

WEEK ONE
SAM HOUSTON ST at NEW MEXICO

New Mexico holds off Sam Houston State 39-31

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. -- ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. -- Ahmari Davis scored two touchdowns and Andrew Shelly hit four field goals to lead New Mexico to a 39-31 victory over Sam Houston State on Saturday in the season-opener for both schools.

Davis, who broke three plays for more than 40 yards, finished with 107 yards rushing and another 58 receiving. He had 183 total yards all of last season.

Sheriron Jones, playing in relief of starting quarterback Brandt Hughes, ran for two second-half touchdowns to help the Lobos break open the game.

New Mexico got out to a 16-0 lead in the second quarter, scoring on four straight possessions. But the Bearkats took a 23-22 lead in the third quarter when Eric Schmid, who finished with a rushing touchdown and a throwing touchdown, found Toney Carter on a 13-yard scoring pass.

The Lobos regained the lead on Shelley's fourth field goal then Jones ran it in from 11 yards out to push the lead to 32-23 at the end of the third quarter.

Davis had a scoring run of 43 yards, and another rush for 53 yards, while adding a 51-yard reception.

The Bearkats also used two quarterbacks, with starter Ty Brock finishing 258 yards. Dee Bowens had nine catches for 130 yards and a 65-yard score.

Sam Houston reached the Lobos 24 in the closing minute.

BIG PICTURE: New Mexico's stated goal is to win six games and achieve bowl eligibility, something it has done just twice before in Bob Davie's prior seven seasons with the Lobos. Getting this first victory gives New Mexico a good start toward that benchmark.

Sam Houston had won three straight season openers and has finished above .500 nine consecutive seasons.

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SHSU	0	16	7	8	31
UNM	13	9	10	7	39

Scoring Summary -----

	SHSU	UNM
FIRST QUARTER		
UNM FG 7:34 Andrew Shelley 44 Yd Field Goal	0	3
8 plays, 61 yards, 2:55		
UNM FG 4:05 Andrew Shelley 41 Yd Field Goal	0	6
8 plays, 58 yards, 2:16		
UNM TD 1:57 Ahmari Davis 43 Yd Run (Andrew Shelley Kick)	0	13
2 plays, 47 yards, 0:41		
SECOND QUARTER		
UNM FG 14:57 Andrew Shelley 27 Yd Field Goal	0	16
5 plays, 36 yards, 0:34		
SHSU TD 12:56 Dee Bowens 65 Yd pass from Ty Brock (Connor Crow PAT failed)	6	16
5 plays, 75 yards, 2:01		
SHSU TD 9:21 Eric Schmid 4 Yd Run (Connor Crow Kick)	13	16
9 plays, 79 yards, 2:44		
UNM TD 3:19 Ahmari Davis 1 Yd Run (Andrew Shelley PAT failed)	13	22
7 plays, 89 yards, 1:57		
SHSU FG 0:59 Connor Crow 46 Yd Field Goal	16	22
5 plays, 24 yards, 0:26		
THIRD QUARTER		
SHSU TD 12:40 Toney Carter 13 Yd pass from Eric Schmid (Connor Crow Kick)	23	22
7 plays, 75 yards, 2:20		
UNM FG 5:12 Andrew Shelley 25 Yd Field Goal	23	25
8 plays, 52 yards, 2:15		
UNM TD 1:02 Sheriron Jones 11 Yd Run (Andrew Shelley Kick)	23	32
4 plays, 68 yards, 0:59		
FOURTH QUARTER		
UNM TD 13:41 Sheriron Jones 7 Yd Run (Andrew Shelley Kick)	23	39
2 plays, 60 yards, 0:23		
SHSU TD 3:01 Donovan Williams 4 Yd Run (Ty Brock Pass to Woody Brandom for Two-Point Conversion)	31	39
12 plays, 86 yards, 4:39		

Team Stats	SHSU	UNM
First Downs	27	20
Passes for First	19	12
Rushes for First	6	4
Penalties for First	2	4
Third Down Efficiency	4-20	1-15
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-4	0-0
Total Yards	557	485
Total Plays	95	72
Avg Gain Per Play	5.9	6.7
Net Yards Rushing	115	145
Rushes	35	32
Yards Per Rush	3.3	4.5
Net Yards Passing	442	340
Comp-Att	35-60	18-40
Yards Per Pass	7.4	8.5
Times Sacked	0	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-17
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	9	9
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	12	9
Penalty Yards	104	90
Fumbles	2	0
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Time of Poss	33:48	26:12

Individual Stats

RUSHING

SAM HOUSTON ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Kyran Jackson	15	66	4.4	0	31
Donovan Williams	6	30	5.0	1	14
Alex Williams	1	19	19.0	0	19
Eric Schmid	5	17	3.4	1	9
Toney Carter	2	2	1.0	0	1
Dee Bowens	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
Ty Brock	4	-16	-4.0	0	1
NEW MEXICO	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Ahmari Davis	16	107	6.7	2	53
Sheriron Jones	6	35	5.8	2	11
Javohn Jones	3	11	3.7	0	9
Jay Griffin IV	1	2	2.0	0	2
Elijah Lilly	1	1	1.0	0	1
Daevon Vigilant	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
Team	3	-5	-1.7	0	0
Brandt Hughes	1	-5	-5.0	0	0

PASSING

SAM HOUSTON ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Ty Brock	21	38	258	6.8	1	0	
Eric Schmid	14	21	185	8.8	1	0	
Ryan Humphries	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	
NEW MEXICO	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Brandt Hughes	12	29	218	7.5	0	0	
Sheriron Jones	6	11	122	11.1	0	0	

RECEIVING

SAM HOUSTON ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Dee Bowens	9	130	14.4	1	65
Nathan Stewart	6	71	11.8	0	27
Chandler Harvin	5	68	13.6	0	20
Brennon Tibbs	3	47	15.7	0	20
Ife Adeyi	3	37	12.3	0	20
Woody Brandom	1	32	32.0	0	32
Coree Compton	4	29	7.3	0	15
Toney Carter	1	13	13.0	1	13
Kyran Jackson	1	8	8.0	0	8
Donovan Williams	1	5	5.0	0	5
Alex Williams	1	3	3.0	0	3
NEW MEXICO	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Anu Somoye	3	62	20.7	0	29
Ahmari Davis	2	58	29.0	0	51
Jordan Kress	1	47	47.0	0	47
Marcus Williams	2	46	23.0	0	36
Aaron Molina	3	40	13.3	0	17
Jay Griffin IV	2	36	18.0	0	25
Elijah Lilly	3	33	11.0	0	36
Q' Drennan	1	9	9.0	0	9
Anselem Umeh	1	9	9.0	0	9