Working with the linebackers in 2009, the Broncos were 14th nationally in total defense (300.2 ypg) and scoring defense (17.1 ppg). The team led the WAC in six defensive statistical categories that year, including passing efficiency defense, total defense, scoring defense, pass defense, tackles for loss and sacks. The team completed its season 14-0 with its second Fiesta Bowl win by defeating TCU.

As running backs coach, he was instrumental in the development of Ian Johnson, who at the time set a WAC record with 58 rushing touchdowns, which is still the second-best mark following 59 by Colin Kaepernick. Johnson amassed 4,183 yards in a Bronco uniform, second all-time in school history. He led the nation in rushing touchdowns (25) and scoring (152 points) in 2006. That year, the Broncos finished 13-0 including a win over Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl.

Choate earned his bachelor's degree from Montana Western in 1993, where he played linebacker. He and his wife, Janet, have one son, Jory, and a daughter, Jacy.

THE CHOATE FILE

COLLEGE COACHING EXPERIENCE

2024-Present..... Nevada Head Coach
 2016-20..... Montana State Head Coach
 2021-23..... Texas
 Co-Defensive Coordinator/ILB
 2014-15..... Washington ... DL/Special Teams
 2013..... Florida..... LB/Special Teams
 2012..... Washington State LB
 2006-11..... Boise State
 Special Teams Coordinator
 Linebackers (2009-11)
 Running Backs (2006-08)
 2005..... Eastern Illinois..... Special Teams
 2002-04..... Utah State
 Safeties/Special Teams (2003-04)
 Graduate Assistant (2002)
 1992-93..... Montana Western LB

EDUCATION

Montana Western, 1993

RECORD AS HEAD COACH

Year..... W-L..... Conf.... Place..... Post

Nevada (2024-Present)

2025..... 1-5..... 0-2..... -
 2024..... 3-10..... 0-7..... 12th..... -

Montana State (2016-20)

2020*..... -..... -..... -
 2019..... 11-4..... 6-2..... T-3rd..... Semi
 2018..... 8-5..... 5-3..... T-4th..... Rd. 2
 2017..... 5-6..... 5-3..... T-6th..... -
 2016..... 4-7..... 2-6..... T-9th..... -

* Montana State did not play in the 2020-21

COVID-19 pandemic season

Overall.. 32-36 (Sixth season)

Conference.. 19-21

FCS Playoffs

- FCS Semifinal (2019)
- FCS Second Round (2018)

CFP/NY6 BOWLS

Texas (2021-23)

2023..... Sugar.... Washington L, 31-37

Boise State (2006-11)

2006..... Fiesta.... Oklahoma W, 43-42 (OT)
 2009..... Fiesta.... TCU W, 17-10



2025 NEVADA WOLF PACK FOOTBALL



NEVADA STAT RANKINGS (MW/FBS)

STATISTIC.....	NEV (MW/FBS)
Total Off.....	309.5 (12/122)
Rushing Off.....	157.5 (8/71)
Passing Off.....	152.0 (12/124)
Scoring Off.....	14.5 (12/131)
Total Def.....	378.8 (6/84)
Rushing Def.....	147.8 (8/75)
Passing Def.....	231.0 (7/82)
Scoring Def.....	28.7 (8/98)
Takeaways.....	5 (10/104)
Turnover Margin.....	-1.83 (12/133)
3rd Down Conv.	33.3 (11/116)
4th Down Conv.....	66.7 (3/29)
3rd Down Def. Conv.	34.2 (4/40)
4th Down Def. Conv.	60.0 (8/92)
First Downs Off.	102 (12/120)
First Downs Def.....	121 (5/75)
Red Zone Off.....	68.8 (12/128)
Red Zone Def.....	80.0 (3/37)
Sacks Per Game	2.50 (2/34)
TFL Per Game	6.2 (1/43)
Interceptions	4 (9/61)
Fumbles Recovered.....	1 (9/110)
Net Punting	39.07 (11/83)
Punt Returns/Avg.....	10.13 (5/59)
Punt Return Def.....	14.43 (9/117)
Kickoff Returns/Avg.	21.63 (6/52)
Kickoff Return Def.....	38.40 (12/134)
Fewest Penalty YPG.....	35.17 (1/12)
TOP/PG	29:19 (9/82)

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NEVADA WOLF PACK (1-5, 0-2 MW)

Location:Reno, Nev.
Founded:1874
Conf.:Mountain West
Ranking (AP/Coaches):-/-
All-Time Record:581-536-33
Bowl Appearances:19 (7-12)
Head Coach:Jeff Choate
at Nevada:4-15 (Second Season)
Career Record:32-37 (Sixth Season)

NEW MEXICO LOBOS (3-3, 0-2 MW)

Location:Albuquerque, N.M.
Founded:1889
Conf.:Mountain West
Ranking (AP/Coaches):-/-
Head Coach:Jason Eck
at New Mexico3-3 (First Season)
Career Record:29-16 (Fourth season)

SERIES HISTORY

Saturday's meeting will be just the 11th all-time between Nevada and New Mexico, with the Wolf Pack holding a 6-3-1 edge in the series. The Wolf Pack has won its last three against the Lobos, most recently a 34-24 victory at Mackay Stadium Oct. 28, 2023.

ABOUT NEW MEXICO

New Mexico has split its first six games under head coach Jason Eck, who took the Lobo helm after three seasons at Idaho. The Lobos went 3-1 in non-conference play, including a 35-10 win at UCLA, but have dropped its past two to open Mountain West play.

The Lobo offense averages 29.7 points per game, and their 21 touchdowns on offense are nearly evenly-split with 10 on the ground and 11 coming through the air. Quarterback Jack Layne has thrown for eight touchdowns and 1,277 yards, with Dorian Thomas (32 catches, 348 yards, four touchdowns) and Keagan Johnson (31 catches, 364 yards, two touchdowns) proving his top targets. On the ground, Damon Bankston leads the way with 307 yards with three scores while Scottre Humphrey leads the team with four rushing scores to go with 281 yards.

Defensively, the Lobos have made just four takeaways this season, including three interceptions, and allow 27.0 points per game. The New Mexico secondary allows 264.2 passing yards per game but holds opponents to 126.7 rushing yards a game. Jaxton Eck leads the defense with 64 tackles while Keyshawn James-Newby leads the Lobos with 4.5 sacks and 6.5 tackles-for-loss.

2025 Nevada Football Coaching Staff (game day locations)

FIELD

Jeff Choate - Head Coach
Payam Saadat - Associate Head Coach/DL
Kane Ioane - Defensive Coordinator
Parker Henry - Special Teams Coordinator/Nickels
Joey Thomas - Passing Game Coordinator/Secondary
Virgil Green - TE
Nico Johnson - ILB
Jim Mastro - RB
James Price - WR

BOOTH

David Gilbertson - Offensive Coordinator
Mike Lynch - OL



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WE DON'T SEE EACH OTHER MUCH...

Saturday's meeting will be just the seventh between Nevada and New Mexico since the Wolf Pack joined the Mountain West in 2012. The only other current MW team that the Pack has played less times is Utah State (five, ahead of Nov. 8's meeting in Logan).

Nevada has won the past three against the Lobos, but two of those matchups have taken place in Reno, with New Mexico's "home" game during that span taking place at Sam Boyd Stadium in Las Vegas during the 2020 season impacted by COVID-19 restrictions. Saturday's contest will be the first between the teams in Albuquerque since Nov. 5, 2016, a 35-26 New Mexico win.

LABARBARA LEADS NATION IN TACKLES-FOR-LOSS

Junior defensive lineman Dylan LaBarbara continued his dominant campaign in Saturday's contest against San Diego State, racking up 4.0 tackles-for-loss and 2.0 sacks.

LaBarbara increased his national-leading figures in tackles-for-loss (14.0) and tackles-for-loss per game (2.33) and ranks tied for 10th in the nation with 5.5 sacks.

LaBarbara's 14.0 TFLs is also well within striking distance of Nevada's single-season record--with six games remaining, LaBarbara is just eight back of Dontay Moch's 2010 benchmark of 22.0 TFL.

MALDONADO ENJOYING A CAREER YEAR

Redshirt junior EDGE Jonathan Maldonado, meanwhile, is peaking in his fourth season with the Wolf Pack. After making nine tackles in 2023 and 17 last year, he has already eclipsed those totals with 21 through the first six games of 2025. Maldonado has 3.5 sacks, ranking ninth in the Mountain West, and has made 6.0 TFLs. He has also been a ballhawk from the EDGE position, recovering a fumble and intercepting two passes in his career, including a 36-yard, game-winning pick-six in Sept. 6's 20-17 win over Sacramento State.

SECRETARIES OF THE INTERIOR

Of course, the success of Dylan LaBarbara and Jonathan Maldonado in getting into opposing backfields is greatly assisted by the work of the Wolf Pack's interior defensive linemen, namely Thomas Witte, Logologo Va'a, and Nelson Ropati.

Together, the group has accounted for 3.5 sacks and 4.5 TFLs, clogging things up in the middle of opposing offensive lines and allowing for LaBarbara and Maldonado to take on the edges and attack ballcarriers.

HOMETOWN TOUCHDOWN

Reno native Marshaun Brown became the second Reno native in the past three seasons to score a touchdown for the Wolf Pack, as he hauled in a 16-yard pass in the fourth quarter against San Diego State. The Bishop Manogue graduate becomes the first hometown member of the Pack to find the end zone since tight end Cameron

NEVADA WHEN ...

	2025	Under Choate
At home.....	1-2	3-7
On road.....	0-3	1-8
In overtime.....	0-0	0-0
Coming off a loss.....	1-2	4-8
Coming off a win.....	0-1	0-4
Coming off a bye.....	0-1	0-2
On grass field.....	0-1	0-1
On artificial surface.....	1-4	4-14
Playing a Top 25 team.....	0-1	0-3
Playing during day.....	1-2	3-5
Playing at night (5 p.m. & later).....	0-3	1-10
When on...		
-CBS.....	0-1	0-1
-CBS Sports Network.....	0-2	1-6
-FOX.....	0-0	0-1
-FS1.....	0-0	0-1
-truTV/Max.....	0-0	0-2
-NSN/MWN.....	1-1	2-1
-Spectrum Sports.....	0-0	0-1
-ESPN+.....	0-1	1-1
-B1G Network.....	0-0	0-1
Scoring first.....	0-3	1-7
Opponent scores first.....	1-2	3-8
Leading after first.....	0-1	1-4
Trailing after first.....	1-2	2-7
Tied after first.....	0-2	1-4
Leading at halftime.....	0-2	1-4
Trailing at halftime.....	1-3	3-9
Tied at halftime.....	0-0	0-2
Leading after third.....	0-2	2-4
Trailing after third.....	1-3	2-10
Tied after third.....	0-0	0-1
Leading in rushing yards.....	1-2	4-7
Opponent leads in rushing.....	0-3	0-8
Producing a 100-yard rusher.....	1-0	4-1
Allowing a 100-yard rusher.....	0-0	2-5
Leading in passing yards.....	0-0	2-5
Opponents leads in passing.....	1-5	2-10
Producing a 300-yard passer.....	0-0	0-0
Allowing a 300-yard passer.....	0-0	1-1
Leading in total yards.....	1-2	3-5
Opponent leads in total yards.....	0-3	1-10
More takeaways.....	0-0	1-2
Less takeaways.....	1-5	1-10
Tied in takeaways.....	0-0	2-3
Winning time of possession.....	1-1	2-8
Committing more penalties.....	0-0	2-6
Committing fewer penalties.....	1-5	1-5
Committing the same # of penalties.....	0-0	1-4
Game decided by 1-3 points.....	1-2	2-5
Game decided by 4-7 points.....	0-0	1-3
Game decided by more than 7 pts.....	0-3	1-7
Scoring 0-19 points.....	0-5	0-10
Scoring 20-29 points.....	1-0	2-4
Scoring 30-39 points.....	0-0	0-1
Scoring 40-plus points.....	0-0	2-0
Allowing 0-19 points.....	1-1	2-1
Allowing 20-29 points.....	0-1	1-7
Allowing 30-39 points.....	0-1	1-5
Allowing 40-plus points.....	0-2	0-2
Scoring a TD via defense/ST.....	0-0	1-0
Allowing a TD via defense/ST.....	0-1	0-3
Uniforms (Helmet/Jersey/Pants)		
• White/White/White.....	0-1	1-5
• White/White/Silver.....	0-0	0-0
• White/White/Blue.....	0-0	0-0
• White/Blue/White.....	0-1	1-1
• Blue/Blue/Silver.....	0-0	0-0
• Blue/Blue/Blue.....	0-1	0-1
• Blue/White/White.....	0-0	0-0
• Blue/White/Blue.....	0-1	0-1
• Blue/Blue/White.....	0-0	0-0
• Blue/Black/Black.....	0-0	0-0
• Silver/Black/Black.....	0-0	0-0
• Silver/Blue/Silver.....	1-0	1-3
• Silver/Blue/White.....	0-0	0-0
• Silver/Blue/Blue.....	0-0	1-2
• Silver/White/Silver.....	0-1	0-2
• Silver/White/Blue.....	0-0	0-0

2025 Nevada Football Coaching Staff Connections To Jeff Choate

Payam Saadat - Texas Special Assistant to Head Coach (2023)

Kane Ioane - Montana State Defensive Coordinator (2019)

Parker Henry - Player, Washington State (2012)

Mike Lynch - Utah State Staff (2002-04); Eastern Illinois Staff (2005)

Joey Thomas - Texas Senior Defensive Analyst (2022-23)

David Gilbertson - Player, Washington State (2012)

Nico Johnson - Texas Defensive Graduate Assistant (2022-23)



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MILESTONE GAMES

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Chubba Purdy 115 yards, 21 att..... 9/6/25 vs. Sacramento State

200-YARD RUSHING GAMES

100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

200-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

300-YARD PASSING GAMES (Comp.-Att.-Int.)

