

UTEP MINERS FOOTBALL '23

UTEP vs. UNLV | 7:00 p.m. MT | Saturday, Sept. 23 | Sun Bowl Stadium (45,971) | El Paso, Texas



GAME 5 VS UNLV



UTEP Miners (1-3, 0-1 Conference USA)

Head Coach: Dana Dimel (Kansas State, 1986)

Career Record: 49-81 (12th season)

Record at UTEP: 18-43 (6th season)

Home: 1-0 | **Road:** 0-3 | **Neutral:** 0-0 | **Streak:** L2

VS



UNLV Rebels (2-1, 0-0 Mountain West)

Head Coach: Barry Odom (Missouri, 1999)

Career Record: 27-26 (5th season)

Record at UNLV: 2-1 (1st season)

Home: 2-0 | **Road:** 0-1 | **Neutral:** 0-0 | **Streak:** W1

TUNE IN

TV: ESPN+

Duke Keith (PxP)

Jacob Boggs (Analyst)



RADIO: 95.5 KLAQ

Jon Teicher (PxP)

Cole Freytag (Analyst)

Mando Medina (Sideline)



COACHING STAFF

Dana Dimel, Head Coach

Scotty Ohara, Off. Coord./WRs/QBs

Bradley Dale Peveto, Def. Coord./LBs

Aaron Price, Special Teams Coord.

Matt Wallerstedt, Assoc. HC/DL

Barrick Nealy, Asst. HC/Running Backs

Dante Barnett, Secondary/Safeties

Josh Brown, Def. Pass Game Coord.

Drew Liddle, Tight Ends/Fullbacks *

Mike Simmonds, Offensive Line

James Bain, OL/Sp. Teams Asst.

* Indicates in the booth

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THE VENUE

Stadium: Sun Bowl Stadium

Capacity: 45,971

Surface: FieldTurf FTTHD-57 With Coolplay

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MINERS AT A GLANCE

UTEP HOSTS UNLV FOR FIRST TIME IN 30 YEARS SATURDAY NIGHT

UTEP, following a pair of road contests at Power Five programs, will return to the Sun Bowl to host UNLV on Saturday. The Miners are hosting the Rebels for the first time since the 1993 season. The contest is set for a 7 p.m. kickoff. Saturday night's promotion is "Heroes Night", while the contest is presented by Las Palmas.

» HOME SWEET HOME

UTEP is 12-3 in Sun Bowl Stadium since the 2020 season (2-0 in '20; 5-1 in '21; 4-2 in '22; 1-0 in '23)

» KNIGHT TIME

LB **Tyrice Knight** leads FBS with 51 tackles and 34 solo stops. He leads CUSA at 12.8 tackles per game.

» KNIGHT GETTING AFTER THE QB

LB **Tyrice Knight** has tallied a single-season career-high 2.5 sacks so far and ranks tied first in CUSA.

» HURLING HURLEY

QB **Kevin Hurley** completed 3-of-4 passes for 55 yards, including a 25-yard TD pass at Arizona.

» SECOND IN CUSA

RB **Deion Hankins** ranks second in CUSA with 289 yards rushing.

» MCKEL OVER THE LAST 2 WEEKS

S **McKel Broussard** tallied a career-high 10 tackles at Arizona, and has 17 in the last two games.

» ALLEN STEPPING UP

DB **Josiah Allen** tallied a career-high eight tackles at Arizona. Allen has 12 tackles during the last two weeks.

» SACK ATTACK

UTEP has 8.0 sacks this season, ranking tied for no. 1 in CUSA.

SERIES BREAKDOWN

SERIES INFORMATION

Overall:	UNLV leads 6-2
in El Paso:	UTEP leads 2-1
in Las Vegas:	UNLV leads 5-0
Neutral:	-
Postseason:	-
Most UTEP Points:	41 (UTEP 41-24, 1993)
Most UNLV Points:	53 (UNLV 53-14, 1980)
Most Combined PTS:	76 (UNLV 52-24, 2018)
Biggest UTEP Win:	17 (41-24, 1993)
Biggest UNLV Win:	39 (53-14, 1980)
First Meeting:	UNLV won 27-0 in Las Vegas (11.18.1978)
Last Meeting:	UNLV won 52-24 in Las Vegas (9.8.2018)
Streak:	UNLV, W1

C-USA STANDINGS

TEAM	C-USA	OVERALL
Liberty	1-0	3-0
Jax State	1-0	2-1
LA Tech	1-0	2-2
WKU	0-0	2-1
Middle Tennessee	0-0	1-2
Sam Houston	0-0	0-2
FIU	0-1	3-1
NM State	0-1	2-2
UTEP	0-1	1-3

2023 SCHEDULE & RESULTS



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



UW
Sept. 2
El Paso, Texas
ESPN+
W, 28-14



@Northwestern
Sept. 9
Evanston, Ill.
Big Ten Network
L, 7-38



@Arizona
Sept. 16
Tucson, Ariz.
Pac 12 Network
L, 10-31



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



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



@FIU*
Oct. 11
Miami, Fla.
ESPN2
5:30 PM MT



NM State*
Oct. 18
El Paso, Texas
ESPN2
7:00 PM MT



@Sam Houston*
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

18 MON	19 TUES	20 WED	21 THURS	22 FRI	23 SAT	24 SUN
<p>Practice (Glory Field) 9:20-10:50 a.m. (Only players available at the LKD following practice)</p> <p>Coach Dimel Press Conference 2:30 p.m. MT LKD Hall of Champions</p>	<p>Practice (Glory Field) 9-11 a.m. (Players & coach available following practice)</p>	<p>Practice (Glory Field) 9-11 a.m. (Players & coach available following practice)</p>	<p>Practice (Sun Bowl) 9-11 a.m. (Players & coach available following practice)</p>	No Availability	<p>GAME DAY UTEP vs. UNLV 7 PM MT Sun Bowl Stadium</p> <p>POSTGAME Coach Dimel and student-athletes will be available following the conclusion of the game.</p>	No Availability

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.**

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.

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.

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.

