

WEEK FOURTEEN
NEW MEXICO ST at LIBERTY

Hickson, Liberty run past New Mexico State 49-28

LYNCHBURG, Va. -- Frankie Hickson made it a Senior Day to remember for Liberty, rushing for a career-high 196 yards and a career-best four touchdowns to power the Flames to a 49-28 victory over New Mexico State on Saturday.

Hickson's effort vaulted him past Chip Smith (1974-76) and Lawrence Worthington (1994-96) and into fourth place on Liberty's all-time rushing list with 2,787 yards.

Liberty quarterback Stephen Calvert completed 16 of 29 passes for 169 yards and a touchdown, breaking his own school passing record set in 2017 by 29 yards with 3,392. He has thrown 26 touchdown passes and only five interceptions as the Flames (7-5) qualified for an FBS bowl game in their first season of eligibility.

Wide receiver Antonio Gandy-Golden will have to wait until the bowl game to try and set a record for most receiving yards in a season for the Flames. Gandy-Golden came into the game second in the nation with 1,304 yards receiving but was held to four catches and 29 yards. He needs 47 yards to set the Flames' record.

Liberty beat the Aggies (2-10) for the second time this season after a 20-13 victory in October.

The Flames led 20-14 at halftime and quickly pushed their lead to 29-14 midway through the third quarter on Hickson's second TD run -- a 2-yarder -- and Alex Probert's 21-yard field goal.

Josh Adkins hit Robert Downs III for a 27-yard score to pull the NMSU within 29-21, but Joshua Mack had a 2-yard TD run late in the third quarter and Hickson added a pair of 9-yard TD runs in the fourth quarter as Liberty pulled away. Mack finished with a season-high 118 yards on 16 carries.

Adkins completed 18 of 35 passes for 173 yards and three TDs with an interception for the Aggies, who lost nine straight to open the season before winning back-to-back games. Jason Huntley ran for 105 yards on 17 carries.

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NMSU	7	7	7	7	28
LIB	10	10	15	14	49

Scoring Summary -----

	NMSU	LIB
FIRST QUARTER		
LIB TD 11:55 Noah Frith 5 Yd pass from Stephen Calvert (Alex Probert Kick)		7
6 plays, 30 yards, 1:57	0	7
NMSU TD 6:44 Christian Gibson 1 Yd Run (Dylan Brown Kick)	7	
8 plays, 73 yards, 2:59	7	7
LIB FG 3:18 Alex Probert 46 Yd Field Goal		10
9 plays, 37 yards, 3:20	7	10
SECOND QUARTER		
LIB FG 14:17 Alex Probert 24 Yd Field Goal		13
13 plays, 65 yards, 3:11	7	13
LIB TD 8:37 Frankie Hickson 7 Yd Run (Alex Probert Kick)		20
10 plays, 95 yards, 4:23	7	20
NMSU TD 4:26 Andre Bodison 1 Yd pass from Josh Adkins (Dylan Brown Kick)	14	20
9 plays, 75 yards, 4:11	14	20
THIRD QUARTER		
LIB TD 12:05 Frankie Hickson 2 Yd Run (Alex Probert PAT failed)		26
8 plays, 69 yards, 2:47	14	26
LIB FG 8:06 Alex Probert 21 Yd Field Goal		29
6 plays, 83 yards, 2:10	14	29
NMSU TD 5:27 Robert Downs III 27 Yd pass from Josh Adkins (Dylan Brown Kick)	21	29
6 plays, 83 yards, 2:33	21	29
LIB TD 0:35 Joshua Mack 2 Yd Run (Two-Point Run Conversion Failed)		35
9 plays, 67 yards, 4:44	21	35
FOURTH QUARTER		
LIB TD 14:25 Frankie Hickson 9 Yd Run (Alex Probert Kick)		42
1 play, 9 yards, 0:06	21	42
LIB TD 5:46 Frankie Hickson 9 Yd Run (Alex Probert Kick)		49
7 plays, 59 yards, 3:45	21	49
NMSU TD 1:00 Tony Nicholson 3 Yd pass from Josh Adkins (Dylan Brown Kick)	28	49
4 plays, 4 yards, 1:16	28	49

Team Stats	NMSU	LIB
First Downs	19	25
Passes for First	8	6
Rushes for First	8	15
Penalties for First	3	4
Third Down Efficiency	5-16	7-13
Fourth Down Efficiency	2-3	0-0
Total Yards	328	486
Total Plays	72	78
Avg Gain Per Play	4.6	6.2
Net Yards Rushing	155	317
Rushes	37	49
Yards Per Rush	4.2	6.5
Net Yards Passing	173	169
Comp-Att	18-35	16-29
Yards Per Pass	4.9	5.8
Times Sacked	0	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-17
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	5	3
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	8	8
Penalty Yards	80	65
Fumbles	2	1
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Time of Poss	26:59	33:01

Individual Stats

RUSHING

NEW MEXICO ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Jason Huntley	17	105	6.2	0	25
Christian Gibson	11	49	4.5	1	33
Josh Adkins	8	1	0.1	0	21
Tony Nicholson	1	0	0.0	0	0
LIBERTY	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Frankie Hickson	29	196	6.8	4	24
Joshua Mack	16	118	7.4	1	63
Troy Henderson	1	4	4.0	0	4
Stephen Calvert	1	2	2.0	0	2
Team	2	-3	-1.5	0	0

PASSING

NEW MEXICO ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Josh Adkins	18	35	173	4.9	3	1	48.4
LIBERTY	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Stephen Calvert	16	29	169	5.8	1	0	61.9

RECEIVING

NEW MEXICO ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Robert Downs III	3	66	22.0	1	35
Tony Nicholson	4	30	7.5	1	16
Izaiah Lottie	2	23	11.5	0	23
OJ Clark	2	13	6.5	0	8
Christian Gibson	1	12	12.0	0	12
Jared Wyatt	1	12	12.0	0	12
Caleb Mills	1	7	7.0	0	7
Andre Bodison	2	6	3.0	1	5
Terrell Warner	1	6	6.0	0	6
Jason Huntley	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
LIBERTY	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
CJ Yarbrough	2	41	20.5	0	31
Noah Frith	2	37	18.5	1	32
Antonio Gandy-Golden	4	29	7.3	0	11
DJ Stubbs	3	25	8.3	0	22
Demario Douglas	2	22	11.0	0	12
Johnny Huntley	2	10	5.0	0	8
Joshua Mack	1	5	5.0	0	5