400-YARD PASSING GAMES (Comp.-Att.-Yards)

MULTI-INTERCEPTION GAMES

DEFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS

Jonathan Maldonado INT (36 yards) 9/6/25 vs. Sacramento State

Zeidler (North Valleys High School) at Utah State on Nov. 11, 2023.

THE FRESHMAN GETS A SHOT

Saturday against San Diego State, freshman quarterback Carter Jones became the first true freshman to start at quarterback for the Nevada since Kaymen Cureton (two starts) in 2017. Jones saw his first extended action behind center Oct. 4 at Fresno State, and delivered immediate results. Starting the second half and taking it from there, Jones completed 9-of-12 passes for 95 yards and two touchdowns, bringing the Pack back from down 17 to a three-point game with 8:42 to play. On the season, Jones is 26-for-47 for 316 yards and three touchdowns with three interceptions.

LIMITING HIGHLIGHT-REEL GAMES

San Diego State wide receiver Jordan Napier finished Saturday's game with 110 receiving yards on five catches, becoming the first opposing player to post a 100-yard receiving game.

Nevada's defense has done well to limit opposing offenses in their single-game performances. Despite Napier's achievement last Saturday, the Wolf Pack defense has still not allowed a 100-yard rusher nor a 300-yard passer.

GETTING THOSE HANDS IN THERE

The Wolf Pack secondary remains one of the most active in the conference under position coach Joey Thomas, a former NFL defensive back. The group has already broken up 11 passes this season, led by six from Edward Rhambo and four from AJ Odums.

GROUND GAME MOVIN'

It's not just the Wolf Pack defensive line winning its battles, The Union is also moving mass as it plowed the road for a third-straight 200-yard rushing game at Western Kentucky.

After going for 269 yards on the ground Sept. 6 against Sacramento State, the Pack went for 203 against Middle Tennessee on Sept. 13, then totaled 207 yards Sept. 20 at WKU. The three-straight games with at least 200 rushing yards was the Wolf Pack's first such streak since 2015, when it hit the mark four games in a row Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Among the running backs, Caleb Ramseur leads the way with 271 yards at a clip of 4.8 yards per carry. Herschel Turner is next at 219 yards with Ky Woods at 84 yards over just 11 carries. The Wolf Pack ground game averages 157.5 yards per game and picks up 4.3 yards per attempt.

THE PACK BEATING THE PACK

The primary obstacle Nevada faces early this season is not beating itself. The Wolf Pack has had little issue with moving the ball on its drives, but 16 turnovers (12 INT, four fumbles lost), especially four of those coming in the red zone (three INT, one fumble), are undoing the territory gained.

Not counting two drives to end the first half in the final minute, Nevada has gotten at least one first down on 46 of its 67 drives (68.7 percent) through the first six games. While the Pack went without a first down on six of 10 drives at No. 2/3 Penn State, over the past five contests Nevada has failed to get a first down on only 15 of 57 drives.

TIGHT ENDS DOING THAT BLUE-COLLAR WORK

A key factor in the Wolf Pack's impressive rushing numbers the past two weeks has been the contributions of tight end tandem Jace Henry and Jett Carpenter. Under the tutelage of 10-year NFL veteran and Super Bowl 50 champion Virgil Green, the pair

OVERTIME

Nevada is 8-8 all-time in its FBS history when it comes to overtime games. The school's history in overtime games includes being part of the first-ever overtime game in FBS (I-A) history – the 1995 Las Vegas Bowl.

Nevada's Overtime History (FBS)

Nov. 19, 2021 vs. Air Force (3 OT).....L, 39-41
Oct. 24, 2020 vs. Wyoming W, 37-34
Nov. 30, 2019 vs. UNLV L, 33-30
Dec. 29, 2018 vs. Arkansas State# W, 16-13
Sept. 2, 2016 vs. Cal Poly W, 30-27
Nov. 14, 2015 vs. San Jose State W, 37-34
Nov. 15, 2014 at Air Force L, 45-38
Oct. 4, 2013 vs. San Diego State L, 51-44
Oct. 20, 2012 vs. San Diego State L, 39-38
Oct. 6, 2012 vs. Wyoming W, 35-28
Nov. 26, 2010 vs. Boise State W, 34-31
Oct. 14, 2007 at Boise State L, 69-67 (4OT)
Dec. 24, 2005 vs. UCF* W, 49-48
Oct. 23, 2004 vs. Tulsa W, 54-48
Oct. 20, 2001 at Rice L, 33-30
Dec. 14, 1995 vs. Toledo^ L, 40-37
* -- Hawai'i Bowl; ^ -- Las Vegas Bowl;
-- Arizona Bowl



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adds key run-blocking to The Union's fight, but can also get out into the open and make plays with their hands. While Henry has four catches on the season, Carpenter has become a prime target, already with 16 catches for 185 yards on the season and setting career bests in receptions (six) and receiving yards (70) Sept. 20 at Western Kentucky.

MALDONADO WITH ANOTHER GAME-WINNING TAKEAWAY

Head coach Jeff Choate had plenty of positive things to say about redshirt junior EDGE Jonathan Maldonado during spring ball and in fall camp, and Maldonado has lived up to the praise early in 2025.

Sept. 6 against Sacramento State, Maldonado not only made 1.5 tackles-for-loss, but he nabbed a floating pass with just over two minutes remaining and returned it 36 yards for the go-ahead touchdown in Nevada's 20-17 win. While the takeaway was the third of Maldonado's career (two INT, one fumble recovery), it was the second of the game-winning variety--Maldonado recovered the fumble which sealed Nevada's 6-0 win at San Diego State back in 2023.

MASTRO BACK TO OVERSEE RBs

One of the few changes to the coaching staff from 2024 to 2025 is Jim Mastro, a highly-respected coach in the collegiate ranks and along with legendary Wolf Pack head coach Chris Ault one of the innovators of the Pistol offense which carried Nevada to some of its greatest heights, returns to the sidelines in 2025 to coach the program's running backs.

Over his 31 seasons of coaching college football, Mastro has spent 28 overseeing running backs. During his 11 previous seasons at Nevada (2000-10), he and Ault successfully developed the Pistol offense into one of the most potent in college football at the time. Nevada claimed a pair of WAC championships (2005, 2010), appeared in seven bowl games, and finished in the top five in the country in both rushing and total offense in each of his final three seasons in Reno (2008-10).

A Wolf Pack running back led the WAC in rushing five times and five Nevada running backs produced a combined nine 1,000-yard seasons over that span.

The 2009 Wolf Pack offense remains the only one in history with three 1,000-yard rushers in the same season, as running backs Vai Taua (1,345 yards) and Luke Lippincott (1,034), and quarterback Colin Kaepernick (1,183) accomplished the feat.

VIRGIL GREEN INTO NEVADA ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME x2

Nevada tight ends coach Virgil Green will be honored twice by the University this October. The standout Wolf Pack tight end (2006-10) will be inducted twice into the Nevada Athletics Hall of Fame--first on the merits of his playing career, and also as part of the 2010 Nevada Football Team which went 13-1, won WAC and Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl titles, and finished the season ranked 11th in the Associated Press Poll.

Green, entering his third season overseeing the Wolf Pack tight ends and fourth overall on staff, was a two-time All-WAC selection at tight end, being named to the Second Team in 2009 and to the First Team in 2010. Green, a member of the historic 2010 Wolf Pack squad, finished his career with 72 catches for 939 yards and 11 touchdowns and was a key blocker in Nevada's famed run game which became the first in NCAA history to produce three 1,000-yard rushers in 2009, and produced 292.2 rushing yards per game (6.1 per carry) in 2010.

Green went on to be selected in the seventh round of the 2011 NFL Draft by the Denver Broncos. Over a 10-year NFL career with the Broncos (2011-17) and Los Angeles Chargers (2018-20), he appeared in two Super Bowls with the Broncos (XLVIII

CAREER ACTIVE LEADERS

Offense

Category Total (Total at Nevada)

Rushing yards

Chubba Purdy 667 (352)
Herschel Turner 624 (199)
Caleb Ramseur 554 (381)
Ashton Hayes 141 (127)

Rushing attempts

Herschel Turner 130 (51)
Caleb Ramseur 118 (93)
Ashton Hayes 40 (39)

Rushing touchdowns

Chubba Purdy 5 (2)
Herschel Turner 4 (0)
Caleb Ramseur 3 (0)

Passing attempts

Chubba Purdy 265 (102)
AJ Bianco 131

Passing completions

Chubba Purdy 143 (58)
AJ Bianco 76

Passing yards

Chubba Purdy 1,577 (733)
AJ Bianco 889

Passing touchdowns

Chubba Purdy 8 (2)
AJ Bianco 6
Carter Jones 3

Receiving yards

Marcus Bellon 893 (715)
Jordan Brown 591 (164)
Jace Henry 413 (87)

Receptions

Marcus Bellon 69 (54)
Jordan Brown 51 (13)
Jace Henry 34 (11)

Receiving touchdowns

Marcus Bellon 6 (5)
Jace Henry 4 (2)
Dakota Thomas 3 (1)
Caleb Ramseur 2 (2)

Total offense

Chubba Purdy 2,246 (1,085)
AJ Bianco 1,090
Herschel Turner 629 (224)

All-purpose yards

Marcus Bellon 1,261 (889)
Caleb Ramseur 1,015 (588)
Jordan Brown 952 (164)
Herschel Turner 697 (211)

Total points scored

Joe McFadden 132 (36)
Keaton Emmett 64 (0)
Marcus Bellon 42 (30)

Field goals made

Joe McFadden 29 (10)
Keaton Emmett 12 (0)

Total touchdowns scored

Marcus Bellon 7 (5)
Chubba Purdy 5 (2)
Herschel Turner 4 (0)



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CAREER ACTIVE LEADERS

Defense/Special Teams

Category Total (Total at Nevada)

Kick Returns

Ky Woods	16
Marquis Ashley	11

Kick Return Yards

Ky Woods	363 (123)
Jordan Brown	323 (0)
Ashton Hayes	275 (34)
Marquis Ashley	237

Punt Returns

Marcus Bellon	36 (15)
Gerick Robinson	6
Jordan Brown	3 (0)

Punt Return Yards

Marcus Bellon	257 (133)
Jordan Brown	38 (0)
Gerick Robinson	34

Punt Return Touchdowns

Marcus Bellon	1 (0)
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Interceptions

Murvin Kenion III	7 (1)
Hayden McDonald	6 (0)
Jonathan Maldonado	2 (2)
Edward Rhambo	2 (0)
AJ Odums	2 (0)
EJ Smith	2

Total Tackles

Hayden McDonald	163 (24)
Nahji Logan	136 (8)
AJ Odums	133 (25)
Murvin Kenion III	132 (29)

Tackles For Loss

Sam Cook	14.5 (2.5)
Dylan LaBarbera	14.5
Nahji Logan	10.0 (1.0)
Thomas Witte	10.0
DJ Warnell	5.0 (0.0)

Sacks

Sam Cook	7.0 (1.0)
Jonathan Maldonado	6.5
Dylan LaBarbera	5.5
DJ Warnell	4.0 (0.0)

Fumbles Forced

Murvin Kenion III	1 (0)
Dylan LaBarbera	1
Tanner Vaughan	1 (0)

Fumbles Recovered

Thomas Witte	2
Stone Combs	1
Nahji Logan	1 (0)
Jonathan Maldonado	1
Chris Smalley	1
Tanner Vaughan	1 (0)

Pass Breakups

AJ Odums	20 (4)
Hayden McDonald	12 (0)
Edward Rhambo	10 (6)
Austin Ambush	5 (0)
DJ Warnell	4 (0)

and 50), claiming a ring with a victory in Super Bowl 50. Green played in 137 games, making 102 catches for 1,145 yards and seven touchdowns.