NUMERICAL 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
0	Ballard, Jeremiah	WR	6-3	205	R-So./1L	Houston, Texas/Dobie HS	32	Johnson, Ilijah	CB	5-11	170	R-So./1L	Maricopa, Ariz./Maricopa HS
0	Westmoreland, Maurice	DE	6-2	235	Jr./1L	Houston, Texas/Kilgore College	33	McIver-Brown, Dresden	DT	6-0	259	R-So./0L	Selma, Texas/Veterans Memorial HS
1	Odums, AJ	CB	5-11	175	Jr./TR	Houston, Texas/New Mexico	34	Johnson, Xavier	RB	5-11	205	Fr./HS	El Paso, Texas/Hanks HS
1	Smith, Tyrin	WR	5-7	170	Sr./2L	Cibolo, Texas/Cisco College	34	Liggins, Kiante	LB	6-0	236	R-So./0L	El Paso, Texas/Andress HS
2	Hardison, Gavin	QB	6-3	215	R-Sr./3L	Hobbs, N.M./NMMI	35	Essih, Zachary	FB	5-8	213	R-Fr./RS	Arlington, Texas/Mansfield Timberview HS
2	Hylton, Kobe	S	6-0	205	Jr./1L	Snellville, Ga./Louisiana	35	Guerrero, Jaime	S	6-1	185	R-Fr./RS	El Paso, Texas/Eastlake HS
3	Hankins, Deion	RB	6-0	226	R-Jr./3L	El Paso, Texas/Parkland HS	36	Flabiano, Buzz	K/P	6-0	175	R-Fr./RS	Plano East, Texas/Plano East HS
3	Williams-Evans, Jaleal	S	6-1	200	So./TR	Berkeley, Calif./College of San Francisco	37	Tejada, Angelo	LS	5-11	222	Jr./3L	San Antonio, Texas/Converse Judson HS
4	Akharaiyi, Kelly	WR	6-1	194	R-Jr./1L	Irvine, Texas/Tyler JC	39	Hancock, Josh	LS	5-9	185	R-So./0L	El Paso, Texas/Coastal Christian Homeschool
4	Wilson Jr., Jerome	LB	6-2	229	R-So./1L	Etiwanda, Calif./Etiwanda HS	39	Shivers, Brandon	CB	6-1	192	R-Jr./TR	Scottsdale, Ariz./NM State
5	Burgess Jr., Torrance	RB	5-6	175	R-So./1L	Pearland, Texas/Dawson HS/Tyler JC	40	Bibler, Chase	DL	6-4	260	Jr./TR	Fresno, Calif./Fresno City College
5	Neal, James	LB	6-0	223	R-Jr./RS	Paris, Texas/Paris HS/Tyler JC	41	Mauro, Dylan	P	6-3	175	Fr./HS	Allen, Texas/Allen College
6	McNamara, Jake	QB	5-11	189	R-Fr./RS	Franklin, Tenn./Page HS	42	Hall, Jake	LB	6-2	230	Jr./TR	San Juan Capistrano, Calif./Orange Coast Coll.
6	Rudolph, Jalen	DT	6-0	266	R-Jr./3L	Baton Rouge, La./Junipero Serra HS	43	Lopez, Julian	TE	6-1	246	R-Jr./1L	El Paso, Texas/Chapin HS
7	Bellon, Marcus	WR	5-9	180	Jr./1L	Truckee, Calif./Santa Barbara CC	43	Taueli, Osaisai	DE	6-1	234	R-So./1L	Mesa, Ariz./Mesa HS
7	Johnson, Kadarion	DL	6-1	300	Jr./TR	Houston, Texas/Kilgore College	44	Madden, Dimitri	DL	6-3	287	Jr./TR	Lewisham, London, England/NMMI
8	Richardson, Torey	CB	6-0	183	R-Jr./1L	Tomball, Texas/Blinn JC	46	Duff, Justin	LS	6-4	235	Jr./TR	San Pablo, Calif./Contra Costa College
8	White, Emari	WR	6-0	185	R-So./RS	Antelope, Calif./Center/Sierra College	48	Melucci, Julian	K	5-7	160	Fr./HS	El Paso, Texas/Eastlake HS
9	Clarke, Jostein	WR	6-3	195	R-Jr./1L	Prosper, Texas/Tyler JC	49	Ramos, Mark	K	5-8	194	R-Jr./2L	El Paso, Texas/Andress HS
9	Moore, Trez	CB	6-1	192	Jr./1L	St. Louis, Mo./Iowa Western CC	50	Tafuna, Tevita	DT	6-1	277	R-Sr./2L	East Palo Alto, Calif./College of San Mateo
10	Hurley, Kevin	QB	6-3	233	R-Jr./0L	Walnut, Miss./NE Mississippi CC	53	Diaz, Valentino	DE	6-2	228	R-Fr./RS	Boca Raton, Fla./Boca Raton HS
10	Knight, Tyrice	LB	6-2	235	R-Sr./3L	Lakeland, Fla./Independence CC	53	Escobar, Ivan	OL	6-2	289	R-So./0L	El Paso, Texas/NM State
11	McConnell, Cade	QB	6-1	195	R-So./0L	Los Alamitos, Calif./Cerritos College	54	Hubbard, Steven	OL	6-3	314	R-Sr./2L	Houston, Texas/Kilgore College
11	Moore, Oscar	S	6-1	208	Jr./TR	Eaton, Texas/Kilgore College	54	Stewart, Keenan	DT	6-1	294	R-Sr./3L	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Iowa Western CC
12	Gardere, Javoni	WR	6-0	195	R-So./TR	Dublin, Calif./Diablo Valley College	55	Pongia, Tangi/Tangi	OL	6-3	290	Jr./TR	San Diego, Calif./Cisco College
12	Hugue, Trejon	S	6-0	181	Sr./2L	Mansfield, Texas/Cisco College	56	Aranda, Luis Carlos	OL	6-1	295	R-Fr./0L	El Paso, Texas/Franklin HS
13	Hunter, Jayce	S	6-0	185	Jr./TR	Mission Viejo, Calif./Saddleback College	58	Toney, Jaquan	OL	6-4	301	Jr./TR	Huntsville, Ala./NE Mississippi CC
13	Sloan, Joshua	P	6-2	189	Jr./3L	Melbourne, Australia/ProKick Australia	59	Pitts III, Otis	OL	6-3	345	R-Jr./1L	Grand Prairie, Texas/Cisco College
14	Boyd-Matthews, Amier	CB	6-1	180	R-Fr./RS	Tempe, Ariz./Mountain Pointe HS	60	Immediato, Joseph	OL	6-4	338	R-So./1L	El Paso, Texas/Eastwood HS
14	Rodriguez, Zach	QB	6-3	195	R-So./0L	El Paso, Texas/El Paso HS	62	Duran, Jael	OL	6-2	275	R-Fr./RS	El Paso, Texas/El Paso HS
15	Spriggs, Dre	WR	6-2	180	R-So./TR	San Antonio, Texas/UTSA	63	Beltran, Rolando	OL	6-3	295	R-Fr./TR	El Paso, Texas/NMHU
15	Thompson, Bryton	DE	6-1	246	Sr./1L	Harker Heights, Texas/Blinn College	64	Luke, Sedrick	OL	6-2	309	R-Jr./RS	North Highlands, Calif./American River College
16	Mouser, Seth	QB	6-5	200	Fr./HS	Bastrop, Texas/Bastrop HS	65	Garnett, Jayves	DL	6-5	358	R-Sr./2L	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Ellsworth 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
17	Ezinwa, Judah	TE	6-3	240	So./TR	Fontana, Calif./Mt. SAC	66	Mayers, Justin	OL	6-3	309	R-Jr./3L	Frisco, Texas/Reedy HS
17	Phillips, Josh	LB	6-3	220	Jr./TR	Grenada, Miss./Mississippi Gulf Coast	68	Henry, Zuri	OL	6-6	293	R-Sr./4L	Dallas, Texas/Wylie HS
18	Burris III, John	CB	6-0	176	R-So./0L	Mesquite, Texas/Mesquite Horn HS	69	Lightfoot, Joey	DL	6-4	300	Fr./HS	College Station, Texas/A&M Consolidated
18	Gonzales, Ryan	WR	5-8	169	So./0L	El Paso, Texas/Eastwood HS	70	Utley, Jake	OL	6-6	315	Fr./HS	College Station, Texas/College Station HS
19	Harris, Caden	WR	5-10	170	Fr./HS	Round Rock, Texas/Tony Point HS	71	Scalise, Nick	OL	6-6	308	Jr./TR	El Dorado Hills, Calif./Sierra College
19	Robinson, Viontay	DE	6-1	250	Jr./TR	Waco, Texas/Navarro College	72	McDuffie III, Tyrone D.	OL	6-4	300	Fr./HS	El Paso, Texas/Parkland HS
20	Byrd, Kenny	LB	6-0	225	Jr./TR	York, S.C./NE Mississippi CC	74	Henry, Azizi	OL	6-4	297	R-So./0L	Wylie, Texas/Wylie HS
20	Triche, Daryon	RB	5-9	190	R-So./TR	Cedar Hill, Texas/Sam Houston	75	Meyer, Andrew	OL	6-3	302	R-Sr./4L	San Marcos, Calif./San Marcos HS
21	Cameron, Stefan	CB	5-11	185	Jr./TR	St. Louis, Mo./Foothill College	76	Licon, Eduardo	OL	6-4	290	Fr./HS	El Paso, Texas/Chapin HS
21	Dumas, Aaron	RB	5-9	208	R-So./TR	El Paso, Texas/Washington	77	Barton, AJ	OL	6-5	280	Fr./HS	Garland, Texas/Lakeview Centennial HS
22	Allen, Josiah	DB	5-10	179	Jr./1L	Elk Grove, Calif./Sacramento City College	78	Nkele, Aluma	OL	6-6	355	R-So./RS	Gardena, Calif./Long Beach City College
22	Jolly, Ezell	RB	6-1	175	Fr./HS	Missouri City, Texas/Ridge Point HS	79	Klein, Elijah	OL	6-4	319	R-Sr./4L	Mt. Baldy, Calif./Upland HS
23	Amaehwule, Praise	DE	6-3	250	R-Sr./4L	Katy, Texas/Katy Taylor HS	80	Weng, Jackson	WR	6-2	195	Fr./HS	Orange, Calif./Orange Lutheran HS
23	McNamara, Kyle	WR	5-8	184	R-Fr./0L	Reno, Nev./WKU	81	Bost, Jalile	WR	5-11	180	Fr./HS	El Paso, Texas/Pebble Hills HS
24	Broussard, Mckel	S	6-0	192	R-Jr./3L	Sherman Oaks, Calif./Notre Dame HS	82	Vinson, Marcus	TE	6-4	255	So./TR	Duncanville, Texas/Kilgore College
24	Franklin, Mike	RB	6-2	225	Jr./TR	Daphne, Ala./Contra Costa College	83	Muhammad, Jamal	WR	6-2	170	R-Fr./TR	Fort Worth, Texas/Dunbar HS
25	Dye, Josiah	S	6-1	185	Fr./HS	Gilbert, Ariz./Williams Field HS	84	Boyd, Elijah	TE	6-4	250	So./TR	Fairfield, Calif./Contra Costa College
26	Russell, Lantz	S	6-3	197	Jr./TR	Riverside, Calif./Mt. SAC	85	Oaxaca, Yamil	WR	6-0	185	Fr./TR	El Paso, Texas/UTPB
27	Burns, Davis	S	6-0	192	R-So./1L	El Paso, Texas/Coronado HS	86	Flores, Lucas	WR	6-2	184	R-So./0L	El Paso, Texas/Ysleta HS
27	Dye, Joshua	RB	5-11	202	Fr./HS	Gilbert, Ariz./Williams Field HS	87	Fryar, Zach	TE	6-1	240	R-Sr./3L	Venice, Fla./NMMI
28	Simmons, Xavier	LB	6-1	220	R-So./0L	Prince George, Md./Parkland HS	88	Seib, Luke	TE	6-4	222	R-Fr./RS	Blue Springs, Mo./Blue Springs South HS
28	Walker, Cartraven	RB	5-6	175	R-Jr./1L	Mansfield, Texas/Cisco College	89	Camacho Jr., Juan	TE	6-6	248	R-So./0L	El Paso, Texas/Bowie HS
29	Muhammad, Atiq	CB	6-2	187	R-Fr./RS	Rockford, Ill./Guilford HS	90	Thompson, RaQuan	DL	6-3	285	Jr./TR	Killeen, Texas/Blinn JC
30	Dyman, Nate	LB	6-2	223	Jr./TR	Missouri City, Texas/Blinn College	92	Granados, Dante	DT	6-0	283	R-Fr./0L	El Paso, Texas/Chapin HS
30	Whitaker, Michael	WR	5-9	170	R-Fr./TR	Katy, Texas/James E. Taylor HS	97	Vaughn, Kanius	DE	6-2	223	So./TR	San Clemente, Calif./Saddleback College
31	Wann, Matt	DE	6-2	235	Jr./TR	Fullerton, Calif./Santa Ana College	98	Va'a, Logologo	DT	6-3	292	R-Fr./RS	Santa Barbara, Calif./Bishop Garcia HS
32	Heckaman, Kheagian	TE	6-1	220	R-Fr./TR	Hampshire, Texas/NM State	99	Tonga'uiha, Sione	DT	6-0	295	Jr./3L	Tempe, Ariz./Tempe 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 Liddle – Tight Ends/Fullbacks
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 James Bain – Offensive Line/Special Teams Assistant
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Deion HANKINS	Hane-kins	BRANDON SHIVERS	Shy-Vers
AZIZI Henry	Ah-zee-zee	NICK SCALISE	Ska-lease
ZURI Henry	Zur-ee	SIONE TONGA-UIHA	See-on-ee Tonga-who-uh
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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, Jalile	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./Williams 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./Williams 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	Essih, Zachary	FB	5-8	213	R-Fr./RS	Arlington, Texas/Mansfield Timberview HS	19	Robinson, Viontay	DE	6-1	250	Jr./TR	Waco, Texas/Navarro College
17	Ezinwa, 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, Lantz	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	Tauei, 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, Kaniou	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

