

# UTEP MINERS FOOTBALL

UTEP at Sam Houston | 7 p.m. MT | Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023 | Elliott T. Bowers Stadium (14,000) | Huntsville, Texas

## POSTGAME NOTES

### GAME NOTES

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**FINAL: UTEP 37, Sam Houston 34**

- Announced attendance was 6,889.

### QUICK HITS

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- UTEP scored a season-high 37 points.
- UTEP has won consecutive road games (in the same season) for the first time since posting three straight road victories in 2004.
- The last time UTEP rallied from 14 points down on the road came at UTSA on Oct. 22, 2016 when the Miners won 52-48 in quadruple overtime.

### OFFENSE

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- RB **Deion Hankins** scored his 21st career touchdown on a two-yard rush to begin the second quarter. Hankins is now ranked tied seventh on the program's all-time touchdowns rushing list with RB **Donald Buckram** and RB **Owen Price**.
- RB **Deion Hankins** rushed for 117 yards and ranks ninth on the program's top-10 list with 2,409 career yards. RB **Donald Buckram** (2,417 yards) ranks eighth.
- RB **Deion Hankins** rushed for 117 yards, his eighth career 100-yard game. It was also Hankins's first career back-to-back 100-yard performance after gaining 120 last week versus NM State.
- WR **Emari White** hauled in a career-long 32-yard reception during the second quarter, and followed with his first career rush that went for 17 yards.
- RB **Mike Franklin** scored his second touchdown of the season on a three-yard run in the third quarter.
- WR **Kelly Akharaiyi** tallied his third 100-yard game (126 yards) of the season, and fourth of his career.
- QB **Kevin Hurley** scored on a one-yard rush, his second rushing touchdown of the season. He's accounted for three touchdowns this season.
- UTEP rushed for 222 yards, its third 200-yard effort in 2023. The Miners rushed for 329 yards against UIW and 224 versus LA Tech.

### DEFENSE

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- DE **Praise Amaewhule** recorded a pass breakup, his 22nd career PBU, now ranking 10th on the program's top-10 list.
- CB **AJ Odums** tallied career-high five tackles.
- S **Davis Burns** recorded his first career QB hurry and career-high two tackles.
- LB **James Neal** intercepted his first career pass during the fourth quarter.
- DE Maurice Westmoreland tallied a sack, his team-leading 5.5 on the year. He added 2.5 TFLs.

### SPECIAL TEAMS

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- K **Buzz Flabiano's** 43-yard field goal with no time remaining in the first half was a career long. His previous best was 37 yards at FIU.
- K **Buzz Flabiano** made a career-high three made field goals, going a perfect 3-of-3. The first went for 23 yards, while the second was a 43-yard make and the third a 32-yarder to win the game.