

UTAH STATE FOOTBALL

Post-Game Notes vs. Air Force (09/13/25)

Series Info:

- Utah State improves to 6-7 all-time against Air Force, including a 4-2 home record.
- The 49 points scored by Utah State against Air Force are tied for its second-most in series history behind its 52-20 road win against the Falcons in 2013 and tied with the 2021 team that posted a 49-45 road win.
- Utah State is now 5-2 when it begins Mountain West play against Air Force, which includes a 3-1 home record.
- Utah State head coach Bronco Mendenhall improved to 7-1 all-time against Air Force.
- Mendenhall is now 43-13 all-time in Mountain West play.

With The Win:

- Utah State improved to 56-38 all-time in Mountain West play, including a 31-18 home record.
- Utah State is now 55-25 in its last 80 home games and 167-121 all-time inside Maverik Stadium.
- Utah State's 2-1 record through three games is its best start to a season since the 2021 team won its first three games of the year.
- Utah State is 1-0 to start Mountain West play for the first time since 2021 when it posted a 49-45 road win against Air Force.

Team Notes:

- Utah State's captains were senior CB Noah Avinger (1), junior RB Javen Jacobs (8), graduate DT Gabriel Iniguez Jr. (10), junior ILB Bronson Olevao Jr. (14), graduate QB Bryson Barnes (16), and junior OL George Maile (72).
- Utah State had a season-high 473 yards of total offense, which included a season-high 186 rushing yards and a season-high 287 passing yards.
- Utah State's five rushing touchdowns are its most since rushing for five touchdowns against Idaho State in 2023.
- Utah State had a season-low five penalties.
- Utah State scored a touchdown on its opening series of the game for the first time this year. It is the second time this year that USU scored on its opening drive as it converted a field goal on its opening drive against UTEP.
- Utah State forced three turnovers with two interceptions and one fumble. USU has now forced five turnovers on the season with four interceptions and one fumble recovery.
- Utah State did not commit a turnover for the second time in three games this year. USU's only turnover on the season was an fumble on its last offensive play against Texas A&M.
- Utah State had three players with double-digit tackles, which are the most for the program since three Aggies had double-digit tackles against Georgia State in 2023.
- Utah State had six players with at least nine tackles, which are the most in a game since seven Aggies had nine-plus tackles against Air Force in 2018.
- Utah State had seven players record career high tackles.
- Utah State's 103 total tackles are its most since it had 103 tackles against Kent State in the 2019 Frisco Bowl.

OFFENSIVE NOTES

- Graduate QB Bryson Barnes (16) is just the second player in school history to rush for three touchdowns and passing for two scores in the same game along with Levi Williams who had

three rushing touchdowns and two passing touchdowns at New Mexico in the 2023 regular season finale.

- Barnes was 17-of-22 passing for 287 yards with two touchdowns (54, 38). His 54-yard touchdown pass is a season-long completion. His 287 passing yards are the most in his USU career and the second-most in his collegiate career. It is the seventh time in his USU career he has thrown multiple touchdowns in a game. Barnes now has five touchdown passes this season and 34 in his career.
- Barnes rushed for 44 yards on 15 carries and scored a career-high three rushing touchdowns (7, 11, 7) to give him four rushing touchdowns this year and 12 in his career.
- Barnes is the first Aggie to rush for three touchdowns in a game since QB Levi Williams had three rushing touchdowns at New Mexico in 2023.
- Junior WR Braden Pegan (11) caught a career-high seven passes for a career-high 147 yards and a career-high two touchdowns. It is his first-career 100-yard receiving game. He now has three receiving touchdowns in the last two weeks and three in his career.
- Sophomore QB Anthony Garcia (10) scored his first career touchdown on a 17-yard run in the third quarter. That 17-yard run is a career long as it was his first rush of the season and the second of his career.
- Junior RB Javen Jacobs (8) rushed for a season-high 71 yards on a season-best nine carries, including a career-long 52-yard run for a touchdown in the fourth quarter. It was his first rushing touchdown of the season and the fourth of his career.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

- Graduate ILB John Miller (20) had a career-high 16 tackles, including 1.0 sacks, to give him 4.0 sacks and 4.5 tackles for loss on the season and 6.0 sacks and 11.0 TFLs in his career. It is his second double-digit tackle outing of the season and his career.
- Sophomore OLB Williams Holmes (24) had a career-high 13 tackles, including 1.0 tackles for loss, to give him 1.5 TFLs this season and 3.0 TFLs in his career. It is his first career double-digit tackle outing. Holmes also had his first-career fumble recovery in the first quarter.
- Junior DT Tyree Morris (9) had a career-high 10 tackles, including 0.5 sacks, his first this year, to give him 0.5 sacks and 1.5 tackles for loss on the season and 3.5 sacks and 8.0 TFLs in his career. It is his first career double-digit tackle outing.
- Redshirt freshman DT Carson Tujague (28) had a career-high nine tackles. He entered the game with six tackles this season.
- Junior ILB Bronson Olevao Jr. (14) had a career-high nine tackles, including 0.5 sacks to give him 1.5 sacks and 2.5 tackles for loss on the season and 5.0 sacks and 8.5 tackles for loss in his career.
- Sophomore CB Noah Flores (21) had a career-high seven tackles.
- Senior CB Noah Avinger (1) intercepted his second pass of the season and the fifth of his career in the second quarter.
- Sophomore CB D'Angelo Mayes (15) intercepted his first career pass in the fourth quarter. Mayes added a career-high three tackles.
- Junior S Brevin Hamblin (4) had a career-high three pass breakups, his first this year, to give him six PBUs in his career. His three pass breakups are the most by an Aggie since JD Drew had three pass breakups against New Mexico in 2023.

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- Sophomore P Landon Rehkow (16) had two punts downed inside the 20-yard line to give him seven punts this season and in his career downed inside the 20-yard line. Rehkow also had a 50-yard punt to give him six punts this year and in his career of at least 50 yards.