

2008 GAME RECAPS

BUFFALO 42 Utep 17 - Thur night. UTEP went 3 & out & their P fmbld the snap & was tkld for a 13yd loss at the 20. On 3rd & gl from the 15 BUF got a TD pass (11:15 1Q). Two poss later BUF got a 68yd pass to, 14-0 (3:16). UTEP went 80/13pl for a TD. 3 plays later BUF fmbld & UTEP went 25/4pl for a TD, 14-14 (9:18). Two poss later BUF went 89/10pl, convert'g a key 4th & 1 on a 3yd run to the UTEP24 & on the next play BUF got a 34yd TD pass, 21-14 (:23). Martinez miss'd a 66yd FG on the final play of 1H. On the 4th play 3Q BUF got a 56yd TD pass. UTEP went 31/5pl for a 27yd FG, 28-17. UTEP went on a 9pl drive but on 3rd & 7 from BUF11 was int'd in the EZ for a TB (14:53). BUF went 80/9pl for a TD to clinch it 35-17. UTEP was SOD at the BUF 45 & BUF went on a 55/9pl drive for a TD, 42-17 (3:01). BUF had a 484-266 yd edge.

Texas 42 UTEP 13 - UTEP had a 412-404 yd edge. UTEP had their biggest HG ever (54,415 fans). UTEP took their 1st poss 67/13pl but settled for a 30yd FG. On their 2nd poss, they went 5 plays for a 49yd FG & stunningly led 6-0. UT went 80/7pl & 54/6pl for TD's, 14-6 (14:51). UTEP missed a 65yd FG & Cosby ret'd it 65 yds to the UTEP35. 5 plays later UT had a TD & UT drove 86/6pl for a TD, 28-6 (3:59). UTEP went 76/8pl & got a TD with :18 left 1H, 28-13. UT only had a 245-229 yd edge. UT was int'd in the EZ from the 6 & the next 5 poss were punts. UT went 80/10pl getting a TD with 13:33 left, 35-13 then ret'd a fmbld 26yds for a TD on the next play, 42-13. UTEP missed a 52yd FG & their final drive was 13pl getting a FD to the UT18 but they were SOD at the 22.

New Mexico St 34 UTEP 33 - UTEP was without their top 2 RB's then lost QB Vittatoe to inj on the 3rd series. NMS was SOD at the UTEP24 then int'd at the UTEP38. UTEP fmbld at the NMS29 but NMS fmbld at their own 31 & UTEP got a 44yd FG. UTEP got a 27yd IR TD on the next play & led 10-0 after 1Q. NMS had a 4th & 21, 36yd TD pass then got a 34yd PR to the 11 setting up TD rec on 3rd & 10 & NMS led 14-10 (8:08). UTEP got a 48yd run by backup QB Thomas, 17-14. UTEP fmbld a P at their own 41 & NMS got a 27yd TD pass with 4:02 left 1H, 21-17. UTEP went 54yds for a 36yd FG, 21-20 & NM had a 215-167yd edge at HT. UTEP missed a 41yd FG but ret'd a fmbld 24yds for a TD & a 27-21 lead (9:13, 3Q). NM went 80/5pl for a TD. Two poss later UTEP went 59/8pl for a TD to retake the lead, 33-28 (14:33). NMS went 80/9pl for a TD, 34-33. UTEP went 56/14pl but fmbld at the NM24. UTEP had 4th & 12 on their last drive, but only gained 5yds to their own 42 (:29).