NEVADA TIGHT ENDS LEARN FROM THE BEST

Nevada tight ends will learn from one of the best in Virgil Green, the 10-year NFL veteran, Super Bowl 50 champion, and Nevada Athletics Hall of Famer. Green, who was well-respected for his run-blocking and special teams play in addition to his pass-catching ability in both college and the NFL, shares his knowledge with a group that includes sixth-year veterans Jace Henry and Jett Carpenter, along with third-year tight end Jayden O'Rourke and Oklahoma State transfer Luke McEndoo.

True to Green's skill, the Nevada tight ends will be expected to play a large role in run-blocking and pass protection--Henry, playing in the first four games last season before a season-ending injury at Minnesota (Sept. 14), helped Nevada's rush attack to 161.8 yards per game, including two of its for 200+-yard games, pre-injury.

NEW, BUT EXPERIENCED, FACES IN THE SECONDARY

Passing Game Coordinator/Secondary coach Joey Thomas turned a relatively inexperienced group into a formidable outfit in 2024. Michael Coats Jr. picked off a team-best four passes and broke up 10 more, as the secondary made 10 of the Wolf Pack's 11 interceptions.

While every defensive back who made a pick in 2024 is now gone, either due to graduation or transfer, Thomas brings in a group of new, but very experienced faces. Among the veteran newcomers in the Wolf Pack secondary in 2025 are team captain safety Murvin Kenion (12 starts, 51 tackles, two interceptions, nine passes defended, and 1.5 tackles-for-loss at Sacramento State in 2024), and cornerbacks AJ Odums (34 games played, 27 starts, two INT, 17 PBUs, 108 tackles at UTEP and New Mexico from 2021-24), FCS All-American and Buck Buchanan Award finalist Hayden McDonald (139 tackles with six interceptions and 18 passes defended at Columbia from 2022-24), and Edward Rhambo (two INTs at Bowling Green and Northern Arizona from 2022-24).

NFL PLAYING EXPERIENCE ON THE COACHING STAFF

One added benefit to multiple Nevada position units is the opportunity to learn from coaches who played in the NFL. Three of the Wolf Pack units are led by an NFL veteran: tight ends (Virgil Green), the secondary (Joey Thomas), and inside linebackers (Nico Johnson).

Among this group, Green played 137 NFL games, is a Super Bowl 50 champion (Denver Broncos), and was a seventh-round draft pick who played his way onto the Bronco roster and went on to make 102 catches for 1,145 yards and seven touchdowns.

Thomas was a third-round pick (70th overall) of the Green Bay Packers in the 2004 draft, and went on to play in 31 games for three teams (Green Bay, New Orleans, Miami) from 2004-08. Over his career, Thomas broke up four passes, forced a fumble, and made 39 tackles.

Johnson, out of Alabama, was selected in the fourth round (99th overall) of the 2013 NFL Draft by the Kansas City Chiefs. He played six games with one start for the Chiefs as a rookie, and went on to play in 18 contests over three seasons (2013-15) with stops with the Cincinnati Bengals (2014) and New York Giants (2015) on his resume.

2010 NEVADA FOOTBALL TEAM INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

Recognized as one of the greatest football teams in Nevada history, and among the top all-time squads in recent college football history, the 2010 Football Team will



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WOLF PACK RADIO COVERS THE SILVER STATE

The Wolf Pack Radio Network has additional affiliates throughout the state with a 60-minute football pre-game show this season. Fans can also tune in for free by downloading the Varsity Network app. The show will break down the day's game, featuring interviews with Choate, Wolf Pack players and analysis of the Wolf Pack's opponents. Nevada play-by-play voice John Ramey will host the pre-game show and will be joined by analyst Mike Edwards.

Wolf Pack radio can be heard on the following stations:

- Reno - KOZZ, 105.7 FM
- Carson City - KUUB, 94.3 FM
- Elko - KEAU, 104.7 FM
- Las Vegas - KXST, 1140 AM
- Winnemucca - KHYX, 102.7 FM
- Varsity Network App

be inducted into the Nevada Athletics Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2025 this October.

Running head coach Chris Ault's famed "Pistol" offense, the 2010 Wolf Pack finished the campaign with a 13-1 record, a WAC title, a Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl victory over Boston College, and a final ranking of No. 11 in the Associated Press Poll, the highest in the program's FBS history. Nicknamed "The Dream Team" for its historic accomplishments, the 2010 team captured a share of the Western Athletic Conference championship with a 7-1 record and capped off the season with a 20-13 win over Boston College in the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl in San Francisco, which was attended by an overwhelmingly Nevada total of 41,063 fans.

Among the players from the 2010 team who went on to star in the NFL were tight end and current Nevada tight ends coach Virgil Green, drafted by the Denver Broncos and a future Super Bowl 50 Champion. Quarterback Colin Kaepernick was selected in the second round of the 2011 Draft by the San Francisco 49ers and went on to lead them to a Super Bowl XLVII appearance in 2012. Joel Bitonio, a redshirt freshman in 2010, would go on to be a second-round pick of the Cleveland Browns in 2014, and the seven-time Pro Bowler will enter his 12th season with the Browns in 2025.

PRESEASON ACCOLADES

Preseason prognosticators laid some early laurels on a good number of Wolf Pack players over the past month. Marcus Bellon was voted by media onto the conference's Preseason All-Mountain West Team at punt returner, while seven Nevada players earned eight spots on Phil Steele's Preseason All-Mountain West Teams and eight claimed a total of nine spots on Athlon Sports' teams.

Bellon was named to all three teams, as in addition to his conference honor he was named to the Second Team of both Phil Steele and Athlon Sports at wide receiver, while getting a first-team nod at punt returner from Athlon and a second-team selection from Phil Steele.

Also named to both Phil Steele and Athlon Sports teams were guard Josh Grabowski (both Second Team), and defensive newcomers in safety Murvin Kenion III (Phil Steele Third Team, Athlon Sports Fourth Team) cornerback AJ Odums (both Fourth Team).

Phil Steele Preseason All-Mountain West Team

Second Team

Marcus Bellon - WR & PR
Josh Grabowski - OL

MW PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Listed below are the Old Trapper Mountain West Players of the Week, with Nevada players bolded.

Week 0

- Offensive - Micah Alejado, QB, Hawai'i
- Defensive - Kilinahe Mendiola-Jensen, S, Hawai'i
- Special Teams - Kansei Matsuzawa, K, Hawai'i
- Freshman - N/A

Week 1

- Offensive - Anthony Colandrea, QB, UNLV
- Defensive - Aamaris Brown, DB, UNLV
- Special Teams - Tanner Rinker, K, Utah State
- Freshman - Jalen Dupree, RB, Colorado State

Week 2

- Offensive - Anthony Colandrea, QB, UNLV
- Defensive - Jadon Pearson, LB, Fresno State
- Special Teams - Dylan Lynch, K, Fresno State
- Freshman - Sire Gaines, RB, Boise State

Week 3

- Offensive - Bryson Barnes, QB, Utah State
- Defensive - Jaxton Eck, LB, New Mexico
- Special Teams - Kansei Matsuzawa, K, Hawai'i
- Freshman - Samuel Harris, RB, Wyoming

Week 4

- Offensive - Dylan Riley, RB, Boise State
- Defensive - Dalesean Staley, S, San Diego State
- Special Teams - Ramon Villola, K, UNLV
- Freshman - Samuel Harris, RB, Wyoming

Week 5

- Offensive - Micah Alejado, QB, Hawai'i
- Defensive - Boen Phelps, LB, Boise State
- Special Teams - Kansei Matsuzawa, K, Hawai'i
- Freshman - Micah Alejado, QB, Hawai'i

Week 6

- Offensive - Walker Eget, QB, San José State
- Defensive - Jalen Bainer, CB, San José State
- Special Teams - Kayden McGee, WR, UNLV
- Freshman - Kayden McGee, WR, UNLV

Week 7

- Offensive - Anthony Colandrea, QB, UNLV
- Defensive - Jamih Otis, LB, Hawai'i
- Special Teams - Kansei Matsuzawa, K, Hawai'i
- Freshman - Micah Alejado, QB, Hawai'i

Week 8

- Offensive -
- Defensive -
- Special Teams -
- Freshman -

Week 9

- Offensive -
- Defensive -
- Special Teams -
- Freshman -

Week 10

- Offensive -
- Defensive -
- Special Teams -
- Freshman -

Week 11

- Offensive -
- Defensive -
- Special Teams -
- Freshman -

Week 12

- Offensive -
- Defensive -
- Special Teams -
- Freshman -

EXPLOSIVE PLAYS

Explosive plays are defined as rushes of at least 15 yards and pass completions of at least 20 yards.

Date .. Game Result Explosive Plays

8/30	.... at 2/3 Penn State	... L	4 (2R, 2P)
9/6	..... Sacramento State	.. W	8 (6R, 2P)
9/13	.... Middle Tennessee	.. L	7 (3R, 4P)
9/20	.... Western Kentucky	.... L	7 (5R, 2P)
10/4	.... at Fresno State	... L	3 (2R, 1P)
10/11	.. San Diego State	.. L	4 (1R, 3P)
10/18	.. at New Mexico	... -	-
10/24	.. Boise State -	-
11/8 at Utah State -	-
11/15	.. San José State -	-
11/22	.. at Wyoming -	-
11/29	.. UNLV -	-

TOTAL 33 (19R, 14P)



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Third Team

Murvin Kenion - S
Nahji Logan - LB
Nelson Ropati - DL

Fourth Team

Jace Henry - TE
AJ Odums - CB

Athlon Sports Preseason All-Mountain West Team

First Team

Marcus Bellon - PR

Second Team

Marcus Bellon - WR
Josh Grabowski - OL
Andrew Madrigal - OL

Third Team

Stone Combs - LB
Herschel Turner - RB
Thomas Witte - DL

Fourth Team

Murvin Kenion - S
AJ Odums - CB

WR Marcus Bellon

Paul Hornung Award Watch List
Preseason All-Mountain West Team (PR)
Phil Steele Preseason All-Mountain West Second Team
Athlon Sports Preseason All-Mountain West Second Team

OL Josh Grabowski

East-West Shrine Bowl 1000 Watch List

DL Nelson Ropati

Polynesian College Player of the Year Award Watch List

STAFF CONTINUITY FOR YEAR TWO

Another advantage for the Wolf Pack heading into Year Two of the Choate Era is the continuity on the coaching staff from 2024 to 2025.

David Gilbertson, last year's QB/WR coach, steps up to the Offensive Coordinator mantle with the plus of having worked closely with quarterbacks Chubba Purdy and AJ Bianco in 2024.

The only "new" member of the position coaches group is in fact a familiar face to the Wolf Pack sidelines as Jim Mastro, creator of the "Pistol" offense with Chris Ault on the legendary Nevada teams of the first decade of the 2000s, moves from his General Manager role to overseeing the running backs.

On defense, Kane Ioane returns for his second year as defensive coordinator, with Payam Saadat overseeing the interior defensive line for a second season. Passing Game Coordinator/Secondary Coach Joey Thomas, who lifted Nevada's secondary to one of the best in the Mountain West in 2024, returns for year two with another talented incoming group to mold. Alabama national champion Nico Johnson moves from coaching EDGEs to inside linebackers, his college position, while Parker Henry will coach nickels in addition to his role as Special Teams Coordinator.

On offense, Mike Lynch moves from the running backs room to the offensive line, helping oversee The Union. James Price, familiar



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with the Mountain West as a standout wide receiver at Wyoming from 2015-18 moves full-time into coaching the Wolf Pack wideouts. Wolf Pack legend Virgil Green enters his third season overseeing his old position, tight ends.

