

2007 GAME RECAPS

UTEP 10 New Mexico 6 - NM had a 379-195 yd edge. The game was tied at 3 at the half. In the 3Q, NM had a 45/11pl drive but a 37 yd FG went off the upright. UTEP was int'd & ret'd 25 yds. NM went on a 12pl drive & nailed a 40 yd FG, 6-3. The key play of the game was when UTEP, on 2&1 at the NM36, had Jackson rip off a 36 yd TD run, 10-6 (13:08). NM got to the UTEP34 when they ran out of time.

TEXASTECH 45 Utep 31 - UTEP played a great game. TT took its first drive 54/7pl for a TD but UTEP went 75/13pl for a TD & after rec'ing a fmb1, 2pl later got a 41 yd TD pass, 14-7. After another FR they went 43/6pl for a TD & led 21-7. Both tms traded TD's, 28-14. TT got a 45 yd FG on the half's final play, 28-17. In the 3Q, TT went 79/11pl, 79/8pl, 80/9pl & 80/7pl for TD's while UTEP had a 25 yd FG in the 2H.

NEW MEXICO ST 29 Utep 24 - UTEP was int'd & ret'd 22 yds. NMSt went 25/7pl for a TD, 6-0 (xpng). NMSt at the UTEP4 after a 62/7pl drive, was int'd & ret'd 100 yds for a TD by Demps, 7-6. UTEP fmb1'd at the NMSt29 but drove 77/9pl for a TD, 14-6. UTEP onside kicked & rec'd but was SOD. NMSt went on a 7pl drive for a 37 yd FG, 14-9 at the half. In the 3Q, NMSt went 80/8pl for a TD & UTEP went 71/7pl but settled for a 22 yd FG, 17-16. NMSt missed a 34 yd FG. NMSt had an 82 yd TD pass, 23-17. UTEP ret'd the KO 67 yds & got a TD pass, 24-23. NMSt went 76/5pl with a 59 yd TD pass, 29-24. NMSt missed a clinching 22 yd FG but UTEP's 4&7 pass was incomp at the NMSt43.

UTEP 52 Texas Southern 12 - UTEP dominated leading 38-0 at the half and pulled starting QB Vittatoo with 5:50 left in the 2Q. TSU got a 4&6, 21 yd TD pass early in the 3Q but UTEP extended its lead to 52-6.

Utep 48 SMU 45 (OT) - UTEP came in with a banged up D. RB Thomas rushed for 207 yds for UTEP. SMU led 28-14 at the half. At HT, SMU had a 318-207 yd edge thanks in part to a 50 yd pass on the final play of the 1st half. UTEP onside kicked & rec'd to open the 3Q & got a 31 yd TD run by WR Sam, 28-21. UTEP went 90/13pl for a TD to tie. The drive was kept alive by a bobbled snap which the P took off for a 22 yd gain. SMU went 87/12pl for a TD & after a 29 yd IR, got a 38 yd TD pass, 42-28. UTEP went 79/11pl for a TD, 42-35 (9:43). UTEP took over with 2:34 left & drove 66/10pl for a TD to tie. In OT, SMU got a 23 yd FG & UTEP a 10 yd TD run for the win.

UTEP 48 Tulsa 47 - UTEP led 14-7 after 1Q. TU led at the half 23-21 scoring a TD w/:03 left in the 1H. At HT, TU had a 353-345 yd edge. In the 3Q, TU went 80/13pl for a TD, 30-21. The drive incl a 4&6 pass inter play giving them a FD. UTEP got a 78 yd TD pass, 30-28. TU then went 71/10pl for a TD, 37-28. UTEP went 65/5pl & got a 38 yd TD run, 37-35. UTEP went 53/8pl & got TD pass from WR Sam but the 2 pt conv was blk'd & ret'd for 2 pts by TU, 41-39. TU drove 72/9pl for a TD (2pt), 47-41. UTEP went 76/11pl & a 14 yd slant pass on 3&10 put them ahead 48-47 (:58). TU conv on 4&1 (:03 left) but a 53 yd FG was wide left & short.

E Carolina 45 UTEP 42 (OT) - EC led 16-10 when UTEP scored a TD with :50 left in the 1H but the xp was blk'd, & ret'd for 2 & instead of UTEP leading 17-16, they trailed 18-16. UTEP got an int & a 42 yd FG on the last play of the half, 19-18. UTEP went 55/7pl for a 35 yd FG & EC 80/5pl for a TD, 25-22. EC got an 80 yd TD pass to Bryant, 32-22. UTEP went 50/10pl for a 43 yd FG & after an int, went 70/9pl for a tying TD, 32-32. After trading TO's, UTEP RB Thomas ripped off a 31 yd TD run with just :34 left. They sk'd EC at its own 27 but a PF face mask kept its drive alive. EC got a Hail Mary 34 yd TD pass on the final play to force OT. UTEP got a 45 yd FG and EC a 1 yd TD run for the win.

