

2020 UTEP Football Preview



Head Coach (Yr)
Dana Dimel (3)
Offensive Coord.
Mike Canales (3)
Defensive Coord.
Mike Cox (3)
Conference/Div
CUSA/West

Team Profile	#	Rk
2020 Team Power Rating	39.4	129
Power Ratings Diff vs Last Year	-2.6	103
2020 Strength of Schedule	61.1	100
2020 Season Win Projection	1.3	130
Returning Starters (OFF/DEF)	9 (4/5)	121
Return Starting QB (YES/NO)	NO	
Returning Production %	41%	129
Returning Offense Production	39%	118
Returning Defense Production	44%	119
2020 Recruiting (Signees)	25	129
2020 Roster Talent Rank		130

2020 Offense/Defense Analysis

No program has had a worse 3-run than the Miners who are just 2-34 SU since 2017. Head coach Dana Dimel has managed just 1 win over an FBS opponent the last 2 years and UTEP enters 2020 losers of 11 straight games.

It doesn't look like it will get any better in 2020 as UTEP is one of the least experienced teams in the country ranking No. 129 in Bill Connelly's returning production as they return just 9 starters. The Miners lose their top 2 QB's including dual threat talent Kai Locksley (535 rush). Their leading rusher Treyvon Hughes (682 yards and 12 TD's) departs along with 5 of their top 7 receivers, 2 of their top 3 DL, 5 of their top 6 LB's and their top 3 safeties.

It's not like the replacements are talented as we rank UTEP dead last in overall roster talent. On the bright side, UTEP does have a couple big play guys coming back. First, WR Jacob Cowing returns after averaging 17.7 yards per catch last season. On defense, UTEP's best pass rusher Praise Amaehle returns and on special teams Duron Lowe is back as he had a 100-yard kick return TD.

UTEP did get in 6 spring practices before the COVID-19 shutdown. Gavin Hardison and TJ Goodwin look like the top 2 candidates at QB. On defense, UTEP is excited about the depth of their DL with a bunch of Juco transfers.

The schedule will not be forgiving though as we project UTEP to be an underdog in all 12 games including 11 by double-digits.

2020 Schedule with BP Projected Lines

Date	Opponent	Line	Win %	Line	Total	Score	W/L/O/U
9/5	Texas Tech	29.8	3%				
9/12	at Nevada	20.3	7%				
9/19	at Texas	49.5	0%				
9/26	New Mex St	4.8	37%				
10/3							
10/10	at La Tech	24.3	5%				
10/17	South. Miss	22.9	6%				
10/24	at Charlotte	18.1	8%				
10/31	North Texas	14.5	16%				
11/7	FIU	15.2	15%				
11/14	at UTSA	12.2	21%				
11/21	UAB	22.0	6%				
11/28	at Rice	17.1	10%				
Projected Wins		1.34					

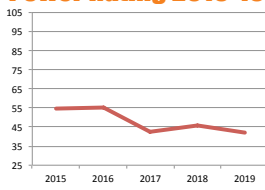
Last 5 Year Records

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Straight Up	5-7	4-8	0-12	1-11	1-11	11-49
Home	3-2	3-4	0-5	0-6	1-5	7-22
Away	2-5	1-4	0-7	1-5	0-6	4-27
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Conference	3-5	2-6	0-8	1-7	0-8	6-34
Non-Conf	2-2	2-2	0-4	0-5	1-4	5-15
ATS	6-6	5-6	1-9	1-9	5-7	3-9
Home Fav	0-1	2-1	0-1	0-0	0-2	2-5
Home Dog	3-1	1-3	1-3	1-5	1-3	7-15
Away Fav	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-0
Away Dog	2-4	2-2	1-5	1-3	2-4	10-17-2
Conference	5-3	3-4	1-6	1-4	3-5	16-22-2
Non-Conf	1-3	2-2	1-3	1-3	0-4	5-15
O/U	4-8	6-5	1-3	7-2	7-5	20-30

ATS Stat

Coming into 2020, we have UTEP power-rated lower than we've had them at any point in the last 5 years!

