

# UTEP MINERS FOOTBALL

UTEP vs. NM State | 1:00 p.m. MST | Saturday, Nov. 22, 2025 | Sun Bowl Stadium (45,971) | El Paso, Texas

## POSTGAME NOTES

### GAME NOTES

**FINAL: UTEP 31, NM State 34**

Announced attendance was 16,677

### QUICK HITS

- UTEP dropped to 2-9 overall and 1-6 in CUSA.
- The Miners are now 60-40-1 all-time versus NM State, and 39-19-1 in El Paso.

### BLUE BLAZE OFFENSE

- QB **Skylar Locklear** rushed for a one-yard touchdown during the first quarter, giving him eight for the season and setting a school record for rushing scores by a UTEP quarterback. He broke QB **Bobby McKinley's** record, who rushed for seven scores in 1974.
- QB **Skylar Locklear** accounted for three touchdowns (1 pass, 1 rush), upping his total to 17 touchdowns accounted for (9 pass, 8 rush) and 15 in the last five games.
- RB **Ashten Emory** hit the century mark for the first time in his career, rushing for a career-high 181 yards on 18 carries (10.1 avg.) and a touchdown. Emory added a career-long rush of 56 yards. Emory finished with a career-high 192 all-purpose yards. Emory has six total touchdowns (4 rush, 2 rec.) in 2025.
- WR **Wondame Davis Jr.** and WR **Kenny Odom** each caught touchdowns, and now each have five receiving scores on the season.
- RB **Elijah McCoy** rushed for a career-best 21 yards on four carries (5.2 avg.). McCoy tied his high for rush attempts.
- WR **Jaylan Brown** recorded career highs in receptions (three), receiving yards (46), and long catch (34 yards).
- The 'Blue Blaze' offense scored 21 points in the first quarter at home for the first time since Sept. 22, 2007, against Texas Southern.
- UTEP's 248 yards rushing is the most in the Scotty Walden era, while it was the most in a single game since 2023.

### ORANGE SWARM DEFENSE

- LB **Micah Davey** recorded 12 more tackles, upping his CUSA-best total to 131 tackles. It's his seventh consecutive double-digit tackle effort and has eight total in 2025, and 26 in his collegiate career.
- DT **KD Johnson** tied his career best with eight tackles, added a sack, 2.5 tackles for loss, and a forced fumble. Johnson now has 3.5 sacks and 12.0 TFL in 2025.
- DL **Shakuan Bowser** recorded a career-high five tackles.
- DL **Elijah Baldwin** registered his first sack since Oct. 15, at Sam Houston, when he tallied a half sack. It was his first full sack since the season opener at Utah State when he recorded 1.5 sacks. Baldwin added his third pass breakup of the season during the third quarter.
- CB **Yessman Green** tallied a career-high 10 tackles.
- S **Solo Barnes** intercepted his second pass of the season and second at home in as many games. Barnes has a team-high two interceptions in 2025.
- DL **Ashaad Hall** recorded his first sack since getting 2.0 sacks in the season opener at Utah State.
- LB **Jayden Wilson** hit double figures in tackles (10) for the second time in 2025. Wilson now has 82 tackles, second best on the team.

### WEFENSE

- K **Tanner Cragun** hit a 22-yard field goal, his fifth successful attempt this season.
- WR/PR **Nik Henry** tallied a career-best 80 yards on five kickoff returns (tied career high). Henry recorded a career-long 22-yard kickoff return.