UTEP MINERS FOOTBALL '25

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UTEP vs. UT Martin| 7 p.m. MT | Saturday, Sept. 6 | Sun Bowl Stadium (45,971) | El Paso, Texas

TUNE IN

STREAM: ESPN+
Andy Morgan (PxP)
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Jon Teicher (PxP)
Aaron Price (Analyst)
Mando Medina (Sideline)

COACHING STAFF

Scotty Walden, Head Coach
Mark Cala, Offensive Coordinator*
Bobby Daly, Defensive Coordinator
Joe Papalardo, Wefense Coord./Miner Backs
Ryan Stanchek, Co-Off. Coord./OL
Kelvin Sigler, Co-Defensive Coord./Safeties*
Joshua Eargle, TE/Off. Run Game Coord.*
Aaron Foster, CBs/Def. Pass Game Coord.
Chris Jones, DL/Def. Run Game Coord.
Seth McDonald, Bandits/Co-Wefense Coord.
Jourdan McNeill, RBs/Off. Recruiting Coord.
Desmond Lindsey: Outside WR
Kyle Beyer, Spurs*
Brandon Butcher, Linebackers*
John Cotton, K/P/LS/Lead Off. Analyst
**** Indicates in the booth***

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THE VENUE

Stadium: Sun Bowl Stadium
Capacity: 45,971
Surface: FieldTurf FTHD-57 With Coolplay

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GAME 2 vs. UT MARTIN

UTEP Miners (0-1, 0-0 Conference USA)

Head Coach: Scotty Walden (Sul Ross State, 2012)
Career Record: 37-30 (8th season)
Record at UTEP: 3-10 (2nd season)
Home: 0-0 | **Road:** 0-1 | **Neutral:** 0-0 | **Streak:** L1

VS

UT Martin Skyhawks (0-1, 0-0 OVC-Big South)

Head Coach: Jason Simpson (Southern Miss, 1994)
Career Record: 124-93 (20th season)
Record at UTM: same
Home: 0-0 | **Road:** 0-1 | **Neutral:** 0-0 | **Streak:** L1

MINERS AT A GLANCE

UTEP HOSTS UT MARTIN IN SATURDAY'S "SUN CITY NIGHT" HOME OPENER

UTEP will host UT Martin in the 2025 home opener on Saturday night. Proud partner *GECU* is the game sponsor, as the Miners and Skyhawks will kick off "Sun City Night" at 7 p.m. in Sun Bowl Stadium. The Miners (0-1) and Skyhawks (0-1) are meeting for the first time.

» HOME OPENERS

The Miners are 63-39-4 in home openers, including 6-4 in their last 10; 2023 was the last time UTEP won a home opener.

» 16 NEW STARTERS

UTEP saw 16 players make their first starts as a Miner at Utah State on Aug. 30.

» ORANGE SWARM SACK ATTACK

UTEP tied for the most sacks (six) in week one FBS action. The Miners have 42 sacks the last 13 games.

» SACK MAN

DL **Ashaad Hall** tallied 2.0 sacks in his UTEP debut. It's tied most in CUSA, fourth most in FBS.

» FIRSTS FOR NELSON

QB **Malachi Nelson** threw his first collegiate touchdown, a 34-yard toss during his first collegiate start at Utah State.

» BALDWIN'S BREAKOUT

DL **Elijah Baldwin** posted 1.5 sacks at Utah State, the first of his young career. He added a career-high three tackles.

» UDOKA PLAYING BEHIND THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE

Bandit **Udoka Ezeani** posted a collegiate career-best 4.0 tackles for loss, to go along with a sack at Utah State.

» EMORY'S FIRST TD

RB **Ashten Emory** scored his first career TD, hit career highs in rush yards (31), all-purpose yards (40) at Utah State.

SERIES BREAKDOWN

SERIES INFORMATION

Overall:	First meeting
in El Paso:	n/a
in Martin:	n/a
Neutral:	n/a
Postseason:	n/a
Most UTEP Points:	n/a
Most UTM Points:	n/a
Most Combined PTS:	n/a
Biggest UTEP Win:	n/a
Biggest UTM Win:	n/a
First Meeting:	n/a
Last Meeting:	n/a
Streak:	n/a

C-USA STANDINGS

TEAM	C-USA	OVERALL	PF	PA
WKU	1-0	2-0	96	30
Delaware	0-0	1-0	35	17
FIU	0-0	1-0	42	9
Liberty	0-0	1-0	28	7
LA Tech	0-0	1-0	24	0
NM State	0-0	1-0	19	3
Jax State	0-0	0-1	10	17
Kennesaw State	0-0	0-1	9	10
Middle Tennessee	0-0	0-1	14	34
Missouri State	0-0	0-1	13	73
UTEP	**0-0**	**0-1**	**16**	**28**
Sam Houston	0-1	0-2	45	79

2025 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

@Utah State	**UT Martin**	**@Texas**	**@ULM**	**LA Tech***	**Liberty***	**@Sam Houston***	**@Kennesaw State***	**Jax State***	**@Missouri State***	**NM State***	**@Delaware***
Aug. 30	Sept. 6	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Oct. 27	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 28	Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Nov. 22	Nov. 29
Logan, Utah	El Paso, Texas	Austin, Texas	El Paso, Texas	El Paso, Texas	El Paso, Texas	Houston, Texas	Kennesaw, Ga.	El Paso, Texas	Springfield, Mo.	El Paso, Texas	Newark, Del.
CBSSN	ESPN+	SEC Network	ESPN+	ESPN Platforms	CBSSN	CBSSN	ESPNU	ESPN Platforms	ESPN Platforms	ESPN Platforms	ESPN Platforms
L, 28-16	**7:00 PM MT**	**2:15 PM MT**	**7:00 PM MT**	**7:00 PM MT**	**6:00 PM MT**	**5:00 PM MT**	**6:00 PM MT**	**1:00 PM MT**	**1:00 PM MT**	**1:00 PM MT**	**11:00 AM MT**

UTEP FOOTBALL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

1 MON	2 TUES	3 WED	4 THURS	5 FRI	6 SAT	7 SUN
Flush Monday (Sun Bowl) **No Availability**	**Practice (Sun Bowl)** 9 a.m. Glory Field (Players availdable following) **Coach Walden Press Conference** 12:15 p.m. MT LKD Downstairs	**Practice (Sun Bowl)** 9 a.m. Begin at Glory Field, transition to Sun Bowl (Players & coach available following practice)	**Walk-Through (Sun Bowl)** **No Availability**	**No Availability**	**GAME DAY** **UTEP vs. UT Martin** **7:00 PM MT** **Sun Bowl Stadium** **POSTGAME** Coach Walden and student-athletes will be available following the conclusion of the game.	**Off Day** **No Availability**

MONDAY PRESS CONFERENCES

Head coach Scotty Walden will meet with the media at 12:15 p.m. MT every Tuesday prior to a game in the Hall of Champions at the Larry K. Durham Center.

PRACTICE COVERAGE

In addition to Monday's press conference, UTEP student-athletes and coaches are available for interviews following practice on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of game week. All interview requests must be directed to the UTEP Athletic Communications Office at least 24 hours in advance. **Please send all requests via email to arbonney@utep.edu.**

COACH/PLAYER AVAILABILITY

Members of the UTEP coaching staff are available during the designated days and times throughout the year. Select players are also available during the designated days and times.

SOCIAL MEDIA

UTEP fans can access the most in-depth information regarding all the University's programs through social media opportunities available online.

X – Members of the UTEP Athletic Communications department will be posting throughout the year with the latest news and in-game score updates. To follow them, simply find them on Twitter.

@UTEPFB – Direct reports from football practices, games and more.

MEDIA INFORMATION

COLLEGEPRESSBOX.COM

Collegepressbox is the official media website for Division I football. Access and download game notes, quotes, statistics, media guides, headshots, logos and more for all FBS schools, conferences, postseason games, awards and the College Football Playoff. For access, please register for an account at **collegepressbox.com/register**.

DAILY MEDIA AVAILABILITY

The following is a general weekly schedule of media availability for the UTEP football team. Members of the media are expected to adhere to these policies at all times. All interview requests should be made to UTEP Assistant Athletic Director/Communications Drew Bonney at least 24 hours in advance. All media availability times are subject to change. Please contact Drew Bonney for any changes in the schedule.

Monday: UTEP's weekly press conference starts with statements from head coach Scotty Walden beginning at approximately 1:00 p.m. MT on Mondays.

Tuesday-Wednesday: Practice will be held from 9-10:50 a.m. Coaches and players are available following the conclusion of practice.

Thursday-Friday: No availability.

Saturday: Postgame availability only. Head coach Scotty Walden and select student-athletes will be available for interviews following the conclusion of the game. The UTEP locker room, home or away, is **CLOSED** to the media at all times.

For games in El Paso, all UTEP postgame press conferences will be held after each game following a 10-minute cooling off period. No in-person interviews will be allowed on the field with players and/or coaches immediately following games. Coach Walden and select players will be available in the press conference following games.

CONFERENCE USA FOOTBALL COACHES' TRANSCRIPTS

Conference USA schools will submit transcripts of weekly press conferences each week to CollegePressBox.com.

INTERVIEW REQUESTS

All interview requests must be made at least 24 hours in advance and must be submitted to Drew Bonney at arbonney@utep.edu.

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL/EXP	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
86	Andrus, Jordan	TE	6-4	235	Fr./HS	Houston, Texas / Jack Yates HS
91	Arreola, Carlos	K	5-10	200	Jr./TR	El Paso, Texas/Clint HS/Sul Ross State
32	Baldwin, Elijah	DL	6-7	230	R-Fr./RS	San Antonio, Texas / John Jay HS
5	Barnes, Solo	S	6-3	205	Sr./TR	New Orleans, La. / Fayetteville State
20	Bell, Josh	RB	5-9	180	Fr./HS	Dallas, Texas / Euless Trinity HS
14	Biddle, Chace	S	6-0	205	Jr./TR	Garland, Texas / Trinity Valley CC
9	Blocker, Marcell	CB	6-3	190	Sr./TR	Miami, Fla. / Florida Memorial
42	Botsford, Noah	K/P	6-3	200	Jr./TR	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. / Valdosta State
36	Bowen, Kane	LB	6-2	215	Fr./HS	Sherman, Texas / Sherman HS
97	Bowman, Joe	K	6-0	185	R-Sr./1L	Carlsbad, Calif. / SEMO
3	Bowser, Shakaun	DL	6-5	255	Jr./TR	Mesa, Ariz. / Garden City CC
83	Bradford, Ryland	MB	5-11	180	Fr./HS	Abilene, Texas / Abilene HS
17	Brown, Jaylan	WR	6-1	185	R-Fr./TR	Nacogdoches, Texas / Michigan State
29	Brown-Turner, Dylan	LB	6-1	210	R-So./RS	Dallas, Texas / Florida State
41	Brunswick II, Vashon	LB	6-1	215	Fr./HS	Garland, Texas / Sachse HS
11	Burns, Derek	DL	6-5	254	R-Jr./TR	Dallas, Texas / NM State
75	Camacho Jr., Juan	OL	6-6	285	R-Sr./1L	El Paso, Texas / Bowie HS
4	Campbell, Neil	CB	5-11	205	Gr./TR	Chicago, Ill. / Indiana Wesleyan
18	Campbell, Rafeald	WR	5-11	175	R-Fr./RS	Arlington, Texas / Arlington Bowie HS
4	Cheeks, Cash	TE	6-7	225	Jr./TR	Colorado Springs, Colo. / Northern Colorado
87	Cleaver, Jackson	K/P	6-1	205	R-Sr./TR	Tigard, Ore. / Eastern Washington
90	Coker, Ashton	DT	6-2	290	So./1L	Katy, Texas / Katy Taylor HS
18	Content, Justin	CB	6-1	185	So./1L	Hoschton, Ga. / Mill Creek HS
33	Cragun, Tanner	K	6-2	195	R-So./TR	Frisco, Texas / Wakeland HS / Utah State
48	Davey, Micah	LB	6-2	235	R-Sr./TR	Baton Rouge, La. / McNeese State
23	Davis Jr., Wondame	WR	6-1	180	R-Fr./RS	Ennis, Texas / Ennis HS
76	De La Cruz, Diego	OL	6-4	300	Fr./HS	Monterrey, Mex. / St. Joseph's Brownsville HS
1	Emory, Ashten	RB	5-11	203	R-Fr./RS	Dallas, Texas / Rockwall HS
53	Escobar, Ivan	OL	6-2	305	R-Sr./2L	El Paso, Texas / Montwood HS / NM State
0	Ezeani, Udoka	Bandit	6-1	216	R-Sr./TR	Richmond, Texas / Boise State
82	Ezinwa, Judah	TE	6-3	235	R-Jr./1L	Fontana, Calif. / Mt. SAC
26	Fantroy, Darien	CB	6-2	175	Fr./HS	Killeen, Texas / North Side HS
96	Farmer, Kelton	DL	6-4	290	Jr./TR	Evansville, Ind. / Kentucky Wesleyan
16	Ferguson, Mason	WR	6-0	185	R-Fr./TR	Fort Worth, Texas / North Texas
44	Fisher, Oryend	DL	6-6	225	R-So./TR	Georgetown, Ky. / West Virginia
37	Frilot, Jamal	Bandit	6-3	230	Fr./HS	Houston, Texas / Dekaney HS
30	Gant, Allen	S	6-0	190	Fr./HS	Lubbock, Texas / Lubbock Coronado HS
88	Goins Jr., Toric	WR	6-2	180	R-Fr./TR	Freeport, Texas / Trinity Valley CC
16	Green, Yessman	CB	6-2	180	R-Sr./RS	Mobile, Ala. / Jacksonville HS / Jax State
98	Guerra, Nico	DL	6-5	245	Jr./TR	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. / Chaffey College
24	Guerrero, Jaime	S	6-1	185	R-Jr./1L	El Paso, Texas / Eastlake HS
99	Gustafson, Cole	DL	6-4	279	Sr./TR	Rocklin, Calif. / FIU
19	Hall, Ashaad	DL	6-4	235	Sr./TR	St. Petersburg, Fla. / South Carolina State
39	Hancock, Josh	LS	5-9	185	R-Sr./2L	Corpus Christi, Texas / Coastal Christian Homeschool
34	Harrelson, Cam	S	6-0	165	R-Fr./RS	El Paso, Texas / Montwood HS
26	Harris, Caden	WR	5-10	170	R-So./1L	Round Rock, Texas / Stony Point HS
43	Hawkins, Garrett	LB	6-3	227	Jr./TR	Sevierville, Tenn. / Austin Peay
45	Hay, Rio	LS	6-1	232	R-Fr./TR	Dripping Springs, Texas / Arkansas-Pine Bluff
13	Henry, Nik	WR	5-10	155	Fr./HS	Seguin, Texas / Seguin HS
25	Hill, Zo	WR	5-11	165	Fr./HS	Denton, Texas / Denton Ryan HS
70	Huber, Maddox	OL	6-7	300	Fr./HS	Hamshire, Texas / Hamshire-Fannett HS
60	Immediato, Joseph	OL	6-4	318	R-Sr./3L	El Paso, Texas / Eastwood HS
7	Johnson, KD	DT	6-1	275	5th/2L	Houston, Texas / Kilgore College
33	Jones, Josiah	S	6-2	185	Fr./HS	Chicago, Ill. / Crosby HS
21	Jones, Tyler	S	6-0	200	R-Sr./TR	Orlando, Fla. / Tennessee State
65	Lafferty, Dennis	OL	6-7	320	R-Fr./TR	Norman, Okla. / NE Oklahoma A&M
45	Lee, Justin	LB	6-1	225	Fr./HS	Round Rock, Texas / Round Rock HS
94	Leon, Jimmy	DL	6-4	240	Fr./HS	Tucson, Ariz. / Mica Mountain HS
9	Locklear, Skyler	QB	5-11	195	R-Jr./1L	Clayton, N.C. / Austin Peay
15	Lowe, Kode	S	6-1	225	R-Jr./TR	Coleman, Fla. / West Florida
81	Matamoros, Luka	TE	6-5	275	R-Fr./RS	Pflugerville, Texas / Hendrickson HS
55	McCarter, Allan	DL	6-4	270	R-Fr./RS	Manvel, Texas / Manvel HS
11	McConnell, Cade	QB	6-1	195	R-Sr./2L	Long Beach, Calif. / Cerritos College
22	McCoy, Elijah	RB	5-9	190	Fr./HS	Midland, Texas / Midland HS
72	McDuffie III, Tyrone D.	OL	6-4	315	R-So./0L	El Paso, Texas / Parkland HS
23	Meadows, Trace	LB	6-0	210	R-Fr./RS	College Station, Texas / A&M Consolidated
7	Nelson, Malachi	QB	6-3	193	R-So./TR	Los Alamitos, Calif. / Boise State
0	Nickelberry, Ashton	WR	5-10	181	R-Sr./1L	Brandon, Miss. / Brandon HS / Austin Peay
6	Odom, Kenny	WR	5-10	170	R-Jr./1L	Savannah, Ga. / Austin Peay
50	Parrish, Leander	DL	6-3	240	Fr./HS	Mesquite, Texas / Rockwall HS
71	Perkins, Preston	OL	6-6	270	Fr./HS	Austin, Texas / Austin HS
84	Rhone, Aramoni	WR	6-5	195	R-Jr./TR	Orlando, Fla. / UAPB
62	Riggs, Jake	OL	6-3	295	R-Fr./RS	Murfreesboro, Tenn. / Oakland HS
73	Roberts, Tyler	OL	6-8	314	Fr./HS	Argyle, Texas / Argyle HS
52	Robinson, Machi	DL	6-2	290	Jr./TR	Hayward, Calif. / San Jose City College
66	Robinson, Mark	OL	6-5	320	So./TR	Altamonte Springs, Fla. / Southeastern
1	Rudolph, Joshua	LB	5-11	230	Sr./TR	Montgomery, Ala. / Indiana
22	Russell, Lantz	S	6-3	210	R-Sr./2L	Riverside, Calif. / Mt. SAC
89	Schuchts, Josh	WR	6-3	210	R-Fr./RS	Tallahassee, Fla. / North Florida Christian HS
92	Scott, Tyler	DL	6-1	315	Sr./TR	Jackson, Ga. / Kennesaw State
8	Shufelt, Stratton	LB	6-2	230	So./1L	Rio Rancho, N.M. / Cleveland HS
24	Simon, CJ	WR	6-0	165	Fr./HS	Tuttle, Okla. / Tuttle HS
78	Slaton, Ryder	OL	6-7	280	Fr./HS	Melissa, Texas / Melissa HS
3	Smith, Jaden	WR	5-10	195	R-Sr./1L	Atlanta, Ga. / Eastern Kentucky
40	Smith, Jaxon	TE	6-7	225	Fr./HS	Prague, Okla. / Prague HS
8	Smith, Shay	QB	6-2	215	R-Fr./RS	El Paso, Texas / Franklin HS
2	Smith, Xavier	S	6-0	195	R-Jr./1L	Atlanta, Ga. / Austin Peay
20	Stewart, Grant	S	5-10	188	Fr./HS	Houston, Texas / Manvel HS
47	Szczesniak, Alex	TE	6-2	220	R-So./RS	Orland Park, Ill. / Iowa Western
15	Tate, Trevon	WR	6-0	180	R-Sr./TR	Erie, Pa. / Clarion
6	Taylor, Ekow	Bandit	6-5	220	So./1L	Bronx, N.Y. / Fossil Ridge HS
21	Taylor, Marquez	RB	5-11	171	R-So./RS	McKenzie, Tenn. / Austin Peay
35	Taylor-Barrocks, Kofi	Bandit	6-3	230	R-So./RS	London, England / Colorado
5	Thomas, Kam	MB	5-9	184	R-Sr./1L	Birmingham, Ala. / Austin Peay
12	Thompson, Donte	Spur	5-11	175	R-Sr./TR	Pensacola, Fla. / Texas State
12	Thompson, Jet	WR	5-10	165	Sr./TR	Queens, N.Y. / Georgia Southern
13	Tillman, TJ	CB	6-0	165	Fr./HS	Amarillo, Texas / Tascosa HS
58	Toney, Jaquan	OL	6-4	285	R-Sr./2L	Huntsville, Ala. / NE Mississippi CC
2	Torres, Marcus	WR	5-10	175	R-Fr./RS	El Paso, Texas / Pebble Hills
79	Utley, Jake	OL	6-6	315	R-So./1L	College Station, Texas / College Station HS
27	Walker, Caleb	S	5-10	175	Gr./TR	Tampa, Fla. / St. Thomas University
10	Warner, Chad	QB	6-2	195	Fr./HS	Cibolo, Texas / Cibolo Steele HS
42	Weber, Will	DL	6-4	255	R-Jr./TR	San Jose, Calif. / San Jose City College
28	Wilkins, Erion	CB	6-2	170	Fr./HS	Houston, Texas / Atascocita HS
17	Williams, Darnell	S	5-11	180	Fr./HS	Texarkana, Texas / Texas HS
69	Williams, James	OL	6-3	325	So./TR	Moore, Okla. / Northeastern Oklahoma A&M
19	Willis III, Eric	WR	5-8	160	Sr./TR	Collingdale, Pa. / California (PA)
31	Wilson, David	DB	6-2	177	R-Fr./TR	Frisco, Texas / Reedly College
14	Wilson, Hahsaun	RB	5-11	190	R-Sr./TR	Florence, S.C. / Charlotte
10	Wilson, Jayden	LB	6-1	218	Jr./TR	El Paso, Texas / Austin HS / New Mexico
25	Wilson, Royce	Bandit	6-3	220	Fr./HS	Houston, Texas / Fort Bend Willowridge HS
46	Windfont, Copelin	LB	6-0	220	Fr./HS	Barrett Station, Texas / Crosby HS
57	Wydra, Craig	OL	6-4	305	R-Fr./RS	El Paso, Texas / Andress HS