End of Season Power Rating 2015-19



2019 Stats

	UTEP	Rk	Opp	Rk
Rushing				
YPC	3.8	100	5.6	125
YPG	138.2	96	201.3	108
Passing				
Comp %	53.6%	113	65.3%	117
YPA	7.0	93	8.3	112
YPG	191	104	229.6	70
TD-INT	9-8		27-5	
Total				
YPP	5.1	109	6.8	126
YPG	329.2	116	430.8	95
Scoring				
PPG	19.6	119	35.9	119
3rd Down				
%	35.2%	106	52.3%	128
Red Zone				
TD %	55.3%	90	70.4%	115
Scoring %	84.2%	61	90.7%	120
KO Ret				
Avg	20.3	71	20.0	47
Punt Ret				
Avg	4.9	107	4.3	19
Sacks				
By #	12	126	35	108
TFL's	By #	39	130	77
Net Punt				
Avg	37.3	89		
4th Down				
Off Rk	2.1	30		
Att P/Gm	2.1	30		
Turnovers				
Margin	-4	90		
Penalties				
Per Game	6.7	90		

Scoring Quarter-By-Quarter

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Total
UTEP	51	77	43	64	0	235
Opp	97	138	96	100	0	431

2019 Stat Margins

	Margin +/-	Rk
Rush		
YPC	-1.8	124
Pass		
YPA	-1.3	107
YPP	-1.6	124
YPG	-101.6	120
Scoring		
	-16.3	124

2019 Individual Stats

	Att	Yds	%	Ratio
Passing				
Kai Locksley	181	1329	56.9	6-5
Brandon Jones	87	628	54.0	2-3
Rushing				
Att Yds YPC TD				
Treyvon Hughes	167	682	4.1	12
Kai Locksley	126	535	4.2	5
Receiving				
Rec Yds YPC TD				
Jacob Cowing	31	550	17.7	3
Justin Garrett	40	446	11.1	3
Tre'Shon Wolf	34	433	12.7	2
Alan Busey	17	239	14.1	1
Defense				
Tkl Sks TFL INT				
Michael Lewis	96	0	2	1
Justin Rogers	73	0	0	2
Adrian Hynson	57	1	1	0
Sione Tupou	53	1	0	0
Jayson VanHook	52	1	3	0
Josh Caldwell	52	0	0	0
Kicking				
FG LG XP				
Gavin Baechle	13-16	46	22-22	
Punting				
Avg L20 50+ BLK				
M. Crawford	39.6	13	9	1

