

# UTEP MINERS FOOTBALL '23

UTEP vs. UIW | 7:00 p.m. MT | Saturday, Sept. 2 | Sun Bowl Stadium (45,971) | El Paso, Texas



## TUNE IN

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## COACHING STAFF

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**Josh Brown**, Def. Pass Game Coord.  
**Drew Liddle**, Tight Ends/Fullbacks \*  
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**James Bain**, OL/Sp. Teams Asst.  
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## THE VENUE

**Stadium:** Sun Bowl Stadium  
**Capacity:** 45,971  
**Surface:** FieldTurf FTTHD-57 With Coolplay

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## GAME 2 vs. Incarnate Word



### UTEP Miners (0-1, 0-1 Conference USA)

**Head Coach:** Dana Dimel (Kansas State, 1986)

**Career Record:** 48-79 (12th season)

**Record at UTEP:** 17-41 (6th season)

**Home:** 0-0 | **Road:** 0-1 | **Neutral:** 0-0 | **Streak:** L1

VS



### Incarnate Word Cardinals (0-0)

**Head Coach:** Clint Killough (UIW, 2015)

**Career Record:** 0-0 (1st season)

**Record at UIW:** same

**Home:** 0-0 | **Road:** 0-0 | **Neutral:** 0-0 | **Streak:** -

## MINERS AT A GLANCE

### UTEP HOSTS INCARNATE WORD ON "MINER MAGIC/80'S NIGHT" SATURDAY EVENING

UTEP will open home action against Incarnate Word on Saturday night in Sun Bowl Stadium with kickoff set for 7 p.m. The home opener will also mark 60 years playing in the Sun Bowl. The Miners (0-1) are coming off a setback on week zero while the Cardinals (0-0) are opening their 2023 season. The 1988 10-win Miners will be honored at halftime along with '88 head coach and former Director of Athletics Bob Stull.

#### » IN THE SUN BOWL

UTEP is 11-3 in Sun Bowl Stadium over the last three seasons.

#### » BREAKING THE CENTURY MARK

**Kelly Akharaiyi** hit a career-high 102 receiving yards and matched his career best with four catches and a TD.

#### » BREAKOUT GAME FOR BURGESS JR.

**Torrance Burgess Jr.** set career highs in rushing (58 yards), rush attempts (12) and all-purpose yards (64).

#### » MOVING UP THE PASSING TD LIST

**Gavin Hardison** threw his 36th career touchdown pass at Jax State, now ranking fourth on the program's top-10 list.

#### » 19 FOR DEION

**Deion Hankins** scored his 19th career rushing touchdown, now ranking tied ninth on the program's top-10 list.

#### » RACKING UP STOPS IN FIRST START

**James Neal** made his first ever start on Saturday, racking up a career-high 10 tackles.

#### » VYING TO BE SACK KING

**Praise Amaewhule** has 18.5 career sacks, needing 2.5 to take over the all-time school record of 20.0.

#### » ANOTHER ONE

**Tyrice Knight** added another double-digit tackle performance to his resume, tallying 13 stop on Saturday.

## SERIES BREAKDOWN

### SERIES INFORMATION

**Overall:** UTEP leads 1-0  
**in El Paso:** UTEP leads 1-0  
**in San Antonio:** n/a  
**Neutral:** n/a  
**Postseason:** n/a  
**Most UTEP Points:** 27 (27-17, 2015)  
**Most UIW Points:** 17 (27-17, 2015)  
**Most Combined PTS:** 44 (27-17, 2015)  
**Biggest UTEP Win:** 10 (27-17, 2015)  
**Biggest UIW Win:** n/a  
**First Meeting:** UTEP won 27-17 in El Paso (09.26.15)  
**Last Meeting:** UTEP won 27-17 in El Paso (09.26.15)  
**Streak:** UTEP, W1

## C-USA STANDINGS

TEAM	C-USA	OVERALL
Jax State	1-0	1-0
LA Tech	1-0	1-0
Liberty	0-0	0-0
Sam Houston	0-0	0-0
WKU	0-0	0-0
Middle Tennessee	0-0	0-0
NM State	0-1	0-0
FIU	0-1	0-1
<b>UTEP</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>0-1</b>

## 2023 SCHEDULE & RESULTS



@ Jax State\*  
Aug. 26  
Jacksonville, Fla.  
CBSSN  
L, 14-17



UIW  
Sept. 2  
El Paso, Texas  
ESPN+  
7:00 PM MT



@Northwestern  
Sept. 9  
Evanston, Ill.  
Big Ten Network  
1:30 PM MT



@ Arizona  
Sept. 16  
Tucson, Ariz.  
Pac 12 Network  
9:00 PM MT



UNLV  
Sept. 23  
El Paso, Texas  
ESPN Platform  
7:00 PM MT



LA Tech\*  
Sept. 29  
El Paso, Texas  
CBSSN  
7:00 PM MT



@ FIU\*  
Oct. 11  
Miami, Fla.  
ESPN2  
L, 41-31



FAU\*  
Oct. 18  
El Paso, Texas  
ESPN2  
7:00 PM MT



MIDDLE TENNESSEE\*  
Oct. 25  
Huntsville, Texas  
ESPN2  
6:00 PM MT



WKU \*  
Nov. 4  
El Paso, Texas  
ESPN Platform  
7:00 PM MT



@ MT\*  
Nov. 18  
Murfreesboro, Tenn.  
ESPN Platform  
12:00 PM MT



Liberty\*  
Nov. 25  
El Paso, Texas  
STADIUM  
1:30 PM MT

# UTEP FOOTBALL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><b>28</b> MON</p> <p><b>Practice (Glory Field)</b> 9-11:00 a.m. (Only players available at the LKD following practice)</p> <p><b>Coach Dimel Press Conference</b> 2:30 p.m. MT LKD Hall of Champions</p>	<p><b>29</b> TUES</p> <p><b>Practice (Glory Field)</b> 9-11 a.m. (Players &amp; coach available following practice)</p>	<p><b>30</b> WED</p> <p><b>Practice (Glory Field)</b> 9-11 a.m. (Players &amp; coach available following practice)</p>	<p><b>31</b> THURS</p> <p><b>Practice (Sun Bowl)</b> 9-11 a.m. (Players &amp; coach available following practice)</p>	<p><b>1</b> FRI</p> <p>No Availability</p>	<p><b>2</b> SAT</p> <p><b>GAME DAY</b> UTEP vs. UIW 7:00 PM MT Sun Bowl Stadium</p> <p><b>POSTGAME</b> Coach Dimel and student-athletes will be available following the conclusion of the game.</p>	<p><b>3</b> SUN</p> <p>No Availability</p>
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## MONDAY PRESS CONFERENCES

Head coach Dana Dimel will meet with the media at 2:30 p.m. MT every Monday prior to a game in the Hall of Champions at the Larry K. Durham Center. **Audio and a short transcription from the press conference will be emailed out to media on Monday afternoons.**

## PRACTICE COVERAGE

In addition to Monday's press conference, UTEP student-athletes and coaches are available for interviews following practice on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of game week. All interview requests must be directed to the UTEP Athletic Communications Office at least 24 hours in advance. **Please send all requests via email to [arbonney@utep.edu](mailto:arbonney@utep.edu).**

## COACH/PLAYER AVAILABILITY

Members of the UTEP coaching staff are available during the designated days and times throughout the year. Select players are also available during the designated days and times.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

UTEP fans can access the most in-depth information regarding all the University's programs through social media opportunities available online.

**Twitter** – Members of the UTEP Athletic Communications department will be tweeting throughout the year with the latest news and in-game score updates. To follow them, simply find them on Twitter.

**@UTEPFB** – Direct reports from football practices, games and more.

## MEDIA INFORMATION

### COLLEGEPRESSBOX.COM

Collegepressbox is the official media website for Division I football. Access and download game notes, quotes, statistics, media guides, headshots, logos and more for all FBS schools, conferences, postseason games, awards and the College Football Playoff. For access, please register for an account at [collegepressbox.com/register](http://collegepressbox.com/register).

### DAILY MEDIA AVAILABILITY

The following is a general weekly schedule of media availability for the UTEP football team. Members of the media are expected to adhere to these policies at all times. All interview requests should be made to UTEP Assistant Athletic Director/Communications Drew Bonney at least 24 hours in advance. All media availability times are subject to change. Please contact Drew Bonney for any changes in the schedule.

**Monday:** UTEP's weekly press conference starts with statements from head coach Dana Dimel beginning at approximately 2:30 p.m. MT every Monday prior to a game.

**Monday-Wednesday:** Practice will be held from 9-11 a.m. Coaches and players are available following the conclusion of practice.

**Saturday and Sunday:** No availability.

**Friday:** Postgame availability only. Head coach Dana Dimel and select student-athletes will be available for interviews following the conclusion of the game. The UTEP locker room, home or away, is **CLOSED** to the media at all times.

For games in El Paso, all UTEP postgame press conferences will be held after each game following a 10-minute cooling off period. No in-person interviews will be allowed on the field with players and/or coaches immediately following games. Coach Dimel and select players will be available in the press conference following games.

### CONFERENCE USA FOOTBALL COACHES' TRANSCRIPTS

Conference USA schools will submit transcripts of weekly press conferences each week to [CollegePressBox.com](http://CollegePressBox.com).

## INTERVIEW REQUESTS

**All interview requests must be made at least 24 hours in advance and must be submitted to Drew Bonney at [arbonney@utep.edu](mailto:arbonney@utep.edu).**

# NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	PLAYER	POS	HT	WT	CL/EXP	HOMETOWN/H.S./PREVIOUS SCHOOL
0	Ballard, Jeremiah	WR	6-3	205	R-So./1L	Houston, Texas/Dobie HS
0	Westmoreland, Maurice	DE	6-2	235	Jr./1L	Houston, Texas/Kilgore College
1	Odums, AJ	CB	5-11	175	Jr./TR	Houston, Texas/New Mexico
1	Smith, Tyrin	WR	5-7	170	Sr./2L	Cibolo, Texas/Cisco College
2	Hardison, Gavin	QB	6-3	215	R-Sr./3L	Hobbs, N.M./NMMI
2	Hylton, Kobe	S	6-0	205	Jr./1L	Snellville, Ga./Louisiana
3	Hankins, Deion	RB	6-0	226	R-Jr./3L	El Paso, Texas/Parkland HS
3	Williams-Evans, Jaleal	S	6-1	200	So./TR	Berkeley, Calif./College of San Francisco
4	Akharaiyi, Kelly	WR	6-1	194	R-Jr./1L	Irving, Texas/Tyler JC
4	Wilson Jr., Jerome	LB	6-2	229	R-So./1L	Etiwanda, Calif./Etiwanda HS
5	Burgess Jr., Torrance	RB	5-6	175	R-So./1L	Pearland, Texas/Dawson HS/Tyler JC
5	Neal, James	LB	6-0	223	R-Jr./RS	Paris, Texas/Paris HS/Tyler JC
6	McNamara, Jake	QB	5-11	189	R-Fr./RS	Franklin, Tenn./Page HS
6	Rudolph, Jalen	DT	6-0	266	R-Jr./3L	Baton Rouge, La./Junipero Serra HS
7	Bellon, Marcus	WR	5-9	180	Jr./1L	Truckee, Calif./Santa Barbara CC
7	Johnson, Kadarion	DL	6-1	300	Jr./TR	Houston, Texas/Kilgore College
8	Richardson, Torey	CB	6-0	183	R-Jr./1L	Tomball, Texas/Blinn JC
8	White, Emari	WR	6-0	185	R-So./RS	Antelope, Calif./Center/Sierra College
9	Clarke, Jostein	WR	6-3	195	R-Jr./1L	Prosper, Texas//Tyler JC
9	Moore, Trez	CB	6-1	192	Jr./1L	St. Louis, Mo./Iowa Western CC
10	Hurley, Kevin	QB	6-3	233	R-Jr./OL	Walnut, Miss./NE Mississippi CC
10	Knight, Tyrice	LB	6-2	235	R-Sr./3L	Lakeland, Fla./Independence CC
11	McConnell, Cade	QB	6-1	195	R-So./OL	Los Alamitos, Calif./Cerritos College
11	Moore, Oscar	S	6-1	208	Jr./TR	Eaton, Texas/Kilgore College
12	Gardere, Javoni	WR	6-0	195	R-So./TR	Dublin, Calif./Diablo Valley College
12	Hugue, Trejon	S	6-0	181	Sr./2L	Mansfield, Texas/Cisco College
13	Hunter, Jayce	S	6-0	185	Jr./TR	Mission Viejo, Calif./Saddleback College
13	Sloan, Joshua	P	6-2	189	Jr./3L	Melbourne, Australia//ProKick Australia
14	Boyd-Matthews, Amier	CB	6-1	180	R-Fr./RS	Tempe, Ariz./Mountain Pointe HS
14	Rodriguez, Zach	QB	6-3	195	R-So./OL	El Paso, Texas/El Paso HS
15	Spriggs, Dre	WR	6-2	180	R-So./TR	San Antonio, Texas/UTSA
15	Thompson, Bryton	DE	6-1	246	Sr./1L	Harker Heights, Texas/Blinn College
16	Mouser, Seth	QB	6-5	200	Fr./HS	Bastrop, Texas/Bastrop HS
16	Williams, Tyler	S	6-0	195	R-So./1L	Santa Maria, Calif./St. Joseph HS
17	Ezinwa, Judah	TE	6-3	240	So./TR	Fontana, Calif./Mt. SAC
17	Phillips, Josh	LB	6-3	220	Jr./TR	Grenada, Miss./Mississippi Gulf Coast
18	Burris III, John	CB	6-0	176	R-So./OL	Mesquite, Texas/Mesquite Horn HS
18	Gonzales, Ryan	WR	5-8	169	So./OL	El Paso, Texas/Eastwood HS
19	Harris, Caden	WR	5-10	170	Fr./HS	Round Rock, Texas/Stony Point HS
19	Robinson, Viontay	DE	6-1	250	Jr./TR	Waco, Texas/Navarro College
20	Byrd, Kenny	LB	6-0	225	Jr./TR	York, S.C./NE Mississippi CC
20	Triche, Daryon	RB	5-9	190	R-So./TR	Cedar Hill, Texas/Sam Houston
21	Cameron, Stefan	CB	5-11	185	Jr./TR	St. Louis, Mo./Foothill College
21	Dumas, Aaron	RB	5-9	208	R-So./TR	El Paso, Texas/Washington
22	Allen, Josiah	DB	5-10	179	Jr./1L	Elk Grove, Calif./Sacramento City College
22	Jolly, Ezell	RB	6-1	175	Fr./HS	Missouri City, Texas/Ridge Point HS
23	Amaehwule, Praise	DE	6-3	250	R-Sr./4L	Katy, Texas/Katy Taylor HS
23	McNamara, Kyle	WR	5-8	184	R-Fr./OL	Reno, Nev./WKU
24	Broussard, Mckel	S	6-0	192	R-Jr./3L	Sherman Oaks, Calif./Notre Dame HS
24	Franklin, Mike	RB	6-2	225	Jr./TR	Daphne, Ala./Contra Costa College
25	Dye, Josiah	S	6-1	185	Fr./HS	Gilbert, Ariz./William Field HS
26	Russell, Lantz	S	6-3	197	Jr./TR	Riverside, Calif./Mt. SAC
27	Burns, Davis	S	6-0	192	R-So./1L	El Paso, Texas/Coronado HS
27	Dye, Joshua	RB	5-11	202	Fr./HS	Gilbert, Ariz./William Field HS
28	Simmons, Xavier	LB	6-1	220	R-So./OL	Prince George, Md./Parkland HS
28	Walker, Cartraven	RB	5-6	175	R-Jr./1L	Mansfield, Texas/Cisco College
29	Muhammad, Atiq	CB	6-2	187	R-Fr./RS	Rockford, Ill./Guilford HS
30	Dyman, Nate	LB	6-2	223	Jr./TR	Missouri City, Texas//Blinn College
30	Whitaker, Michael	WR	5-9	170	R-Fr./TR	Katy, Texas/James E. Taylor HS
31	Wann, Matt	DE	6-2	235	Jr./TR	Fullerton, Calif./Santa Ana College
32	Heckaman, Kheagian	TE	6-1	220	R-Fr./TR	Hampshire, Texas/NM State

