SCOUTING THE BULLDOGS

Fresno State (3-2) came up short in the bid to reach the Mountain West Conference championship game last week, losing 37-28 against Nevada (8-1) in Fresno in a game featuring the league’s top two quarterbacks in the Wolf Pack’s Carson Strong and the Bulldogs’ Jake Haener. Haener put up big numbers against Nevada, throwing for 466 yards and two touchdowns on 41-56 passing with no interceptions, making TD. Haener is the top passer in the MWC when it comes to passing yards per game, 334.2, No. 5 in the nation, slightly ahead of Strong’s 332.4. Haener began his college career at the University of Washington before transferring to Fresno State last year. He went to high school at Moreno in Danville, California, in the Bay Area, which is about 2½ hours away from the Central Valley and Fresno.

Joey Noble 6-3 236 Sr.

FSU NOTES

>>> Fresno State’s Kalen DeBoer is one of the four active head coaches in the Mountain West Conference (2017-18). Fresno State began the season with a 34-19 loss to Hawaii before reeling off two games. The last time they had back-to-back losses was to Wyoming in 2018.

KALEN DEBOER

He’s 3-2 as an NCAA head coach, but he was 20-3 with three national titles at NAIA Sioux Falls from 2000-03.

DEFENSE

1. Kalen DeBoer

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DEFENSE

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TEAM LEADERS

OFFENSE

Running

Ronaia Rivers

Att 64

Yds 271

TD 7

Avg 4.1

PASSING

Jake Haener

Comp 130

Att 197

Int 1

Yds 1930

Avg 9.7

1ST DOWN RUSHING

Jake Haener

Att 84

Yds 283

Avg 3.4

TEAM LEADERS

DEFENSE

PASSING

Bradon Shook

Comp 150

Att 193

Int 0

Yds 2009

Avg 10.4

1ST DOWN PASSING

Bradon Shook

Comp 176

Att 219

Yds 1100

Avg 5.0

1ST DOWN INTERCEPTIONS

Bradon Shook

Yds 182

Avg 1.0

1ST DOWN INTERCEPTIONS

Bradon Shook

Yds 40

Avg 0.5

TEAM LEADERS

DEFENSE

UNM NOTES

>>> After Saturday, UNM will become the first team in Mountain West history to play a game schedule with no home games and no games in its state. UNM has been practicing at Sam Boyd Stadium in Las Vegas since Nov. 7, and will have played three neutral site games there. This week alone UNM faces three games starting after Nov. 7 in Las Vegas. The Lobos have had limited practice time, but they are scheduled to return to Albuquerque by Tuesday night after a round of testing that morning.

DANNY GONZALEZ

The Albuquerque native and University of New Mexico head coach announced Nov. 5 he is stepping down as UNM’s head coach of the Lobos.