2019 Game-By-Game Recap

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Hou Baptist	61.5	61.5	34	Cover: 16
UTEP	-17.5	-18	36	Over: 8.5
-UTEP had a 508-413 yard edge including 240-113 on the ground.				
-UTEP QB Brandon Jones was only 10 of 20 but those 10 completions went for 268 yards.				
-Houston Baptist was 1-10 in each of last 2 years.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
UTEP	66	64	3	Under: 23
Texas Tech	-35	-34.5	38	Cover: 0.5
-TT had 27-11 first down and 424-131 yard edges.				
-The Miners changed quarterbacks at halftime, replacing Brandon Jones with Kai Locksley. But it didn't make much difference. Jones was 4 of 12 for 21 yards with minus-1 yard rushing, and Locksley finished 3 of 7 for 33 yards with 21 yards on the ground.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Nevada	-16.5	-14	37	Cover: 2
UTEP	59	51.5	21	Over: 6.5
-Nevada had a 403-278 yard edge.				
The game was tied 21-21 late in the 3Q.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
UTEP	52	49	13	Cover: 8.5
So. Miss	-26.5	-26.5	31	Under: 5
-Southern Miss had 21-14 first down and 519-294 yard edges.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
UTSA	-2.5	46	26	Cover: 11
UTEP	46.5	-1	16	Under: 42
-UTSA had a 366-280 yard edge including 320-99 on the ground.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
UTEP	52.5	51.5	17	Cover: 9.5
FIU	-20.5	-24.5	32	Under: 2.5
-UTEP had a 17-15 first down edge but FIU had a 335-283 yard edge.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
La Tech	-19.5	-19	42	Cover: 2
UTEP	52.5	50	21	Over: 13
-La Tech had 29-20 first down and 490-325 yard edges and were also +2 in TO's.				
-La Tech led UTEP 42-7 in the 4Q before the Miners got a couple of garbage TD's.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
UTEP	58	59	26	Over: 19
No. Texas	-23	-22.5	52	Cover: 3.5
-NT had 25-14 first down & 476-275 yard edges.				
NT QB Mason Fine threw 7 TD passes!				
-Duron Lowe scored on a 100-yard kickoff return in the second quarter for the Miners.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Charlotte	-12	-12.5	28	Under: 6.5
UTEP	54	55.5	21	Cover: 5.5
-Charlotte had 22-17 first down and 483-389 yard edges.				
-Charlotte actually trailed 21-7 at halftime.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
UTEP	45.5	42.5	10	Over: 4.5
UAB	-17	-15.5	37	Cover: 11.5
-UTEP had a 19-17 first down edge but UAB a 449-312 yard edge including 353-90 on the ground.				
-UAB QB Dylan Hopkins ran for 163 yards.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
UTEP	56	55.5	35	Over: 23.5
NM St	-8	-7.5	44	Cover: 1.5
Misleading Final: UTEP had 27-17 first down and 557-441 yard edges but were -2 in TO's.				
UTEP QB Locksley threw for 358 yards.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Rice	-4.5	-6.5	30	Cover: 7.5
UTEP	43.5	43.5	16	Over: 2.5
-UTEP had a 18-16 first down edge but Rice a 371-312 yard edge including 256-99 on the ground. Rice was -2 in TO's.				
-UTEP led 16-14 at halftime.				

2015 (SU: 5-7, ATS: 6-6, O/U: 4-8)

Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L/O/U
9/5	at Arkansas	+32 13-48 L	o50	9/3
9/12	at Texas Tech	+20 20-69 L	o65	9/10
9/19	at NM St-OT	-2 50-47 W	o61	9/17
9/26	Incarnate Word	-30 27-17 L	u50	9/24
10/3	UTSA	+3 6-25 L	u57	10/1
10/10	at FIU	+14 12-52 L	o45	10/8
10/17				10/15
10/24	Florida Atlantic	+5 27-17 W	u53	10/22
10/31	at So. Miss	+24 13-34 W	u58	10/29
11/6	Rice	+6 24-21 W	u57	11/5
11/14	at Old Dominion	+7 21-13 L	u56	11/12
11/21	Louisiana Tech	+24 15-17 W	u54	11/19
11/28	at North Texas	+2 20-17 W	u51	11/26

2016 (SU: 4-8, ATS: 5-6-1, O/U: 6-5-1)

Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L/O/U
9/5	New Mexico St	-9 38-22 W	p60	9/2
9/12	at Texas	+30 7-41 L	u58	9/9
9/16	Army	+3 14-66 L	o46	9/16
9/23	Southern Miss	+13 7-34 L	u57	9/23
9/30	at La Tech	+21 7-28 W	u57	9/30
10/7	W Kentucky	-5 21-35 L	o49	10/7
10/14	at Southern Miss	+22 0-24 L	u52	10/14
10/21				10/21
10/28	UTSA	+15 14-31 L	u47	10/28
11/4	at Middle Tenn	+17 3-30 L	u47	11/4
11/11	at North Texas	+23 10-45 L	p55	11/11
11/18	Louisiana Tech	+16 21-42 L	o48	11/18
11/25	at UAB	+21 7-28 P	u48	11/25