COACHING STAFF

Scotty Walden – Head Coach (Second Season)
Mark Cala – Offensive Coordinator
Bobby Daly – Defensive Coordinator
Ryan Stanchek – Co-Offensive Coordinator/OL
Joe Pappalardo – Wefense Coor./Miner Backs/Inside WR/Pass Game Coor.
Kelvin Sigler – Co-Defensive Coor./Safeties
Aaron Foster – Cornerbacks/Defensive Pass Game Coordinator
Chris Jones – Defensive Line/Defensive Run Game Coordinator
Seth McDonald – Bandits/Co-Wefense Coor./Def. Recruiting Coor.
Jourdan McNeill – Running Backs/Offensive Recruiting Coordinator
Joshua Eargle – Tight Ends/Offensive Run Game Coordinator
Kyle Beyer – Spurs
John Cotton – Kickers/Punters/Snappers/Lead Offensive Analyst
Brandon Butcher – Linebackers
Desmond Lindsey – Outside Wide Receivers
Miguel Avina – Quarterbacks
Kade Glenn – Assistant Defensive Backs

PRONUNCIATIONS

Jordan ANDRUS	An-Drus
Carlos ARREOLA	Are-E-ola
CHACE Biddle	Chase
VASHON Brunswick	Vuh-Shawn
RAFEALD Campbell	RAH-fay-eld
Justin CONTENT	CON-tent
WONDAME Davis Jr.	WAN-duh-meh
UDOKA EZEANI	U-Doe-kuh E-Zani
ORYEND Fisher	Or-ion
Diego FRAUSTO	Frah-oo-stow
Jamal FRILOT	Free-low
YESSMAN Green	YEZZ-men
Nico GUERRA	GUE-ruh
Cole GUSTAFSON	Gus-Tuff-son
Maddox HUBER	Hue-ber
Joseph IMMEDIATO	E-me-d-auto
KODE Lowe	Ko-dee
Luka MATAMOROS	MAH-tah-MORE-os
MALACHI Nelson	Mal-ah-Kai
ARAMONI Rhone	Are-Money
Josh SCHUCHTS	Shoots
XAVIER Smith	EX-zay-veer
Alex SZCZESNIAK	Says-Knee-Ak
EKOW Taylor	ECHO
KOFI Taylor-Barrocks	KO-FEE
Craig WYDRA	WHY-druh

NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL/EXP	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
0	Ezeani, Udoka	Bandit	6-1	216	R-Sr./TR	Richmond, Texas / Boise State
0	Nickelberry, Ashton	WR	5-10	181	R-Sr./1L	Brandon, Miss. / Brandon HS / Austin Peay
1	Emory, Ashten	RB	5-11	203	R-Fr./RS	Dallas, Texas / Rockwall HS
1	Rudolph, Joshua	LB	5-11	230	Sr./TR	Montgomery, Ala. / Indiana
2	Smith, Xavier	S	6-0	195	R-Jr./1L	Atlanta, Ga. / Austin Peay
2	Torres, Marcus	WR	5-10	175	R-Fr./RS	El Paso, Texas / Pebble Hills
3	Bowser, Shakaun	DL	6-5	255	Jr./TR	Mesa, Ariz. / Garden City CC
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4	Campbell, Neil	CB	5-11	205	Gr./TR	Chicago, Ill. / Indiana Wesleyan
4	Cheeks, Cash	TE	6-7	225	Jr./TR	Colorado Springs, Colo. / Northern Colorado
5	Barnes, Solo	S	6-3	205	Sr./TR	New Orleans, La. / Fayetteville State
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6	Odom, Kenny	WR	5-10	170	R-Jr./1L	Savannah, Ga. / Austin Peay
6	Taylor, Ekow	Bandit	6-5	220	So./1L	Bronx, N.Y. / Fossil Ridge HS
7	Johnson, KD	DT	6-1	275	5th/2L	Houston, Texas / Kilgore College
7	Nelson, Malachi	QB	6-3	193	R-So./TR	Los Alamitos, Calif. / Boise State
8	Shufelt, Stratton	LB	6-2	230	So./1L	Rio Rancho, N.M. / Cleveland HS
8	Smith, Shay	QB	6-2	215	R-Fr./RS	El Paso, Texas / Franklin HS
9	Blocker, Marcell	CB	6-3	190	Sr./TR	Miami, Fla. / Florida Memorial
9	Locklear, Skyler	QB	5-11	195	R-Jr./1L	Clayton, N.C. / Austin Peay
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12	Thompson, Jet	WR	5-10	165	Sr./TR	Queens, N.Y. / Georgia Southern
13	Henry, Nik	WR	5-10	155	Fr./HS	Seguin, Texas / Seguin HS
13	Tillman, TJ	CB	6-0	165	Fr./HS	Amarillo, Texas / Tascosa HS
14	Biddle, Chace	S	6-0	205	Jr./TR	Garland, Texas / Trinity Valley CC
14	Wilson, Hahsaun	RB	5-11	190	R-Sr./TR	Florence, S.C. / Charlotte
15	Lowe, Kode	S	6-1	225	R-Jr./TR	Coleman, Fla. / West Florida
15	Tate, Trevon	WR	6-0	180	R-Sr./TR	Erie, Pa. / Clarion
16	Ferguson, Mason	WR	6-0	185	R-Fr./TR	Fort Worth, Texas / North Texas
16	Green, Yessman	CB	6-2	180	R-Sr./RS	Mobile, Ala. / Jacksonville HS / Jax State
17	Brown, Jaylan	WR	6-1	185	R-Fr./TR	Nacogdoches, Texas / Michigan State
17	Williams, Darnell	S	5-11	180	Fr./HS	Texarkana, Texas / Texas HS
18	Campbell, Rafeald	WR	5-11	175	R-Fr./RS	Arlington, Texas / Arlington Bowie HS
18	Content, Justin	CB	6-1	185	So./1L	Hoschton, Ga. / Mill Creek HS
19	Hall, Ashaad	DL	6-4	235	Sr./TR	St. Petersburg, Fla. / South Carolina State
19	Willis III, Eric	WR	5-8	160	Sr./TR	Collingdale, Pa. / California (PA)
20	Bell, Josh	RB	5-9	180	Fr./HS	Dallas, Texas / Euless Trinity HS
20	Stewart, Grant	S	5-10	188	Fr./HS	Houston, Texas / Manvel HS
21	Jones, Tyler	S	6-0	200	R-Sr./TR	Orlando, Fla. / Tennessee State
21	Taylor, Marquez	RB	5-11	171	R-So./RS	McKenzie, Tenn. / Austin Peay
22	McCoy, Elijah	RB	5-9	190	Fr./HS	Midland, Texas / Midland HS
22	Russell, Lantz	S	6-3	210	R-Sr./2L	Riverside, Calif. / Mt. SAC
23	Davis Jr., Wondame	WR	6-1	180	R-Fr./RS	Ennis, Texas / Ennis HS
23	Meadows, Trace	LB	6-0	210	R-Fr./RS	College Station, Texas / A&M Consolidated
24	Guerrero, Jaime	S	6-1	185	R-Jr./1L	El Paso, Texas / Eastlake HS
24	Simon, CJ	WR	6-0	165	Fr./HS	Tuttle, Okla. / Tuttle HS
25	Hill, Zo	WR	5-11	165	Fr./HS	Denton, Texas / Denton Ryan HS
25	Wilson, Royce	Bandit	6-3	220	Fr./HS	Houston, Texas / Fort Bend Willowridge HS
26	Fantroy, Darien	CB	6-2	175	Fr./HS	Killeen, Texas / North Side HS
26	Harris, Caden	WR	5-10	170	R-So./1L	Round Rock, Texas / Stony Point HS
27	Walker, Caleb	S	5-10	175	Gr./TR	Tampa, Fla. / St. Thomas University
28	Wilkins, Erion	CB	6-2	170	Fr./HS	Houston, Texas / Atascocita HS
29	Brown-Turner, Dylan	LB	6-1	210	R-So./RS	Dallas, Texas / Florida State
30	Gant, Allen	S	6-0	190	Fr./HS	Lubbock, Texas / Lubbock Coronado HS
31	Wilson, David	DB	6-2	177	R-Fr./TR	Frisco, Texas / Reedly College
32	Baldwin, Elijah	DL	6-7	230	R-Fr./RS	San Antonio, Texas / John Jay HS
33	Cragun, Tanner	K	6-2	195	R-So./TR	Frisco, Texas / Wakeland HS / Utah State
33	Jones, Josiah	S	6-2	185	Fr./HS	Chicago, Ill. / Crosby HS
34	Harrelson, Cam	S	6-0	165	R-Fr./RS	El Paso, Texas / Montwood HS
35	Taylor-Barrocks, Kofi	Bandit	6-3	230	R-So./RS	London, England / Colorado
36	Bowen, Kane	LB	6-2	215	Fr./HS	Sherman, Texas / Sherman HS
37	Frilot, Jamal	Bandit	6-3	230	Fr./HS	Houston, Texas / Dekaney HS
39	Hancock, Josh	LS	5-9	185	R-Sr./2L	Corpus Christi, Texas / Coastal Christian Homeschool
40	Smith, Jaxon	TE	6-7	225	Fr./HS	Prague, Okla. / Prague HS
41	Brunswick II, Vashon	LB	6-1	215	Fr./HS	Garland, Texas / Sachse HS
42	Botsford, Noah	K/P	6-3	200	Jr./TR	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. / Valdosta State
42	Weber, Will	DL	6-4	255	R-Jr./TR	San Jose, Calif. / San Jose City College
43	Hawkins, Garrett	LB	6-3	227	Jr./TR	Sevierville, Tenn. / Austin Peay
44	Fisher, Oryend	DL	6-6	225	R-So./TR	Georgetown, Ky. / West Virginia
45	Hay, Rio	LS	6-1	232	R-Fr./TR	Dripping Springs, Texas / Arkansas-Pine Bluff
45	Lee, Justin	LB	6-1	225	Fr./HS	Round Rock, Texas / Round Rock HS
46	Windfont, Copelin	LB	6-0	220	Fr./HS	Barrett Station, Texas / Crosby HS
47	Szczesniak, Alex	TE	6-2	220	R-So./RS	Orland Park, Ill. / Iowa Western
48	Davey, Micah	LB	6-2	235	R-Sr./TR	Baton Rouge, La. / McNeese State
50	Parrish, Leander	DL	6-3	240	Fr./HS	Mesquite, Texas / Rockwall HS
52	Robinson, Machi	DL	6-2	290	Jr./TR	Hayward, Calif. / San Jose City College
53	Escobar, Ivan	OL	6-2	305	R-Sr./2L	El Paso, Texas / Montwood HS / NM State
55	McCarter, Allan	DL	6-4	270	R-Fr./RS	Manvel, Texas / Manvel HS
57	Wydra, Craig	OL	6-4	305	R-Fr./RS	El Paso, Texas / Andress HS
58	Toney, Jaquan	OL	6-4	285	R-Sr./2L	Huntsville, Ala. / NE Mississippi CC
60	Immediato, Joseph	OL	6-4	318	R-Sr./3L	El Paso, Texas / Eastwood HS
62	Riggs, Jake	OL	6-3	295	R-Fr./RS	Murfreesboro, Tenn. / Oakland HS
65	Lafferty, Dennis	OL	6-7	320	R-Fr./TR	Norman, Okla. / NE Oklahoma A&M
66	Robinson, Mark	OL	6-5	320	So./TR	Altamonte Springs, Fla. / Southeastern
69	Williams, James	OL	6-3	325	So./TR	Moore, Okla. / Northeastern Oklahoma A&M
70	Huber, Maddox	OL	6-7	300	Fr./HS	Hamshire, Texas / Hamshire-Fannett HS
71	Perkins, Preston	OL	6-6	270	Fr./HS	Austin, Texas / Austin HS
72	McDuffie III, Tyrone D.	OL	6-4	315	R-So./0L	El Paso, Texas / Parkland HS
73	Roberts, Tyler	OL	6-8	314	Fr./HS	Argyle, Texas / Argyle HS
75	Camacho Jr., Juan	OL	6-6	285	R-Sr./1L	El Paso, Texas / Bowie HS
76	De La Cruz, Diego	OL	6-4	300	Fr./HS	Monterrey, Mex. / St. Joseph's Brownsville HS
78	Slaton, Ryder	OL	6-7	280	Fr./HS	Melissa, Texas / Melissa HS
79	Utley, Jake	OL	6-6	315	R-So./1L	College Station, Texas / College Station HS
81	Matamoros, Luka	TE	6-5	275	R-Fr./RS	Pflugerville, Texas / Hendrickson HS
82	Ezinwa, Judah	TE	6-3	235	R-Jr./1L	Fontana, Calif. / Mt. SAC
83	Bradford, Ryland	MB	5-11	180	Fr./HS	Abilene, Texas / Abilene HS
84	Rhone, Aramoni	WR	6-5	195	R-Jr./TR	Orlando, Fla. / UAPB
86	Andrus, Jordan	TE	6-4	235	Fr./HS	Houston, Texas / Jack Yates HS
87	Cleaver, Jackson	K/P	6-1	205	R-Sr./TR	Tigard, Ore. / Eastern Washington
88	Goins Jr., Toric	WR	6-2	180	R-Fr./TR	Freeport, Texas / Trinity Valley CC
89	Schuchts, Josh	WR	6-3	210	R-Fr./RS	Tallahassee, Fla. / North Florida Christian HS
90	Coker, Ashton	DT	6-2	290	So./1L	Katy, Texas / Katy Taylor HS
91	Arreola, Carlos	K	5-10	200	Jr./TR	El Paso, Texas/Clint HS/Sul Ross State
92	Scott, Tyler	DL	6-1	315	Sr./TR	Jackson, Ga. / Kennesaw State
94	Leon, Jimmy	DL	6-4	240	Fr./HS	Tucson, Ariz. / Mica Mountain HS
96	Farmer, Kelton	DL	6-4	290	Jr./TR	Evansville, Ind. / Kentucky Wesleyan
97	Bowman, Joe	K	6-0	185	R-Sr./1L	Carlsbad, Calif. / SEMO
98	Guerra, Nico	DL	6-5	245	Jr./TR	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. / Chaffey College
99	Gustafson, Cole	DL	6-4	279	Sr./TR	Rocklin, Calif. / FIU

