

# UTAH STATE FOOTBALL

## Post-Game Notes vs. McNeese (09/20/25)

### Series Info:

- Utah State improves to 1-0 all-time against McNeese and 2-0 all-time against current members of the Southland Conference.

### With The Win:

- Utah State is 3-1 to start a season for the first time since the 2021 team was also 3-1 after its first four games.
- Utah State has won each of its first three home games for the first time since 2019.
- Utah State has now won 13 of its last 18 non-conference home games and is 25-8 in its last 33 non-conference home games. Overall, USU is now 56-25 in its last 81 home games and 168-121 all-time at Maverik Stadium.
- Utah State head coach Bronco Mendenhall improved to 143-89 all-time as a head coach, including a 78-49 non-conference record.

### 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 627 yards of total offense (339 rushing, 293 passing), which is the 15th-most in school history. Its 339 rushing yards are its most since rushing for 380 against Idaho State in 2023.
- Utah State has now scored 48-plus points in consecutive games for the first time since 2021.
- Utah State's seven points allowed are its fewest since it posted a 62-7 home win against Stony Brook in 2019.
- Utah State limited McNeese to 239 yards of total offense, the fewest by an Aggie opponent since holding New Mexico to 186 yards in 2021.
- Utah State had a season-high 27 first downs and a season-high in time of possession (31:14).
- Utah State had a season-high in third downs converted (6-of-12).
- Utah State committed a season-high two turnovers in the game, including its first thrown interception of the year.
- Utah State's 34 first-half points are its most since scoring 51 points in the first half against Idaho State in 2023.
- Utah State finished the game with a season-high 4.0 sacks

### Offensive Notes:

- Graduate QB Bryson Barnes (16) posted a career-high 421 yards of total offense as he was 19-of-27 passing for a USU career-high 293 yards. Barnes also rushed for 128 yards on 13 carries and two touchdowns. For Barnes, it is the third time in his career, all at USU, that he has rushed for 100 yards in a game, which is the most by a QB in school history. Barnes now has six rushing touchdowns this season, 11 in his USU career, and 14 in his collegiate career.
- Barnes had a season-high three touchdown passes (45, 53, 9) to give him eight touchdown passes on the season, 20 in his USU career and 37 in his collegiate career. It is the third straight game and eighth time in his USU career he has thrown multiple touchdowns.
- Graduate RB Miles Davis (2) rushed for a season-high 118 yards on 13 carries, including a 30-yard touchdown run to give him two rushing touchdowns on the season and four in his career. It

is his second-career 100-yard rushing game. Davis also had five catches for 39 yards as he finished the game with 157 all-purpose yards.

- Freshman RB Noah White (23) rushed for 49 yards on eight carries, both of which are career highs.
- Junior RB Javen Jacobs (8) scored his second rushing touchdown of the season and the fifth of his career on a 1-yard run.
- Senior WR Kahanu Davis (7) caught his first career touchdown on a 45-yard reception in the first quarter. It was his second reception of the season and the fourth of his career.
- Graduate WR Brady Boyd (5) had a career-high two touchdown receptions (53, 9), his first this season, to give him three touchdown receptions in his career. His 53-yard touchdown catch is a career-long reception.

#### **Defensive Notes:**

- Redshirt freshman DT Carson Tujague (28) had a career-high 11 tackles for his first career double-digit tackle outing.
- Junior ILB Bronson Olevao Jr. (14) tied his career-high with nine tackles, which included a career-high-tying 1.5 sacks and a career-high two quarterback hurries. He now has 3.0 sacks and 4.0 tackles for loss this season, and 6.5 sacks and 10.0 TFLs in his career.
- Sophomore OLB William Holmes (24) had a career-high 2.0 sacks and a career-high 3.0 tackles for loss to give him 2.0 sacks and 4.5 TFLs on the season and 3.5 sacks and 6.0 TFLs in his career.
- Sophomore ILB Mataira Brown (17) had a career-high six tackles.
- Graduate DT Naki Fahina (47) tied his career-high with five tackles.
- Sophomore CB D'Angelo Mayes (15) had a career-high four tackles and his first career pass breakup.
- Graduate CB Noah Avinger (1) tied his career-high with two pass breakups, his first this year, to give him 12 PBUs in his career.
- Redshirt junior S Bobby Arnold (12) had his first career pass breakup. He also had 0.5 tackles for loss, his first this year, to give him 3.0 TFLs in his career.
- Junior DT Tyree Morris (9) had 0.5 tackles for loss to give him 2.0 TFLs this year and 8.5 TFLs in his career.
- Sophomore CB Noah Flores (21) had 0.5 tackles for loss, his first this season, to give him 3.5 TFLs in his career.

#### **Special Team Notes:**

- Sophomore P Landon Rehkow (16) had a 60-yard punt and a 53-yard punt to give him eight punts of 50-plus yards on the season.