UTEP 58 Ucf 13 - The first 4 poss were punts. UTEP blk'd a punt & rec'd at the 23. They got a 38yd FG, 3-0. UTEP got a 45yd FR for a TD, 10-0 after 1Q. After 4 punts, UTEP got an int & drove 58/7pl for a TD, 17-0. UCF went 77/8pl for a TD, 17-7 (2:23). UTEP got a 74yd TD pass 3pl later, then after a punt hit a 64yd FG with no time left 1H, 27-7. UTEP had a 205-166yd edge. UTEP took its 2nd 3Q poss 57/6pl for a TD, 34-7. UCF went 80/7pl for a TD, 34-13. UCF was int'd & UTEP went 62/4pl for a TD, 41-13. UTEP rec'd a fmbld but was int'd in the EZ. 2 poss later, UCF was SOD at their own 48 & UTEP got a TD 3pl later, 48-13. UCF fmbld & UTEP added a 42yd FG with 4:35 left then rec'd a fmbld for a TD.

UTEP 40 SOUTHERN MISS 37 (2OT) - SM missed a 31yd FG on their 1st poss. UTEP had a punt blk'd & SM drove 17yds for a TD. UTEP went 76/15pl for a TD then each tm went on a long TD drive, 14-14. SM went on a 14pl drive but missed a 28yd FG (8:15). UTEP tk'd a punt on 4th/19 from its own 11 & got a 29yd run that keyed a 60/14pl drive for a 37yd FG & led 17-14 at HT. UTEP 1st drive of 3Q went 8pl for a 34yd FG but outside kicked & SM rec'd. SM went 51/8pl for a TD, 21-20. SM's next drive went 36/6pl but missed a 33yd FG. UTEP went 80/8pl for a TD & led 27-21 (14:46). SM went 68/8pl for a 29yd FG, 27-24 (12:03). SM was int'd at their own 40 with 8:41 left but UTEP went for it on 4th/1 & were SOD (5:06). SM went 93/14pl getting a 22yd FG for OT. After each tm scored a TD in the 1st OT, SM got a 28yd FG & UTEP a 6yd TD pass.

UTEP 24 Tulane 21 - UTEP took its opening drive 80/pl for a TD on 4th & gl from the 1. TU went 3 & out & UTEP went on a 72/13pl drive but was SOD on 4th & 7 at TU17. Four plays later TU got a 72yd TD run by &erson, 7-7. UTEP fmbld at their own 24 & TU got a TD 4pl later, 14-7. UTEP went 80/11pl for a TD then TU got a 53yd run by Anderson (255 rush yds) & a 28yd TD pass to Anderson on 3rd & 11, 21-14 at half. UTEP took its 2nd 3Q poss 70/11pl but settled for a 28yd FG, 21-17 (2:01). TU went on a 52/13pl drive but missed a 40yd FG. TU went 6pl but punted 50yds for a TB (5:06). Two plays later UTEP got a 60yd TD pass to Moturi, 24-21. TU was SOD at the 50 (1:25) & UTEP punted to the 1 with :15 left. TU gained 25 yds.

TULSA 77 Utep 35 - UTEP got a TD with :03 left in the 1Q & actually led 28-21 as the 2 tms comb'd for 496yds in the 1Q. The gm changed for good when D Johnson ret'd the KO 94 yds for a TD, 28-28. TU would score on the next 3 poss on long drives while UTEP punted 4x, 49-28. At the half TU had a 475-277yd edge. TU got its 1st punt to open the 3Q but then went 69/7pl, 57/6pl, 73/5pl & 63/11pl all for TD's to lead 77-35 (6:51). TU finished with a 791-338 yd edge.

Rice 49 UTEP 44 - As you would expect, the 2 teams scored often. UTEP fmbld the KR late 2Q which set up Rice for a 39 yd FG allowing them to lead 21-20. Rice took over with 1:28 left & drove 90/9pl getting a TD with :08 left in the half. They then took the opening KO of the 3Q & went 57/9pl. After trailing by 1, they were now up 35-20 (9:57). Rice converted on 4th & 6 twice on an 80/13pl drive that put them ahead 42-30 (12:20 4Q). The next 3 poss were all TD's with UTEP getting theirs with 1:23 left, 49-44. Rice rec'd the onside kick & got 1 FD on 3rd & 2 running out the clock.