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UTEP DEPTH CHART

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OFFENSE

LT	54	Steven Hubbard	6-3	314	R-Sr.	2L	Houston, Texas	(Kilgore College)	12 Career Starts (23 app.)
	74	Azizi Henry	6-4	297	R-So.	0L	Wylie, Texas	(Wylie HS)	0 Career Starts (3 app.)
LG	66	Justin Mayers	6-3	309	R-Jr.	3L	Frisco, Texas	(Reedy HS)	16 Career Starts (27 app.)
	60	Joseph Immediato	6-4	338	R-So.	1L	El Paso, Texas	(Eastwood HS)	0 Career Starts (10 app.)
C	75	Andrew Meyer	6-3	302	R-Sr.	4L	San Marcos, Calif.	(San Marcos HS)	35 Career Starts (46 app.)
	53	Ivan Escobar	6-2	289	R-So.	0L	El Paso, Texas	(NM State)	0 Career Starts (4 app.)
RG	79	Elijah Klein	6-4	319	R-Sr.	4L	Mt. Baldy, Calif.	(Upland HS)	47 Career Starts (49 app.)
	59	Otis Pitts III	6-3	345	R-So.	0L	Grand Prairie, Texas	(Cisco College)	0 Career Starts (9 app.)
RT	68	Zuri Henry	6-6	293	R-Sr.	4L	Dallas, Texas	(Wylie HS)	29 Career Starts (46 app.)
	78	Aluma Nkele	6-6	355	R-So.	RS	Gardena, Calif.	(Long Beach City College)	1 Career Starts (7 app.)
TE	87	Zach Fryar	6-1	240	R-Sr.	3L	Venice, Fla.	(NMML)	7 Career Start (33 app.)
	82	Marcus Vinson	6-4	255	So.	TR	Duncanville, Texas	(Kilgore College)	0 Career Start (4 app.)
WR	7	Marcus Bellon	5-9	180	Jr.	1L	Dallas, Texas	(Santa Barbara CC)	1 Career Starts (13 app.)
	9	Jostein Clarke	6-3	195	R-Jr.	1L	Prosper, Texas	(Tyler JC)	0 Career Starts (13 app.)
WR	1	Tyrin Smith	5-7	170	Sr.	2L	Cibolo, Texas	(Cisco College)	20 Career Starts (29 app.)
	8	Emari White	6-0	185	Jr.	0L	Antelope, Calif.	(Sierra College)	0 Career Starts (3 app.)
WR	4	Kelly Akharaiyi	6-1	194	R-Jr.	1L	Irving, Texas	(Tyler JC)	10 Career Starts (16 app.)
	0	Jeremiah Ballard	6-3	205	R-So.	1L	Houston, Texas	(Dobie HS)	2 Career Starts (19 app.)
RB	3	Deion Hankins	6-0	226	R-Jr.	3L	El Paso, Texas	(Parkland HS)	10 Career Starts (37 app.)
	5	Torrance Burgess Jr.	5-6	175	R-So.	1L	Pearland, Texas	(Tyler JC)	0 Career Starts (6 app.)
-or-	24	Mike Franklin	6-2	225	Jr.	TR	Daphne, Ala.	(Contra Costa College)	0 Career Starts (4 app.)
FB	43	Julian Lopez	6-1	246	R-Jr.	1L	El Paso, Texas	(Chapin HS)	3 Career Starts (8 app.)
	84	Elijah Boyd	6-4	250	So.	TR	Fairfield, Calif.	(Contra Costa College)	0 Career Starts (1 app.)
QB	2	Gavin Hardison	6-3	215	R-Sr.	3L	Hobbs, N.M.	(NMML)	34 Career Starts (36 app.)
	6	Jake McNamara	5-11	189	R-Fr.	RS	Franklin, Tenn.	(Page HS)	0 Career Start (1 app.)

DEFENSE

DE	0	Maurice Westmoreland	6-2	235	Jr.	1L	Houston, Texas	(Kilgore College)	4 Career Starts (16 app.)
	97	Kanious Vaughn	6-2	223	So.	TR	San Clemente, Calif.	(Saddleback College)	0 Career Starts (4 app.)
DT	50	Tevita Tafuna	6-1	277	R-Sr.	2L	East Palo Alto, Calif.	(San Mateo JC)	5 Career Starts (26 app.)
	7	KD Johnson	6-1	300	Jr.	TR	Houston, Texas	(Kilgore College)	0 Career Starts (4 app.)
DT	54	Keenan Stewart	6-1	294	R-Sr.	3L	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	(Iowa Western CC)	35 Career Starts (36 app.)
	99	Sione Tonga'uuiha	6-0	295	Jr.	3L	Tempe, Ariz.	(Tempe HS)	0 Career Starts (34 app.)
DE	23	Praise Amaewhule	6-3	250	R-Sr.	4L	Katy, Texas	(Katy Taylor HS)	45 Career Starts (53 app.)
	15	Bryton Thompson	6-1	246	Jr.	1L	Harker Heights, Texas	(Blinn College)	0 Career Starts (15 app.)
-or-	40	Chase Bibler	6-4	260	Jr.	TR	Fresno, Calif.	(Fresno City College)	0 Career Starts (4 app.)
WILL	10	Tyrice Knight	6-2	235	R-Sr.	3L	Lakeland, Fla.	(Independence CC)	35 Career Starts (37 app.)
	30	Nate Dyman	6-2	223	Jr.	TR	Missouri City, Texas	(Blinn College)	0 Career Starts (4 app.)
MIKE	5	James Neal	6-0	223	R-Jr.	1L	Paris, Texas	(Tyler JC)	4 Career Starts (20 app.)
	20	Kenny Byrd	6-0	225	Jr.	TR	York, S.C.	(NE Mississippi CC)	0 Career Starts (4 app.)
CB	8	Torey Richardson	6-0	183	R-Jr.	1L	Tomball, Texas	(Blinn JC)	4 Career Starts (17 app.)
-or-	9	Trez Moore	6-1	192	Jr.	1L	St. Louis, Mo.	(Iowa Western JC)	11 Career Starts (13 app.)
FS	24	McKel Broussard	6-0	192	R-Jr.	3L	Sherman Oaks, Calif.	(Notre Dame HS)	5 Career Starts (34 app.)
	16	Tyler Williams	6-0	195	R-So.	1L	Santa Maria, Calif.	(St. Joseph HS)	0 Career Start (20 app.)
SS	2	Kobe Hylton	6-0	205	Jr.	1L	Snellville, Ga.	(Louisiana)	14 Career Start (14 app.)
	12	Trajon Hugue	6-0	181	Sr.	2L	Mansfield, Texas	(Cisco College)	2 Career Starts (23 app.)
NICK	32	Ilijah Johnson	5-11	170	R-Fr.	RS	Maricopa, Ariz.	(Maricopa HS)	10 Career Starts (16 app.)
-or-	22	Josiah Allen	5-10	179	Jr.	1L	Elk Grove, Calif.	(Sacramento City College)	5 Career Starts (15 app.)
CB	1	AJ Odums	5-11	175	Jr.	TR	Houston, Texas	(New Mexico)	4 Career Starts (4 app.)
-or-	14	Amier Boyd-Matthews	6-1	180	R-Fr.	RS	Maricopa, Ariz.	(Maricopa HS)	3 Career Starts (8 app.)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	36	Buzz Flabiano	6-0	175	R-Fr.	RS	Plano East, Texas	(Plano East HS)	4 Career Appearances
	49	Mark Ramos	5-8	194	R-So.	1L	El Paso, Texas	(Andress HS)	31 Career Appearances
P	13	Josh Sloan	6-2	189	Jr.	3L	Melbourne, Australia	(ProKick Australia)	37 Career Appearances
LS	37	Angelo Tejada	5-11	222	Jr.	3L	San Antonio, Texas	(Converse Judson HS)	37 Career Appearances
	39	Josh Hancock	5-9	185	R-So.	0L	El Paso, Texas	(Coastal Christian Home School)	0 Career Appearances
H	49	Mark Ramos	5-8	194	R-Jr.	2L	El Paso, Texas	(Andress HS)	31 Career Appearances
KR	1	Tyrin Smith	5-7	170	Sr.	2L	Cibolo, Texas	(Cisco College)	29 Career Appearances
-and-	7	Marcus Bellon	5-9	180	So.	TR	Truckee, Calif.	(Santa Barbara CC)	13 Career Appearances
PR	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)	29 Career Appearances

MINER NOTABLES

WHERE TO WATCH & LISTEN

The contest will be 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. Teicher 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.



IN THE SUN BOWL

UTEP is 12-3 in Sun Bowl Stadium over the last three seasons. The Miners defeated UIW earlier this season in their lone home game thus far. UTEP 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.

ABOUT UNLV

The Rebels are coming off an upset victory over SEC school Vanderbilt, 40-37, on Sept. 16 in Allegiant Stadium in Vegas. RB Jai'Den Thomas led the way with 50 yards and a TD, while QB Jayden Maiava passed for 261 yards finishing 19-of-33 with a touchdown and an interception. Maiava added 29 yards on the ground with a rushing score. WR Ricky White hauled in 12 passes for 165 yards (13.8 avg.) and Jacob De Jesus tallied 62 yards on three catches while adding a touchdown reception. LB Fred Thompkins led the defense with 10 tackles, while the Rebels' combined for three sacks. Vanderbilt jumped out to a 17-0 lead at the 13:51 mark of the second quarter. Thomas scored on a 21-yard run to get within 17-7. After a made FG by Jose Pizano, the Rebels would go on to tie the game at 17 when Jerrae Williams returned a fumble 41 yards for a score. Pizano gave UNLV a 23-17 lead with a pair of field goals – a 31-yard FG with three seconds remaining in the first half, and a 34-yard FG early in the third. Vanderbilt tied the game at 30, but Maiava tossed a 48-yard TD to De Jesus to take a 37-30 go-ahead lead. Overall, UNLV is averaging 30.3 points per game, and 342.0 yards per of total offense per game. The defense is yielding just over 28 points per game and over 440 yards per contest. Maiava has thrown for 369 yards and a score with an INT, while RB Vincent Davis Jr. leads the way with 114 yards rushing on 14 carries (8.1 avg.) and Thomas leads with three rushing scores. White has tallied 201 yards on 16 receptions and no TDs. LB Jackson Woodard leads the way with 22 tackles.

