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THE VENUE

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

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UTEP MINERS FOOTBALL '25

FEARLESS. FAST. PHYSICAL

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

GAME 2 vs. UT MARTIN



VS



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

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

CUSA 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
Aug. 30
Logan, Utah
CBSN
L, 28-16



UT Martin
Sept. 6
El Paso, Texas
ESPN+
7:00 PM MT



@Texas
Sept. 13
Austin, Texas
SEC Network
2:15 PM MT



@ULM
Sept. 20
El Paso, Texas
ESPN+
7:00 PM MT



LA Tech*
Oct. 27
El Paso, Texas
ESPN Platforms
7:00 PM MT



Liberty*
Oct. 8
El Paso, Texas
CBSN
6:00 PM MT



@Sam Houston*
Oct. 15
Houston, Texas
CBSN
5:00 PM MT



@Kennesaw State*
Oct. 28
Kennesaw, Ga.
ESPN
6:00 PM MT



Jax State*
Nov. 8
El Paso, Texas
ESPN Platforms
1:00 PM MT



@Missouri State*
Nov. 15
Springfield, Mo.
ESPN Platforms
1:00 PM MT



NM State*
Nov. 22
El Paso, Texas
ESPN Platforms
1:00 PM MT



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

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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

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Are-E-ola
Chase
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RAH-fay-eld
CON-tent
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U-Doe-kuh E-Zani
Or-ion
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Mal-ah-Kai
Are-Money
Shoots
EX-zay-veer
Says-Knee-Ak
ECHO
KO-FEE
WHY-druh



NUMERICAL ROSTER

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

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

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CHACE Biddle

VASHON Brunswick

RAFEALD Campbell

Justin CONTENT

WONDAME Davis Jr.

UDOKA EZEANI

ORYEND Fisher

Diego FRAUSTO

Jamal FRILOT

YESSMAN Green

Nico GUERRA

Cole GUSTAFSON

Maddox HUBER

Joseph IMMEDIATO

KODE Lowe

An-Drus

Are-E-ola

Chase

Vuh-Shawn

RAH-fay-eld

CON-tent

WAN-duh-meh

U-Doe-kuh E-Zani

Or-ion

Frah-oo-stow

Free-low

YEZZ-men

GUE-ruh

Gus-Tuff-son

Hue-ber

E-me-d-auto

Ko-dee

Luka MATAMOROS

MALACHI Nelson

ARAMONI Rhone

Josh SCHUCHTS

XAVIER Smith

Alex SZCZESNIAK

EKOW Taylor

KOFI Taylor-Barrocks

Craig WYDRA

MAH-tah-MORE-os

Mal-ah-Kai

Are-Money

Shoots

EX-zay-veer

Says-Knee-Ak

ECHO

KO-FEE

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.	OL	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^{sr}	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.)
WR²	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	(UAPBI)	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 Appearances
PR	5	Kam Thomas	5-7	184	R-Sr.	1L	Birmingham, Ala.	(Austin Peay)	10 Career Appearances



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).

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 Rudolph	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.

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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 defense. 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		CONFERENCE	
		W-L		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: Dordt 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



2025 STATISTICS

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



2025 STATISTICS

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT						pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	
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	ydl
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



2025 STATISTICS

Team Defense

##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/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

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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	Utle	Thompson	Odom	Willis III	Ezinwa	Thomas	Nelson
UT Martin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Texas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ULM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LA Tech*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liberty*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Sam Houston*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Kennesaw 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 effc	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

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs			
		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				Rushing Number-Yards	Passing		Total Offense Plays-Yards	Return Yards	Turn- Overs
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen		Comp-Att.-Int	Yards			
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	4th Down	Time of Possession	TOP Margin	Avg Yds/Rush	Avg Yds/Pass	Avg Yds/Play	Punting Number-Avg	Penalties		Sacks
	Conversion	Conversion							Number-Yards		
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 (11/2/24)
 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 USU (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 Akharaizi 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 (10/8/66)

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)

