

2006 GAME RECAPS

Utep 34 SAN DIEGO ST 27 - Thursday game. UTEP missed 36 yd FG & SDSSt made a 46 yd'r but missed from 52 & 47, 3-0. UTEP drove [71/4] for TD & after a 19 yd P drove [36/3] for TD, 14-3 at half. After an int, UTEP drove [41/9] for TD, 20-3 (10:01 xpng). SDSSt QB O'Connell fumbled and hurt his thumb & UTEP rec'd for TD, 27-3. Mougey led SDSSt [80/13] for TD & then after a pair of Palmer int, had [62/5] & [26/6] TD drives to pull w/in 27-24 (10:44). Mougey was int'd & UTEP drove [28/5] for TD, 34-24 (4:38). SDSSt added 35 yd FG w/1:59 left but UTEP rec'd outside K.

Texas Tech 38 UTEP 35 (OT) - TT went [55/7] for a TD on 1st play of 2Q, 7-0. UTEP went [75/6] for TD, 7-6 (xpng). TT went on a [79/11] drive for 25 yd FG, 10-6 then drove [56/5] for TD, 17-6 (2:46). UTEP went [80/11] for TD w/:19 left in half, 17-12 (2ptng). Both went on 80 yd TD drives and UTEP rec'd an onside kick & went [53/4] for the lead, 25-24 (2ptng). UTEP went [28/9] for a 36 yd FG, 28-24. TT went [71/12] for 26 yd FG, [64/4] for TD & 2 pt to lead 35-28 (7:10). UTEP drove [80/8] for TD w/:15 left, 35-35 on a 39 yd pass. TT missed 51 yd FG on reg's final play. UTEP on 3&2 had a pass tipped & int'd & TT nailed 51 yd FG that bounced in.

NEW MEXICO 26 Utep 13 - UTEP didn't get its first FD until 5:00 in 2Q. They had not allowed a sk all yr but on 3rd play Palmer was sk'd & fmb'l'd & NM would go [21/5] for TD. NM added a [57/8] drive for TD & after Palmer was called for int grnd'g in EZ for safety, added 35 yd FG, 19-0. UTEP was SOD at NM10 (3:48) but rec'd a fmb'l at the 25 & got 36 yd FG (1:51). NM missed 46 yd FG on final play of half & had 164-83 yd edge. Both opened 3Q w/a TD drive 26-10. UTEP got 49 yd FG on first play of 4Q, 26-13.

UTEP 44 New Mexico St 38 - UTEP took their opening 2 drives [84/5] & [84/3] for TD's. UTEP got 46 yd FG after blking a FG, 17-0, 1Q. The next 4 poss were all TD's with NMSt moving [80/14] & [87/13] and UTEP going [69/2] & getting 91 yd KR for TD, 31-14. NMSt drove [75/8] for TD, 31-20 (xpng, :29). NMSt opened 3Q w/a [50/13] drive but fmb'l'd at UTEP1. NMSt was SOD on 4&1 at UTEP13. After an int, NMSt got 19 yd TD pass, 31-28 & after a fmb'l at the 13 got 41 yd FG, 31-31, 3Q's. UTEP went on a [84/9] drive for 20 yd FG & then got [84/8] for TD, 41-31 (7:51). NMSt went [79/8] for TD, 41-38. UTEP settled for 28 yd FG, 44-38 (2:18). NMSt got to UTEP47 but was int'd at the 38 w/:52 left.

UTEP 24 Smu 21 - SMU susp'd starting QB Willis. UTEP had 21-7 FD & 387-190 yd edges & led 17-0 at half with TD drives of [80/13], [9/3] (after 63 yd PR) & a 28 yd FG after a [63/11] drive. UTEP was also int'd at the 1. In 2H SMU got 56 yd pass & then on 4&2 a 19 yd TD pass, 17-7 (8:30). SMU went [44/4] for TD, 17-14 after 3Q's. SMU was SOD at its own 44 early 4Q but UTEP fmb'l'd & SMU ret'd it 80 yds for TD for a stunning 21-17 lead (11:54). UTEP went [87/7] for TD & SMU's last 2 drives ended on int's at UTEP 48 & 41.

UTEP 34 Tulane 20 - TU fmb'l'd & UTEP would get 30 yd FG, 3-0. TU drove to UTEP14 but was int'd at the 4 (1:08). TU fmb'l'd a punt on its own 43 & UTEP got TD 4 plays later, 10-0 (13:21 2Q). UT went [58/8] but settled for 37 yd FG, 10-3. UTEP went [68/9] & got 3 yd TD pass, 17-3 (3:21). TU punted & Higgins ret'd it 88 yds for TD, 24-3 (1:37). TU went [63/6] but settled for 29 yd FG, 24-6 (12:07). UTEP went [83/8] for 28 yd FG, 27-6 (4:52). After 13 yd PR, UTEP got a [39/1] TD pass, 34-6, 3Q's. TU drove [84/8] for TD, 34-13 (14:15). Elliott took over w/2:32 left & TU went [54/6] for TD, 34-20 (1:31) but UTEP rec'd onside kick.