COACHING STAFF

Scotty Walden – Head Coach (Second Season)
Mark Cala – Offensive Coordinator
Bobby Daly – Defensive Coordinator
Ryan Stanchek – Co-Offensive Coordinator/OL
Joe Pappalardo – Wefense Coor./Miner Backs/Inside WR/Pass Game Coor.
Kelvin Sigler – Co-Defensive Coor./Safeties
Aaron Foster – Cornerbacks/Defensive Pass Game Coordinator
Chris Jones – Defensive Line/Defensive Run Game Coordinator
Seth McDonald – Bandits/Co-Wefense Coor./Def. Recruiting Coor.
Jourdan McNeill – Running Backs/Offensive Recruiting Coordinator
Joshua Eargle – Tight Ends/Offensive Run Game Coordinator
Kyle Beyer – Spurs
John Cotton – Kickers/Punters/Snappers/Lead Offensive Analyst
Brandon Butcher – Linebackers
Desmond Lindsey – Outside Wide Receivers
Miguel Avina – Quarterbacks
Kade Glenn – Assistant Defensive Backs

PRONUNCIATIONS

Jordan ANDRUS	An-Drus
Carlos ARREOLA	Are-E-ola
CHACE Biddle	Chase
VASHON Brunswick	Vuh-Shawn
RAFEALD Campbell	RAH-fay-eld
Justin CONTENT	CON-tent
WONDAME Davis Jr.	WAN-duh-meh
UDOKA EZEANI	U-Doe-kuh E-Zani
ORYEND Fisher	Or-ion
Diego FRAUSTO	Frah-oo-stow
Jamal FRILOT	Free-low
YESSMAN Green	YEZZ-men
Nico GUERRA	GUE-ruh
Cole GUSTAFSON	Gus-Tuff-son
Maddox HUBER	Hue-ber
Joseph IMMEDIATO	E-me-d-auto
KODE Lowe	Ko-dee
Luka MATAMOROS	MAH-tah-MORE-os
MALACHI Nelson	Mal-ah-Kai
ARAMONI Rhone	Are-Money
Josh SCHUCHTS	Shoots
XAVIER Smith	EX-zay-veer
Alex SZCZESNIAK	Says-Knee-Ak
EKOW Taylor	ECHO
KOFI Taylor-Barrocks	KO-FEE
Craig WYDRA	WHY-druh

UTEP DEPTH CHART

GAME: 2 (vs. UT Martin)

BLUE BLAZE OFFENSE

LT	66	Mark Robinson	6-5	320	So.	TR	Altamonte Springs, Fla.	(Southeastern)	1 Career Starts (1 app.)
	65	Dennis Lafferty	6-7	320	R-Fr.	TR	Norman, Okla.	(NE Oklahoma A&M)	0 Career Starts (0 app.)
LG	69	James Williams	6-3	325	So.	TR	Moore, Okla.	(NE Oklahoma A&M)	1 Career Starts (1 app.)
	58	Jaquan Toney	6-4	285	R-Jr.	RS	Huntsville, Ala.	(NE Mississippi CC)	5 Career Starts (10 app.)
C	53	Ivan Escobar	6-2	305	R-Sr.	2L	El Paso, Texas	(NM State)	12 Career Starts (23 app.)
	62	Jake Riggs	6-3	295	R-Fr.	RS	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	(Oakland HS)	0 Career Starts (0 app.)
RG	60	Joseph Immediato	6-4	318	R-Sr.	3L	El Paso, Texas	(Eastwood HS)	3 Career Starts (21 app.)
	72	Tyrone D. McDuffie III	6-4	315	R-So.	0L	El Paso, Texas	(Parkland HS)	1 Career Starts (2 app.)
RT	79	Jake Utley	6-6	315	R-So.	1L	College Station, Texas	(College Station HS)	2 Career Starts (8 app.)
	75	Juan Camacho Jr.	6-6	285	R-Sr.	1L	El Paso, Texas	(Bowie HS)	0 Career Starts (14 app.)
TE	82	Judah Ezinwa	6-3	235	R-Jr.	1L	Fontana, Calif.	(Mt. SAC)	1 Career Starts (11 app.)
	81	Luka Matamoros	6-5	275	R-Fr.	RS	Pflugerville, Texas	(Hendrickson HS)	2 Career Starts (5 app.)
WR[X]	19	Eric Willis III	5-8	160	Sr.	TR	Collingdale, Pa.	(California [PA])	1 Career Starts (1 app.)
	23	Wondame Davis Jr.	6-1	180	R-Fr.	RS	Ennis, Texas	(Ennis HS)	0 Career Starts (1 app.)
WR[S/T]	6	Kenny Odom	5-10	170	R-Jr.	1L	Savannah, Ga.	(Austin Peay)	11 Career Starts (13 app.)
	2	Marcus Torres	5-10	175	R-Fr.	RS	El Paso, Texas	(Pebble Hills HS)	0 Career Starts (1 app.)
-or-	15	Travon Tate	6-0	180	R-Sr.	TR	Erie, Pa.	(Clarion)	0 Career Starts (1 app.)
WR[Z]	12	Jet Thompson	5-10	165	Sr.	TR	Queens, N.Y.	(Georgia Southern)	1 Career Starts (1 app.)
	16	Mason Ferguson	6-0	185	R-Fr.	TR	Fort Worth, Texas	(North Texas)	0 Career Starts (1 app.)
RB	5	Kam Thomas	5-9	184	R-Sr.	1L	Birmingham, Ala.	(Austin Peay)	10 Career Starts (10 app.)
	14	Hahsaun Wilson	5-11	190	R-Sr.	TR	Florence, S.C.	(Charlotte)	0 Career Starts (1 app.)
-or-	1	Ashten Emory	5-11	203	R-Fr.	RS	Dallas, Texas	(Rockwall HS)	0 Career Starts (4 app.)
QB	7	Malachi Nelson	6-3	193	R-So.	TR	Los Alamitos, Calif.	(Boise State)	1 Career Starts (1 app.)
	9	Skyler Locklear	5-11	195	R-Jr.	1L	Clayton, N.C.	(Austin Peay)	9 Career Starts (10 app.)

ORANGE SWARM DEFENSE

DE	19	Ashaad Hall	6-4	235	Sr.	TR	St. Petersburg, Fla.	(South Carolina State)	1 Career Starts (1 app.)
	3	Shakaun Bowser	6-5	255	Jr.	TR	Mesa, Ariz.	(Garden City CC)	0 Career Starts (1 app.)
NT	92	Tyler Scott	6-1	315	Sr.	TR	Jackson, Ga.	(Kennesaw State)	1 Career Starts (1 app.)
	90	Ashton Coker	6-2	290	So.	1L	Kay, Texas	(Katy Taylor HS)	4 Career Starts (12 app.)
DT	7	KD Johnson	6-1	275	5th	2L	Houston, Texas	(Kilgore College)	13 Career Starts (25 app.)
	99	Cole Gustafson	6-4	279	Sr.	TR	Rocklin, Calif.	(FIU)	0 Career Starts (0 app.)
DE	0	Udoka Ezeani	6-1	216	R-Sr.	TR	Richmond, Texas	(Boise State)	1 Career Starts (1 app.)
	32	Elijah Baldwin	6-2	230	R-Fr.	RS	San Antonio, Texas	(John Jay HS)	0 Career Starts (5 app.)
MIKE	48	Micah Davey	6-2	235	R-Sr.	TR	Baton Rouge, La.	(McNeese State)	1 Career Starts (1 app.)
	10	Jayden Wilson	6-1	218	Jr.	TR	El Paso, Texas	(New Mexico)	0 Career Starts (1 app.)
-or-	8	Stratton Shufelt	6-2	230	So.	1L	Rio Rancho, N.M.	(Cleveland HS)	1 Career Starts (12 app.)
SAM	1	Joshua Rudolph	5-11	230	Sr.	TR	Montgomery, Ala.	(Indiana)	1 Career Starts (1 app.)
	43	Garrett Hawkins	6-3	227	Jr.	TR	Sevierville, Tenn.	(Austin Peay)	0 Career Starts (1 app.)
SPUR	22	Lantz Russell	6-3	210	R-Sr.	2L	Riverside, Calif.	(Mt. SAC)	7 Career Starts (17 app.)
	15	Kode Lowe	6-1	225	R-Jr.	TR	Coleman, Fla.	(West Florida)	0 Career Starts (1 app.)
CB	4	Neil Campbell	5-11	205	GS	TR	Chicago, Ill.	(Indiana Wesleyan)	1 Career Starts (1 app.)
	16	Yessman Green	6-2	180	R-Sr.	RS	Mobile, Ala.	(Jax State)	0 Career Starts (1 app.)
SS	5	Solo Barnes	6-3	205	Sr.	TR	New Orleans, La.	(Fayetteville State)	1 Career Starts (1 app.)
	21	Tyler Jones	6-0	200	R-Sr.	TR	Orlando, Fla.	(Tennessee State)	0 Career Starts (1 app.)
FS	2	Xavier Smith	6-0	195	R-Jr.	1L	Atlanta, Ga.	(Austin Peay)	11 Career Starts (13 app.)
	30	Allen Gant	6-0	190	Fr.	HS	Lubbock, Texas	(Lubbock Coronado HS)	0 Career Starts (0 app.)
CB	9	Marcell Blocker	6-3	190	Sr.	TR	Miami, Fla.	(Florida Memorial)	1 Career Starts (1 app.)
-or-	18	Justin Content	6-1	185	So.	1L	Hoschton, Ga.	(Mill Creek HS)	4 Career Starts (10 app.)

WEFENSE UNIT

K	91	Carlos Arreola	5-10	200	Jr.	TR	El Paso, Texas	(Sul Ross State)	1 Career Appearances
	97	Joe Bowman	6-0	185	R-Sr.	1L	Carlsbad, Calif.	(SEMO)	7 Career Appearances
-or-	33	Tanner Cragun	6-2	195	R-So.	TR	Frisco, Texas	(Utah State)	0 Career Appearances
P	42	Noah Botsford	6-3	200	Jr.	TR	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	(Valdosta State)	1 Career Appearances
	87	Jackson Cleaver	6-1	205	R-Sr.	TR	Tigard, Ore.	(Eastern Washington)	0 Career Appearances
LS	39	Josh Hancock	5-9	185	R-Sr.	2L	Corpus Christie, Texas	(Coastal Christian Home School)	16 Career Appearances
	45	Rio Hay	6-1	232	R-Fr.	TR	Dripping Springs, Texas	(UAPBl)	0 Career Appearances
H	42	Noah Botsford	6-3	200	Jr.	TR	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	(Valdosta State)	1 Career Appearances
KR	21	Marques Taylor	5-11	171	R-So.	RS	McKenzie, Tenn.	(Austin Peay)	4 Career Appearances
	5	Kam Thomas	5-7	184	R-Sr.	1L	Birmingham, Ala.	(Austin Peay)	10 Career Appearanes
PR	5	Kam Thomas	5-7	184	R-Sr.	1L	Birmingham, Ala.	(Austin Peay)	10 Career Appearanes

MINER NOTABLES

WHERE TO WATCH & LISTEN
The Miners and Skyhawks will be streamed on ESPN+ with Andy Morgan and Ed Stansbury on the call. The action will be on 95.5 FM KLAQ with "The Voice of the UTEP Miners" **Jon Teicher**, calling play-by-play in his 45th season. 'Teich', who called his 500th game on Oct. 11, 2023, at FIU, is joined by former UTEP coach **Aaron Price** in the booth, providing analysis. El Paso native and long-running member of the local media, **Mando Medina**, will be reporting from the sidelines. The contest can also be heard on the UTEP Miners app.

SERIES VS. UT MARTIN
Saturday's game will mark the first meeting between the Miners and Skyhawks.

ABOUT UT MARTIN
The Skyhawks are coming off a 27-7 loss at Big 12 power Oklahoma State on Aug. 30. Bryce Bailey threw a 39-yard touchdown pass to John Gentry in the first quarter to make the score 14-7 at the 2:15 mark. The Cowboys would go on to score the next 13 points. UTM totaled 225 yards of offense and allowed 359. Jase Bauer led UT Martin with 70 yards on 9-of-16 passing and an interception. Gentry rushed for a team-high 51 yards on 16 carries, while Bauer gained 37 yards on 11 attempts. Gentry led the way with 45 yards on a pair of receptions and a TD. Deuce Oliver tallied 31 yards on a trio of catches. Defensively, Jacob Stevenson and Shamari Weir tied for the team lead with seven tackles apiece. Shamari added a sack and 1.5 tackles for loss. Keyshawn Johnson tallied 2.0 TFLs and a sack to go along with three tackles. Last season, UT Martin finished 9-5 with a trip to the FCS Playoffs. UTM head coach Jason Simpson is in his 20th season and has racked up 124 wins and five OVC championships over that span.

UTEP IN HOME OPENERS
The Miners are 63-39-4 in home openers, including 6-4 in their last 10. Last season, UTEP fell to Southern Utah 24-17 in overtime on Sept. 7, 2024. UTEP beat UIW 28-14 in the 2023 home opener. UTEP did not host a home game during the 1917 season.

16 NEW STARTERS
UTEP had 16 players make their first starts as a Miner at Utah State on Saturday night. On the "Orange Swarm" defense, S **Solo Barnes**, CB **Marcell Blocker**, CB **Neil Campbell**, LB **Micah Davey**, Bandit **Udoka Ezeani**, DL **Ashaad Hall**, LB **Joshua Rudolph**, and DL **Tyler Scott** got the nod. Starting for the "Blue Blaze" offense were TE **Judah Ezinwa**, QB **Malachi Nelson**, OL **Mark Robinson**, WR **Jet Thompson**, OL **James Williams** and WR **Eric Willis III**. On the Wefense, K **Carlos Arreola** and P **Noah Botsford** made their debuts.

LOTS OF DEBUTS
A total of 31 Miners made their UTEP debuts on Saturday at Utah State. Part of that group was CB **Yessman Green** and WR **Marcus Torres**, who both joined the program before the 2024 season. Green missed all of 2024 due to injury, while Torres was on the scout team. Green saw action at the corner position, while Torres saw action on offense in his first collegiate action.

ORANGE SWARM SACK ATTACK CONTINUES...
After compiling a Conference USA-most 36 sacks in 2024 and the most for the program in 20 years, the Miners continued the trend in 2025, tallying six sacks at Utah State on Aug. 30. UTEP posted the most in CUSA in week one, and is tied for first in FBS with Kansas and Air Force in sacks per game (6.0). Kansas State leads the nation with seven sacks, however, in two games played (3.5 per game).

TFL'S GALORE
UTEP racked up 12 tackles for loss at Utah State. The Miners ranked tied for second in FBS with LA Tech and Michigan State. Bandit **Udoka Ezeani** posted 4.0 TFLs, while DL **Ashaad Hall** grabbed 2.0 TFLs. DL **Elijah Baldwin** and DT **KD Johnson** each tallied 1.5 TFLs. CB Justin Content, LB **Micah Davey** and LB **Joshua Rudolph** each recorded a TFL.

GETTING AFTER THE QB
DL **Ashaad Hall** posted a team-high 2.0 sacks in his debut at Utah State. Redshirt freshman **Elijah Baldwin** tallied 1.5 sacks, the first sacks of his career. LB **Micah Davey** (1.0), Bandit **Udoka Ezeani** (1.0), and LB **Joshua Rudolph** (0.5) each recorded sacks in their Miner debuts.

SACK MAN
DL **Ashaad Hall** registered 2.0 sacks in his UTEP debut as he tied for first in CUSA and tied fourth nationally with his week one total. Hall is no stranger to taking down the opposing signal caller, as he produced 11.0 sacks while at South Carolina State last season. Overall, Hall recorded 12.0 sacks in his SCS career.

UDOKA EASING INTO HIS ROLE
Bandit **Udoka Ezeani** came up with big numbers in his UTEP debut at Utah State. Ezeani posted a collegiate career-best 4.0 tackles for loss, while bullying his way to a sack on the Aggies' QB Bryson Barnes. Ezeani added seven tackles in his stat line.

