# NEVADA WOLF PACK 2023 FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

14 BOWL GAMES IN PAST 17 YEARS 14 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS 52 ALL-AMERICANS

#### TRACK THE PACK

#### TELEVISION/STREAM

**CBS Sports Network** 

- Rich Walz (Play-By-Play)
- Aaron Taylor (Analyst)
- Amanda Guerra (Sideline Analyst)

#### **ON RADIO**

Wolf Pack Radio Network - KOZZ 105.7 FM

- John Ramey (Play-By-Play)
- Mike Edwards (Analyst)
- Pregame show with the broadcast crew begins 60 minutes prior to kickoff ONLINE

#### NevadaWolfPack.com

• Live statistics & postgame coverage

#### **TWITTER**

- Official Twitter: @NevadaWolfPack
- Football Twitter: @NevadaFootball

#### **2023 SCHEDULE**

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Sept. 2	at USC (P12N)	L, 14-66
Sept. 9	Idaho (NSN/MWN)	L, 6-33
Sept. 16.	Kansas (CBSSN)	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	at Texas State (ESPN	l+) 4 p.m.
Sept. 30	at Fresno State* (Fo	x/FS1/FS2)TBA
Oct. 14	UNLV* (NSN/MWN	) 2 p.m.
Oct. 21	at San Diego State*	(Fox/FS1/FS2)TBA
Oct. 28	New Mexico* (CBS	SN)7:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	Hawai'i* (NSN)	1 p.m.
Nov. 11	at Utah State* (MWI	N)12 p.m.
Nov. 18	at Colorado State* (	MWN)12 p.m.
Nov. 25	Wyoming* (CBSSN	l) 6 p.m.
*Mounta	iin West game All tin	nes Pacific
All times	Pacific/subject to cho	ange

#### **MOUNTAIN WEST STANDINGS**

	Conf.	Pct.	Total	Pct.
Air Force	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000
Fresno State	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000
Wyoming	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000
San Diego State	0-0	.000	2-1	.667
New Mexico	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
UNLV	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
Utah State	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
Hawai'i	0-0	.000	1-2	.333
San José State	0-0	.000	1-2	.333
Colorado State	0-0	.000	0-1	.000
Boise State	0-0	.000	0-2	.000
Nevada	0-0	.000	0-2	.000

#### GAME NOTES | NEVADA VS KANSAS | GAME 3

Game Information			
Date:	Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023		
Kickoff:	7:30 p.m.		
Stadium:	Mackay Stadium		
Location:	Reno, Nev.		
Capacity:	30,000		
Surface:	FieldTurf		
Series:	First Meeting		
Last Meeting:	N/A		
TV:	CBS Sports Network		
Radio:	Wolf Pack Radio Network		
	.(Flagship: KOZZ 105.7 FM)		
Live Stats:	SIDEARM		

Nevada Wolf Pack
Record 0-2 /
Ranking (AP/Coaches)/
StreakL12
Last result L, 6-33 vs. Idaho
Head Coach Ken Wilson
Record at Nevada 2-12 (Second)

# VEVADA

#### 

Record at Kansas . 10-17 (Third)



#### **NEVADA TAKES ON KANSAS UNDER THE MACKAY LIGHTS**

Nevada (0-2) hosts its first game of 2023 under the Mackay Stadium lights Saturday, as Kansas (2-0) comes to town for a 7:30 p.m. kick. The contest will air in CBS Sports Network with Rich Walz (play-by-play) and Aaron Taylor (analyst) on the call, and Amanda Guerra reporting from the sidelines.

The Wolf Pack Radio Network will call the game on KOZZ 105.7 FM in Northern Nevada, and online at www.thevarsitynetwork.com and on the Varsity Network app, available for download in both the Apple and Google Play app stores. John Ramey (play-by-play) and Mike Edwards (analyst) will be in the booth, with the 60-minute pregame show to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Ì	NEVADA DEPTH C	1 1	DT US VANSAS
LT	70 Isaiah World 6-8 303 R-So.		111Marcel Walker-Burgess 6-3 230 Jr.
-"		KUSF	463 Eli'jah Winston6324567
	64Kai Arneson6-7309 R-Jr.	DT	,
LG	56 Zac Welch 6-4 296R-Sr.	יטן	<b>52 Dwight Togiola6-3 250 R-So.</b> 54 Sosefo Moeaki6-1280
	52Tyson Ruffins6-26-7Fr.		
c	78 Andrew Madrigal 6-4 295 R-So.	NT	91 James Hansen6-2 307 R-Sr. 92 Dion Washington6-3288 R-So.
	55Joey Capra6-4301R-Sr.	DE	0Henry lkahihifo6-3 2605Y
RG	54 Josh Grabowski 6-3 290 R-So.	"	66 Thomas Witte6-2238R-Jr.
	68Jacob Nunez6-36-3275 R-Jr.		95 Jonathan Maldonado.6-6 223 R-Fr.
RT	62 Frank Poso 6-5 335 Sr.		L 36 Tongiaki Mateialona6-1 222 Sr.
	71Josiah Timoteo6-4300Fr.	****	42 Jackson LaDuke6-3240R-Jr.
-or-	77John Bolles6-56-5275 R-Jr.	MIK	E 32 Drue Watts6-0 221 R-So.
1 -		*****	9 Davion Blackwell6-1215R-Jr.
WK-X	( 5 Dalevon Campbell 6-4R-Sr.	NICK	1.8Tre Weed6-0 1906Y
	14John Jackson III6-1215 6Y	INCA	1 Caine Savage5-111825r.
WR-A	A 3 Jamaal Bell 5-10 171 Sr.	СВ	2 Isaiah Essissima5-10. 177 5Y
	16-16-16-1 6Y		6Jaden Dedman5-10. 1756Y
TE-Y	81 Keleki Latu 6-7 230Jr.	BS	46 Aedan Seiuli6-3 206 R-So.
	85Cameron Zeidler6-4225R-Fr.	ادعا	5 Emany Johnson6-22166Y
WR-Z	18 Spencer Curtis 5-11 182R-Sr.	FS	23 Richard Toney Jr6-0 189 R-So.
	9Marshaun Brown6-4195Fr.	' '	13 Ezekiel Robbins5-11 187 Sr.
RB	4 Sean Dollars 5-10 195R-Sr.	СВ	10 KK Meier6-1 186R-Fr.
-or-			3 Michael Coats Jr6-0189 Sr.
1	26 Ashton Hayes 6-0 200 So.	P	48Matt Freem6-0 1906Y
QB	2 Brendon Lewis 6-2 215 R-Jr.	ı.	43 Brandon Talton5-9 1855Y
	10AJ Bianco6-4215R-Fr.	^	וס 103 ו Initialium ווסומות ווס
1		ı	



## **2023 NEVADA WOLF PACK FOOTBALL — MEDIA INFORMATION**



#### **QUICK FACTS**

Location	Reno, Nev.
Founded	1874
Enrollment	21,657
Nickname	Wolf Pack (two words)
Colors	Navy Blue & Silver
Conference	Mountain West
President	Brian Sandoval
Director of Athletics	Stephanie Rempe
Athletic Dept. Phone	(775) 784-6900
Stadium	Mackay Stadium
Capacity (Surface)	30,000 (FieldTurf)
Press Box Phone	(775) 784-6545
Head Coach Ken Wilsor	n (North Central College '86)
Career Record	2-12 (Second season)

#### Football Information

2022 Record	2-10 Overall, 0-8 MW
Basic Offense; Defense	Multiple, Multiple
Starters Ret. (Off/Def/Kickers)	17 (8/7/2)
Lettermen Ret	44
First Year of Football	1896
All-Time Record	575-514-33
All-Time FBS Record	199-178
All-Time Mountain West Record	41-47
Bowl Appearances	19
Last Bowl Game	2021 Quick Lane Bowl

#### Coaching Staff

#### Support Staff

Sr. Dir. of Football Admin. & Operations
Dir. of Football Operations
Dir. of Recruiting
Sports Medicine
Head Football Equipment Manager
Asst. AD, Academics
Sport Administrator
Administrative Assistant

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Aaron Juarez	Asst. AD, Strat. Communications
E-mail	aaronjuarez@unr.edu
Cell	208-982-0040

# collegepressbox

collegepressbox is the official media website for Division I football. Access and download game notes, quotes, statistics, media guides, headshots, logos and more for all FBS schools, conferences, postseason games, awards and the College Football Playoff. For access, please register for an account at collegepressbox.com/register.

#### INTERVIEW POLICY

All interview arrangements must be made through the Nevada Communications office. Please check with the athletic communications office for any changes to the weekly schedule, including practice times.

Coach Ken Wilson will be available on a weekly basis at a press conference on Mondays at 2 p.m., located in Presidents 4 inside Lawlor Events Center.

Generally, the Nevada Communications office will live-stream the Monday press conference via the Mountain West Network (www.themw.com/watch) and archives will be available shortly after the conclusion of the press conference.

Requests for student-athletes for the post-practice interviews during the week must be submitted no later than 3 p.m. on Sundays to the Nevada Communications office.

Post-practice interviews take place at Wolf Pack Park Tuesdays (Offense) and Wednesdays (Defense).

#### **C**REDENTIALS

All requests for media access at Mackay Stadium, and seating in the Mackay Stadium press box, must be made by 5 p.m. two days before gameday. Please submit to Aaron Juarez (aaronjuarez@unr. edu). Those receiving accommodation will be notified later that evening.

#### LIVE STATISTICS

In-game statistics will be provided by Sidearm Stats this season, and will be available to the media during games at the following link: www.nevadawolfpack.com/sidearmstats/football/summary

#### CollegePressBox.Com

Collegepressbox.com is the official media website for Division I football. Access and download game notes, quotes, statistics, media guides, headshots, logos, and more for all FBS schools, conferences, postseason games, awards, and the College Football Playoff. For access, please register for an account at collegepressbox.com/register.

#### WEEKLY RADIO SHOW

Ken Wilson's weekly radio show with John Ramey is live on Thursdays from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at Brew Brothers, located inside the Eldorado Casino Hotel & Casino, during the season. It is available in Northern Nevada on KHIT 94.5, 1450 AM, and the Varsity Network app.

#### POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

In general, no coaches or student-athletes are available to media on the field or en route to the locker room, with the exception of the live, originating television broadcast if pre-arranged. Nevada's locker room is closed to the media.

Interview requests should be submitted to Aaron Juarez of the Nevada Communications office no later than the five-minute mark of the fourth quarter. Assistant coaches are not available after games. Generally, the Nevada Communications office will live-stream postgame press conferences following home games via the Mountain West Network and archives will be available shortly after the conclusion of the press conference.

Postgame press conferences for home contests will take place in the Cashell Fieldhouse weight room, with head coach Ken Wilson and selected players. Postgame pressers for road contests will be subject to the current protocols of the game location. Please submit interview requests to Aaron Juarez via text (208-982-0040) no later than the five-minute mark of the fourth guarter.

#### MEDIA WORK AREA

The Paul R. Stuart Press Box in Mackay Stadium has wireless, ethernet and phone lines available during the game and after the conclusion of each game.

#### **P**ARKING

Media parking permits for gameday are available via the Nevada Communications Office are generally for level two of the West Stadium Parking Complex. Local television satellite trucks have designated parking near the main (southwest) entrance to the stadium. These trucks must be in place at least two hours before game time and cannot leave while crowds are present outside the stadium.

#### POSTGAME ESCORT

For all media members covering the Wolf Pack this season who would like to be escorted back to their vehicle when leaving Mackay Stadium, please contact Aaron Juarez.

#### CLEAR BAG POLICY

The University of Nevada, in an effort to provide a safer environment for the public and to expedite entry into the athletic venues, has implemented a new policy limiting the size and type of bag allowed for all events.

#### Approved Bags:

- Clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC tote bags that do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12"
- One-gallon clear plastic storage bags
  - Small Clutch Purses 4.5" X 6.5" or smaller

Exceptions: An exception will be made for medically necessary items and diaper bags after proper inspection. These bags will be tagged to inform venue security that the bag has been cleared by the gate inspection member and to limit any disturbance to the patron once inside the stadium. Accredited media may bring bags for working purposes into the facility but must enter at the press box elevator or gate 2 on the west side of the stadium and make bags available for search.





