Abraham leads Southern Mississippi past UTEP 31-13

HATTIESBURG, Miss. -- Jack Abraham passed for 351 yards and three touchdowns and Southern Mississippi rolled to a 31-13 victory over UTEP in a Conference USA opener on Saturday.

The Golden Eagles (3-2) took the lead for good on their first possession. Abraham hit De'Michael Harris for a 74-yard scoring strike on third-and-14 for a 7-0 lead. Southern Miss made it 14-0 after Jordan Mitchell blocked a punt and recovered the ball at the UTEP 2-yard line. Harris ran it in two plays later. The Miners (1-3) put together two long drives in the second quarter but had to settle for two Gavin Baechle field goals and trailed 24-6 at halftime.

Kai Locksley broke loose for a 63-yard touchdown run on UTEP's first play of the third quarter to get the Miners within 24-13, but Abraham directed a 10-play, 82-yard drive, capped by his 6-yard TD toss to Jaylond Adams to provide the final margin of victory.

Locksley completed 8 of 15 passes for 109 yards and led the Miners with 114 yards rushing on 12 carries. The rest of UTEP's rushers managed just 12 yards on 13 carries.

Kevin Perkins and Harris combined to rush for 127 yards on 22 totes for Southern Miss.

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UTEP	0	6	7	0	13
USM	14	10	7	0	31

Scoring Summary ---------------

FIRST QUARTER

	UTEP	USM
USM TD 11:35 De'Michael Harris 74 Yd pass from Jack Abraham (Andrew Stein Kick)		
3 plays, 70 yards, 1:40	0	7
USM TD 9:31 De'Michael Harris 2 Yd Run (Andrew Stein Kick)		
2 plays, 2 yards, 0:41	0	14

SECOND QUARTER

	UTEP	USM
UTEP FG 14:02 Gavin Baechle 28 Yd Field Goal		
11 plays, 66 yards, 4:45	3	14
USM TD 3:07 Jordan Mitchell 22 Yd pass from Jack Abraham (Andrew Stein Kick)		
12 plays, 78 yards, 5:27	3	21
UTEP FG 0:16 Gavin Baechle 46 Yd Field Goal		
8 plays, 36 yards, 2:51	6	21
USM FG 0:00 Andrew Stein 38 Yd Field Goal		
2 plays, 29 yards, 0:16	6	24

THIRD QUARTER

	UTEP	USM
UTEP TD 13:55 Kai Locksley 63 Yd Run (Gavin Baechle Kick)		
1 play, 63 yards, 0:11	13	24
USM TD 8:35 Jaylond Adams 6 Yd pass from Jack Abraham (Andrew Stein Kick)		
10 plays, 82 yards, 4:30	13	31

Team Stats

	UTEP	USM
First Downs	14	21
Passes for First	8	13
Rushes for First	6	6
Penalties for First	0	2
Third Down Efficiency	4-14	9-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	0-0
Total Yards	294	519
Total Plays	53	65
Avg Gain Per Play	5.5	8.0
Net Yards Rushing	126	168
Rushes	25	37
Yards Per Rush	5.0	4.5
Net Yards Passing	168	351
Comp-Att	14-28	19-28
Yards Per Pass	6.0	12.5
Times Sacked	4	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-25	-6
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	7	3
Punt Average	32.6	40.0
Penalties	7	8
Penalty Yards	60	70
Fumbles	0	3
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Time of Poss	26:27	33:33

Individual Stats

RUSHING

UTEP	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Kai Locksley	12	114	9.5	1	63
Kavika Johnson	1	8	8.0	0	8
Josh Fields	3	6	2.0	0	3
Treyvon Hughes	4	1	0.3	0	3
Brandon Jones	5	-3	-0.6	0	4

SOUTHERN MISS	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Kevin Perkins	11	65	5.9	0	29
De'Michael Harris	11	62	5.6	1	21
Darius Maberry	4	19	4.8	0	12
Steven Anderson	4	9	2.3	0	5
Chandler Rogers	2	6	3.0	0	9
Jaylond Adams	1	4	4.0	0	4
Jack Abraham	3	4	1.3	0	8
Team	1	-1	-1.0	0	0

PASSING

UTEP	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Kai Locksley	8	15	109	7.3	0	0	80.8
Brandon Jones	6	13	59	4.5	0	0	7.4

SOUTHERN MISS	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jack Abraham	19	28	351	12.5	3	0	96.3

RECEIVING

UTEP	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Alan Busey	3	51	17.0	0	27
Devaughn Cooper	4	51	12.8	0	21
Jess Trussell	3	33	11.0	0	21
Jacob Cowing	1	23	23.0	0	23
Tre'Shon Wolf	1	13	13.0	0	13
Josh Fields	2	-3	-1.5	0	0

SOUTHERN MISS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Quez Watkins	2	97	48.5	0	61
De'Michael Harris	2	80	40.0	1	74
Jaylond Adams	5	58	11.6	1	22
Jordan Mitchell	4	47	11.8	1	22
Tim Jones	2	32	16.0	0	29
Cole Cavallo	1	17	17.0	0	17
Neil McLaurin	2	17	8.5	0	14
Kevin Perkins	1	3	3.0	0	3