DAVEY & RUDOLPH IMPRESSIVE EFFORTS
LB's **Micah Davey** and **Joshua Rudolph** each racked up eight tackles in their UTEP debuts at Utah State on Aug. 30. The pair tied for second on the team with their stops. Davey also registered a sack and TFL, while Rudolph had a TFL and half a sack.

OTHER NOTABLE DEFENSIVE DEBUTS
LB **Jayden Wilson** (five tackles, QB hurry), CB **Neil Campbell** (four tackles), S **Solo Barnes** (three tackles, breakup) and CB **Marcell Blocker** (three tackles) put up solid numbers for defensive coordinator **Bobby Daly**.

BALDWIN'S BREAKOUT
Redshirt freshman DL **Elijah Baldwin** posted 1.5 sacks at Utah State, the first of his young career. He posted his first career sack during the third quarter when Baldwin used a quick step past the o-line to sack USU QB Bryson Barnes for a loss of nine yards. He added a half sack (three yards) during the fourth. Overall, Baldwin posted a career-best three tackles and a pass breakup.

X MARKS THE SPOT
Redshirt junior S **Xavier Smith** made his 11th career start in his second season with the Miners and led the defense with nine tackles at Utah State in the season opener. Last year, Smith led all UTEP defensive backs in tackles (78) in his first season with the Miners.

MALACHI'S FIRST COLLEGIATE START, TD PASS
QB **Malachi Nelson**, after transferring from Boise State, made his first collegiate start at Utah State. Nelson finished with 178 yards on 22-of-34 passing, including a 34-yard touchdown pass, the first of his college career. Nelson hooked up with WR **Kenny Odom** late in the first quarter, which gave the Miners a 7-3 lead. Nelson added seven rushing attempts (two yards), while he booted his first punt on a pooch kick for 47 yards.

MINERS' O-LINE
UTEP had two new starters on the left side of the offensive line as transfers LG **James Williams** (6-3, 325) and LT **Mark Robinson** (6-5, 320) made their debuts at Utah State. Williams graded the highest at 78 percent, along with three knockdowns. Anchoring the pair was C **Ivan Escobar** (6-2, 305), who made his 12th career start. Escobar had five knockdowns. RG **Joseph Immediato** (6-4, 318) made his third career start, while RT **Jake Utley** (6-6, 315) recorded just his second career start. The line allowed two sacks against the Aggies.

MINER NOTABLES

FIRST TD FOR EMORY
RB **Ashten Emory** rushed for a career-high 31 yards while scoring his first career touchdown on a two-yard run into the end zone at Utah State. Emory carried the ball six times (tied career high) to average 5.2 yards per carry and tallied a career-long rush of 11 yards. Emory added a nine-yard reception to tally a career-high 40 all-purpose yards.

KENNY HAULING IN PASSES
WR **Kenny Odom** registered a career-high nine receptions for 97 yards and a touchdown at Utah State in his second season with the Miners. Odom's 34-yard touchdown reception from new UTEP QB **Malachi Nelson** gave the Miners a 7-3 lead on Saturday. Odom has scored nine touchdowns in his UTEP career. Odom's nine receptions tied first in CUSA and tied for fourth nationally. His 97 yards in the air were sixth best in CUSA.

ODOM'S ALL-PURPOSE YARDS
Kenny Odom tallied his first rushing yards in week one, tallying two carries for 16 yards. Overall, Odom recorded 113 all-purpose yards.

CAREER HIGHS FOR KAM
MB **Kam Thomas** tallied career highs in rushing yards (36), rushing attempts (16), long rush (17 yards) and punt returns (five) at Utah State.

MARQUEZ'S EFFORT
RB **Marquez Taylor** saw his first real collegiate action at Utah State after he posted career highs in rushing yards (18), rush attempts (four) and long rush (10 yards) against the Aggies. Taylor added his first career reception for four yards at USU. Taylor came up with a career-best 71 all-purpose yards after returning three kickoffs for 49 yards.

BOTSFORD BOPPING FOOTBALLS
P **Noah Botsford**, a transfer from Valdosta State, booted in a 64-yard punt in his UTEP debut at Utah State. Botsford averaged 47.6 yards per punt (ranked 24th in FBS, 3rd in CUSA) on nine kicks (381 yards). His 64-yarder was the longest by a UTEP punter since 2023. Botsford landed one inside the 20 and had a touchback.

THROUGH THE UPRIGHTS
K **Carlos Arreola**, a transfer from Sul Ross State and graduate of Clint High School, connected on his first-ever field goal attempt as a Miner – a 42-yard make that ended the first half at Utah State. Arreola added a PAT, scoring four points in his FBS debut.

GETTING AFTER IT ON SPECIAL TEAMS
LS **Josh Hancock** tallied two tackles on special teams at Utah State. He was credited with his first career tackle during the third quarter on a two-yard punt return. His second came during the fourth on an eight-yard punt return.

WATCH THIS WAY
A trio of Miners were announced to preseason watch lists over the last few months. OL **Tyrone D. McDuffie III** was named to the 2025 Allstate AFCA Good Work Team on July 15 and the Allstate Wuerffel Trophy on July 31. MB **Kam Thomas** landed on the Dave Campbell's Texas Football All-Texas second team and the Paul Hornung Watch List, and WR **Kenny Odom** made the Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Watch List.

SUN CITY SENSATIONS
The 2025 UTEP football roster features 11 players from El Paso, Texas: K **Carlos Arreola** (Clint HS), OL **Juan Camacho Jr.** (Bowie HS), C **Ivan Escobar** (Montwood HS), S **Jaime Guerrero** (Eastlake HS), S **Cam Harrelson** (Montwood HS), OL **Joseph Immediato** (Eastwood HS), OL **Tyrone D. McDuffie III**, QB **Shay Smith** (Franklin HS), WR **Marcus Torres** (Pebble Hills), LB **Jayden Wilson** (Austin HS) and OL **Craig Wydra** (Andress HS).

#2 LUKE LAUFENBERG
#LiveLikeLuke

The UTEP football team will continue to pay tribute to the late Luke Laufenberg throughout the 2025 season. Laufenberg passed away at the age of 21 on Thursday, Aug. 22, 2019 after battling cancer for two years. A tight end from Dallas, Texas, Laufenberg joined the Miners for 2019 spring ball after playing at Mesa Community College in 2017. UTEP players have worn black "LUKE" stickers on their helmets since the start of the 2019 season. Redshirt freshman and El Paso native WR Marcus Torres will wear his #2 Laufenberg jersey throughout the season. WR Justin Garrett was the first Miner to don the #2 jersey during the 2020 season and continued the trend in 2021. QB Gavin Hardison was the second Miner to don the #2 jersey (2022-23) and WR Javoni Gardere was the third (2024). Laufenberg played his senior season at Argyle Liberty Christian High School in Argyle, Texas, where he was named 2016 Offensive Newcomer of the Year and honorable mention All-District. He initially walked on at Texas A&M before continuing his football career at Mesa Community College, where he appeared in six games prior to being diagnosed with Burkitt lymphoma.

#3 TRENCH WARRIOR

The "Trench Warrior" is a single digit that is assigned to the most deserving D-Lineman. They are a leader, and they embody UTEP's culture on and off the field. It is something head coach Scotty Walden created to signify that wearing a single digit on the DL means you're a "bad dude." On Aug. 21, Walden announced that junior defensive lineman Shakaun Bowser will don the no. 3 number in 2025.

MINER NOTABLES

STATE OF THE ROSTER
There are 62 players from the Lone Star State on the 2025 roster. Here's how the rest of the roster breaks down. Florida (10), California (9), Georgia (5), Alabama (4), Oklahoma (4), Illinois (3), Tennessee (3), Arizona (2), Louisiana (2), New York (2), Pennsylvania (2), England (1), Indianapolis (1), Kentucky (1), North Carolina (1), Mississippi (1), Mexico (1), New Mexico (1), South Carolina (1),

ROSTER BREAKDOWN
UTEP has 43 transfers heading into the new campaign (10 DL, 9 DB, 7 WR, 5 K/P, 4 LB, 4 OL, 1 LS, 1 QB, 1 RB, 1 TE). Fourteen are from FBS schools, nine from FCS, nine JUCO, seven Division II, and four NAIA.

CAPTAINS
UTEP head coach **Scotty Walden** announced his captains for the 2025 season on Aug. 21. Redshirt senior C **Ivan Escobar**, redshirt junior WR **Kenny Odom**, and redshirt senior MB **Kam Thomas** will head up the "Blue Blaze" offense, while for the "Orange Swarm" defense, graduate student CB **Neil Campbell**, senior LB **Joshua Rudolph** and fifth-year DT **KD Johnson** were appointed. Junior LB **Garrett Hawkins** and sophomore LB **Stratton Shufelt** will head the Wefense unit.

UTEP FATHER-SON CONNECTION
LB **Pete Shufelt**, the father of LB **Stratton Shufelt** and RB **Paul Smith**, the father of QB **Shay Smith**, also played their college ball at UTEP. Pete was a linebacker from 1989-93, ranking 10th on the program's all-time tackles list with 385 (236 solo). Paul played from 1996-1999 and ranks eighth on the school's all-time rushing list with 2,539 yards.

NFL KIDS
S **Lantz Russell**, LB **Stratton Shufelt** and QB **Shay Smith** come from pro backgrounds as their fathers all played in the NFL. RB Leonard Russell played in the NFL for six seasons after being drafted by the New England Patriots in 1991 (first round, 14th overall). He tallied 3,973 yards and 29 rushing touchdowns in 85 games. RB **Paul Smith** played in the NFL for seven seasons after being drafted in 2000 by the San Francisco 49ers (fifth round, 132nd overall). Smith rushed for 210 yards and a touchdown in 79 career games. LB **Pete Shufelt** played in five regular-season games for the New York Giants in 1994.

UP NEXT
UTEP will take on Texas on Sept. 13 in Darrell K. Royal Texas Memorial Stadium (100,119) in Austin. The Miners and Longhorns are set to kick off at 2:15 p.m. MT/3:15 CT on the SEC Network. The contest can also be heard on 95.5 KLAQ and the UTEP Miners app.

NCAA TEAM RANKINGS

NCAA CATEGORY	UTEP	UTM (FCS)
Total Offense	108	-
Rushing Offense	98	-
Passing Offense	85	-
Team Passing Efficiency	105	-
Scoring Offense	98	-
Total Defense	93	-
Rushing Defense	78	-
Passing Yards Allowed	93	-
Team Passing Efficiency Defense	108	-
Scoring Defense	104	-
Turnover Margin	96	-
3rd Down Conversion Pct.	111	-
4th Down Conversion Pct.	1	-
3rd Down Conversion Pct. Defense	16	-
4th Down Conversion Pct. Defense	1	-
Red Zone Offense	1	-
Red Zone Defense	70	-
Net Punting	73	-
Punt Returns	66	-
Kickoff Returns	82	-
First Downs Offense	81	-
First Downs Defense	63	-
Fewest Penalties Per Game	75	-
Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game	95	-
Time of Possession	79	-

TEAM LEADERS

UTEP - OFF: 16.0 PPG/284.8 YPG | DEF: 28.0 PPG/360.0 YPG

Rushing	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	YPG
Kam Thomas	16	36	2.3	0	36.0
Ashten Emory	6	31	5.2	1	31.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds.	TD	YPG
Malachi Nelson	22-34-1	178	1	178.0
Shay Smith	1-2-0	3	0	3.0

Receiving	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Kenny Odom	9	97	10.8	1	97.0
Eric Willis III	5	35	7.0	0	35.0

Defense	U-A-TT	TFL	SACK	FF-FR
Xavier Smith	4-5-9	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0 (0)
Joshua Rudoph	3-5-8	1.0-3	0.5-2	0-0 (0)

UT MARTIN - OFF: 7.0 PPG/225.0 YPG | DEF: 27.0 PPG/359.0 YPG

Rushing	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	YPG
John Gentry	16	51	3.2	0	51.0
Jase Bauer	11	37	3.4	0	37.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds.	TD	YPG
Jase Bauer	9-16-1	70	0	70.0
Bryce Bailey	1-1-0	39	1	39.0

Receiving	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Deuce Oliver	3	31	10.3	0	31.0
John Gentry	2	45	22.5	1	45.0

Defense	U-A-TT	TFL	SACK	INT
Shamari Weir	3-4-7	1.5-3	1.0-1	0
Jacob Stevenson	3-4-7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0

MINER NOTABLES

2025 UTEP FOOTBALL CAPTAINS

BLUE BLAZE

Ivan **ESCOBAR** #53 / C

Kenny **ODOM** #6 / WR

Kam **THOMAS** #5 / MB

ORANGE SWARM

Neil **CAMPBELL** #4 / CB

Joshua **RUDOLPH** #1 / LB

KD **JOHNSON** #7 / DT

WEFENSE

Garrett **HAWKINS** #43 / LB

Stratton **SHUFELT** #8 / LB

2025 "UTEP FOOTBALL WITH SCOTTY WALDEN" RADIO SHOW DATES/LOCATIONS

Wednesday, Aug. 27 (6-7 pm)	Border City Ale House
Wednesday, Sept. 3 (6-7pm)	Deadbeach Brewery
Wednesday, Sept. 10 (6-7 pm)	Border City Ale House
Wednesday, Sept. 17 (5-6 pm)	Deadbeach Brewery
Wednesday, Sept. 24 (6-7 pm)	Border City Ale House
Tuesday, Oct. 7 (6-7 pm)	Deadbeach Brewery
Monday, Oct. 13 (5-6 pm)	Border City Ale House
Friday, Oct. 24 (5-6 pm)	Deadbeach Brewery
Wednesday, Nov. 5 (5-6 pm)	Border City Ale House
Wednesday, Nov. 12 (6-7 pm)	Deadbeach Brewery
Wednesday, Nov. 19 (6-7 pm)	Border City Ale House
Wednesday, Nov. 26 (6-7 pm)	Deadbeach Brewery

LOCATIONS & ADDRESS

Deadbeach Brewery: 3200 Durazno Ave.
Border City Ale Houst: 1506 N. Lee Trevino Dr.
Listen Live on 600 ESPN El Paso & the UTEP Miners app

2025 UTEP FOOTBALL TRENDS

OVERALL	0-1
VS. CONFERENCE USA	0-0
NONCONFERENCE RECORD	0-1
HOME	0-0
AWAY	0-1
DAY GAMES	0-0
NIGHT GAMES	0-1
VS. TOP 25 TEAMS	0-0
NEUTRAL	0-0
NATIONAL TV	0-0
CBSSN	0-1
ESPN+	0-0
ESPNU	0-0
SEC NETWORK	0-0

OFFENSE

WHEN SCORING FIRST	0-0
WHEN THE OPPONENT SCORES FIRST	0-1
WHEN LEADING AT HALFTIME	0-0
WHEN TRAILING AT HALFTIME	0-1
WHEN TIED AT HALFTIME	0-0
WHEN LEADING AFTER THIRD QUARTER	0-0
WHEN TRAILING AFTER THIRD QUARTER	0-1
WHEN TIED AFTER THIRD QUARTER	0-0
IN OVERTIME GAMES	0-0
WHEN SCORING LESS THAN 20 POINTS	0-1
WHEN SCORING 20+ POINTS	0-0
WHEN SCORING 30+ POINTS	0-0
WHEN SCORING 40+ POINTS	0-0
WHEN RUSHING FOR < 100 YARDS	0-0
WHEN RUSHING FOR 100+ YARDS	0-1
WHEN RUSHING FOR 200+ YARDS	0-0
WHEN PASSING FOR 200+ YARDS	0-0
WHEN PASSING FOR 250+ YARDS	0-0
WHEN PASSING FOR 300+ YARDS	0-0
WHEN TOTALING < 300 YDS TOTAL OFFENSE	0-1
WHEN GAINING 300+ YDS TOTAL OFFENSE	0-0
WHEN HAVING NO TURNOVERS	0-1
WHEN HAVING LESS THAN 3 TURNOVERS	0-0
WHEN HAVING 3 OR MORE TURNOVERS	0-0
WHEN HAVING MORE THAN 30:00 TOP	0-0
WHEN HAVING LESS THAN 30:00 TOP	0-1

DEFENSE

WHEN ALLOWING LESS THAN 20 POINTS	0-0
WHEN ALLOWING 20+ POINTS	0-1
WHEN ALLOWING 30+ POINTS	0-0
WHEN ALLOWING < 100 YDS RUSHING	0-0
WHEN ALLOWING 100+ YDS RUSHING	0-1
WHEN ALLOWING 200+ YDS RUSHING	0-0
WHEN ALLOWING < 200 YARDS PASSING	0-0
WHEN ALLOWING 200+ YARDS PASSING	0-1
WHEN ALLOWING 250+ YARDS PASSING	0-0
WHEN ALLOWING 300+ YARDS PASSING	0-0
WHEN ALLOWING < 300 YDS TOTAL OFFENSE	0-0
WHEN ALLOWING 300+ YDS TOTAL OFFENSE	0-1
WHEN HAVING NO TAKEAWAYS	0-1
WHEN HAVING 3 OR LESS TAKEAWAYS	0-0

UTEP HEAD COACH

SCOTTY WALDEN

SUL ROSS STATE '12

SECOND SEASON AT UTEP
EIGHTH SEASON AS A HEAD COACH

Scotty Walden, native Texan and one of the most dynamic young head coaches in the country, was named UTEP Football's 27th head coach on Dec. 4, 2023.