Utep 37 LOUISIANA 24 - UL got a 55yd IR TD on the game's 3rd play, 7-0. 2 punts. Each team went on a long drive. UTEP for a TD, UL for a 20yd FG, 10-7 (11:56 2Q). UL fmbld a punt at their 13 & UTEP got a 28yd FG. UL went on a 77/14pl drive but was SOD at the 3 (2:24). UTEP went 97/7pl & got a 32yd TD pass with :52 left in the half, 16-10 (xpng). UL opened the 3Q with a 41yd drive but missed a 49yd FG & UTEP went 68/10pl for a 7yd TD pass, 23-10. UL was int'd & ret'd 9yds to their 26 & UTEP got a TD 4pl later, 30-10. UL went 78/7pl for a TD, 30-17 (2:01). UTEP went 69/9pl for a TD, 37-17 (12:43). UL went 80/13pl for a TD, 37-24 then rec'd an onside kick but after a FD to midfield was int'd at the UTEP36 (6:46). UTEP punted & UL was int'd 2pl later at their own 25 (3:58). UTEP ran out the clock.

UTEP 36 Smu 10 - UTEP got an 85yd TD pass on its 1st play & then went 66/9pl for a 34yd FG. SMU went on a 12pl drive for a 39yd FG, 10-3 & UTEP went 40/7pl for a 48yd FG, 13-3 (13:25 2Q). SMU was int'd at the UTEP30 but blk'd a punt & rec'd at the UTEP6. They fmbld it back 2pl later & UTEP went 82/8pl for a TD, 20-3 (5:03). SMU fmbld a punt at the UTEP 45 (2:17) & UTEP went 46/7pl for a 26yd FG, 23-3 (:48). At HT UTEP had a 325-136 yd edge. UTEP went 62/9pl for a 23yd FG then was SOD at the 50. After an int, UTEP went 75/7pl for a TD, 36-3 (1:48). 2 punts. SMU went 53/6pl for a TD, 36-10 (10:47) to end the scoring.

HOUSTON 42 Utep 37 - UTEP had a 55yd FG blk'd & UH went on a 13pl drive but missed a 19yd FG. UTEP went 80/12pl, 49/5p & 80/6pl for TD's to lead 21-3 (UH36 yd FG). UH went 80/8pl for a TD but fmbld at the UTEP5 & missed a 28yd FG. UTEP led 21-9 at the half. UTEP missed a 53yd FG to open the 3Q but then went 73/10pl for a 28-9 lead. UH went 62/4pl, 94/7pl for TD's, 28-23. UTEP went 72/7pl for a TD, 35-23 but on 3rd & 1 UH got a 71yd TD run, 35-30 (9:34). UH went 80/9pl for a TD with 4:54 left but the 2 pt conv was int'd & ret'd 97 yds for 2 pts to UTEP, 37-36. UTEP ran twice & was sk'd & punted (2:35) & UH drove 59yds for a TD with :41 left. UTEP got to the UH 44 but ran out of time.

E CAROLINA 53 Utep 21 - EC got two 1H int's & scored on all five 1H drives to lead 30-7. EC went 70/11pl for a TD then after an int, got a 32yd TD pass, 14-0. After a 30yd PR EC settld for 22yd FG & after another int off a WR, EC drove 80/8pl for a TD, 24-0. UTEP drove 74/6pl for a TD, 24-7 but EC got a 69yd KR & a TD with :22 left, 30-7. UTEP miss'd 57yd FG on final play of 1H & EC had a 282-162yd edge. EC went 76/11pl & 45/9pl for a TD & a 48yd FG, 40-7. EC fmbld a punt at the 50 & UTEP got a 50yd TD pass on next play (40-14) & UTEP rec'd the onside but was offsidess & EC drove 12pl for a 38yd FG, 43-14. UTEP got a TD with :51 left but EC ret'd the onside kick 40yds for a TD, 53-21 (:44).