WEEK TWELVE

BOISE ST AT NEW MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. -- Any talk of a trap game did not get much attention from No. 23 Boise State in practice this week.

The Broncos went out and played against a struggling New Mexico team as if a huge game was not looming on their schedule next week against No. 14 Utah State.

"This week, it was all about New Mexico," Broncos coach Bryan Harsin said. "We can control how we play the game and we did."

Sean Modster caught a career-best three touchdowns passes to lead Boise State to a 45-14 victory over New Mexico on Friday night.

"It felt good to come out here and do what needed to get done," Modster said. "Our whole mentality was to get in and get out."

The Broncos (9-2, 6-1 Mountain West) took advantage of three turnovers by the Lobos (3-8, 1-6) that they turned into 24 points.

Modster finished with a career-high nine catches for 129 yards. Broncos quarterback Brett Rypien was an efficient 17 for 27 for 222 yards and the three scores, while running back Alexander Mattison added 145 yards and a touchdown.

The Broncos came into the game looking to break Modster open, Rypien said

"He got some looks but at other times, it depended on what they were giving us," he said. "He just did a good job of winning the one on ones. I think our other guys are going to be hungry now that Sean had three touchdowns. I'm sure there are some other guys in that room who are going to want some red zone action as well."

Boise State limited the Lobos to 262 total yards and one touchdown, with the other touchdown coming on a punt return.

"I thought our defense did a fantastic job," Harsin said. "They did move the ball because they're good and they have multiple ways they can attack you. We can tackle better. But our defense holding them to seven points is hard to do."

The Broncos took control of the game quickly, going 65 yards in 2:22, with Rypien hitting Modster from 15 yards out. By the end of the first quarter, the lead was up to 14-0, and Boise State led 24-7 at halftime.

"We had a hard time stopping them," New Mexico coach Bob Davie said. "Although we did fight, but the three turnovers were big."

THE TAKEAWAY

The Broncos' sixth straight win keeps them on track for a shot at the conference's Mountain Division championship and a berth in the Mountain West title game on Dec. 1.

With a sixth consecutive loss, New Mexico will miss a bowl for a second straight season after two consecutive bowl appearances. All that's left for the Lobos is to try and avoid a second straight, season-ending seven-game losing streak after starting both seasons 3-2.

STREAKING

Marcus Hayes' 86-yard, fourth-quarter punt return for a touchdown was New Mexico's first since 2002, a total of 208 games. It was the second-longest drought in college football behind only Rice.

DEATH

Former Boise State running back Jack Darrel Fields Jr., 25, was shot and killed Thursday evening following an altercation with a Richmond County (Ga.) Sheriff's Office deputy. He played with some of the older Broncos.

"I got the information (Friday) morning," Harsin said. "Being a part of a team and you have guys on your team and you have things like that happen, it hurts, regardless of what happened. That was a hard thing (Friday) morning. We let the team know because it was out there and that was a hard thing the team had to deal with (Friday) morning, too."

BUDDING POLITICIAN

New Mexico running back Daevon Vigilant, who had 23 yards and a touchdown, was elected to the student-body senate this week.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

The win leaves Boise State well-positioned to continue its climb in poll, especially after No. 22 Boston College and No. 20 Kentucky took big falls last week.

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BSU	14	10	7	14	45
UNM	0	7	0	7	14

Scoring Summary ---------------

FIRST QUARTER		BSU	UNM

BSU TD 12:38
Sean Modster 15 Yd pass from Brett Rypien (Haden Hoggarth Kick)
6 plays, 75 yards, 2:25 — 7 — 0

BSU TD 2:21
Sean Modster 16 Yd pass from Brett Rypien (Haden Hoggarth Kick)
13 plays, 80 yards, 6:26 — 14 — 0

SECOND QUARTER		BSU	UNM

UNM TD 13:07
Daevon Vigilant 1 Yd Run (Andrew Shelley Kick)
10 plays, 75 yards, 4:14 — 14 — 7

BSU TD 9:38
Desmond Williams 9 Yd Fumble Return (Haden Hoggarth Kick)
2 plays, 4 yards, 0:43 — 21 — 7

BSU FG 0:39
Haden Hoggarth 34 Yd Field Goal
7 plays, 63 yards, 1:02 — 24 — 7

THIRD QUARTER		BSU	UNM

BSU TD 11:07
Sean Modster 5 Yd pass from Brett Rypien (Haden Hoggarth Kick)
7 plays, 29 yards, 3:13 — 31 — 7

FOURTH QUARTER		BSU	UNM

UNM TD 10:50
Marcus Hayes 86 Yd Punt Return (Andrew Shelley Kick)
5 plays, 18 yards, 3:19 — 31 — 14

BSU TD 8:18
Alexander Mattison 41 Yd Run (Haden Hoggarth Kick)
1 play, 41 yards, 0:09 — 38 — 14

BSU TD 1:14
Andrew Van Buren 8 Yd Run (Haden Hoggarth Kick)
7 plays, 51 yards, 4:01 — 45 — 14

Team Stats	BSU	UNM
First Downs	30	15
Total Yards	449	262
Total Plays	68	59
Avg Gain Per Play	6.6	4.4
Net Yards Rushing	227	159
Rushes	41	45
Yards Per Rush	5.5	3.5
Net Yards Passing	222	103
Comp-Att	17-27	8-14
Yards Per Pass	8.2	7.4
Times Sacked	3	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-13	-8
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	3	3
Punt Average	40.0	38.0
Penalties	5	4
Penalty Yards	30	41
Fumbles	0	2
Fumbles Lost	0	2
Possession	30:56	29:04

Individual Stats

RUSHING

BSU	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
22 Alexander Mattison	20	145	7.3	41	1
9 Jaylon Henderson	3	25	8.3	13	0
21 Andrew Van Buren	5	23	4.6	8	1
34 Robert Mahone	4	14	3.5	6	0
27 Billy Bowens	1	11	11.0	11	0
4 Brett Rypien	7	6	0.9	10	0
31 Skyler Seibold	1	3	3.0	3	0

UNM	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
4 Sheriron Jones	12	56	4.7	18	0
25 Tyrone Owens	14	41	2.9	12	0
9 Bryson Carroll	9	35	3.9	9	0
21 Daevon Vigilant	7	23	3.3	8	1
3 Zahneer Shuler	3	4	1.3	5	0

PASSING

BSU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
4 Brett Rypien	17	27	222	8.2	3	0	168.7

UNM	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
4 Sheriron Jones	7	11	88	8.0	0	1	112.7
9 Bryson Carroll	1	3	15	5.0	0	0	75.3

RECEIVING

BSU	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
8 Sean Modster	9	129	14.3	18	3
22 Alexander Mattison	3	40	13.3	23	0
6 CT Thomas	2	23	11.5	16	0
86 Chase Blakley	2	22	11.0	16	0
7 A.J. Richardson	1	8	8.0	8	0

UNM	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
2 Delane Hart-Johnson	4	77	19.3	29	0
81 Aaron Molina	1	15	15.0	15	0
88 Marcus Williams	1	9	9.0	9	0
6 Emmanuel Harris	1	3	3.0	3	0
23 Jay Griffin IV	1	-1	-1.0	0	0