#### **HEAD COACH KEN WILSON (@CoachKWils)**



Ken Wilson enters his second season as Nevada Football head coach in 2023.

In Wilson's first campaign at the Wolf Pack helm, Nevada's defense made an impressive impact, ranking in the FBS top half nationally in multiple statistical categories. Putting a strong emphasis on takeaways, the Wolf Pack made 19 in 2023, with 11 interceptions and eight fumble recoveries, the latter ranking second among all Mountain West teams. Takeaways played a major role in the Wolf Pack's first two contests of the season, as Nevada made five in the season-opening win at New Mexico State, and four more in the following week's 38-14 victory over Texas State.

The Pack defense also ranked in the national top 50 in red-zone defense (47th) and tackles-for-loss (43rd, 6.3 per game).

Seven members of the Wolf Pack earned All-Mountain West honors in 2022, headlined by safety Bentlee Sanders baing named to the First Team. Of the seven honorees, four came from the defensive side, including ;defensive tackle Dom Peterson's second-team nod.

Two members of the Wolf Pack defense were recognized nationally in 2022, with Sanders claiming a spot on the Associated Press Midseason All-America Team, and redshirt freshman linebacker Drue Watts being named to the College Football News (CFN) All-America Third Team.

Wilson possesses over three decades of coaching experience, including 19 previous years on the Nevada staff (1989-98, 2004-12), which included five seasons as associate head coach (2008-12) and four as defensive coordinator (1996-98, 2007).

Wilson also coached the defensive line, linebackers, and safeties, during his time at Nevada. During his coaching tenures, the Wolf Pack reached a bowl game 11 times, including each of his last eight seasons, and captured two Western Athletic Conference titles (2005, 2010), five Big West Conference championships (1992, 1994-97), and two Big Sky Conference titles (1990-91) with Wilson on staff.

Wilson spent six seasons working with Ault from 1989-92 and 1994-95. He was also an assistant coach for Jeff Horton in 1993 and Jeff Tisdel from 1996-98, spending those final three seasons as defensive coordinator. As the nation's youngest Division I (now FBS) defensive coordinator, he directed Nevada's 1996 defense to the top of the conference in every defensive category and was part of the Las Vegas Bowl victory over Ball State.

He spent four years (1999-2003) in the Nevada administration, serving as Assistant Athletics Director, Sports Services, under then-athletic director Chris Ault. He oversaw football, men's basketball, baseball, track and tennis while coordinating grant-in-aid for all student-athletes in Nevada's 19-sport athletic program.

Wilson returned to the Mackay Stadium sidelines in 2004 when Ault returned to the football program's helm.

In 2009, Wilson coached the Wolf Pack linebackers and oversaw the development of a youthful group that included second-team All-WAC selection James-Michael Johnson, who went on to be taken by the Cleveland Browns in the fourth round of the 2012 NFL Draft. In 2008, he coached a pair of future NFL linebackers in Jushua Mauga (New York Jets & Kansas City Chiefs) and Jerome Johnson (St. Louis Rams).

In his final season at Nevada in 2012, Wilson helped senior Albert Rosette successfully move back to middle linebacker after playing defensive end the year prior. Rosette went on to lead the Mountain West Conference - Nevada's first year in the league - with 135 tackles, good for the third-most in program single-season history and earned first-team All-Mountain West Conference recognition.

The Wilson family's ties to Nevada run deep. Wilson and his wife, Heather, have a son, Tyler, who was a long snapper for the Wolf Pack from 2012-14, a daughter-in-law, Makenzie, and a daughter, Baylie.

Wilson served as co-defensive coordinator and inside linebackers coach from 2019-21 at Oregon. Over his coaching career, Wilson has been a part of 18 teams that have advanced to a bowl game, including 15 of the last 16 years.

Oregon's Pac-12 championship in 2020, its second in a row, was the 11th conference title Wilson has been a part of during his coaching career.

Wilson added co-defensive coordinator to his duties after helping Oregon to back-to-back Pac-12 Conference titles in his first two years on staff.

In 2020, Wilson helped the Ducks to a conference title with the defensive putting together a dominant performance in the Pac-12 Championship game, holding No. 13 USC to just 38 rushing yards on 28 carries (1.4 yards per carry) in a 31-24 win. Wilson's linebackers – Mase Funa, Noah Sewell, and Isaac Slade-Matautia – played a huge part in the win combining 17 tackles and a tackle for loss.

In Wilson's first season at Oregon, the Ducks' defense led Oregon to a Pac-12 Conference title, a win in the Rose Bowl, and a 12-2 overall record while ranking among the nation's elite units.

#### THE WILSON FILE

COACHING EXPERIENCE			
2022-Pr	Nevada	Head Coach	
2021	Oregon	Co-DC/Inside LBs	
2019-20	Oregon	LBs	
2013-18	Washington	StateLBs	
2008-09, 1	12Nevada	Assoc. HC/LBs	
2010-11	Nevada	Assoc. HC/DEs	
2007	Nevada	DC/Safeties	
2004-06	Nevada	Asst. HC/LBs	
1996-98	Nevada	DC/Inside LBs	
1991-95	Nevada	Inside LBs	
1989-90	Nevada	Outside LBs/DEs	
1987-88	New Mexico	Graduate Asst.	
1988	North Centr	al College (III.)	
		Graduate Asst.	

#### **EDUCATION**

B.A., North Central College, 1986

#### **RECORD AT NEVADA**

				411	
Year	W-L	Conf.	Place	Bowl	
2023*	0-2	0-0			
2022*	2-10	0-8	6th		
2012	1-6	4-4	5th	L	
2011	7-6	5-2	T-2nd	L	
2010	13-1	7-1	T-1st	W	
2009	8-5	7-1	2nd	L	
2008	7-6	5-3	T-2nd	L	
2007	6-7	4-4	T-3rd	L	
2006	8-5	5-3	T-3rd	L	
2005	9-3	7-1	T-1st	W	
2004	5-7	3-5	T-6th		
1998	6-5	3-2	2nd		
1997	5-6	4-1	T-1st		
1996	9-3	4-1	T-1st	W	
1995	9-3	6-0	1st	L	
1994	9-4	5-1	T-1st		
1993	11-4	4-2	3rd		
1992	7-5	5-1	1st	L	
1991	12-1	8-0	1st		
1990	13-2	9-1	1st		
1989	7-4	5-3	3rd		
* Head	Coach (	2022-ni	resent)		
* Head Coach (2022-present)					
(ASSIST	(Assistant coach from 1989-98, 2004-12)				

Overall.. 160-96 (21st season)

......2-12 as head coach, 158-84 as assistant Conference.. 100-44

......0-8 as head coach, 100-37 as assistant

- Nine conference titles • 3 Big Sky (1990-92)
  - 4 Big West (1994-97)
- 2 WAC (2005, 2010)





#### NEVADA STAT RANKINGS (MW/FBS)

NEVADA STAT	NANKINGS (MW/FDS)
STATISTIC	NEV (MW/FBS)
Total Off	313.0 (11/117)
Rushing Off	83.5 (10/117)
Passing Off	229.5 (5/74)
Scoring Off	10.0 (12/127)
Total Def	565.5 (12/131)
Rushing Def	182.5 (12/114)
Passing Def	383.0 (11/130)
Scoring Def	49.5 (11/129)
Takeaways	2 (5/73)
Turnover Margin	1.00 (11/103)
3rd Down Conv	30.3 (12/115)
4th Down Conv	
3rd Down Def. Conv	27.8 (2/24)
4th Down Def. Conv	100.0 (12/120)
First Downs Off	26 (11/127)
First Downs Def	46 (6/100)
Red Zone Off	50.0 (12/128)
Red Zone Def	91.7 (12/90)
Sacks Per Game	2.0 (6/63)
TFL Per Game	5.0 (7/83)
Interceptions	0 (-)
Fumbles Recovered	2 (1/16)
Net Punting	37.1 (9/97)
Punt Returns/Avg	0.00 (9/105)
Punt Return Def	12.0 (7/109)
Kickoff Returns/Avg	
Kickoff Return Def	
Fewest Penalty YPG	
TOP/PG	31:00 (7/51)

#### **SERIES HISTORY**

#### First Meeting

- Nevada record at home: N/A
- Nevada record away: N/A
- Current streak: N/A

#### Last matchup:

First Meeting

GAME NOTES	NEVADA VS KANSAS	GAME 3
------------	------------------	--------

GAME NOTES   NEVAD	A VS KANSAS   GAME 3
NEVADA WOLF PACK (0-2)	KANSAS JAYHAWKS (2-0)
Location:Reno, Nev.	Location:Lawrence, Kan.
Founded:1874	Founded: 1865
Enrollment: 20,945	Enrollment:26,780
Conf.:Mountain West	Conf.:Big XII
Ranking (AP/Coaches):/-	Ranking (AP/Coaches):/-
All-Time Record:575-514-33	Head Coach: Lance Leipold
Bowl Appearances:19 (7-12)	at Kansas10-17 (Third season)
Head Coach:Ken Wilson	Career Record:156-56
at Nevada: 2-12 (Second season)	2022 Record:6-7 (3-6 Big XII)
Career Record:Same	
2022 Record:2-10 (0-8 MW)	
2023 SCHEDULE (PT)	2023 SCHEDULE (PT)
9/2 at USCL, 14-66	9/1 W, 48-17
9/9L, 6-33	9/8W, 34-23
9/167:30 p.m.	9/16 at Nevada7:30 p.m.
9/23 at Texas State4 p.m.	9/23 BYUTBA
9/30 at Fresno StateTBA	9/30 at TexasTBA
10/14 UNLV 2 p.m.	10/7TBA
10/21 at San Diego StateTBA	10/14 at Oklahoma StateTBA
10/28 NEW MEXICO 7:30 p.m.	10/28OKLAHOMATBA
11/41 p.m.	11/4 at Iowa StateTBA
11/11 at Utah State12 p.m.	11/11TEXAS TECHTBA
11/18 at Colorado State12 p.m.	11/18KANSAS STATETBA
11/25 WYOMING 6 p.m.	11/25 at CincinnatiTBA
STATISTICAL LEADERS	STATISTICAL LEADERS
Passing	Passing
NameYDSTD	NameC-ATT-INTYDSTD
	Jalon Daniels 21-29-12772
AJ Bianco 12-19-1 173	Jason Bean 22-28-02762
Rushing	Rushing
	NAMEATT YDSAVGTD
Sean Dollars 18 814.51	Devin Neal 23 214 9.3
Ashton Hayes . 15 27 1.80	Daniel Hishaw. 16 127 7.92
Receiving	   Receiving
	NAMENOYDSAVGTD
Jamaal Bell 16 188 11.81	Lawrence Arnold 9 166 18.40
Sean Dollars 5 47 9.4	Luke Grimm 7 102 14.6
John Jackson III 5 72 14.40	Devin Neal7
Defensive	Defensive
NAME TKLS TFL FF/FR INT	NAMETKLS TFL FF/FR INT
Tongiaki Mateialona 10 2.0 1/0	Hayden Hatcher 10 2.5 0/0 0
Emany Johnson . 8 1.0 0/00	JB Brown 10 3.0 0/0
Emany Johnson . 8 1.0 0/0	JB Brown 10 3.0 0/0

#### **SERIES HISTORY**

Saturday's meeting between Nevada and Kansas will be the first between the schools. Last year, the teams announced a home-and-home series, with the Jayhawks coming to Reno for Saturday's contest, and the Wolf Pack returning the favor with a trip to Lawrence in 2029.

#### **ABOUT KANSAS**

Kansas (2-0) has opened the season with a pair of wins under third-year head coach Lance Leipold. The Jayhawks reached the postseason last season for the first time since 2008, and this year are led by quarterbacks Jalon Daniels and Jason Bean, while Devin Neal leads the ground attack with 214 rushing yards and two touchdowns.





