

# UTEP MINERS FOOTBALL

UTEP vs. SFA | 7 p.m. MT | Saturday, Sept. 5, 2020 | Sun Bowl Stadium (46,104) | El Paso, Texas

## POSTGAME NOTES

### GAME NOTES

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#### FINAL: UTEP 24, SFA 14

- Announced attendance was 6,047.
- The Miners won the coin toss and deferred to the second half.

### OPENERS

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- UTEP improved to 45-53-5 in season openers and 37-22-3 in home openers.
- The Miners have started the season 1-0 for the second consecutive season. The Miners last started 1-0 in consecutive seasons in 2010 and 2011.
- The Miners went down 14-3, followed by scoring 21 unanswered points.

### OFFENSE

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- Redshirt freshman RB **Deion Hankins** scored his first career touchdown on a 10-yard rush in the second quarter with 20 seconds remaining in the half that gave UTEP a 17-14 lead.
- Hankins rushed for two scores, as his second came off a direct snap in the fourth quarter at the 3:51 mark.
- Hankins added a career-long rush of 41 yards to the SFA six-yard line that set up his second score.
- Sophomore WR **Jacob Cowing** recorded 116 yards, his second career 100-yard game.
- Cowing tied his career best with seven receptions.
- Cowing and Hankins were the first UTEP running back/wide receiver combo to hit over 100 yards since 2013. RB **Aaron Jones** (186 yards) and WR **Ian Hamilton** (108 yards) did it at Rice on Oct. 26, 2013. The last time it happened in the Sun Bowl was on Oct. 5, 2013 when Jones (121 yards) and Jordan Leslie (114 yards) went over the century mark.
- Senior WR **Justin Garrett** hauled in his first touchdown catch of the season, and his fourth career score in a UTEP uniform.

### SCORING PLAYS

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- Junior K **Gavin Baechle** put the Miners on the board first with a 22-yard FG at the 3:25 mark in the first quarter.
- Senior WR **Justin Garrett** hauled in a four-yard score at the 2:08 mark in the second quarter.
- Redshirt freshman RB **Deion Hankins** bulldozed his way 10 yard for a touchdown with 20 seconds remaining in the second quarter for the go-ahead score.
- Hankins scored his second touchdown on a direct snap for a four-yard gain at the 3:51 mark in the fourth quarter.

### DEFENSE

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- Redshirt Senior DB **Duron Lowe** intercepted his first pass in a UTEP uniform. Lowe picked off the pass in the fourth quarter at the 8:09 mark.
- Senior DB **Dy'vonne Inyang** tallied a career-high six tackles to lead the Miners.
- Junior DB **Dennis Barnes** opened his UTEP career with five tackles.
- The UTEP defense allowed 230 yards, the least since 2016 when the Miners yielded 227 to Houston Baptist.

### SPECIAL TEAMS

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- Freshman P **Joshua Sloan** made his UTEP debut, punting once for 39 yards.

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