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Governor Richardson Honors UNM Soccer Team, Declares Thursday “Lobos Men’s Soccer Day”

Santa Fe, NM - Governor Bill Richardson today took action to honor the historic, recently completed season of the University of New Mexico men’s soccer team. To honor the team, the Governor declared Thursday as “Lobos Men’s Soccer Day” in New Mexico. The Lobos ended their season Sunday with a 1-0 loss to the Maryland Terrapins in the NCAA championship game.

“I am very proud of these guys,” said Governor Richardson. “They fought hard and represented New Mexico well throughout their historic season.”

The Lobos’ accomplishments this season included winning their second straight Mountain Pacific Sports Federation men’s soccer championship on November 13, and reaching the NCAA Division I Men’s final four and championship game for the first time in team history. The Lobos ended their season at 18-2-3 with a team built around homegrown talent that includes nine players from New Mexico.

The team’s individual accomplishments included coach Jeremy Fishbein being named the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation co-Coach of the Year for 2005, and senior striker Jeff Rowland being named a finalist for the Hermann Trophy, college soccer’s equivalent of football’s Heisman. Rowland also joined fellow seniors Ben Ashwill, Brandon Moss, and Matt Wootton as ESPN The Magazine Academic All-Americans, giving the Lobos the most honorees of any team in the country.

WHEREAS, the University of New Mexico Lobos have a long and proven history of excellence in athletics; and

WHEREAS, the Lobos Men's Soccer team won their second straight Mountain Pacific Sports Federation men's soccer championship on November 13, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the team ended their season at 18-2-3 with a team built around homegrown talent that includes nine players from New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Lobos Men's Soccer coach Jeremy Fishbein was named the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation co-Coach of the Year for 2005; and

WHEREAS, senior striker Jeff Rowland is a finalist for the Hermann Trophy, college soccer's equivalent of football's Heisman, and along with fellow seniors Ben Ashwill, Brandon Moss, and Matt Wootton was named an ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American, giving the Lobos the most honorees of any team in the country; and

WHEREAS, the Lobos Men's Soccer team reached the NCAA Division I Men's final four and championship game for the first time in team history, coming within inches of their first Division I title in a hard-fought 1-0 loss to the Maryland Terrapins on December 11, 2005;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim December 15, 2005 as:

“Lobos Men's Soccer Day”

throughout the State of New Mexico, in recognition of the members of the 2005 UNM Men's Soccer Team, their coaching staff led by Jeremy Fishbein, UNM students and faculty, as well as their community, for their outstanding season and tradition of pride and excellence.

I. Attest:

**Done at the Executive Office this
14th day of December, 2005.**

**II. Rebecca Vigil-Giron
Secretary of State**

**Witness my hand and the Great Seal
of the Great State of New Mexico**

*Bill Richardson
Governor*