#### LAST TIME OUT

Nevada dropped its home opener, 33-6, to Idaho last Saturday afternoon. The Pack trailed 7-3 early, but squandered two early chances to take the lead. Nevada forced a fumble and took over at the Idaho 43 on its second possession, but went three-andout, then, after forcing a Vandal punt, drove to the Idaho 18 before the drive came to an end with an interception.

Brandon Talton hit two field goals to account for the Nevada points, while linebacker Drue Watts recovered his second fumble in as many games.

The loss snapped a Nevada streak of five-straight wins in home openers, and is just the second loss in a home opener for the Pack since 2012.

#### THINGS GOT A LITTLE WILD LAST TIME...

Kansas will be the first team from one of the "Autonomous Five" conferences to visit Mackay Stadium since the memorable 34-31 Nevada victory over Purdue in the 2019 opener (Aug. 31, 2019).

There's even a connection to that 2019 game with Kansas' visit--current Jayhawk safety Marvin Grant saw action for Purdue in that contest. That night, Nevada, trailing 31-14 with 6:19 left in the third quarter, scored the final 20 points, capped by thenfreshman Brandon Talton's career-long 56-yard field goal on the game's final play.

#### **FACING THE BIG XII**

Saturday's game against Kansas will mark the Wolf Pack's second game against a Big XII foe in three seasons--Nevada dropped a 38-17 decision at Kansas State in 2021.

The Jayhawks are the first Big XII team to come to Reno (as a member of the Big XII at the time of visit) since Missouri back on Sept. 25, 2009. In that visit, the Tigers defeated the Wolf Pack, 31-21.

Nevada is 0-7 all-time against the Big XII since moving up to Division I (now FBS) in 1992.

#### **BELL ON PACE FOR CAREER YEAR**

Wide receiver/kick returner Jamaal Bell is well on his way to a career year receiving through just two games in 2023. Bell has caught eight balls in each of the first two contests, with his 16 receptions going for 188 yards and a score.

The 2022 season was Bell's best in both categories, as he hauled in 28 passes for 279 yards. His 2023 campaign got off to a big start Sept. 2 at No. 6/6 USC, when he posted career highs of eight catches and 121 yards with a 77-yard touchdown reception.

#### **RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME (AGAIN)**

Linebacker Drue Watts once again found himself in the right place at the right time Saturday against Idaho, recovering his second fumble of the season. Watts has now fallen on a loose football in each of the Pack's first two contests, after picking off a pass in last year's finale at UNLV.

#### **JACKSON III GETTING A CHANCE**

Wide receiver John Jackson III transferred to Nevada for his final season after playing four seasons, mostly on special teams, at USC. Through two games this season, Jackson III has caught five passes for 72 yards, the reception total equaling his USC output. The Redondo Beach, Calif., native has quickly made himself a target for Wolf Pack quarterbacks, ranking tied for second in receptions on the team.

#### **NEVADA WHEN ...** Under 2023 Wilson At home.......1-6 On road..................0-1 ...........1-6 In overtime......0-0 Coming off a loss......0-10 Coming off a win.....1-1 Coming off a bye......0-0 .....0-2 On grass field......0-1 On artificial surface ......2-11 Playing a Top 25-ranked team...... 0-1 ...... 0-1 Playing during day ......1-4 Playing at night (After 5 p.m.)....... 0-0 .......... 1-8 When on TV.....2-10 -ESPN2 ...... 0-0 ......1-0 -CBS Sports Network ...... 0-0 ...... 0-4 -NSN...... 0-1 ...... 1-2 -Spectrum Sports......0-0 ......0-1 -Other......0-0 ......0-1 -Pac-12 Network......0-1 .....0-1 -B1G Network......0-0 ......0-1 Scoring first ...... 0-0 ...... 1-3 Opponent scores first...... 0-2 ...... 1-9 Leading after first......1-4 Trailing after first ......0-8 Tied after first ......1-0 Leading at halftime......2-1 Trailing at halftime ......0-11 Tied at halftime......0-0 Leading after third......2-1 Trailing after third ......0-10 Tied after third ......0-1 Leading in rushing yards......0-0 .....2-2 Opponent leads in rushing ...... 0-2 ......0-10 Producing a 100-yard rusher ........ 0-0 ....... 1-3 Allowing a 100-yard rusher......0-0 .....0-6 Leading in passing yards......0-0 .....0-5 Opponents leads in passing ...... 0-2 ...... 2-7 Producing a 300-yard passer ......... 0-0 ......... 0-1 Allowing a 300-yard passer...... 0-2 ...... 0-5 Leading in total yards......0-0 .....0-2 Opponent leads in total yards...... 0-2 ......2-10 More takeaways...... 0-0 ...... 2-1 Less takeaways......0-6 Tied in takeaways......0-5 Winning time of possession...... 0-1 ...... 1-6 Committing more penalties ...... 0-0 ...... 0-2 Committing fewer penalties......... 0-1 ........ 2-8 Committing the same # of penalties.. 0-1 ...... 0-2 Game decided by 1-3 points ....... 0-0 ...... 0-1 Game decided by 4-7 points ....... 0-0 ...... 0-2 Game decided by more than 7 pts . 0-2 ......2-9 Scoring 0-19 points......0-8 Scoring 20-29 points ...... 0-0 ..... 1-3 Scoring 30-39 points ...... 0-0 ..... 1-0 Scoring 40-plus points......0-0 .....0-1 Allowing 0-19 points ......2-1 Allowing 20-29 points......0-0 .....0-3 Allowing 30-39 points......0-1 .....0-3 Allowing 40-plus points ...... 0-1 ..... 0-5 Scoring a TD via defense/ST......0-0 ......1-0 Allowing a TD via defense/ST...... 0-1 ...... 0-5 Uniforms (Helmet/Jersey/Pants) • White/White/White ...... 0-0 ...... 1-1 Blue/Blue/Silver ..... 0-1 ..... 1-2 • Blue/Blue/Blue ......0-1 Blue/White/Blue ......0-1 .....0-2 White/White/Silver ..... 0-0 ..... 0-1 • Silver/Black/Black......0-0 .....0-1 • Blue/Blue/White ......0-0 ......0-1 Silver/Blue/Silver.....0-0 .....0-1

• Blue/Black/Black......0-0 ......0-1





#### **LOCAL PACK MEMBERS**

#### Wolf Pack members from Northern Nevada High Schools (By School)

#### **Bishop Manogue (Reno)**

Marshaun Brown (WR) Donoven DeRicco (DB) Malcolm McClure (LB) Christo Viloria (WR)

#### Damonte Ranch (Reno)

Cade Rodahaffer (DL)

#### McQueen (Reno)

Ashton Hayes (RB) Shawn Klingler (OL) Jayden LaGrone (LB)

#### North Valleys (Reno)

Cameron Zeidler (TE)

#### Reno (Reno)

Cole Feinauer (OL)

#### **Excel Christian (Sparks)**

Jeshua Fixel (RB)

#### Reed (Sparks)

Elijah Acklin (DB) Spencer Firebaugh (RB)

#### **Spanish Springs (Sparks)**

Dorian Blackwell (CB) Jackson LaDuke (LB)

#### Douglas (Minden)

Chris Smalley (LB)

#### Elko (Elko)

Andoni Fesenmaier (DL)

#### MATEIALONA IN THE BACKFIELD AGAIN

Linebacker Tongiaki Mateialona recorded his second tackle-for-loss in as many games this past Saturday against Idaho. Mateialona, Nevada's leading tackler with 10 so far in 2023, opened his 2023 campaign with an impressive performance at No. 6/6 USC. The team's second-leading returning tackler from a season ago (53 tackles, 3.5 TFL, 2.0 sacks in 2022), Mateialona shared the Pack lead with six tackles in Los Angeles, including a strip-sack of Caleb Williams.

#### **LOCAL GUYS GETTING SOME RUN**

Last Saturday's contest against Idaho featured highlighted efforts from some former Northern Nevada prep standouts in running back Ashton Hayes (McQueen HS), linebacker Jackson LaDuke (Spanish Springs HS), and rush end Chris Smalley (Douglas HS). Hayes had eight touches (six carries, one catch, one kick return), while LaDuke made a tackle-for-loss among his four tackles on the day, and Smalley had three tackles and returned a short kickoff 13 yards.

#### TALTON ENTERS FINAL SEASON OF CELEBRATED CAREER

Fifth-year kicker Brandon Talton enters his final season intent on reminding many around the Mountain West of his status as one of the top kickers on the West Coast. Talton, named to two preseason watch lists this summer (Lou Groza Award, Comeback Player of the Year Award), is the Mountain West's all-time leader in field goals made (70).

Talton, named to the Lou Groza Award watch list for the fifth time this past July, hit from 29 and 44 yards in his two attempts Saturday against Idaho, bringing his career total to 70 and tying Tony Zendejas for second all-time at Nevada. Talton needs just three more field goals to eclipse Marty Zendejas' Nevada career record of 72.

Talton also ranks third in kick scoring with 334 points. He is one of just eight players, including four kickers, in Nevada history to have 300 career points.

#### **CAREER KICK SCORING (at Nevada)**

1.	Marty Zendejas, 1984-87	385
2.	Brett Jaekle, 2005-08	361
3.	Brandon Talton, 2019-Pr.	334
4.	Tony Zendejas, 1981-83	300
5.	Brent Zuzo, 2013-16	277
6.	Damon Shea, 1995-97	274
7.	Damon Fine, 2001-04	213
8.	Fernando Serrano, 1977-79	193
9.	Charlie Lee, 1972-75	175
10.	Kevin McKelvie, 1989-90	158

#### CAREER FIELD GOALS MADE (at Nevada)

1.	Marty Zendejas, 1984-87	72 of 90
2.	Tony Zendejas, 1981-83	70 of 86
3.	Brandon Talton, 2019-Pr.	70 of 85
4.	Brett Jaekle, 2005-08	50 of 64
5. l	Damon Fine, 2001-04	50 of 75
6.	Brent Zuzo, 2013-16	49 of 62
7.	Damon Shea, 1995-96	41 of 52
8.	Kevin McKelvie, 1989-90	33 of 42
9.	Fernando Serrano, 1977-79	29 of 54
	Charlie Lee, 1972-75	29 of 55





#### **BELL CLOSING IN ON KICK RETURN RECORDS**

Another member of the Wolf Pack closing in on some all-time program records this season is wide receiver/kick returner Jamaal Bell. The 2021 All-Mountain West Honorable Mention selection at kick returner entered 2023 with 56 career kick returns and 1,273 kick-return yards, both in the Nevada career top five. The below columns show Bell's current standing on each top-five list:

#### **CAREER KICK RETURNS (at Nevada)**

1.	Mike Ball, 2009-11	70
	Kendall Brock, 2011-14	70
3.	Elijah Mitchell, 2013-16	62
4.	Jamaal Bell, 2020-Pr.	59
5.	Paul Williams, 1975-77	55

#### **CAREER KICK RETURN YARDS (at Nevada)**

5.	Jamaal Bell, 2020-Pr.	1,325
4.	Paul Williams, 1975-77	1,339
3.	Kendall Brock, 2011-14	1,503
2.	Elijah Mitchell, 2013-16	1,512
1.	Mike Ball, 2009-11	1,695

#### LOCAL FLAIR TO THE PACK ROSTER

Among the numerous values head coach Ken Wilson promotes in the Nevada Football program is its local connections. To that end, the Wolf Pack roster features 17 players from Northern Nevada high schools. See the table on page six of the game notes for the entire list of players, by school.

#### PLENTY OF PAC-12 ON THE NEVADA ROSTER

Along with the Pac-12 ties on the Nevada coaching staff, the Wolf Pack roster features 17 players who have previously been on Pac-12 rosters. Among that number, eight joined the Pack since the end of the 2022 campaign. In total, the 17 Pac-12 transfers represent seven schools from the conference: Oregon (7), California (4), USC (2), Arizona State (1), Colorado (1), Oregon State (1), Utah (1).

Linebacker Eli'jah Winston and wide receiver John Jackson III are the former Trojans with the Wolf Pack, with Winston entering his second season in Reno after recording 14 tackles, 2.5 TFL, and 2.0 sacks over nine games in 2022.