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32	Johnson, Ilijah	CB	5-11	170	R-So./1L	Maricopa, Ariz./Maricopa HS
33	McIver-Brown, Dresden	DT	6-0	259	R-So./OL	Selma, Texas/Veterans Memorial HS
34	Johnson, Xavier	RB	5-11	205	Fr./HS	El Paso, Texas/Hanks HS
34	Liggins, Kiante	LB	6-0	236	R-So./OL	El Paso, Texas/Andress HS
35	Essih, Zachary	FB	5-8	213	R-Fr./RS	Arlington, Texas/Mansfield Timberview HS
35	Guerrero, Jaime	S	6-1	185	R-Fr./RS	El Paso, Texas/Eastlake HS
36	Flabiano, Buzz	K/P	6-0	175	R-Fr./RS	Plano East, Texas/Plano East HS
37	Tejada, Angelo	LS	5-11	222	Jr./3L	San Antonio, Texas/Converse Judson HS
39	Hancock, Josh	LS	5-9	185	R-So./OL	El Paso, Texas/Coastal Christian Homeschool
39	Shivers, Brandon	CB	6-1	192	R-Jr./TR	Scottsdale, Ariz./NM State
40	Bibler, Chase	DL	6-4	260	Jr./TR	Fresno, Calif./Fresno City College
41	Mauro, Dylan	P	6-3	175	Fr./HS	Allen, Texas/Allen HS
42	Hall, Jake	LB	6-2	230	Jr./TR	San Juan Capistrano, Calif./Orange Coast Coll.
43	Lopez, Julian	TE	6-1	246	R-Jr./1L	El Paso, Texas/Chapin HS
43	Taueli, Osaiaisi	DE	6-1	234	R-So./1L	Mesa, Ariz./Mesa HS
44	Madden, Dimitri	DL	6-3	287	Jr./TR	Lewisham, London, England/NMMI
46	Duff, Justin	LS	6-4	235	Jr./TR	San Pablo, Calif./Contra Costa College
48	Melucci, Julian	K	5-7	160	Fr./HS	El Paso, Texas/Eastlake HS
49	Ramos, Mark	K	5-8	194	R-Jr./2L	El Paso, Texas/Andress HS
50	Tafuna, Tevita	DT	6-1	277	R-Sr./2L	East Palo Alto, Calif./College of San Mateo
53	Diaz, Valentino	DE	6-2	228	R-Fr./RS	Boca Raton, Fla./Boca Raton HS
53	Escobar, Ivan	OL	6-2	289	R-So./OL	El Paso, Texas/NM State
54	Hubbard, Steven	OL	6-3	314	R-Sr./2L	Houston, Texas/Kilgore College
54	Stewart, Keenan	DT	6-1	294	R-Sr./3L	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Iowa Western CC
55	Pongia, Tangi/Tangi	OL	6-3	290	Jr./TR	San Diego, Calif./Cisco College
56	Aranda, Luis Carlos	OL	6-1	295	R-Fr./OL	El Paso, Texas/Franklin HS
58	Toney, Jaquan	OL	6-4	301	Jr./TR	Huntsville, Ala./NE Mississippi CC
59	Pitts III, Otis	OL	6-3	345	R-Jr./1L	Grand Prairie, Texas/Cisco College
60	Immediato, Joseph	OL	6-4	338	R-So./1L	El Paso, Texas/Eastwood HS
62	Duran, Jael	OL	6-2	275	R-Fr./RS	El Paso, Texas/El Paso HS
63	Beltran, Rolando	OL	6-3	295	R-Fr./TR	El Paso, Texas/NMHU
64	Luke, Sedrick	OL	6-2	309	R-Jr./RS	North Highlands, Calif./American River College
65	Garnett, Jayves	DL	6-5	358	R-Fr./2L	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Ellsworth CC
65	Laborin, Julian	OL	6-3	260	Fr./HS	El Mirage, Ariz./Dysart HS
66	Mayers, Justin	OL	6-3	309	R-Jr./3L	Frisco, Texas/Reedy HS
68	Henry, Zuri	OL	6-6	293	R-Sr./4L	Dallas, Texas/Wylie HS
69	Lightfoot, Joey	DL	6-4	300	Fr./HS	College Station, Texas/A&M Consolidated
70	Utley, Jake	OL	6-6	315	Fr./HS	College Station, Texas/College Station HS
71	Scalise, Nick	OL	6-6	308	Jr./TR	El Dorado Hills, Calif./Sierra College
72	McDuffie III, Tyrone D.	OL	6-4	300	Fr./HS	El Paso, Texas/Parkland HS
74	Henry, Azizi	OL	6-4	297	R-So./OL	Wylie, Texas/Wylie HS
75	Meyer, Andrew	OL	6-3	302	R-Sr./4L	San Marcos, Calif./San Marcos HS
76	Licon, Eduardo	OL	6-4	290	Fr./HS	El Paso, Texas/Chapin HS
77	Barton, AJ	OL	6-5	280	Fr./HS	Garland, Texas/Lakeview Centennial HS
78	Nkele, Aluma	OL	6-6	355	R-So./RS	Gardena, Calif./Long Beach City College
79	Klein, Elijah	OL	6-4	319	R-Sr./4L	Mt. Baldy, Calif./Upland HS
80	Weng, Jackson	WR	6-2	195	Fr./HS	Orange, Calif./Orange Lutheran HS
81	Bost, Jalile	WR	5-11	180	Fr./HS	El Paso, Texas/Pebble Hills HS
82	Vinson, Marcus	TE	6-4	255	So./TR	Duncanville, Texas/Kilgore College
83	Muhammad, Jamal	WR	6-2	170	R-Fr./TR	Fort Worth, Texas/Dunbar HS
84	Boyd, Elijah	TE	6-4	250	So./TR	Fairfield, Calif./Contra Costa College
85	Oaxaca, Yamil	WR	6-0	185	Fr./TR	El Paso, Texas/UTPB
86	Flores, Lucas	WR	6-2	184	R-So./OL	El Paso, Texas/Ysleta HS
87	Fryar, Zach	TE	6-1	240	R-Sr./3L	Venice, Fla./NMMI
88	Seib, Luke	TE	6-4	222	R-Fr./RS	Blue Springs, Mo./Blue Springs South HS
89	Camacho Jr., Juan	TE	6-6	248	R-So./OL	El Paso, Texas/Bowie HS
90	Thompson, RaQuan	DL	6-3	285	Jr./TR	Killeen, Texas/Blinn JC
92	Granados, Dante	DT	6-0	283	R-Fr./OL	El Paso, Texas/Chapin HS
97	Vaughn, Kanius	DE	6-2	223	So./TR	San Clemente, Calif./Saddleback College
98	Va'a, Logologo	DT	6-3	292	R-Fr./RS	Santa Barbara, Calif./Bishop Garcia HS
99	Tonga'uiha, Sione	DT	6-0	295	Jr./3L	Tempe, Ariz./Tempe HS

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 James Bain – Offensive Line/Special Teams Assistant  
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 Ryan Alexander – Quality Control  
 Winston Dimel – Graduate Assistant (Offense)  
 Seth Newsome – Graduate Assistant (Defense)  
 Nick Ast – Graduate Assistant (Offense)

## PRONUNCIATIONS

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JOSTEIN Clarke	Joss-Teen	Aluma NKELE	N-Kelly
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# ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

