



## **Schedule Set for Lobo Classic**

*Lobos to host Jacksonville State, North Dakota State, and Northern Colorado in a 3-game round-robin MTE*

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**PRINCETON, N.J.** – The schedule is set for the 2022 Lobo Classic, which be hosted by New Mexico and include Jacksonville State, North Dakota State, and Northern Colorado.

The schedule for the event, which will be held entirely at The Pit, is as follows:

Friday, Nov. 25:

5:00pm – Jacksonville State vs. New Mexico

7:30pm – Northern Colorado vs. North Dakota State

Saturday, Nov. 26:

5:00pm – North Dakota State vs. New Mexico

7:30pm – Jacksonville State vs. Northern Colorado

Sunday, Nov. 27:

3:00pm – North Dakota State vs. Jacksonville State

5:30pm – Northern Colorado vs. New Mexico

All game times are Mountain time.

Under first-year head coach Richard Pitino in 2021-22, the Lobos more than doubled their win total from the previous year and moved up over 140 spots in the NET in posting 13 wins last season. In a 10-year head coaching career, Pitino has guided his teams to 172 wins, two NCAA Tournaments, and an NIT Championship.

A year ago, Jacksonville State went 21-11 and earned the ASUN Conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament in its first season as a member of the conference. In six years as head coach, Ray Harper has led the Gamecocks to 119 wins, two NCAAs, and a CBI semifinal in 2018.

North Dakota State posted a 23-10 mark a year ago, the eighth season under head coach Dave Richman. The Bison have won 158 games and have reached the Summit League tournament final six times in those eight years, winning three times to advance to the NCAAs.

In his second season as head coach at Northern Colorado, Steve Smiley guided the Bears to a 22-16 record while reaching the semifinals of the CBI. Prior to being named head coach, Smiley served as UNC's associate head coach and helped the Bears win 80 games in that span.

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