Finally, each side of the ball has been bolstered by the addition of an experienced senior analyst--Matt Wade, previously quarterbacks coach at Fresno State, on offense, and Rob Christoff, former San José State linebackers coach (2021-23), on defense.

LOCAL FLAIR TO THE PACK ROSTER

The 2025 Wolf Pack roster features 15 players from Northern Nevada and Truckee-area high schools.

- OL Mataio Aiono - Reed HS (Reno)
- WR Marcus Bellon - Truckee HS (Calif.)
- RB Joe Birnbaum - Truckee HS (Calif.)
- WR Marshaun Brown - Bishop Manogue HS (Reno)
- LB Colin Combs - Incline HS (Incline Village)
- TE Carter Eck - Bishop Manogue HS (Reno)
- WR Trace Estes - Douglas HS (Minden)
- DL Andoni Fesenmaier - Elko HS (Elko)
- RB Ashton Hayes - McQueen HS (Reno)
- LB Colson Kermode - Galena HS (Reno)
- P/K Tyler Manship - Incline HS (Incline Village)
- OL Tyler Miller - Galena HS (Reno)
- OL Jackson Ramsey - Bishop Manogue HS (Reno)
- EDGE Chris Smalley - Douglas HS (Minden)
- LS Cian Stack - Bishop Manogue HS (Reno)

THE MARION MOTLEY INITIATIVE

Nevada Football will honor the legacy of former Wolf Pack star and Pro Football Hall of Famer Marion Motley (Nevada, 1940-42), widely regarded as one of the best players in the history of football, beginning with a special tribute in 2025.

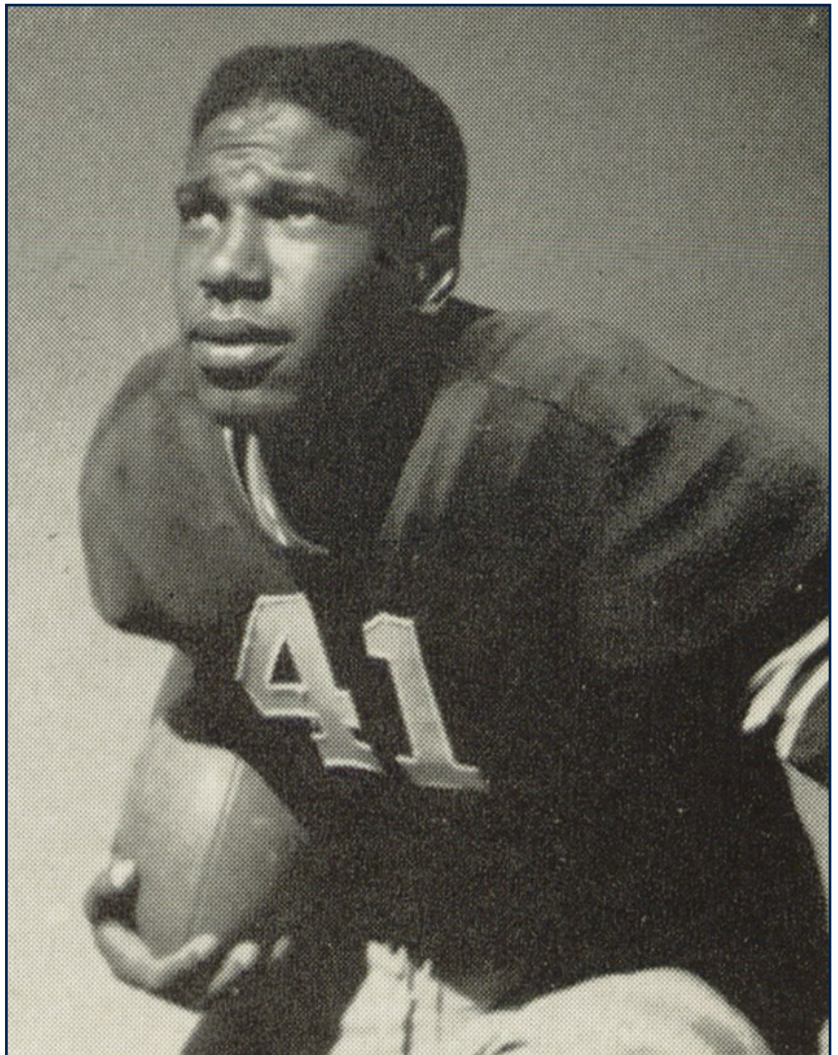
"This is an opportunity to remember a great Nevada and NFL legend in Marion Motley. What it exemplifies to me is the courage, determination and hard work it takes to be a champion, and part of the Wolf Pack program. Nobody exemplifies that more than Marion Motley," said Nevada head coach Jeff Choate.

In each of the Wolf Pack's contests this season, one player will wear Motley's No. 41 as a tribute to his journey to Nevada and perseverance and experience in football and as a U.S. Navy veteran. At this Saturday's 2025 opener at Penn State (12:30 p.m. PT, CBS), wide receiver Charles Brown will don the number.

The number will not be assigned to any one Wolf Pack player for the season, maintaining its "retired" status. The number was retired by Nevada in 1969 to commemorate Motley's 1968 induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Motley was also a member of the charter class of the Nevada Athletics Hall of Fame in 1973.

A native of Canton, Ohio, Motley began his collegiate career at South Carolina State in 1939 before making the cross-country trip to Nevada in 1940, where he quickly established himself as a star. He broke into the starting lineup at fullback and linebacker and played for the Wolf Pack for three seasons from 1940-42. A powerful blocker and tackler at 6-1 and 240 pounds, Motley also returned several kickoffs for touchdown, including a 105-yarder in a 1941 game that is still tied for the school record. While Motley was at Nevada, a Reno reporter wrote that "in Marion Motley, the ball club has one of the best backs in the entire nation."

Motley left Nevada in 1942 when he was inducted into the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was sent to the Great Lakes Naval Station just outside of Chicago where he played on the station football team, which was coached by future Pro Hall of Famer Paul Brown. Brown signed on to coach the Cleveland Browns of the new All-American Football Conference in 1945, and a year later, he gave Motley, then 26 years old, married with four children and working in a mill in his hometown, a chance to try out for his team.



Motley made the Cleveland squad, and in 1946, he and Browns teammate Bill Willis, along with Woody Strode and Kenny Washington of the Los Angeles Rams of the National Football League, broke the color line in modern professional football.

Motley played nine seasons of professional football, including eight with the Browns (1946-53) and one with the Pittsburgh Steelers (1955). He was the all-time rushing champion of the AAFC and led the National Football League in rushing in 1950. Called "the greatest fullback ever" by his coach Brown after a 1946 game, Motley amassed 4,720 rushing yards in his career and averaged a staggering 5.7 yards per carry, and played in the 1951 Pro Bowl. Motley was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in his hometown of Canton in 1968, becoming the second Black player to earn the sport's highest honor.

Even more than 50 years after he played the game, Motley's legacy is still recognized. In 1994, he was named to the NFL's 75th Anniversary All-Time Team, while Sports Illustrated's Paul "Dr. Z" Zimmerman called Motley, who died in 1999 at the age of 79, the best player in the history of football in his book, *A Thinking Man's Guide to Pro Football*.



INDOOR FIELDHOUSE AND TURF FIELDS PROJECT



The University of Nevada and Nevada Athletics celebrated a historic day June 13, 2025, when the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) Board of Regents gave final approval for construction of a long-awaited indoor fieldhouse and resurfacing of two turf fields.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the state-of-the-art fieldhouse, to be located adjacent to the southeast entrance of Mackay Stadium, took place August 19, 2025. Completion of the facility targeted for summer 2026.

The 72,000-square foot facility will benefit the University student body by serving in a multi-purpose capacity. The fieldhouse's 110 yards of indoor turf and recreation space will accommodate Nevada club and intramural sports while enhancing wellness and activity for the campus community. The facility also provides a critical practice area for the Wolf Pack Marching Band and Nevada spirit teams with additional opportunities for ROTC exercises, ASUN and community events, youth sports' activities, and pregame events.

The fieldhouse has long been essential for Wolf Pack student athletes to train, compete, and succeed year-round. It will positively impact all 17 Nevada sports by providing training space for football and women's soccer, batting cages for softball, and conditioning space for all Wolf Pack programs.

Nevada Athletics is committed to securing \$5-7M in philanthropic support for the Fieldhouse & Turf Fields Project to expand and improve student access to recreational opportunities that support physical and mental well-being, elevate program competitiveness, and address vital health and safety needs. The goal will be achieved through a comprehensive fundraising campaign focused on major gifts, naming opportunities and donor engagement strategies.



"Having an indoor facility at the University of Nevada is long overdue. It is a total gamechanger for all of our athletic programs and also for our student body. The ability for our student body to recreate and have intramural sports and for our program to have the ability to prepare when the weather is inclement is something that's needed. It is especially critical given that we're the only Division I program in a cold-weather climate that doesn't yet have such a facility."

Jeff Choate -- Nevada Head Football Coach

THE BITONIO FAMILY STRENGTH & CONDITIONING CENTER

On April 21, 2023, Nevada Athletics received one of its largest donations to date, thanks to Joel and Courtney Bitonio's generous gift of \$1 million to support the football program. The donation funded the new football weight room, named The Bitonio Family Strength & Conditioning Center, and will support student-athletes in Nevada's pursuit to build a championship-caliber athletic department.

As a former Nevada player, NFL pro bowler, and offensive lineman for the Cleveland Browns, Bitonio recognizes the value of a strong football program in shaping the lives of young athletes and providing opportunities for success.

"I'm honored to be able to give back to the university that helped shape me into the person I am today," said Joel Bitonio. "I know firsthand the impact that a strong football program can have on student-athletes. The weight room has always been more than just a place to train; it is where teams build character, develop discipline, and learn the importance of teamwork. I'm



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"Joel and Courtney's gift is a transformational statement about the importance the University of Nevada plays in the lives of our student-athletes," said Athletic Director Stephanie Rempe. "This gift will significantly impact our football program and the momentum we are creating within our athletics program. I am personally so grateful to Joel and Courtney for their generous gift and their leadership, and hope it encourages others in the Wolf Pack community to support our efforts to build a championship-caliber athletics program."

The University of Nevada and Nevada Athletics are grateful for the Bitonio family's commitment to supporting the success of the Wolf Pack's football program. A thriving athletics program contributes to the success of the entire institution, and Nevada Athletics hopes that the Bitonio family's gift will inspire others to support.



2025 NEVADA WOLF PACK FOOTBALL — DEPTH CHART



Offense					
Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class
LT	55	Jack Foster	6-6	298	R-Jr.
	52	Trenton Scott	6-6	365	6Y
LG	70	Snoop Leota-Amaama	6-4	331	R-So.
	56	Hadine Diaby	6-3	301	Jr.
	73	Tyler Miller	6-2	302	R-Fr.
C	78	Andrew Madrigal	6-3	321	R-Sr.
	58	Ethan Lowell	6-3	282	R-Fr.
RG	54	Josh Grabowski	6-3	307	R-Sr.
	73	Tyler Miller	6-2	302	R-Fr.
RT	76	Zach Cochnauer	6-5	306	5Y
	66	Henry Sellards	6-4	300	R-Fr.
WR-X	18	Marcus Bellon	5-7	178	R-Sr.
	12	Nate Burleson II	6-2	166	R-So.
	3	Charles Brown	5-10	168	R-Sr.
WR-H	85	Jett Carpenter	6-3	258	6Y
	0	Nathaneal Floyd	6-1	187	6Y
TE-Y	11	Jace Henry	6-3	270	6Y
	82	Jayden O'Rourke	6-9	262	Jr.
WR-Z	1	Jordan Brown	5-10	193	6Y
	86	Zedekiah Anahu-Ambrosio	5-9	176	Fr.
RB	2	Herschel Turner	5-9	196	So.
	25	Ky Woods	5-9	173	R-Jr.
	20	Caleb Ramseur	5-9	201	Sr.
QB	6	Carter Jones	6-3	197	Fr.
-or-	13	Chubba Purdy	6-1	205	6Y
-or-	10	AJ Bianco	6-3	217	R-Jr.

