

UTEP MINERS FOOTBALL

UTEP vs. MTSU | 1:30 p.m. MDT | Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024 | Sun Bowl Stadium (45,971) | El Paso, Texas

POSTGAME NOTES

GAME NOTES

FINAL: UTEP 13, Middle Tennessee 20

- Announced attendance was 14,775

QUICK HITS

• Seven different Miners have attempted at least one pass in 2024 after P **Adam Jacklin** attempted a pass on a fake punt. QB Skyler Locklear, QB **Cade McConnell**, QB **Shay Smith**, QB **JP Pickles**, WR **Jaden Smith** and WR **Trey Goodman** have attempted at least one pass.

BLUE BLAZE OFFENSE

- QB **JP Pickles** is the first UTEP true freshman quarterback to start since QB **Mack Leftwich** (Nov. 9, 2013, at North Texas).
- **JP Pickles** scored his first collegiate touchdown on a 17-yard rush to pay dirt.
- RB **Jevon Jackson** led the Miners with 83 yards rushing. Jackson has rushed for 343 during the last three games (114.3 yards per game).
- **Jevon Jackson** led the Miners with 116 all-purpose yards; led the team in receptions (five) and receiving yards (33).
- WR **Ashton Nickleberry** recorded a season-high two receptions (15 yards).

ORANGE SWARM DEFENSE

- CB **Josiah Allen** intercepted his first career pass during the first quarter. It's Allen's first INT in a UTEP uniform. He picked off a pass while playing at Sacramento City College in 2021.
- LB **Dorian Hopkins** intercepted his second pass of the season. Hopkins picked off a Nicholas Vattiato pass with 34 seconds remaining in the first half.
- **Dorian Hopkins** recorded his first sack in a UTEP uniform during the third quarter. It's his second career collegiate sack after he tallied one in 2023 while playing at Tulsa.
- **Dorian Hopkins** tallied 11 tackles, his third double-digit tackle performance.
- CB **Amier Boyd-Matthews** forced his first career fumble and recovered his first career fumble early in the third quarter.
- LB **Nate Dyman** recorded a career-best 13 tackles, his third double-digit tackle performance. Dyman's previous best with 10 tackles two times.
- Bandit **Maurice Westmoreland** recorded a career-best seven tackles and posted a breakup.

WEFENSE

- WR **Kenny Odom** tallied two tackles on special teams.
- WR **Trey Goodman** returned a punt a collegiate career-long 24 yards. His previous long was seven yards in 2021 while playing at Austin Peay.
- P **Adam Jacklin** posted a career-best 45.6 average on five punts (228 yards). He added a career-best two 50+ yard boots, including a game-long 60-yard punt.
- K **Buzz Flabiano** finished 2-of-3 on FG attempts with makes of 32 and 29 yards.

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