The Miners won two of the last three games to conclude Walden's first season at the helm in 2024. Walden chalked up his first victory with the Orange and Blue on Oct. 16 when the Miners defeated FIU, 30-21, in the Sun Bowl. UTEP also defeated Kennesaw State, 43-35, in double overtime, while the Miners concluded the 2024 season with a come-from-behind victory at NM State, 42-35, in the 101st Battle of I-10 on Nov. 30.

In its three victories, UTEP's "Blue Blaze" offense averaged 38+ points per game and over 374 yards of total offense. Offensively, multiple players, who transferred from Austin Peay (Walden's previous school), were team leaders in specific statistical categories. Jevon Jackson gained a team-high 754 yards on the ground with six total touchdowns (four rush, two rec.). Jackson ranked sixth in CUSA in rushing yards. Kam Thomas, who was a 2024 All-CUSA first team special teams player, was the team leader in punt returns on wefense. He ranked second in CUSA with 200 yards on 10 returns (20.0 avg.), including a long return of 93 yards for a TD at NM State. Thomas was one of two players in CUSA to return a punt for a score. Thomas also grabbed 47 receptions - tied for the team lead with Trey Goodman. Goodman tallied 469 yards receiving. Goodman set career highs in receptions (12) and receiving yards (150) during the Miners' win against Kennesaw State. Goodman caught all 12 balls that were thrown his way. Kenny Odom, a 2024 All-CUSA second team selection, led the way with 741 yards receiving and eight touchdowns. Odom ranked second in CUSA in receiving scores (eight) and sixth in yards per reception (16.1 avg.). Odom's eight touchdown receptions were the most by a Miner since 2016. Odom recorded a season-best 128 yards on seven receptions with a pair of touchdowns at Colorado State. Odom racked up a career-best three touchdown receptions against Kennesaw State. He tallied 108 yards on eight catches against the Owls.

Skyler Locklear also followed Walden from APU. Locklear threw for 1,583 yards on 148-of-233 passing and 10 touchdowns in 10 games. He completed 63.5 percent of his passes, ranking fourth on the program's top 10 single-season list. Locklear added 237 yards rushing and two touchdowns, while also tallying 32 yards on three catches and a score. Locklear pulled a trifecta when he became the first FBS player since 2015 to throw a touchdown, rush for a touchdown and record a receiving touchdown in a single game. The feat was achieved against SUU when Locklear threw a five-year touchdown pass early in the first quarter and followed with a five-yard rushing score at the end of the first. Locklear then hauled in a four-year touchdown pass from Jaden Smith that tied the ball game at 24 apiece with no time left on the clock. Locklear ended the game, throwing for 295 yards on 22-of-29 passing (75.9 percent). Locklear put up career numbers during UTEP's win over KSU, throwing for a career-high 327 yards on a career-best 28 completions (33 attempts) with a career-most four touchdown passes. It was the most touchdown passes by a UTEP quarterback since 2014, while Locklear's 84.8 completion percentage was the third-best in program history.

On defense, the "Orange Swarm" racked up CUSA-highs in sacks (36) and tackles for loss (87). The Miners ranked tied for 20th in FBS in total sacks and tied for 11th in sacks per game (3.0). UTEP's 7.3 TFLs per game ranked first in CUSA and 13th in FBS. The defense scored three touchdowns, ranking tied for 12th in FBS and first in CUSA. Kory Chapman returned a fumble for the score against Sam Houston, while Bryon Thompson scored a pair of touchdowns on fumble recoveries at NM State. Another defensive highlight in 2024 was the defense intercepting four passes in the victory over FIU. It was the most since picking off four passes at Tulane in 2011, and the most INTs by the defense in the Sun Bowl since 2008 (vs. SMU). The Miners' 11 interceptions were the most since the 2014 season. Maurice Westmoreland, an All-CUSA first team player, led the team and CUSA with 8.0 sacks. Kyran Duhon, who was named All-CUSA second team and the All-Freshman team, ranked second on the team and CUSA with 7.0 sacks. Duhon's sack total was the most by a UTEP freshman since 1990. KD Johnson picked up 3.5 sacks (third most on the team) from the interior defensive line. Linebacker Dorian Hopkins paced the defense with 87 tackles. Chapman, Hopkins, Amier Boyd-Matthews and Lantz Russell each intercepted two passes.

In the classroom, the UTEP football program set a school record with its 3.2 GPA following Walden's first year at the helm. Locklear and Johnson were named to the 2024 CUSA All-Academic Team on Nov. 22.

WALDEN
COACHING RECORD

SEASON	SCHOOL	OVERALL W-L	CONFERENCE W-L
2016	East Texas Baptist	7-3	3-3 (4th)
2020	Southern Miss	1-3	1-1
2020-21	Austin Peay	4-2	4-2 (3rd)
2021	Austin Peay	6-5	4-2 (t-2nd)
2022	Austin Peay	7-4	3-2 (t-1st)
2023	Austin Peay	9-3	6-0 (1st)
2024	UTEP	3-9	3-5 (6th)
2025	UTEP	0-1	0-0
TOTALS		37-30	24-15

UTEP HEAD COACH

Johnson, a senior defensive tackle, posted a 3.60 GPA in nursing, while Locklear worked towards a 3.83 GPA in business. Overall, 60 football players were named to the 2024-25 CUSA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll (3.0 GPA or higher), while 16 of them were also named 2024-25 CUSA Commissioner's Academic Medalists (3.75 GPA or higher).

Walden joined the Miners after four seasons as the head coach at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn. In 2023, he led the Governors to a 9-3 record, a perfect 6-0 mark in the United Athletic Conference, and a no. 13 FCS national ranking. It marked the first undefeated conference season in school history. He was named a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Award, presented by FedEx Ground and Stats Perform to the FCS National Coach of the Year. Austin Peay has won four conference titles since 1977 – with two coming under Walden's watch. He is the only coach to lead Austin Peay to two conference championships.

The Cleburne, Texas, native led the Governors to a 26-14 mark with four winning seasons (4-2 in COVID-shortened 2020-21 campaign, 6-5 in 2021, 7-4 in 2022, 9-3 in 2023). The Governors hadn't enjoyed back-to-back winning campaigns since 1983-84 prior to Walden's arrival. His career head coaching record is 34-20, including 7-3 in one season heading up the program at East Texas Baptist University in 2016. Walden was also interim head coach at Southern Miss for four games in 2020.

The 2023 Austin Peay squad ranked fourth nationally in passing efficiency (162.17), ninth in scoring offense (34.1 ppg), 11th in passing completion percentage (.667), 13th in passing offense (274.1 ypg) and 15th in total offense (426.8 ypg). The Governors set school records for scoring offense, total offense and passing offense. Austin Peay also rated seventh in the country in third down conversion defense with a stingy .303 percentage, and the Governors' three defensive touchdowns ranked 12th nationally. Austin Peay's special teams unit was equally stellar, leading the country in punt returns with a 21.3-yard average.

Austin Peay rattled off a school-record nine consecutive wins after opening the season 0-2, including a 30-13 setback at then-ninth ranked Tennessee on Sept. 9. Playing before over 100,000 hostile fans, the Governors were tied with the Vols, 6-6, shortly before halftime and trailed by 10 points (23-13) midway through the fourth quarter.

In 2022, Walden led the Governors to the third conference title in program history. Austin Peay was the top defense in the ASUN Conference, ranking fourth in the FCS in third down conversion percentage defense (.308), 12th in total defense (317.2 ypg), 19th in passing defense (188.7 ypg) and 20th in rushing defense (128.5 ypg). Offensively, Austin Peay averaged 202.3 rushing yards and 243.3 passing yards per game, marking the first time in program history that the Governors averaged 200-plus rushing and passing yards per game in the same season.

In 2021, the Governors tied a school record with seven First Team All-OVC selections and 14 total All-OVC picks.

While at Austin Peay, Walden has coached four consensus All-America honorees – Kordell Jackson (2020), DeAngelo Wilson (2020), Johnathon Edwards (2021) and Koby Perry (2021). Bucky Williams was an American Football Coaches Association Second Team All-American and a HERO Sports Sophomore All-American in 2020. Draylen Ellis and Terrell Allen received Sophomore All-America honors in 2021. Drae McCray was also tabbed a HERO Sports All-America in 2021.

Walden has also coached 28 All-Conference players and four league All-Newcomer selections during his time at Austin Peay.

His teams have also excelled academically. In five of six semesters since Walden's arrival, the Governors posted a 3.0 cumulative team grade point average, including a program record 3.28 GPA during the spring 2022 semester. The Governors also claimed the 2020-21 and 2021-22 OVC Team Academic Achievement Awards.

After joining the Southern Miss staff as wide receivers coach in 2017, he was promoted to co-offensive coordinator for the 2019 season. In 2019, the American Football Coaches Association tabbed Walden as a Top 35 coach under 35 years of age. He coached first team All-Conference USA selection wideout Quez Watkins, who led the league with 64 catches and 1,178 receiving yards (17th in the FBS). Watkins' 107.1 receiving yards per game also ranked sixth in the FBS. He was selected in the sixth round of the 2020 NFL Draft by Philadelphia, and has appeared in 45 games for the Eagles with 23 starts since then.

Walden took over for Jay Hopson as interim head coach at Southern Miss in September of 2020, and was hired by Austin Peay as head coach shortly thereafter.

Walden was the youngest head coach in the NCAA (26 years old) at the time of his hiring at East Texas Baptist. He directed the Tigers to a national ranking in a school-record nine consecutive weeks, climbing as high as no. 15. East Texas Baptist also generated the no. 1 scoring offense (49.9 points per game) for all levels of the NCAA and the no. 2 total offense in Division III (school-record 564.3 yards per game).

Walden was offensive coordinator at East Texas Baptist for three years (2013-15) prior to being elevated to head coach. In his time as an assistant, ETBU football players broke a combined 26 individual and team records. One of his protégés was wide receiver Jamaine Sherman, a first team All-Conference honoree who became the first player in school history to sign an NFL contract with the St. Louis Rams in 2014.

He got his start in coaching at his alma mater, Sul Ross State, serving as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for the 2012 season. His team broke 16 offensive school records in 2012, including most yards in a game (800) and points in a game (75). The Lobos ranked no. 1 in Division III in total offense (581.9 ypg), no. 2 in first downs (271), no. 3 in scoring offense (48.8 ppg), no. 9 in passing efficiency (164.30), no. 11 in passing offense (333 ypg) and no. 19 in rushing offense (248.9 ypg). Walden coached six All-Conference players, two D3football.com All-Americans and one Beyond Sports Network All-American.

He began his college playing days at Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa (2008), where he was named the starting quarterback as a freshman. His career continued at Hardin-Simmons University (2009-10), where he doubled as a quarterback and defensive back, before concluding at Sul Ross State as a quarterback and team captain in 2011.

He earned his Bachelor of History, graduating Magna Cum Laude, from Sul Ross State in 2012. He added a Master of Education, graduating Summa Cum Laude, from Sul Ross State in 2014.

Walden and his wife, Callie have two sons, Luca and Maverick.

WALDEN FILE

Personal

Hometown: Cleburne, Texas

Education

College: Sul Ross State

Playing Experience

2008: Dortd College
2009-10: Hardin Simmons
2011: Sul Ross State

Coaching Experience

2024-Present: UTEP Head Coach
2021-23: Austin Peay Head Coach
2020: Southern Miss Interim Head Coach
2019-20: Southern Miss Co-Offensive Coord.
2017-18: Southern Miss Wide Receivers
2016: East Baptist Texas Head Coach
2013-15: East Baptist Texas Offensive Coord.
2012: Sul Ross State Offensive Coord./QBs

2025 STATISTICS

	UTEP	OPP
Scoring	**16**	**28**
Points per game	16.0	28.0
Points Off Turnovers	0	3
First Downs	**19**	**18**
Rushing	7	7
Passing	9	10
Penalty	3	1
Rushing Yardage	**103**	**127**
Yards gained rushing	130	176
Yards lost rushing	27	49
Rushing attempts	35	33
Average per rush	2.9	3.8
Average per game	103.0	127.0
TDs Rushing	1	2
Passing Yardage	**181**	**233**
Comp-Att-Int	23-37-1	19-28-0
Average per pass	4.9	8.3
Average per catch	7.9	12.3
Average per game	181.0	233.0
TDs Passing	1	1
Total offense	**284**	**360**
Total plays	72	61
Average per play	3.9	5.9
Average per game	284.0	360.0
Kick returns: #-Yards	**3-49**	**2-35**
Punt returns: #-Yards	**5-24**	**5-22**
Int returns: #-Yards	**0-0**	**1-0**
Kick return average	**16.3**	**17.5**
Punt return average	**4.8**	**4.4**
Int return average	**0.0**	**0.0**
Fumbles-Lost	**0-0**	**0-0**
Penalties-Yards	**7-63**	**11-73**
Average per game	63.0	73.0
Punts-Yards	**9-428**	**7-332**
Average per punt	47.6	47.4
Net punt average	40.7	46.4
Kickoffs-Yards	**4-250**	**6-347**
Average per kick	62.5	57.8
Net kick average	39.0	41.3
Time of possession / game	**29:23**	**30:37**
3rd-down conversion	**4/15**	**2/12**
3rd-down pct	27%	17%
4th-down conversion	**2/2**	**0/0**
4th-down pct	100%	0%
Sacks by-Yards	**6-34**	**2-13**
Misc Yards	**0**	**0**
Touchdowns scored	**2**	**3**
Field goals - attempts	**1-1**	**2-2**
On-Side kicks	**0-0**	**0-0**
Red-zone scores	**(1-1) 100%**	**(3-3) 100%**
Red-zone touchdowns	**(1-1) 100%**	**(1-3) 33%**
PAT-attempts	**(1-1) 100%**	**(2-2) 100%**
2-point conversion-attempts	**(0-1) 0%**	**(1-1) 100%**
Attendance	**0**	**16448**
Games / Avg per game	0/0	1/16448
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
UTEP	7	3	0	6	0	16
Opponents	10	10	8	0	0	28

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Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Kam Thomas	1	16	48	12	36	2.3	0	17	36.0
Ashten Emory	1	6	31	0	31	5.2	1	11	31.0
Marquez Taylor	1	4	20	2	18	4.5	0	10	18.0
Kenny Odom	1	2	16	0	16	8.0	0	10	16.0
Malachi Nelson	1	7	15	13	2	0.3	0	5	2.0
Total	**1**	**35**	**130**	**27**	**103**	**2.9**	**1**	**17**	**103.0**
Opponents	**1**	**33**	**176**	**49**	**127**	**3.8**	**2**	**58**	**127.0**

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Malachi Nelson	1	112.5	22-34-1	64.7	178	1	34	178.0
Shay Smith	1	62.6	1-2-0	50.0	3	0	3	3.0
Team	1	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	**1**	**106.8**	**23-37-1**	**62.2**	**181**	**1**	**34**	**181.0**
Opponents	**1**	**149.5**	**19-28-0**	**67.9**	**233**	**1**	**52**	**233.0**

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Kenny Odom	1	9	97	10.8	1	34	97.0
Eric Willis III	1	5	35	7.0	0	14	35.0
Kam Thomas	1	4	26	6.5	0	13	26.0
Trevon Tate	1	1	6	6.0	0	6	6.0
Hahsaun Wilson	1	1	2	2.0	0	2	2.0
Marquez Taylor	1	1	4	4.0	0	4	4.0
Ashten Emory	1	1	9	9.0	0	9	9.0
Toric Goins Jr.	1	1	2	2.0	0	2	2.0
Total	**1**	**23**	**181**	**7.9**	**1**	**34**	**181.0**
Opponents	**1**	**19**	**233**	**12.3**	**1**	**52**	**233.0**

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Kam Thomas	5	24	4.8	0	14
Total	**5**	**24**	**4.8**	**0**	**14**
Opponents	**5**	**22**	**4.4**	**0**	**8**

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**
Opponents	**1**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Marquez Taylor	3	49	16.3	0	20
Total	**3**	**49**	**16.3**	**0**	**20**
Opponents	**2**	**35**	**17.5**	**0**	**18**

Fumbles Recovered

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**
Opponents	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**

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Scoring

			PAT						
Player	**td**	**fg**	**kick**	**rush**	**rcv**	**pass**	**dxp**	**saf**	**pts**
Kenny Odom	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Ashten Emory	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Carlos Arreola	-	1-1	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	4
Total	**2**	**1-1**	**1-1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**16**
Opponents	**3**	**2-2**	**2-2**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**28**

Field Goals

Player	**fg**	**pct.**	**01-19**	**20-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50-99**	**lg**	**blk**
Carlos Arreola	1-1	100.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	42	0
Opponents	**2-2**	**100.0**	**0-0**	**1-1**	**0-0**	**1-1**	**0-0**	**49**	**0**

FG Sequence

Team Name	**UTEP**	**Opponents**
Utah St.	(42)	(49),(28)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

Player	**g**	**plays**	**rush**	**pass**	**total**	**avg/g**
Malachi Nelson	1	41	2	178	180	180.0
Kam Thomas	1	16	36	0	36	36.0
Ashten Emory	1	6	31	0	31	31.0
Marquez Taylor	1	4	18	0	18	18.0
Kenny Odom	1	2	16	0	16	16.0
Shay Smith	1	2	0	3	3	3.0
Team	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	**1**	**72**	**103**	**181**	**284**	**284.0**
Opponents	**1**	**61**	**127**	**233**	**360**	**360.0**