Defense					
Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class
X	9	Jonathan Maldonado	6-6	233	R-Jr.
	19	Sam Cook	6-4	233	6Y
DT	99	Thomas Witte	6-3	275	6Y
	10	Logologo Va'a	6-3	329	R-Jr.
DT	43	Nelson Ropati	6-3	291	Sr.
	96	Tanner Vaughan	6-3	270	R-Sr.
JACK	32	Dylan LaBarbera	6-1	248	Jr.
	3	Kameron Brown	6-2	249	Fr.
WILL	2	EJ Smith	6-0	243	Jr.
	44	Austin Harnetiaux	6-2	228	R-Jr.
MIKE	33	Stone Combs	6-1	227	R-Jr.
	0	Nakian Jackson	6-1	237	R-Jr.
STAR	8	Kasen Kinchen	5-9	182	6Y
	18	Aiden Walker	5-10	180	Fr.
LCB	4	Edward Rhambo	6-1	191	R-Jr.
	18	Aiden Walker	5-10	180	Fr.
S	5	Murvin Kenion	5-11	202	5Y
	26	Isaiah Jordan	6-0	200	Fr.
S	15	Bishop Turner	5-10	188	R-So.
-or-	22	Hayden McDonald	5-8	177	R-Sr.
	25	Austin Ambush	6-1	198	6Y
RCB	1	AJ Odums	5-10	178	5Y
	18	Aiden Walker	5-10	180	Fr.

Specialists					
Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class
PK	84	Joe McFadden	5-9	180	R-Sr.
	97	Keaton Emmett	6-0	198	So.
KO	84	Joe McFadden	5-9	180	R-Sr.
	97	Keaton Emmett	6-0	198	So.
P	39	Bailey Ettridge	5-11	207	Fr.
	84	Joe McFadden	5-9	180	R-Sr.
KR	20	Caleb Ramseur	5-9	201	Sr.
	25	Ky Woods	5-9	173	R-Jr.
PR	18	Marcus Bellon	5-7	178	R-Sr.
	1	Jordan Brown	5-10	193	6Y
LS/SS	51	Cian Stack	6-0	268	Fr.
	85	Jett Carpenter	6-3	258	6Y
	83	Carter Eck	6-2	245	R-Fr.
H	18	Marcus Bellon	5-7	178	R-Sr.
	10	AJ Bianco	6-3	217	R-Jr.



2025 NEVADA WOLF PACK FOOTBALL — NUMERICAL ROSTER



No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)
0	Nathaneal Floyd	WR	6-1	187	6Y	SQ	College Station, Texas (A&M Consolidated HS / Texas Tech)
0	Nakian Jackson	LB	6-1	237	R-Jr.	TR	Stockton, Calif. (Edison HS / Sacramento State)
1	Jordan Brown	WR	5-10	193	6Y	TR	Dallas, Texas (DeSoto HS / Kansas / Texas Tech)
1	AJ Odums	CB	5-10	178	5Y	TR	Houston, Texas (Westfield HS / New Mexico / UTEP)
2	Herschel Turner	RB	5-9	196	So.	TR	Concord, Calif. (Mt. Diablo HS / Utah State)
2	EJ Smith	LB	6-0	243	Jr.	TR	Downey, Calif. (Warren HS / Cerritos College)
3	Charles Brown	WR	5-10	168	R-Sr.	1V	Grand Prairie, Texas (Arlington HS / Montana State / Texas State)
3	Kameron Brown	EDGE	6-2	249	Fr.	HS	Norco, Calif. (Norco HS)
4	Carter Jackson	RB	5-9	190	Fr.	HS	Folsom, Calif. (Folsom HS)
4	Edward Rhambo	DB	6-1	191	R-Jr.	TR	Las Vegas, Nev. (Palo Verde HS / Northern Arizona / Bowling Green)
5	Dakota Thomas	WR	6-0	212	6Y	TR	Snellville, Ga. (Shiloh HS / Western Kentucky / Copiah-Lincoln CC / So. Miss.)
5	Murvin Kenion	DB	5-11	202	5Y	TR	Vallejo, Calif. (St. Patrick-St. Vincent HS / Idaho / Sacramento State)
6	Carter Jones	QB	6-3	197	Fr.	HS	Lancaster, Texas (Lancaster HS)
6	Cooper Wilson	DB	6-2	186	R-So.	TR	Suquamish, Wash. (Bonney Lake HS / Nebraska)
7	Marquis Ashley	WR	5-8	175	R-Sr.	1V	Los Angeles, Calif. (Norco HS / Riverside CC)
7	Nahji Logan	LB	6-3	228	6Y	TR	Horsham, Pa. (Hatboro-Horsham HS / UMASS / Indiana)
8	Daijon Calimon	WR	6-2	190	R-Fr.	RS	Lawndale, Calif. (Leuzinger HS)
8	Kasen Kinchen	DB	5-9	182	6Y	SQ	Lake Stevens, Wash. (Lake Stevens HS / Washington / Washington State)
9	Marshaun Brown	WR	6-4	198	R-So.	SQ	Reno, Nev. (Bishop Manogue HS)
9	Jack MacKinnon	LB	6-4	239	R-So.	TR	Sarasota, Fla. (Cardinal Mooney HS / Michigan)
9	Jonathan Maldonado	LB	6-6	233	R-Jr.	2V	Monrovia, Calif. (Arcadia HS)
10	AJ Bianco	QB	6-3	217	R-Jr.	1V	Lahaina, Hawaii (Saint Louis HS)
10	Logologo Va'a	DL	6-3	329	R-Jr.	TR	American Samoa (Bishop Garcia HS / UTEP)
11	Jace Henry	TE	6-3	270	6Y	SQ	Fairbanks, Alaska (Lathrop HS / Dartmouth)
11	Jackson Barton	DB	5-11	185	R-Fr.	RS	Phoenix, Ariz. (Sandra Day O'Connor HS)
12	Nate Burleson II	WR	6-2	166	R-So.	1V	Newcastle, Wash. (Ramapo HS (N.J.))
12	Bryson Snelling	DB	6-2	190	So.	TR	Chico, Calif. (Pleasant Valley HS / Butte College)
13	Chubba Purdy	QB	6-1	205	6Y	1V	Queen Creek, Ariz. (Perry HS / Florida State / Nebraska)
13	Nehemiah Burleson	EDGE	6-4	236	R-Fr.	RS	Newcastle, Wash. (Ramapo HS (N.J.))
14	Gerick Robinson	WR	5-7	178	R-Sr.	SQ	Las Vegas, Nev. (Centennial HS / Colorado State)
14	DJ Warnell	DB	6-2	208	6Y	TR	Dickinson, Texas (Dickinson HS / UCLA / Arizona / Indiana)
15	Kola Babalola	WR	6-2	215	R-Jr.	1V	Modesto, Calif. (James C. Enochs HS)
15	Bishop Turner	S	5-10	188	R-So.	1V	Altadena, Calif. (Charter Oak HS)
16	DJ Asiasi	TE	6-2	248	Fr.	HS	Concord, Calif. (De La Salle HS)
17	Kaden Martirano	QB	6-2	214	Fr.	HS	Salem, Ore. (West Albany HS)
17	Zavien Abercrombie	CB	5-9	166	R-Fr.	TR	Arlington, Texas (Martin HS / Weber State)
18	Marcus Bellon	WR	5-7	178	R-Sr.	1V	Truckee, Calif. (Truckee HS / UTEP)
18	Aiden Walker	DB	5-10	180	Fr.	HS	Round Rock, Texas (Round Rock HS)
19	Anthony Wolter	QB	5-11	203	R-Fr.	RS	Lancaster, Calif. (St. Bonaventure HS)
19	Sam Cook	LB	6-4	233	6Y	TR	Neosho, Mo. (Neosho HS / Western Illinois / SEMO)
20	Caleb Ramseur	RB	5-9	201	Sr.	1V	Elk Grove, Calif. (Monterey Trail HS / Butte College (Calif.) / Morehead State)
20	Cody Wells	LB	6-2	210	Fr.	HS	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Notre Dame Prep)
22	Dominic Kelley	RB	5-10	202	Fr.	HS	Concord, Calif. (De La Salle HS)
22	Hayden McDonald	DB	5-8	177	R-Sr.	TR	Seattle, Wash. (O'Dea HS / Columbia)
23	Dorian Hoze	RB	5-6	205	Fr.	HS	Murrieta, Calif. (Murrieta Valley HS)
23	Tajeon Stallworth	DB	6-0	164	Fr.	HS	Stockton, Calif. (Edison HS)
24	Justin Wyatt Jr.	DB	6-2	169	Fr.	HS	Bakersfield, Calif. (Highland HS)
25	Ky Woods	RB	5-9	173	R-Jr.	1V	League City, Texas (Clear Springs HS / Texas)
25	Austin Ambush	DB	6-1	198	6Y	TR	Gaithersburg, Md. (Damascus HS / Maine / Jax State)
26	Ashton Hayes	RB	6-0	200	R-Jr.	1V	Reno, Nev. (McQueen HS / California)
26	Isaiah Jordan	DB	6-0	200	Fr.	HS	Sacramento, Calif. (Christian Brothers HS)
28	Joe Birnbaum	RB	5-10	182	Fr.	HS	Truckee, Calif. (Truckee HS)
28	Mykel Ford	DB	5-10	168	Fr.	HS	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Putnam City West HS)
29	Chris Champion	EDGE	6-1	237	R-Fr.	RS	West Hills, Calif. (Chaminade Prep)
30	Jake Silverman	LB	6-0	215	Fr.	HS	Torrance, Calif. (Torrance HS)
32	Dylan LaBarbera	DL	6-1	248	Jr.	1V	Redding, Calif. (Foothill HS / Butte College)
33	Stone Combs	LB	6-1	227	R-Jr.	2V	Park City, Utah (Park City HS)
36	Isaiah Reed	LB	6-1	218	Fr.	HS	Meridian, Idaho (Rocky Mountain HS)
37	Tyler Manship	P/K	6-0	187	R-Jr.	RS	Incline Village, Nev. (Incline HS / El Camino College)
39	Bailey Ettridge	P	5-11	207	Fr.	TR	Lara, Australia (Lara Football Club)
42	Colson Kermode	LB	6-1	212	Fr.	HS	Reno, Nev. (Galena HS)
43	Nelson Ropati	DL	6-3	291	Sr.	1V	San Francisco, Calif. (Balboa HS / CCSF)
44	Austin Harnetiaux	LB	6-2	228	R-Jr.	1V	Seattle, Wash. (Seattle Prep / Washington)
45	Chris Smalley	LB	6-5	221	Sr.	3V	Gardnerville, Nev. (Douglas HS)
46	Colin Combs	LB	6-3	225	Fr.	HS	Incline Village, Nev. (Incline HS)
47	Luke McEndoo	FB	6-0	265	R-Sr.	TR	Stillwater, Okla. (Stillwater HS / Oklahoma State)
50	Zaiden Wallace	DL	6-4	285	R-Fr.	RS	Ewa Beach, Hawaii (James Campbell HS)
51	Cian Stack	LS	6-0	268	Fr.	HS	Reno, Nev. (Bishop Manogue HS)
52	Trenton Scott	OL	6-6	365	6Y	TR	Luling, Texas (Luling HS / Texas State)
53	Jojo James	OL	6-2	265	Fr.	HS	Victorville, Calif. (Oak Hills HS)
54	Josh Grabowski	OL	6-3	307	R-Sr.	2V	Manteca, Calif. (East Union HS / Modesto JC)



