

# UTEP MINERS FOOTBALL

UTEP vs. FIU | 7 p.m. MDT | Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2024 | Sun Bowl Stadium (45,971) | El Paso, Texas

## POSTGAME NOTES

### GAME NOTES

#### FINAL: UTEP 30, FIU 21

- Announced attendance was 11,373

### QUICK HITS

- Head coach Scotty Walden recorded his first win with the Miners. It is also the initial victory for UTEP since toppling Sam Houston on the road, 37-34, on Oct. 25, 2023.
- The Miners had a narrow advantage in time of possession (30:04-29:56) for the second straight week. UTEP lost that category the first five games of the season.
- UTEP committed only three penalties for 35 yards. The Miners had respective totals of 14-122 and 12-120 in their first two home games on the year.
- UTEP's three penalties were the least at home since being called for three against FIU on Nov. 19, 2022.

### BLUE BLAZE OFFENSE

- UTEP's "Blue Blaze" offense scored a season-high 30 points, including 10 points in the final frame.
- RB **Jevon Jackson** rambled for a season-high 148 yards on 26 rushes and a touchdown. Overall, the Miners finished with a campaign-most 211 rushing yards.
- UTEP has produced a 100+ yard rusher in consecutive contests. RB **Ezell Jolly** recorded 119 rushing yards on 27 carries against WKU last week on Oct. 10.
- The 148 yards rushing by Jackson are the most from a Miner this season, which was helped by a 42-yard run to put the game away late.
- Jackson finished with two touchdowns in the contest, including taking a reception 22 yards to the house for his third career receiving score. Jackson scored two touchdowns in a game for the first time since getting on Nov. 25, 2023 while playing at Austin Peay.
- QB **Skyler Locklear** scampered in from three yards out for his second rushing touchdown on the season.
- WR **Trey Goodman** picked up nine yards on a reverse in his first collegiate carry.
- WR **Kenny Odom** posted four catches for a team-high 95 yards, aided by a 62-yard reception in the first quarter. It was Odom's fourth 50+ yard play this season.
- The Miners allowed just one sack, their fewest since not giving up any at Sam Houston on Oct. 25, 2023.
- UTEP was perfect (3-3) in the red zone, posting a pair of touchdowns and a field goal.
- UTEP set a season high with 20 first downs, including a campaign-best 13 on the ground.

### ORANGE SWARM DEFENSE

- UTEP's "Orange Swarm" defense registered four interceptions to match its most in a contest in nearly 13 years exactly to the date. The Miners also had four picks in a 44-7 drubbing of Tulane on Oct. 15, 2011.
- LB **Dorian Hopkins** (1-84), S **Lantz Russell** (1-0), Spur **Dillion Williams** (1-0) and CB **Amier Boyd-Matthews** (1- (-3)) recorded the interceptions. It was the first career interception for Boyd-Matthews, Hopkins and Williams.
- Williams added a career-best five tackles.
- UTEP had two interceptions on the season coming into the contest.
- The Miners limited FIU to 287 yards, the fewest by a UTEP opponent this year.
- UTEP pitched a shutout in the fourth quarter for the first time since also doing so against FIU in a 27-14 victory on Oct. 11, 2023.
- **Lantz Russell** led the charge with nine tackles, including four solo stops.
- Russell (1.0-5) and Maurice Westmoreland (1.0-5) each tallied a sack in the game.
- Westmoreland equaled his career high with six tackles. He also had six stops last season at FIU on Oct. 11, 2023.

### WEFENSE

- K **Buzz Flabiano** finished 3-3 on field goals, both of which tied career highs that he set at Sam Houston on Oct. 25, 2023. Flabiano also made all three of his extra points, including a 35-yard kick after a penalty moved the try back, to finish with 12 points
- P **Adam Jacklin** dropped two punts inside the 20-yard line, including skillfully navigating the wind to put one out of bounds at the 5-yard line.

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