

UTEP MINERS FOOTBALL

UTEP at Florida Atlantic | 6 p.m. MT | Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021 | FAU Stadium | Boca Raton, Fla.

POSTGAME NOTES

GAME NOTES

FINAL: Florida Atlantic 28, UTEP 25

TEAM NOTES

- The Miners had their four-game win streak, their longest since the 2010 season, snapped.
- UTEP dropped to 2-2 on the road this season.
- UTEP is 1-2 all-time versus Florida Atlantic, including 0-2 in Boca Raton. This was the first meeting between the teams since the 2016 season.
- The Miners are 0-26-1 all-time when playing in the Eastern time zone.
- The Miners' 3-1 record in C-USA still matches their best through four games since joining the league in 2005. They also opened 3-1 in 2005, 2008 and 2014.

OFFENSE

- The 25-yard reception by junior FB **James Tupou** in the second quarter was a career long.
- Junior TE **Trent Thompson** picked up his second touchdown reception of the season in the second quarter. The two TD's are the most by a Miner tight end in a season since **David Lucero** also had two during the 2018 campaign.
- Thompson finished with a career-high 38 yards receiving.
- The rushing score by junior **Ronald Awatt** in the fourth quarter was his fourth of the season, a career-high total. Awatt had three rushing TD's in 2020.
- Sophomore WR **Tyrin Smith** picked up the first 100-yard game (six catches-114 yards) of his UTEP career.
- Senior WR **Justin Garrett** registered his fifth career 100-yard game (12 catches-100 yards) and his second of the season.
- Sophomore QB **Gavin Hardison** threw for a career-best 321 yards.

DEFENSE

- The Miners have allowed less than 300 yards in six games this season, their most since doing so eight times in 1966.
- UTEP held Florida Atlantic to 280 yards.
- The Miners have allowed 1,094 yards in their four C-USA games -- an average of 273.5 per game.
- Junior LB **Breon Hayward** collected 14 tackles, two shy of his career high.
- Sophomore FS **Tyson Wilson** recorded his first tackle for loss as a Miner.
- Junior LB **Tyrice Knight** (1.5) and grad transfer DB **Walter Neil Jr.** (0.5) tied their UTEP highs in tackles for losses.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- Freshman P **Josh Sloan** averaged 42.4 yards on five punts with a long of 48.
- Senior **Justin Garrett** tallied a game-high 140 all-purpose yards, including 40 on punt returns.
- The 40 punt return yards were a career high for Garrett.

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