Punting

Player	**no.**	**yds**	**avg**	**lg**	**tb**	**fc**	**i20**	**50+**	**blk**
Noah Botsford	8	381	47.6	64	1	1	1	2	0
Malachi Nelson	1	47	47.0	47	1	0	0	0	0
Total	**9**	**428**	**47.6**	**64**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**0**
Opponents	**7**	**332**	**47.4**	**54**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**4**	**0**

Kickoffs

Player	**no.**	**yds**	**avg**	**tb**	**ob**	**retn**	**net**	**ydln**
Noah Botsford	4	250	62.5	1	1			
Total	**4**	**250**	**62.5**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**39**	**26**
Opponents	**6**	**347**	**57.8**	**2**	**1**	**3**	**41.3**	**23**

All Purpose

Player	**g**	**rush**	**rcv**	**pr**	**kr**	**ir**	**total**	**avg/g**
Kenny Odom	1	16	97	0	0	0	113	113.0
Kam Thomas	1	36	26	24	0	0	86	86.0
Marquez Taylor	1	18	4	0	49	0	71	71.0
Ashten Emory	1	31	9	0	0	0	40	40.0
Eric Willis III	1	0	35	0	0	0	35	35.0
Trevon Tate	1	0	6	0	0	0	6	6.0
Hahsaun Wilson	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	2.0
Malachi Nelson	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	2.0
Toric Goins Jr.	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	2.0
Total	**1**	**103**	**181**	**24**	**49**	**0**	**357**	**357.0**

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Team Defense

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
2	Xavier Smith	1	4	5	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Joshua Rudolph	1	3	5	8	1-3	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Micah Davey	1	3	5	8	1-4	1-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	Udoka Ezeani	1	5	2	7	4-19	1-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Jayden Wilson	1	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
4	Neil Campbell	1	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	KD Johnson	1	2	2	4	1.5-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	Justin Content	1	1	3	4	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Solo Barnes	1	2	1	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
9	Marcell Blocker	1	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19	Ashaad Hall	1	1	2	3	2-5	2-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Lantz Russell	1	.	3	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
32	Elijah Baldwin	1	2	1	3	1.5-12	1.5-12	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
39	Josh Hancock	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	TJ Tillman	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Ashten Emory	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Ashton Coker	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Shakaun Bowser	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Tyler Jones	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Donte Thompson	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
	Totals	**1**	**37**	**34**	**71**	**12-51**	**6-34**	**0-0**	**4**	**2**	**0-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
	Opponents	1	41	38	79	7-27	2-13	1-0	2	2	0-0	0	0	0

2025 START CHART

OFFENSE

OPPONENT	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	WR	WR	WR/MB/TE	WR/TE	RB/MB	QB
at Utah State	Robinson	Williams	Escobar	Immediato	Utley	Thompson	Odom	Willis III	Ezinwa	Thomas	Nelson
UT Martin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Texas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ULM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LA Tech*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liberty*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Sam Houston*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
atKennesaw State*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jax State*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Missouri State*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NM State*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Delaware*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

DEFENSE

OPPONENT	DE/DL	NT	DT	Bandit/DE	LB (M)	LB (S)	SPUR/S	CB	S	S	CB
at Utah State	Hall	Scott	Johnson	Ezeani	Davey	Rudolph	Russell	Blocker	Barnes	Smith	Campbell
UT Martin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Texas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ULM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LA Tech*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liberty*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Sam Houston*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Kennesaw State*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jax State*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Missouri State*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NM State*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Delaware*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

2025 GAME-BY-GAME

RUSHING GAME-BY-GAME

Player	No-Yds/TD	USU
Kam Thomas	16-36/0	16-36/0
Malachi Nelson	7-2/0	7-2/0
Ashten Emory	6-31/1	6-31/1
Marquez Taylor	4-18/0	4-18/0
Kenny Odom	2-16/0	2-16/0

RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME

Player	No-Yds/TD	USU
Kenny Odom	9-97/1	9-97/1
Eric Willis III	5-35/0	5-35/0
Kam Thomas	4-26/0	4-26/0
Ashten Emory	1-9/0	1-9/0
Trevon Tate	1-6/0	1-6/0
Marquez Taylor	1-4/0	1-4/0
Hahsaun Wilson	1-2/0	1-2/0
Toric Goins Jr.	1-2/0	1-2/0

PASSING GAME-BY-GAME

#7 Malachi Nelson	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
Utah St.	22	34	1	64.7	178	1	34	2-13	112.5
Totals	**22**	**34**	**1**	**64.7**	**178**	**1**	**34**	**2-13**	**112.5**

#8 Shay Smith	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
Utah St.	1	2	0	50.0	3	0	3	0-0	62.6
Totals	**1**	**2**	**0**	**50.0**	**3**	**0**	**3**	**0-0**	**62.6**

2025 TEAM GAME-BY-GAME

		Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	off
08/30/2025	at Utah St.	35	103	1	17	23	181	1	34	23-37-1	181	1	34	3	49	0	20	5	24	0	14	284
UTEP		**35**	**103**	**1**	**17**	**23**	**181**	**1**	**34**	**23-37-1**	**181**	**1**	**34**	**3**	**49**	**0**	**20**	**5**	**24**	**0**	**14**	**284**
Opponents		**33**	**127**	**2**	**58**	**19**	**233**	**1**	**52**	**19-28-0**	**233**	**1**	**52**	**2**	**35**	**0**	**18**	**5**	**22**	**0**	**8**	**360**

UTEP Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
1	2.9	7.9	106.8	16.3	4.8	357.0	284.0

		Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT attempts			off		
Date	Opponent	ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
08/30/2025	at Utah St.	37	34	71	12.0-51	6-34	0	0-0	0-0	2	4	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	16
UTEP		**37**	**34**	**71**	**12.0-51**	**6-34**	**0**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**2**	**4**	**0**	**1-1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**16**
Opponents		**41**	**38**	**79**	**7.0-27**	**2-13**	**0**	**0-0**	**1-0**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**2-2**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**28**

		Punting									Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
08/30/2025	at Utah St.	9	428	47.6	64	0	2	1	2	1	1-1	42	0	4	250	62.5	1	1
UTEP		**9**	**428**	**47.6**	**64**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**1-1**	**42**	**0**	**4**	**250**	**62.5**	**1**	**1**
Opponents		**7**	**332**	**47.4**	**54**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**4**	**3**	**2-2**	**49**	**0**	**6**	**347**	**57.8**	**2**	**1**

2025 GAME-BY-GAME COMPARISON

Opponent	Score	First Downs Total	First Downs Rush	First Downs Pass	First Downs Pen	Rushing Number-Yards	Passing Comp-Att.-Int	Passing Yards	Total Offense Plays-Yards	Return Yards	Turn-Overs
Utah St.	16-28	19 / 18	7 / 7	9 / 10	3 / 1	35-103 / 33-127	23-37-1 / 19-28-0	181 / 233	72-284 / 61-360	73 / 57	1 / 0
Totals	**16-28**	**19 / 18**	**7 / 7**	**9 / 10**	**3 / 1**	**35-103 / 33-127**	**23-37-1 / 19-28-0**	**181 / 233**	**72-284 / 61-360**	**73 / 57**	**1 / 0**

Opponents	3rd Down Conversion	4th Down Conversion	Time of Possession	TOP Margin	Avg Yds/Rush	Avg Yds/Pass	Avg Yds/Play	Punting Number-Avg	Penalties Number-Yards	Sacks
Utah St.	4-15 / 2-12	2-2 / 0-0	29:23 / 30:37	-01:14	2.9 / 3.8	4.9 / 8.3	3.9 / 5.9	9-47.6 / 7-47.4	7-63.0 / 11-73.0	6 / 2
Totals	**4-15 / 2-12**	**2-2 / 0-0**	**29:23 / 30:37**	**-01:14**	**2.9 / 3.8**	**4.9 / 8.3**	**3.9 / 5.9**	**9-47.6 / 7-47.4**	**7-63.0 / 11-73.0**	**6 / 2**

UTEP INDIVIDUAL CAREER HIGHS

CARLOS ARREOLA (K)
Points scored 4, at USU (8/30/25)
Kick PATs 1, at USU (8/30/25)
Points by kicking 4, at USU (8/30/25)
Field goals made 1, at USU (8/30/25)
Field goals attempts 1, at USU (8/30/25)
Long field goal 42, at USU (8/30/25)

ELIJAH BALDWIN (DL)
Tackles 3, at USU (8/30/25)
Sacks 1.5, at USU (8/30/25)
Tackles for loss 1.5, at USU (8/30/25)
Pass breakups 1, at USU (8/30/25)

SOLO BARNES (S)
Tackles 3, at USU (8/30/25)
Pass breakups 1, at USU (8/30/25)

MARCELL BLOCKER (CB)
Tackles 3, at USU (8/30/25)

NOAH BOTSFORD (P)
Punts 8, at USU (8/30/25)
Punt yards 381, at USU (8/30/25)
Punt average 47.6, at USU (8/30/25)
Long punt 64, at USU (8/30/25)

SHAKAUN BOWSER (DL)
Tackles 1, at USU (8/30/25)

DYLAN BROWN-TURNER (LB)
Tackles 2, at WKU (10/10/24)

NEIL CAMPBELL (CB)
Tackles 4, at USU (8/30/25)

ASHTON COKER (DT)
Tackles 4, at NM State (11/30/24)
Tackles for loss 1.0, vs. KSU (11/9/24)

JUSTIN CONTENT (CB)
Tackles 4, at USU (8/30/245
Pass Breakups 1, vs. SH (10/3/24)

MICAH DAVEY (LB)
Tackles 8, at USU (8/30/25)
Tackles for loss 1.0, at USU (8/30/25)
Sacks 1.0, at USU (8/30/25)

WONDAME DAVIS JR. (WR)
Receptions 1, at UT (11/23/24)
Receiving Yards 7, at UT (11/23/24)
Long Reception 7, at UT (11/23/24)

ASHTEN EMORY (RB)
Rush attempts 6, 2x, last at USU (8/30/25)
Rushing yards 31, at USU (8/30/25)
Long rush 11, at USU (8/30/25)
Receptions 2, vs. KSU (11/9/24)
Receiving Yards 12,vs. KSU (11/9/24)
Long reception 9, at USU (8/30/25)
Total offense attempts 8, vs. KSU (11/9/24)
Total offense yards 31, at USU (8/30/25)
All-purpose yards 40, at USU (8/30/25)

UDOKA EZEANI (BANDIT)
Tackles 7, at USU (8/30/25)
Tackles for loss 4.0, at USU (8/30/25)
Sacks 1.0, at USU (8/30/25)

TORIC GOINS JR. (WR)
Receptions 1, at USU (8/30/25)
Receiving Yards 2, at USU (8/30/25)
Long reception 2, at USU (8/30/25)
All-purpose yards 2, at USU (8/30/25)

JAIME GUERRERO (S)
Tackles 1, 2x, last vs. SUU (9/7/24)

ASHAAD HALL (DL)
Tackles 3, at USU (8/30/25)
Tackles for loss 2.0, at USU (8/30/25)
Sacks 2.0, at USU (8/30/25)

JOSH HANCOCK (LB)
Tackles 2, at USU (8/30/25)

CADEN HARRIS (WR)
Kickoff Returns 1, 2x, last at MT (11/18/23)
Kickoff Yards 28, at NU (9/9/23)
Long KOR 28, at NU (9/9/23)

KD JOHNSON (DT)
Tackles 8, vs. Liberty (11/25/23)
QB Hurries 1, 2x, last vs. SH (10/3/24)
Tackles for loss 2.0, vs. SUU (9/7/24)
Sacks 2.0, vs. SUU (9/7/24)

TYLER JONES (S)
Tackles 1, at USU (8/30/25)

SKYLER LOCKLEAR (QB)
Points Scored 12, vs. SUU (9/7/24)
Pass attempts 43, at LU (9/14/24)
Pass completions 28, vs. KSU (11/9/24)
Pass yards 327, vs. KSU (11/9/24)
Pass TDs 4, vs. KSU (11/9/24)
Long pass 69, at NM State (11/30/24)
Rush attempts 15, vs. SUU (9/7/24)
Rush yards 47, vs. SUU (9/7/24)
Long rush 11, at NEB (8/31/24)
Rushing TDs 1, vs. SUU (9/7/24)
Receptions 1, 3x, last at UT (11/23/24)
Receiving Yards 27, at UT (11/23/24)
Long reception 27, at UT (11/23/24)
Receiving TDs 1, vs. SUU (9/7/24)
Total offense att. 45, vs. SUU (9/7/24)
Total offense yards 357, vs. KSU (11/9/24)
All-purpose yards 51, vs. SUU (9/7/24)

CADE MCCONNELL (QB)
Pass attempts 41, at MT (11/18/23)
Pass completions 24, at MT (11/18/23)
Pass yards 364, at MT (11/18/23)
Pass TDs 2, 3x, last at CSU (9/21/24)
Long pass 80, 2x, last at MT (11/18/23)
Rush attempts 6, 2x, last at MT (11/18/23)
Rush yards 15, at SH (10/25/23)
Long rush 13, at SH (10/25/23)
Total offense att. 47, at MT (11/18/23)
Total offense yards 354, at MT (11/18/23)
All-purpose yards 13, at SH (10/25/23)

MALACHI NELSON (QB)
Pass attempts 34, at USU (8/30/25)
Pass completions 22, at USU (8/30/25)
Pass yards 178, at USU (8/30/25)
Pass TDs 1, at USU (8/30/25)
Long pass 34, at USU (8/30/25)
Rush attempts 7, at USU (8/30/25)
Rush yards 2, at USU (8/30/25)
Long rush 5, at USU (8/30/25)
Total offense att. 41, at USU (8/30/25)
Total offense yards 180, at USU (8/30/25)
All-purpose yards 2, at USU (8/30/25)
Punts 1, at USU (8/30/25)
Punt yards 47, at USU (8/30/25)
Punt average 47.0, at USU (8/30/25)
Long punt 47, at USU (8/30/25)

ASHTON NICKELBERRY (WR)
Receptions 2, vs. MTSU (112/24)
Receiving Yards 29, at CSU (9/21/24)
Long reception 29, at CSU (9/21/24)
Kickoff Returns 2, vs. MTSU (11/2/24)
Kickoff Yards 24, vs. MTSU (11/2/24)
Long KOR 21, vs. KSU (11/9/24)
All-purpose yards 39, vs. MTSU (11/2/24)

KENNY ODOM (WR)
Points Scored 18, vs. KSU (11/9/24)
Receptions 9, at USU (8/30/25)
Receiving Yards 128, at CSU (9/21/24)
Long reception 76, at WKU (10/10/24)
Receiving TDs 3, vs. KSU (11/9/24)
Rush attempts 2, at USU (8/30/25)
Rush yards 16, at USU (8/30/25)
Long rush 10, at USU (8/30/25)
Kickoff Returns 3, vs. SH (10/3/24)
Kickoff Yards 48, vs. SH (10/3/24)
Long KOR 23, at CSU (9/21/24)
All-purpose yards 151, at CSU (9/21/24)
Tackles 2, vs. MTSU (11/2/24)

JOSHUA RUDOLPH (LB)
Tackles 8, at USU (8/30/25)
Tackles for loss 1.0, at USU (8/30/25)
Sacks 0.5, at USU (8/30/25)

LANTZ RUSSELL (S)
Tackles 12, vs. SH (10/3/24)
Sacks 1.0, 2x, last vs. FIU (10/16/24)
Tackles for loss 2.0, at WKU (10/10/24)
Pass Breakups 1, 3x, last at USU (8/30/25)
Interceptions 1, 2x, last vs. FIU (10/16/24)

STRATTON SHUFELT (LB)
Tackles 7, at WKU (10/10/24)
Pass Breakups 1, at WKU (10/10/24)
QB Hurries 1, at WKU (10/10/24)

SHAY SMITH (QB)
Points Scored 6, vs. KSU (11/9/24)
Pass attempts 2, at NEB (8/31/24)
Pass completions 2, at NEB (8/31/24)
Pass yards 14, at NEB (8/31/24)
Long pass 11, at NEB (8/31/24)
Rush attempts 2, at NEB (8/31/24)
Rush yards 1, at LU (9/14/24)
Long rush 1, at LU (9/14/24)
Rush TDs 1, vs. KSU (11/9/24)
Total offense att. 4, at NEB (8/31/24)
Total offense yards 8, at NEB (8/31/24)
All-purpose yards 1, at LU (9/14/24)

XAVIER SMITH (S)
Tackles 10, at LU (9/14/24)
Fumbles recovered 1, at LU (9/14/24)
Pass Breakups 2, vs. KSU (11/9/24)

TREVON TATE (WR)
Receptions 1, at USU (8/30/25)
Receiving Yards 6, at USU (8/30/25)
Long reception 6, at USU (8/30/25)
All-purpose yards 6, at USU (8/30/25)

UTEP INDIVIDUAL CAREER HIGHS

MARQUEZ TAYLOR (RB)

Rush attempts	4, at USU (8/30/25)
Rushing yards	18, at USU (8/30/25)
Long rush	10, at USU (8/30/25)
Receptions	1, at USU (8/30/25)
Receiving Yards	4,at USU (8/30/25)
Long reception	4, at USU (8/30/25)
Kickoff Returns	3, at USU (8/30/25)
Kickoff Return Yards	49, at USU (8/30/25)
Long KR	20, at USU (8/30/25)
Total offense attempts	5, at USU (8/30/25)
Total offense yards	18, at USU (8/30/25)
All-purpose yards	71, at USU (8/30/25)

