

**WEEK THIRTEEN
WYOMING AT NEW MEXICO**

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. -- Kazavian Valladay and Nico Evans combined for more than 300 yards rushing and three touchdowns for Wyoming as the Cowboys became bowl eligible Saturday with a 31-3 win over New Mexico.

Valladay had 192 yards and two scores, and Evans, who did not practice all week because of a right ankle injury went for 142 yards and one touchdown.

"We felt like we would have some good matchups and that started with the guys up front," Cowboys coach Craig Bohl said of the offensive line. "We were a little bit concerned because we had just one regular back who was healthy that that was Kaz. But Nico came in and just did a phenomenal job and kudos to him, X and particular the offensive line."

The Wyoming (6-6, 4-4 Mountain West) ground game helped overcome a lackluster passing attack as Tyler Vander Waal completed just four passes for 41 yards.

But the Lobos (3-9, 1-7) were even worse through the air as Coltin Gerhart and Sheriron Jones combined for three completions and 34 yards. At halftime, New Mexico had 3 yards passing.

Wyoming took control of the game from the outset, going 65 yards on the opening possession, with Valladay slicing in from 21 yards out.

By halftime, the Cowboys led 14-3 and the game was never seriously in doubt thereafter.

New Mexico managed just 83 total yards, while Wyoming had 366 yards on the ground.

"To me, this was a beaten-down team, playing a bigger, stronger, more powerful team," Lobos coach Bob Davie said.

THE TAKEAWAY

Wyoming has won four in a row and proved to be one of the hotter Mountain West teams over the season's final month. The Cowboys' winning streak reversed a four-game losing skid that nearly knocked them from bowl contention.

"It's a credit to the men in that room, both coaches, players and strength staff," Bohl said. "To be able to continue to not have doubt, stay together, pull together and that's the Cowboy way."

New Mexico, after consecutive 3-9 seasons, is at a crossroads as Davie's seven-year tenure is on somewhat shaky ground, especially with the attendance mired in a downhill spiral throughout the season, totaling about 100,000.

"Disappointing loss," Davie said. "Disappointing season. Everything looks negative right now because of the lens we're looking through right now."

KEY STAT

With a bowl appearance it would be Wyoming's first time going to three consecutive bowl games.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
WYO	7	7	3	14	31
UNM	0	3	0	0	3

Scoring Summary -----

	WYO	UNM
FIRST QUARTER		
WYO TD 12:44		
Kazavian Valladay 21 Yd Run (Cooper Rothe Kick)		0
6 plays, 75 yards, 2:16	7	
SECOND QUARTER		
WYO TD 8:51		
Nico Evans 30 Yd Run (Cooper Rothe Kick)		0
13 plays, 90 yards, 6:48	14	
UNM FG 3:08		
Andrew Shelley 25 Yd Field Goal		3
4 plays, 23 yards, 2:02	14	
THIRD QUARTER		
WYO FG 5:00		
Cooper Rothe 37 Yd Field Goal		3
11 plays, 70 yards, 4:58	17	
FOURTH QUARTER		
WYO TD 12:32		
Austin Conway 11 Yd Run (Cooper Rothe Kick)		3
6 plays, 46 yards, 2:59	24	
WYO TD 9:24		
Kazavian Valladay 20 Yd Run (Cooper Rothe Kick)		3
4 plays, 65 yards, 2:06	31	

Team Stats	WYO	UNM
First Downs	20	6
Total Yards	407	83
Total Plays	72	51
Avg Gain Per Play	5.7	1.6
Net Yards Rushing	366	49
Rushes	55	34
Yards Per Rush	6.7	1.4
Net Yards Passing	41	34
Comp-Att	4-17	3-17
Yards Per Pass	2.4	2.0
Times Sacked	3	4
Yds Lost To Sacks	-19	-25
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	6	10
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	5	2
Penalty Yards	47	20
Fumbles	3	2
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Possession	35:09	24:51

Individual Stats

RUSHING

WYO	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Kazavian Valladay	22	192	8.7	2	45
Nico Evans	19	142	7.5	1	37
Tyler Vander Waal	9	16	1.8	0	19
Austin Conway	1	11	11.0	1	11
Dontae Crow	1	5	5.0	0	5
Ayden Eberhardt	1	1	1.0	0	1
Brett Brenton	1	0	0.0	0	0
Team	1	-1	-1.0	0	0

UNM	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Tyrone Owens	12	18	1.5	0	5
Sheriron Jones	6	17	2.8	0	15
Bryson Carroll	3	4	1.3	0	5
Zahneer Shuler	3	4	1.3	0	2
Coltin Gerhart	8	4	0.5	0	11
Daevon Vigilant	1	3	3.0	0	3
Elijah Lilly	1	-1	-1.0	0	0

PASSING

WYO	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Tyler Vander Waal	4	17	41	2.4	0	0	29.4
UNM	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Coltin Gerhart	2	14	31	2.2	0	1	0.2
Sheriron Jones	1	3	3	1.0	0	0	19.6

RECEIVING

WYO	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Raghib Ismail Jr.	1	15	15.0	0	15
Austin Conway	1	12	12.0	0	12
Tyree Mayfield	1	8	8.0	0	8
James Price	1	6	6.0	0	6
UNM	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Anu Somoye	1	19	19.0	0	19
Tyrone Owens	1	12	12.0	0	12
Emmanuel Harris	1	3	3.0	0	3