

UTEP MINERS FOOTBALL

UTEP vs. ACU | 7 p.m. MT | Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020 | Sun Bowl Stadium (46,104) | El Paso, Texas

POSTGAME NOTES

GAME NOTES

FINAL: UTEP 17, ABILENE CHRISTIAN 13

- Announced attendance was 6,056.
- The Miners won the coin toss and deferred to the second half.

OPENERS

- UTEP improved to 2-1 for the first time since 2014.
- The Miners are 2-0 at home for the first time since the 2010 season.
- The Miners outscored ACU 17-6 after falling down 7-0 early.

OFFENSE

- Senior RB **Joshua Fields** scored his first touchdown of the season during the second quarter at the 6:18 mark. It was also Fields's third career score.
- Fields rushed for 75 yards on 17 attempts. Fields's last six carries went for 44 yards (7.3 avg).
- Junior RB **Ronald Awatt** score his first career touchdown on a four-yard rush at the start of the fourth quarter.
- Awatt rushed for a career-high 19 yards on five carries.
- Sophomore WR **Jacob Cowing** went over the century mark for the third time in his career and second this season, hauling in eight receptions for 110 yards.
- Cowing caught a career-high eight receptions, surpassing his previous total of seven.
- Sophomore QB **Gavin Hardison** finished 15-of-25 for 195 yards and no interceptions. After starting 1-7 for 15 yards in the first quarter, Hardison went 14-of-18 for 180 yards from the second quarter on.
- Hardison rushed for a career-long 14-yard gain during the second quarter.

SCORING PLAYS

- 2nd Q | **Gavin Baechle** connected on a 27-yard field goal. **Justin Garrett's** 14-yard reception to the ACU 20 that helped set up the score. Drive: 10 plays, 58 yards. UTEP 3, ACU 7
- 2nd Q | **Joshua Fields** found the end zone on a five-yard rush in the second quarter. **Jacob Cowing's** 51-yard reception from Gavin Hardison set up the score. Drive: two plays, 56 yards. UTEP 10, ACU 7
- 4th Q | **Ronald Awatt** bruised his way four yards into the end zone. **Gavin Hardison** threw 5-of-7 for 64 yards on the drive. Drive: 13 plays, 75 yards. UTEP 17, ACU 10

DEFENSE

- Junior DB **Dennis Barnes** recovered a fumble during the middle of the second quarter that set up the Fields's touchdown on the ensuing possession.
- Senior DB **Duron Lowe** recovered a fumble, the first of his UTEP career after Dy'vonne Inyang forced the fumble during the first quarter at the UTEP35.
- Senior LB **Stephen Forrester** led the Miners with seven tackles.
- Junior LB **Gary Theard** tallied five stops, a career-high at UTEP.
- Junior S **Broderick Harrell** tied his career best with five tackles.
- Sophomore DB **Praise Amaewhule** recorded his first sack of the season during the fourth quarter. He added a career-high two pass breakups and three tackles.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- Junior K **Gavin Baechle** hit a 27-yard field goal.
- Freshman P **Joshua Sloan** punted five times for 193 yards (38.6 avg.). Sloan placed one inside the 20-yard line.

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