SERIES VS. UNLV

UNLV leads the series 6-2. The Miners are 2-1 versus the Rebels in the Sun Bowl. The two programs last met on Sept. 8, 2018 in Vegas with UNLV coming out on top, 52-24. It's also the first meeting in El Paso between the two programs in 30 years. The Miners' last win over the Rebels came during the 1993 season when UTEP won 41-24 in the Sun Bowl.

PLAYING THE MOUNTAIN WEST

UTEP is 9-12 vs. Mountain West Conference schools in regular and post-season games since the WAC split in 1998-99 and the MWC formed. The Miners are also 6-3 at home versus MW schools. Most recently, the Miners defeated Boise State 27-10 last season, and UNM 20-13 in 2021.

HURLING HURLEY

QB **Kevin Hurley** saw extended action at Arizona on Sept. 16. The red-shirt junior tallied his first career passing attempts (four), completions (three), yards (55) and touchdown against the Wildcats. Hurley saw action last season against FIU, tallying a rush. Hurley hooked up with transfer WR **Javoni Gardere** for a 25-yard score during the fourth quarter.

FIRST CATCH IS A TD

WR **Javoni Gardere**, a sophomore transfer from Diablo Valley College, saw his first career action with the Orange and Blue at Arizona. He responded with a 25-yard touchdown reception late in the contest.

OTHER WR NOTES

WR **Jostein Clarke** recorded a career-long 20-yard reception, while WR Emari White registered his first career catch, a 10-yard gain at Arizona.

CATCHING BURGESS

RB **Torrance Burgess Jr.** tallied career highs in receiving yards (78), receptions (three) and long reception (51 yards) at Arizona.

GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE

Freshman RB **Ezell Jolly** hauled in his first career catch, a 20-yard gain at Arizona. Jolly added a pair of rushing attempts for 10 yards. He recorded a career-high 30 yards of total offense on three touches.

GUSA LEADER

RB **Deion Hankins** ranks second in Conference USA with 289 yards rushing. Hankins tallied a career-high 174 yards against UIW in his second game of the season.

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.

HANKINS'S CAREER NIGHT

RB **Deion Hankins** rushed for a career-high 174 yards on a career-most 24 attempts in UTEP's win over UIW. All of Hankins's carries went forward as he netted 174 yards rushing. His previous best was 138 against FAU last season. He's the second Miner ever to rush for 174 yards as **Lee Cargile** did it against West Virginia in 1950.

ANOTHER ONE

RB **Deion Hankins** added his sixth-career 100-yard rushing game when he hit a career-high 174 against UIW. Hankins rushed for 138 yards against FAU and 112 at Charlotte last season. His first 100-yard game came in the 2020 season opener against SFA with 113. Hankins also rushed for 118 yards at ULM and 119 at Charlotte in 2020.

OVER 2K RUSHING YARDS

RB **Deion Hankins**, after rushing for 34 yards at Arizona, now has 2,081 in his career. Hankins is 85 yards from breaking into the program's top 10 list. **Fred Wendt** ranks 10th with 2,166 yards rushing and **Pug Gabriel** ranks ninth with 2,321 yards on the ground.

CONSECUTIVE STARTS ON THE O-LINE

Senior RG **Elijah Klein** has started the last 42 games in a row on the offensive line. The string of consecutive contests started on Nov. 2, 2019 at North Texas.

MINER NOTABLES

MOVING UP THE PASSING TD LIST

QB **Gavin Hardison** 39 career touchdown passes after tossing one at NU. He ranks fourth on the program's top-10 list. **Billy Stevens** ranks third with 51 passing scores.

WHERE HARDISON RANKS

QB **Gavin Hardison** has 7,738 yards passing in his career along with 1,030 passing attempts and 556 completions. He ranks third in all three categories on the program's top 10 lists. **Trevor Vittatoe** (12,439 yards/1,641 attempts/914 completions) and **Jordan Palmer** (11,084 yards/1,427 attempts/851 completions) rank no. 1 and 2 in each respective category.

HOPING TO MOVE ON UP

Tyrin Smith heads into this week with 1,800 yards for his Miner career. He is a little more than 222 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 (123), 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 12 career touchdown catches, putting him two 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 28 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 22 games after posting five catches for 64 yards at Arizona.

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.

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.

#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 & 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	UNLV
Total Offense	85	96
Rushing Offense	67	71
Passing Offense	95	104
Team Passing Efficiency	89	116
Scoring Offense	125	66
Total Defense	89	115
Rushing Defense	110	86
Passing Yards Allowed	58	118
Team Passing Efficiency Defense	110	111
Scoring Defense	79	95
Turnover Margin	119	29
3rd Down Conversion Pct.	97	29
4th Down Conversion Pct.	92	120
3rd Down Conversion Pct. Defense	102	79
4th Down Conversion Pct. Defense	88	36
Red Zone Offense	68	t-1
Red Zone Defense	83	86
Net Punting	65	32
Punt Returns	86	22
Kickoff Returns	56	3
First Downs Offense	22	95
First Downs Defense	121	97
Fewest Penalties Per Game	94	80
Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game	111	55
Time of Possession	18	121

TEAM LEADERS

UTEP

Rushing	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	YPG
Deion Hankins	55	289	5.3	1	72.3
Torrance Burgess Jr.	37	199	5.4	1	49.8

Passing	C-A-I	Yds.	TD	YPG
Gavin Hardison	59-98-4	722	4	180.5
Kevin Hurley	3-4-0	55	1	55.0

Receiving	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Tyrin Smith	19	191	10.1	1	47.8
Kelly Akharaayi	10	161	16.1	1	40.3

Defense	U-A-TT	TFL	SACK	FF-FR
Tyrice Knight	34-17-51	5.5-17	2.5-12	0-1 (4)
James Neal	8-20-28	1.0-1	1.0-0	1-0 (0)

UNLV

Rushing	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	YPG
Vincent Davis	14	114	8.1	1	38.0
Jai'Den Thomas	26	111	4.3	3	37.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds.	TD	YPG
Jayden Maiava	28-46-1	369	1	123.0
Noah Fifita	23-41-2	201	0	67.0

Receiving	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Ricky White	16	201	12.6	0	67.0
Michael Wiley	12	158	13.2	1	52.7

Defense	U-A-TT	TFL	SACK	FF-FR
Jackson Woodard	16-9-25	0.5-1	0.0-0	0-0 (0)
Jett Elad	12-6-18	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0 (0)

VAST EXPERIENCE IN THE TRENCHES

The UTEP offensive line returns five starters which has combined for 134 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 35 career starts at center. RG **Elijah Klein**, another redshirt senior, has earned 47 career starts on the line, which includes 45 at right guard and a pair at left tackle. LG **Justin Mayers**, a redshirt junior, has 16 career starts. RT **Zuri Henry**, a redshirt senior, has 29 career starts, while playing in a total of 45 contests. LT **Steven Hubbard** has appeared in 23 career contests with 12 starts during his career at UTEP. OL **Nkele Aluma** made his first career start at RT at Arizona in place of Hubbard. Henry started at LT against the Wildcats.

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.

TYRICE TEARING THROUGH OFFENSES

LB **Tyrice Knight** leads FBS with 51 total tackles and 34 solo stops, while he ranks no. 2 nationally at 12.8 tackles per game. Knight ranks tied 10th nationally with 5.5 tackles for loss. Knight added eight more tackles to his total.

KNIGHT TIME

LB **Tyrice Knight** recovered his third career fumble at Arizona on Saturday. Knight added another sack, bringing his total to a career season-best 2.5 (12 yards). The senior has also recorded 5.5 tackles for loss.

RACKING UP TACKLES

LB **Tyrice Knight** racked up another 14 tackles, this time at Big Ten program Northwestern on Sept. 9. He opened campaign with 13 tackles at Jax State and followed with a career-high 16 tackles in a win over UIW. The redshirt senior now has 15 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.

ANOTHER CAREER HIGH FOR MCKEL

S **McKel Broussard** tallied a career-high 10 tackles at Arizona. His previous high was seven stops at Northwestern last week. Broussard has 17 tackles along with a tackle for loss in the last two games.

ALLEN STEPPING UP

DB **Josiah Allen** made his second consecutive start and responded with a career-high eight tackles at Arizona. His previous best was six against North Texas last season. Allen has 12 tackles, a 0.5 sack and 0.5 TFL during the last two weeks.

MO' SACKS

DE **Maurice Westmoreland** registered his second sack of the season at Arizona. He's recorded his first career sacks in consecutive games after getting his first at Northwestern last week. Westmoreland ranks tied third with 2.0 sacks on the season.

MINER NOTABLES

SACK ATTACK

UTEP's defense ranks tied for first in CUSA with 8.0 quarterback sacks. The Miners tallied 3.0 more sacks at Arizona after DE **Maurice Westmoreland**, LB **Tyrice Knight**, and DE **Bryton Thompson** each recorded one. Nationally UTEP ranks tied 40th.

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 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).

NEAL GETTING AFTER IT

LB **James Neal**, in his first four career starts, ranks second on the team with 28 tackles while he's registered a sack, a TFL, forced fumble and pass breakup. Neal opened the season with 10 tackles at Jax State and followed with that with four stops, a sack and forced fumble against in a win over UIW.

FIRST FOR BUZZ

Redshirt freshman K **Buzz Flabiano** hit his first career field goal, a 25-yard make with 5:13 remaining in the first half at Arizona on Sept. 16. Flabiano is 1-of-3 on the season after missing his first two FG attempts. He's a perfect 8-for-8 on PATs.