#### **EXPERIENCED DEFENSE READY TO SHINE**

The Nevada defense features an impressive amount of experience and production returning in 2023. The Pack D is led by a deep inside linebacker unit which features All-Mountain West Honorable Mention Drue Watts (57 tackles, 9.0 TFL, 3.0 sacks, one INT), fifth-year Tongiake Mateialona (53 tackles, 3.5 TFL, 2.0 sacks), redshirt junior Davion Blackwell (seven tackles, 0.5 TFL), and Oregon transfer Jackson LaDuke.

The secondary features returning starting corners in Isaiah Essissima (35 tackles, two INT, nine PBU in 2022) and Jaden Dedman (50 tackles, 3.5 TFL, eight PBU), with Aedan Seiuli, Emany Johnson, Richard Toney Jr., and Ezekiel Robbins all returning in the safeties unit.

Up front, James Hansen (19 tackles, 3.0 TFL, 1.0 sack) and Dwight Togiola (10 tackles, 3.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks) lead a unit that also features Cal transfer Henry Ikahihifo, who played his first two seasons (2019-20) as a tight end at Nevada. Marcel Walker-Burgess (24 tackles, 5.0 TFL, 1.0 sack), Eli'jah Winston (14 tackles, 2.5 TFL, 2.0 sacks, one INT), and Chris Smalley (11 tackles, one FR) provide a deep rush end position.

# 

#### OVERTIME

Nevada is 8-8 all-time in its FBS history when it comes to overtime games. The school's history in overtime games includes being part of the first-ever overtime game in FBS (I-A) history – the 1995 Las Vegas Bowl.

#### Nevada's Overtime History (FBS)





#### CAREER ACTIVE LEADERS

CARLLA ACTIVE BEADERS
Offense
Rushing yards
Sean Dollars81
Cross Patton
Westey Rommer
Rushing attempts
Cross Patton19
Sean Dollars18
Ashton Hayes
Wesley Kommer15
Rushing touchdowns
Sean Dollars1
Passing attempts Shane Illingworth145
Brendon Lewis53
AJ Bianco19
Passing completions
Shane Illingworth84
Brendon Lewis31
AJ Bianco12
Passing yards
Shane Illingworth761
Brendon Lewis286
AJ Bianco 173
Passing touchdowns
Shane Illingworth2
AJ Bianco1
Receiving yards
Jamaal Bell623
Dalevon Campbell
Spencer Curtis331
Receptions
Jamaal Bell61
Dalevon Campbell41
Spencer Curtis22
Receiving touchdowns
Jamaal Bell3
Dalevon Campbell1
Spencer Curtis1
Total offense Shane Illingworth704
Brendon Lewis
DICTIONT ECWIS
All-purpose yards
Jamaal Bell1,955
Dalevon Campbell484
Total points scored
Brandon Talton
Matthew Killam19
Jamaal Bell18
5: 116 1 10 1
Field Goals Made
Brandon Talton
Tractical Milati
Total touchdowns accounted for
Jamaal Bell2
Dalevon Campbell1
Spencer Curtis1
*Nevada stats only
,

#### A STINGY, GREEDY GROUP

Nevada's defense created 19 takeaways (11 INT, eight fumble recoveries) in 2022, with 11 of those leading directly to Wolf Pack points. The Pack has already made two takeaways this season, with linebacker Drue Watts recovering a fumble in each of the first two games.

#### **NEW-LOOK BACKFIELD**

The Nevada offense is expected to have a familiar look up front and out wide, but the backfield will feature new faces, and all formerly from Pac-12 schools in quarterback Brendon Lewis (Colorado) and running backs Sean Dollars (Oregon) and Ashton Hayes (California).

Lewis joined the Wolf Pack in January and is primed for his Nevada debut in 2023. Prior to coming to Reno, Lewis spent the 2020-22 seasons at Colorado. He made his collegiate debut at the 2020 Alamo Bowl, going 6-for-10 passing for 95 yards and running nine times for 73 yards, including a 44-yard score. He started all 12 games for Colorado in 2021, finishing the season with 1,540 yards on 149-for-257 passing with 10 touchdowns against just three interceptions. Lewis redshirted the 2022 campaign, appearing in just two games, including starting the season opener against TCU.

Dollars will make his Nevada debut this fall after transferring from Oregon, where he rushed for 188 yards and a touchdown, and made 16 catches for 143 yards in 2022. With the Ducks from 2019-22, Dollars ran for 326 yards, highlighted by a seven-carry, 52-yard effort in the 2020 Pac-12 Championship Game victory over No. 13 USC, and a 27-yard, one-score game against Stanford in 2022.

Hayes was a two-time All-Nevada and Northern Nevada Player of the Year selection during his time at McQueen High and, prior to that, Damonte Ranch High. He earned the honors at both McQueen as a 2021 senior and Damonte Ranch as a 2019 sophomore, with the programs combining for a 37-6 record, three conference titles and one regional crown, in addition to reaching the state finals once and Northern Nevada finals on two occasions.

#### **OFFENSIVE LINE**

Nevada's 2023 offensive line unit features seven returners who started at least one game a season ago. The experience gained from the playing time spread among the group, along with the addition of Angus McClure as Run Game Coordinator/ Offensive Line coach, will certainly pay dividends for a unit that had nine different starting combinations in 2022.

Left tackle Isaiah World leads the group after starting the final 10 games at the position last season. Andrew Madrigal made eight starts on the line a season ago, while additional starts were made by Zac Welch (five), Joey Capra (five), Kai Arneson (three), Josh Grabowski (two), and Andrew Nunez (one).

#### WIDE RECEIVERS

Out wide, three of the Pack's top-five receivers from a season ago return in 2023 and are expected to contribute from the jump. This trio is led by Dalevon Campbell (39 receptions, 467 yards, one touchdown in 2022), Spencer Curtis (18 catches, 245 yards, one touchdown), and Jamaal Bell (28 catches, 279 yards).

Bolstering the group are a pair of transfers in John Jackson III (USC) and Isaah Crocker (Oregon). Jackson III will have a special homecoming in Saturday's game at USC-after spending four seasons (2019-22) with the Trojans, he will once again take the field at the Coliseum, where his father, John Jr., was an All-Pac-10 receiver, and his grandfather, John Sr., was USC's running backs coach and offensive coordinator for six seasons (1976-81).





#### **WOLF PACK RADIO COVERS THE SILVER STATE**

The Wolf Pack Radio Network has additional affiliates throughout the state with a 60-minute football pre-game show this season. Fans can also tune in for free by downloading the TuneIn app. The show will break down the day's game, featuring interviews with Wilson, Wolf Pack players and analysis of the Wolf Pack's opponents. Nevada play-by-play voice John Ramey will host the pre-game show and will be joined by analyst Mike Edwards.

#### Wolf Pack radio can be heard on the following stations:

- Reno KOZZ, 105.7 FM
- Varsity Network App
- Carson City KUUB, 94.3 FM
- Elko KEAÚ, 104.7 FM
- Las Vegas KXST, 1140 AM
- Winnemucca KHYX, 102.7 FM

#### PACK RACKS UP PRESEASON HONORS

Nevada players have garnered preseason accolades heading into the 2023 season opener. The following members of the Pack have been recognized on watch lists for some of college football's biggest awards:

#### **WR Dalevon Campbell**

Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award

#### **TE Keleki Latu**

Polynesian College Football Player of the Year

#### **QB Brendon Lewis**

Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award

#### **K Brandon Talton**

Lou Groza Award Comeback Player of the Year Award

#### **GETTING IT DONE IN THE CLASSROOM**

Head coach Ken Wilson has put a renewed focus on the success of Nevada Football in the classroom since taking the helm in Dec. 2021. The Wolf Pack roster has taken up the challenge, and in the Spring 2023 semester, posted a team term grade-point average of 3.012, the program's third-straight semester of increase under Wilson, and the first 3.0 team semester since the university's return to full, in-person learning in Fall 2021.

Heading into the 2023 season, Nevada Football boasts 15 student-athletes who have already earned an undergraduate degree, including five whose degree is from Nevada:

Jaden Dedman (Nevada)
Matt Freem (Nevada)
Emany Johnson (Nevada)
Ezekiel Robbins (Nevada)
Brandon Talton (Nevada)
Zach Beagle
Joey Capra
Josh Castro
Isaah Crocker
William Green
John Jackson III

# **CAREER ACTIVE LEADERS\***

Defense/Special Teams
Kick returns Jamaal Bell59
Kick return yards Jamaal Bell1,325
Punt returns Jamaal Bell1
Punt return yards
Interceptions
Interceptions Isaiah Essissima3
Drue Watts1
Elijah Winston
Lijaii vviiistoii
Total Tackles
Emany Johnson104
Jaden Dedman
Tongiaki Mateialona69
Drue Watts 57
Isaiah Essissima49
Tackles for loss
Drue Watts
Dion Washington
Jaden Dedman
Tongiaki Mateialona
Marcel Walker-Burgess 5.0
Thomas Witte4.5
Sacks
Tongiaki Mateialona
Dion Washington
Drue Watts
William Green
Eli'jah Winston
Fumbles forced
James Hansen1
Tongiaki Mateialona
Dion Washington1
Fumbles recovered Drue Watts2
Thomas Witte
Chris Smalley1
Pass breakups Isaiah Essissima
Jaden Dedman9 Emany Johnson5
Linary Juliisur3
*Novada stats only





#### MW PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Listed below are the Mountain West Players of the Week, with Nevada players bolded.

#### Week 0

- Weff Nover Nick Nash, San José State Defensive Cody Moon, San Diego State Special Teams Jack Browning, San Diego State Freshman Pofele Ashlock, Hawai'i

- Week I Offensive Mikey Keene, Fresno State Defensive Levelle Bailey, Fresno State Special Teams John Hoyland, Wyoming Freshman Pofele Ashlock, Hawai'i

- Week 2
   Offensive Dylan Hopkins, New Mexico
   Defensive Alec Mock, Air Force
   Special Teams Matthew DaPore, Air Force
   Freshman Matthew Coleman, San José State

Kaleo Neves Carlos Sandy Tre Wee Eli'jah Winston

#### **WOLF PACK ALUMNI MAKE THE 2023 NFL CUT**

Seven Nevada Football alumni made the final cut onto NFL 53-man rosters, as Week 1 commenced Thursday:

#### G Joel Bitonio (Nevada, 2009-13) - Cleveland Browns

Bitonio will begin his 10th NFL season, all with the Cleveland Browns, this week. Bitonio has made five-straight Pro Bowls, and been named to the AP All-Pro First Team each of the past two seasons.

#### WR Elijah Cooks (Nevada, 2017-21) - Jacksonville Jaguars

Cooks signed with Jacksonville as a free agent following the 2023 NFL Draft, and made the team's 53-man roster following a strong camp. During his Nevada career (2017-21), he had season bests of 76 catches, 926 receiving yards, and;

#### G Austin Corbett (Nevada, 2013-17) - Carolina Panthers

Corbett will begin his sixth NFL season, and second with Carolina, in 2023. However, he will miss at least the first four games of the season while on the Panthers' PUP (physically unable to perform) list, after tearing his ACL in the 2022 finale.

#### WR Romeo Doubs (Nevada, 2018-21) - Green Bay Packers

Romeo Doubs enters year two with the Green Bay Packers, after a solid 2022 rookie season in which he caught 42 passes for 425 yards and three touchdowns over 13 games.

#### LB Daiyan Henley (Nevada, 2017-21) - Los Angeles Chargers

Henley played at Nevada from 2017-21, being named to the All-Mountain West Second Team in 2021, before finishing his collegiate career at Washington State in 2022. Henley was drafted in the third round of the 2023 NFL Draft by the Los Angeles Chargers, and made the team out of camp.

#### LB Nephi Sewell (Nevada, 2017-18) - New Orleans Saints

Sewell, the brother of current Nevada graduate assistant Gabe Sewell, played two seasons (2017-18) for the Pack, making 53 tackles while starting all 11 games in 2018. After transferring to Utah, where he finished his collegiate career, Sewell signed as a free agent with the New Orleans Saints, appearing in four games in 2022.