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No.....	Name	Pos.....	Ht.....	Wt.....	Yr.	Exp.....	Hometown (Previous School)
55.....	Jack Foster.....	OL.....	6-6.....	298.....	R-Jr.....	TR.....	Boise, Idaho (Bishop Kelly HS / Idaho)
56.....	Hadine Diaby.....	OL.....	6-3.....	301.....	Jr.....	TR.....	Loganville, Ga. (Grayson HS / Tennessee State)
56.....	Bryce Echols.....	DL.....	6-5.....	273.....	R-So.....	TR.....	Las Vegas, Nev. (Coronado HS (Nev.) / Arizona)
57.....	Dylan Lopez.....	OL.....	6-2.....	303.....	R-Jr.....	SQ.....	Eastvale, Calif. (IMG Academy (Fla.))
57.....	Andoni Fesenmaier.....	DL.....	6-3.....	273.....	R-Jr.....	SQ.....	Elko, Nev. (Elko HS)
58.....	Ethan Lowell.....	OL.....	6-3.....	282.....	R-Fr.....	RS.....	Modesto, Calif. (Joseph Gregori HS)
64.....	Jackson Ramsey.....	OL.....	6-3.....	305.....	Fr.....	HS.....	Reno, Nev. (Bishop Manogue HS)
66.....	Henry Sellards.....	OL.....	6-4.....	300.....	R-Fr.....	RS.....	Kalispell, Mont. (Glacier HS)
67.....	RJ Esmon.....	OL.....	6-6.....	303.....	R-So.....	SQ.....	San Luis Obispo, Calif. (Mission College Prep)
68.....	Mataio Aiono.....	OL.....	6-1.....	255.....	Fr.....	HS.....	Reno, Nev. (Reed HS)
70.....	Snoop Leota-Amaama.....	OL.....	6-4.....	331.....	R-Jr.....	1V.....	Kearns, Utah (Skyridge HS / Virginia)
71.....	Colin Banning.....	OL.....	6-2.....	304.....	Fr.....	HS.....	Spring Creek, Nev. (Spring Creek HS)
72.....	Jakobus Seth.....	OL.....	6-3.....	291.....	R-Jr.....	1V.....	Warm Beach, Wash. (Lakewood HS / Washington State)
73.....	Tyler Miller.....	OL.....	6-2.....	302.....	R-Fr.....	RS.....	Reno, Nev. (Galena HS)
76.....	Zach Cochnauer.....	OL.....	6-5.....	306.....	Sr.....	TR.....	Farmington, Minn. (Farmington Senior HS / Central Arkansas)
77.....	John Bolles.....	OL.....	6-4.....	269.....	R-Sr.....	1V.....	Daly City, Calif. (Jefferson HS / College of San Mateo)
78.....	Andrew Madrigal.....	OL.....	6-3.....	321.....	R-Jr.....	2V.....	Norco, Calif. (Norco HS)
79.....	Ailama Morton.....	OL.....	6-3.....	283.....	Fr.....	HS.....	Honolulu, Hawaii (Kamehameha Kapalama HS)
80.....	Mack Kump.....	WR.....	5-9.....	183.....	Fr.....	HS.....	Phoenix, Ariz. (Sunnyslope HS)
80.....	Johnathan Correa.....	DL.....	6-2.....	236.....	So.....	TR.....	Rocklin, Calif. (Rocklin HS / American River College)
81.....	Trace Estes.....	WR.....	6-4.....	220.....	R-Fr.....	RS.....	Minden, Nev. (Douglas HS)
82.....	Jayden O'Rourke.....	TE.....	6-9.....	262.....	Jr.....	2V.....	Tweed Heads, Australia (Lindisfarne Grammar School)
83.....	Carter Eck.....	TE.....	6-2.....	245.....	R-Fr.....	RS.....	Reno, Nev. (Bishop Manogue HS)
84.....	Joe McFadden.....	K.....	5-9.....	180.....	R-Sr.....	TR.....	Grapevine, Texas (Southlake-Carroll HS / UCONN)
85.....	Jett Carpenter.....	TE.....	6-3.....	258.....	6Y.....	TR.....	Medford, Ore. (North Medford HS / Eastern Washington)
86.....	Zedekiah Anahu-Ambrosio.....	WR.....	5-9.....	176.....	Fr.....	HS.....	Provo, Utah (Timpview HS)
88.....	Mason Johnson.....	WR.....	6-0.....	195.....	Fr.....	HS.....	Roseville, Calif. (West Park HS)
88.....	Keegan Perea.....	EDGE.....	6-1.....	255.....	Fr.....	HS.....	Cherry Creek, Colo. (Cherry Creek HS)
89.....	Drew Deese.....	WR.....	6-0.....	180.....	Fr.....	HS.....	La Palma, Calif. (Crean Lutheran HS)
90.....	Jason Hemphill II.....	DL.....	5-10.....	325.....	Fr.....	HS.....	Cypress, Texas (Cypress Woods HS)
92.....	Myles Williams.....	LB.....	6-3.....	242.....	R-Sr.....	TR.....	Mission Hills, Calif. (Bishop Alemany HS)
96.....	Tanner Vaughan.....	DL.....	6-3.....	270.....	R-Sr.....	1V.....	Las Vegas, Nev. (Palo Verde HS / University of Mary)
97.....	Keaton Emmett.....	K.....	6-0.....	198.....	So.....	TR.....	Lake Oswego, Ore. (Lakeridge HS)
98.....	David Paine Jr.....	DL.....	6-1.....	273.....	R-Fr.....	RS.....	Forney, Texas (North Forney HS)
99.....	Thomas Witte.....	DT.....	6-3.....	275.....	6Y.....	3V.....	Anchorage, Alaska (West HS)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach – Jeff Choate (Second season at Nevada, sixth overall)

Associate Head Coach/Interior Defensive Line – Payam Saadat (Second season)

Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks – David Gilbertson (Second season)

Defensive Coordinator – Kane Ioane (Second season)

Special Teams Coordinator/Nickels – Parker Henry (Second season)

Passing Game Coordinator/Secondary – Joey Thomas (Second season)

Tight Ends – Virgil Green (Third season)

Inside Linebackers – Nico Johnson (Second season)

Senior Offensive Analyst - Matt Wade (First season)

Offensive Line – Mike Lynch (Second season)

Senior Defensive Analyst - Rob Christoff (First season)

Assistant Defensive Line – Tevis Bartlett (Second season)

Running Backs – Jim Mastro (First season, 12th season overall at Nevada)

Wide Receivers – James Price (Second season)

Head Strength & Conditioning – Jason Loscalzo (Second season)

Coch Pronunciations

Jeff Choate CHOAT (Rhymes with "Boat")
Payam Saadat PIE-um Sah-DOT
Kane Ioane EYE-ohn

General

NEVADA Nuh-VAD-uh
MACKAY Stadium MACK-ee

Player Pronunciations

Zavien Abercrombie	ZAY-vee-en
Mataio Aiono	Mah-TAY-o EYE-o-no
Zedekiah Anahu-Ambrosio	Zeh-duh-KY-uh Ah-NAH-hoo Am-BRO-see-o
DJ Asiasi	Ah-see-ah-see
Kola Babalola	Ko-lah BAH-bah-lo-lah
Marcus Bellon	BELL-on
John Bolles	Bo-less
Daijon Calimon	DAY-zhon CAL-ih-mon
Zach Cochnauer	COKE-un-hour
Hadine Diaby	Huh-DEEN DEE-ah-bee
Bryce Echols	ECK-ulz
Bailey Ettridge	ETT-ridge
Andoni Fesenmaier	An-DOH-nee FES-en-my-ur
Mykel Ford	My-KELL
Austin Harnetiaux	HAR-nuh-toe
Nakian Jackson	nuh-KY-in
Murvin Kenion	KEN-yin
Colson Kermode	Kur-MODE
Dylan LaBarbera	La Bar-BER-uh
Snoop Leota Ama'aama	Lee-O-tah Ah-muh-ah-muh
Andrew Madrigal	MAH-jree-gahl
Luke McEndoo	MACK-en-doo
Ailama Morton	EYE-lah-mah
Keegan Perea	Puh-RAY-uh
Chubba Purdy	CHUB-uh
Gerick Robinson	Jerrick
Nelson Ropati	Ro-PAT-ee
Jakobus Seth	Jah-KO-bus
Cian Stack	KEE-an
Tajeon Stallworth	TAY-zhon
Logologo Va'a	Lo-go-lo-go VAH-ah
Thomas Witte	Witty



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THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED...

Team	NEVADA	Opponent
Scored more than 60 points	72 vs. Portland State, 8-31-18	USC (66) 9-2-23
Scored 50-59 points	52 at Colorado State, 11-27-21	Incarnate Word (55), 9-10-22
Scored 40-49 points	42, vs. Oregon State, 10-12-24	San Diego State (44), 10-11-25
Rushed for 200-299 yards	207, at Western Kentucky, 9-20-25	San Diego State (204), 10-11-25
Rushed for 300-399 yards	353 vs. Oregon State, 10-12-24	UNLV (351), 11-30-24
Rushed for 400 or more yards	408 vs. UNLV, 11-29-14	Air Force (461), 9-23-22
Passed for 400-499 yards	417 vs. UNLV, 10-29-21	USC (453), 9-2-23
Passed for 500 or more yards	508 at Colorado State, 10-14-17	Hawai'i (512), 9-28-19
Had 500-599 yards of total offense	534 vs Eastern Washington, 9-21-24	UNLV (516), 10-14-23
Had 600-699 yards of total offense	636 vs. Colorado State, 11-10-18	USC (668), 9-2-23
Had 700+ yards of total offense	844 vs. Idaho, 11-6-10 (school record)	San José State (849), 11-10-01
Recorded a safety	Davion Blackwell at Fresno State, 9-30-23	SMU, 8-24-24
Recorded a shutout	6-0 at San Diego State, 10-21-23	at Minnesota, 27-0, 9-14-24
Nevada beat a ranked team	17-13 at No. 24 San Diego State, 11-09-19	-
Nevada played a ranked team	at No. 2/3 Penn State, 8-30-25	-
Nevada had a sellout	vs. UNLV, 10-29-21	-

Individual

	NEVADA	Opponent
Returned a kickoff for a TD	Elijah Mitchell (96) vs. Colorado State, 12-29-15	Matthew Henry (48), Western Kentucky, 9-20-25
Returned a punt for a TD	Romeo Doubs (80) vs. Portland State, 8-31-18	Jordan Napier (75), San Diego State, 10-11-25
Returned an interception for a TD	Jonathan Maldonado (36) vs. Sacramento State, 9-6-25	Chris Johnson (45), San Diego State, 10-11-25
Returned a fumble for a TD	Daiyan Henley (56), vs. San Jose State, 11-6-21	Jace Bellah (0), Colorado State, 11-2-24
Blocked an extra point attempt	Dom Peterson vs. Incarnate Word, 9-10-22	Dedrick Simpson, UTEP, 9-21-19
Blocked a field goal	Ahki Muhammad vs. SJSU, 11-14-15	Kaonohi Kaniho, Boise State, 11-12-22
Blocked a punt	Marquese Allen-Patmon (1) at UNLV, 11-26-22	J. Aufafa, Hawai'i, 9-28-19
Rushed for three TDs	Patrick Garwo III vs. Eastern Washington, 9-21-24	Ashton Jeanty, Boise State, 11-9-24
Rushed for four or more TDs	Savion Red (4) vs Oregon State, 10-12-24	Brayden Schager (4) at Hawai'i, 10-26-24
Two players rushed for 100 yards	Brendon Lewis (151) and Savion Red (137)	Jai'Den Thomas (135) and Hajj-Malik Williams (104)
	vs. Oregon State 10-12-24	at UNLV, 11-30-24
Rushed for 100-199 yards	Chubba Purdy (115) vs. Sacramento State 9-6-25	Jai'Den Thomas (135) and Hajj-Malik Williams (104)
		at UNLV, 11-30-24
Rushed for 200 or more yards	Kelton Moore (216) vs. Hawai'i, 10-7-17	Ashton Jeanty (209) at Boise State, 11-9-24
Completed 30-39 passes	Carson Strong (34) at San Diego State, 11-13-21	Chevan Cordeiro (33), San José State, 10-29-22
Completed 40 or more passes	Carson Strong (49) at Fresno State, 10-23-21	Justin Haener (41), Fresno State, 12-5-20
Passed for three TDs	Carson Strong at San Diego State, 11-13-21	Cooper Legas, Utah State, 11-11-23
Passed for four TDs	Carson Strong at Colorado State, 11-27-21	Hank Bachmeier, Boise State, 10-2-21
Passed for five or more TDs	Carson Strong (6) vs. New Mexico State, 10-9-21	Caleb Williams (5), USC 9-2-23
Passed for 300-399 yards	Nate Cox (302) vs. Incarnate Word, 9-10-22	Gevani McCoy (348), Oregon State, 10-12-24
Passed for 400 or more yards	Carson Strong (417) vs. UNLV, 10-29-21	Lindsey Scott (406), Incarnate Word, 9-10-22
Scored three TDs	Patrick Garwo III (3) vs Eastern Washington, 9-21-24	Ashton Jeanty (3), Boise State, 11-9-24
Scored four or more TDs	Savion Red (4) vs. Oregon State, 10-12-24	Brayden Schager (4), at Hawai'i, 10-26-24
Made a two-point conversion	Jett Carpenter (pass), at Penn State 8-30-25	Jamari Person, Colorado State 11-2-24
Caught 10 or more passes	Romeo Doubs (11) vs. Air Force, 11-19-21	Stefan Cobbs (10), Boise State, 10-2-21
Two players w/100 yards receiving	Cortez Braham Jr. (110), Jaden Smith (103)	K. Wheatfall (113), J. Cropper (107),
	vs. Georgia Southern (9-7-24)	Fresno State, 12-5-20
Had 100-199 yards receiving	Cortez Braham Jr. (123) vs Air Force 11-23-24	Jordan Napier (110), San Diego State, 10-11-25
Had 200-299 yards receiving	Romeo Doubs (203) at Fresno State, 10-23-21	Darion Chafin (262), Incarnate Word, 9-10-22
Had 300 or more yards receiving	Nate Burleson (326) at San Jose State, 11-10-01	*
Had three or more receiving TDs	Tory Horton (3) vs. Fresno State, 12-5-20	C. Byrd II (3), Hawai'i, 9-28-19
Kicked three FGs	Joe McFadden at Western Kentucky, 9-20-25	Gabriel Plascencia, San Diego State, 10-11-25
Kicked four FGs	Brandon Talton vs. New Mexico, 10-28-23	Ryan Barker, Penn State, 8-30-25
Kicked five or more FGs	Damon Fine (5) vs. Rice, 10-21-01	*
Kicked a FG of 50 yards or longer	Brandon Talton (52) vs. New Mexico, 10-28-23	Collin Rogers (52), SMU, 8-24-24
Kicked a FG of 60 yards or longer	*	Jordan Noyes (60), Colorado State, 11-2-24
Kicked a 70-79-yard punt	Matt Freem (70) vs. Incarnate Word, 9-10-22	Ricardo Chavez (70), Idaho, 9-9-23
Intercepted two passes	Michael Coats Jr. vs. Oregon State, 10-12-24	Koa Akui, Sacramento State, 9-6-25
Intercepted three or more passes	Dameon Baber (3) vs. San Jose State, 11-11-17	W. Derting (3), Washington State, 8-31-02
Recorded 100 or more return yards	Bentlee Sanders (131) vs. Boise State, 11-12-22	Sean Tyler (128), Western Michigan, 12-27-21

* – Has not happened since Nevada joined the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision (I-A) in 1992.