NO.	PLAYER	POS	HT	WT	CL/EXP	HOMETOWN/H.S./PREVIOUS SCHOOL	NO.	PLAYER	POS	HT	WT	CL/EXP	HOMETOWN/H.S./PREVIOUS SCHOOL
4	Akharaiyi, Kelly	WR	6-1	194	R-Jr./1L	Irving, Texas/Tyler JC	34	Liggins, Kiante	LB	6-0	236	R-So./0L	El Paso, Texas/Andress HS
22	Allen, Josiah	DB	5-10	179	Jr./1L	Elk Grove, Calif./Sacramento City College	69	Lightfoot, Joey	DL	6-4	300	Fr./HS	College Station, Texas/A&M Consolidated
23	Amawhule, Praise	DE	6-3	250	R-Fr./4L	Katy, Texas/Katy Taylor HS	43	Lopez, Julian	TE	6-1	246	R-Jr./1L	El Paso, Texas/Chapin HS
56	Aranda, Luis Carlos	OL	6-1	295	R-Fr./0L	El Paso, Texas/Franklin HS	64	Luke, Sedrick	OL	6-2	309	R-Jr./RS	North Highlands, Calif./American River College
0	Ballard, Jeremiah	WR	6-3	205	R-So./1L	Houston, Texas/Dobie HS	44	Madden, Dimitri	DL	6-3	287	Jr./TR	Lewisham, London, England/NMMI
77	Barton, AJ	OL	6-5	280	Fr./HS	Garland, Texas/Lakeview Centennial HS	41	Mauro, Dylan	P	6-3	175	Fr./HS	Allen, Texas/Allen HS
7	Bellon, Marcus	WR	5-9	180	Jr./1L	Truckee, Calif./Santa Barbara CC	66	Mayers, Justin	OL	6-3	309	R-Jr./3L	Frisco, Texas/Reedy HS
63	Beltran, Rolando	OL	6-3	295	R-Fr./TR	El Paso, Texas/NMHU	11	McConnell, Cade	QB	6-1	195	R-So./0L	Los Alamitos, Calif./Cerritos College
40	Bibler, Chase	DL	6-4	260	Jr./TR	Fresno, Calif./Fresno City College	72	McDuffie III, Tyrone D.	OL	6-4	300	Fr./HS	El Paso, Texas/Parkland HS
81	Bost, Jallie	WR	5-11	180	Fr./HS	El Paso, Texas/Pebble Hills HS	33	McIver-Brown, Dresden	DT	6-0	259	R-So./0L	Selma, Texas/Veterans Memorial HS
84	Boyd, Elijah	TE	6-4	250	So./TR	Fairfield, Calif./Contra Costa College	6	McNamara, Jake	QB	5-11	189	R-Fr./RS	Franklin, Tenn./Page HS
14	Boyd-Matthews, Amier	CB	6-1	180	R-Fr./RS	Tempe, Ariz./Mountain Pointe HS	23	McNamara, Kyle	WR	5-8	184	R-Fr./0L	Nashville, Tenn./WKU
24	Broussard, McKel	S	6-0	192	R-Jr./3L	Sherman Oaks, Calif./Notre Dame HS	48	Melucci, Julian	K	5-7	160	Fr./HS	El Paso, Texas/Eastlake HS
5	Burgess Jr., Torrance	RB	5-6	175	R-So./1L	Pearland, Texas/Dawson HS/Tyler JC	75	Meyer, Andrew	OL	6-3	302	R-Sr./4L	San Marcos, Calif./San Marcos HS
27	Burns, Davis	S	6-0	192	R-So./1L	El Paso, Texas/Coronado HS	11	Moore, Oscar	S	6-1	208	Jr./TR	Eaton, Texas/Kilgore College
18	Burris III, John	CB	6-0	176	R-So./0L	Mesquite, Texas/Mesquite Horn HS	9	Moore, Trez	CB	6-1	192	Jr./1L	St. Louis, Mo./Iowa Western CC
20	Byrd, Kenny	LB	6-0	225	Jr./TR	York, S.C./NE Mississippi CC	16	Mouser, Seth	QB	6-5	210	Fr./HS	Bastrop, Texas/Bastrop HS
89	Camacho Jr., Juan	TE	6-6	248	R-So./0L	Tempe, Ariz./Mountain Pointe HS	29	Muhammad, Atiq	CB	6-2	187	R-Fr./RS	Rockford, Ill./Guilford HS
21	Cameron, Stefan	CB	5-11	185	Jr./TR	St. Louis, Mo./Foothill College	83	Muhammad, Jamal	WR	6-2	170	R-Fr./TR	Fort Worth, Texas/Dunbar HS
9	Clarke, Jostein	WR	6-3	195	R-Jr./1L	Prosper, Texas/Tyler JC	5	Neal, James	LB	6-0	223	R-Jr./RS	Paris, Texas/Paris HS/Tyler JC
53	Diaz, Valentino	DE	6-2	228	R-Fr./RS	Boca Raton, Fla./Boca Raton HS	78	Nkele, Aluma	OL	6-6	355	R-So./RS	Gardena, Calif./Long Beach City College
46	Duff, Justin	LS	6-4	235	Jr./TR	San Pablo, Calif./Contra Costa College	85	Oaxaca, Yamil	WR	6-0	185	Fr./TR	El Paso, Texas/UTPB
21	Dumas, Aaron	RB	5-9	208	R-So./TR	El Paso, Texas/Washington	1	Odums, AJ	CB	5-11	175	Jr./TR	Houston, Texas/New Mexico
62	Duran, Jael	OL	6-2	275	R-Fr./RS	El Paso, Texas/El Paso HS	17	Phillips, Josh	LB	6-3	220	Jr./TR	Grenada, Miss./Mississippi Gulf Coast
27	Dye, Joshua	RB	5-11	202	Fr./HS	Gilbert, Ariz./William Field HS	59	Pitts III, Otis	OL	6-3	345	R-Jr./1L	Grand Prairie, Texas/Cisco College
25	Dye, Josiah	S	6-1	185	Fr./HS	Gilbert, Ariz./William Field HS	55	Pongia, TangiTangi	OL	6-3	290	Jr./TR	San Diego, Calif./Cisco College
30	Dyman, Nate	LB	6-2	223	Jr./TR	Missouri City, Texas/Blinn College	49	Ramos, Mark	K	5-8	194	R-Jr./2L	El Paso, Texas/Andress HS
53	Escobar, Ivan	OL	6-2	289	R-So./0L	El Paso, Texas/NM State	8	Richardson, Torey	CB	6-0	183	R-Jr./1L	Tomball, Texas/Blinn JC
35	Essh, Zachary	FB	5-8	213	R-Fr./RS	Arlington, Texas/Mansfield Timberview HS	19	Robinson, Viontag	DE	6-1	250	Jr./TR	Waco, Texas/Navarro College
17	Eziniwa, Judah	TE	6-3	240	So./TR	Fontana, Calif./Mt. SAC	14	Rodriguez, Zach	QB	6-3	195	R-So./0L	El Paso, Texas/El Paso HS
36	Flabiano, Buzz	K/P	6-0	175	R-Fr./RS	Plano East, Texas/Plano East HS	6	Rudolph, Jalen	DT	6-0	266	R-Jr./3L	Baton Rouge, La./Junipero Serra HS
86	Flores, Lucas	WR	6-2	184	R-So./0L	El Paso, Texas/Ysleta HS	26	Russell, Santz	S	6-3	197	Jr./TR	Riverside, Calif./Mt. SAC
24	Franklin, Mike	RB	6-2	225	Jr./TR	Daphne, Ala./Contra Costa College	71	Scalise, Nick	OL	6-6	308	Jr./TR	El Dorado Hills, Calif./Sierra College
87	Fryar, Zach	TE	6-1	240	R-Sr./3L	Venice, Fla./NMMI	88	Seib, Luke	TE	6-4	222	R-Fr./RS	Blue Springs, Mo./Blue Springs South HS
12	Gardere, Javoni	WR	6-0	195	R-So./TR	Dublin, Calif./Diablo Valley College	39	Shivers, Brandon	CB	6-1	192	R-Jr./TR	Scottsdale, Ariz./NM State
65	Garnett, Jayves	DL	6-5	358	R-Jr./2L	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Elsworth CC	28	Simmons, Xavier	LB	6-1	220	R-So./0L	Prince George, Md./Parkland HS
18	Gonzales, Ryan	WR	5-8	169	So./0L	El Paso, Texas/Eastwood HS	13	Sloan, Joshua	P	6-2	189	Jr./3L	Melbourne, Australia/ProKick Australia
92	Granados, Dante	DT	6-0	283	R-Fr./0L	El Paso, Texas/Chapin HS	1	Smith, Tyrin	WR	5-7	170	Sr./2L	Cibola, Texas/Cisco College
35	Granero, Jaime	S	6-1	185	R-Fr./RS	El Paso, Texas/Eastlake HS	15	Spriggs, Dre	WR	6-2	180	R-So./TR	San Antonio, Texas/UTSA
42	Hall, Jake	LB	6-2	230	Jr./TR	San Juan Capistrano, Calif./Orange Coast Coll.	54	Stewart, Keenan	DT	6-1	294	R-Sr./3L	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Iowa Western CC
39	Hancock, Josh	LS	5-9	185	R-So./0L	El Paso, Texas/Coastal Christian Homeschool	50	Tafuna, Tevita	DT	6-1	277	R-Sr./2L	East Palo Alto, Calif./College of San Mateo
3	Hanks, Deion	RB	6-0	226	R-Jr./3L	El Paso, Texas/Parkland HS	43	Taueli, Osaiaisi	DE	6-1	234	R-So./1L	Mesa, Ariz./Mesa HS
2	Hardison, Gavin	QB	6-3	215	R-Sr./3L	Hobbs, N.M./NMMI	37	Tejada, Angelo	LS	5-11	222	Jr./3L	San Antonio, Texas/Converse Judson HS
19	Harris, Caden	WR	5-10	170	Fr./HS	Round Rock, Texas/Stony Point HS	15	Thompson, Bryton	DE	6-1	246	Sr./1L	Harker Heights, Texas/Blinn College
32	Heckaman, Kheagian	TE	6-1	220	R-Fr./TR	Hampshire, Texas/NM State	90	Thompson, RaQuan	DL	6-3	285	Jr./TR	Killeen, Texas/Blinn JC
74	Henry, Azizi	OL	6-4	297	R-So./0L	Wylie, Texas/Wylie HS	58	Toney, Jaquan	OL	6-4	301	Jr./TR	Huntsville, Ala./NE Mississippi CC
68	Henry, Zuri	OL	6-6	293	R-Sr./4L	Dallas, Texas/Wylie HS	99	Tonga'uia, Sione	DT	6-0	295	Jr./3L	Tempe, Ariz./Tempe HS
54	Hubbard, Steven	OL	6-3	314	R-Sr./2L	Houston, Texas/Kilgore College	20	Triche, Daryon	RB	5-9	190	R-So./TR	Cedar Hill, Texas/Sam Houston
12	Hugue, Trejon	S	6-0	181	Sr./2L	Mansfield, Texas/Cisco College	70	Utley, Jake	OL	6-6	315	Fr./HS	College Station, Texas/College Station HS
13	Hunter, Jayce	S	6-0	185	Jr./TR	Mission Viejo, Calif./Saddleback College	98	Va'a, Logologo	DT	6-3	292	R-Fr./RS	Santa Barbara, Calif./Bishop Garcia HS
10	Hurley, Kevin	QB	6-3	233	R-Jr./0L	Walnut, Miss./NE Mississippi CC	97	Vaughn, Kanious	DE	6-2	223	So./TR	San Clemente, Calif./Saddleback College
2	Hylton, Kobe	S	6-0	205	Jr./1L	Snellville, Ga./Louisiana	82	Vinson, Marcus	TE	6-4	255	So./TR	Duncanville, Texas/Kilgore College
60	Immediato, Joseph	OL	6-4	338	R-So./1L	El Paso, Texas/Eastwood HS	28	Walker, Cartraven	RB	5-6	175	R-Jr./1L	Mansfield, Texas/Cisco College
32	Johnson, Iijah	CB	5-11	170	R-So./1L	Maricopa, Ariz./Maricopa HS	31	Wann, Matt	DE	6-2	235	Jr./TR	Fullerton, Calif./Santa Ana College
7	Johnson, KD	DL	6-1	300	Jr./TR	Houston, Texas/Kilgore College	80	Weng, Jackson	WR	6-2	195	Fr./HS	Orange, Calif./Orange Lutheran HS
34	Johnson, Xavier	RB	5-11	205	Fr./HS	El Paso, Texas/Hanks HS	0	Westmoreland, Maurice	DE	6-2	235	Jr./1L	Houston, Texas/Kilgore College
22	Jolly, Ezell	RB	6-1	175	Fr./HS	Missouri City, Texas/Ridge Point HS	30	Whitaker, Michael	WR	5-9	170	R-Fr./TR	Katy, Texas/James E. Taylor HS
79	Klein, Elijah	OL	6-4	319	R-Sr./4L	Mt. Baldy, Calif./Upland HS	8	White, Emari	WR	6-0	185	R-So./RS	Antelope, Calif./Center/Sierra College
10	Knight, Tyrice	LB	6-2	235	R-Fr./3L	Lakeland, Fla./Independence CC	16	Williams, Tyler	S	6-0	195	R-So./1L	Santa Maria, Calif./St. Joseph HS
65	Laborin, Julian	OL	6-3	260	Fr./HS	El Mirage, Ariz./Dysart HS	3	Williams-Evans, Jaleal	S	6-1	200	So./TR	Berkeley, Calif./College of San Francisco
76	Licon, Eduardo	OL	6-4	290	Fr./HS	El Paso, Texas/Chapin HS	4	Wilson Jr., Jerome	LB	6-2	229	R-So./1L	Etiwanda, Calif./Etiwanda HS

## COACHING STAFF

Dana Dimel – Head Coach  
 Scotty Ohara – Offensive Coordinator/WRs/QBs  
 Bradley Dale Peveto – Defensive Coordinator/LBs  
 Aaron Price – Special Teams Coordinator  
 Matt Wallerstedt – Assoc. Head Coach/DLine/def. run game coord.  
 Dante Barnett – Secondary/Safeties  
 Josh Brown – Defensive Pass Game Coordinator  
 Barrick Nealy – Assistant Head Coach/Running Backs  
 Drew Little – Tight Ends/Fullbacks  
 Mike Simmonds – Offensive Line  
 James Bain – Offensive Line/Special Teams Assistant  
 Tramaine Thompson – Quality Control  
 Ryan Alexander – Quality Control  
 Winston Dimel – Graduate Assistant (Offense)  
 Seth Newsome – Graduate Assistant (Defense)  
 Nick Ast – Graduate Assistant (Offense)

## PRONUNCIATIONS

Kelly AKHARAIYI	Ah-CAR-ee	Joseph IMMEDIATO	E-me-d-ah-to
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JOSTEIN Clarke	Joss-Teen	Aluma NKELE	N-Kelly
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Deion HANKINS	Hane-kins	Angelo TEJADA	Tay-hah-duh
AZIZI Henry	Ah-zee-zee	Nick SCALISE	Ska-lease
ZURI Henry	Zur-ee	SIONE TONGA-UIHA	Ska-on-ee Tonga-who-uh
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Kobe HYLTON	Hilton (Like the Hotel)		

# UTEP DEPTH CHART

## GAME 2 (vs. UIW)

### OFFENSE

<b>LT</b>	54	Steven Hubbard	6-3	314	R-Sr.	2L	Houston, Texas	(Kilgore College)	10 Career Starts (21 app.)
	74	Azizi Henry	6-4	297	R-So.	0L	Wylie, Texas	(Wylie HS)	0 Career Starts (0 app.)
<b>-or-</b>	71	Nick Scalise	6-6	308	Jr.	TR	El Dorado Hills, Calif.	(Sierra College)	0 Career Starts (0 app.)
<b>LG</b>	66	Justin Mayers	6-3	309	R-Jr.	3L	Frisco, Texas	(Reedy HS)	13 Career Starts (24 app.)
	60	Joseph Immediato	6-4	338	R-So.	1L	El Paso, Texas	(Eastwood HS)	0 Career Starts (8 app.)
<b>C</b>	75	Andrew Meyer	6-3	302	R-Sr.	4L	San Marcos, Calif.	(San Marcos HS)	32 Career Starts (43 app.)
	53	Ivan Escobar	6-2	289	R-So.	0L	El Paso, Texas	(NM State)	0 Career Starts (1 app.)
<b>RG</b>	79	Elijah Klein	6-4	319	R-Sr.	4L	Mt. Baldy, Calif.	(Upland HS)	44 Career Starts (46 app.)
	59	Otis Pitts III	6-3	345	R-So.	0L	Grand Prairie, Texas	(Cisco College)	0 Career Start (1 app.)
<b>RT</b>	68	Zuri Henry	6-6	293	R-Sr.	4L	Dallas, Texas	(Wylie HS)	26 Career Starts (43 app.)
	78	Aluma Nkele	6-6	355	R-So.	RS	Gardena, Calif.	(Long Beach City College)	0 Career Starts (4 app.)
<b>TE</b>	87	Zach Fryar	6-1	240	R-Sr.	3L	Venice, Fla.	(NMMI)	4 Career Start (30 app.)
	82	Marcus Vinson	6-4	255	So.	TR	Duncanville, Texas	(Kilgore College)	0 Career Start (1 app.)
<b>WR</b>	7	Marcus Bellon	5-9	180	Jr.	1L	Santa Barbara, Calif.	(Santa Barbara CC)	1 Career Starts (13 app.)
	9	Jostein Clarke	6-3	195	R-Jr.	1L	Prosper, Texas	(Tyler JC)	0 Career Starts (10 app.)
<b>WR</b>	1	Tyrin Smith	5-7	170	Sr.	2L	Cibolo, Texas	(Cisco College)	17 Career Starts (26 app.)
	8	Emari White	6-0	185	Jr.	0L	Antelope, Calif.	(Sierra College)	0 Career Starts (0 app.)
<b>WR</b>	4	Kelly Akharaiyi	6-1	194	R-Jr.	1L	Irving, Texas	(Tyler JC)	7 Career Starts (13 app.)
	0	Jeremiah Ballard	6-3	205	R-So.	1L	Houston, Texas	(Dobie HS)	1 Career Starts (16 app.)
<b>RB</b>	3	Deion Hankins	6-0	226	R-Jr.	3L	El Paso, Texas	(Parkland HS)	7 Career Starts (34 app.)
	5	Torrance Burgess Jr.	5-6	175	R-So.	1L	Pearland, Texas	(Tyler JC)	0 Career Starts (3 app.)
<b>-or-</b>	24	Mike Franklin	6-2	225	Jr.	TR	Daphne, Ala.	(Contra Costa College)	0 Career Starts (1 app.)
<b>FB</b>	43	Julian Lopez	6-1	246	R-Jr.	1L	El Paso, Texas	(Chapin HS)	1 Career Starts (5 app.)
	84	Elijah Boyd	6-4	250	So.	TR	Fairfield, Calif.	(Contra Costa College)	0 Career Starts (0 app.)
<b>QB</b>	2	Gavin Hardison	6-3	215	R-Sr.	3L	Hobbs, N.M.	(NMMI)	31 Career Starts (33 app.)
	6	Jake McNamara	5-11	189	R-Fr.	RS	Franklin, Tenn.	(Page HS)	0 Career Start (0 app.)

### DEFENSE

<b>DE</b>	0	Maurice Westmoreland	6-2	235	Jr.	1L	Houston, Texas	(Kilgore College)	1 Career Starts (13 app.)
	97	Kanious Vaughn	6-2	223	So.	TR	San Clemente, Calif.	(Saddleback College)	0 Career Starts (1 app.)
<b>DT</b>	50	Tevita Tafuna	6-1	277	R-Sr.	2L	East Palo Alto, Calif.	(San Mateo JC)	2 Career Starts (23 app.)
	7	KD Johnson	6-1	300	Jr.	TR	Houston, Texas	(Kilgore College)	0 Career Starts (1 app.)
<b>DT</b>	54	Keenan Stewart	6-1	294	R-Sr.	3L	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	(Iowa Western CC)	32 Career Starts (33 app.)
	99	Sione Tonga'u'iha	6-0	295	Jr.	3L	Tempe, Ariz.	(Tempe HS)	0 Career Starts (31 app.)
<b>DE</b>	23	Praise Amaewhule	6-3	250	R-Sr.	4L	Katy, Texas	(Katy Taylor HS)	42 Career Starts (50 app.)
	15	Bryton Thompson	6-1	246	Jr.	1L	Harker Heights, Texas	(Blinn College)	0 Career Starts (12 app.)
<b>-or-</b>	40	Chase Bibler	6-4	260	Jr.	TR	Fresno, Calif.	(Fresno City College)	0 Career Starts (1 app.)
<b>WILL</b>	10	Tyrice Knight	6-2	235	R-Sr.	3L	Lakeland, Fla.	(Independence CC)	32 Career Starts (34 app.)
	30	Nate Dyman	6-2	223	Jr.	TR	Missouri City, Texas	(Blinn College)	0 Career Starts (0 app.)
<b>MIKE</b>	5	James Neal	6-0	223	R-Jr.	1L	Paris, Texas	(Tyler JC)	1 Career Starts (17 app.)
	4	Jerome Wilson Jr.	6-2	229	R-So.	1L	Etiwanda, Calif.	(Etiwanda HS)	0 Career Starts (15 app.)
<b>CB</b>	8	Torey Richardson	6-0	183	R-Jr.	1L	Tomball, Texas	(Blinn JC)	2 Career Starts (14 app.)
<b>-or-</b>	9	Trez Moore	6-1	192	Jr.	1L	St. Louis, Mo.	(Iowa Western JC)	0 Career Starts (10 app.)
<b>FS</b>	24	McKel Broussard	6-0	192	R-Jr.	3L	Sherman Oaks, Calif.	(Notre Dame HS)	2 Career Starts (31 app.)
	16	Tyler Williams	6-0	195	R-So.	1L	Santa Maria, Calif.	(St. Joseph HS)	0 Career Start (17 app.)
<b>SS</b>	2	Kobe Hylton	6-0	205	Jr.	1L	Snellville, Ga.	(Louisiana)	13 Career Start (13 app.)
	12	Trajon Hugue	6-0	181	Sr.	2L	Mansfield, Texas	(Cisco College)	0 Career Starts (21 app.)
<b>NICK</b>	32	Ilijah Johnson	5-11	170	R-Fr.	RS	Maricopa, Ariz.	(Maricopa HS)	9 Career Starts (14 app.)
<b>-or-</b>	22	Josiah Allen	5-10	179	Jr.	1L	Elk Grove, Calif.	(Sacramento City College)	3 Career Starts (12 app.)
<b>CB</b>	1	AJ Odums	5-11	175	Jr.	TR	Houston, Texas	(New Mexico)	1 Career Starts (1 app.)
<b>-or-</b>	14	Ameir Boyd-Matthews	6-1	180	R-Fr.	RS	Maricopa, Ariz.	(Maricopa HS)	3 Career Starts (5 app.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

