

WEEK NINE
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SAN MARCOS, Texas -- Willie Jones III threw for two touchdowns and ran for a third as Texas State pulled away from New Mexico State, 27-20 in a Sun Belt Conference battle Saturday night.

A sophomore, Jones started the first four games for the Bobcats before being injured against UTSA. Freshman Tyler Vitt took over at quarterback for the last three games but is out with an injury.

After the Bobcats (2-6, 2-2) forced New Mexico State to punt on the opening series, Hutch White popped a 45-yard punt return to give Texas State the ball at the Aggies's 28. Three plays later Jones scampered 19 yards for the touchdown. Anthony J. Taylor ran 3 yards for a score late in the quarter to put the Bobcats up, 13-0 after one.

Parker Davidson sandwiched field goals around a 5-yard run by Jason Huntley to get New Mexico State even at 13-13, but Jones found Javen Banks with an 18-yard touchdown pass to make it 20-13 at the half and padded the lead with a 39-yard strike to Jeremiah Haydel in the third quarter.

Shane Jackson returned a fumble 34 yards for a touchdown for the lone second-half touchdown for the Aggies (2-7, 1-4).

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NMSU	0	13	7	0	20
TXST	13	7	7	0	27

Scoring Summary -----

	NMSU	TXST
FIRST QUARTER		
TXST TD 12:07		
Willie Jones III 19 Yd Run (Clayton Stewart Kick)		7
3 plays, 28 yards, 0:55	0	
TXST TD 3:36		
Anthony J. Taylor 3 Yd Run (Clayton Stewart PAT failed)		13
6 plays, 32 yards, 1:54	0	
SECOND QUARTER		
NMSU FG 12:35		
Parker Davidson 21 Yd Field Goal	3	13
16 plays, 71 yards, 6:01		
NMSU TD 9:02		
Jason Huntley 5 Yd Run (Parker Davidson Kick)		13
3 plays, 51 yards, 0:46	10	
NMSU FG 6:23		
Parker Davidson 25 Yd Field Goal		13
8 plays, 25 yards, 2:10	13	
TXST TD 1:14		
Javen Banks 18 Yd pass from Willie Jones III (Clayton Stewart Kick)		20
8 plays, 68 yards, 2:40	13	
THIRD QUARTER		
TXST TD 12:14		
W. Jones III pass to K. Rodgers for 39 yds for a TD		26
7 plays, 75 yards, 2:46	13	
TXST TD 12:14		
Jeremiah Haydel 39 Yd pass from Willie Jones III (Clayton Stewart Kick)		27
7 plays, 75 yards, 2:46	13	
NMSU TD 2:17		
Shane Jackson 34 Yd Fumble Return (Parker Davidson Kick)		27
3 plays, -3 yards, 0:54	20	

	NMSU	TXST
Team Stats		
First Downs	23	15
Total Yards	416	343
Total Plays	92	66
Avg Gain Per Play	4.5	5.2
Net Yards Rushing	153	230
Rushes	33	48
Yards Per Rush	4.6	4.8
Net Yards Passing	263	113
Comp-Att	29-59	9-18
Yards Per Pass	4.5	6.3
Times Sacked	3	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-11	-16
Interceptions	2	0
Punts	5	6
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	6	10
Penalty Yards	60	91
Fumbles	0	1
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Possession	32:59	27:01

Individual Stats

RUSHING					
	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
NMSU					
Jason Huntley	11	83	7.5	1	40
Josh Adkins	13	40	3.1	0	17
Christian Gibson	9	30	3.3	0	13
TXST					
Willie Jones III	19	110	5.8	1	19
Robert Brown Jr.	17	95	5.6	0	34
Anthony D. Taylor	7	27	3.9	1	10
Caleb Twyford	1	3	3.0	0	3
Jeremiah Haydel	1	2	2.0	0	2
Team	4	-10	-2.5	0	0

PASSING							
	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
NMSU							
Josh Adkins	29	59	217	3.7	0	2	79.8
TXST							
Willie Jones III	9	18	113	6.3	2	0	139.4

RECEIVING					
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
NMSU					
Johnathan Boone	8	70	8.8	0	16
Drew Dan	6	59	9.8	0	22
OJ Clark	2	34	17.0	0	35
Shea Holebrook Jr.	4	33	8.3	0	17
Anthony Muse	1	9	9.0	0	9
Royce Caldwell	1	5	5.0	0	5
Bryce Roberts	1	5	5.0	0	5
Xander Yarberough	1	4	4.0	0	4
Jason Huntley	5	-2	-0.4	0	14
TXST					
Jeremiah Haydel	2	58	29.0	1	39
Javen Banks	2	30	15.0	1	18
Caleb Twyford	1	10	10.0	0	10
Mason Hays	1	7	7.0	0	7
Anthony D. Taylor	1	6	6.0	0	6
Hutch White	1	2	2.0	0	2
Keenen Brown	1	0	0.0	0	0