#### TE Cole Turner (Nevada, 2018-21) - Washington Commanders

Turner is back for his second season with Washington in 2023. Last year, Turner appeared in 10 games, making two catches for 23 yards.

#### **PROGRAM HISTORY**

Nevada is in its 116th season of collegiate football. The Wolf Pack sports an all-time record of 575-514-33. Since joining the FBS in 1992, Nevada is 199-178 overall and 129-98 in conference play. Nevada has posted winning seasons in 12 out of its past 15 campaigns.

#### **EXPLOSIVE PLAYS**

Explosive plays are defined as rushes of at least 15 yards and pass completions of at least 20 yards.

Pocult Explosive Playe

.....7 (2R, 5P)

Date Gaille	ILCSUIT EX	piosive i lays
9/2at No. 6/6 USC	L	4 (OR, 4P)
9/9IDAHO	L	3 (2R, 1P)
		,







# THE BITONIO FAMILY STRENGTH & CONDITIONING CENTER

On April 21, 2023, Nevada Athletics received one of its largest donations to date, thanks to Joel and Courtney Bitonio's generous gift of \$1 million to support the football program. The donation funded the new football weight room, named The Bitonio Family Strength & Conditioning Center, and will support student-athletes in Nevada's pursuit to build a championship-caliber athletic department.

As a former Nevada player, NFL pro bowler, and offensive lineman for the Cleveland Browns, Bitonio recognizes the value of a strong football program in shaping the lives of young athletes and providing opportunities for success.

"I'm honored to be able to give back to the university that helped shape me into the person I am today," said Joel Bitonio. "I know firsthand the impact that a strong football program can have on student-athletes. The weight room has always been more than just a place to train; it is where teams build character, develop discipline, and learn the importance of teamwork. I'm





proud to be able to support the football program's success and ensure student-athletes have the resources they need to succeed."

"Joel and Courtney's gift is a transformational statement about the importance the University of Nevada plays in the lives of our student-athletes," said Athletic Director Stephanie Rempe. "This gift will significantly impact our football program and the momentum we are creating within our athletics program. I am personally so grateful to Joel and Courtney for their generous gift and their leadership, and hope it encourages others in the Wolf Pack community to support our efforts to build a championship-caliber athletics program."

The University of Nevada and Nevada Athletics are grateful for the Bitonio family's commitment to supporting the success of the Wolf Pack's football program. A thriving athletics program contributes to the success of the entire institution, and Nevada Athletics hopes that the Bitonio family's gift will inspire others to support.



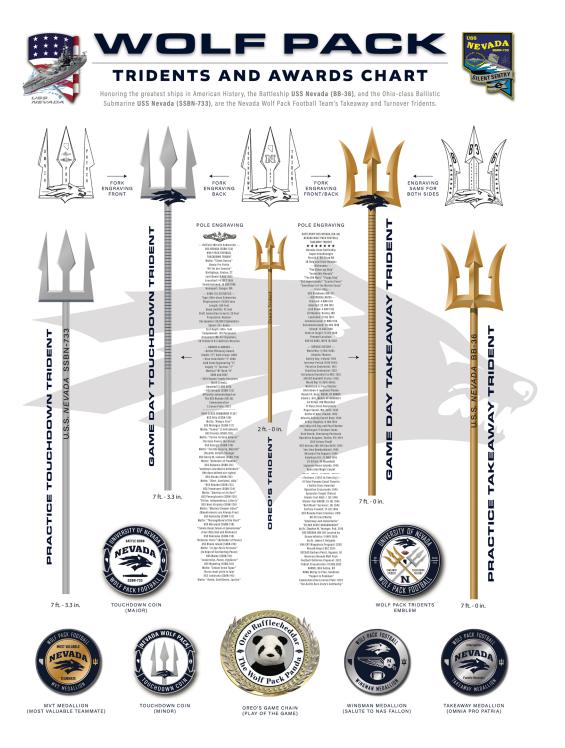


#### **BEHIND THE TRIDENTS**

Nevada's Takeaway Trident has received plenty of TV time in its debut season, 2022. The original trident was presented to Nevada head coach Ken Wilson and Wolf Pack players Tyson Williams, Toa Taua, Devonte Lee, Dom Peterson, Grant Starck, and Shane Illingworth during a visit to the Naval Air Warfighting Development Center (NAWDC) in Fallon, on Aug. 19, 2022.

NAWDC commander Rear Admiral Max McCoy presented the trident to University President Brian Sandoval, Wilson, and the players as part of a tribute to the U.S.S. Nevada (BB-36). The battleship survived the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, and was repaired and put back to sea, going on to earn seven battle stars during World War II.

In 2023, Nevada has added a silver Touchdown Trident to the fold, in addition to medallion coins for takeaways and touchdowns.





# 2023 NEVADA WOLF PACK FOOTBALL — DEPTH CHART



Offense					
Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class
LT	70	Isaiah World	6-8	303	R-So.
	64	Kai Arneson	6-7	309	R-Jr.*
LG	56	Zac Welch	6-4	296	R-Sr.*
	52	Tyson Ruffins	6-2	310	Fr.
C	<b>78</b>	<b>Andrew Madrigal</b>	6-4	295	R-So.
	55	Joey Capra	6-4	301	R-Sr.*
RG	54	Josh Grabowski	6-3	290	R-So.
	68	Jacob Nunez	6-3	275	R-Jr.*
RT	62	Frank Poso	6-5	335	Sr.*
	71	Josiah Timoteo	6-4	300	Fr.
-or-	77	John Bolles	6-5	275	Jr.
WR-X	5	<b>Dalevon Campbell</b>	6-4	215	R-Sr.*
	14	John Jackson III	6-1	215	6Y
WR-A	3	Jamaal Bell	5-10	171	Sr.*
	1	Isaah Crocker	6-1	183	6Y
TE-Y	81	Keleki Latu	6-7	230	Jr.
	85	Cameron Zeidler	6-4	225	R-Fr.
WR-Z	18	Spencer Curtis	5-11	182	R-Sr.*
	9	Marshaun Brown	6-4	195	Fr.
RB	4	Sean Dollars	5-10	195	R-Sr.*
-or-	26	Ashton Hayes	6-0	200	So.
QB	2	<b>Brendon Lewis</b>	6-2	215	R-Jr.*
	10	AJ Bianco	6-4	215	R-Fr.

		Defense			
Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class
RUSH	11	Marcel Walker-Burgess	6-3	230	Jr.
	4	Eli'jah Winston	6-3	245	6Y
DT	<b>52</b>	<b>Dwight Togiola</b>	6-3	250	R-So.
	54	Sosefo Moeaki	6-1	280	Jr.
NT	91	James Hansen	6-2	307	R-Sr.*
	92	Dion Washington	6-3	288	R-So.
DE	0	<b>Henry Ikahihifo</b>	6-3	260	5Y
	66	Thomas Witte	6-2	238	R-Jr.*
-or-	95	Jonathan Maldonado	06-6	223	R-Fr.
WILL	36	Tongiaki Mateialona	6-1	222	Sr.*
	9	Davion Blackwell	6-1	215	R-Jr.*
MIKE	32	<b>Drue Watts</b>	6-0	238	R-So.
	42	Jackson LaDuke	6-3	240	R-Jr.*
NICKEL	-8	Tre Weed	6-0	190	6Y
	1	Caine Savage	5-11	182	Sr.*
СВ	2	Isaiah Essissima	5-10	177	5Y
-or-	6	Jaden Dedman	5-10	175	6Y
BS	46	Aedan Seiuli	6-3	206	R-So.
	5	Emany Johnson	6-2	216	6Y
FS	23	Richard Toney Jr.	6-0	189	R-So.
	13	<b>Ezekiel Robbins</b>	5-11	187	R-Sr.
СВ	10	KK Meier	6-1	186	R-Fr.
	3	Michael Coats Jr.	5-10	170	Sr.*

# **Specialists**

Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class
PK	43	<b>Brandon Talton</b>	5-9	185	5Y
	18	Matthew Killam	5-10	174	R-Jr.*
КО	18	<b>Matthew Killam</b>	5-10	174	R-Jr.*
	43	Brandon Talton	5-9	185	5Y
P	48	<b>Matt Freem</b>	6-0	190	6Y
	38	Boden Page	6-2	190	Fr.
KR	3	Jamaal Bell	5-10	171	Sr.*
	26	Ashton Hayes	6-0	200	So.
PR	6	<b>Gerick Robinson</b>	5-8	180	R-So.
	2	Isaiah Essissima	5-10	177	5Y
LS/SS	88	<b>Nick Barcelos</b>	5-11	221	Sr.*
Н	48	<b>Matt Freem</b>	6-0	190	6Y
	38	Boden Page	6-2	190	Fr.