<b>K</b>	36	Buzz Flabiano	6-0	175	R-Fr.	RS	Plano East, Texas	(Plano East HS)	1 Career Appearances
	49	Mark Ramos	5-8	194	R-So.	1L	El Paso, Texas	(Andress HS)	28 Career Appearances
<b>P</b>	13	Josh Sloan	6-2	189	Jr.	3L	Melbourne, Australia	(ProKick Australia)	34 Career Appearances
<b>LS</b>	37	Angelo Tejada	5-11	222	Jr.	3L	San Antonio, Texas	(Converse Judson HS)	34 Career Appearances
	39	Josh Hancock	5-9	185	R-So.	0L	El Paso, Texas	(Coastal Christian Home School)	0 Career Appearances
<b>H</b>	49	Mark Ramos	5-8	194	R-Jr.	2L	El Paso, Texas	(Andress HS)	28 Career Appearances
<b>KR</b>	1	Tyrin Smith	5-7	170	Sr.	2L	Cibolo, Texas	(Cisco College)	26 Career Appearances
<b>-and-</b>	7	Marcus Bellon	5-9	180	So.	TR	Truckee, Calif.	(Santa Barbara CC)	13 Career Appearances
<b>PR</b>	7	Marcus Bellon	5-9	180	So.	TR	Truckee, Calif.	(Santa Barbara CC)	13 Career Appearances
	1	Tyrin Smith	5-7	170	Sr.	2L	Cibolo, Texas	(Cisco College)	26 Career Appearances

## MINER NOTABLES

## WHERE TO WATCH &amp; LISTEN

The contest will be nationally streamed on ESPN+ with Duke Keith (play-by-play) and Jacob Boggs (analysis) calling the action. Fans can tune into 95.5 KLAQ with “The Voice of the Miners” **Jon Teicher** calling play-by-play in his 43rd season. ‘Teich’ is joined by former UTEP WR **Cole Freytag** (2012, 2014-16) in the booth providing analysis in his second season and **Mando Medina** reporting from the sidelines. The action can also be heard on the UTEP Miners app.

## 60 YEARS IN SUN BOWL STADIUM

The 2023 season marks the 60th year for the Miners at iconic Sun Bowl Stadium, which is considered one of the most picturesque settings for any stadium in the country. It was clear from the very first snap from scrimmage that it would be a special venue. Miner running Larry Durham bolted 54 yards for a touchdown on the way to a 34-7 win against North Texas on Sept. 21, 2023. It originally held 30,000 fans, but the present capacity is now 45,971. UTEP sold out its home opener in 2022.



## SERIES VS. UIW

The Miners won the only meeting against UIW 27-17 on Sept. 26, 2015 in the Sun Bowl.

## SCOUTING UIW

The Cardinals are opening the 2023 campaign with new head coach Clint Killough on Saturday night against the Miners. UIW is coming off a 12-2 overall record in 2022 behind a high-octane offense that rewrote the record books. Lindsey Scott Jr. threw 60 TDs and 4,686 yards on over 70 percent passing. UIW averaged over 51 points per game, while racking up over 580 yards per game of total offense. Killough served as associate head coach and wide receivers coach last season before being named head coach in the midst of the best season in program history, heading to the FCS Semifinals for the deepest playoff run in the UIW football era. With Killough mentoring the WRs, a pair went for over 1,000 yards in 2022. Darion Chafin tallied 1,244 yards on 70 catches with 18 TDs, while Taylor Grimes recorded a team-high 83 receptions for 1,221 yards and 15 scores. With Killough at the helm, the UIW will see a new squad for '23. Namely, 6-4, 217-pound QB Zach Calzada transferred to UIW after playing at a pair of Power Five programs with Texas A&M and Auburn. At A&M last season, he played in 12 games with 10 starts, and threw for over 2,000 yards and 17 TDs. The Cardinals are picked to finish second in the Southland Conference Preseason Poll. Seven UIW players were selected to the Southland 2023 Preseason All-Conference Team. Junior DL Steven Parker (48 tackles, 11.0 TFL, 7.0 sacks, 5 QB hurries) led the way for the Cardinals making the first team, and is joined by his teammates WR Brandon Porter (37 rec., 601, 6 TD), DB Brandon Richard (79 tackles, 8.5 TFL, 5.5 sacks, 5 PUB, 4 QB hurries) and OL Stanley Mark on first team. Second team members include WR CJ Hardy (40 rec., 547 yards, 6 TD), DE Marcus Brown (All-MEAC First Team, 36 tackles in 10 games at Howard in 2022) and WR Dekalon Taylor (193 ret. Yards on 10 attempts, 19 rush yards).

## LAST MEETING

Freshman **Ryan Metz** rallied UTEP from a second-half deficit as the Miners scored the game's final 17 points in a 27-10 victory over UIW on Sept. 26, 2015. Metz completed 20-of-28 passes for 275 yards and two TDs. Incarnate Word put a scare into the Miners, taking a 17-10 lead midway through the third quarter after Trent Brittain threw a 90-yard TD pass to Jamari Gilbert. The Miners drew even with a 12-play, 75-yard drive, punctuated by a 10-yard touchdown pass from Metz to **Autrey Golden**. UTEP went ahead for good, 20-17, on a 32-yard FG by Jay Mattox with 10:01 to play. **Jaquan White** hauled in a 46-yard score from Metz to put UIW away. UTEP outgained UIW 414 yards to 356.

## CONNECTIONS

This isn't UIW Head Coach Clint Killough's first time in the Sun Bowl. While a student-athlete at UIW, Killough tallied a pair of receptions for 36 yards on Sept. 26, 2015 against UTEP. Former UTEP WR **Kahlil Warfield** (2021) transferred to UIW prior to 2022 and is listed as a DB. UTEP freshman OL Jake Utley and UIW graduate student WR Marquez Perez are both graduates of College Station High School (College Station, Texas). UTEP's S **Lantz Russell** and TE **Judah Ezinwa**, and UIW's P/K Ben D'Aquila and LS Bryce Felt are all transfers from Mt. SAC (San Antonio College) from last season.

## ABOUT BOB STULL

**Bob Stull** was one of the most successful head coaches in UTEP history, leading the Miners to their only 10-win season in 1988 and 21 victories from 1986-88. He later initiated widespread growth and achievement as UTEP's Director of Athletics for nearly 20 years. During the Stull era, UTEP athletic teams combined to capture a total of 29 conference titles in seven sports (men's and women's basketball, cross country, football, men's golf, women's golf, track and field). The football team played in five bowl games, men's basketball reached the NCAA Tournament on three occasions, and women's basketball earned NCAA Tournament bids twice. Stull also oversaw widespread improvement to UTEP's athletic facilities, as construction was completed on the Larry K. Durham Sports Center, the Foster-Stevens Basketball Center and the Helen of Troy Softball Complex during his tenure as AD.

## ABOUT THE GREAT '88 SQUAD

Under the direction of coach **Bob Stull**, the 1988 Miners finished 10-3 to post the only 10-win season in program history. UTEP finished 6-2 in Western Athletic Conference play (second place) and earned a bid to the Independence Bowl – the Miners' first postseason appearance in 21 years. UTEP was ranked as high as no. 22 nationally over the course of the season. The Miners had five first team All-WAC players including All-American kicker Chris Jacke and All-American defensive end Tony Tolbert, both of whom enjoyed long careers in the NFL.

## DUBS IN THE SUN BOWL

UTEP is 11-3 in Sun Bowl Stadium over the last three seasons. The Miners finished 4-2 in 2022. It's the best three-season run since going 13-5 from 2004 to 2006 under **Mike Price**. From 1986 thru 1988 under **Bob Stull**, the UTEP went 13-4 in the Sun Bowl. The Flying Miners of '65 to '67 was 14-3.

## BREAKING THE CENTURY MARK

WR **Kelly Akharaiyi**, after coming on strong late last year, finally hit over 100 yards receiving as he gained a career-high 102 receiving yards. He matched his career best with four receptions and added a 32-yard TD at Jax State on Saturday. The redshirt junior has big-play potential as he's recorded nine receptions for 219 yards (24.3 avg.) and two touchdowns the last three games dating back to last season.

## MOVING UP THE PASSING TD LIST

QB **Gavin Hardison** tossed his 36th-career touchdown at Jax State on Saturday. He moved past **Sammy Garza** (35 TD) and ranks fourth on the program's top-10 list. **Billy Stevens** ranks third with 51 passing scores.

## HARDISON RANKS THIRD IN PASSING YARDS

**Gavin Hardison** threw for 208 yards at Jax State. Hardison now has 7,223 yards passing in his career. He ranks third on the program's all-time passing yards list. **Trevor Vittatoe** (12,439 yards) and **Jordan Palmer** (11,084 yards) rank no. 1 and 2.

## GAVIN MOVING UP ATTEMPTS LIST

**Gavin Hardison** has 29 passing attempts in 2023, giving him 961 in his career. He now ranks third on the program's all-time attempts list after moving past **Billy Stevens** (943). **Trevor Vittatoe** (1,641) and **Jordan Palmer** (1,427) rank no. 1 and 2.

## MINER NOTABLES

## GAVIN RANKS FOURTH IN COMPLETIONS

**Gavin Hardison** tallied 17 completions at Jax State. Hardison has 514 in his career and ranks third on the program's all-time list. **Jordan Palmer** (851) ranks second. Hardison is one of three UTEP QBs to have over 500-career passing attempts. **Trevor Vittatoe** leads with 914.

## SMITH CHASING HISTORY

**Tyrin Smith** reeled in 71 receptions for 1,039 yards in 2022, giving him a chance to become the first player in program history with back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons if he can surpass that total again this year. He has already helped the Orange and Blue achieve something that had never happened before, teaming up with former Miner **Jacob Cowing** (1,354, 2021) to give UTEP 1,000-yard receivers in consecutive campaigns.

## HOPING TO MOVE ON UP

**Tyrin Smith** heads into this week with 1,647 yards for his Miner career. He is a little more than 375 yards shy of taking over 10th place for career yardage at UTEP (**Chris Francies**, 2,022, 2002-05). If he can surpass 1,000 yards again, he could surge to as high as fourth on the Miners' charts (**Kris Adams**, 2,657, 2007-10). In terms of catches (104), Smith can make a similar jump if he can repeat last year's efforts (71). Another 70-catch season would propel him into third place, which is currently occupied by All-American **Brian Natkin** (172, 1997-00).

## TAKING AIM AT TOP-10 IN TOUCHDOWNS

**Tyrin Smith** boasts 11 career touchdown catches, putting him three shy of earning a share of 10th place (**Cedric Johnson**, 14, 1993-96 and **David Karns**, 14, 1966-68) and four from tying for ninth (Jordan Leslie, 15, 2011-13). With eight TD grabs, Smith could move all the way up to tied for fifth on the list with a quartet of players (**Reggie Barrett**, 19, 1987-90, **Volley Murphy**, 19, 1967-68), **Bob Wallace** (19, 1965-67) and **Chuck Hughes** (19, 1964-66).

## SMITH'S CONSISTENCY

**Tyrin Smith** has caught a pass in 25 consecutive games dating back to Sept. 4, 2021 against Bethune-Cookman (4 rec., 76 yards). Smith has also registered at least two receptions in his last 19 games after posting five catches for 38 yards at Jax State on Aug. 26.

## ELITE 1K LIST

**Tyrin Smith** became only the eighth Miner to ever post a 1,000-yard season when he tallied 1,039 yards in 2022. **Chuck Hughes** (1,519 yards in 1965), **Jacob Cowing** (1,354 in 2021), **Johnnie Lee Higgins Jr.** (1,319 in 2006), **Lee Mays** (1,098 in 2000), **Kris Adams** (1,070 in 2010), **Reggie Barrett** (1,042 in 1989) and **Ed Puishes** (1,000 in 1970) all posted 1,000-yard seasons.

## 70+ CATCHES A RARITY

**Tyrin Smith** hauled in 71 last season, becoming only the fourth Miner to do so and first since **Johnnie Lee Higgins Jr.** when he reeled in a school-record 82 receptions in 2006. **Lee Mays** produced 70 in 2000, while **Chuck Hughes** tallied 80 in 1965. Smith's number of 71 receptions ranks third best in program history.

## VAST EXPERIENCE IN THE TRENCHES

The UTEP offensive line returns five starters which has combined for 125 starts. The offensive line has allowed just over 1.6 sacks per game, ranking in the top half of the league in least sacks allowed over the last three seasons. C **Andrew Meyer**, a redshirt senior, has made 32 career starts at center. RG **Elijah Klein**, another redshirt senior, has earned 44 career starts on the line, which includes 42 at right guard and a pair at left tackle. LG **Justin Mayers**, a redshirt junior, has 13-career starts. RT **Zuri Henry**, a redshirt senior, has 26 career starts, while playing in a total of 42 contests. LT **Steven Hubbard** has appeared in 21 career contests with 10 starts during his career at UTEP.

## #2 LUKE LAUFENBERG #LiveLikeLuke

The UTEP football team will continue to pay tribute to the late Luke Laufenberg throughout the 2023 season. Laufenberg passed away at the age of 21 on Thursday, Aug. 22, 2019 after battling cancer for two years. A tight end from Argyle, Texas, Laufenberg joined the Miners for 2019 spring ball after playing at Mesa Community College in 2017. UTEP players have worn black "LUKE" stickers on their helmets since the start of the 2019 season. Junior QB Gavin Hardison will wear his #2 Laufenberg jersey throughout the season. Justin Garrett was the first Miner to don the #2 jersey during the 2020 season and continued the trend in 2021. Laufenberg played his senior season at Argyle Liberty Christian High School in Argyle, Texas, where he was named 2016 Offensive Newcomer of the Year and honorable mention All-District. He initially walked on at Texas A&M before continuing his football career at Mesa Community College, where he appeared in six games prior to being diagnosed with Burkitt lymphoma.