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

UP NEXT

UTEP will host its second consecutive home contest when CUSA action resumes against LA Tech under the Friday night lights (Sept. 29) in Sun Bowl. Stadium The Miners and Bulldogs will kick off at 7 p.m., while the game will be nationally televised on CBS Sports Network. The action also returns to 600 ESPN El Paso with **"The Voice of the Miners" Jon Teicher** calling the game with former UTEP WR **Cole Freytag**, and **Mando Medina** roaming the sidelines.

2023 UTEP FOOTBALL TRENDS

OVERALL	1-3
VS. CONFERENCE USA	0-1
NONCONFERENCE RECORD	1-2
HOME	1-0
AWAY	0-3
DAY GAMES	0-2
NIGHT GAMES	1-1
VS. TOP 25 TEAMS	0-0
NEUTRAL	0-0
NATIONAL TV	0-3
CBSSN	0-1
ESPN2	0-0
ESPN+	1-0
PAC 12 NETWORK	0-1
BIG TEN NETWORK	0-1

OFFENSE

WHEN SCORING FIRST	0-1
WHEN THE OPPONENT SCORES FIRST	1-2
WHEN LEADING AT HALFTIME	0-0
WHEN TRAILING AT HALFTIME	0-2
WHEN TIED AT HALFTIME	1-1
WHEN LEADING AFTER THIRD QUARTER	1-0
WHEN TRAILING AFTER THIRD QUARTER	0-3
WHEN TIED AFTER THIRD QUARTER	0-0
IN OVERTIME GAMES	0-0
WHEN SCORING LESS THAN 20 POINTS	0-3
WHEN SCORING 20+ POINTS	1-0
WHEN SCORING 30+ POINTS	0-0
WHEN SCORING 40+ POINTS	0-0
WHEN RUSHING FOR < 100 YARDS	0-1
WHEN RUSHING FOR 100+ YARDS	0-2
WHEN RUSHING FOR 200+ YARDS	1-0
WHEN PASSING FOR 200+ YARDS	0-2
WHEN PASSING FOR 250+ YARDS	0-1
WHEN PASSING FOR 300+ YARDS	0-0
WHEN TOTALING < 300 YDS TOTAL OFFENSE	0-0
WHEN GAINING 300+ YDS TOTAL OFFENSE	1-3
WHEN HAVING NO TURNOVERS	1-0
WHEN HAVING LESS THAN 3 TURNOVERS	0-2
WHEN HAVING 3 OR MORE TURNOVERS	0-1
WHEN HAVING MORE THAN 30:00 TOP	1-2
WHEN HAVING LESS THAN 30:00 TOP	0-1

DEFENSE

WHEN ALLOWING LESS THAN 20 POINTS	1-1
WHEN ALLOWING 20+ POINTS	0-0
WHEN ALLOWING 30+ POINTS	0-2
WHEN ALLOWING < 100 YDS RUSHING	1-0
WHEN ALLOWING 100+ YDS RUSHING	0-1
WHEN ALLOWING 200+ YDS RUSHING	0-2
WHEN ALLOWING < 200 YARDS PASSING	0-1
WHEN ALLOWING 200+ YARDS PASSING	1-1
WHEN ALLOWING 250+ YARDS PASSING	0-1
WHEN ALLOWING 300+ YARDS PASSING	0-0
WHEN ALLOWING < 300 YDS TOTAL OFFENSE	0-1
WHEN ALLOWING 300+ YDS TOTAL OFFENSE	1-2
WHEN HAVING NO TAKEAWAYS	0-2
WHEN HAVING 3 OR LESS TAKEAWAYS	1-1

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DANA DIMEL

KANSAS STATE '86

SIXTH SEASON AT UTEP
12TH 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 touchdown 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
Scoring	59	100
Points per game	14.8	25.0
Points Off Turnovers	0	14
First Downs	78	77
Rushing	36	34
Passing	33	32
Penalty	9	11
Rushing Yardage	638	700
Yards gained rushing	722	757
Yards lost rushing	84	57
Rushing attempts	154	142
Average per rush	4.1	4.9
Average per game	159.5	175.0
TDs Rushing	3	7
Passing Yardage	800	819
Comp-Att-Int	64-107-5	66-103-1
Average per pass	7.5	8.0
Average per catch	12.5	12.4
Average per game	200.0	204.8
TDs Passing	5	6
Total offense	1438	1519
Total plays	261	245
Average per play	5.5	6.2
Average per game	359.5	379.8
Kick returns: #-Yards	5-105	8-140
Punt returns: #-Yards	2-10	4-39
Int returns: #-Yards	1-0	5-29
Kick return average	21.0	17.5
Punt return average	5.0	9.8
Int return average	0.0	5.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	3-1
Penalties-Yards	28-274	24-212
Average per game	68.5	53.0
Punts-Yards	18-747	16-680
Average per punt	41.5	42.5
Net punt average	39.3	40.6
Kickoffs-Yards	12-650	20-1256
Average per kick	54.2	62.8
Net kick average	37.6	39.0
Time of possession / game	32:49	27:11
3rd-down conversion	18/50	23/51
3rd-down pct	36%	45%
4rd-down conversion	3/8	3/5
4rd-down pct	38%	60%
Sacks by-Yards	8-35	10-67
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	8	13
Field goals - attempts	1-3	3-5
On-Side kicks	0-1	0-0
Red-zone scores	(5-6) 83%	(12-14) 86%
Red-zone touchdowns	(4-6) 67%	(11-14) 79%
PAT-attempts	(8-8) 100%	(13-13) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(0-0) 0%
Attendance	30738	77016
Games / Avg per game	1/30738	3/25672
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
UTEP	14	17	7	21	0	59
Opponents	17	28	38	17	0	100

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Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Deion Hankins	4	55	291	2	289	5.3	1	20	72.3
Torrance Burgess Jr.	4	37	203	4	199	5.4	1	40	49.8
Mike Franklin	4	24	110	6	104	4.3	1	9	26.0
Ezell Jolly	2	7	21	1	20	2.9	0	6	10.0
Jake McNamara	1	4	18	1	17	4.3	0	9	17.0
Gavin Hardison	4	24	79	68	11	0.5	0	16	2.8
Team	4	2	0	2	-2	-1.0	0	0	-0.5
Total	4	154	722	84	638	4.1	3	40	159.5
Opponents	4	142	757	57	700	4.9	7	59	175.0

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Gavin Hardison	4	127.4	59-98-4	60.2	722	4	51	180.5
Jake McNamara	1	38.6	2-5-1	40.0	23	0	15	23.0
Kevin Hurley	1	273.0	3-4-0	75.0	55	1	25	55.0
Total	4	128.7	64-107-5	59.8	800	5	51	200.0
Opponents	4	148.2	66-103-1	64.1	819	6	85	204.8

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Tyrin Smith	4	19	191	10.1	1	24	47.8
Jeremiah Ballard	4	10	158	15.8	0	38	39.5
Kelly Akharaiyi	4	10	161	16.1	1	32	40.3
Zach Fryar	4	6	54	9.0	1	19	13.5
Torrance Burgess Jr.	4	5	87	17.4	0	51	21.8
Jostein Clarke	4	3	44	14.7	1	20	11.0
Deion Hankins	4	2	11	5.5	0	11	2.8
Marcus Bellon	1	2	8	4.0	0	7	8.0
Mike Franklin	4	2	19	9.5	0	11	4.8
Julian Lopez	4	1	4	4.0	0	4	1.0
Emari White	3	1	10	10.0	0	10	3.3
Javoni Gardere	1	1	25	25.0	1	25	25.0
Ezell Jolly	2	1	20	20.0	0	20	10.0
Marcus Vinson	4	1	8	8.0	0	8	2.0
Total	4	64	800	12.5	5	51	200.0
Opponents	4	66	819	12.4	6	85	204.8

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Tyrin Smith	1	5	5.0	0	5
Marcus Bellon	1	5	5.0	0	5
Total	2	10	5.0	0	5
Opponents	4	39	9.8	0	26

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Trez Moore	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	1	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	5	29	5.8	0	28

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Torrance Burgess Jr.	4	77	19.3	0	23
Caden Harris	1	28	28.0	0	28
Total	5	105	21.0	0	28
Opponents	8	140	17.5	0	25

Fumble Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Tyrice Knight	1	4	4.0	0	4
Total	1	4	4.0	0	4
Opponents	2	22	11.0	0	22

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Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Buzz Flabiano	-	1-3	8-8	-	-	-	-	-	11
Deion Hankins	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Zach Fryar	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jostein Clarke	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Tyrin Smith	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Kelly Akharaiyi	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Torrance Burgess Jr.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Javoni Gardere	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Mike Franklin	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	8	1-3	8-8	0	0	0	0	0	59
Opponents	13	3-5	13-13	0	0	0	0	0	100

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Buzz Flabiano	1-3	33.3	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-2	0-0	25	0
Opponents	3-5	60.0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-4	0-0	41	1

FG Sequence

Team Name	UTEP	Opponents
Northwestern	44	(40)
Jacksonville St.	43	(41),44
Arizona	(25)	45,(38)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Torrance Burgess Jr.	4	199	87	0	77	0	363	90.8
Deion Hankins	4	289	11	0	0	0	300	75.0
Tyrin Smith	4	0	191	5	0	0	196	49.0
Kelly Akharaiyi	4	0	161	0	0	0	161	40.3
Jeremiah Ballard	4	0	158	0	0	0	158	39.5
Mike Franklin	4	104	19	0	0	0	123	30.8
Zach Fryar	4	0	54	0	0	0	54	13.5
Jostein Clarke	4	0	44	0	0	0	44	11.0
Ezell Jolly	2	20	20	0	0	0	40	20.0
Caden Harris	1	0	0	0	28	0	28	28.0
Javoni Gardere	1	0	25	0	0	0	25	25.0
Jake McNamara	1	17	0	0	0	0	17	17.0
Marcus Bellon	1	0	8	5	0	0	13	13.0
Gavin Hardison	4	11	0	0	0	0	11	2.8
Emari White	3	0	10	0	0	0	10	3.3
Marcus Vinson	4	0	8	0	0	0	8	2.0
Julian Lopez	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	1.0
Team	4	-2	0	0	0	0	-2	-0.5
Total	4	638	800	10	105	0	1553	388.3
Opponents	4	700	819	39	140	29	1727	431.8

