

**2009 NEW MEXICO BOWL
WYOMING VS. FRESNO STATE
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TEAM

Wyoming wins the 4th annual New Mexico Bowl, 35-28, in double overtime. It marks the third straight year the trophy has been claimed by the Mountain West Conference representative.

Today's attendance was 24,898

Wyoming is now 6-6 all-time in bowl games...The Cowboys earn their first bowl victories since the 2004 season when they beat UCLA...Fresno State is now 11-11 in bowl games

Temperature at kickoff was 47 degrees, the warmest in the four years of the New Mexico Bowl

The Fresno State loss makes it the fourth straight year in which the team that won the El Pinto Chile Cookoff to open bowl week lost the game.

Wyoming rushed 50 times for a season-high 234 yards...their previous high was 48 carries for 246 yards against Weber State.

Wyoming's 15-play, 95-yard drive that took 7:14 in the second quarter is the longest for plays, yards and time in New Mexico Bowl history

Saturday marked the first time in New Mexico Bowl history the game has gone to overtime. The game was tied at half for the first ever.

The victory by Wyoming was its fifth fourth quarter comeback this season...The Cowboys

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INDIVIDUAL

Wyoming's Austyn Carta-Samuels was named the New Mexico Bowl Most Outstanding Offensive Player of the Game. Carta-Samuels was 17-for-31 with 3 Tds and 201 passing yards. He ran for 71 on 19 carries with a long of 18.

Fresno State WR Jamel Hamler caught 2 TD passes today to tie a New Mexico Bowl record...San Jose State's James Jones caught 2 against New Mexico in 2006

Wyoming's Mitch Unrein was named the New Mexico Bowl Most Outstanding Defensive Player of the Game. Unrein finished the game with six tackles, two sacks, two for loss and a forced fumble/recovery. Unrein tied the New Mexico Bowl record for sacks.

Fresno State junior RB Ryan Mathews rushed 31 times for 144 yards and 2 TDs...he came into the game as the nation's leading rusher at 151.3 yards per game.

The 68-yard TD run by Wyoming true freshman RB Alvester Alexander is the Cowboys' longest play from scrimmage this season...the previous long was a 54-yard pass from QB Austyn Carta-Samuels to RB Brandon Stewart against New Mexico.

Alexander rushed 12 times for a career-high 137 yards...his previous rushing high was 81 yards against Weber State...his 68 yarder was a career-long.

Wyoming FS Chris Prosinski had 10 tackles today, moving into fourth place on the school's single-season list with 140 tackles in 2009

Wyoming ILB Gabe Knapton had 11 tackles today, moving into eighth place on the school's single-season list with 128 tackles in 2009

Fresno State Ben Jacobs' blocked FG to end the second quarter is the 5th block of his career

Wyoming's David Leonard is tied for fourth all-time with 77 receptions. Leonard had seven catches for 60 yards and 2 TDs Saturday.