

UTEP MINERS FOOTBALL

UTEP vs. LA Tech | 7 p.m. MT | Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021 | Sun Bowl Stadium | El Paso, Texas

POSTGAME NOTES

GAME NOTES

FINAL: UTEP 19, LA Tech 3

- Announced attendance was 18,468.

TEAM NOTES

- UTEP is bowl eligible for the first time since 2014.
- The Miners are 6-1 for the first time since the 2005 season when they started 8-1.
- UTEP is 4-0 in the Sun Bowl for the first time since 2010. The Miners have won six straight in the venue dating back to last season.
- The Miners are 3-0 in Conference USA play for the first time since 2008 and for the second time since joining the league in 2005.
- The Miners ended an eight-game losing streak to LA Tech. UTEP registered its first victory over the Bulldogs in El Paso since 1939. The Miners had lost seven straight to LA Tech in the Sun City entering the game.
- The Miners won a game with four turnovers for the first time since a 34-27 victory at San Diego State in the 2006 season opener.

OFFENSE

- Freshman RB **Deion Hankins** recorded multiple rushing touchdowns in a game for the fourth time in his career, and the first time this season.
- Sophomore WR **Jacob Cowing** posted the 10th 100-yard receiving game of his career, tied for the fourth-most in school history and three shy of tying the school record of 13.
- Cowing has five 100-yard receiving games this season, including four in the last five contests. The five 100-yard games are the most by a Miner in a season since **Kris Adams** had five in 2010.
- Cowing now has 2,016 receiving yards in his career and moved into 10th place on the Miners' all-time receiving list, passing **Jordan Leslie** (2,015 yards).
- The 283 passing yards by sophomore QB **Gavin Hardison** were his most versus a Conference USA opponent.
- Junior WR **Reynaldo Flores** picked up a career-high in receiving for the second straight game. After posting 48 yards at

DEFENSE

- Junior DE **Jadrian Taylor** tallied a career-high 3.5 sacks.
- The Miner defense has tallied multiple safeties in a season for the first time since 2015 when it totaled three.
- UTEP has recorded a safety in back-to-back games for the first time in school history.
- A trio of Miners (junior LB **Tyrice Knight**, sophomore DB **Torrey Richardson**, sophomore FS **Tyson Wilson**) posted their first interceptions at UTEP.
- The Miners picked off three passes in a game for the first time since 2012 at East Carolina.
- The three points tied for the second-fewest allowed by UTEP in a Conference USA game. The Miners shut out UTSA during the 2014 season, and beat Marshall 31-3 in 2005.
- The three points were the fewest scored by LA Tech in a Conference USA game, and their fewest in a conference game since 2008 at Boise State (three), when they were members of the Western Athletic Conference.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- The 36-yard punt return by senior **Justin Garrett** in the first quarter was a career long.
- The 62-yard punt by freshman **Josh Sloan** in the second quarter was one yard shy of his career long.

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