

UTEP MINERS FOOTBALL

UTEP vs. Southern Utah | 7 p.m. MT | Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024 | Sun Bowl Stadium (45,971) | El Paso, Texas

POSTGAME NOTES

GAME NOTES

FINAL: UTEP 24, SUU 27 OT

- Announced attendance was 41,609

QUICK HITS

- UTEP attracted 41,607 fans for a roaring crowd in Scotty Walden's home opener as the Miners' head coach.

BLUE BLAZE OFFENSE

- QB **Skyler Locklear** QB Skyler Locklear set career highs for rushing attempts (15) and yards (47), in addition to scoring his first collegiate TD on the ground.
- RB **Jevon Jackson** was a workhorse back who rambled for 80 yards on 20 carries, a stark improvement from his 10 carries for 32 yards in the season opener at Nebraska.
- **Jackson** scored his first touchdown in a UTEP uniform on a five-yard reception from Locklear.
- WR **Jaden Smith** registered his first career passing completion and touchdown on a trick play toss to QB Skyler Locklear as time expired in regulation to help send the game to OT. It was Locklear's first career touchdown reception.
- **Smith** tallied 56 yards on four receptions, giving him 2,011 receiving yards in his collegiate career. He tallied 1,922 yards while at EKU (2021-23).

ORANGE SWARM DEFENSE

- Spur **Kory Chapman** matched his DI career high with 13 tackles. He also did so previously as a member of Austin Peay against Eastern Kentucky (9/24/22). Chapman has opened his Miner career with back-to-back double-digit tackle totals, previously tallying 13 at Nebraska.
- Spur **Josiah Allen** matched his career high with two pass breakups. He previously had a pair against UIW (9/2/23). He also had a sack, the first such solo effort of his career.
- DT **KD Johnson** tallied his first career sack during the third quarter. Johnson finished with 2.0 sacks on the night.

WEFENSE

- P **Adam Jacklin** punted five times for 181 yards (36.2 avg.), including a long of 45 yards (career best at UTEP) and one inside the 20.

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