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### Soccer Falls To New Mexico, 4-1, at John Byrden Classic

Flames toppled in tournament title contest in Denver, Colo.

Sept. 8, 2002

[Box Score](#)

**Denver, Colo.** - University of New Mexico freshman forward Ben Ashwill scored two goals to lead the Lobos past the UIC men's soccer team, 4-1, on Sunday afternoon in the championship match of the 2002 John Byrden Classic in Denver, Colo.

With the loss, the Flames fall to 2-2 on the year. New Mexico, meanwhile, remains undefeated on the year, improving to 4-0, which is its best start to season since 1987.

Despite the final outcome, it was UIC that controlled play during the first half, taking a 1-0 lead into intermission. Sophomore [Micah Howser](#) netted the Flames goal in the 16th minute on a feed from freshman [Roberto Gallo](#). It was Howser's first goal of the season.

New Mexico would regroup at halftime, though, and behind the lead of three freshmen would come out of the locker room firing, peppering 18 shots in the second stanza with nine on goal.

Despite a career-best 10 saves from UIC's rookie keeper [Ross Cain](#), that outburst would lead to four unanswered goals for the Lobos in the second half.

Freshman Brandon Moss would start New Mexico's rally with a goal in the 52nd minute. Then in the 69th minute, rookie Lance Watson netted what would be the game-winning goal with an unassisted strike past Cain.

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Head Coach Sasha Begovic's crew fell 4-1 on Sunday to New Mexico.



The Lobos freshman phenom Ben Ashwill later followed with a pair of goals in the 83rd and 89th minute respectively to put the game out of reach. The goals were the third and fourth on the year for Ashwill, who leads New Mexico in scoring.

The Flames will now take the week off before making their 2002 home debut on Sunday, Sept. 15th, by welcoming Wisconsin to Flames Field at 2:00 p.m.

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