

UTEP MINERS FOOTBALL

UTEP vs. Sam Houston | 7 p.m. MT | Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024 | Sun Bowl Stadium (45,971) | El Paso, Texas

POSTGAME NOTES

GAME NOTES

FINAL: UTEP 21, Sam Houston 41

- Announced attendance was 14,454

QUICK HITS

- UTEP played in its 150th Conference USA game.

BLUE BLAZE OFFENSE

- RB **Ezell Jolly** set career highs for rushing attempts (17) and yards (76) while scoring his first career offensive touchdown.
- TE **Marcus Vinson** hauled in a 52-yard touchdown reception, the first of his career. The 52-yard catch was also a career long.
- QB **Cade McConnell** completed 15 passes for 204 yards and a touchdown pass in his first start of the 2024 season.
- McConnell shared the wealth, completing passes to six different Miners.
- UTEP hit on several big plays through the air, with **Marcus Vinson** (52 yards), **Kenny Odum** (49 yards), **Trey Goodman** (26 yards) and **Kam Thomas** (25 yards) all registering receptions of at least 25 yards.

ORANGE SWARM DEFENSE

- Spur **Kory Chapman** recovered a fumble in the end zone for his second career collegiate touchdown. It marked the first defensive touchdown for the Miners since a 100-yard fumble return by Jadrian Taylor in a 41-35 victory at Charlotte on Oct. 1, 2022. It was Chapman's second collegiate touchdown after scoring on a pick-six while at Austin Peay in 2023.
- S **Lantz Russell** finished with a career-best 12 tackles (10 solo), obliterating his prior standard of two (2X, last at CSU, 9/21/24).
- Spur **Josiah Allen** was credited with a career-most nine tackles (six solo).
- S **Landon Hullaby** registered a career-best six tackles, doubling his prior most (three) that was established at Nebraska (8/31/24).
- The Miners recorded three sacks, one shy of their season high.
- DE **Bryton Thompson** posted a solo sack for the second straight game and the sixth occasion of his career.
- S **Xavier Smith** equaled his campaign best with 10 tackles, also previously doing so at Liberty (9/14/24).
- DL **Kyran Duhon** (six) matched his career high for tackles.
- Bandit **Maurice Westmoreland** tallied his first sack (0.5) of the season.

WEFENSE

- P **Adam Jacklin** boomed a career-long 66-yard punt that was downed on the one-yard line, setting up a UTEP defensive touchdown on the ensuing play.