



2023 UTSA Roadrunners Football
Army 37, UTSA 29
Friday, Sept. 15
Alamodome · San Antonio, Texas
Army Postgame Quotes

Head Coach Jeff Monken

On Army's Performance

"Well, it was sure fun to come out with a victory in that one and I'm proud of our team. What a great effort, we played really, really hard. When we needed to make some plays, our defense came up with some stops and the offense got that first down when we needed it at the end. It took every bit of the game to win. I'm just really proud of our team and proud of our staff. It's exciting to beat such an outstanding football team like UTSA ... I was pleased with our execution. A little disappointed we had to settle for some field goals, particularly when we had it down there third and three on our third drive. We got down to the three-yard line and missed an assignment down there and ended up at fourth and five and had to kick the field goal ... I told the coaches on the phone we can't keep trading field goals for touchdowns ... so I was glad that we were able to answer and get into the end zone rather than having to kick in the second half."

On Offensive Coordinator Drew Thatcher

"He called a really good game ... the double pass and then the pass to Noah, you know, that was an answer to a score. They scored and we went right back down and put seven on the board, it was a really important score. I thought he did a really nice job of calling plays for our team, what our guys are good at, what they want to run. Our guys want to line up and knock people around and knock them off the ball ... I think Drew called a game that fits us and fits our quarterback, so being able to throw the ball some and hit some big plays ... I thought it was a good mix. Really happy with Coach Thatcher and the job he did tonight and the whole staff."

On fourth-down efficiency

"We had some short fourth downs, but we had some we had to grind out and be pretty gritty. I think we had a fourth and three on the goal-line that Bryson scored on. We had at least one fourth and four that we converted ... We felt like we needed to extend our drives and not give them opportunities. The less plays they have, the less opportunities they have to score. We've always done that, that's not anything new for us ... We're playing to try to keep the ball for as long as we can. We did that effectively tonight. I mean, we had it for 43 minutes and some change ... We run 83 plays and have 43 minutes and we're still fighting to win the game. That just tells you who we are as a team. If we give them more chances as athletic as they are and as high powered as they are, they're gonna have the chance to score again. So I think we've got to take some chances and go for it on fourth down, and tonight we were able to convert on them all. I think that's just our guys determination and how hard they were running the ball and sustaining blocks. It's just a great team effort by the offense."

On the Alamodome Environment

"We had a really good Army West Point crowd. There were a lot of fans over there at the end of the game celebrating with us, but it was a great atmosphere. I think last week they had almost 50,000 people here. They've got a great following and they should, it's a great team. I can see why they've got a great fan base and have people coming out to watch them. It got loud and that's part of the excitement of college football. We didn't have as many fans as they did, and they made a lot of noise when those guys made some plays for UTSA. But we had a good crowd behind us too ... It's a great city, a great stadium, and just to have them men and women here ... we've got a lot of graduates from West Point here in Texas, so its great to be down here a lot."

Hayden Reed, So., RB.

On Offensive Communication

“Definitely, we put a big emphasis on communicating out there. Week one, that was our issue. Lack of communication and missing assignments. We took last week and this week of practice to focus in on that, and it showed very much on the field.”

Bryson Daily, Jr., QB.

On UTSA’s environment

“It was awesome. It gets your energy going. I’ve watched a few games here growing up in Texas, but I’ve never played in a dome. But it was awesome. Their fans were great. They were rowdy. We had a great show of Army fans here which was really cool. It was a great atmosphere for a big game ... we got a lot of love from the fans, even the UTSA fans ... doing it here in a state that loves supports the troops, you know, that was awesome.”

Noah Short, So., WR.

On First Career Start

“I felt great, Coach Smith told me Sunday that I was going to be starting so, you know, I didn’t try to put too much pressure on myself. But at the same time, it was a bigger stage. So I reached out to Bryson and, you know, Ay’Jaun taught me a lot. He talked to me a lot throughout the week and tried to keep me level headed, so I really appreciate him.”

On UTSA’s resilience

“Credit to them, they were pretty resilient tonight ... we were moving the ball pretty well, but credit to them. They were coming all night.”