Bold indicates current season



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Game 1

No. 2/3 Penn State 46, Nevada 11

Aug. 30, 2025 • Beaver Stadium (University Park, Pa.)

Attendance: 106,915



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Score by quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Nevada	0	3	0	8	11
Penn State	10	17	12	7	46

Scoring summary

Team	Qtr	Time	Scoring	Conversion	Drive	TOP	NEV	PSU
PSU	1	3:05	N. Singleton 1 yd rush	R. Barker kick	13-69	6:41	0	7
PSU	1	1:41	R. Barker 28 yd FG		4-(-4)	1:16	0	10
PSU	2	10:02	K. Allen 12 yd rush	R. Barker kick	8-72	4:18	0	17
NEV	2	4:52	J. McFadden 28 yd FG		9-59	5:05	3	17
PSU	2	2:22	R. Barker 28 yd FG		4-7	2:18	3	20
PSU	2	0:23	K. Hudson 31 yd pass from D. Allar	R. Barker kick	8-64	1:15	3	27
PSU	3	9:23	R. Barker 32 yd FG		9-60	5:32	3	30
PSU	3	7:15	N. Singleton 1 yd rush	Pass failed	2-16	0:21	3	36
PSU	3	3:21	R. Barker 39 yd FG		5-23	1:26	3	39
PSU	4	7:37	E. Grunkemeyer 6 yd rush	M. Parker kick	15-94	7:10	3	46
NEV	4	0:25	M. Bellon 9 yd pass from A. Bianco	J. Carpenter pass from Bianco	8-50	1:29	11	46

Team Statistics

	NEVADA	PSU
FIRST DOWNS	13	25
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	31-78	36-135
PASSING YDS (NET)	125	303
Passes Comp-Att-Int	11-21-1	29-35-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	52-203	71-438
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	3-8
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-85	2-88
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-14
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-39.5	0-0.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-0
Penalties-Yards	3-14	5-45
Possession Time	26:20	33:40
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 11	6 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 2	2 of 3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-3	7-7
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-2	3-15

Individual Statistics

Nevada

RUSHING: PURDY 14-55, BIANCO 1-12

PASSING: PURDY 7-15-97-1-0; BIANCO 4-6-28-0-1

RECEIVING: BELLON 6-76-1; J. BROWN 2-32

INTERCEPTIONS: None

FUMBLES: None

PSU

RUSHING: ALLEN 8-43; ALLAR 6-20

PASSING: ALLAR 22-26-217-0-1; GRUNKEMEYER 7-9-86-0-0

RECEIVING: HUDSON 6-89-1; PENA 7-74

INTERCEPTIONS: DURANT 1-14

FUMBLES: HARRIS 1-0; WHEATLEY 1-0

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) -- Nicholas Singleton ran for two touchdowns, Penn State forced three turnovers and the No. 2 Nittany Lions pulled away to beat Nevada 46-11 on Saturday in the opener for both teams.

Singleton capped Penn State's opening possession with a 1-yard run then scored on another short plunge early in the third quarter. Kayton Allen cut around the defense for a 13-yard score in the second.

Joe McFadden kicked a 28-yard field goal for Nevada, but the offense only managed two more trips into the red zone. Purdy misfired over the middle on fourth down with 14:47 to play, but backup AJ Bianco connected with Marcus Bellon for a 9-yard score with 25 seconds left. Bellon finished the game with six catches for 76 yards and the touchdown.

Penn State cornerback AJ Harris recovered Ky Woods' fumble to spoil the Wolf Pack's opening drive. Their next possession ended when defensive tackle Zane Durant intercepted Chubba Purdy's pass deep in his own end.

"You see a ton of sloppy football early in the season," Penn State coach James Franklin said. "I didn't see any of that. We didn't have stupid penalties. We didn't put the ball on the ground. We didn't turn it over. We didn't burn timeouts. That was big."

Ryan Barker kicked four field goals for the Nittany Lions, who led 27-3 at halftime after Kyron Hudson hauled in a 31-yard touchdown pass from Drew Allar with 23 seconds left in the second quarter.

The takeaway

The Wolf Pack moved the ball early, they just couldn't stop giving it back to the Nittany Lions. Nevada's first three possessions ended with a fumble, an interception and a punt. The offense crossed mid-field just twice more.



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Game 2

Nevada 20, Sacramento State 17

Sept. 6, 2025 • Mackay Stadium (Reno, Nev.)

Attendance: 20,535



Score by quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Sacramento State	7	10	0	0	17
Nevada	0	13	0	7	20

Scoring summary

Team	Qtr	Time	Scoring	Conversion	Drive	TOP	SAC	NEV
SAC	1	10:55	R. Hammond Jr. 5 yd rush	G. Meadors kick	9-75	4:05	7	0
SAC	2	13:04	G. Meadors 35 yd FG		16-81	7:59	10	0
NEV	2	7:17	J. McFadden 37 yd FG		10-60	5:47	10	3
NEV	2	7:17	C. Purdy 3 yd rush	J. McFadden kick	6-45	2:51	10	10
SAC	2	0:53	E. Campbell 75 yd pass from C. Williams	G. Meadors kick	1-75	0:09	17	10
NEV	2	0:00	J. McFadden 40 yd FG		6-52	0:53	17	13
NEV	4	2:17	J. Maldonado 36 yd INT return	J. McFadden kick		0:15	17	20

Team Statistics

	Sacramento State	Nevada
FIRST DOWNS	15	23
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	41-146	48-269
PASSING YDS (NET)	225	144
Passes Comp-Att-Int	14-19-1	12-21-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	60-371	69-413
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	2-14
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	1-21
Interception Returns-Yards	2-27	1-36
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-44.2	2-43.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	9-71	7-62
Possession Time	25:22	32:42
Third-Down Conversions	2 for 12	4 for 12
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 3	2 of 4
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-3	2-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	3-22

Individual Statistics

Sacramento State

RUSHING: CURTIS 8-37; WILLIAMS 10-32
PASSING: WILLIAMS 11-13-158-1-1; RASHADA 2-5-39-0-0
RECEIVING: CAMPBELL 3-89-1; CONERLY 3-14
INTERCEPTIONS: AKUI 2-27
FUMBLES: NONE

Nevada

RUSHING: PURDY 21-115-1; TURNER 11-78; RAMSEUR 13-70
PASSING: PURDY 12-21-144-2-0
RECEIVING: J. BROWN 4-55; BELLON 2-59
INTERCEPTIONS: MALDONADO 1-36-1
FUMBLES: NONE

RENO, Nev. (AP) - Jonathan Maldonado returned an interception 36 yards for a touchdown with 2:17 to play and Nevada defeated Sacramento State 20-17 on Saturday after the Hornets had touchdowns on consecutive plays in the last minute nullified by penalties before they missed a field goal.

Sacramento State quickly marched from its 35 to the Nevada 3 with 29 seconds to go. On a third down, quarterback Cardell Williams scampered nine yards for the apparent go-ahead score but a holding penalty wiped that out. Williams then threw a touchdown pass from the 19 that was wiped out by a penalty. The Hornets then ran a play to set up a 41-yard field goal attempt that Grant Meadors missed to the right.

Nevada quarterback Chubba Purdy threw two interceptions but he rushed for 115 yards on 22 carries and scored a touchdown. The Wolf Pack (1-1) rushed for 268 yards and Purdy threw for 144.

The Wolf Pack defense hounded Sacramento State's backfield much of the game, recording three sacks and seven tackles for loss. Defensive lineman Dylan Labarbera led the way with 1.5 sacks and 2.5 TFLs, while Maldonado shared a sack and added 1.5 TFLs.

Nevada's announced crowd of 20,535 was its second-largest opening-day turnout since 2016. The Pack stays home for a second-straight week coming up, hosting Middle Tennessee next Saturday at 2 p.m.

Williams was 11-of-13 passing for 158 for Sacramento State (0-2), which finished with 372 yards. He threw a touchdown pass to Ernest Campbell and Rodney Hammond Jr. had a rushing score.

After recording seven sacks in its loss last week at South Dakota State, the Hornet defense was shutout by the Wolf Pack offensive line.



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Game 3

Middle Tennessee 14, Nevada 13

Sept. 13, 2025 • Mackay Stadium (Reno, Nev.)

Attendance: 16,808



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Score by quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Middle Tennessee	0	0	0	14	14
Nevada	0	13	0	0	13

Scoring summary

Team	Qtr	Time	Scoring	Conversion	Drive	TOP	MT	NEV
NEV	2	14:42	K. Woods 47-yd pass from C. Purdy	J. McFadden kick	1-47	0:08	0	7
NEV	2	8:59	J. McFadden 45-yd FG		6-46	2:36	0	10
NEV	2	1:02	J. McFadden 40-yd FG		7-18	2:44	0	13
MT	4	6:30	N. Cox 13 yd pass from N. Vattiato	J. Hathaway kick	10-60	3:59	7	13
MT	4	0:21	N. Vattiato 5 yd rush	J. Hathaway kick	11-76	1:54	14	13

Team Statistics

	Middle Tennessee	Nevada
FIRST DOWNS	23	16
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	30-105	35-203
PASSING YDS (NET)	247	166
Passes Comp-Att-Int	27-45-1	14-25-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	75-352	60-369
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-1	3-49
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	2-29	1-14
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-46.6	6-50.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-50	4-55
Possession Time	31:10	28:50
Third-Down Conversions	7 for 17	3 for 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-5	1-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-23	4-28

Individual Statistics

Middle Tennessee

RUSHING: MIDDLEBROOK 10-67; HUNT JR. 6-25

PASSING: VATTIATO 27-44-1-247-1

RECEIVING: BUTLER 7-65; COX 5-45-1

INTERCEPTIONS: GASTON 2-29

FUMBLES: NONE

Nevada

RUSHING: TURNER 12-90; PURDY 9-46

PASSING: PURDY 5-7-1-88-1; BIANCO 9-17-1-78-0

RECEIVING: J. BROWN 5-58; WOODS 1-47-1

INTERCEPTIONS: SMITH 1-14

FUMBLES: NONE

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Nicholas Vattiato scrambled 5 yards for a touchdown with 21 seconds remaining, lifting Middle Tennessee to a 14-13 victory over Nevada on Saturday.

Middle Tennessee (1-2) was shut out until Vattiato threw a 13-yard touchdown pass to Nahzae Cox with 6 1/2 minutes remaining in the fourth quarter. Nevada responded with an 8-play, 51-yard drive but Joe McFadden missed a 41-yard field-goal attempt.

The Blue Raiders took possession with 2 minutes remaining and Vattiato drove them 76 yards in 11 plays. On the go-ahead touchdown, he dropped back to pass, broke free from the rush and scrambled off-tackle into the end zone. Jacob Hathaway added the extra point to break the tie.

