

WEEK TWO
UTEP at UNLV

LAS VEGAS (UNLVRebels.com) -- UNLV (1-1) scored 24 second-quarter points to run away from visiting UTEP (0-2), 52-24, on a hot Saturday night at Sam Boyd Stadium.

Facing the Miners for the first time since 1993, the Rebels took their home opener by rushing for 414 yards and winning the turnover battle 3-0. It marked the first time UNLV hosted a team that was a member of Conference USA at the time of the game.

The Rebels produced two 100-yard rushers as running back Lexington Thomas went for 127 and two scores and quarterback Armani Rogers totaled 103 and one touchdown on the ground. Rogers also threw three touchdowns – all to different receivers – as UNLV twice built its lead to 35 points.

THE TURNING POINT:

With both teams driving up and down the field early, UNLV held the Miners to a field goal, which kept the Rebels ahead 14-10. That allowed UNLV to eventually build a 38-10 halftime advantage.

STAT OF THE GAME:

Four different UNLV running backs finished with at least 70 yards on the ground and all of them posted per-rush averages of at least 6.7 yards.

REBEL OF THE GAME:

Armani Rogers completed only six passes but three of those went for touchdowns. He also rushed for 103 yards on just 10 carries.

QUOTABLE:

"It was good to get the first victory here at home. Offensively, I thought our guys came out and played really well – we scored on five of our first six drives. On defense, started a little slow, maybe had a hangover from last week, but they found their footing and did a good job down the stretch."
-UNLV Head Coach Tony Sanchez

REBEL NOTES:

-Game time temperature was 106 degrees at 6 pm PT.

-By making all seven of his extra points vs. UTEP, UNLV senior Evan Pantels broke the school record for consecutive PATs. The former record was 75 set by Kyle Watson in 2008-09. Pantels has now made all 80 his attempts.

-Pantels also made his one field-goal attempt (35 yards) to finish with 10 total points vs. the Miners.

-Sophomore quarterback Armani Rogers threw for three touchdowns in a game for the first time as a Rebel.

-Rogers finished with 103 net yards rushing on just 10 carries (including one TD). It marked his third 100-yard rushing game as a Rebel, which tied the school record by a quarterback (Jason Thomas had three from 2000-02).

-Senior Lexington Thomas posted his 14th 100-yard rushing game with 127 on 17 carries, including TD runs of 40 and four yards. He now sits just three scores away from tying Mike Thomas (1973-74) for the most in UNLV history.

-Thomas also moved up one spot on the career rushing yardage list. His total of 2,747 ranks fourth in school history.

-New UNLV punter Hayes Hicken finished with a 56.2-yard average on five attempts. The former Utah transfer is a junior graduate transfer.

-UNLV senior safety Dalton Baker finished with a game-high 14 total tackles.

-The Rebels' 414 yards rushing was the sixth most in school history and most since going for 517 vs. Idaho State in 2015.

-The 52 points scored by UNLV tied for the 18th most in school history and fourth most under head coach Tony Sanchez.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
UTEP	10	0	7	7	24
UNLV	14	24	7	7	52

Scoring Summary -----

	UTEP	UNLV
FIRST QUARTER		
UNLV TD 12:42 Mekhi Stevenson 51 Yd pass from Armani Rogers (Evan Pantels Kick)4 plays, 76 yards, 2:18	0	7
UTEP TD 7:58 Kai Locksley 1 Yd Run (Jason Filley Kick) 9 plays, 79 yards, 4:44	7	7
UNLV TD 4:55 Tyleek Collins 5 Yd Run (Evan Pantels Kick) 8 plays, 75 yards, 3:03	7	14
UTEP FG 3:02 Jason Filley 33 Yd Field Goal 5 plays, 43 yards, 1:53	10	14
second Quarter	UTEP	UNLV
UNLV TD 14:52 Armani Rogers 28 Yd Run (Evan Pantels Kick) 7 plays, 75 yards, 3:10	10	21
UNLV TD 8:23 Lexington Thomas 40 Yd Run (Evan Pantels Kick) 2 plays, 54 yards, 0:32	10	28
UNLV FG 3:38 Evan Pantels 35 Yd Field Goal 7 plays, 36 yards, 2:21	10	31
UNLV TD 0:22 Darren Woods Jr. 22 Yd pass from Armani Rogers (Evan Pantels Kick) 7 plays, 93 yards, 1:27	10	38
third Quarter	UTEP	UNLV
UNLVTD 14:35 Lexington Thomas 4 Yd Run (Evan Pantels Kick) 2 plays, 12 yards, 0:18	10	45
UTEP TD 3:49 Kai Locksley 20 Yd Run (Jason Filley Kick) 7 plays, 87 yards, 2:38	17	45
fourth Quarter	UTEP	UNLV
UNLVTD 12:43 Tyleek Collins 3 Yd pass from Armani Rogers (Evan Pantels Kick)9 plays, 64 yards, 3:49	17	52
UTEP TD 8:26 Quardraiz Wadley 22 Yd Run (Jason Filley Kick) 9 plays, 65 yards, 4:17	24	52

Team Stats	UTEP	UNLV
First Downs	20	30
Total Yards	417	527
Total Plays	66	73
Avg Gain Per Play	6.3	7.2
Net Yards Rushing	293	408
Rushes	38	58
Yards Per Rush	7.7	7.0
Net Yards Passing	124	119
Comp-Att	11-28	6-15
Yards Per Pass	4.4	7.9
Times Sacked	1	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-6	0
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	6	5
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	7	3
Penalty Yards	57	29
Fumbles	3	0
Fumbles Lost	2	0
Possession	28:41	31:19

Individual Stats

RUSHING

UTEP	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
1 Kai Locksley	20	119	6.0	20	2
4 Quardraiz Wadley	7	96	13.7	41	1
19 Treyvon Hughes	4	28	7.0	16	0
26 Walter Dawn Jr.	1	10	10.0	10	0
12 Ryan Metz	4	9	2.3	12	0
7 Kavika Johnson	1	3	3.0	3	0
25 Joshua Fields	0	0	-	-	0
UNLV	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
3 Lexington Thomas	17	127	7.5	40	2
1 Armani Rogers	10	103	10.3	35	1
8 Charles Williams	12	80	6.7	15	0
35 Xzaviar Campbell	10	72	7.2	20	0
29 Evan Owens	4	23	5.8	10	0
9 Tyleek Collins	3	9	3.0	5	1

PASSING

UTEP	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
12 Ryan Metz	5	10	66	6.6	0	1	85.4
1 Kai Locksley	6	19	57	3.0	0	0	56.8
UNLV	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
1 Armani Rogers	6	13	119	9.2	3	0	199.2
6 Max Gilliam	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0

RECEIVING

UTEP	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
10 Warren Redix	1	28	28.0	28	0
26 Walter Dawn Jr.	1	27	27.0	27	0
18 David Lucero	2	26	13.0	22	0
5 Nik Needham	1	18	18.0	18	0
19 Treyvon Hughes	1	14	14.0	14	0
2 Terry Juniel	2	12	6.0	6	0
5 Keynan Foster	1	5	5.0	5	0
25 Joshua Fields	2	-7	-3.5	0	0
7 Kavika Johnson	0	0	-	-	0
UNLV	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
10 Darren Woods Jr.	3	51	17.0	22	1
2 Mekhi Stevenson	1	51	51.0	51	1
80 Brandon Presley	1	14	14.0	14	0
9 Tyleek Collins	1	3	3.0	3	1