# 2023 NEVADA WOLF PACK FOOTBALL — NUMERICAL ROSTER



NoName	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	Ехр	DHometown (Previous School)
0 Cross Patton	RB	5-6	155	R-Sr.*	1V	Atlanta, Ga. (Woodward Academy / Oregon)
0 Henry Ikahihifo	DL	6-3	260	5Y	TR	Lancaster, Calif. (Paraclete HS / Nevada / College of the Canyons / California)
1 Isaah Crocker	WR	6-1	183	6Y	TR	Sacramento, Calif. (Inderkum HS / Oregon)
1 Caine Savage	DB	5-11	182	Sr.*	IR	Buena Park, Calif. (Western HS / Útah) Melissa, Texas (Melissa HS / Colorado)
2 Brendon Lewis	QB	6-2	215	K-Jr.^	IK	
2 Isalah Essissima	CB	5-10	/ /	5 Y	20	Houston, Texas (Fort Bend Hightower HS / Wake Forest)Lancaster, Calif. (Antelope Valley HS)
3 Michael Coats Ir	VV K ⊂R	5-10 5-10	1 / 1 170	SI." Sr*	ZV	Biloxi, Miss. (Biloxi HS / La. Tech / East Central CC)
4 Sean Dollars	RR	5-10 5-10	195	Si R-Sr*	TR	
4 Fli'iah Winston	I B	6-3	245	6Y	1V	
5 Dalevon Campbell	WR	6-4	215	R-Sr.*	1V	Missouri City, Texas (Ford Bend Marshall HS / Illinois)
5 Emany Johnson	DB	6-2	216	6Y	4V	Hercules, Calif. (Hercules HS)
6 Gerick Robinson	WR	5-8	180	R-So	TR	Hercules, Calif. (Hercules HS)Las Vegas, Nev. (Colorado State / Centennial HS)
6Jaden Dedman	DB	5-10	175	6Y	4V	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Upland HS)
7 Marguis Ashley	WR	5-8	166	R-So	RS	Norco, Calif. (Norco HS / Riverside CC)
7 Jonathan Thomas	LB	6-3	253	R-Jr	RS	West Hills, Calif. (Sierra Canyon HS / College of the Canyons)
8 Ire Weed	DB	6-0	190	<u>6</u> Y	IR	Sumner, Wash. (Sumner HS / Eastern Washington)Reno, Nev. (Bishop Manogue HS)
9 Marshaun Brown	WK	6-4	195	Fr	HS.	Reno, Nev. (Bishop Manogue HS)
9 Davion Blackwell	LB	6-1	215	K-Jr.^	IV	Folsom, Calif. (Folsom HS) Lahaina, Hawaii (Saint Louis HS)
10 KK Mojor	QB DD	0-4 6 1	215 106	K-F1 D Er	KS	Wolfforth, Texas (Frenship HS)
11 Carlos Sandy	DD \A/D	0-1 5-0	100 105	K-FI	KO	Dania Beach, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons HS / Illinois)
11 Marcel Walker-Rurgess	VVIN I R	5-9 6-3	105	01	1V	Piscataway, N.J. (Piscataway HS / Southern Connecticut State)
12 Nate Burleson II	WR	6-3	160	Fr	HS	Newcastle Wash (Ramano HS (N I ))
12Kacee Williams	DB	6-2	191	R-Sr.*	SO.	Keller, Texas (Central HS)
13Jax Leatherwood	OB	6-8	245	Fr	HS.	
13 Ezekiel Robbins	DB	5-11	187	R-Sr.*	1V	Chandler, Ariz. (Chandler HS / Butler CC)
14 John Jackson III	WR	6-1	215	6Y	TR	Redondo Beach, Calif. (Serra HS / USC)
14 Devin Gunter	DB	6-0	173	R-Ir*	1V	Missouri City, Texas (Ridge Point HS)
15 Kola Babalola	WR	6-2	205	R-Fr	RS	
15 Bishop Turner	S	5-11	170	<u>F</u> r	HS.	Glendora, Calif. (Charter Oak HS)
16 Shane Illingworth	QB	6-6	233	R-Jr.*	1V	Norco, Calif. (Norco HS / Oklahoma State)
16 Kaleo Neves	LB	6-2	210	K-Sr.*	IK	Honolulu, Hawaii (Timpview HS / Utah State)
17 Baylor Horning	QB	6-2	208	K-5r.^	K5	Sparks, Nev. (Reed HS / San Diego State) Honolulu, Hawaii ('Iolani School)
17 WICHI CHIINT	DD \A/D	0-1 5_11	192 192	".IL-'N D_Cr*	11/	Las Vegas, Nev. (Jordan HS / Oregon)
18 Matthew Killam	VVN DK	5-11 5-10	102 174	۱۲-۲ R-Ir*	11/	San Diego Calif (Scripps Ranch HS)
19 KeeKee McQueen	DR	5 10 5-9	170	R-Fr	RS.	San Diego, Calif. (Scripps Ranch HS)  Spanaway, Wash. (Spanaway Lakes HS)  Pittsburg, Calif. (De La Salle HS)
20 Journey McKoy	S	5-9	170	Fr	HS.	Pittsburg, Calif. (De La Salle HS)
22 Jeshua Fixel	RB	5-8	165	R-Sr.*	SQ.	Sparks, Nev. (Excel Christian HS)Kailua-Kona, Hawaii (Konawaena HS)
22 Hezekiah Anahu-Ambrosio	oLB	6-0	215	Fr	HS.	Kailua-Kona, Hawaii (Konawaena HS)
23 Jacques Badolato-Birdsell	RB	5-10	201	R-So	SO	Camas Wash (Camas HS)
23 Richard Toney Jr	DB	6-0	189	R-So	1V	Arlington, Texas (Arlington HS)Reno, Nev. (Bishop Manogue HS)
24 Christo Viloria	WR	6-1	185	Fr	HS.	Reno, Nev. (Bishop Manogue HS)
24 Chad Brown	DB	6-3	178	R-Sr.*	SQ.	Lawrenceville, N.J. (St. Frances Academy / Fresno City College / UCF)
						Reno, Nev. (Spanish Springs HS)
26 Ashton Hayes	KB	6-0	200	50	IK	Reno, Nev. (McQueen HS / California)
20 100ni ikaninito Jr	DB	6-0	200	Jr	IK	Lancaster, Calif. (Paraclete HS / College of the Canyons) Ozark, Ala. (Carroll HS / East Central CC)
20 longh Lowis Ir	DB ⊂D	5-9 5 11	180 100	Sr."	IK	Palmdale, Calif. (Inglewood HS)
31 Donoven DeRicco	CD DR	3-11 6-2	100 100	Fl	DC.	Rainidale, Calii. (Inglewood H3)
32 Wesley Kommer	RR	0-2 5-9	190	R-Ir*	2V/	Springfield, Ore. (Thurston HS)
32 Drue Watts	I B	5 J 6-0	221	R-So	1V	Palmdale, Calif. (Sierra Canyon HS)
33Conner Noah	RB	5-10	200	Fr	HS.	Kelso, Wash. (Kelso HS)
33 Stone Combs	LB	6-0	219	R-Fr	RS	Park City, Utah (Park City HS)
34 Spencer Firebaugh	RB	5-9	173	Fr	HS.	Sparks, Nev. (Reed HS)
34 Malcolm McClure	LB	6-1	220	R-Fr	TR	Reno, Nev. (Bishop Manoque / California)
35 Eliiah Acklin	DB	5-9	180	R-Fr	RS	Sparks, Nev. (Reed HS)
36 Tongiaki Mateialona	LB	6-1	222	Sr.*	2V	Long Beach, Calif. (Dominguez HS)San Diego, Calif. (Lincoln HS)
37 Marquese Allen-Patmon	DB	6-1	200	R-Jr	1V	San Diego, Calif. (Lincoln HS)
38 Boden Page	K/P	6-2	190	Fr	HS.	Greenwood Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek HS)
39 Micah Lilo	DB	6-0	215	<u>R</u> -Jr.*	1V	Honolulu, Hawaii (Kamehameha Schools Kapalama)
40 Jackson Robertson	LS	6-3	215	Fr	HS.	Medford, Ore. (South Medford HS)
42 Jackson LaDuke	LB	6-3	240	R-Jr.*	IR	Sparks, Nev. (Spanish Springs HS / Oregon)
43 Brandon lalton	YK	5-9	185	5Y	4V	Vacaville, Calif. (Vacaville HS)
44Uliver Stuart	IE	b-4	250	K-Fr	K5	Redwood, City, Calif. (St. Ignatius Prep)
44 Zach Beagle	LD	b-2	225	b Y	5Q.	Kockieage, Fla. (Cocoa HS / Princeton)
45 CIIIS SIIIalley	∟D.₽	o-ɔ	22U 206	30 R-S-2	1V	Rockledge, Fla. (Cocoa HS / Princeton)  Minden, Nev. (Douglas HS)  Spanish Fork, Utah (Maple Mountain HS)
47 Rory Morgan	DD TF	u-ɔ	∠∪0	n-30 R_ Ir *	TP	Petaluma, Calif. (St. Vincent De Paul HS / San Diego State / American River College)
47 Hunter Kauniko	≀∟	− 6-∩		۱۲-۱۱۰۰۰. R-Ir*	SO	Petaluma, Calif. (St. Vincent De Paul HS / San Diego State / American River College)Las Vegas, Nev. (Faith Lutheran HS / San Diego State)
T/ Hunter Naupiko	レ∟	0 0	•••••••	)	JŲ.	Las vegas, ivev. (i aitii Latiiei aii i is / saii Diego state)



# 2023 NEVADA WOLF PACK FOOTBALL — NUMERICAL ROSTER & PRONUNCIATION GUIDE



						Hometown (Previous School)
						Lake Forest, Calif. (El Toro HS / Saddleback College)
50 Louie Cresto	DL	6-5	265	R-Jr.*	1V	Twin Falls, Idaho (Canyon Ridge HS / Oregon)
51 Junior Walling	LB	6-1	228	R-Jr.*	1V	Keizer, Ore. (McNary HS / Oregon State)
52 Tyson Ruffins	OL	6-2	310	Fr	HS	Long Beach, Calif. (Long Beach Poly HS)
52 Ówight Togiola	DL	6-3	250	R-So	1V	Long Beach, Calif. (Long Beach Poly HS) Lacey, Wash. (Timberline HS)
54 Josh Grabowski	OL	6-3		R-So	SQ	Manteca, Calif. (East Union HS / Modesto JC)
54 Sosefo Moeaki	DL	6-1	280	Jr	TR	Manteca, Calif. (East Únion HS / Modesto JC) Portland, Ore. (De Anza College / Parkrose HS)
55 loey Capra	OΙ	6-4	301	R-Ir	1\/	Auburn Calif (Placer HS / San Diego State)
55 Mackavelli Malotumau	DL	6-1	290	So	TR	Oceanside, Calif. (El Camino HS / Utah Tech) El Dorado Hills, Calif. (Oak Ridge HS) Bogart, Ga. (North Oconee HS)
56 Zac Welch	OL	6-4	296	R-Sr.*	2V	El Dorado Hills, Calif. (Oak Ridge HS)
56 Adam Weynand	LB	6-2	217	R-Jr.*	1V	Bogart, Ga. (North Oconee HS)
57 Andoni Fesenmaier	DL	6-4	260	R-Fr	RS	Elko, Nev. (Elko HS)
58 Jayden LaGrone	LB	6-2	210	Fr	HS	Reno, Nev. (McQueen HS)
62 Frank Poso	OL	6-5	335	Sr.*	2V	San Jose, Calif. (Branham HS)
63 RJ Taylor	OL	6-3	290	R-Sr	SQ	Yucaipa, Calif. (Yucaipa HS)
64 Kai Arneson	OL	6-7	309	R-Jr.*	1V	
66 Thomas Witte	DT	6-2	238	R-Jr.*	1V	Anchorage, Alaska (West HS)
67 RJ Esmon	OL	6-6	280	Fr	HS	Santa Margarita, Calif. (Mission College Prep)
68 Jacob Nunez	OL	6-3	275	R-Jr	SO	Lompoc, Calif. (Lompoc HS / Arizona State)
70 Isaiah World	OL	6-8	303	R-So	1V	San Diego, Calif. (Lincoln HS)
71 Josiah Timoteo	OI	6-4	300	Fr	HS	Waianae, Hawaii (Waianae HS)
72 Cade Rodahaffer	OL	6-5	237	R-Fr	RS	Reno, Nev. (Damonte Ranch HS)
73 Josh Castro	OL	6-3	310	6Y	TR	Reno, Nev. (Damonte Ranch HS) Los Angeles, Calif. (West Adams HS /
						Santa Monica College / Azusa Pacific / Angelo State)
74 Garvey Gordon	OL	6-4	275	R-So	RS	Germany (Monterey Peninsula College)
75 Shawn Klingler	OL	6-4	313	R-Fr	RS	Reno, Nev. (McQueen HS)
77 John Bolles	OL	6-5	275	Jr	TR	Daly City, Calif. (Jefferson HS / College of San Mateo)
78 Andrew Madrigal	OL	6-4	295	R-So	1V	Norco, Calif. (Norco HS)
79 Cole Feinauer	OL	6-6	290	R-So	1V	Cheshire, Conn. (Reno HS / Colorado State)
80 Ross Nickson	WR	6-3	200	Fr	HS	Los Angeles, Calif. (Cathedral HS)
81 Keleki Latu	TE	6-7	230	Jr	TR	Los Angeles, Calif. (Cathedral HS)  Sacramento, Calif. (Jesuit HS / California)
82 Javden O'Rourke	l	6-8	245		HS	(weed Heads, Australia (Lindistarne Grammar School)
84 Jeremiah Gradowitz	WR	5-9	167	R-Jr.*	SQ	Bakersfield, Calif. (Stockdale HS)
85 Cameron Zeidler	TE	6-4	225	R-Fr	RS	Reno, Nev. (North Valleys HS)
86 Dyson Frank	TE	6-6	253	R-So	SQ	Philadelphia, Pa. (Jordan HS / Snow College)
88 Nick Barcelos	LS	5-11	221	Sr.*	2V	Foothill Ranch, Calif. (Santa Margarita Catholic)
89 Cooper Shults	TE	6-6	250	R-Jr.*	TR	Sacramento, Calif. (Cosumnes Oaks HS / Oregon)
89 D'Angelo Davis	RUSH	6-0	240	Fr	HS	Carson, Calif. (St. Pius X – St. Matthias Academy) Henderson, Nev. (Coronado HS)
90 lke Nnakenyi	DL	6-3	244	R-Fr	RS	Henderson, Nev. (Coronado HS)
91 James Hansen	DL	6-2	307	R-Sr.*	1V	Fontana, Calif. (Kaiser HS / Riverside CC / Utah State)
92 Dion Washington	DE	6-3	288	R-So	1V	Las Vegas, Nev. (Shadow Ridge HS)
95 Jonathan Maldonado	LB	6-6	213	R-Fr	RS	Monrovia, Calif. (Arcadia HS)
96 Tanner Vaughan	DL	6-4	260	R-So	TR	Las Vegas, Nev. (Palo Verde HS / Úniversity of Mary) Albany, Ga. (Westover HS / Georgia Military College / Liberty)
99 William Green Jr	DT	6-6	307	6Y	1V	Albany, Ga. (Westover HS / Georgia Military College / Liberty)