## 2023 "UTEP Football with Dana Dime!" Radio Show Dates/Locations

Tuesday, Aug. 22 (5:30-6:30 pm)	Hudson's Grill
Tuesday, Aug. 29 (6-7 pm)	TBD
Tuesday, Sept. 5 (5:30-6:30pm)	Rudy's
Tuesday, Sept. 12 (5:30-6:30pm)	Hudson's Grill
Tuesday, Sept. 19 (4:30-5:30pm)	Rudy's
Tuesday, Sept. 26 (6-7 pm)	Hudson's Grill
Friday, Oct. 6 (5-6 pm)	Hudson's Grill
Monday, Oct. 16 (5-6 pm)	Rudy's
Friday, Oct. 20 (5-6 pm)	Rudy's
Tuesday, Oct. 31 (6-7 pm)	Hudson's Grill
Tuesday, Nov. 14 (6-7 pm)	Hudson's Grill
Tuesday, Nov. 21 (6-7 pm)	Rudy's

## LOCATIONS &amp; ADDRESS

**Hudson's Classic Grill & Bar:** 1770 Lee Trevino  
**Rudy's "Country Store" Bar-B-Q:** 6401 S. Desert Blvd.

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# MINER NOTABLES

## NCAA TEAM RANKINGS

NCAA CATEGORY	UTEP	UIW
Total Offense	9	-
Rushing Offense	8	-
Passing Offense	8	-
Team Passing Efficiency	10	-
Scoring Offense	12	-
Total Defense	4	-
Rushing Defense	13	-
Passing Yards Allowed	3	-
Team Passing Efficiency Defense	2	-
Scoring Defense	4	-
Turnover Margin	13	-
3rd Down Conversion Pct.	12	-
4th Down Conversion Pct.	11	-
3rd Down Conversion Pct. Defense	11	-
4th Down Conversion Pct. Defense	5	-
Red Zone Offense	1	-
Red Zone Defense	7	-
Net Punting	11	-
Punt Returns	5	-
Kickoff Returns	-	-
First Downs Offense	6	-
First Downs Defense	3	-
Fewest Penalties Per Game	6	-
Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game	9	-
Time of Possession	2	-

## TEAM LEADERS (2023 STATS)

### UTEP

Rushing	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	YPG
Torrance Burgess Jr.	12	58	4.8	0	58.0
Deion Hankins	15	54	3.6	1	54.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds.	TD	YPG
Gavin Hardison	17-29-2	208	1	204.4

Receiving	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Kelly Akharaiyi	4	102	25.5	1	102.0
Tyrin Smith	5	38	7.6	0	38.0

Defense	U-A-TT	TFL	SACK	FF-FR
Tyrice Knight	7-6-13	0.5-0	-	-(0)
James Neal	1-9-10	-	-	-(0)

### UIW (2022 STATS)

Rushing	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	YPG
Marcus Cooper	212	1436	6.8	12	102.6
Lindsey Scott Jr.	132	712	5.4	11	50.9

Passing	C-A-I	Yds.	TD	YPG
Lindsey Scott Jr.	322-454-8	4686	60	334.7
Steven Duncan	19-34-1	357	1	51.0

Receiving	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Darion Chafin	70	1244	17.8	18	88.9
Taylor Grimes	83	1221	14.7	15	87.2

Defense	U-A-TT	TFL	SACK	FF-FR
Kelechi Anyalebechi	65-49-114	10.0-28	1.0-4	0-2 (0)
Kaleb Culp	64-29-92	5.0-23	0.5-0	2-0 (0)

### STACKED ON THE O-LINE

UTEP's starting offensive line - C **Andrew Meyer** (6-3, 302), RG **Elijah Klein** (6-4, 319), LG **Justin Mayers** (6-3, 309), RT **Zuri Henry** (6-6, 293), and LT **Steven Hubbard** (6-3, 314) - averages over 307 pounds and around 6-foot-4. The backup linemen provide size with **Nkele Aluma** (6-6, 355), **Otis Pitts III** (6-3, 345), **Azizi Henry** (6-4, 297), **Joseph Immediato** (6-4, 338), **Nick Scalise** (6-6, 308) and **Ivan Escobar** (6-2, 289) averaging 322 pounds and around 6-foot-4.

### IN THE TOP 10

RB **Deion Hankins** scored his 19th-career touchdown on a one-yard rush to cap the first half at Jax State. Hankins is now ranked tied ninth with three other Miners (**Toraino Singleton**, **Clovis Riley**, **Ken Heine-man**) and on the program's all-time list. **Owen Price** and **Donald Buckram** rank tied seventh with 21 rushing touchdowns each. **Fred Wendt** (23 TD), **Howard Jackson** (25 TD), **Marcus Thomas** (26 TD), **Pug Gabriel** (27 TD), **Aaron Jones** (33 TD) and **John Harvey** (42 TD) round out the top 10.

### DEION'S CAREER

RB **Deion Hankins** has rushed for 1,846 yards on 406 attempts (4.6 avg.) and 19 touchdowns during his career. The El Paso product from Parkland High School, has five 100-yard rushing performances in his career. He needs 320 rushing yards away from cracking the program's top-10 list in.

### FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN

RB **Mike Franklin**, a 6-2, 225-pound RB, rushed for 28 yards on eight carries, while adding an 11-yard reception in his UTEP debut at Jax State. The sophomore transfer from Costa Contra College totaled 39 yards of all-purpose yards on nine touches.

### GOOD KNIGHT

LB **Tyrice Knight** was also named to a trio of Preseason Watch Lists this past offseason after coming off a 13-tackle effort at Jax State. Knight has amassed 210 over the last three seasons. The redshirt senior was named 2022 All-CUSA second team after recording 6.5 TFL, a sack, INT, six pass breakups, two forced fumbles and a fumble return for a TD. The redshirt senior has started in 31 games at the linebacker position over the last three seasons. Knight ranked tied 10th in CUSA in total tackles and ranked tied seventh in tackles per game (7.9) in 2022. He tallied a season-high 14 tackles with 2.0 tackles for loss at UNM. Knight scored his first career touchdown as he recovered a fumble and took it 13 yards to pay dirt, while tallying five tackles, a sack and TFL in a win at Charlotte (UTEP's first ever win in the eastern time zone). Knight tallied seven stops in UTEP's upset win over Boise State on national television. The Lakeland, Fla., product opened season with 11 tackles and 2.0 TFL's against North Texas, while he added an interception in a win over rival NM State. He posted 12 stops at Rice on national television. Knight recorded 10 more versus Middle Tennessee.

### KNIGHT TIME

LB **Tyrice Knight** opened his final campaign with 13 tackles at Jax State. The redshirt senior now has 13 double-digit tackle performances in his career. Knight tallied 14 at UTSA and 11 against North Texas in 2020. In 2021, he recorded double-digits six times, highlighted by his career-high 15 against Fresno State in the New Mexico Bowl. Also, that season he tallied 12 against UNM, 11 at UNT, 10 against UTSA and 10 more at UAB. In 2022, he added four more with 14 stops at UNM, 12 at Rice, 11 against UNT and 10 versus Middle Tennessee.

### AMAEWHULE VYING TO BECOME SACK KING

**Praise Amaewhule** recorded his first sack of 2023 during the first quarter at Jax State on Aug. 26. The redshirt senior now has 18.5 career sacks and is second at UTEP behind **Gonzalo Floyd's** school standard (20, 1990-91, 93). He took sole possession of second place in the category last year by recording a pair of sacks, which propelled him past both **Herman Whiting** (16, 1979-82) and **Chris Mineo** (16.5, 2002-05).

# MINER NOTABLES

## IMPRESSIVE FIRST START

LB **James Neal** started his first game on Saturday, tallying a career-high 10 tackles at Jax State. Neal registered nine assists with one solo stop. His previous best was four tackles which he did two times with the last being four stops at UNM last season.

## CAREER BEST FOR MCKEL

S **McKel Broussard** started his second career start at Jax State. The redshirt junior tallied a career-high six tackles against the Gamecocks, ranking third on the defense.

## NO FLY ZONE

The UTEP defense yielded only 67 yards on 10-of-20 passing from JSU's Zion Webb on Saturday. It was the least since allowing 56 against FIU last season. The Miners ranked third in Conference USA in passing yards allowed per game (216.5). The previous season, UTEP also ranked third (210.0).

## TWO POWER-FIVE SCHOOLS ON THE DOCKET

UTEP is set to face a pair of power-five opponents in 2023, playing at Northwestern (Sept. 9) and at Arizona (Sept. 16). It's the first time that the Miners will have faced a Big 10 foe since squaring off at Wisconsin in 2012 while it is the initial match-up against a Pac-12 opponent since also challenging Arizona on the road in 2017. UTEP is also battling back-to-back power-five members for the first time since 2015 when it played at Arkansas and at Texas Tech to kick off the season.

## EL PASO FLAVOR

The Miners feature 24 natives of El Paso on the roster, including 2022 All-Conference USA second-team member and RB **Deion Hankins**. Last year, Hankins placed second on the squad and ninth in the league with a career-most 701 rushing yards. Kicker **Mark Ramos**, who is expected to be in the mix to replace the 2022 CUSA Special Teams Player of the Year **Gavin Baechle**, also hails from the Sun City. Another El Paso native is true freshman OL **Tyrone D. McDuffie III**, a three-star recruit who had originally committed to Pac-12 member Colorado.

## 2023 WATCH LIST RECIPIENTS

Six UTEP student-athletes received national recognition after being announced to multiple Watch Lists the last few weeks.

**Praise Amaewhule:** Bronko Nagurski Trophy

**Tyrice Knight:** Bronko Nagurski Trophy, Butkus Award, Bednarik Award

**Joshua Sloan:** Ray Guy Award

**Andrew Meyer:** Rimington Trophy

**Tyrin Smith:** Biletnikoff Award

**Deion Hankins:** Doak Walker Award, Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award

## HOW THE TIMES HAVE CHANGED

UTEP joined Conference USA as the newest school in the league in 2005. It enters the 2023 season as the most-tenured member. The 11 programs who were part of CUSA when the Miners entered it have since departed to other conferences. Joining UTEP as returning league members are FIU, LA Tech, Middle Tennessee and WKU while Jax State, Liberty, NM State and Sam Houston are all in their first year.

## UP NEXT

UTEP will hit the road for the first of back-to-back road games versus Power Five opponents as it will play at Northwestern on Saturday, Sept. 9 with kickoff set for 1:30 p.m. MT in Evanston, Ill., on the Big Ten Network. The Miners and Wildcats can also be heard on 95.5 KLAQ. It will mark the first-ever meeting between the two programs.

## 2023 UTEP FOOTBALL TRENDS

OVERALL	0-1
VS. CONFERENCE USA	0-1
NONCONFERENCE RECORD	0-0
HOME	0-0
AWAY	0-1
DAY GAMES	0-1
NIGHT GAMES	0-0
VS. TOP 25 TEAMS	0-0
NEUTRAL	0-0
NATIONAL TV	0-1
CBSSN	0-1
ESPN2	0-0
ESPN+	0-0
PAC 12 NETWORK	0-0
BIG TEN NETWORK	0-0

## OFFENSE

WHEN SCORING FIRST	0-0
WHEN THE OPPONENT SCORES FIRST	0-1
WHEN LEADING AT HALFTIME	0-0
WHEN TRAILING AT HALFTIME	0-1
WHEN TIED AT HALFTIME	0-0
WHEN LEADING AFTER THIRD QUARTER	0-0
WHEN TRAILING AFTER THIRD QUARTER	0-1
WHEN TIED AFTER THIRD QUARTER	0-0
IN OVERTIME GAMES	0-0
WHEN SCORING LESS THAN 20 POINTS	0-1
WHEN SCORING 20+ POINTS	0-0
WHEN SCORING 30+ POINTS	0-0
WHEN SCORING 40+ POINTS	0-0
WHEN RUSHING FOR < 100 YARDS	0-0
WHEN RUSHING FOR 100+ YARDS	0-1
WHEN RUSHING FOR 200+ YARDS	0-0
WHEN PASSING FOR 200+ YARDS	0-1
WHEN PASSING FOR 250+ YARDS	0-0
WHEN PASSING FOR 300+ YARDS	0-0
WHEN TOTALING < 300 YDS TOTAL OFFENSE	0-0
WHEN GAINING 300+ YDS TOTAL OFFENSE	0-1
WHEN HAVING NO TURNOVERS	0-0
WHEN HAVING LESS THAN 3 TURNOVERS	0-1
WHEN HAVING 3 OR MORE TURNOVERS	0-0
WHEN HAVING MORE THAN 30:00 TOP	0-1
WHEN HAVING LESS THAN 30:00 TOP	0-0

## DEFENSE

WHEN ALLOWING LESS THAN 20 POINTS	0-1
WHEN ALLOWING 20+ POINTS	0-0
WHEN ALLOWING 30+ POINTS	0-0
WHEN ALLOWING < 100 YDS RUSHING	0-0
WHEN ALLOWING 100+ YDS RUSHING	0-0
WHEN ALLOWING 200+ YDS RUSHING	0-1
WHEN ALLOWING < 200 YARDS PASSING	0-1
WHEN ALLOWING 200+ YARDS PASSING	0-0
WHEN ALLOWING 250+ YARDS PASSING	0-0
WHEN ALLOWING 300+ YARDS PASSING	0-0
WHEN ALLOWING < 300 YDS TOTAL OFFENSE	0-1
WHEN ALLOWING 300+ YDS TOTAL OFFENSE	0-0
WHEN HAVING NO TAKEAWAYS	0-1
WHEN HAVING 3 OR LESS TAKEAWAYS	0-0

# UTEP HEAD COACH



# DANA DIMEL

KANSAS STATE '86

SIXTH SEASON AT UTEP  
12<sup>TH</sup> SEASON AS A HEAD COACH

Dana Dimel was named the 26th head coach in UTEP football history by Director of Athletics Jim Senter on Dec. 6, 2017. He enters his sixth season as UTEP head coach and his 12th season overall as a head coach in 2023.

UTEP finished 5-7 overall in 2022, coming within one win of securing back-to-back bowl bids for the first time in 17 years.

The Miners opened the campaign 1-3, but rebounded to win three of the next four games to even their mark at 4-4. Along the way, UTEP defeated heavily-favored Boise State, 27-10, on Sept. 23 on CBS Sports Network. The contest was highlighted by a Marcus Bellon 47-yard punt return for a touchdown that put the Miners up 20-10 late in the third quarter, and El Paso product Reynaldo Flores's late rushing score to hammer the final nail in the coffin. UTEP followed that victory with another at Charlotte the following week, 41-35, on Oct. 1. It was the first win ever in the eastern time zone for the program. The Miners scored two defensive touchdowns against the 49ers on a Tyrice Knight 13-yard fumble return and a 100-yard scoop-and-score from Jadrian Taylor. It was the first time the UTEP defense scored two touchdowns in a game since the 2014 season. Deion Hankins added 112 yards rushing, while Tyrin Smith reeled in four balls for 106 yards and two touchdowns. The Miners came up with a huge victory on Oct. 22 as Gavin Baechle nailed a game-winning, walk-off 27-yard field goal to defeat Florida Atlantic, 24-21. Win no. 5 came against FIU, 40-6, on Senior Day. Flores clipped the Owls for 128 yards on 13 carries and two touchdowns in his final game in the Sun Bowl. The Miners concluded the season at no. 25 UTSA, and took a 24-0 lead at the midway point of the second quarter. But the Roadrunners rallied to win 34-31.

