



# 2018 UTEP FOOTBALL

UTEP ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS | 500 W. UNIVERSITY AVE. | BRUMBELOW BUILDING | EL PASO, TEXAS 79968-0579

GAME 3 | SEPT. 15 | 10 AM MT | KNOXVILLE, TENN. | NEYLAND STADIUM (102,455)

## UTEP AT TENNESSEE POST GAME NOTES

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### FINAL: TENNESSEE (2-1) 24, UTEP (0-3) 0

Today's attendance was 87,074. The crowd was the largest to witness a game involving UTEP since 92,863 attended the Miners' matchup at Texas on Sept. 10, 2016.

The Miners were involved in a game that kicked off at 10 a.m. MT, believed to be the earliest start time in school history, for the sixth time in the last seven years. Previous occurrences were at Wisconsin (Sept. 22, 2012), at Kansas State (Sept. 27, 2014), at FIU (Oct. 10, 2015), at Old Dominion (Nov. 14, 2015) and at Rice (Nov. 19, 2016).

UTEP's Dana Dimel coached against Tennessee for the second time. The first time was on Sept. 4, 1999, when his Wyoming Cowboys opened the season with a 42-17 loss at the second-ranked Vols.

Senior LB Jamar Smith made his first start of the season and second of his career this afternoon. His first start came on Sept. 9, 2017 versus Rice after Alvin Jones was ejected for targeting the previous week at Oklahoma.

Graduate transfer LB A.J. Hotchkins posted double-digit tackles (10) for the second time in three games. He had 13 stops in the opener versus Northern Arizona.

Junior LB Dylan Parsee's nine tackles were a career best. He had six stops at Southern Miss on Oct. 14, 2017.

The Miners picked up a pair of sacks today after tallying two in the first couple of games this season. The sack by Dylan Parsee was the first of his career, and the sack by Mike Sota was his second. Sota also recorded a sack in the opener against Northern Arizona.

Junior WR Keynan Foster tied his career-high with two catches and led the Miners in receiving (21 yards) for the first time.

Senior DB Nik Needham tied the school record for career pass break-ups in the third quarter. He now has 25 PBU's, putting him in a first-place deadlock with Jahmal Fenner, who played for the Miners from 2001-04.

Junior Mitchell Crawford punted 12 times for 471 yards. The 12 punts are tied for sixth in school history by an individual player, and are the second-top total (the record is 13 punts by four players). The 471 punt yards are the most for UTEP in a game since compiling 527 at New Mexico on Nov. 12, 1983, and rate as the sixth-most in the Miner record book.

The Miners forced two turnovers, doubling their output from the first two games. They recovered two fumbles in a game for the first time since Nov. 18, 2017 versus LA Tech, and for only the second time in their last 23 games dating back to the 2016 season.