

# NAU 'hoping' for grid upset

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**FLAGSTAFF** — Already reconciled to the fact they will have posted the worst football record at Northern Arizona University since 1955, the 1970 Lumberjacks will be trying to score a big upset here today at 1:30 p.m.

Fresno State's Bulldogs, 6-3 on the season and anxious to atone for some beatings by powerful San Diego State and Long Beach State, will be heavily favored to squash the young, injury-riddled Axers.

Fresno, keyed by senior quarterback Karl Francis and running back Henry Woodson (676 yards and nine touchdowns), are at least 20-point favorites to pin loss No. 8 on the Loggers this year. NAU won its first two games, but a series of incredible injuries has sent the Axers limping through this first Big Sky Conference season.

Freshmen have been given starting assignments by head coach John Symank, simply because they are more healthy than the veterans.

Despite the injuries, it's difficult to understand that NAU could have such a lousy record with such fine football players around as Steve Maier, Mike Boettcher, Doug Baar, Pat Powers and Mike Hlavac.

It's been a mean one for Symank to swallow. The guy has been a winner throughout his playing career (Florida, Green Bay Packers). But here he is, 2-7 after posting a dandy 7-3 record in his rookie year at NAU in 1969.

You really couldn't blame the head coach for bawling real tears. His team is hurt, has a seven-game losing streak, plus the fact his

grandmother (who raised him) died last month.

And there's that matter of Vince Lombardi, Johnny's coach at Green Bay, who died of cancer last month.

Symank has been a winner, and it's likely he'll make a coaching comeback. But it won't be today.

Northern Arizona's Finale

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OFFENSE		N. Arizona	
Fresno State	SE	So., 150, Van	
Sexton, 180, Sr.	LT	Sr., 240, Baar	
Pickford, 220, Jr.	LG	Jr., 210, Nuffal	
P. Martin, 190, Jr.	C	Jr., 250, Oder	
Munson, 203, Jr.	RG	So., 230, Orinski	
Verry, 225, Jr.	RT	Sr., 235, Nichols	
B. Martin, 220, Sr.	TE	Jr., 190, Bas'man	
Buckert, 225, Jr.	QB	Fr., 200, Mayer	
Francis, 185, Sr.	HB	Fr., 175, Bullard	
Woodson, 175, Jr.	FB	Fr., 185, Suida	
Phillips, 200, Jr.	FL	Sr., 205, Maier	
Boreham, 156, Sr.			
DEFENSE			
Fisher, 215, Jr.	LE	Jr., 200, Powers	
McCut' on, 228, Jr.	LT	Jr., 245, Gonzales	
Lambert, 235, Jr.	RT	Jr., 195, T. Smith	
Hansen, 200, Sr.	RE	So., 205, Flores	
Flanagan, 210, Sr.	LLB	Fr., 195, Gover	
Caldwell, 202, Sr.	MLB	Jr., 230, Boe'ther	
Meias, 220, Jr.	RLB	Sr., 200, Cox	
Davis, 196, Jr.	LCB	Fr., 183, Koud'ka	
Crump, 158, Jr.	RCB	So., 170, Kme'vic	
Harris, 189, Sr.	F	Jr., 170, Doherty	
Parker, 190, Sr.	S	Sr., 180, Hlavac	

before a Mom and Dad day crowd will be the last collegiate game for senior flanker-back Maier. What a fine player! Although his team is getting whipped every Saturday, Maier never has quit trying. He is second in the Big Sky in receiving with 32 catches, but tops the loop in yards from passes with 638 and six touchdowns.

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