Nevada reached the MTSU 39 on the final possession but McFadden missed from 56 yards.

Vattiato completed 27 of 44 passes for 247 yards with a touchdown and an interception.

The Wolf Pack defense made 6.0 tackles-for-loss, marking at least

six in each of the season's first three games. Nevada's four sacks also set a season-high. Stone Combs led the defense with nine tackles and shared a sack.

Chubba Purdy threw a 47-yard touchdown pass to Kalen Woods and McFadden added two field goals to give the Wolf Pack (1-2) a 13-0 halftime lead.

Purdy and AJ Bianco combined on 14-of-24 passing for 166 yards. Both QBs were intercepted once.

Nevada's last-minute loss comes one week after a dramatic 20-17 victory over Sacramento State in which Jonathan Maldonado's 36-yard pick-6 in the fourth quarter provided the winning margin.

It was the first meeting between the programs.



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Game 4

Western Kentucky 31, Nevada 16

Sept. 20, 2025 • at Houchen Industries-L.T. Smith Stadium

Attendance: 17,247



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Score by quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Nevada	3	7	3	3	16
Western Kentucky	3	0	7	21	31

Scoring summary

Team	Qtr	Time	Scoring	Conversion	Drive	TOP	NEV	WKU
NEV	1	5:17	J. McFadden 42 yd FG		8-47	4:22	3	0
WKU	1	2:16	J. Cannon 40 yd FG		7-38	3:01	3	3
NEV	2	6:57	C. Purdy 6 yd rush	J. McFadden kick	3-46	1:24	10	3
WKU	3	11:08	L. Wright 2 yd rush	J. Cannon kick	9-75	3:52	10	10
NEV	3	7:28	J. McFadden 43 yd FG		6-45	3:33	13	10
WKU	4	11:23	G. Hart III 8 yd rush	J. Cannon kick	9-85	4:02	13	17
WKU	4	1:49	L. Wright 8 yd rush	J. Cannon kick	14-87	5:34	13	24
WKU	4	0:29	J. McFadden 22 yd FG		12-69	1:20	16	24
WKU	4	0:23	M. Henry 48 yd kickoff return	J. Cannon kick	-	-	16	31

Team Statistics

	Nevada	WKU
FIRST DOWNS	22	22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	39-207	33-145
PASSING YDS (NET)	165	216
Passes Comp-Att-Int	16-33-2	22-33-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	72-372	66-361
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-5
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-25	2-81-1
Interception Returns-Yards	1-16	2-12
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-40.2	4-48.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-60	8-85
Possession Time	32:16	27:44
Third-Down Conversions	5 for 16	5 for 12
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 for 2	1 for 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-5	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-15	0-0

Individual Statistics

Nevada

RUSHING: RAMSEUR 9-66; TURNER 13-62; PURDY 12-60-1
PASSING: PURDY 16-30-2-165
RECEIVING: CARPENTER 6-70; BELLON 3-28; THOMAS 2-23
INTERCEPTIONS: SMITH 1-16
FUMBLES: MADRIGAL 1-0

WKU

RUSHING: HART III 11-63-1; WRIGHT 7-47-2
PASSING: McIVOR 22-33-1-216
RECEIVING: MEYERS 6-81; MACK 4-49
INTERCEPTIONS: WARD 1-12; LEWIS 1-0
FUMBLES: LEWIS 1-5

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (AP) — La'Vell Wright ran for two scores, Maverick McIvor threw for 216 yards and Western Kentucky took control in the fourth quarter and beat Nevada 31-16 on Saturday.

Down 13-10, the Hilltoppers (3-1) began their rally at the beginning of the fourth, going on a nine-play, 85-yard drive that ended when George Hart III ran it in from 8 yards out with 11:32 left.

Wright also scored from the 8 to end a five-and-a-half minute drive that lasted 14 plays and spanned 87 yards for 24-13 lead with 1:49 left.

Nevada (1-3) got a field goal with 29 seconds left when Joe McFadden connected from 22 yards. However, the Wolfpack's on-side kick was gathered by Western Kentucky's Matthew Henry who returned it 50 yards for the final margin.

Chubba Purdy threw for 165 yards and ran for 60 yards and a touchdown for Nevada.

Nevada's ground attack averaged five yards per carry for the third-straight game, carrying at 5.3 yards a clip and 207 yards on 39 carries.

Three Wolf Pack players finished the game with at least 60 yards rushing--Caleb Ramseur (66), Herschel Turner (62), and Chubba Purdy (60).



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Game 5

Fresno State 20, Nevada 17

Oct. 4, 2025 • at Valley Children's Stadium

Attendance: 40,005



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Score by quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Nevada	3	0	7	7	17
Fresno State	0	20	0	0	20

Scoring summary

Team	Qtr	Time	Scoring	Conversion	Drive	TOP	NEV	FS
NEV	1	1:59	J. McFadden 29 yd FG		8-42	3:38	3	0
FS	2	9:46	D. Lynch 21 yd FG		9-28	5:01	3	3
FS	2	8:25	J. Freeman 12 yd pass from E. Warner	D. Lynch kick	3-29	1:15	3	10
FS	2	3:19	D. Lynch 38 yd FG		5-71	3:03	3	17
FS	2	0:32	J. Freeman 24 yd pass from E. Warner	D. Lynch kick	6-66	1:01	3	20
NEV	3	0:43	D. Thomas 15 yd pass from C. Jones	J. McFadden kick	10-46	4:52	10	20
NEV	4	12:36	C. Ramseur 17 yd pass from C. Jones	J. McFadden kick	4-65	2:08	17	20

Team Statistics

	Nevada	Fresno State
FIRST DOWNS	13	16
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	34-129	36-152
PASSING YDS (NET)	117	190
Passes Comp-Att-Int	12-21-3	18-26-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	55-246	62-342
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-7
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-17	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	1-1	3-4
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-42.2	6-37.2
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	1-10	6-55
Possession Time	27:11	32:49
Third-Down Conversions	7 for 14	3 for 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 for 1	0 for 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	3-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-20	0-0

Individual Statistics

Nevada

RUSHING: RAMSEUR 16-77; WOODS 3-17

PASSING: JONES 11-15-1-121-2; PURDY 0-4-2-0; BIANCO 1-2-0-(-4)

RECEIVING: FLOYD 3-21; RAMSEUR 2-22-1; BURLESON II 1-45

INTERCEPTIONS: KENION 1-0

FUMBLES: NONE

Fresno State

RUSHING: LUKE 8-83; DONELSON 14-39; RAMIREZ 5-38

PASSING: WARNER 18-26-1-190-2

RECEIVING: ANDERSON III 7-67; FREEMAN 3-40-2

INTERCEPTIONS: HARRIS 1-4; BRACHA 1-0; THUNDERBIRD 1-0

FUMBLES: JACKS 1-0

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) -- E.J. Warner threw two touchdown passes, the Fresno State defense forced four first-half turnovers, and the Bulldogs held on to beat Nevada 20-17 on Saturday night for their fifth win in a row.

Warner threw touchdown passes to Josiah Freeman of 12 and 24 yards and Dylan Lynch made field goals of 21 and 38 yards on four consecutive possessions in the second quarter to give Fresno State a 20-3 lead at halftime.

Freshman Carter Jones, who started the second half at quarterback for Nevada, connected with Dakota Thomas for a 15-yard TD late in the third quarter and was hit as he threw a short pass to Caleb Ramseur who raced to the end zone for a 17-yard score just over two minutes into the fourth to make it a three-point game. Ramseur finished the night with 77 rushing yards to lead the Wolf Pack.

The Bulldogs, who went three-and-out on each of their first four second-half possessions, closed out the game with their fifth: a 15-play, 68-yard drive that ran out the remaining 8:42. Warner hit Richie Anderson III for a 13-yard gain on third-and-8 and later, on third-and-11, Warner scrambled and was hit by two Nevada defenders as he

lunged for a first down to keep the drive alive.

Three Nevada (1-4, 0-1 Mountain West) quarterbacks combined to go 3-of-9 passing for 22 yards with three interceptions in the first half.

Jones finished 11-of-15 passing for 121 yards with an interception. Starter Chubba Purdy was 0-for-4 and threw two interceptions and AJ Bianco completed 1 of 2 for minus-4 yards for Nevada.



2025 NEVADA WOLF PACK FOOTBALL



Game 6

San Diego State 44, Nevada 10

Oct. 11, 2025 • at Mackay Stadium (Reno, Nev.)

Attendance: 19,473



Score by quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
San Diego State	14	21	9	0	44
Nevada	0	0	0	10	10

Scoring summary

Team	Qtr	Time	Scoring	Conversion	Drive	TOP	SDSU	NEV
SDSU	1	14:01	J. Napier 75 yd punt return	G. Plascencia kick			7	0
SDSU	1	7:11	C. Johnson 45 yd INT return	G. Plascencia kick			14	0
SDSU	2	15:00	C. Washington 2 yd pass from J. Denegal	G. Plascencia kick	7-70	3:26	21	0
SDSU	2	9:05	J. Bostick 31 yd pass from J. Denegal	G. Plascencia kick	7-73	3:27	28	0
SDSU	2	1:46	L. Sutton 3 yd rush	G. Plascencia kick	6-93	2:36	35	0
SDSU	3	10:49	G. Plascencia 29 yd FG		10-64	4:11	38	0
SDSU	3	7:05	G. Plascencia 45 yd FG		5-30	2:33	41	0
SDSU	3	2:03	G. Plascencia 49 yd FG		7-34	3:33	44	0
NEV	4	12:50	J. McFadden 34 yd FG		9-60	4:13	44	3
NEV	4	2:32	M. Brown 16 yd pass from C. Jones	J. McFadden kick	10-81	3:10	44	10

Team Statistics

	SDSU	NEV
FIRST DOWNS	20	15
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	41-204	32-59
PASSING YDS (NET)	205	195
Passes Comp-Att-Int	14-18-0	15-31-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	59-409	63-254
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-85-1	2-22
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-23	1-25
Interception Returns-Yards	2-45	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-54.3	6-46.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-0
Penalties-Yards	4-43	2-10
Possession Time	31:24	28:36
Third-Down Conversions	3 for 10	4 for 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 for 1	1 for 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	2-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-12	2-14

Individual Statistics

San Diego State

RUSHING: SUTTON 16-76-1; WASHINGTON 9-51
PASSING: DENEGAL 14-17-0-205-1
RECEIVING: NAPIER 5-110; BROWN 4-58
INTERCEPTIONS: JOHNSON 1-45-1; McDOUGLE 1-0
FUMBLES: NONE

Nevada

RUSHING: RAMSEUR 8-35
PASSING: JONES 15-31-2-195-1
RECEIVING: CARPENTER 3-72; CALIMON 2-28
INTERCEPTIONS: NONE
FUMBLES: NONE

RENO, Nev. (AP) -- Nevada fell into an early hole Saturday as San Diego State scored on a 75-yard punt return and a pick-six to take a quick 14-0 lead. The Aztecs stayed hot much of the night and went on to beat the Wolf Pack, 44-10.

Nevada (1-5, 0-2 Mountain West) has lost 13 straight in conference play and 11 in a row versus FBS opponents.

Nevada went three-and-out on the game's opening drive and Jordan Napier — who finished with five receptions for 110 yards — returned the ensuing punt 75 yards for a touchdown just 59 seconds into the game. Johnson's pick-6 gave the Aztecs (5-1, 2-0) a 14-0 lead with 7:11 left in the first quarter.

Denegal threw a 2-yard touchdown pass to Christian Washington on the first play of the second quarter and a 31-yard scoring strike to Jacob Bostick with 9:05 left in the first half before Lucky Sutton ran for a 3-yard TD that made it 35-0 with 1:46 to go in the first half.

Gabriel Plascencia made field goals of 21, 45 and 49 yards in the third quarter. The senior is 10 of 10 this season and has made 22

straight, dating to last season, the longest active streak in Division I.

San Diego State's Brady Anderson was ejected with a little more than four minutes to play for a hitting a defenseless player after a hit on sliding quarterback Carter Jones.

Joe McFadden kicked a 34-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter and Jones threw a 16-yard TD pass to Marshaun Brown with 2:32 to play.

Jones, a true freshman who made his first career start, was 15-of-31 passing for 195 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions. On defense, Dylan LaBarbara increased his national-leading total in tackles-for-loss to 14 with four, including two sacks, Saturday night.