

# A HISTORY OF OUR BOWL GAME

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**Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006**  
New Mexico Lobos vs.  
San Jose State Spartans

	1	2	3	4	E
UNM	0	3	0	9	12
SJSU	0	13	7	0	20

Attendance: 34,111



James Jones, Sr., WR, SJSU  
Offensive MVP (pictured)

Matt Castelo, Jr., LB, SJSU  
Defensive MVP

The San Jose State Spartans defeated the New Mexico Lobos, 20-12, which highlighted a season that saw more SJSU wins than any of in the three previous.

Just days prior to the first collegiate bowl game at University Stadium since 1980, Albuquerque was hit with over six inches of snow, forcing the field to be plowed off so the Bowl could go on as scheduled.



The Lobos (9-4) ended a 46-year span without a postseason victory, the sixth longest losing streak in the nation at the time, and gave head coach Rocky Long his first bowl win in five tries. The game ended up in favor of the Lobos as Paul Baker ran for 167 yards in his first start, and Donovan Porterie threw for a career-high 354 yards and two touchdowns.



Donovan Porterie, RS-Fr., QB, UNM  
Offensive MVP  
  
Brett Madsen, Jr., LB, UNM  
Defensive MVP



**Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008**  
Colorado State Rams vs.  
Fresno State Bulldogs

	1	2	3	4	E
CSU	10	10	0	20	40
FS	14	7	7	7	35

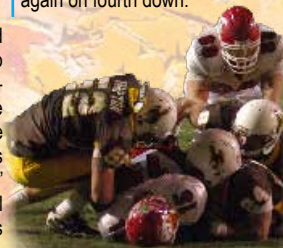
Attendance: 24,735

Tommie Hill, Sr., DE, CSU  
Defensive MVP

Gartrell Johnson, Sr., RB, CSU  
Offensive MVP (pictured)



Colorado State defensive end Tommie Hill intercepted Fresno State quarterback Tom Brandstater with 13:26 remaining in the fourth quarter to jump-start the Rams' rally that led to 20 points in the final period and the Rams' first bowl win since 2003. Gartrell Johnson, III recorded 375 yards from scrimmage (rushing & receiving only) on 32 touches to set a new mark for the most yards in FBS bowl history.



Mitch Unrein, Sr., DL, WYO  
Defensive MVP (pictured)

Austyn Carta-Samuels, Fr., QB, WYO  
Offensive MVP

Wyoming trailed by 11 points in the fourth quarter. Its offense was led by a freshman quarterback, its defense was facing the nation's leading rusher. Time to worry? Not these comeback Cowboys. Freshman Austyn Carta-Samuels threw three touchdown passes, the last a 13-yarder to David Leonard in the second overtime Saturday. Wyoming (7-6) stopped the nation's leading rusher, Fresno State's Ryan Mathews, on three rushing attempts from the 1 in the first overtime. The Bulldogs (8-5) tried a quarterback sneak on third down, and Mathews came up short again on fourth down.



**Saturday, Dec. 18, 2010**  
BYU Cougars vs.  
UTEP Miners

	1	2	3	4	E
BYU	17	14	14	7	52
UTEP	3	7	7	7	24

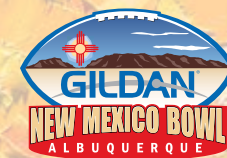
Attendance: 32,424

Andrew Rich, Sr., DB, BYU  
Defensive MVP

Jake Heaps, Fr., QB, BYU  
Offensive MVP



Jake Heaps threw four touchdown passes, connecting with Cody Hoffman on three scores, and finished with 264 yards passing to help BYU beat UTEP, 52-24. Hoffman had eight catches for 137 yards, while Joshua Quezada ran for 101 yards and J.J. DiLuigi added 98 yards on the ground to help the Cougars in their final contest before they begin play as an independent in football next season. BYU also got two interceptions and one of the team's four sacks from Andrew Rich, voted the most valuable defensive player.



**Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011**  
Temple Owls vs.  
Wyoming Cowboys

	1	2	3	4	E
TEM	7	21	3	6	37
WYO	0	7	0	8	15

Attendance: 25,762

Tahir Whitehead, Sr., LB, TEM  
Defensive MVP

Chris Coyer, So., QB, TEM  
Offensive MVP



Temple's win marked the second straight year the visiting team took home the trophy. The win by the Mid-American Conference (MAC) member also snapped the Mountain West's four-game win streak. The Owls were the first at-large selection to the Gildan New Mexico Bowl to be victorious. Temple's Chris Coyer, the Offensive MVP, was 8-12 with 169 yards passing and 1 TD, plus 12 rushes for 71 yards. The Owls' Tahir Whitehead, the Defensive MVP, recorded 11 tackles (six solo, five assisted), 1.5 tackles for loss for 2 yards.

**Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012**  
Nevada Wolf Pack vs.  
Arizona Wildcats

	1	2	3	4	E
NEV	21	10	14	3	48
ARIZ	7	21	0	21	49

Attendance: 24,610



Matt Scott, Sr., QB, ARIZ  
Offensive MVP (pictured)

Marquis Flowers, Jr., S, ARIZ  
Defensive MVP

Arizona's Matt Scott rallied his team in the final 46 seconds, tossing two short touchdown passes for an improbable 49-48 win. The Wildcats recovered an onside kick in the last minute, setting up Scott's 2-yard toss to Tyler Slavin with 19 seconds left for the winning score. Arizona trailed 21-0 in the first quarter and was down 45-28 entering the final period. Scott threw for 382 yards and marched his team back into the game despite those two earlier interceptions. The nation's rushing leader, Ka'Deem Carey, gained 172 yards for the Wildcats. Arizona receiver Austin Hill caught eight passes for 175 yards and two touchdowns. The teams combined for 1,237 total yards. Stephon Jefferson, the nation's second-leading rusher, ran for 180 yards for Nevada.



**Saturday, Dec. 21, 2013**  
Washington State Cougars  
vs. Colorado State Rams

	1	2	3	4	E
WSU	21	14	3	7	45
CSU	10	13	7	18	48

Attendance: 27,104

Shaquil Barrett, Sr., DE, CSU  
Defensive MVP  
  
Connor Halliday, Jr., QB, WSU  
Offensive MVP (pictured)



For the second straight year, the winning team scored at least 10 points in the final minute to win the Gildan New Mexico Bowl. Colorado State trailed by 22 points (35-13) before coming back to beat Washington State 48-45 in the bowl season's opening game. That's tied for the 2nd-largest deficit overcome to win in a non-OT bowl game. The Rams got back in the game when Cougars running back Jeremiah Laufasa fumbled at the Cougars 33, setting up Kapri Bibbs' 1-yard score and Donnell Alexander's two-point conversion that tied it at 45 with 33 seconds left. Then, WSU's Teondray Caldwell fumbled a kickoff return at the 24, setting up Jared Roberts' 41-yard field goal as time expired. The teams combined for 58 points in the 1st half, which is a Gildan New Mexico Bowl record. It is tied for the 9th-most combined points in a half in bowl history (since 1937).



**Saturday, Dec. 20, 2014**  
Utah State Aggies  
vs. UTEP Miners

	1	2	3	4	E
USU	7	0	7	7	21
UTEP	3	0	0	3	6

Attendance: 28,725



Zach Vigil, Sr., LB, USU  
Defensive MVP (pictured above)

Kent Myers, Fr., QB, USU  
Offensive MVP (pictured below)



It wasn't a last-second victory like previous years but Utah State still churned out an improbable tale as the Aggies garnered a 21-6 win against UTEP, at times with its fifth-string quarterback leading the offense. The Vigil brothers were the other key component in USU's third straight bowl victory. Zach Vigil was named the Defensive MVP with game-high 11 tackles while younger brother, Nick, notched seven tackles and a touchdown. The Vigils, who combined for 553 career tackles to rank first at the FBS level among active brothers, helped hold UTEP to 149 rushing yards and no touchdowns.



**Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015**  
Arizona Wildcats vs.  
New Mexico Lobos

	1	2	3	4	E
ARIZ	7	21	14	3	45
UNM	3	14	14	6	37

Attendance: 24,610

Scooby Wright III, Jr., MLB, ARIZ  
Defensive MVP

Anu Solomon, RS So., QB, ARIZ  
Offensive MVP

It looked like another wild, comeback victory was going into the Gildan New Mexico Bowl record book. The New Mexico Lobos were working on a potential game-winning drive after trailing by 18 when the Arizona Wildcats thwarted it with an interception to secure the 45-37 win. The Wildcats' Anu Solomon took home the Offensive MVP award, throwing two touchdowns and rushing for another. He and the UofA offense needed just 19:38 minutes of possession to win their second bowl game in Albuquerque. Scooby Wright, III garnered the Defensive MVP honors with a game-high 15 tackles, including 11 solo, and 2 sacks.