EKOW TAYLOR (BANDIT)

Tackles	2, vs. SUU (9/7/24)
Tackles for loss	0.5, vs. SUU (9/7/24)
Sacks	0.5, vs. SUU (9/7/24)

KAM THOMAS (MB)

Points Scored	6, 2x, last at NMSU (11/30/24)
Rush attempts	16, at USU (8/30/25)
Rushing yards	36, at USU (8/30/25)
Long rush	17, at USU (8/30/25)
Receptions	8, at LU (9/14/24)
Receiving Yards	99, vs. SUU (9/7/24)
Long reception	69, at NM State (11/30/24)
Receiving TDs	1, at NEB (8/31/24)
Punt Returns	5, at USU (8/30/25)
Punt Return Yards	29, at NEB (8/31/24)
Long PR	92, at NMSU (11/30/24)
PR TD	1, at NMSU (11/30/24)
Kickoff Returns	3, at LU (9/14/24)
Kickoff Return Yards	43, at LU (9/14/24)
Long KOR	23, vs. SUU (9/7/24)
Total offense attempts	11, at LU (9/14/24)
Total offense yards	26, vs. SH (8/31/24)
All-purpose yards	199, at NMSU (11/30/24)

DONTE THOMPSON (SPUR)

Pass breakup	1, at USU (8/30/25)
QB hurry	1, at USU (8/30/25)

ERIC WILLIS III (WR)

Receptions	5, at USU (8/30/25)
Receiving Yards	35, at USU (8/30/25)
Long reception	14, at USU (8/30/25)
All-purpose yards	35, at USU (8/30/25)

HAHSAUN WILSON (RB)

Receptions	1, at USU (8/30/25)
Receiving Yards	2, at USU (8/30/25)
Long reception	2, at USU (8/30/25)
All-purpose yards	2, at USU (8/30/25)

JAYDEN WILSON (LB)

Tackles	5, at USU (8/30/25)
QB hurry	1, at USU (8/30/25)

UTEP FOOTBALL 2025 RECAPS

Game #1

UTEP	(0-1, 0-0)	16
Utah State	(1-0, 0-0)	28

Logan, Utah • Merlin Olsen Field (16,448)
Aug. 30, 2025

UTEP took a lead late in the first quarter after Malachi Nelson's 34-yard touchdown pass to Kenny Odom, but Utah State would go on to outscore the Miners 25-9 on its way to a 28-16 final on Aug. 30 in Merlin Olsen Field at Maverik Stadium.

UTEP (0-1) struggled on offense, gaining 284 yards of total offense on 72 plays, while Utah State (1-0) tallied 360 yards on 61 plays. The Miners tallied 19 first downs to the Aggies' 18.

Nelson, who made his first collegiate start, finished the game 22-of-34 passing for 178 yards, a touchdown and an interception. Odom recorded a career-high nine receptions for 97 yards and a touchdown. Overall, Odom had 113 all-purpose yards after gaining 16 on two carries. Eric Willis III, who made his Miner debut, hauled in five receptions for 35 yards.

Defensively, multiple student-athletes make their UTEP debut. Joshua Rudolph tallied eight tackles, tied for second most on the night, and had a half sack. Ashaad Hall posted 2.0 sacks, while Udoka Ezeani tallied a sack and seven tackles. Micah Davey finished with eight tackles and a sack.

The defense racked up six sacks, while returnee Xavier Smith led the defense with nine tackles. Redshirt freshman Elijah Baldwin tallied his first career sack with 1.5.

Utah State opened the contest with an early 3-0 lead following a Tanner Rinker 49-yard field goal at the 9:48 mark. The Aggies drove 49 yards on 10 plays (5:09).

The Miners answered on their second possession when Nelson threw his first collegiate touchdown pass. He found Odom on a 34-yard toss that gave UTEP the lead. Carlos Arreola, in his UTEP debut, hit the PAT for a 7-3 advantage at the 4:30 mark of the first quarter. Nelson led the "Blue Blaze" on a 61-yard drive on four plays that took only 1:08 off the clock.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

TEAM	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	TOTAL
UTEP	7	3	0	6	16
UTAH STATE	10	10	8	0	28

QTR	TIME	SCORING PLAY
1st	09:48	USU - Rinker 49-yard FG, 10-49, 05:09
	04:30	UTEP - Odom 38-yard pass from Nelson (Arreola kick), 4-61, 01:08
	00:18	USU - Davis 58-yard rush (Rinker kick), 1-58, 00:12
2nd	08:36	USU - Rinker 28-yard FG, 12-62, 04:52
	01:56	USU - Lane 52-yard pass from Barnes (Rinker kick), 5-80, 01:43
	00:02	UTEP - Arreola 42-yard FG, 11-56, 01:49
3rd	08:35	USU - Barnes 12-yard rush (Garcia rush), 6-93, 02:37
4th	13:48	UTEP - Emory 2-yard rush (Odom pass from Nelson failed, 7-69, 02:29

TEAM STATISTICS

	UTEP	USU
First Downs	19	18
Rushing Attempts-Yards	35-103	33-127
Passing Yards	181	233
Passes	23-37-1	19-28-0
Total Offense	284	360
Punt Returns-Yards	5-24	5-22
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-49	2-35
Punts-Average	9-47.6	7-47.4
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-63	11-73
Time of Possession	29:23	30:37

UTEP Leaders

Passing	C-A-I	YDS	TD	LG
Nelson	22-34-1	178	1	34

Rushing	ATT.	YDS	TD	LG
Thomas	16	36	0	17
Emory	6	31	1	11

Receiving	Rec.	YDS	TD	LG
Odom	9	97	1	34
Willis III	5	35	0	14

Tackles	U-A-T	Sack-YD	TFL-YD	INT
Smith	4-5-9	0.0-0	0.0-1	0
Rudolph	3-5-8	0.5-2	1.0-3	0

Utah State Leaders

Passing	C-A-I	YDS	TD	LG
Barnes	19-28-0	233	1	52

Rushing	ATT.	YDS	TD	LG
Davis	12	88	1	58
Barnes	15	29	1	18

Receiving	Rec.	YDS	TD	LG
Davis	6	61	0	30
Pegan	5	38	0	14

Tackles	U-A-T	Sack-YD	TFL-YD	QBH
Avinger	8-3-11	0.0-0	0.0-0	0
Miller	3-7-10	1.0-7	1.5-8	1

THE LAST TIME...

TEAM OFFENSE

RUSHING OFFENSE

Rushed for 200 yards
211, vs. FIU (10/16/24)

Rushed for 200 yards on the road
222, at Sam Houston (10/25/23)

Rushed for 300 yards
329, vs. UIW (9/2/23)

Rushed for 300 yards on the road
330, at New Mexico (8/30/14)

Rushed for 400 yards
404, vs. Wyoming (11/20/82)

Rushed 40 Times
45, vs. Kennesaw State (11/9/24)

Rushed 50 Times
50, vs. UIW (9/2/23)

Rushed 60 Times
61, at Rice (11/3/22)

Rushing 70 Times
71, vs. UNLV (9/11/93)

Rushed For 3 Touchdowns
Vs. No. 22 Liberty (11/25/23)

Rushed For 3 Touchdowns on the road
At Sam Houston (10/25/23)

Rushed For 4 Touchdowns
Vs. North Texas (12/11/20)

Rushed For 4 Touchdowns on the road
At ULM (9/26/20)

Rushed For 5 Touchdowns
At Rice (11/3/18)

Rushed For 5 Touchdowns at home
Vs. North Texas (11/15/14)

PASSING OFFENSE

Passed for 300 yards
333, vs. Kennesaw State (11/9/24)

Passed for 300 yards on the road
364, at Middle Tennessee (11/18/23)

Passed for at least 400 yards
517, vs. Marshall (11/28/09)

Passed for at least 400 yards on the road
455, at UAB (11/10/06)

Passed for 600 yards
634, vs. North Texas (9/18/65)

Passed For 4 Touchdowns
vs. Kennesaw State (11/9/24)

Passed For 4 Touchdowns on the road
At UTSA (10/22/16)

Passed For 5 Touchdowns
At Colorado State (9/28/13)

Passed For 5 Touchdowns at home
Vs. NM State (9/18/10)

Passed For at least 6 Touchdowns
7, Vs. Northern Michigan (8/30/86)

Had 3 Passes Intercepted
Vs. UNLV (9/23/23)

Had 4 Passes Intercepted
At New Mexico (9/17/22)

Had 5 Passes Intercepted
At WKU (11/17/18)

Had 6 Passes Intercepted
Vs. BYU (12/1/73)

Had 7 Passes Intercepted
At Utah (9/19/70)

Passed 40 Times
44, at Colorado State (9/21/24)

Passed 50 Times
51, at LA Tech (10/8/22)

Passed 60 Times
60, vs. Arizona State (11/15/69)

Completed 30 Passes
31, at No. 9 Oklahoma (9/3/22)

Completed 40 Passes
40, vs. East Carolina (10/13/07)

Had 20 First Downs
22, vs. Kennesaw State (11/9/24)

Had 25 First Downs
25, vs. UIW (9/2/23)

Had 30 First Downs
30, vs. Houston (9/29/11)

Had 35 First Downs
36, vs. Houston (10/31/09)

Zero Turnovers Committed
At LA Tech (10/22/24)

SCORING

Both teams scoreless after first quarter
UTEP at No. 10 Tennessee (11/23/24)

Both teams scoreless in first half
UTEP vs. Northwestern State (9/21/91)

Both teams scoreless in second half
UTEP vs. SMU (10/6/12)

Both teams scoreless at end of regulation
UTEP at North Texas (9/19/64)

Trailed after first half and won
UTEP 42, at NM State 35 (11/30/24-trailed 24-14)

THE LAST TIME...

Trailed after first half and won at home
UTEP 24, vs. FAU 35 (10/22/22-trailed 7-6)

Trailed after three quarters and won
UTEP 30, vs. FIU 21 (10/16/24-trailed 21-20)

Trailed after three quarters and won on road
UTEP 37, at Sam Houston 34 (10/25/23-trailed 27-20)

Scored 40 points
42, at NM State (11/30/24)

Scored 40 points at home
43, vs. Kennesaw State (11/9/24)

Scored 40 points in nonconference game
42, vs. Houston Baptist (11/5/16)

Scored at least 40 points in nonconference game on the road
50, at NM State (9/19/15)

Scored 50 points
52, vs. North Texas (11/26/16)

Scored 50 points on the road
52, at UTSA (10/22/16)

Scored 50 points in a nonconference game at home
52, vs. Texas Southern (9/22/07)

Scored 60 points
64, vs. Northern Michigan (8/30/86)

Scored 70 points
75, at New Mexico (10/27/67)

Scored 80 or more Points
92, vs. NM State (11/25/48)

Allowed at least 40 points
56, at. No. 10 Tennessee (11/23/24)

Allowed 40 points at home
41, vs. Sam Houston (10/3/24)

Allowed 40 points in nonconference game at home
45, vs. UNLV (9/23/23)

Allowed at least 50 points at home
63, vs. Arizona (9/15/17)

Allowed 50 points at home in conference game
57, vs. Tulsa (11/19/11)

Allowed 50 points on the road in conference game
52, at UTSA (11/14/20)

Allowed 70 points
77, at Tulsa (10/18/08)

Allowed 80 points
83, at No. 17 BYU (11/1/80)

Scored 14 Points in a quarter
UTEP at NM State (11/30/24, 3rd/4th)

Scored 14 Points in a quarter at home
UTEP vs. FIU (10/16/24, 2nd)

Scored 21 Points in a quarter
UTEP vs. No 22 Liberty (11/24/23, 4th)

Scored 21 Points in a quarter on road
UTEP at FIU (10/11/23, 1st)

Scored 24 Points in a quarter
UTEP vs. FIU (11/19/22, 2nd)

Scored 28 Points in a quarter on road
UTEP at NM State (9/19/15, 4th)

Scored 28 Points in a quarter at home
UTEP vs. SMU (11/20/04, 3rd)

Won By 1 point
UTEP 34, at Southern Miss 33 (11/17/12)

Won By 1 point at home
UTEP 48, vs. Tulsa 47 (10/6/07)

Won By 2 points
UTEP 36, vs. Houston Baptist (8/31/19)

Won By 2 points on the road
UTEP 21, at SMU (10/4/03)

Won By 3 points
UTEP 37, at Sam Houston 34 (10/25/23)

Won By 3 points at home
UTEP 24, vs. Florida Atlantic 21 (10/22/22)

Won By 10 Points
UTEP 27, at FIU 14 (10/11/23)

Won By 10 Points at home
UTEP 28, vs. Incarnate Word 14 (9/2/23)

Won By at least 20 points
UTEP 40, vs. FIU 6 (11/19/22)

Won By 20 points on the road
UTEP 30, at NM State 3 (8/28/21)

Won By 30 points on the road
UTEP 34, at UTSA 0 (10/25/14)

Won By 40 points
UTEP 58, vs. UCF 13 (9/27/08)

Won By at least 40 points on the road
UTEP 75 at New Mexico 12 (10/27/67)

Won By 50 points
UTEP 58, vs. San Diego State 7 (11/12/88)

Won By 60 points
UTEP 75 at New Mexico 12 (10/27/67)

Won By 80 points
UTEP 92, vs. NM State (11/25/48)

TOTAL OFFENSE

Gained 400 Yards
453, vs. Kennesaw State (11/9/24)

Gained 400 Yards on the road
453, at Middle Tennessee (11/18/23)

Gained 500 Yards
525, vs. FIU (11/19/22)

THE LAST TIME...

Gained 500 Yards on the road
501, at LA Tech (10/8/22)

Gained 600 Yards
627, at SMU (11/14/09)

Gained 600 Yards at home
607, vs. UAB (10/31/09)

Gained 700 Yards
718, vs. NM State (11/25/49)

OFFENSIVE PLAYS

70 Plays
74, At No. 10 Tennessee (11/23/24)

80 Plays
89, at LA Tech (10/8/22)

90 Plays
90, at Colorado State (9/28/13)

95 Plays
95, vs. UAB (11/19/05)

100 Plays
102, vs. Northern Michigan (8/30/86)

TEAM DEFENSE

RUSHING DEFENSE

Less Than 100 Yards
7, at LA Tech (10/22/24)

Less Than 100 Yards at home
94, vs. Middle Tennessee (11/2/24)

Less Than 50 Yards
7, at LA Tech (10/22/24)

Less Than 50 Yards at home
37, vs. NM State (9/20/08)

Negative Rushing Yards
-17, at NM State (9/3/05)

Negative Rushing Yards at home
-106, vs. San Jose State (10/22/66)

PASSING DEFENSE

Less Than 100 Yards
28, Vs. No. 22 Liberty (11/25/23)

Less Than 100 Yards on the road
67, at Jax State (8/26/23)

Less Than 50 Yards
28, Vs. No. 22 Liberty (11/25/23)

Less Than 50 Yards on the road
32, at UTSA (10/25/14)

Less Than 25 Yards
13, Vs. Rice (10/26/96)

Less Than 25 Yards on the road
17, at Air Force (10/24/87)

Less Than 10 Yards
0, Vs. Air Force (11/24/84)

TOTAL DEFENSE

Less Than 300 Yards
255, at LA Tech (10/22/24)

Less Than 300 Yards at home
287, vs. FIU (10/16/24)

Less Than 100 Yards
71, Vs. FIU (11/19/22)

Less Than 100 Yards on the road
70, at UTSA (10/25/14)

Less Than 50 Yards
-10, San Jose State (10/22/66)

Shutout An Opponent
UTEP 34 at UTSA 0 (10/25/14)

Shutout An Opponent at home
UTEP 45, Texas Southern 0 (11/12/05)

Shutout Opponent In First Half
Vs. WKU (11/4/23)

Shutout Opponent In Second Half
Vs. UIW (9/2/23)

Less Than Six Points
3, vs. LA Tech (10/16/21)

Less Than Six Points on the road
3, at NM State (8/28/21)

SACKS

5 or more Sacks
6, At Utah State (8/30/25)

5 Or More Sacks at home
5, vs. UTSA (10/3/15)

INTERCEPTIONS

3 or more Interceptions on the road
3, at East Carolina (9/29/12)

3 or more Interceptions
4, Vs. FIU (10/16/24)

4 Interceptions on the road
at Tulane (10/15/11)

5 Interceptions
Vs. Houston (9/16/05)

5 Interceptions on the road
At Arizona State (10/7/67)

6 Interceptions
Vs. San Diego State (10/28/89)

7 Interceptions
Vs. Pacific (9/18/71)

THE LAST TIME...

FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED

10 First Downs Or Less
5, Vs. FIU (11/19/22)

10 First Downs Or Less on the road
6, at ULM (9/26/20)

5 First Downs Or Less
5, vs. FIU (11/19/22)

5 First Downs Or Less on the road
2, at UTSA (10/25/14)

TURNOVERS

4 Turnovers Forced
Vs. FIU (10/16/24)

4 Turnovers Forced on the road
At NM State (9/14/13)

5 Turnovers Forced
Vs. Southern Miss (11/1/14)

5 or more Turnovers Forced on the road
7, At Rice (11/3/07)

6 Turnovers Forced
Vs. SMU (11/15/08)

8 or more Turnovers Forced
9, vs. Pacific (9/18/71)

8 or more Turnovers Forced on the road
8, at New Mexico (10/27/67)

Fumble Return For Touchdown
at NM State (11/30/24-Bryton Thompson, twice, 33 yards, 5 yards)

Fumble Recovery For Touchdown At Home
Sam Houston (10/3/24-Korey Chapman)

Interception Return For Touchdown
at Army (9/30/17-Kahani Smith, 52 yards)

Interception Return For Touchdown at home
Vs. UIW (9/26/15-Kaylon Beverly, 24 yards)

SPECIAL TEAMS

KICKOFF RETURNS

Kickoff Return for Touchdown
At WKU (10/10/24-Corey Wren, 100 yards)

Kickoff Return for Touchdown at home
Vs. Southern Miss (11/1/14-Autrey Golden, 98 yards)

PUNT RETURNS

Punt Return for Touchdown
At NM State (11/30/23-Kam Thomas, 93 yards)

Punt Return for Touchdown at home
Vs. Boise State (9/23/22-Marcus Bellon, 47 yards)

PUNTING

Blocked Punt
Vs. North Texas (11/26/16-DaShon Smith-block, Brandon Moss-recovery in endzone)

Blocked Punt on the road
At No. 25 Kansas State (9/27/14-Katrae Ford block, KSU recovered)

Blocked Punt For Touchdown
Vs. North Texas (11/26/16-DaShon Smith-block, Brandon Moss-recovery in endzone)

Blocked Punt For Touchdown on the road
At Tulane (10/15/11-Trayvaugh Nixon-block, Adrian James recovery in endzone)

Punt Blocked
Vs. Kennesaw State (11/19/24)

Had a punt blocked on the road
At LA Tech (10/22/24)

Had a punt blocked for a touchdown
Vs. Old Dominion (10/2/21)

Had a punt blocked on the road for a touchdown
At North Texas (11/9/13)

Did Not Punt In A Game
Vs. UAB (11/19/05)

FIELD GOALS

Blocked A Field Goal
NM State (10/18/23-Praise Amaewhule)

Blocked A Field Goal on the road
At Arizona (9/16/23- Praise Amaewhule)

Blocked Field Goal Return For Touchdown
At Rice (11/19/16-Denzel Chukwukelu block, Kaylon Beverly-80 yard return)

Blocked Field Goal Return For Touchdown at home
Vs. San Jose State (11/8/03-Aaron Osborne block, Troy Collavo 76-yard return)

Had a Field Goal Blocked
Vs. North Texas (10/16/18-Jason Filley, 53-yard attempt)

Had a Field Goal Blocked on the road
At LA Tech (10/4/14-Jay Mattox-28-yard attempt)

Had A Blocked Field Goal Returned for a Touchdown
Vs. Southern Miss (11/1/14)

Had A Blocked Field Goal Returned for a Touchdown on the road
At LA Tech (10/4/14)

POINT AFTER TOUCHDOWNS

Blocked a PAT
At LA Tech (10/8/22-Kobe Hylton)

Blocked a PAT at home
Vs. NM State (9/10/22-Keenan Stewart)

Had a PAT Blocked
Vs. ODU (10/29/16-Jay Mattox was blocked)

Had a PAT Blocked on the road
At Wisconsin (9/22/12-Steven Valadez was blocked)

Defensive PAT Return For Score
At Houston (11/22/08-Josh Ferguson, INT, Case Keenum)

THE LAST TIME...

Defensive PAT Return For Score at Home
Has not happened since at least 1981

Had a PAT Returned for a Score Against
At Wisconsin (9/22/12-Steven Valadez was blocked)

Had a PAT Returned for a Score Against at home
Vs. ECU (10/13/17-Jose Martinez was blocked)

2 Blocked Kicks In Game
At LA Tech (10/8/22)
(Kobe Hylton-PAT, Dennis Barnes-FG)

MISCELLANEOUS

Defeated a ranked opponent
UTEP 58, No. 12 Houston 41 (10/3/09)

Defeated a ranked opponent on the road
UTEP 31, at No. 14 Arizona State 27, (11/2/74)

Defeated by a ranked opponent
At No. 10 Tennessee 56, UTEP 0 (11/23/24)

Defeated by a ranked opponent at home
No. 22 Liberty 42, UTEP 28 (11/25/23)

Was Shutout
At No. 10 Tennessee 56, UTEP 0 (11/23/24)

Was Shutout at home
UAB 19, UTEP 0 (10/27/18)

Scored a 2-point conversion
vs. Kennesaw State, 2nd OT, Jevon Jackson (11/9/24)

Scored a 2-point conversion on the road
At UAB, Rey Flores (11/27/21)

Allowed a 2-point conversion
At NM State (11/30/24)

Allowed a 2-point conversion at home
Vs. Kennesaw State (11/24/24)

Won an overtime game
UTEP 43, vs. Kennesaw State 35, 2OT (11/9/24)

Won an overtime game on the road
UTEP 52, at UTSA 49, 5OT (10/22/16)

Lost an overtime game
Southern Utah 27, UTEP 24, OT (9/7/24)

Lost an overtime game on the road
At Tulane 45, UTEP 38, OT (11/7/09)

FUMBLES

3 Fumbles Recovered
Vs. No. 22 Liberty (11/25/23)

3 Fumbles Recovered on the road
at Ole Miss (9/8/12)

4 Fumbles Recovered
Vs. UCF (9/27/08)

4 Fumbles Recovered on the road
At Rice (11/3/07)

5 Fumbles Recovered
Vs. TCU (11/15/97)

At least 5 Fumbles Recovered on the road
6, at Oklahoma State (9/24/77)

6 Fumbles Recovered
Vs. Hawaii (10/1/94)

3 Fumbles Lost
At Middle Tennessee (11/18/23)

3 Fumbles Lost at home
LA Tech (10/16/21)

At least 4 Fumbles Lost
5, at North Texas (11/28/15)

4 Fumbles Lost at home
Vs. San Jose State (10/20/01)

5 Fumbles Lost at home
Vs. BYU (11/22/75)

At least 6 Fumbles Lost
7, at Utah (10/2/76)

PENALTIES

Committed 0 penalties
At San Diego State (8/31/06)

Committed 1 penalty or less
1, Vs. Middle Tennessee (11/10/18)

Committed 2 penalties or less
2, at LA Tech (10/22/24)

Had 10 penalty yards or less
8, at LA Tech (10/22/24)

Had 5 penalty yards or less
5, vs. Houston Baptist (11/5/16)

Had 0 penalty yards
Vs. Middle Tennessee (11/10/18)

Had 10 penalty yards or less
8, at LA Tech (10/22/24)

Had 100 penalty yards or more
120, vs. Sam Houston (10/3/24)

Had 125 penalty yards or more
145, at NM State (8/28/21)

Had 150 penalty yards or more
155, at Rice (10/29/05)

Had 200 penalty yards or more
217, vs. No. 13 BYU (9/12/81)

Committed 10 or more penalties
12, vs. Sam Houston (10/3/24)

Committed 15 or more penalties
15, At Rice (10/29/05)

Committed 20 or more penalties
22, vs. No. 13 BYU (9/12/81)

THE LAST TIME...

INDIVIDUAL OFFENSE

RUSHING

Rushed for 100 yards
112, Jevon Jackson at LA Tech (10/22/24)

Rushed for 100 yards at home
148, Jevon Jackson vs. FIU (10/16/24)

Rushed for 150 yards
174, Deion Hankins vs. UIW (9/2/23)

Rushed for 150 yards on the road
159, Ronald Awatt at Southern Miss (10/9/21)

Rushed for at least 200 yards
301, Aaron Jones vs. North Texas (11/26/16)

Rushed for 200 yards on the road
229, Aaron Jones at FAU (11/12/16)

Rushed for 300 yards
301, Aaron Jones vs. North Texas (11/26/16)

Rushed for 100 yards in a quarter
104 (4Q), Jevon Jackson vs. FIU (10/16/24)

Rushed 25 Times
26, Jevon Jackson vs. Kennesaw State (11/9/24)

Rushed 30 Times
31, Aaron Jones vs. NM State (9/3/16)

Rushed 35 Times
35, Marcus Thomas, at SMU (9/29/07)

Rushed For 2 Touchdowns
Jevon Jackson at NM State (11/30/24)

Rushed For 2 Touchdowns at home
Gavin Hardison vs. UNLV (9/23/23)

Rushed For 3 Touchdowns
Deion Hankins at ULM (9/26/20)

Rushed For 3 or more Touchdowns at home
4, Aaron Jones vs. North Texas (11/26/16)

Rushed For 4 Touchdowns
Aaron Jones vs. North Texas (11/26/16)

Rushed For 5 or more Touchdowns
6, Fred Wendt vs. NM State (11/25/48)

Had a rush of 90 yards or longer
91, Aaron Jones at Texas Tech (9/12/15)

Had a rush of 75 yards or longer
83, Aaron Jones vs. North Texas (11/26/16)

Had a rush of 50 yards or longer
54, Deion Hankins vs. NM State (10/18/23)

RECEIVING

Had 10 or more catches
12, Trey Goodman vs. Kennesaw State (11/9/24)

Had 10 or more catches on the road
11, Justin Garrett at North Texas (11/2/19)

Had 15 or more catches
17, Chuck Hughes vs. Arizona State (10/30/65)

Had 150 or more receiving yards
223, Kelly Akharaiyi at FIU (10/11/23)

Had 150 or more receiving yards at home
170, Jacob Cowing vs. Rice (11/20/21)

Had 200 or more receiving yards at home
223, Johnnie Lee Higgins, vs. NM State (9/9/06)

Had 250 or more receiving yards
254, Chuck Hughes, vs. Arizona State (10/30/65)

Had 300 or more receiving yards
349, Chuck Hughes, vs. North Texas (9/18/65)

Caught 2 or more touchdowns
3, Kenny Odom vs. Kennesaw State (11/9/24)

Caught 2 touchdowns on the road
Kenny Odom at Colorado State (9/21/24)

Caught 3 touchdowns on the road
Kris Adams at Houston (11/22/08)

Caught 4 touchdowns
Volley Murphy vs. BYU (10/21/67)

Had a reception of 90 yards or longer
Jordan Palmer to Johnnie Lee Higgins Jr., 91 yards, at Fresno State (10/2/04)

Had a reception of 90 yards or longer at home
Jesse Whittenton to Dick Forrest, 90 yards, vs. Arizona State (11/12/55)

Had a reception of 75 yards or longer
Cade McConnell to Kenny Odom, 76 yards, at WKU (10/10/24)

Had a reception of 75 yards or longer at home
Brandon Jones to Tre'Shon Wolf, 80 yards, vs. Houston Baptist (8/31/19)

Had a reception of 50 yards or longer
Skyler Locklear to Kam Thomas, 69 yards, at NM State (11/30/24)

Had a reception of 50 yards or longer
Skyler Locklear to Kenny Odom, 62 yards, vs. FIU (10/16/24)

PASSING

Passed for 300 yards
327, Skyler Locklear vs. Kennesaw State (11/9/24)

Passed for 300 yards on the road
364, Cade McConnell at Middle Tennessee (11/18/23)

Passed for at least 400 yards
517, Trevor Vittatoe vs. Marshall (11/28/09)

Passed for at least 400 yards on the road
455, Jordan Palmer at UAB (11/10/06)

Passed for at least 3 Touchdowns
4, Skyler Locklear, vs. Kennesaw State (11/9/24)

Passed for 3 Touchdowns on the road
Gavin Hardison, at Charlotte (10/1/22)

Passed for 4 Touchdowns on the road
Jameill Showers, at Kansas State (9/27/14)

THE LAST TIME...

Passed For 5 Touchdowns
Jameill Showers, at Colorado State (9/28/13)

Passed For 5 Touchdowns at home
Trevor Vittatoe, vs. NM State (9/18/10)

Passed for 6 Touchdowns on the road
Brooks Dawson at New Mexico (10/27/67)

Passed For at least 6 Touchdowns
7, Sammy Garza vs. Northern Michigan (8/30/86)

Passed 40 Times
43, Skyler Locklear at Colorado State (9/21/24)

Passed 50 Times
51, Gavin Hardison, at LA Tech (10/8/22)

Completed 25 Passes
28, Skyler Locklear, vs. Kennesaw State (11/9/24)

Completed 25 Passes on the road
26, Skyler Locklear, at Liberty (9/14/24)

Completed 30 Passes on the road
30, Trevor Vittatoe, at Houston (9/10/10)

Completed at least 30 Passes at home
38, Trevor Vittatoe vs. East Carolina (10/13/07)

INDIVIDUAL DEFENSE

TACKLES

Made 15 tackles
16, Dorian Hopkins at Nebraska (8/31/24)

Made 15 tackles at home
15, Tyrese Knight vs. No. 22 Liberty (11/15/23)

SACKS

Had 3.0+ sacks
Jadrian Taylor at Charlotte (10/1/22)

Had at least 3.0+ sacks at home
3.5, Jadrian Taylor vs. LA Tech (10/16/21)

INTERCEPTIONS

Had 2 interceptions
Dashone Smith at NM State (9/14/13)

Had 2 interceptions at home
Cornelius Brown vs. UCF (9/27/08)

Had 3 interceptions
Ken Sale vs. San Diego State (10/28/89)

Had at least 3 interceptions on the road
4, Charlie West at West Texas State (10/866)

Interception Return For Touchdown
Kahani Smith, 52 yards at Army (9/30/17

Interception Return For Touchdown at home
Kaylon Beverly, 24 yards vs. UIW (9/26/15)

Fumble Return For Touchdown
Bryton Thompson, twice, 33 yards, 5 yards, at NM State (11/30/24)

Fumble Recovery For Touchdown At Home
Korey Chapman, Sam Houston (10/3/24)

INDIVIDUAL SPECIAL TEAMS

KICKOFF RETURNS

Kickoff Return for Touchdown
Corey Wren, 100 yards, at WKU (10/10/24)

Kickoff Return for Touchdown at home
Autrey Golden, 98 yards vs. Southern Miss (11/1/14)

PUNT RETURNS

Punt Return for Touchdown
Kam Thomas, 93 yards at NM State (11/30/23)

Punt Return for Touchdown at home
Marcus Bellon, 47 yards vs. Boise State (9/23/22)

FIELD GOALS

Made 3 Field Goals
Buzz Flabiano (27,44,39), vs. FIU (10/16/24)

Made 3 Field Goals on the road
Buzz Flabiano (23, 43, 32) at Sam Houston (10/25/23)

Made at least 4 Field Goals
5, Jose Martinez (34, 48, 26, 31, 23) vs. SMU (11/15/08)

Made a 60-yard field goal
Jose Martinez (64), vs. UCF (9/27/08)

Made a 55-yard field goal
Dakota Warren (57) vs. Memphis (9/25/10)

Made a 55-yard field goal on the road
Scott Wedell (58), at Wyoming (10/16/81)

Made a 50-yard field goal
Gavin Baechle (51), at Rice (11/03/22)

Made a 50-yard field goal at home
Brady Viles (53), vs. Arizona (9/15/17)

Made two 50-yard field goals
Chris Jacke (51, 51), at New Mexico (10/22/88)

Made two 50-yard field goals at home
Dakota Warren (57, 50) vs. Memphis (9/25/10)

Made at least three 40-yard field goals
4, Jose Martinez (41, 42, 43, 45) vs. East Carolina (10/13/07)

Made at least three 40-yard field goals on the road
3, Keith Robinson (44, 40, 45), at Hawaii (10/25/03)

PUNTING

Punt of 60 yards
60, Adam Jacklin, vs. Middle Tennessee (11/2/04)

Punt of 60 yards on the road
64, Noah Botford at USU (8/30/25)

Punt of 70 yards
73, Mike Ruggles vs. FIU (11/16/13)

Punt of 70 yards on the road
71, Ian Campbell at Tulsa (10/11/12)

THE LAST TIME...

MISCELLANEOUS

Had 100 yards both rushing and receiving
Donald Buckram at Tulane (11/7/09), 234 rushing, 109 receiving

Had 100 yards both passing and rushing
Calvin Brownholtz at North Texas (12/11/20), 196 passing, 114 rushing

Had 100 yards both passing and rushing at home
Shawn Gray vs. Fresno State (11/12/94), 208 passing, 141 rushing

Two players with 100 yards rushing
126, Ronald Awatt and 118, Willie Eldridge, vs. Bethune-Cookman (9/4/21)

Two players with 100 yards rushing on the road
112, Matt Austin and 100, Howard Jackson, at Hawaii (10/25/03)

Two players (QB+RB with 100 yards rushing)
130, Nathan Jeffery and 104, Blaire Sullivan, vs. FIU (11/16/13)

Two players (QB+RB with 100 yards rushing on the road)
207, Marcus Thomas and 106, Lorne Sam, at SMU (9/29/07)

Two players with 100 yards receiving
150, Trey Goodman and 108, Kenny Odum, vs. Kennesaw State (11/9/24)

Two players with 100 yards receiving on the road
120, Justin Garrett and 102, Jacob Cowing, at ULM (9/26/20)

Passing, Receiving and Rushing TD
Skyler Locklear, vs. Southern Utah (9/8/24)

Receiving and Rushing TD on the road
Aaron Jones (2 receiving, 1 rushing) and Walter Dawn (1 receiving, 2 rushing), at UTSA (10/22/16)