

UTEP MINERS FOOTBALL

UTEP vs. Kennesaw State | 2 p.m. MST | Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024 | Sun Bowl Stadium (45,971) | El Paso, Texas

POSTGAME NOTES

GAME NOTES

FINAL: UTEP 43, Kennesaw State 35 (20T)

- Announced attendance was 14,728

QUICK HITS

- UTEP won its first Homecoming Game since 2021.
- UTEP won the time of possession with a season-best 32:17.

BLUE BLAZE OFFENSE

- UTEP's 43 points are the most this season and the most scored in the Sun Bowl since 2016 (52 points).
- QB **Skyler Locklear** started under center, seeing his first action since Oct. 22 at LA Tech. Locklear threw a career-high four touch-down passes.
- **Skyler Locklear** is the first Miner since QB **Jameill Showers** in 2014 to throw four touchdowns, while he's the first UTEP QB to throw four TDs in the Sun Bowl since 2012 when QB **Nick Lamaison** did so.
- **Skyler Locklear's** 84.8 completion percentage in single game is the third-best in program history.
- **Skyler Locklear's** 28 completions are the most by a Miner since 2010 when QB Trevor Vittatoe completed 30.
- **Skyler Locklear** is the first Miner to throw for 300+ yards in a victory since Nov. 20, 2021 when QB **Gavin Hardison** did so with 366 yards against Rice.
- WR **Kenny Odom** hauled in a career-best three touchdown receptions. He added a career-best eight receptions for 108 yards.
- **Kenny Odom** is the first UTEP receiver to tally three touchdown receptions in one game since WR **Kris Adams** did so the last game of the 2010 season.
- WR **Trey Goodman** tallied collegiate career highs in receptions (12) and receiving yards (150). It was his first 100-yard game since Oct. 28, 2023, versus North Alabama while playing at Austin Peay.
- TE **Marcus Vinson** hauled in his second touchdown reception of the season on an 11-yard score. It's the most TDs by a UTEP TE in a single season since **Trent Thompson's** two in 2022.
- QB **Shay Smith** scored his first collegiate touchdown on a three-yard keeper.
- RB **Ashton Emory** played in his third game, tallying his first collegiate rushes and receptions. The true freshman tallied 23 yards on six carries and 12 yards on a pair of receptions.
- RB **Jevon Jackson** scored on a one-yard touchdown rush, his second rushing score and fourth overall TD in 2024.

ORANGE SWARM DEFENSE

- DL **Kyran Duhon** tallied a career-high 2.0 sacks, and produced a career-most nine tackles.
- Spur **Kory Chapman** picked off his first pass in a UTEP uniform. It was his first INT since picking off a pass on Nov. 25, 2023, against Chattanooga while playing at Austin Peay.
- LB **Nate Dyman** led the defense with 11 tackles, his fourth double-digit effort this season. Dyman has tallied 24 tackles the last two games. Dyman added a career-high 2.0 TFLs.
- **Nate Dyman** and **Kory Chapman** shared a sack. It was Dyman's first at UTEP. Chapman added to his total, bringing it to 3.0 sacks this season.
- CB **Amier Boyd-Matthews** picked off his second pass of the season.
- S **Xavier Smith** tallied a season-high two pass breakups.
- Bandit **Jaylin Jones** tallied a career-best three tackles and added his first career TLF.
- The UTEP defense has picked off 10 passes in 2024 the most since tallying 11 in 2014.

WEFENSE

- WR **Trey Goodman** returned four punts for a career-high 87 yards, including a career-long 62-yarder.