

Lyle's 31 Leads New Mexico Past Pesky Green Bay, 93-78

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) -- JaQuan Lyle scored 31 points, including 20 in the second half Wednesday, to help New Mexico pull away from Green Bay 93-78 in the Roman Legends Classic presented by Old Trapper.

After a rugged first half in which he scored 11 points but turned it over seven times, Lyle took control of the game in the second, going 4-for-6 on 3-pointers and no turnovers.

Carlton Bragg recorded the Lobos' first double-double of the season with 11 points and 16 rebounds, while Makuach Maluach added 16 points.

For the Phoenix (1-2), JayQuan McLoud had 20 points and P.J. Pipes 17. Several times New Mexico (3-0) threatened to run away with it early, but the Phoenix were able to regain contact.

But the Lobos went on runs of 10-2 and then 14-5 in the second half, with the latter pushing the score to 84-66 as Lyle had two 3-pointers and two foul shots in the surge.

Although New Mexico took a 49-43 lead into the break, it had 13 turnovers, leading to 17 Phoenix points. But the Lobos had just five second-half turnovers, leading to four Green Bay points.