

# UTEP MINERS FOOTBALL

UTEP vs. UIW | 7:00 p.m. MT | Saturday, Sept. 2, 2023 | Sun Bowl Stadium (45,971) | El Paso, Texas

## POSTGAME NOTES

### GAME NOTES

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**FINAL: UTEP 28, UIW 14**

- Announced attendance was 30,738.

### QUICK HITS

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- UTEP is 2-0 all-time versus UIW.
- UTEP is now 12-3 in Sun Bowl Stadium over the last three seasons.

### OFFENSE

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- RB **Deion Hankins** gained a career-high 174 yards on 24 attempts (7.2 avg.), his sixth career 100+ yard rushing performance. His previous high was 138 against FAU last season.
- WR **Jostein Clarke** hauled in his first touchdown catch on a 13-yard strike from Gavin Hardison late in the second quarter.
- QB **Gavin Hardison** finished 10-of-13 (76.9 percentage) and threw two touchdowns. He last threw two TDs in one game at LA Tech last season.
- RB **Torrance Burgess Jr.** scored his first career touchdown on a career-long 40-yard run in the first quarter.
- **Burgess Jr.** added a career-high 85 yards on 10 carries. Burgess Jr.'s previous best was 58 yards at Jax State last week.
- RB **Mike Franklin** scored his first career touchdown on a three-yard gain into the end zone, while rushing for a career-high 53 yards on nine carries (5.9 avg.).
- UTEP rushed for 329 yards, the second most rushing yards during the **Dana Dimel** era.

### DEFENSE

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- LB **Tyrice Knight** tallied a career-best 16 tackles, his 14th career double-digit tackle effort.
- CB **Trez Moore** intercepted his first career pass, coming during the fourth quarter.
- S **Trejon Hugue** tallied a career-high six tackles and added his first career pass breakup.
- The UTEP defense pitched its first second half shut out since hosting LA Tech in 2021.

### SPECIAL TEAMS

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- P **Joshua Sloan** recorded his third career tackle.