

# UTEP MINERS FOOTBALL

UTEP at ULM | 1:30 p.m. MT | Sept. 26, 2020 | JPS Field at Malone Stadium | Monroe, La.

## POSTGAME NOTES

### GAME NOTES

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#### FINAL: UTEP 31, ULM 6

- ULM won the toss and deferred, so the Miners started the game on offense for the first time this season.

### QUICK HITTERS

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- The Miners are 3-1 for the first time since the 2010 season.
- UTEP has three victories for the first time since 2016, when it finished 4-8.
- UTEP posted a non-conference road victory outside of the states of New Mexico and Texas for the first time since Nov. 8, 2008 at UL Lafayette.
- The Miners posted their best non-conference record since 2011, when they were also 3-1 outside of league play.

### OFFENSE

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- The 82-yard pass from **Gavin Hardison** to **Jacob Cowing** in the first quarter represented the Miners' longest play from scrimmage this season. It was also Hardison's longest pass as a Miner and Cowing's longest catch in a UTEP uniform.
- Cowing picked up his third 100-yard receiving game of the season, and the fourth of his career. Four games into his sophomore season, Cowing is already tied for 14th place on the all-time UTEP list for 100-yard games.
- Cowing is the first UTEP player with three 100-yard receiving games in a season since **Jordan Leslie** had four in 2013.
- In Cowing (102) yards and **Justin Garrett** (120 yards), UTEP had two receivers with 100 yards in the same game for the first time since Nov. 24, 2012 versus Rice, when **Jordan Leslie** compiled 168 yards and **Michael Edwards** added 121.
- Hardison posted his first 300-yard passing game at UTEP and finished with the most yards (302) by a Miner signal-caller since **Kai Locksley** threw for 358 against NM State in 2019.
- **Deion Hankins** has gone over 100 yards twice in three games; he is the first UTEP freshman with multiple 100-yard rushing games in a season since **Aaron Jones** had three in 2016.
- UTEP had a 300-yard passer, 100-yard rusher and 100-yard receiver for the first time since Nov. 14, 2009 at SMU, when **Trevor Vittatoe** threw for 396 yards, **Donald Buckram** rushed for 241 yards, and **Jeff Moturi** notched 153 yards receiving.
- The Miners recorded 500+ yards of offense (512) for the third time under coach **Dana Dimel**, and scored 30+ points for the fifth time in the Dimel era.

### SCORING PLAYS

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- **Deion Hankins** has scored five rushing TD's in three games this season.
- Hankins is the first UTEP freshman to score three rushing TD's in a game since **John Harvey** at Colorado State on Sept. 14, 1985. He also tied the school record for single-game rushing touchdowns by a freshman.
- **Ronald Awatt** scored a 23-yard rushing touchdown in the fourth quarter, his second score in as many games.

### DEFENSE

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- **Duron Lowe** picked off his second pass in four games in the first quarter. Last year, **Justin Rogers** and **Ykili Ross** led the Miners with two interceptions all season.
- UTEP held ULM to six points, 193 yards and six first downs -- all opponent lows under coach **Dana Dimel**.
- Overall it was the Miners' top defensive outing since Oct. 25, 2014 at UTSA, when they limited the Roadrunners to 70 yards and two first downs in a 34-0 shutout.
- UTEP matched its season best with five tackles for losses and three pass breakups. The Miners' three sacks were a season high.
- Newcomers **Tyrice Knight** and **Dennis Barnes** posted season bests with six tackles and two pass breakups, respectively.

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