New Mexico Lobos 2006 Mountain West Conference Preview

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Even though the New Mexico Lobos put forth a winning campaign last year, they were passed over by the bowl committee when the Kansas Jayhawks pulled off a dramatic overtime victory over Iowa State. As a whole, the team didn't perform up to expectations, and returns a very green squad for the 2006 season.

The New Mexico Lobos were gouged defensively, and finished with their worst ranking since 2000. This year's squad only returns four starters, and is very green along the front seven. Head coach Long and defensive coordinator Lewis simplified the defense in the off season and added an extra back to allow the defense to be better suited to react to the spread and no huddle offenses in the conference. Still, the unit can only be better this season as it was nonexistent a year ago.

Bet the Lobos here.
The offense returns veteran quarterback Kole McKamey, but loses a number of huge contributors from last years offense that nearly scored 30 points per game. Look for a large decrease in production from this unit in 2006.

The New Mexico Lobos do have a much easier schedule this year, but they don't have the firepower or experience to contend with any of the Mountain West Conference top dawgs.
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