

UTEP MINERS FOOTBALL

UTEP vs. Boise State | 7 p.m. MT | Friday, Sept. 23, 2022 | Sun Bowl Stadium | El Paso, Texas

POSTGAME NOTES

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FINAL: UTEP 27, Boise State 10

- Announced attendance was 11,227

QUICK HITS

- The Miners improved to 1-6 against Boise State, winning their first ever game against the Broncos since the series started at the Humanitarian Bowl on Nov. 28, 2000.

OFFENSE

- QB **Gavin Hardison** (10-for-11) became the first UTEP QB to have one incomplection (min. 10 attempts) since Jay Stuckey (12-13 vs. SMU, Oct. 9, 1999).
- Hardison threw his 27th career touchdown, ranking ninth in the program's all-time passing TD list. **Pat Hegarty** ranks eighth (30 TD passes).
- WR **Jeremiah Ballard** made his first career start and responded by setting a career best in receiving yards (64) and scoring his first career touchdown on a 42-yard catch in the second quarter.
- WR/RB **Reynaldo Flores** scored his first career touchdown, a three-yard rush in the fourth quarter.
- Flores rushed for a career-high 41 yards on nine attempts.
- RB **Deion Hankins** grinded out a game-high and season-best 86 yards on 21 carries. It was the most yards Hankins rushed for since rushing for 99 yards in the last game of the 2020 season (vs. North Texas).
- UTEP's 40:35 time of possession is the most since Sept. 22, 2018 against NM State (40:48).

DEFENSE

- The UTEP defense allowed its fewest yards (177) since Oct. 25, 2014 at UTSA (70 yards).
- The Miners posted a season-high 12 QB hurries and the most since Oct. 3, 2009 against no. 12 Houston (17 hurries).
- The defense posted a season-high seven breakups, the most since seven breakups on Nov. 17, 2018 at WKU. It's the most in a nonconference contest since recording 10 on Sept. 3, 2016 against NM State.
- CB **Ilijah Johnson** matched his career high with three pass breakups. Johnson posted three against NM State a few weeks back.
- DB **Dennis Barnes** tied his career best with two pass breakups.
- LB **Cal Wallerstedt** tied his career best with a team-high nine tackles, while posted his first career pass breakup.
- DT **Keenan Stewart** tallied a career-high three QB hurries.
- DT **DT Kelton Moss** posted a career-high two QB hurries.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- K **Gavin Baechle** connected his ninth consecutive field goals, a 35-yarder for UTEP's first points in the second quarter. He hit another one - a 25-yard kick in the third quarter. It is the longest streak of his career.
- Baechle is 9-of-10 FG's in 2022, leading C-USA in FGM. Baechle has made 45-career FG's, ranking second on the program's all-time FGM list. Reagan Schneider (50 FGM) leads the all-time list.
- PR/WR **Marcus Bellon** returned a punt 47 yards for a touchdown, his first score as a Miner. It was the first punt return for a TD since Sept. 19, 2015, when Jaquan White took one back 64 yards to the house at NM State.

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