



# 2023 UTSA Roadrunners Football

## UTSA vs. Rice

### Saturday, Nov. 11

#### Alamodome · San Antonio, Texas

## Postgame Notes

### TEAM RECORDS AND SERIES NOTES

- UTSA improved to 7-3 overall and remains tied with SMU and Tulane for first place in the American Athletic Conference at 6-0. Rice dropped to 4-6 overall and 2-4 in the AAC.
- This was the 11th meeting between UTSA and Rice.
  - The Roadrunners now have won the last eight meetings and lead the series 8-3.
  - UTSA is 5-1 versus the Owls in games played in San Antonio.
- The Roadrunners ran their winning streak to six games dating back to the 49-34 victory at Temple on Oct. 7.
- The Roadrunners are 26-3 (.897) in regular season conference games under fourth-year head coach Jeff Traylor.
  - Including the 2021 and 2022 Conference USA Championship Games, UTSA is 28-3 (.903) against league competition under Traylor.
- UTSA has won 14 consecutive regular season conference games and is 54-37 (.593) all-time in regular season conference games.
  - UTSA has won its last 16 contests against conference competition when including the two C-USA Championship Games.
- The Roadrunners have won 20 of their last 22 home games and are 22-3 (.880) at the Alamodome in the Jeff Traylor era.
  - UTSA is 17-0 versus conference opponents at home with Jeff Traylor as head coach.
- UTSA is now 12-1 (.923) in the month of November in the Jeff Traylor era.
- The Roadrunners are 15-4 against teams from the state of Texas with Jeff Traylor at the helm.
- UTSA is 37-13 (.740) under Jeff Traylor, the best record and winning percentage for a UTSA head coach through 50 games in program history.

### TEAM NOTES

- UTSA held Rice to 229 yards of offense and 14 points tonight.
  - Over the past three meetings, UTSA has limited the Owls to a combined 561 yards and 21 points, an average of 187 yards and seven points per game.
    - UTSA surrendered just 230 yards and 7 points in a 41-7 road win in 2022 and 102 yards in a 45-0 shutout in 2021.
- Rice was held to 47 rushing yards, marking the fourth time this season a UTSA opponent gained fewer than 100 yards on the ground.
- UTSA allowed 98 yards in the second half, including just four rushing.
- UTSA posted 10 tackles for loss and six sacks.
- UTSA is averaging 39.6 points per game in American Athletic Conference play.

### INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- Sophomore OLB **Trey Moore** posted a pair of sacks.
  - Moore now has tied Marcus Davenport's school record for career sacks with 22.0.
  - He also upped his total to 16.5 TFLs on the season, matching Clarence Hicks (2021) for the third-most in a single season.
- Senior ILB **Jamal Ligon** registered seven solo tackles and a quarterback hurry.
- Senior DE **Brandon Matterson**, senior OLB **Donyai Taylor**, junior OLB **Jimmori Robinson** and sophomore DL **Tai Leonard** all recorded a sack apiece.
- Junior **Chris Carpenter** returned a punt 50 yards for a touchdown, marking the first time a Roadrunner has recorded a punt return TD since Sheldon Jones brought one back 76 yards against Lamar on 9/11/21.
  - It was Carpenter's first career punt return for a touchdown. He also owns the only kickoff return in school history, a 97-yard return versus Texas Southern on 9/24/22.
- Making his first start as a Roadrunner, sophomore RB **Rocko Griffin** rushed for 81 yards and a touchdown on 12 attempts (6.8 ypc).
- Junior RB **Robert Henry** piled up 63 yards and a touchdown on 19 rushes.
- Senior QB **Frank Harris** completed 15-of-24 passes for 175 yards and a touchdown
- Senior WR **Joshua Cephus** caught five passes for 53 yards and a score
  - His eight TD receptions tie De'Corian Clark (2022) and Kerry Thomas (2016) for the third most in a single season.
  - Cephus has now reached 803 receiving yards in 2023, the fifth most in a single season.
- Freshman WR **Devin McCuin** hauled in four passes for 44 yards.
- Redshirt freshman PK **Tate Sandell** recorded the first successful field goal of his career.
- Senior P **Lucas Dean** registered a 43.3-yard average on three punts.
  - All three punts were downed inside the 20.

### ADDITIONAL NOTES

- UTSA's captains were Brandon Brown, Trey Moore and Rashad Wisdom.
- Tonight's attendance was 28,245