<sup>\*</sup>Has additional "COVID bonus" season remaining (2020)

Pronunc	iation Guide
PLAYERS	Cade RodahafferRO-da-haffer
Marquese Allen-Patmon Mar-KEES	Gerick Robinson Jerrick
Hezekiah Anahu-AmbrosioAh-NAH-hoo	Aedan SeiuliAY-den Say-OO-lee
Kai ArnesonKY	Dwight TogiolaToe-gee-oh-la
Jacques Badolato-BirdsellBad-o-lah-toe	Dion Washington DEE-on
John Bolles Bo-lays	Adam WeynandWAY-und
Micah CamatCuh-MOTT	Thomas Witte Witty
Isaah CrockerIsaiah	Cameron ZeidlerZYDE-ler
Isaiah Essissima Ess-iss-IM-uh (think "Mississippi")	
Cole FeinauerFINE-ower	COACHES
Devin GunterGoon-ter	Kwame Agyeman Ag-yeh-mon
Henry Ikahihifo E-ka-hee-hee-fo	Anthony ArceneauxAR-sen-o
Tooni Ikahihifo JrToo-nee E-ka-hee-hee-fo	Mike BetheaBuh-THAY
Emany JohnsonEe-MAHN-ee	Al LapuahoLAH-poo-AH-ho
Hunter Kaupiko Kow-PEE-ko	Vai TauaVy TOW-uh (rhymes with POW-uh)
Micah LiloLEE-lo	Peyton YanagiYa-NAH-gee
Tongiaki MateialonaTone-gee-a-kee	
MAH-tay-ah-lona	NEVADA Nev-AD-a
Sosefo MoeakiSo-say-fo Mo-ee-AH-kee	MACKAY StadiumMACK-key
Ike Nnakenyi Nah-KEN-yee	in ter studion in the Rey





# THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED...

	NEVADA	Opponent
Scored more than 60 points	72 vs. Portland State, 8-31-18	
	52 at Colorado State, 11-27-21	
	41, vs. Incarnate Word, 9-10-22	
	226, at Colorado State, 11-27-21	
	318 at UNLV, 11-26-16	
	408 vs. UNLV, 11-29-14	
Passed for 300-300 yards	302 at Colorado State, 11-27-21	Idaho (313) 0-0-23
	417 vs. UNLV, 10-29-21	
Passed for 500 or more yards	508 at Colorado State, 10-14-17	ПаWall (512), 9-28-19
Had 500-599 yards of total offense	e 528 at Colorado State, 11-27-21	Fresno State (524), 11-19-22
	e 636 vs. Colorado State, 11-10-18	
Had 700+ yards of total offense	844 vs. Idaho, 11-6-10 (school record)	San Jose State (849), 11-10-01
Recorded a safety	vs. San Diego State, 10-27-18	New Mexico State, 8-2/-22
	37-0 vs. UNLV, 10-8-11	
	17-13 at No. 24 San Diego State, 11-09-19	
	at No. 6/6 USC, 9-2-23	
Nevada had a sellout	vs. UNLV, 10-29-21	n/a
Individual		
	NEVADA	Opponent
	Elijah Mitchell (96) vs. Colorado State, 12-29-15	
Returned a punt for a TD	Romeo Doubs (80) vs. Portland State, 8-31-18	R. Penny (70), San Diego State, 11-18-17
	Bentlee Sanders (34) vs. Texas State, 9-3-22	
Returned a fumble for a TD	Daiyan Henley (56), vs. San Jose State, 11-6-21	Stanley Ta'ufo'ou (23), USC, 9-2-23
	Dom Peterson vs. Incarnate Word, 9-10-22	
Blocked a field goal	Ahki Muhammad vs. SJSU, 11-14-15	Kaonohi Kaniho, Boise State, 11-12-22
Blocked a punt	Marquese Allen-Patmon (1) at UNLV, 11-26-22	J. Aufafa, Hawai'i, 9-28-19
	Toa Taua (3) at San José State, 10-29-22	
	Devonte Lee (105) and Toa Taua (102)Bra	
	vs. Tulane, 12-22-20	
	Toa Taua (144) at UNLV, 11-26-22	
	Kelton Moore (216) vs. Hawai'i, 10-7-17	
Completed 30-39 passes	Carson Strong (34) at San Diego State, 11-13-21.	Chevan Cordeiro (33) San José State 10-29-22
	Carson Strong (49) at Fresno State, 10-23-21	
Passed for three TDs	Carson Strong at San Diego State, 11-13-21	Nick Starkel San Jose State 11-6-21
Passed for four TDs	Carson Strong at Colorado State, 11-27-21	Hank Rachmeier Roise State, 10-2-21
	Carson Strong (6) vs. New Mexico State, 10-9-21	
	Nate Cox (302) vs. Incarnate Word, 9-10-22	
	Carson Strong (417) vs. UNLV, 10-29-21	
	Toa Taua (3) at San José State, 10-29-22	
	James Butler (4) at UNLV, 11-26-16	
	Cole Turner (pass) vs. Air Force, 11-19-21	
Caught 10 or more passes	Romeo Doubs (11) vs. Air Force, 11-19-21	Steian Cobbs (10), Boise State, 10-2-21
Two players w/ Too yards receiving	gRomeo Doubs (159), Tory Horton (105)	K. wneatfall (113), J. Cropper (107),
	vs. Air Force (11-19-21)	Fresno State, 12-5-20
	Jamaal Bell (121) at USC 9-2-23	
	Romeo Doubs (203) at Fresno State, 10-23-21	
	Nate Burleson (326) at San Jose State, 11-10-01	
	Tory Horton (3) vs. Fresno State, 12-5-20	
	Brandon Talton at UNLV, 11-26-22	
	Brandon Talton at Boise State, 10-2-21	
Kicked five or more FGs	Damon Fine (5) vs. Rice, 10-21-01	*
	Brandon Talton (50) vs. Texas State, 9-3-22	
Kicked a 70-79-yard punt	Matt Freem (70) vs. Incarnate Word, 9-10-22	Ricardo Chavez (70), Idaho, 9-9-23
Intercepted two passes	Bentlee Sanders vs. Texas State, 9-3-22	J. White, UNLV, 11-24-18
Intercepted three or more passes.	Dameon Baber (3) vs. San Jose State, 11-11-17	W. Derting (3), Washington State, 8-31-02
	s.Bentlee Sanders (131) vs. Boise State, 11-12-22	
•		-

<sup>\* –</sup> Has not happened since Nevada joined the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision (I-A) in 1992. **Bold** indicates current season





Game 1

No. 6/6 USC 66, Nevada 14

Sept. 2, 2023 · Los Angeles Memorial Stadium (Los Angeles, Calif.)

**Attendance:** 62,916

Score by quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Nevada USC	7	0	0	7	14
USC	21	14	7	17	66



Scoring	g sumı	mary						
Team	Qtr	Time	Scoring	Conversion	Drive	TOP	NEV	USC
USC	1	12:45	Z. Branch 22 yd pass from C. Williams	D. Lynch kick	4-79	2:15	0	7
NEV	1	11:01	S. Dollars 3 yd rush	B. Talton kick	4-85	1:39	7	7
USC	1	M. Lloy	rd 24 yd rush	D. Lynch kick	4-54	2:09	7	14
USC	1	T. Wash	nington 22 yd pass from C. Williams	D. Lynch kick	4-45	2:20	7	21
USC	2	M. Jack	sson III 15 yd pass from C. Williams	D. Lynch kick	4-68	1:11	7	28
USC	2	B. Rice 13 yd pass from C. Williams		D. Lynch kick	3-64	2:17	7	35
USC	3	T. Wash	nington 45 yd pass from C. Williams	D. Lynch kick	7-67	2:58	7	42
USC	4	D. Lync	th 37 yd FG		10-79	4:42	7	45
USC	4	S. Ta'uf	oʻou 23 yd fumble return	D. Lynch kick			7	52
NEV	4	J. Bell 7	77 yd pass from AJ Bianco	B. Talton kick	2-75	0:47	14	52
USC	4	Q. Joyner 47 yd rush		D. Lynch kick	5-69	2:01	14	59
USC	4	D. Robi	inson 71 yd pass from M. Moss	T. Robles kick	2-68	0:54	14	66

Team Statistics			, Individual Statistics
	Nevada	USC	<u>Nevada</u>
FIRST DOWNS	12	28	RUSHING: DOLLARS 9-33-1, HAYES 9-15
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	38-49	20-215	PASSING: LEWIS 18-29-182-0-0, BIANCO 4-5-129-0-1
PASSING YDS (NET)	311	453	RECEIVING: BELL 8-121-1, CURTIS 3-53, JACKSON III 3-52 INTERCEPTIONS: None
Passes Comp-Att-Int	22-34-0	25-34-0	FUMBLES: WATTS 1-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	72-360	54-668	
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-0	1-23	New Mexico State
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-12	<b>RUSHING:</b> LLOYD 7-76-1, JOYNER 4-65-1
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-68	3-42	PASSING: WILLIAMS 18-24-319-0-5, MOSS 7-10-134-0-1
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0	RECEIVING: WILLIAMS 4-66, WASHINGTON 3-75-2, RICE 3-37-1 INTERCEPTIONS: None
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-40.7	2-42.5	FUMBLES: TA'UFO'OU 1-23
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-1	TOMBELS: IN OF COOT 25
Penalties-Yards	4-49	8-75	
Possession Time	35:59	24:01	
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 19	2 of 6	
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 4	1 of 1	
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	5-5	
Sacks By: Number-Yards	5-41	1-8	

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Caleb Williams threw for 319 yards and hit Tahj Washington with two of his five touchdown passes, leading No. 6 Southern California to a 66-14 victory over Nevada on Saturday night.

Williams passed for 258 yards and four TDs on just 15 completions while USC built a 35-7 halftime lead. He finished 18 of 24 while also rushing for 42 yards and adding another array of remarkable escapes and pinpoint completions to his collection.

Stanley Ta'ufo'ou returned a fumble 23 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter for the Trojans. South Carolina transfer Mar-Shawn Lloyd had 76 yards rushing and 59 yards receiving, while touted freshmen Quinten Joyner and Duce Robinson scored their first career touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

Brendon Lewis passed for 182 yards for the Wolf Pack (0-1), who scored on their opening drive before giving up 45 consecutive points. Freshman AJ Bianco threw a 77-yard touchdown pass to Jamaal Bell on his first career pass attempt during the fourth quarter for Nevada, which went 2-10 in coach Ken Wilson's debut last sea-

son after four straight winning campaigns under Jay Norvell.

Williams was in control from the opening drive, during which he improvised a stunning 30-yard completion to Dorian Singer while on a dead sprint to the sideline. Two plays later, he threw a perfect 22-yard TD fade to Branch. the freshman phenomenon who scored two touchdowns in the opener.

Nevada answered with a 73-yard catch by Spencer Curtis leading to a TD run by Sean Dollars two plays later. But Lloyd made a 24-yard TD run later in the quarter, and Williams ran 46 yards on a draw with the first snap of the second quarter before putting the Trojans up 28-7 with a 15-yard TD pass to Jackson.





Game 2

Idaho 33, Nevada 6

Sept. 9, 2023 · Mackay Stadium (Reno, Nev.)