Following the regular season, multiple Miners were honored with postseason awards, highlighted by Baechle's 2022 Conference USA Special Teams Player of the Year honor. With that, Baechle, Jeremiah Byers, and Taylor were named All-C-USA first team, while Praise Amaewhule, Hankins, Knight and Angelo Tejada were announced to the second team. The seven combined student-athletes on the all-conference team were the most since UTEP had nine players named to the 2006 team.

Twelve other Miners were named to the Honorable Mention list, including Dennis Barnes, Bellon, Steven Hubbard, Kobe Hylton, Elijah Klein, Justin Mayers, Andrew Meyer, Kelton Moss, Joshua Sloan, Keenan Stewart, Tyrin Smith, and Cal Wallerstedt.

The Miners were no. 1 in total defense in C-USA. The run defense ranked second in C-USA (136.0 ypg), while the pass defense ranked third (216.5) in the league. Taylor led the conference with 9.5 sacks, while Knight and Wallerstedt each totaled a team-high 95 tackles and ranking tied 10th at 7.9 tackles per game.

Offensively, Smith gained 1,039 yards on 71 receptions and seven touchdown receptions. Smith was only the eighth UTEP receiver all-time in program history to gain over 1,000 receiving yards in a single season. Smith was also one of three C-USA WRs to gain 1,000+ yard in the air during the '22 campaign.

Ronald Awatt led the Miners with 734 yards rushing to conclude his career, while Hankins tallied 701 yards and three scores. Flores gained 276 yards and led the team with five rushing touchdowns.

Following the campaign, Awatt signed a free-agent contract with the National Football League's San Francisco 49ers on April 29.

His first three seasons were all about laying the foundation for the revival of UTEP Football. The Miners experienced a wealth of success, finishing the regular season with a 7-6 overall record in 2021 – the first winning season in seven years. UTEP advanced to the PUBG MOBILE New Mexico Bowl against Mountain West program Fresno State. Wide receiver Jacob Cowing and defensive end Praise Amaewhule were selected as first team All-Conference USA performers, while linebacker Breon Hayward was selected second team All-C-USA.

The Miners opened the campaign with a convincing victory at NM State, defeating the Aggies 30-3. The triumph halted a three-game losing streak against the I-10 rival. UTEP proceeded to a 2-0 record after beating Bethune-Cookman, 38-28, in the Sun Bowl. After a setback at Boise State, the Miners went a four-game winning streak – defeating New Mexico (20-13), Old Dominion (28-21), Southern Miss (26-14) and LA Tech (19-3). The victory against the Bulldogs was the first for the Miners since 2004, and first win against LA Tech in El Paso since 1939. The Miners 6-1 start was the first since 2005. UTEP won game no. 7 on 'Senior Day' against Rice, 38-28, to clinch a winning campaign.

The Miners averaged 393.0 yards of total offense in 2021, the most since the 2009 season.

UTEP averaged over 140 yards on the ground, led by Ronald Awatt's 844 yards and six scores. Deion Hankins also rushed for six touchdowns in 2021, while gaining 458 yards.

The Miners averaged 252.5 yards passing per game, led by Gavin Hardison. The redshirt junior QB ranked third in Conference USA in passing yards per game (247.9), while tossing for 18 scores and 3,217 yards (fifth-most passing yards during a single season in program history). He was named honorable mention All-C-USA. Hardison was the first UTEP signal caller since 2009 to throw for over 3,000 yards in a season, while his TD tosses were the most since 2010. UTEP liked to air it out, ranking first in C-USA and third nationally in passing yards per completion (16.4).

Hardison played behind an O-line that ranked tied third in Conference USA in sacks allowed per game (1.46), while ranking tied 21st nationally.

Cowing produced career and program records during the 2021 season. Cowing's career-high 1,354 yards receiving ranked second on the program's all-time single-season list, while also being the first Miner since 2010 to gain over 1,000 in the air. Cowing's eight 100-yard games was the most by a Miner since 1965. Cowing added seven receiving touchdowns and a 53-yard rushing score.

Justin Garrett also produced career numbers during the 2021 campaign. He set career bests in receiving yards (685), receptions (50), yards per catch (13.7) and touchdowns (four in his final season at UTEP).

Tyrin Smith, UTEP's third option at WR, put up solid numbers. The transfer from Cisco College gained 570 yards on 33 receptions (17.3 avg.) and found pay dirt four times in his first season as a Miner.

UTEP's starting tight end Trent Thompson scored four touchdowns, including a 51-yard score at the New Mexico Bowl. Thompson caught nine passes for 133 yards during the season.

Rey Flores, an El Paso product from Ysleta High

School, gained 334 yards of all-purpose yards. The running back/wide receiver rushed for 130 yards and tallied 204 receiving yards on 13 catches (15.7 avg.). He added a two-point conversion at UAB.

UTEP ranked 18th nationally in time of possession (31:51). The Miners' red zone offense (85.0 percent) ranked third in the C-USA.

UTEP ranked second in Conference USA in total defense (348.8) – the highest ranking in total defense in over 12 seasons. The Miners ranked fourth in the league in scoring defense (25.2), the highest since 2012, while it was the lowest points yielded by a UTEP defense since 2004 (25.1). The Miners' rushing defense (138.6) ranked fifth in C-USA, while their third-down conversion percentage defense (32.6) ranked second in the C-USA and 12th nationally.

UTEP's defense harassed signal callers with 25 sacks during the 2021 season, the most since 2014. Jadrian Taylor, a 2021 honorable mention All-Conference USA defensive end, led the Miners with 6.5 sacks, and ranked sixth in C-USA. Amaewhule tallied 5.5 sacks to rank second on the squad. Amaewhule, who was named first team All-C-USA, also led the Miners in tackles for loss (13.0), quarterback hurries (10) and forced fumbles (three).

The Miners' passing defense ranked third in C-USA, giving up only 210.0 yards per game. It was the highest ranking by a UTEP pass defense since 2016. UTEP picked off eight passes, the most since 2014. Dy'vonne Inyang led the squad with three interceptions, while Dennis Barnes picked off two passes. Both were named honorable mention All-C-USA.

A pair of UTEP linebackers tallied over 100 tackles each. Hayward (108 tackles) and Tyrice Knight (102 tackles) accomplished the feat for the first time since the 2005 season. Hayward added a defensive touchdown at Southern Miss on a fumble forced by Amaewhule.

Defensive tackles Keenan Stewart and Kelton Moss were tabbed honorable mention All-C-USA after combining for 58 tackles, 8.0 tackles for loss and a QB hurry each. Stewart registered 2.0 sacks on the season while Moss recorded a key fumble recovery during UTEP's come-from-behind win against rival New Mexico.

In 2020, the Miners began to see results, as they tripled their win total while putting a much more talented and competitive product on the field. Two Miners -- Amaewhule and Cowing -- earned second team All-League honors, and two others -- offensive lineman Jeremiah Byers and running back Hankins -- were tabbed to the C-USA All-Freshman Team. Amaewhule ranked second in C-USA and 13th nationally in sacks (0.88 per game), and Cowing was second in C-USA in receiving yards per game (86.4). Hankins set UTEP freshman records for rushing yards (592) and rushing touchdowns (nine). He was third in C-USA in rushing touchdowns, and fifth in rushing yards per game (84.6).

A trio of talented underclassmen -- Cowing, Hankins and quarterback Gavin Hardison (1,419 yards passing in seven games) -- spearheaded the Miner offense in 2020, while senior wide receiver Justin Garrett chipped in with 38 catches for 510 yards. Meanwhile, the UTEP defense was also vastly improved from 2019, as Amaewhule led a unit that produced 47 tackles for losses and 13 sacks in the shortened campaign.

In 2019, Cowing led all Conference USA freshmen with 550 receiving yards. Cowing and Garrett both came on strong to conclude the campaign with 441

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and 370 receiving yards respectively over the final six games. Cowing wasn't the only true freshman to make his mark in C-USA in 2019. Amaewhule was tabbed to the league's All-Freshman Team after tying for the team lead in tackles for losses (5.5) and sacks (three).

In 2018, Dimel led the Miners to their first victory in two years -- a 34-26 triumph at Rice. Dimel's first UTEP team featured second team All-Conference USA graduate transfer linebacker A.J. Hotchkins, who tied for the league lead with 126 tackles and finished 17th nationally in tackles per game (10.5). The 2019 Miners had two second team All-Conference performers in senior defensive end Denzel Chukwukelu, who tied for the team lead in tackles for losses (5.5) and sacks (three), and senior center Derron Gatewood, who made a productive return to the starting lineup after missing the entire 2018 campaign due to injury.

Numerous Miners have garnered honorable mention All-Conference USA accolades under Dimel, including defensive back Nik Needham in 2018. Needham finished his career as UTEP's all-time leader in pass breakups (33) and is currently with the Miami Dolphins.

Dimel was previously the head coach at the University of Wyoming and the University of Houston. He served as the offensive coordinator, running backs coach and tight ends coach at his alma mater, Kansas State University, from 2009-17. He also spent three seasons on the staff at the University of Arizona.

Dimel completed his third tour of duty with the Wildcats, including a year (2005) continuing work on his graduate degree. Working under legendary coach Bill Snyder, he was a part of 12 bowl teams during 19 seasons in Manhattan. The Wildcats posted an 11-win season (2012), two 10-win campaigns (1995, 2011) and five nine-win seasons (1993, 1994, 1996, 2014, 2016) during that span, and finished in the top-18 of the national poll on three occasions (2011, 2012, 2014). They won the Big 12 championship in 2012.

Dimel compiled the most wins of any active offensive coordinator in college football from 2011-17 (61), and was a part of eight straight bowl appearances including in 2017. The 2016 Wildcats defeated Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Baylor and TCU. With Dimel calling the plays over seven seasons, the Wildcats averaged 33.4 points per game and 6.2 yards per play. They ranked third nationally in fewest turnovers per game behind LSU and Alabama from 2011-17.

During Dimel's tenure as offensive coordinator, Kansas State routinely ranked among the nation's best teams in red zone and third down efficiency. In 2016, Kansas State rated 10th in the country in red zone offense and 22nd in third down conversions behind a

rushing attack that rated third-best in the Wildcat record book (3,013 yards).

In 2014, Kansas State led the nation in scoring efficiency (scoring drives/total drives), while the Wildcats ranked 11th in the country in team passing efficiency, 14th in red zone offense, 16th in passing offense and 24th in scoring offense. K-State was also 25th in third down conversions and 12th in fourth down conversions while shattering the school record for passing yards (3,736) and completion percentage (65.3). The Wildcats tallied 5,481 yards of offense (fourth in the school record book) and 465 points (sixth).

Dimel's play calling helped wide receiver Tyler Lockett leave K-State with the school's career receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdown records, while quarterback Jake Waters broke the school marks for single-season passing yards (3,501) and total offensive yards (3,985).

Dimel's units found success again in 2013 as K-State rated eighth nationally in yards per completion and 13th in passing efficiency, while the Wildcats ranked fifth and third in school history in those respective categories. One of the best offenses in the nation on third downs (No. 13) and inside the red zone (No. 27), K-State ranked in the top-10 in school history in yards per play (second), total yards (fifth), passing yards (fifth) and points (eighth). John Hubert concluded his career as the Wildcats' no. 2 all-time leading rusher with 2,993 yards.

The 2012 season was another banner year on offense as Dimel co-coordinated an offense that finished in the top-25 nationally in nearly 10 categories, including a ninth-place ranking in yards per attempt, 11th in scoring offense and 13th in yards per completion. That year Dimel coached Heisman Trophy finalist Collin Klein, who passed for 2,641 yards and 16 touchdowns while rushing for 920 yards and 23 scores.

In 2011, Dimel led a rushing offense that saw Klein set a new Big 12 record and NCAA record by a quarterback with 27 rushing touchdowns while surpassing the 1,000-yard rushing mark on the season.

In 2010, the Wildcat offense ranked third in the Big 12 and in the top-25 nationally at 33.6 points per game. K-State was also ranked among the top-10 teams in the country in total red zone efficiency and No. 1 in touch-down percentage in the red zone.

In 2009 and 2010, Dimel had the charge of molding a former community college quarterback into a physical running back in the Big 12 Conference. That player was Daniel Thomas, and 2,850 yards and 30 touchdowns later, Thomas left Kansas State as a two-time Big 12 rushing champion, an All-American and the school's no. 3 all-time rusher.

Dimel started his career at K-State as a graduate assistant from 1987-88 prior to being elevated to offensive line coach in 1989. He took over as offensive coordinator in 1995. Overall Dimel spent 10 seasons in

Manhattan (1987-96) prior to accepting the head coaching position at Wyoming. At the time of his hire, he was the youngest Division I-A head coach in the nation at the age of 34.

Wyoming's three seasons at Wyoming (1997-99) produced a record of 22-13, with one eight-win season (1998, 8-3) and two seven-win campaigns (1997, 7-6 and 1999, 7-4). The Cowboys posted a combined conference mark of 14-9 while splitting time in the Western Athletic Conference (1997-98) and the Mountain West Conference (1999). In 1998, Wyoming was 6-2 in the WAC's Mountain Division, good for a second-place finish. Dimel coached three Academic All-Americans at Wyoming.

Dimel spent 2000-02 as the head coach at Houston. Spearheading a major rebuilding effort, he led the Cougars to five wins in 2002 following a 0-11 campaign in 2001. In Dimel's final game with the Cougars, Houston upset conference champion Louisville. Dimel brought in the top-ranked recruiting class in Conference USA in both 2001 and 2002 and coached Joffrey Reynolds, who broke the C-USA season rushing record with 1,545 yards.

He continued work on his graduate degree at Kansas State in 2005 prior to taking over as Arizona's tight ends coach and, eventually, run game coordinator from 2006-08. In 2008, he added running backs to his list of responsibilities as he was promoted to Associate Head Coach with the Wildcats. The 2008 Arizona squad finished 8-5 while posting a bowl victory (Las Vegas Bowl) for the first time in 10 years. Among Dimel's protégés at Arizona was Rob Gronkowski, who emerged as one of the top tight ends in NFL history with the New England Patriots.

During his initial tenure at K-State, Dimel coordinated an offense that established school records for touchdowns, points and yards in 1995. He mentored 11 offensive linemen who went on to sign NFL contracts over those 10 years, while he was also instrumental in developing All-Americans Barrett Brooks, Jim Hmielewski and Quentin Neujahr.

During his career as a head or assistant coach, Dimel has coached 37 players who have gone on to play in the NFL.

Dimel was a two-year letterman as an offensive lineman at Kansas State. He was a member of the Wildcats' All-Decade Team for the 1980's. He signed a free agent contract with the Minnesota Vikings and attended training camp in 1987.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Marketing from Kansas State in 1986.

Dimel and his wife, Julie, have a son, Winston and a daughter, Josey. His son was a graduate transfer full-back on the UTEP football team in 2018. He previously played at Kansas State and scored 25 touchdowns over the three seasons. He was a three-time All-Big 12 player, garnering first team honors in 2015 and 2016.