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Gavin Hardison	4	122	11	722	733	183.3
Deion Hankins	4	55	289	0	289	72.3
Torrance Burgess Jr.	4	37	199	0	199	49.8
Mike Franklin	4	24	104	0	104	26.0
Kevin Hurley	1	5	0	55	55	55.0
Jake McNamara	1	9	17	23	40	40.0
Ezell Jolly	2	7	20	0	20	10.0
Team	4	0	-2	0	-2	-0.5
Total	4	261	638	800	1438	359.5
Opponents	4	245	700	819	1519	379.8

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Joshua Sloan	18	747	41.5	57	0	5	9	2	0
Total	18	747	41.5	57	0	5	9	2	0
Opponents	16	680	42.5	66	1	3	10	4	0

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Buzz Flabiano	10	600	60.0	1	0			
Mark Ramos	2	50	25.0	0	0			
Total	12	650	54.2	1	0	8	37.6	27
Opponents	20	1256	62.8	13	0	5	39	26

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Team Defense

##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks		Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf	
10	Tyrice Knight	4	34	17	51	5.5-17	2.5-12	.	1	.	1-4	.	.	.	
5	James Neal	4	8	20	28	1-0	1-0	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	
24	McKel Broussard	4	18	9	27	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Kobe Hylton	2	8	6	14	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
22	Josiah Allen	4	9	5	14	0.5-3	0.5-3	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
0	Maurice Westmoreland	4	9	4	13	2-11	2-11	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
54	Keenan Stewart	4	5	8	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Trejon Hugue	3	8	4	12	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
50	Tevita Tafuna	4	4	7	11	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Praise Amaewhule	4	6	4	10	1-5	1-5	.	1	2	.	.	1	.	
1	AJ Odums	4	5	5	10	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
8	Torey Richardson	4	5	2	7	1.5-4	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
9	Trez Moore	4	3	3	6	.	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	.	.
97	Kanious Vaughn	4	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Amir Boyd-Matthews	4	4	.	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
7	KD Johnson	4	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Logologo Va'a	3	3	.	3	2-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Kenny Byrd	4	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	Atiq Muhammad	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Stefan Cameron	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
99	Sione Tonga'uiha	4	.	2	2	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	John Burriss III	4	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Oscar Moore	4	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	Ilijah Johnson	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
27	Davis Burns	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Nate Dyman	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	Chase Bibler	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Judah Ezinwa	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	RaQuan Thompson	3	.	1	1	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Bryton Thompson	4	1	.	1	1-4	1-4	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
4	Kelly Akharaiyi	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Joshua Sloan	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
77	AJ Barton	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	Osaiasi Taueli	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Emari White	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Lantz Russell	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals	4	150	108	258	17-54	8-35	1-0	12	5	1-4	3	1	0	
	Opponents	4	126	154	280	18-80	10-67	5-29	9	13	2-22	2	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	Z. Henry	Akharaiyi	Smith	Fryar	Lopez	Hankins	Hardison
UIW	Hubbard	Mayers	Meyer	Klein	Z. Henry	Akharaiyi	Smith	Fryar	Lopez	Hankins	Hardison
at Northwestern	Hubbard	Mayers	Meyer	Klein	Z. Henry	Akharaiyi	Smith	Fryar	Ballard	Hankins	Hardison
at Arizona	Z. Henry	Mayers	Meyer	Klein	Nkele	Akharaiyi	Smith	Fryar	Lopez	Hankins	Hardison
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	Amaewhule	Stewart	Tafuna	Westmoreland	Knight	Neal	Odums	Hugue	I. Johnson	Broussard	T. Moore
at Northwestern	Amaewhule	Stewart	Tafuna	Westmoreland	Knight	Neal	Odums	Hugue	Allen	Broussard	Richardson
at Arizona	Amaewhule	Stewart	Tafuna	Westmoreland	Knight	Neal	Odums	Hylton	Allen	Broussard	Richardson
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	UIW	NU	UA
Deion Hankins	55-289/1	15-54/1	24-174/0	7-27/0	9-34/0
Torrance Burgess Jr.	37-199/1	12-58/0	10-85/1	7-34/0	8-22/0
Mike Franklin	24-104/1	8-28/0	9-53/1	4-13/0	3-10/0
Gavin Hardison	24-11/0	8-16/0	5-19/0	8-3/0	3--27/0
Ezell Jolly	7-20/0	DNP	DNP	5-10/0	2-10/0
Jake McNamara	4-17/0	DNP	DNP	4-17/0	DNP
Kevin Hurley	1-0/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0/0

RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME

Receiving

Player	No-Yds/TD	JSU	UIW	NU	UA
Tyrin Smith	19-191/1	5-38/0	4-49/1	5-40/0	5-64/0
Kelly Akharaiyi	10-161/1	4-102/1	1-6/0	5-53/0	-
Jeremiah Ballard	10-158/0	1-7/0	2-11/0	4-92/0	3-48/0
Zach Fryar	6-54/1	2-25/0	-	2-11/1	2-18/0
Torrance Burgess Jr.	5-87/0	1-6/0	-	1-3/0	3-78/0
Jostein Clarke	3-44/1	1-11/0	1-13/1	-	1-20/0
Mike Franklin	2-19/0	1-11/0	-	1-8/0	-
Deion Hankins	2-11/0	-	1-11/0	-	1-0/0
Marcus Bellon	2-8/0	2-8/0	DNP	DNP	DNP
Javoni Gardere	1-25/1	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-25/1
Ezell Jolly	1-20/0	DNP	DNP	-	1-20/0
Emari White	1-10/0	DNP	-	-	1-10/0
Marcus Vinson	1-8/0	-	-	1-8/0	-
Julian Lopez	1-4/0	-	1-4/0	-	-

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
UIW	10	13	0	76.9	94	2	24	1-5	188.4
Northwestern	17	25	2	68.0	192	1	36	4-18	129.7
Arizona	15	31	0	48.4	228	0	51	3-27	110.2
Totals	59	98	4	60.2	722	4	51	10-67	127.4

#6 Jake McNamara	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
Northwestern	2	5	1	40.0	23	0	15	0-0	38.6
Totals	2	5	1	40.0	23	0	15	0-0	38.6

#10 Kevin Hurley	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
Arizona	3	4	0	75.0	55	1	25	0-0	273.0
Totals	3	4	0	75.0	55	1	25	0-0	273.0

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
09/02/2023	UIW	50	329	2	40	10	94	2	24	10	13	0	94	2	24	1	22	0	22	0	0	0	0	423
09/09/2023	at Northwestern	35	104	0	16	19	215	1	36	19	30	3	215	1	36	4	83	0	28	1	5	0	5	319
09/16/2023	at Arizona	26	49	0	14	18	283	1	51	18	35	0	283	1	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	332
UTEP		154	638	3	40	64	800	5	51	64	107	5	800	5	51	5	105	0	28	2	10	0	5	1438
Opponents		142	700	7	59	66	819	6	85	66	103	1	819	6	85	8	140	0	25	4	39	0	26	1519

UTEP Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
4	4.1	12.5	128.7	21.0	5.0	388.3	359.5

Date	Opponent	ua	Tackles			Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd kick	PAT attempts			off			
			a	total	tfl-yds		no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh		brup	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	0	14
09/02/2023	UIW	34	26	60	4.0-9	2-4	2	0-0	1-0	0	5	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	28	
09/09/2023	at Northwestern	43	10	53	5.0-17	2-12	0	0-0	0-0	0	4	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	7	
09/16/2023	at Arizona	40	36	76	4.0-18	3-14	1	1-4	0-0	3	1	1	1-1	0	0	0	0	10	
UTEP		150	108	258	17.0-54	8-35	3	1-4	1-0	5	12	1	8-8	0	0	0	0	59	
Opponents		126	154	280	18.0-80	10-67	2	2-22	5-29	13	9	0	13-13	0	0	0	14	100	

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	
09/02/2023	UIW	3	141	47.0	57	0	0	0	1	1	0-0	0	0	5	305	61.0	1	0	
09/09/2023	at Northwestern	4	157	39.3	44	0	0	2	0	2	0-1	0	0	2	98	49.0	0	0	
09/16/2023	at Arizona	7	285	40.7	44	0	0	3	0	5	1-1	25	0	3	137	45.7	0	0	
UTEP		18	747	41.5	57	0	0	5	2	9	1-3	25	0	12	650	54.2	1	0	
Opponents		16	680	42.5	66	0	1	3	4	10	3-5	41	1	20	1256	62.8	13	0	

UTEP INDIVIDUAL CAREER HIGHS

KELLY AKHARAIYI (WR)

Points Scored _____ 6, 2x, last at JSU (8/26/23)
 Receptions _____ 5, at NU (9/9/23)
 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 _____ 8, at UA (9/16/23)
 Fumbles recovered _____ 1, at LA Tech (10/8/22)
 Tackles for loss _____ 0.5, 2x, last at NU (9/9/23)
 Pass Breakups _____ 2, vs. UIW (9/2/23)
 Sacks _____ 0.5, at NU (9/9/23)

JEREMIAH BALLARD (WR)

Points Scored _____ 6, vs. BSU (9/23/22)
 Receptions _____ 5, at OU (9/3/22)
 Receiving yards _____ 92, at NU (9/9/23)
 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)
 Pass Breakups _____ 1, vs. UIW (9/2/23)

MCKEL BROUSSARD (S)

Tackles _____ 10, at UA (9/16/23)
 QB Hurries _____ 1, vs. UNM (9/25/21)
 Tackles for loss _____ 1.0, at NU (9/9/23)

TORRANCE BURGESS JR. (RB)