Attendance: 19,852

Score by quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Idaho	14	3	10	6	33
Nevada	3	3	0	0	6



Scoring	sumr	nary						
Team	Qtr	Time	Scoring	Conversion	Drive	TOP	IDAHO	NEV
IDAHO	1	14:47	T. Ivy Jr. 75 yd pass from G. McCoy	R. Chavez kick	1-75	0:13	7	0
NEV	1	11:40	B. Talton 29 yd FG		7-53	3:01	7	3
IDAHO	1	0:00	N. Romano 15 yd rush	R. Chavez kick	6-81	2:41	14	3
NEV	2	9:36	B. Talton 44 yd FG		15-49	5:24	14	6
IDAHO	2	0:00	R. Chavez 26 yd FG		12-77	5:48	17	6
IDAHO	3	11:53	A. Moore 15 yd pass from G. McCoy	R. Chavez kick	5-59	2:20	24	6
IDAHO	3	1:06	R. Chavez 34 yd FG		11-75	6:21	27	6
IDAHO	4	12:35	R. Chavez 43 yd FG		7-23	3:24	30	6
IDAHO	4	4:34	R. Chavez 29 yd FG		8-14	4:34	33	6

Team Statistics			Individual Statistics
	Idaho	Nevada	<u>Idaho</u>
FIRST DOWNS	18	14	RUSHING: WOODS 18-71; McCOY 6-30
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	38-150	25-118	PASSING: McCOY 15-21-2-313-0
PASSING YDS (NET)	313	148	RECEIVING: HATTEN 5-85; JACKSON 3-45; IVY JR. 2-82-1 INTERCEPTIONS: ARNOLD 1-0; LAYNE 1-0
Passes Comp-Att-Int	15-21-0	20-38-2	FUMBLES: ALEXANDER 1-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	59-463	63-266	
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0	Nevada
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0	RUSHING: DOLLARS 9-48; LEWIS 9-39
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-26	2-29	PASSING: LEWIS 12-24-0-104-1; BIANCO 8-14-0-44-1
Interception Returns-Yards	2-0	0-0	RECEIVING: BELL 8-67; LATU 2-27; CAMPBELL 2-20 INTERCEPTIONS: NONE
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-65.0	3-34.0	FUMBLES: WATTS 1-0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1	
Penalties-Yards	3-30	3-15	
Possession Time	33:58	26:02	
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 12	5 of 16	
Fourth-Down Conversions	3 of 3	1 of 3	
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	6-7	1-3	
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	3-17	

**RENO, Nev. (AP)** - Gevani McCoy completed 71 percent of his passes to amass 313 yards passing and two touchdowns and FCS No. 12 Idaho dismantled Nevada 33-6 on Saturday.

McCoy, who was 15-for-21 passing, set the tone early when on the first play from scrimmage he connected with Turon Ivy Jr. on a 75-yard score for a lead that was never challenged.

Brendon Lewis threw for 104 yards for Nevada which now has been outscored 99-20 in its first two games of the season.

Nine decades after their first meeting, the two former conference foes met for the first time since 2011. The Wolf Pack leads the all-time series 20-10. Idaho (2-0) hadn't beaten Nevada (0-2) since



#### 2023-24 Nevada Football Results and Comparison All games

Page 1/1 **as of Sep 10, 2023** 

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conf	Time	Attend
09/02/2023	at Southern California	L	14-66	0-1	0-0	3:17	62916
09/09/2023	Idaho	L	6-33	0-2	0-0	2:54	19852

			First Downs			Rushing	Passing		Total Offense	Return	Turn-
Opponent	Score	Total	Rush	Pass	Pen	Number-Yards	Comp-AttInt	Yards	Plays-Yards	Yards	Overs
Southern California	14-66	12 / 28	2/7	8 / 19	2/2	38-49 / 20-215	22-34-0 / 25-34-0	311 / 453	72-360 / 54-668	68 / 54	1/1
Idaho	6-33	14 / 18	6/9	7/9	1/0	25-118 / 38-150	20-38-2 / 15-21-0	148 / 313	63-266 / 59-463	29 / 26	3/1
Totals	20-99	26 / 46	8 / 16	15 / 28	3/2	63-167 / 58-365	42-72-2 / 40-55-0	459 / 766	135-626 / 113-1131	97 / 80	4/2





#### Team Statistics

	NEVADA	OPI
Scoring	20	99
Points per game	10.0	49.5
Points Off Turnovers	0	10
First Downs	26	46
Rushing	8	16
Passing	15	28
Penalty	3	2
Rushing Yardage	167	365
Yards gained rushing	224	408
Yards lost rushing	57	43
Rushing attempts	63	58
Average per rush	2.7	6.3
Average per game	83.5	182.5
TDs Rushing	1	3
Passing Yardage	459	766
Comp-Att-Int	42-72-2	40-55-0
Average per pass	6.4	13.9
Average per catch	10.9	19.2
Average per game	229.5	383.0
TDs Passing	1	8
Total offense	626	1131
Total plays	135	113
Average per play	4.6	10.0
Average per game	313.0	565.5
Kick returns: #-Yards	6-97	4-68
Punt returns: #-Yards	0-0	1-12
Int returns: #-Yards	0-0	2-0
Kick return average	16.2	17.0
Punt return average	0.0	12.0
Int return average	0.0	0.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	3-2
Penalties-Yards	7-64	11-105
Average per game	32.0	52.5
Punts-Yards	9-346	4-215
Average per punt	38.4	53.8
Net punt average	37.1	48.8
Kickoffs-Yards	6-357	18-1104
Average per kick	59.5	61.3
Net kick average	39.8	40.1
Time of possession / game	31:00	29:01
3rd-down conversion	10/33	5/18
3rd-down pct	30%	28%
4rd-down conversion	3/7	4/4





#### 2023-24 Nevada Football Overall Team Statistics All games

Page 2/2 as of Sep 10, 2023

	NEVADA	OPP
4rd-down pct	43%	100%
Sacks by-Yards	4-25	5-41
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	2	12
Field goals - attempts	2-4	5-5
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-0
Red-zone scores	(2-4) 50%	(11-12) 92%
Red-zone touchdowns	(1-4) 25%	(6-12) 50%
PAT-attempts	(2-2) 100%	(12-12) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(0-0) 0%
Attendance	19852	62916
Games / Avg per game	1/19852	1/62916
Neutral site games	-	0/0

## **Score by Periods**

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	ОТ	TOT
Nevada	10	3	0	7	0	20
Opponents	35	17	17	30	0	99





#### 2023-24 Nevada Football Individual Statistics All games

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Sean Dollars	2	18	87	6	81	4.5	1	33	40.5
Ashton Hayes	2	15	34	7	27	1.8	0	8	13.5
Brendon Lewis	2	17	58	34	24	1.4	0	14	12.0
AJ Bianco	2	3	22	7	15	5.0	0	19	7.5
Cross Patton	2	8	14	3	11	1.4	0	4	5.5
Jamaal Bell	2	2	9	0	9	4.5	0	8	4.5
Total	2	63	224	57	167	2.7	1	33	83.5
Opponents	2	58	408	43	365	6.3	3	47	182.5

**Passing** 

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Brendon Lewis	2	98.2	30-53-1	56.6	286	0	73	143.0
AJ Bianco	2	146.5	12-19-1	63.2	173	1	77	86.5
Total	2	110.9	42-72-2	58.3	459	1	77	229.5
Opponents	2	237.7	40-55-0	72.7	766	8	75	383.0

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Jamaal Bell	2	16	188	11.8	1	77	94.0
John Jackson III	2	5	72	14.4	0	33	36.0
Sean Dollars	2	5	47	9.4	0	26	23.5
Spencer Curtis	2	4	86	21.5	0	73	43.0
Ashton Hayes	2	4	6	1.5	0	3	3.0
Dalevon Campbell	2	3	25	8.3	0	13	12.5
Keleki Latu	2	3	37	12.3	0	17	18.5
Cross Patton	2	2	-2	-1.0	0	1	-1.0
Total	2	42	459	10.9	1	77	229.5
Opponents	2	40	766	19.2	8	75	383.0

**Punt Returns** 

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	1	12	12.0	0	12

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	2	0	0.0	0	0

**Kick Returns** 

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jamaal Bell	3	52	17.3	0	20
KK Meier	1	16	16.0	0	16
Chris Smalley	1	13	13.0	0	13
Ashton Hayes	1	16	16.0	0	16
Total	6	97	16.2	0	20
Opponents	4	68	17.0	0	26

**Fumble Returns** 

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Drue Watts	2	0	0.0	0	0
Total	2	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	2	0	0.0	1	0





#### 2023-24 Nevada Football Individual Statistics All games

Page 2/2 as of Sep 10, 2023

#### Scoring

				PAT					
Player	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts
Brandon Talton	-	2-4	2-2	-	-	-	-	-	8
Sean Dollars	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jamaal Bell	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	2	2-4	2-2	0	0	0	0	0	20
Opponents	12	5-5	12-12	0	0	0	0	0	99

#### **Field Goals**

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Brandon Talton	2-4	50.0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-2	44	0
Opponents	5-5	100.0	0-0	2-2	2-2	1-1	0-0	43	0

#### **FG Sequence**

Team Name	Nevada	Opponents
Southern California	54,54	(37)
Idaho	(29),(44)	(26),(34),(43),(29)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

#### **Total Offense**

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Brendon Lewis	2	70	24	286	310	155.0
AJ Bianco	2	22	15	173	188	94.0
Sean Dollars	2	18	81	0	81	40.5
Ashton Hayes	2	15	27	0	27	13.5
Cross Patton	2	8	11	0	11	5.5
Jamaal Bell	2	2	9	0	9	4.5
Total	2	135	167	459	626	313.0
Opponents	2	113	365	766	1131	565.5

#### **Punting**

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Matt Freem	9	346	38.4	47	0	1	3	0	0
Total	9	346	38.4	47	0	1	3	0	0
Opponents	4	215	53.8	70	1	1	1	2	0

#### **Kickoffs**

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Matthew Killam	6	357	59.5	2	0			
Total	6	357	59.5	2	0	4	39.8	25
Opponents	18	1104	61.3	8	1	6	40.1	24

#### **All Purpose**

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Jamaal Bell	2	9	188	0	52	0	249	124.5
Sean Dollars	2	81	47	0	0	0	128	64.0
Spencer Curtis	2	0	86	0	0	0	86	43.0
John Jackson III	2	0	72	0	0	0	72	36.0
Ashton Hayes	2	27	6	0	16	0	49	24.5
Keleki Latu	2	0	37	0	0	0	37	18.5
Dalevon Campbell	2	0	25	0	0	0	25	12.5
Brendon Lewis	2	24	0	0	0	0	24	12.0
KK Meier	2	0	0	0	16	0	16	8.0
AJ Bianco	2	15	0	0	0	0	15	7.5
Chris Smalley	2	0	0	0	13	0	13	6.5
Cross Patton	2	11	-2	0	0	0	9	4.5
Total	2	167	459	0	97	0	723	361.5
Opponents	2	365	766	12	68	0	1211	605.5



#### 2023-24 Nevada Football Overall Defense Statistics All games

#### **Team Defense**

				Ta	ckles		Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbl	es	blk	cd
##	Player	gp	ua	а	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
23	Richard Toney Jr.	2	9	3	12									
36	Tongiaki Mateialona	2	8	2	10	2-9	1-8					1		
5	Emany Johnson	2	6	2	8	1-4						1		
46	Aedan Seiuli	1	3	3	6				1					
10	KK Meier	2	4	1	5				1					
42	Jackson LaDuke	2	3	2	5	1-4								
9	Davion Blackwell	1	5		5									
45	Chris Smalley	2	3	2	5	1-3								
6	Jaden Dedman	2	2	2	4									
1	Caine Savage	2	4		4									
32	Drue Watts	2	1	3	4				1		2-0			
8	Tre Weed	2	1	2	3									
4	Eli'jah Winston	2	1	2	3									
11	Marcel Walker-Burgess	2	3		3									
33	Stone Combs	2	3		3	1-8	1-8							
13	Ezekiel Robbins	2	1	2	3									
91	James Hansen	1	2		2	1-1								
28	Tori Mulkey	2	2		2									
2	Isaiah Essissima	2	2		2									
66	Thomas Witte	1		1	1	0.5-1								
95	Jonathan Maldonado	2	1		1									
54	Sosefo Moeaki	2	1		1									
17	Micah Camat	2	1		1									
90	Ike Nnakenyi	1	1		1	1-7	1-7							
92	Dion Washington	2	1		1	1-2	1-2							
26	Ashton Hayes	2	1		1									
39	Micah Lilo	2		1	1	0.5-1								
35	Elijah Acklin	1	1		1									
	Totals	2	70	28	98	10-40	4-25	0-0	3	0	2-0	2	0	0
	Opponents	2	82	46	128	16-70	5-41	2-0	12	2	2-0	3	0	0