## DIMEL FILE

### Personal

**Hometown:** Columbus, Ohio

### Education

**College:** Kansas State

### Playing Experience

**1983-84:** Hutchinson CC

**1985-86:** Kansas State

### Coaching Experience

**2018-Present:** UTEP Head Coach

**2011-17:** Kansas State Co-Off. Coordinator

**2009-10:** Kansas State Co-OL Coordinator

**2007-08:** Arizona Assistant Head Coach

**2006:** Arizona Assistant Coach

**2000-02:** Houston Head Coach

**1997-99:** Wyoming Head Coach

**1995-96:** Kansas State Offensive Coordinator

**1993-94:** Kansas State Run Game Coordinator

**1989-92:** Kansas State Assistant Coach

**1987-88:** Kansas State Graduate Assistant



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	UTEP	OPP
<b>Scoring</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>
Points per game	14.0	17.0
Points Off Turnovers	0	0
<b>First Downs</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15</b>
Rushing	9	9
Passing	9	4
Penalty	4	2
<b>Rushing Yardage</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>208</b>
Yards gained rushing	174	218
Yards lost rushing	18	10
Rushing attempts	43	44
Average per rush	3.6	4.7
Average per game	156.0	208.0
TDs Rushing	1	2
<b>Passing Yardage</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>67</b>
Comp-Att-Int	17-29-2	10-20-0
Average per pass	7.2	3.4
Average per catch	12.2	6.7
Average per game	208.0	67.0
TDs Passing	1	0
<b>Total offense</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>275</b>
Total plays	72	64
Average per play	5.1	4.3
Average per game	364.0	275.0
<b>Kick returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>
<b>Punt returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>1-5</b>	<b>1-1</b>
<b>Int returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>2-1</b>
<b>Kick return average</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Punt return average</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Int return average</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Fumbles-Lost</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>0-0</b>
<b>Penalties-Yards</b>	<b>5-55</b>	<b>4-52</b>
Average per game	55.0	52.0
<b>Punts-Yards</b>	<b>4-164</b>	<b>5-229</b>
Average per punt	41.0	45.8
Net punt average	40.8	44.8
<b>Kickoffs-Yards</b>	<b>2-110</b>	<b>4-245</b>
Average per kick	55.0	61.3
Net kick average	40.0	36.3
<b>Time of possession / game</b>	<b>34:38</b>	<b>25:22</b>
<b>3rd-down conversion</b>	<b>3/12</b>	<b>7/16</b>
3rd-down pct	25%	44%
<b>4rd-down conversion</b>	<b>1/3</b>	<b>1/2</b>
4rd-down pct	33%	50%
<b>Sacks by-Yards</b>	<b>1-5</b>	<b>2-17</b>
<b>Misc Yards</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Touchdowns scored</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Field goals - attempts</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>1-2</b>
<b>On-Side kicks</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>
<b>Red-zone scores</b>	<b>(1-1) 100%</b>	<b>(2-2) 100%</b>
<b>Red-zone touchdowns</b>	<b>(1-1) 100%</b>	<b>(2-2) 100%</b>
<b>PAT-attempts</b>	<b>(2-2) 100%</b>	<b>(2-2) 100%</b>
<b>2-point conversion-attempts</b>	<b>(0-0) 0%</b>	<b>(0-0) 0%</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17982</b>
Games / Avg per game	0/0	1/17982
Neutral site games	-	0/0

**Score by Periods**

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
UTEP	0	7	0	7	0	14
Opponents	3	7	7	0	0	17

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## Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Torrance Burgess Jr.	1	12	59	1	58	4.8	0	19	58.0
Deion Hankins	1	15	54	0	54	3.6	1	20	54.0
Mike Franklin	1	8	28	0	28	3.5	0	6	28.0
Gavin Hardison	1	8	33	17	16	2.0	0	11	16.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>156.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>208.0</b>

## Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Gavin Hardison	1	116.5	17-29-2	58.6	208	1	32	208.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>116.5</b>	<b>17-29-2</b>	<b>58.6</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>208.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>78.1</b>	<b>10-20-0</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>67.0</b>

## Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Tyrin Smith	1	5	38	7.6	0	11	38.0
Kelly Akharaiyi	1	4	102	25.5	1	32	102.0
Zach Fryar	1	2	25	12.5	0	19	25.0
Marcus Bellon	1	2	8	4.0	0	7	8.0
Jeremiah Ballard	1	1	7	7.0	0	7	7.0
Jostein Clarke	1	1	11	11.0	0	11	11.0
Torrance Burgess Jr.	1	1	6	6.0	0	6	6.0
Mike Franklin	1	1	11	11.0	0	11	11.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>208.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>67.0</b>

## Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Deion Hankins	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Kelly Akharaiyi	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Buzz Flabiano	-	-	2-2	-	-	-	-	2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	

## Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Justin Duff	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0	0
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0</b>

## FG Sequence

Team Name	UTEP	Opponents
Jacksonville St.	43	(41),44

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

## Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Marcus Bellon	1	5	5.0	0	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

## Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

## Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## Fumble Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Gavin Hardison	1	37	16	208	224	224.0
Torrance Burgess Jr.	1	12	58	0	58	58.0
Deion Hankins	1	15	54	0	54	54.0
Mike Franklin	1	8	28	0	28	28.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>364.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>275.0</b>

## Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Joshua Sloan	4	164	41.0	56	0	0	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>45.8</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

## Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydIn
Buzz Flabiano	2	110	55.0	0	0			
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>55.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>61.3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>28</b>

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Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Kelly Akharaiyi	1	0	102	0	0	0	102	102.0
Torrance Burgess Jr.	1	58	6	0	0	0	64	64.0
Deion Hankins	1	54	0	0	0	0	54	54.0
Mike Franklin	1	28	11	0	0	0	39	39.0
Tyrin Smith	1	0	38	0	0	0	38	38.0
Zach Fryar	1	0	25	0	0	0	25	25.0
Gavin Hardison	1	16	0	0	0	0	16	16.0
Marcus Bellon	1	0	8	5	0	0	13	13.0
Jostein Clarke	1	0	11	0	0	0	11	11.0
Jeremiah Ballard	1	0	7	0	0	0	7	7.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>369.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>277.0</b>

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## Team Defense

##	Player	gp	Tackles				tfl/yds	Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	no-yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf	
10	Tyrice Knight	1	7	6	13	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
5	James Neal	1	1	9	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
24	McKel Broussard	1	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
2	Kobe Hylton	1	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
50	Tevita Tafuna	1	.	5	5	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
8	Torey Richardson	1	4	.	4	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
23	Praise Amaewhule	1	3	1	4	1-5	1-5	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	
12	Trejon Hugue	1	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
1	AJ Odums	1	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
0	Maurice Westmoreland	1	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
54	Keenan Stewart	1	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
97	Kanius Vaughn	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
43	Osaiasi Taueli	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
7	KD Johnson	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
11	Oscar Moore	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
30	Nate Dyman	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
98	Logologo Va'a	1	1	.	1	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
4	Kelly Akharaiyi	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
22	Josiah Allen	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
32	Ilijah Johnson	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	
15	Bryton Thompson	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	
9	Trez Moore	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>4-10</b>	<b>1-5</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Opponents		1	28	56	84	3-18	2-17	2-1	3	4	1-0	1	0	0	

# 2023 START CHART

## OFFENSE

OPPONENT	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	WR	WR	TE/WR/RB	TE/FB/WR	RB	QB
at Jax State*	Hubbard	Mayers	Meyer	Klein	A. Henry	Akharaiyi	Smith	Fryar	Lopez	Hankins	Hardison
UIW											
at Northwestern											
at Arizona											
UNLV											
LA Tech*											
at FIU*											
NM State*											
at Sam Houston*											
WKU*											
at MT*											
Liberty*											

## DEFENSE

OPPONENT	DE	DT	DT	DE	LB	LB	CB	S	S	S	CB
at Jax State*	Amaewhule	Stewart	Tafuna	Westmoreland	Knight	Neal	Odums	Hylton	I. Johnson	Broussard	T. Moore
UIW											
at Northwestern											
at Arizona											
UNLV											
LA Tech*											
at FIU*											
NM State*											
at Sam Houston*											
WKU*											
at MT*											
Liberty*											

# 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

## RUSHING GAME-BY-GAME

Player	No-Yds/TD	JSU
Deion Hankins	15-54/1	15-54/1
Torrance Burgess Jr.	12-58/0	12-58/0
Mike Franklin	8-28/0	8-28/0
Gavin Hardison	8-16/0	8-16/0

## RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME

Player	No-Yds/TD	JSU
Tyrin Smith	5-38/0	5-38/0
Kelly Akharaiyi	4-102/1	4-102/1
Zach Fryar	2-25/0	2-25/0
Marcus Bellon	2-8/0	2-8/0
Jostein Clarke	1-11/0	1-11/0
Mike Franklin	1-11/0	1-11/0
Jeremiah Ballard	1-7/0	1-7/0
Torrance Burgess Jr.	1-6/0	1-6/0

## PASSING GAME-BY-GAME

#2 Gavin Hardison	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
Jacksonville St.	17	29	2	58.6	208	1	32	2-17	116.5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>58.6</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2-17</b>	<b>116.5</b>

# 2023 TEAM GAME-BY-GAME

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off		
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp	att	int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds		td	lg
08/26/2023	at Jacksonville St.	43	156	1	20	17	208	1	32	17	29	2	208	1	32	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	5	364
<b>UTEP</b>		<b>43</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>364</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>44</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>275</b>

## UTEP Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
1	3.6	12.2	116.5	0.0	5.0	369.0	364.0

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks	Fumble	Pass Defense			blkd	PAT attempts			off			
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
08/26/2023	at Jacksonville St.	33	36	69	4.0-10	1-5	0	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	14
<b>UTEP</b>		<b>33</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>4.0-10</b>	<b>1-5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>28</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>3.0-18</b>	<b>2-17</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>2-1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>

Date	Opponent	Punting								Field Goals			Kickoffs					
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
08/26/2023	at Jacksonville St.	4	164	41.0	56	0	0	0	1	1	0-1	0	0	2	110	55.0	0	0
<b>UTEP</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>55.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>45.8</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>61.3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

# UTEP INDIVIDUAL CAREER HIGHS

## KELLY AKHARAIYI (WR)

Points Scored \_\_\_\_\_ 6, 2x, last at JSU (8/26/23)  
 Receptions \_\_\_\_\_ 4, 2x, last at JSU (8/26/23)  
 Receiving yards \_\_\_\_\_ 102, at JSU (8/26/23)  
 Receiving TDs \_\_\_\_\_ 1, 2x, last at JSU (8/26/23)  
 Long reception \_\_\_\_\_ 68, vs. FIU (11/19/22)  
 Rush attempts \_\_\_\_\_ 1, at OU (9/3/22)  
 Rush yards \_\_\_\_\_ -6, at OU (9/3/22)  
 Long rush \_\_\_\_\_ -6, at OU (9/3/22)  
 All-purpose yards \_\_\_\_\_ 102, at JSU (8/26/23)

## PRAISE AMAEWHULE (DE)

Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ 8, vs. ODU (10/2/21)  
 Sacks \_\_\_\_\_ 3.5, at LA Tech (10/10/20)  
 Tackles for loss \_\_\_\_\_ 3.5, at LA Tech (10/10/20)  
 Forced fumbles \_\_\_\_\_ 1, 4x, last, vs. MT (10/29/22)  
 Fumbles recovered \_\_\_\_\_ 1, 2x, last vs. UNT (8/27/22)  
 Pass breakups \_\_\_\_\_ 4, at LA Tech (10/10/20)  
 QB Hurries \_\_\_\_\_ 7, vs. UNM (9/25/21)

## JOSIAH ALLEN (CB)

Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ 6, vs. UNT (8/27/22)  
 Fumbles recovered \_\_\_\_\_ 1, at LA Tech (10/8/22)  
 Tackles for loss \_\_\_\_\_ 0.5, at LA Tech (10/8/22)

## JEREMIAH BALLARD (WR)

Points Scored \_\_\_\_\_ 6, vs. BSU (9/23/22)  
 Receptions \_\_\_\_\_ 5, at OU (9/3/22)  
 Receiving yards \_\_\_\_\_ 64, vs. BSU (9/23/22)  
 Receiving TDs \_\_\_\_\_ 1, vs. BSU (9/23/22)  
 Long reception \_\_\_\_\_ 42, vs. BSU (9/23/22)

## MARCUS BELLON (WR/PR)

Points Scored \_\_\_\_\_ 6, 2x, last at LA Tech (10/8/22)  
 Receptions \_\_\_\_\_ 2, at LA Tech (10/8/22)  
 Receiving yards \_\_\_\_\_ 61, at LA Tech (10/8/22)  
 Receiving TDs \_\_\_\_\_ 1, at LA Tech (10/8/22)  
 Long reception \_\_\_\_\_ 52, at LA Tech (10/8/22)  
 Punt returns \_\_\_\_\_ 3, 2x, last at UNM (9/17/22)  
 Punt Ret. Yards \_\_\_\_\_ 57, vs. BSU (9/23/22)  
 Long Punt Ret. \_\_\_\_\_ 47, vs. BSU (9/23/22)  
 Punt Ret. TD \_\_\_\_\_ 1, vs. BSU (9/23/22)  
 All-purpose yards \_\_\_\_\_ 61, at LA Tech (10/8/22)  
 KO Returns \_\_\_\_\_ 3, vs. MT (10/29/22)  
 KO Ret. Yards \_\_\_\_\_ 51, vs. MT (10/29/22)  
 Long KO Ret. \_\_\_\_\_ 20, vs. MT (10/29/22)

## AMIR BOYD-MATTHEWS (CB)

Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ 4, 2x, last at UTSA (11/26/22)

## MCKEL BROUSSARD (S)

Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ 6, at JSU (8/26/23)  
 QB Hurries \_\_\_\_\_ 1, vs. UNM (9/25/21)

## TORRANCE BURGESS JR. (RB)

Rush Attempts \_\_\_\_\_ 12, at JSU (8/26/23)  
 Rushing Yards \_\_\_\_\_ 59, at JSU (8/26/23)  
 Long Rush \_\_\_\_\_ 19, at JSU (8/26/23)  
 Receptions \_\_\_\_\_ 1, at JSU (8/26/23)  
 Receiving Yards \_\_\_\_\_ 6, at JSU (8/26/23)  
 Long Reception \_\_\_\_\_ 6, at JSU (8/26/23)

## JOSTEIN CLARKE (WR)

Receptions \_\_\_\_\_ 3, at LA Tech (10/8/22)  
 Receiving Yards \_\_\_\_\_ 15, at LA Tech (10/8/22)  
 Long Reception \_\_\_\_\_ 13, at OU (9/3/22)

## NATE DYMAN (LB)

Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ 1, at JSU (8/26/23)

## MIKE FRANKLIN (RB)

Rush Attempts \_\_\_\_\_ 8, at JSU (8/26/23)  
 Rushing Yards \_\_\_\_\_ 28, at JSU (8/26/23)  
 Long Rush \_\_\_\_\_ 6, at JSU (8/26/23)  
 Receptions \_\_\_\_\_ 1, at JSU (8/26/23)  
 Receiving Yards \_\_\_\_\_ 11, at JSU (8/26/23)  
 Long Reception \_\_\_\_\_ 11, at JSU (8/26/23)