Points Scored _____ 6, vs. UIW (9/2/23)
 Rushing TDs _____ 1, vs. UIW (9/2/23)
 Rush Attempts _____ 12, at JSU (8/26/23)
 Rushing Yards _____ 85, vs. UIW (9/2/23)
 Long Rush _____ 40, vs. UIW (9/2/23)
 Receptions _____ 3, at UA (9/16/23)
 Receiving Yards _____ 78, at UA (9/16/23)
 Long Reception _____ 51, at UA (9/16/23)
 All-purpose yards _____ 107, vs. UIW (9/2/23)

DAVIS BURNS (S)

Tackles _____ 1, 2x, last at UA (9/16/23)

JOHN BURRIS III (CB)

Tackles _____ 1, 4x, last at UA (9/16/23)

KENNY BYRD (LB)

Tackles _____ 1, 2x, last at UA (9/16/23)

STEFAN CAMERON (CB)

Tackles _____ 2, vs. UIW (9/2/23)
 Forced Fumble _____ 1, vs. UIW (9/2/23)

JOSTEIN CLARKE (WR)

Points Scored _____ 6, vs. UIW (9/2/23)
 Receiving TDs _____ 1, vs. UIW (9/2/23)
 Receptions _____ 3, at LA Tech (10/8/22)
 Receiving Yards _____ 15, at LA Tech (10/8/22)
 Long Reception _____ 20, at UA (9/16/23)

NATE DYMAN (LB)

Tackles _____ 1, at JSU (8/26/23)

MIKE FRANKLIN (RB)

Points Scored _____ 6, vs. UIW (9/2/23)
 Rushing TDs _____ 1, vs. UIW (9/2/23)
 Rush Attempts _____ 9, vs. UIW (9/2/23)
 Rushing Yards _____ 53, vs. UIW (9/2/23)
 Long Rush _____ 9, vs. UIW (9/2/23)
 Receptions _____ 1, at JSU (8/26/23)
 Receiving Yards _____ 11, at JSU (8/26/23)
 Long Reception _____ 11, at JSU (8/26/23)
 All-purpose yards _____ 53, vs. UIW (9/2/23)

ZACH FRYAR (TE)

Points Scored _____ 6, at NU (9/9/23)
 Receptions _____ 2, 2x, last at NU (9/9/23)
 Receiving Yards _____ 25, at JSU (8/26/23)
 Receiving TDs _____ 1, at NU (9/23/22)
 Long Reception _____ 19, at JSU (8/26/23)

JAVONI GARDERE (WR)

Points Scored _____ 6, at UA (9/16/23)
 Receptions _____ 1, at UA (9/16/23)
 Receiving yards _____ 25, at UA (9/16/23)
 Receiving TDs _____ 1, at UA (9/16/23)
 Long reception _____ 25, at UA (9/16/23)

DEION HANKINS (RB)

Points Scored _____ 18, at ULM (9/26/20)
 Touchdowns _____ 3, at ULM (9/26/20)
 Rush attempts _____ 24, vs. UIW (9/2/23)
 Rushing yards _____ 174, vs. UIW (9/2/23)
 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 _____ 24, vs. UIW (9/2/23)
 Total offense yards _____ 174, vs. UIW (9/2/23)
 All-purpose yards _____ 174, vs. UIW (9/2/23)

GAVIN HARDISON (QB)

Points Scored _____ 6, vs. FAU (10/22/22)
 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)
 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)
 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)

TREJON HUGUE (S)

Tackles _____ 6, vs. UIW (9/2/23)
 Tackle for Loss _____ 1.0, at UAB (11/27/21)
 Pass Breakups _____ 1, vs. UIW (9/2/23)

KEVIN HURLEY (QB)

Pass attempts _____ 4, at UA (9/16/23)
 Pass completions _____ 3, at UA (9/16/23)
 Pass yards _____ 55, at UA (9/16/23)
 Pass TDs _____ 1, at UA (9/16/23)
 Long pass _____ 25, at UA (9/16/23)
 Rush attempts _____ 1, 2x, last, at UA (9/16/23)
 Rush yards _____ -4, vs. FIU (11/19/22)
 Long rush _____ -4, vs. FIU (11/19/22)
 Total offense att. _____ 5, at UA (9/16/23)
 Total offense yards _____ 55, at UA (9/16/23)
 All-purpose yards _____ -4, vs. FIU (11/19/22)

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, 3x, last at UA (9/16/23)
 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, 4x, last at UA (9/16/23)

EZELL JOLLY (RB)

Rush attempts _____ 6, at NU (9/9/23)
 Rushing yards _____ 10, 2x, last at UA (9/16/23)
 Long rush _____ 6, at UA (9/16/23)
 Receptions _____ 1, at UA (9/16/23)
 Receiving Yards _____ 20, at UA (9/16/23)
 Long reception _____ 20, at UA (9/16/23)
 Total offense attempts _____ 6, at NU (9/9/23)
 Total offense yards _____ 30, at UA (9/16/23)
 All-purpose yards _____ 30, at UA (9/16/23)

TYRICE KNIGHT (LB)

Points Scored _____ 6, at Charlotte (10/1/22)
 Tackles _____ 16, vs. UIW (9/2/23)
 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, 3x, last at UA (9/16/23)
 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, 2x, last at NU (9/9/23)

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)
 Interceptions _____ 1, vs. UIW (9/2/23)

ATIQ MUHAMMAD (CB)

Tackles _____ 1, 2x, last at NU (9/9/23)

JAMES NEAL (LB)

Tackles _____ 10, at JSU (8/26/23)
 Tackle for Loss _____ 1.0, 2x last vs. UIW (9/2/23)
 Sacks _____ 1.0, 2x last vs. UIW (9/2/23)
 Fumbles recovered _____ 1, vs. NMSU (9/10/22)
 Forced fumbles _____ 1, vs. UIW (9/2/23)

UTEP INDIVIDUAL CAREER HIGHS

AJ ODUMS (CB)

Tackles _____ 3, at JSU (8/26/23)
 Pass breakups _____ 1, at NU (9/9/23)

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)

LANTZ RUSSELL (S)

Tackles _____ 1, at UA (9/16/23)

JOSHUA SLOAN (P)

Punt Attempts _____ 8, 2x, last at UNT (11/13/21)
 Punt Yards _____ 333, at UNT (11/13/21)
 Longest Punt _____ 63, at UTSA (11/14/20)
 Tackles _____ 1, 3x, last vs. UIW (9/2/23)
 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 TAUელი (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, 4x, last at UA (9/16/23)
 Forced fumbles _____ 1, vs. NMSU (9/10/22)
 Sacks _____ 1.0, 4x, last at UA (9/16/23)

RAQUAN THOMPSON (DL)

Tackles _____ 1, vs. UIW (9/2/23)
 Tackles for loss _____ 1.0, vs. UIW (9/2/23)

SIONE TONGA'UIHA (DT)

Tackles _____ 3, 2x, last at Boise State (9/10/21)

Sacks _____ 0.5, vs. NM State (9/10/22)
 QB Hurries _____ 1, at NM State (8/28/21)

LOGOLOGO VA'A (DT)

Tackles _____ 1, 3x, last at UA (9/16/23)
 Tackles for loss _____ 1.0, 2x, last at NU (9/9/23)

KANIOUS VAUGHN (DE)

Tackles _____ 2, 2x, last at UA (9/16/23)

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. NM State (9/10/22)
 QB Hurries _____ 1, 2x, vs. FIU (11/19/22)
 Tackles for loss _____ 1.0, 2x, last at UA (9/16/23)
 Sacks _____ 1.0, 2x, last at UA (9/16/23)

EMARI WHITE (WR)

Receptions _____ 1, at UA (9/16/23)
 Receiving Yards _____ 10, at UA (9/16/23)
 Long Reception _____ 10, at UA (9/16/23)
 All-purpose yards _____ 10, at UA (9/16/23)

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

	UTEP (0-1, 0-1)	14
	Jax State (1-0, 1-0)	17

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

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	FF
Knight	7-6-13	0.0-0	0.5-0	0
Neal	1-9-10	0.0-0	0.0-0	0

Game #2

	UIW (0-1)	14
	UTEP (1-1, 0-1)	28

El Paso, Texas • Sun Bowl Stadium (30,738)
Sept. 2, 2023

A trio of UTEP running backs hit career highs as Deion Hankins (174 yards), Torrance Burgess Jr. (85 yards) and Mike Franklin (53 yards) led a rushing attack that piled up 329 yards, while the defense pitched a second-half shutout in a 28-14 victory on "Miner Magic/80's Night" in front of 30,738 fans in the Sun Bowl.

The Miners' big offensive line helped pound out 50 rushing attempts that averaged 6.6 yards per carry. Burgess Jr. scored his first career touchdown on a 40-yard dash to pay dirt, and Franklin also found the end zone for the first time in his UTEP career on a three-yard plunge that put UTEP up 14 points at the 7:08 mark of the fourth.

A third Miner also scored his first career touchdown as Jostein Clarke hauled in a 13-yard scoring reception that tied the game at 14 apiece late in the first half.

Tyrin Smith's first TD of the season gave the Miners the go-ahead lead on a 24-yard scoring strike from Gavin Hardison. Smith finished with team highs in receptions (five) and receiving yards (49). Hardison tossed a pair of touchdowns on 10-of-13 passing for 94 yards.

With the score tied at 14-14, the UTEP defense came out of the locker room for the second half and shutdown the Cardinals. UTEP held UIW to only 14 yards of total offense in the third quarter, and 56 in the fourth. UIW finished 5-of-14 on third-down conversions.

