WEEK Three NORTH TEXAS AT ARKANSAS

FAYETTVILLE, Ark. -- Mason Fine threw for 281 yards and threw for a touchdown to lead North Texas to its first win over a Southeastern Conference opponent in more than 40 years with a 44-17 victory over Arkansas on Saturday.

Fine completed 24 of 45 passes and also rushed for a score for the Mean Green, which won for the first time in 10 games against the Razorbacks and is 3-0 to start the season for the first time since 1989.

North Texas improved to 5-37 in its history against the SEC with the win, with two of those victories coming via forfeits after losses to Mississippi State in 1976 and 1977. The Mean Green's last on-the-field win over an SEC team was a 21-14 victory at Tennessee in 1975.

The defeat is Arkansas' second straight against a non-Power 5 conference team, following last week's defeat at Colorado State.

Cole Kelley started at quarterback for the Razorbacks (1-2) but was replaced by freshman Connor Noland in the third quarter after throwing his fourth interception of the game. Kelley finished 16-of-35 passing for 185 yards, and he, Noland and freshman John Stephen Jones combined to throw six interceptions in the loss.

North Texas entered the game averaging 457.5 yards passing per game, tops in the country. The Conference-USA member Mean Green didn't reach its average through the air on Saturday, but it outgained Arkansas 376-336 in total yardage.

WALK THIS WAY

Already ahead 7-0 in the first quarter, Keegan Brewer put North Texas up by two scores with a 90-yard punt return that started with a bit of cool and trickery.

After a 27-yard punt by Arkansas' Blake Johnson, Brewer calmly caught the ball and walked slowly between Razorbacks defenders Nate Dalton and Grant Morgan. Brewer then sprinted down the left sideline for the touchdown, leaving many in Razorback Stadium wondering if he had called for a fair catch.

An official review showed that he hadn't -- with the touchdown staying on the board and the rout well on its way in Fayetteville.

THE TAKEAWAY

These are dark days at Arkansas, which is mired in its worst six-year stretch in more than 70 years. In addition to the immediate concern about whether the Razorbacks can win another game this season — with Tulsa the only non-SEC game remaining on the schedule — Morris is once again left looking for one quarterback to take command of the offense.

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Scoring Summary FIRST QUARTER			U		, UN		ARK
UNT TD 9:36 Mason Fine 2 Yd Run (Cole Hedlund Kick) 7 plays, 44 yards, 1:43 7 0							
UNT TD 6:49 Keegan Brewer 90 8 plays, 41 yards	Yd Punt	Return	(Cole H	edluı	nd Kick 1		0
UNT FG 5:04 Cole Hedlund 24 Ye 4 plays, 1 yard,	d Field	Goal			1	7	0
SECOND QUARTER ARK TD 14:08 Cole Kelley 5 Yd 1	Run (Con	nor Lim	pert Ki	ck)	UN	ΙΤ	ARK
7 plays, 61 yards ARK FG 9:27 Connor Limpert 54	, 1:36		-	,	1	7	7
10 plays, 49 yard UNT TD 7:21 Loren Easly 3 Yd 1	s, 2:55		nd Kick	:)	1	7	10
2 plays, 34 yards UNT TD 2:55	, 0:30			,	2. Cole Hea		10
Rico Bussey Jr. 7 Yd pass from Mason Fine (Cole Hedlund Kick) 8 plays, 80 yards, 2:46 31 10 UNT FG 0:10 Cole Hedlund 26 Yd Field Goal							
7 plays, 40 yards THIRD QUARTER UNT FG 9:26		GGGI			3 . UN		10 ARK
Cole Hedlund 20 You 14 plays, 72 yards FOURTH QUARTER		Goal			3° UN		10 ARK
<pre>UNT TD 7:42 Kemon Hall 24 Yd 1 play, 0 yards,</pre>		tion Re	turn (C	ole 1	Hedlund 4		10
ARK TD 0:53 Maleek Williams 68 Yd Run (Connor Limpert Kick) 1 play, 68 yards, 0:12 44 17							
Team Stats First Downs			UNT 15		ARK 16		
Total Yards Total Plays			376 75		336 77		
Avg Gain Per Play Net Yards Rushing			5.0 95		4.4 126		
Rushes Yards Per Rush			29 3.3		32 3.9		
Net Yards Passing Comp-Att			281 24-46		210 20-	45	
Yards Per Pass Times Sacked			6.1 5		4.7		
Yds Lost To Sacks Interceptions			-27 0		-17 6		
Punts Punt_Average			9		9 0.0		
Penalties Penalty Yards			9 101		9 55		
Fumbles Fumbles Lost			1		0 0		
Possession Individual Stats			30:04		29:	56	
RUSHING UNT	Rush	Yds	Avg		TD	Lon	ıg
Loren Easly DeAndre Torrey	13 4	68 13	5.2 3.3		1	24 5	
Quinn Shanbour Mason Fine	5 5	11 7	2.2		0 1	12 6	
Team Anthony Wyche	1 1	-2 -2	-2.0 -2.0)	0	0	
ARK	Rush 5				TD	Lon 68	
Maleek Williams Chase Hayden	5	21	4.2		0	6	
John Stephen Jone Cole Kelley	4	15 14	15.0 3.5		0	15 5)
Devwah Whaley T.J. Hammonds	9 1	12 0	1.3 0.0		0 0	7 0	
Connor Noland PASSING	7	-10			0	13	
UNT Mason Fine	Comp 24	Att 45	Yds 281	Y/A 6.2	TD 1	Int O	QBRat 113.1
Quinn Shanbour ARK	0 Comp	1 Att	0 Yds	0.0 Y/A	0 TD	0 Int	0.0 QBRat
Cole Kelley Connor Noland	16 4	35 7	185 25	5.3 3.6	0	4 1	67.3 58.6
John Stephen Jones RECEIVING	0	3	0	0.0	0	1	-66.7
UNT	Rec	Yds	Avg		TD	Long	
Jaelon Darden Kelvin Smith	5 5	87 60	17.4 12.0		0	37 37	
Jalen Guyton Rico Bussey Jr.	2 5	42 27	21.0 5.4		0 1	31 10	
Michael Lawrence DeAndre Torrey	3 3	24 24	8.0 8.0		0 0	12 27	
Loren Easly ARK	1 Rec	17 Yds	17.0 Avg		0 TD	17 Long	
Michael Woods La'Michael Pettwa	4	61 49	15.3 12.3		0	25 16	
Jared Cornelius	2	27	13.5		0	14	
T.J. Hammonds Jordan Jones	2 1	17 13	8.5 13.0		0	11 13	
Deon Stewart Grayson Gunter	2 1	12 11	6.0 11.0		0	8 11	
Jeremy Patton Devwah Whaley	1 1	11 6	11.0 6.0		0	11 6	
Chase Hayden	1 1	3	3.0		0	3	
Rakeem Boyd	1	U	0.0		v	J	