

UTEP MINERS FOOTBALL

UTEP vs. UT Martin | 7:00 p.m. MT | Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025 | Sun Bowl Stadium (45,971) | El Paso, Texas

POSTGAME NOTES

GAME NOTES

FINAL: UTEP 42, UT Martin 17

Announced attendance was 31,122

QUICK HITS

- UTEP won its first home opener since 2023.
- UTEP scored touchdowns on four of its six drives of the game on the way to building a 28-7 advantage.
- UTEP has surpassed 40 points in three of the past five games dating back to last year.
- UTEP had four scoring drives of at least 70 yards in three minutes or less.

BLUE BLAZE OFFENSE

- RB **Hahsaun Wilson** rushed for a collegiate career-long 94-yard touchdown during the second quarter. It's the longest rush play in program history and the longest play from scrimmage in program history.
- **Wilson** rambled for 117 yards in the game, his third career 100-yard game. While previously playing for Charlotte, he piled up 198 vs. Memphis on Nov. 11, 2023, and 164 vs. East Carolina on Oct. 5, 2024.
- RB **Ashten Emory** scored his second career rushing touchdown in the first quarter. Emory then had his first receiving TD in the second quarter on an eight-yard catch and run. He added another touchdown catch late in the third quarter to cap the scoring for UTEP.
- WR **Toric Goins Jr.** hauled in a 48-yard touchdown reception, the first in his UTEP career. It was Goins Jr.'s second career collegiate touchdown after catching one at Trinity Valley CC in 2024.
- **Goins Jr.** registered his first career 100-yard receiving game, finishing with 105 yards on three receptions (35.0 avg.).
- QB **Cade McConnell** leaped for a two-point conversion during the second quarter following Emory's TD, the first two-point conversion of his career.
- LB **Garrett Hawkins**, who's listed at linebacker, played fullback and rushed the ball for a two-yard gain during the second quarter.
- QB **Malachi Nelson** finished 14-26 with career highs in passing yards (278) touchdown passes (four) and no interceptions. He becomes the first Miner to pass for four TDs in a nonconference game since QB **Jameill Showers** did so at No. 25 Kansas State on Sept. 27, 2014.
- Nelson found WR **Kenny Odom** on a 70-yard touchdown pass, the longest pass of Nelson's young career. He also had three other completions of at least 20 yards, connecting with Goins Jr. (49, 48) and Odom (20).
- WR **Kenny Odom** posted his third 100-yard receiving game as a Miner, finishing with 124 yards on five catches.
- QB **Skyler Locklear** ripped off a career-long 63-yard rush, smashing his prior best (11) as a Miner from at Nebraska (8/31/24).
- UTEP had two 100-yard receivers (WR **Kenny Odom**-124 yards and WR **Toric Goins Jr.** 105 yards) and a 100-yard rusher (RB **Hahsaun Wilson**, 117 yards) in the same game for the first time since also doing so at ULM on Sept. 26, 2020. That year WR **Justin Garrett** (120) and WR **Jacob Cowing** (102) did so through the air and RB **Deion Hankins** (118) accomplished it on the ground.

ORANGE SWARM DEFENSE

- CB **Neil Campbell** recorded a sack and a forced fumble. Campbell had 1.5 sacks at Indiana Wesleyan. It was his second collegiate career forced fumble. His last FF came in 2021. He finished with a team-leading 2.5 tackles for loss and 19 yards.
- CB **Justin Content** nearly joined Campbell in double figures, finishing with nine stops to more than double (four) his prior best as a Miner in the season opener at Utah State on Aug. 30.
- LB **Joshua Rudolph** recorded a fumble recovery, the first of his collegiate career. He also recorded eight tackles for the second straight week.
- LB **Micah Davey** tallied 14 tackles, the 19th time he's hit double-digit tackles in his collegiate career.
- DL **Shakaun Bowser** registered a sack, his first at the DI level. He had 2.5 sacks while previously playing with Garden City CC.
- UTEP held the Skyhawks to 76 yards on 40 rushing attempts. It's the fewest rushing yards by a Miners' opponent with at least 40 attempts since UT Arlington had 67 yards on 40 carries on Sept. 11, 1971.

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- The Miners posted four sacks and now have a total of 10 through two weeks of plays. That is the most over the first two games of the season since 2005 when they had 12.
- UTEP has recorded at least four sacks in consecutive contests for the first time since 2021. That year they had five at Southern Miss (10/9/21), which was followed up with four vs. LA Tech (10/16/21).

WEFENSE

- P **Punter Noah Botsford** boomed a 66-yard punt, equaling his collegiate career long. It also marked the second straight week he's had a punt of at least 60 yards. He drilled a 64-yarder at Utah State in the season opener on Aug. 30.
- **Botsford** finished with five punts for 250 yards (50.0 avg.), the first Miner to average at least 50 yards per punt in a game since Joshua Sloan in 2020. Sloan had five punts for 251 yards (50.2 avg.) at UTSA on Nov. 14, 2020.
- WR **Jet Thompson** ran back a 24-yard kickoff return during the second quarter.

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- UTEP's 42 points were the most in a nonconference game since also tallying 42 against Houston Baptist at home on Nov. 5, 2016.
- UTEP improved to 64-39-4 in home openers, aided by its first in the situation since 2023.
- The Miners erupted for 21 points in the second quarter, their most in a frame since also doing so against No. 22 Liberty on Nov. 24, 2023.
- The 25-point victory was the Miners' largest since they routed FIU, 40-6, on Nov. 19, 2022. It also served as the biggest differential in a home nonconference contest since drilling Houston Baptist, 42-10, on Nov. 5, 2016.
- UTEP has surpassed 40 points in three of the past five games dating to last year.
- UTEP had two rushes of longer than 60 yards. RB **Deion Hankins** (72-yard rush, vs. FAU on Oct. 22, 2022) had been the last Miner to ramble at least 60 yards on a carry.
- The Miners' 472 yards of total offense are the most of the Scotty Walden era. It is also the third time under Walden that UTEP has eclipsed 400 yards under Walden's direction.
- UTEP never trailed in the contest and led by as many as 32 (42-10) at one point.