Tyrice Knight led the defensive attack with a career-high 16 tackles, while adding a sack. After UTEP's final TD in the fourth, Trez Moore intercepted his first career pass with 5:58 left to play in the contest. Trejon Hugue, in his first ever start, tallied a career-best six tackles and added his first career pass breakup.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

TEAM	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	TOTAL
UIW	7	7	0	0	14
UTEP	7	7	7	7	28

QTR TIME SCORING PLAY

1st	10:46	UIW - Porter 34-yard pass from Calzada (Lawler kick), 4-44, 01:24
	06:52	UTEP - Burgess Jr. 40-yard rush (Flabiano kick), 8-75, 03:54
2nd	10:42	UIW - Stiggers 5-yard rush (Lawler kick), 7-92, 02:29
	04:52	UTEP - Clarke 13-yard pass from Hardison (Flabiano kick), 10-78, 05:43
3rd	06:40	UTEP - Smith 24-yard pass from Hardison (Flabiano kick), 12-75, 08:20
4th	08:47	UTEP - Franklin 3-yard rush (Flabiano kick), 12-96, 07:08

TEAM STATISTICS

	UIW	UTEP
First Downs	19	25
Rushing Attempts-Yards	27-63	50-329
Passing Yards	245	94
Passes	18-31-1	10-13-0
Total Offense	308	423
Punt Returns-Yards	2-38	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-80	1-22
Punts-Average	4-46.2	3-47.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	10-93	10-97
Time of Possession	24:28	35:32

UTEP Leaders

Passing	C-A-I	YDS	TD	LG
Hardison	10-13-0	94	2	24

Rushing	ATT.	YDS	TD	LG
Hankins	24	174	0	20
Burgess Jr.	10	85	1	40

Receiving	Rec.	YDS	TD	LG
Smith	4	49	1	24
Ballard	2	11	0	7

UIW Leaders

Passing	C-A-I	YDS	TD	LG
Calzada	18-31-1	245	1	61

Rushing	ATT.	YDS	TD	LG
Siggers	12	39	1	9
Wiley	7	11	0	7

Receiving	Rec.	YDS	TD	LG
Porter	6	94	1	34
Campbell	4	42	0	15

Tackles	U-A-T	Sack-YD	TFL-YD	PBU
Knight	10-6-16	1.0-4	2.5-8	0
Hugue	5-1-6	0.0-0	0.0-0	1

Tackles	U-A-T	Sack-YD	TFL-YD	INT
Rich	3-7-10	0.0-0	0.0-0	0
Foster	2-7-9	0.0-0	0.0-0	0

UTEP FOOTBALL 2023 RECAPS

Game #3

	UTEP (1-2, 0-1)	7
	Northwestern (1-1, 0-1)	38

Evanston, Ill. • Ryan Field (14,851)
Sept. 9, 2023

UTEP battled Big Ten opponent Northwestern, going into the locker room tied at the half, but the Wildcats (1-1) outscored the Miners (1-2) 31-0 in the second at Ryan Field on Saturday afternoon.

With the count 7-7, Northwestern opened the second half with a 13-play, 79-yard drive that took over six minutes off the clock. Thomas Gordon was wide open the scoring play, walking into the end zone on an 18-yard reception.

Gavin Hardison followed with his second interception of the game as NU's Xander Mueller returned the pick to the UTEP three-yard line. The Wildcats capitalized, as Ben Bryant scored on a one-yard QB keeper three plays later at the 6:03 mark of the third quarter to go up 21-7 and the Wildcats never looked back.

NU won its first game on American soil since defeating Rutgers in Evanston on Oct. 16, 2021, and first win since the 2022 opener in Dublin, Ireland.

Hardison started the game 7-for-8 and finished 17-of-25 for 192 yards, a passing score and two interceptions. Jeremiah Ballard tallied a career-high 92 yards on four receptions.

A pair of freshmen saw action on Ryan Field in the fourth. Redshirt freshman Jake McNamara saw action in the fourth quarter, throwing for 23 yards (2-5) and an interception. True freshman RB Ezell Jolly tallied 10 yards on five rushes.

Northwestern outgained UTEP 391 yards to 319. The Wildcats ran up 268 yards of total offense in the dominant second half to the Miners' 116 yards. The NU defense yielded UTEP's rushing attack to 104 yards on 35 carries (3.0 avg.).

UTEP finished 3-for-13 on third down conversions, while NU was 6-11.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

TEAM	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	TOTAL
UTEP	7	0	0	7	7
NU	7	0	21	10	38

QTR TIME SCORING PLAY

1st	11:08	UTEP - Fryar 4-yard pass from Hardison (Flabiano kick), 8-70, 03:52
	07:46	NU - Lausch 6-yard rush (Olsen kick), 8-71, 03:22
3rd	08:19	NU - Gordon 18-yard pass from Bryant (Olsen kick), 13-79, 06:36
	06:03	NU - Bryant 1-yard rush (Olsen kick), 3-3, 01:27
	02:51	NU - Homon 85-yard pass from Hilinski (Olsen kick), 3-88, 01:26
4th	07:07	NU - Henning 4-yard rush (Olsen kick), 8-90, 05:25
	03:53	NU - Olsen 40-yard FG, 4-9, 01:16

TEAM STATISTICS

	UTEP	NU
First Downs	19	17
Rushing Attempts-Yards	35-104	39-184
Passing Yards	215	207
Passes	19-30-3	13-20-0
Total Offense	319	391
Punt Returns-Yards	1-5	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-83	1-18
Punts-Average	4-39.2	4-41.2
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-42	4-33
Time of Possession	31:21	23:23

UTEP Leaders

Passing	C-A-I	YDS	TD	LG
Hardison	17-25-2	192	1	36

Rushing	ATT.	YDS	TD	LG
Burgess Jr.	7	34	0	12
Hankins	7	27	0	12

Receiving	Rec.	YDS	TD	LG
Akharaiyi	5	53	0	18
Smith	5	40	0	21

Tackles	U-A-T	Sack-YD	TFL-YD	PBU
Knight	11-3-14	0.5-3	1.5-4	0
Neal	6-2-8	0.0-0	0.0-0	1

NU 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
Heard II	6-1-7	1.0-2	1.0-2	0
Mueller	5-2-7	1.0-3	1.5-4	1

Game #4

	UTEP (1-3, 0-1)	10
	Arizona (2-1, 0-0)	31

Tucson, Ariz. • Arizona Stadium (44,182)
Sept. 16, 2023

Arizona ran up a season-high 544 yards of total offense on its way to a 31-10 win over UTEP on Sept. 16 in Arizona Stadium in front of 44,182 in attendance.

The Miners (1-3) totaled 332 yards, including 75 yards on seven plays on their final drive to get into the end zone. Backup QB Kevin Hurley threw a 25-yard TD toss to Javoni Gardere with 1:32 remaining in the game. UTEP only tallied 49 rushing yards on 26 attempts (1.9 avg.) and gained 13 first downs.

The Wildcats (2-1) ran for 244 yards rushing on 32 carries (7.6 avg.) led by Michael Wiley's 83 with a touchdown. Jonah Colman gained 71 yards on the ground. Former UTEP WR Jacob Cowing hauled in 10 receptions for 84 yards and a score. Jayden de Laura threw for 285 yards on 23-of-29 passing and three touchdowns. Tetairoa McMillian (six rec., 89 yards) and Montana Lemonious-Craig (two rec., 30 yards) were on the other end of those TD tosses.

Gavin Hardison finished 15-of-31 for 228 yards, while Hurley - in relief - went 3-of-4 for 55 yards and a score. Torrance Burgess Jr. tallied a career-high 78 yards on a career-most three receptions, including a career-long reception of 51 yards. Tyrin Smith registered 64 yards on five receptions.

The Wildcats, on their second possession, turned the ball over after Kobe Hylton forced a fumble that was recovered by Tyrice Knight at the UTEP 48. UTEP couldn't take advantage, being forced to punt. Arizona got on the board first on a 92-yard, seven-play scoring drive that resulted in a McMillian 18-yard scoring pass from de Laura at the 14:53 mark of the second quarter.

UTEP made it a 7-3 contest after a seven-play, 65-yard drive. The possession was sparked by Burgess Jr.'s 51-yard catch to the Arizona 13-yard line. Buzz Flabiano capped the drive with his first career field goal from 25 yards out with 5:13 remaining in the first half.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

TEAM	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	TOTAL
UTEP	0	3	0	7	10
UA	0	14	10	7	31

QTR TIME SCORING PLAY

2nd	14:53	UA - McMillan 18-yard pass from de Laura (Loop kick), 7-92, 02:38
	05:13	UTEP - Flabiano 25-yard FG, 7-65, 03:40
	01:23	UTEP - Wiley 3-yard rush (Loops kick), 10-74, 03:44
3rd	08:59	UA - Loop 38-yard FG, 8-54, 04:33
	02:42	UA - Cowing 2-yard pass from de Laura (Loop kick), 3-26, 01:26
4th	09:19	UA - Henning 4-yard rush (Olsen kick), 8-90, 05:25
	01:32	UTEP - Gardere 25-yard pass from Hurley (Flabiano kick), 7-75, 03:12

TEAM STATISTICS

	UTEP	UA
First Downs	13	26
Rushing Attempts-Yards	26-49	32-244
Passing Yards	283	300
Passes	18-35-0	25-32-0
Total Offense	332	544
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	3-42
Punts-Average	7-40.7	3-34.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-60	6-34
Time of Possession	29:43	30:17

UTEP Leaders

Passing	C-A-I	YDS	TD	LG
Hardison	15-31-2	228	0	51

Rushing	ATT.	YDS	TD	LG
Hankins	9	34	0	14
Burgess Jr.	8	22	0	8

Receiving	Rec.	YDS	TD	LG
Smith	5	64	0	20
Smith	3	78	0	51

Tackles	U-A-T	Sack-YD	TFL-YD	FF
Broussard	5-5-10	0.0-0	0.0-0	0
Hylton	6-3-9	0.0-0	0.0-0	1

UA Leaders

Passing	C-A-I	YDS	TD	LG
de Laura	23-29-0	285	3	37

Rushing	ATT.	YDS	TD	LG
Wiley	17	83	1	17
Coleman	3	71	0	59

Receiving	Rec.	YDS	TD	LG
Cowing	10	84	1	16
McMillan	6	89	1	37

Tackles	U-A-T	Sack-YD	TFL-YD	QBH
Flowe	3-8-11	0.0-0	0.0-0	0
Manu	1-5-6	1.0-13	1.0-13	1