## ZACH FRYAR (TE)

Receptions \_\_\_\_\_ 2, at JSU (8/26/23)  
 Receiving Yards \_\_\_\_\_ 25, at JSU (8/26/23)  
 Long Reception \_\_\_\_\_ 19, at JSU (8/26/23)

## DEION HANKINS (RB)

Points Scored \_\_\_\_\_ 18, at ULM (9/26/20)  
 Touchdowns \_\_\_\_\_ 3, at ULM (9/26/20)  
 Rush attempts \_\_\_\_\_ 22, 2x, Last vs. UNT (12/11/20)  
 Rushing yards \_\_\_\_\_ 138, vs. FAU (10/22/22)  
 Rushing TDs \_\_\_\_\_ 3, at ULM (9/26/20)  
 Long rush \_\_\_\_\_ 72, vs. FAU (10/22/22)  
 Receptions \_\_\_\_\_ 2, at FAU (10/30/21)  
 Receiving Yards \_\_\_\_\_ 16, at LA Tech (10/8/22)  
 Long reception \_\_\_\_\_ 16, at LA Tech (10/8/22)  
 Total offense attempts \_\_\_\_\_ 22, 2x, Last vs. UNT (12/11/20)  
 Total offense yards \_\_\_\_\_ 119, at Charlotte (10/24/20)  
 All-purpose yards \_\_\_\_\_ 138, vs. FAU (10/22/22)

## GAVIN HARDISON (QB)

Points Scored \_\_\_\_\_ 6, vs. FAU (10/22/22)  
 Rush attempts \_\_\_\_\_ 10, 3x, last vs. UNT (8/27/22)  
 Rush yards \_\_\_\_\_ 50, at Charlotte (10/1/22)  
 Rushing TDs \_\_\_\_\_ 1, vs. FAU (10/22/22)  
 Long rush \_\_\_\_\_ 29, at Charlotte (10/1/22)  
 Pass attempts \_\_\_\_\_ 51, at LA Tech (10/8/22)  
 Pass completions \_\_\_\_\_ 26, at OU (9/3/22)  
 Pass yards \_\_\_\_\_ 366, vs. Rice (11/20/21)  
 Pass TDs \_\_\_\_\_ 3, 2x, last vs. UTSA (11/6/21)  
 Long pass \_\_\_\_\_ 82, at ULM (9/26/20)  
 Total offense att. \_\_\_\_\_ 58, 2x, last at LA Tech (10/8/22)  
 Total offense yards \_\_\_\_\_ 349, at LA Tech (10/8/22)  
 All-purpose yards \_\_\_\_\_ 50, at Charlotte (10/1/22)

## ZURI HENRY (OL)

Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ 1, at NM State (8/28/21)

## TREJON HUGUE (S)

Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ 4, at JSU (8/26/23)  
 Tackle for Loss \_\_\_\_\_ 1.0, at UAB (11/27/21)

## KOBE HYLTON (S)

Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ 10, 2x, last at LA Tech (10/8/22)  
 Tackle for Loss \_\_\_\_\_ 2.5, vs. UNT (8/27/22)  
 Sacks \_\_\_\_\_ 0.5, vs. NMSU (9/10/22)  
 QB Hurries \_\_\_\_\_ 3, at Charlotte (10/1/22)  
 Forced fumbles \_\_\_\_\_ 1, 2x, last at LA Tech (10/8/22)  
 Pass Breakups \_\_\_\_\_ 2, at UTSA (11/26/22)  
 Blocked kick \_\_\_\_\_ 1, at LA Tech (10/8/22)

## ILIJAH JOHNSON (CB)

Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ 6, at Rice (11/3/22)  
 Tackles for Loss \_\_\_\_\_ 1.0, vs. NMSU (9/10/22)  
 Pass Breakups \_\_\_\_\_ 3, 2x, last vs. BSU (9/23/22)  
 Interceptions \_\_\_\_\_ 1, 2x, last at Rice (11/3/22)

## KD JOHNSON (DT)

Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ 1, at JSU (8/26/23)

## TYRICE KNIGHT (LB)

Points Scored \_\_\_\_\_ 6, at Charlotte (10/1/22)  
 Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ 15, vs. Fresno State (12/18/21)  
 Sacks \_\_\_\_\_ 2.0, at UAB (11/27/21)  
 Tackles for loss \_\_\_\_\_ 2.5, vs. UNT (8/27/22)  
 QB Hurries \_\_\_\_\_ 2, vs. Rice (11/20/21)  
 Forced fumbles \_\_\_\_\_ 1, 4x, last at LA Tech (10/8/22)  
 Fumbles recovered \_\_\_\_\_ 1, 2x, last at Charlotte (10/1/22)  
 Touchdowns (FR) \_\_\_\_\_ 1, at Charlotte (10/1/22)  
 Interceptions \_\_\_\_\_ 1, 2x, last vs. NMSU (9/10/22)  
 Pass Breakups \_\_\_\_\_ 1, 3x, last vs. MT (10/29/22)

## OSCAR MOORE (S)

Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ 1, at JSU (8/26/23)

## TREZ MOORE (CB)

Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ 6, 2x, last vs. BSU (9/23/22)  
 Pass Breakups \_\_\_\_\_ 1, 3x, at JSU (8/26/23)  
 QB Hurries \_\_\_\_\_ 1, at Charlotte (10/1/22)  
 Forced fumbles \_\_\_\_\_ 1, vs. FAU (10/22/22)

## JAMES NEAL (LB)

Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ 10, at JSU (8/26/23)  
 Tackle for Loss \_\_\_\_\_ 1.0, at NM State (8/28/21)  
 Sacks \_\_\_\_\_ 1.0, at NM State (8/28/21)  
 Fumbles recovered \_\_\_\_\_ 1, vs. NMSU (9/10/22)

## AJ ODUMS (CB)

Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ 3, at JSU (8/26/23)

## TOREY RICHARDSON (CB)

Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ 4, vs. Rice (11/20/21)  
 Interceptions \_\_\_\_\_ 1, vs. LA Tech (10/16/21)  
 Pass breakups \_\_\_\_\_ 3, vs. UTSA (11/6/21)

## JALEN RUDOLPH (DT)

Points Scored \_\_\_\_\_ 2, vs. LA Tech (10/16/21)  
 Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ 3, vs. UTSA (11/6/21)  
 Sacks \_\_\_\_\_ 1.0, at UTSA (11/26/22)  
 Tackles for loss \_\_\_\_\_ 1.0, 5x, last at UTSA (11/26/22)

## JOSHUA SLOAN (P)

Punt Attempts \_\_\_\_\_ 8, at Texas (9/12/20)  
 Punt Yards \_\_\_\_\_ 298, vs. NM State (9/10/22)  
 Longest Punt \_\_\_\_\_ 63, at UTSA (11/14/20)  
 Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ 1, at Rice (11/3/22)  
 Forced Fumble \_\_\_\_\_ 1, at Rice (11/3/22)

## TYRIN SMITH (WR)

Points Scored \_\_\_\_\_ 12, vs. UTSA (11/6/21)  
 Touchdowns \_\_\_\_\_ 2, vs. UTSA (11/6/21)  
 Receptions \_\_\_\_\_ 10, vs. MT (10/29/22)  
 Receiving Yards \_\_\_\_\_ 183, at UNM (9/17/22)  
 Receiving TDs \_\_\_\_\_ 2, vs. UTSA (11/6/21)  
 Long Reception \_\_\_\_\_ 76, at UNM (9/17/22)  
 Rush attempts \_\_\_\_\_ 1, 2x, last at UNM (9/17/22)  
 Rush yards \_\_\_\_\_ 14, vs. UNT (8/27/22)  
 Long rush \_\_\_\_\_ 15, vs. FAU (10/22/22)  
 All-purpose yards \_\_\_\_\_ 188, at UNM (9/17/22)  
 Pass attempts \_\_\_\_\_ 1, at UTSA (11/26/22)  
 Pass completions \_\_\_\_\_ 1, at UTSA (11/26/22)  
 Pass yards \_\_\_\_\_ 56, at UTSA (11/26/22)  
 Long pass \_\_\_\_\_ 56, at UTSA (11/26/22)

## KEENAN STEWART (DT)

Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ 12, at LA Tech (10/10/20)  
 Tackles for loss \_\_\_\_\_ 3.0, at Charlotte (10/24/20)  
 Forced Fumbles \_\_\_\_\_ 1, at Charlotte (10/24/20)  
 Fumbles recovered \_\_\_\_\_ 1, at LA Tech (10/8/22)  
 Sacks \_\_\_\_\_ 1.0, 2x, last at Boise State (9/10/21)  
 QB Hurries \_\_\_\_\_ 3, vs. BSU (9/23/22)  
 Pass breakups \_\_\_\_\_ 1, at ULM (9/26/20)

## TEVITA TAFUNA (DT)

Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ 5, at JSU (8/26/23)  
 Tackles for Loss \_\_\_\_\_ 1.0, vs. Rice (11/20/21)  
 QB Hurries \_\_\_\_\_ 1, at Boise State (9/10/21)  
 Pass Breakups \_\_\_\_\_ 1, at UNM (9/17/22)  
 Fumbles recovered \_\_\_\_\_ 1, vs. MT (10/29/22)

## OSAIASI TAUUELI (LB)

Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ 2, at UNM (9/17/22)

## ANGELO TEJADA (LS)

Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ 1, at OU (9/3/22)

## BRYTON THOMPSON (DE)

Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ 3, vs. UNT (8/27/22)  
 Tackles for loss \_\_\_\_\_ 1.0, 3x, last at LA Tech (10/8/22)  
 Forced fumbles \_\_\_\_\_ 1, vs. NMSU (9/10/22)  
 Sacks \_\_\_\_\_ 1.0, 3x, last at LA Tech (10/8/22)

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## SIONE TONGA'UIHA (DT)

Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ 3, 2x, last at Boise State (9/10/21)  
Sacks \_\_\_\_\_ 0.5, vs. NMSU (9/10/22)  
QB Hurries \_\_\_\_\_ 1, at NM State (8/28/21)

## LOGOLOGO VA'A (DT)

Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ 1, at JSU (8/26/23)  
Tackles for loss \_\_\_\_\_ 1.0, at JSU (8/26/23)

## KANIOUS VAUGHN (DE)

Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ 2, at JSU (8/26/23)

## CARTRAVEN WALKER (RB)

Rush Attempts \_\_\_\_\_ 2, at OU (9/3/22)  
Rush Yards \_\_\_\_\_ 9, at OU (9/3/22)  
Long Rush \_\_\_\_\_ 7, at OU (9/3/22)

## MAURICE WESTMORELAND (DE)

Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ 5, vs. NMSU (9/10/22)  
QB Hurries \_\_\_\_\_ 1, 2x, vs. FIU (11/19/22)

## TYLER WILLIAMS (DB)


Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ 1, at OU (9/3/22)

## JEROME WILSON JR. (LB)

Tackles \_\_\_\_\_ 6, at Texas (9/12/20)  
Tackles for loss \_\_\_\_\_ 0.5, 2x, Last vs. UNT (12/11/20)  
QB Hurries \_\_\_\_\_ 1, vs. UNT (8/27/22)

# UTEP FOOTBALL 2023 RECAPS

## Game #1

 <b>UTEP</b> (0-1, 0-1)	<b>14</b>
<b>Jax State</b> (1-0, 1-0)	<b>17</b>

**Jacksonville, Ala. • JSU Stadium (17,982)  
Aug. 26, 2023**

UTEP had possession in the final seconds with a chance to win, but missed on a pair of plays, sending Jacksonville State to a narrow 17-14 victory on Aug. 26 at Burgess-Snow Field at JSU Stadium.

The Gamecocks (1-0, 1-0 Conference USA) opened with a victory in their first ever game as an FBS program and first in CUSA. The Miners (0-1, 0-1 CUSA) outgained their opponent 364 to 275 yards of total offense and 22 to 15 on first downs. UTEP controlled the clock at 34:38 to JSU's 25:22, but the Gamecocks rushed for 208 yards on 44 attempts (4.7 avg.) and two scores.

Gavin Hardison 17-of-29 for 208 and a TD with a pair of interceptions, including his second pick in the final seconds that clinched the win for JSU. Hardison's TD gives him 36 in his career, now ranking third on the program's all-time list.

The Miners forced the Gamecocks to punt getting the ball back at their own 12 with 4:41 left in the contest. Hardison found Kelly Akharaiyi on a 21-yard pass to the JSU 44, and followed that with an 11-yard run to the JSU 33. After Torrance Burgess Jr. tallied nine yards on a back-to-back carries to the JSU 24, Hardison missed on Akharaiyi in the end zone on a play broken up by Derek Carter.

UTEP went for it on a fourth-and-1, but Jeremiah Harris picked off Hardison's pass to seal the win.

Burgess Jr. led the team with a career-high 58 yards, while Deion Hankins rushed for 54 yards and a score. Akharaiyi gained a career-high 104 yards on four receptions with a score.

Jax State took a 17-7 lead following a Malik Jackson rushing score, but UTEP got within three points (17-14).

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

TEAM	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	TOTAL
UTEP	0	7	0	7	14
JSU	3	7	7	0	17

### QTR TIME SCORING PLAY

1st	04:57	JSU - Karajic 41-yard FG, 10-24, 03:03
2nd	13:26	JSU - Wiggins 4-yard rush (Karajic kick), 12-80, 03:40
	00:00	UTEP - Hankins 1-yard rush (Flabiano kick), 9-74, 01:31
3rd	07:47	JSU - Jackson 7-yard rush (Karajic kick), 3-66, 01:13
4th	12:19	UTEP - Akharaiyi 32-yard pass from Hardison (Flabiano kick), 8-74, 04:02

### TEAM STATISTICS

	UTEP	JSU
First Downs	22	15
Rushing Attempts-Yards	43-156	44-208
Passing Yards	208	67
Passes	17-29-2	10-20-0
Total Offense	364	275
Punt Returns-Yards	1-5	1-1
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts-Average	4-41.0	5-45.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-55	5-52
Time of Possession	34:38	25:22

### UTEP Leaders

Passing	C-A-I	YDS	TD	LG
Hardison	17-29-2	208	1	32

Rushing	ATT.	YDS	TD	LG
Burgess Jr.	12	58	0	19
Hankins	15	54	1	20

Receiving	Rec.	YDS	TD	LG
Akharaiyi	4	102	1	32
Smith	5	38	0	11

Tackles	U-A-T	Sack-YD	TFL-YD	FF
Knight	7-6-13	0.0-0	0.5-0	0
Neal	1-9-10	0.0-0	0.0-0	0

### JSU Leaders

Passing	C-A-I	YDS	TD	LG
Webb	10-20-0	67	0	17

Rushing	ATT.	YDS	TD	LG
Jackson	13	76	1	44
Wiggins	13	63	1	15

Receiving	Rec.	YDS	TD	LG
Petway	3	13	0	5
Wiggins	3	24	0	17

Tackles	U-A-T	Sack-YD	TFL-YD	INT
Drake	3-8-11	0.0-0	0.0-0	0
Harris	3-5-8	0.0-0	0.0-0	1