HOUSTON 34 Utep 17 - UH went [44/7] for 35 yd FG, 3-0. UTEP went [80/8] for TD & after UH was SOD at UTEP37, the Miners went [63/10] & on 4&g from the 1 Thomas got a TD, 14-3 (13:17 2Q). UH went [76/13] for TD (7:18) & UTEP went [60/13] for 41 yd FG & led 17-10 at half. UH went [70/7] & Kolb's 37 yd TD pass made it 17-17 (6:15). UTEP was int'd at their own 25 and UH got a TD 4 plays later, 24-17. UTEP punted (:18) & UH went [27/6] for 42 yd FG, 27-17 (12:49). UTEP punted on 4&1 at its own 40 w/10:50 left & UH went on a [75/15] drive incl a 4&1 conv at their own 47. A 15 yd TD run on 3&6 iced it, 34-17 (2:24).

TULSA 30 Utep 20 - UT took their open drive [64/11] for 32 yd FG. UTEP went on a [60/14] drive but settled for 36 yd FG, 3-3 (14:12 2Q). UTEP went [83/6] for TD, 10-3. UTEP settled for 22 yd FG, 13-3 (3:31). UT faced a 3&11 at their own 13 & UTEP called time-out but UT conv & went [63/11] for 40 yd FG to trail just 13-6 at half. UTEP had 161-117 yd edge at halftime. UT was inches short at UTEP31 on 4&2, UTEP got 69 yd TD pass on next play, 20-6 (9:56). UT answered by going [61/11] for TD, 20-13 (4:06). UT then went [40/6] for 39 yd FG, 20-16, the key was a tremendous catch by Moss to the 27. UT took the lead w/a 25 yd IR for TD, (14:54). UT went [52/8] for TD w/8:40 left, 30-20. UTEP dropped a FD pass & punted. UTEP got it back at its 16 w/4:44 left & went on a [30/11] drive but was sk'd & fmb'l'd at their own 47 w/1:23 left.

Rice 37 UTEP 31 - UTEP went on a [33/10] drive for 49 yd FG. Rice then went [82/10] for TD, 7-3 (4:37). Rice fmb'l'd the punt at their own 44 but a halfback option pass by Thomas was int'd at the 33. Five plays later Rice got 34 yd TD pass, 14-3, 1Q. UTEP went [81/10] for TD but Rice answered w/a [80/16] drive, 21-10. Rice got 64 yd TD pass w/2:16 left 1H, 28-10 & then blk'd a punt for a safety w/1:34 left. UTEP, after 29 yd punt, went [36/2] to open 3Q, 30-17. Rice went [78/7] for TD, 37-17. UTEP went [65/3] for TD, 37-24 (8:09). UTEP then went [71/10] but on 4&g from the 3 pass fell inc (14:00). Rice missed 34 yd FG. UTEP went [65/3] & got TD, 37-31. Rice went [70/14] got 6 FD's eating up last 7:30.

Utep 36 UAB 17 - Fri Night ESPN. UAB played this closer than the final. UAB went [52/7] for TD & led 7-0 (6:35). UTEP went on a [51/9] drive for 44 yd FG, 7-3, 1Q. UTEP went [45/6] w/a 33 yd TD pass on 3&8, 9-7 (xpng, 7:58). UAB went [60/9] & had 1&g at the 4 but settled for 19 yd FG, 10-9. UTEP conv on 3&16 w/def hold giving them FD & they continued on [80/8] drive for TD, 16-10. At half UTEP had 190-137 yd edge. In 3Q UTEP had screen pass go 80 yds for TD by Buckram, 22-10 2ptng (12:15). UAB went [66/12] but on 4&1 were SOD at the 19. UTEP fmb'l'd & UAB went [59/6] for TD w/13:51 left & only trailed 22-17. UTEP then started on their 4 & conv on 3&9 for FD, then 79 yd screen pass for TD, 29-17 (7:51). UAB was int'd & UTEP drove [32/6] for TD (2:45).

MARSHALL 49 Utep 21 - At half UTEP had a yd edge & a 13-9 FD edge but 4 TO's equalled 21 MU pts. UTEP had a 1&g at the 1 after a [64/12] drive & on 2&g from the 8 (after fmb'l) they were int'd in EZ. UTEP went [60/3] for TD & led 7-0. After an int, MU got a [6/1] TD run by Bradshaw, 7-7. Bradshaw had 5 TD's. MU went [41/4] for TD, 13-7 (xpng, 13:15). UTEP was int'd & ret'd to the 32 (7:34). Three plays later MU got TD, 20-7. UTEP went [80/8] for TD, 20-14 (3:49). MU went [54/5] & got 42 yd TD pass, 27-14 (2:21). UTEP fmb'l'd on their own 9 & MU got TD on next play, 35-14 (1:32). MU opened 3Q w/a [79/14] drive for TD, 42-14. UTEP got a [65/1] TD pass then fmb'l'd a punt at its own 11 setting up MU for 2 play TD drive.

Memphis 38 UTEP 19 - UTEP fmb'l'd the ball at UM49 on first poss but then went [42/8] for 56 yd FG to lead 3-0, 1Q. UM ret'd the kick to UTEP42 but was SOD but UTEP was int'd at UM26. UM went [74/5] for TD (12:29). After rec'd a fmb'l at UTEP31, UM got 42 yd FG 4 plays later, 10-3. UTEP got 31 yd FG w/2:50 left 1H, 10-6 but then had 26 yd FG w/:03 left blk'd & despite a 222-122 yd edge, trailed 10-6. After 3 punts to open 3Q, UM drove [51/7] for TD, 17-6 (6:12). UM went [79/6] for TD, 24-6 (14:53). UTEP went [69/5] for TD, 24-12 (2ptng). UM ret'd KO to UTEP37 & 5 plays later got TD & after an int drove [44/5] for TD to ice it, 38-12 (6:44).