

# UTEP MINERS FOOTBALL

UTEP vs. Old Dominion | 7 p.m. MT | Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021 | Sun Bowl Stadium | El Paso, Texas

## POSTGAME NOTES

### GAME NOTES

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**FINAL: UTEP 28, Old Dominion 21**

- Announced attendance was 11,025.

### TEAM NOTES

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- The Miners are 4-1 for the first time since the 2010 season, when they started 5-1.
- UTEP has its most wins in a season (four) under coach **Dana Dimel**.
- The Miners have four victories for the first time since the 2016 season, when they finished 4-8.
- UTEP posted its first Conference USA victory since Nov. 3, 2018, when it won 34-26 at Rice. The Miners ended a 15-game C-USA losing skid.
- This was UTEP's first C-USA win in the Sun Bowl since Nov. 26, 2016 versus North Texas, 52-24. Since then the Miners had dropped 12 consecutive league home games.
- The Miners are 1-0 in C-USA play for the first time since 2009. UTEP had lost its previous 11 league openers.
- Overall UTEP is 6-11 all-time in Conference USA openers.
- UTEP posted its first fourth quarter comeback victory since Nov. 28, 2015, when it trailed 17-13 entering the fourth quarter at North Texas, but won the game 20-17.
- The Miners had lost 45 consecutive games when trailing entering the fourth quarter before tonight.
- The Miners improved to 40-48-1 all-time in Homecoming games. UTEP snapped a five-game losing streak on Homecoming.
- UTEP is 2-1 all-time when Old Dominion is its Homecoming opponent.
- The Miners have reeled off five consecutive wins in the Sun Bowl for the first time since a six-game run over the course of the 2014 and 2015 season.

### OFFENSE

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- Sophomore WR **Jacob Cowing** has nine career 100-yard games, including four this season. The nine 100-yard games are tied for the seventh-most in school history with **Pug Gabrel** (1947-50), **Robert Elliott** (1974-77) and **Donald Buckram** (2006-10).
- Cowing has three straight 100-yard games for the first time in his career.
- Cowing is the first Miner with three consecutive 100-yard receiving games since **Jordan Leslie** did so versus Colorado State (130), LA Tech (114) and Tulsa (102) in 2013.
- Sophomore WR **Tyrin Smith** scored his first touchdown as a Miner in the second quarter off a seven-yard pass from sophomore QB **Gavin Hardison**.

### DEFENSE

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- The sack by junior CB **Dennis Barnes** in the third quarter was the first of his UTEP career.
- Barnes had a career-best 2.5 tackles for losses.
- Senior S **Dy'vonne Inyang** is the first UTEP defender to record two takeaways in a game since **Dashone Smith** had two interceptions at NM State on Sept. 14, 2013.
- Sophomore DE **Praise Amaewhule** led the Miners in tackles (eight) for the first time in his career.
- The Miners have allowed a total of 116 yards in the fourth quarter over the last two games.
- For the second straight week, the Miners had six pass breakups.

### SPECIAL TEAMS

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- CB **Dennis Barnes** posted a career-high 51 kickoff return yards.

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