



2017 UTEP FOOTBALL

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Game 6 | Oct. 7, 2017 | 6 p.m. MT | El Paso, Texas | Sun Bowl Stadium (51,500)

UTEP vs WKU POST GAME NOTES

Final: UTEP (0-6, 0-2 C-USA West) 14, WKU (3-2, 1-1 C-USA East) 15

Attendance: 20,418

UTEP registered a season-high 287 yards off total offense, including a season-best 163 yards rushing.

Senior QB Zack Greenlee rushed for his first career touchdown, a five-yard run late in the second quarter that gave UTEP a 14-8 lead going into the half.

Zack Greenlee gained a career-long 11-yard rush during the second quarter. His previous high was a three-yard rush at Army West Point on Sept. 30.

Junior WR Kavika Johnson scored his first career touchdown reception – a 15-yard catch in the second quarter. Johnson has scored multiple touchdowns during his career, as he rushed for a score in 2015, while throwing four touchdowns in his career.

Kavika Johnson joins, most recently, Aaron Jones and Lorne Sam as Miners who have registered rushing, receiving and throwing touchdowns during their respective careers.

Junior WR Erik Brown recorded his first catch in a UTEP uniform, an eight-yard reception in the third quarter for a first down on a third-and-4 play. Brown hauled in another for 24 yards. Brown finished with a pair of catches for 32 yards to lead the team.

Junior TE Augie Touris registered his first career catch, a five-yard snag in the first quarter.

Sophomore RB Kevin Dove rushed for a career-high 69 yards on a career-most 15 attempts. Dove also rambled off a career-long rush of 23 yards during the fourth quarter.

True freshman RB Joshua Fields recorded a career-long seven-yard rush during the third quarter.

Junior TE David Lucero matched his season high with three receptions.

Senior LB Alvin Jones registered his second sack of 2017 in the second quarter, giving him 12.5 for his career and cracking the program's top-10 list.

Alvin Jones racked up 12 more tackles, his 11th career double-digit tackle performance.

Senior LB Julian Jackson registered a career-high eight tackles. His previous high was seven – done three times in his first three games in a UTEP uniform.

Junior DB Nik Needham registered a career-high five pass breakups. Needham now has six in 2017 and 22 in his career. Needham is now ranked ninth on the program's top-10 list. Needham ranks in the top five in Conference USA in that stat category.

Sophomore DB Michael Lewis matched his career best with nine tackles, while tallying his first career quarterback hurry.

True freshman DL Dedrick Simpson recorded his first career sack for a loss of eight yards on a third-and-5 during the third quarter.

True Freshman Trace Mascorro tallied a career-high five tackles.

The UTEP defense allowed a season-low 282 yards of total offense. It's the lowest against an FBS program since yielding 205 yards at North Texas in the 2015 season finale. The Miners gave up 227 yards against Houston Baptist last season.