Houston 34 UTEP 31 - UTEP got a 57 yd FG. UTEP fmb1'd at the end of a 29 yd PR & Keenum came in at QB for UH and had a TD 4pl later, 7-3. UTEP went 61/10pl and then got a 34 yd TD pass, 17-7. UH went 85/9pl for a TD, 17-14. UTEP went 53/11pl and was SOD at the UH29. UH converted on 3&13 but settled for a 19 yd FG on the half's final play, 17-17. UH had a 283-166 yd edge. UH went on a 76/12pl drive for a 21 yd FG. UTEP went 66/6pl for a TD, 24-20. UH went 80/17pl for a TD, 27-24 (12:22). UTEP went 80/7pl & got a 35 yd TD pass, 31-27 (8:57). UH went 60/8pl & a 1 yd TD run made it 34-31 (7:01). On 4&1, UTEP's pass was inc with 1:22 left.

RICE 56 Utep 48 - Rice led 14-3 after 1Q. UTEP went on a 12pl drive & had a 1&gl but settled for a 33 yd FG, 14-6. UTEP was SOD at the Rice 1 but then after an int, went 22/3pl for a TD, 14-13. UTEP onside kicked & rec'd but punted. Rice was int'd & ret'd 20 yds to the 5 & UTEP got a TD on the next play, 20-14. Rice went 68/10pl & got a TD pass, 21-20. Rice fmb1'd at the end of a 60 yd pass at the UTEP11 & UTEP got a 76 yd TD pass to Rouse, 27-21 & led 48-28. Rice converted on 4&2 during a 66/10pl drive & got a TD. UTEP fmb1'd a punt & Rice drove 46/8pl for a TD, 48-42. UTEP fmb1'd the KO at its own 11 & Rice on 4&5 got a TD, 49-48. Rice went 74/4pl for a TD, 56-48 (3:38) and UTEP got to the Rice32 but was SOD.

TULANE 34 Utep 19 - TU opened with an 80/9pl drive. A pass tipped off the UTEP defender & was hauled in by Williams for a 43 yd TD, 7-0. UTEP missed a 35 yd FG. TU led 17-0 after a 23 yd TD pass. UTEP got a 59 yd TD run by Thomas then rec'd a fmb1 & 6pl later got a 42 yd FG, 17-10. At the half, TU had a 256-202 yd edge. In the 3Q, UTEP went 13pl but settled for a FG faking it and getting sk'd. TU faked a punt at its own 46 & converted. They continued on a 70/11pl drive for a TD, 24-10. UTEP went 56/8pl but settled for a 21 yd FG, 24-13 but TU got a 56 yd pass setting up a TD, 31-13. UTEP went 65/11pl for a TD, 31-19 (9:16) but TU went 77/11pl for a 20 yd FG w/4:37 left.

S Mississippi 56 UTEP 30 - UTEP opened with an 89/10pl drive for a TD. SM went on an improbable 82/15pl drive. The drive included a punt where they got a FD (illegal def move) then a 3&10 pass inter call & later a 35 yd FG was blk'd but SM advanced it for a FD then scored a TD, 7-7. SM went 78/7pl & on 4&1 got a TD, 14-7. UTEP got a 38 yd FG, 14-10. SM got a 53 yd TD pass on the first play of the 3Q then went 42/8pl for a TD, 28-10. UTEP got a 77 yd TD pass & SM got a 53 yd TD pass, 35-17. UTEP went 82/9pl for a TD, 35-23 (2ptng). SM went 74/8pl for a TD, then after an int drove 16/2pl for a TD, 49-23.

UCF 36 Utep 20 - UTEP went 96/7pl but was int'd in the EZ on 3&gl. UCF went 51/8pl for a 47 yd FG, 3-0. UCF went 76/7pl for a TD (xpng) & 75/5pl for a TD, 16-0. UTEP went 63/4pl for a TD & after UCF was SOD, UTEP hit a key pass & got a 48 yd FG. At the half, UCF only had a 242-235 yd edge & led 16-10. UCF went 67/8pl but on 2&gl, was int'd & ret'd 100 yds for a TD by Demps & UTEP led 17-16. UCF went 58/13pl for a FG then after an int, hit a 34 yd FG, 22-17. UTEP went 40/12pl for a 42 yd FG, 22-20. UCF went 60/10pl for a TD, 29-20 (5:58). UTEP was SOD at its own 37 and UCF tacked on a TD 3pl later, 36-20.