

WEEK THREE
ARMY at UTSA

Army rebounds to upend Texas-San Antonio, 31-13

SAN ANTONIO -- Army bounced back from an emotional loss to roll past Texas-San Antonio 31-13 Saturday at the Alamodome.

The Black Knights’ triple-option offense continued to confound after nearly upsetting then seventh-ranked Michigan on Sept. 7 before falling 24-21 in double overtime in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Senior defensive back Elijah Riley said the Black Knights moved on from the loss quickly, but not everyone was able to forget so easily.

“I’m glad they forgot about it right away,” Army coach Jeff Monkey said. “I didn’t forget about that; I don’t know if I’ll ever forget about that. So, good for them. Losses like that are going to linger. They’re hard, they are hard to overcome. When you’ve got the No. 7 team beat in their stadium it’s going to linger and it’s hard to come back from.”

Monken admitted he was worried about a letdown, but he shouldn’t have.

Aiding Army’s recovery was a late switch at quarterback against UTSA. Jabari Laws started in place of an injured Kevin Hokins Jr. and the Black Knights responded with their most prolific output of the season.

Army (2-1) generated season-highs in total yards with 358 and rushing yards with 340 against UTSA (1-2). “We knew what to expect from this team, but it’s very hard to emulate that,” Roadrunners coach Frank Wilson said of the Black Knights’ triple-option offense. “So, even when we practiced it, it probably was not at the speed that it was today.”

Laws first career snap resulted in a 35-yard run. The Black Knights would score 53 seconds into the game, driving 75 yards on three plays capped by Kell Walker’s 26-yard rushing touchdown.

“It was definitely awesome,” Laws said. “All my teammates, they rallied behind me and I really appreciate them. I really couldn’t have done it without them.”

It was the fastest opening score in Monken’s 10-year career.

Walker added a second rushing touchdown and Laws and Connor Slomka each added one to propel Army.

UTSA’s initial touchdown came on a two-yard dive by quarter-back Lowell Narcisse. The Roadrunners scored after converting on fourth-and-eight at the Black Knights’ 33-yard line.

UTSA was held to 51 yards rushing and lost two fumbles.

THE TAKEAWAY

Army: The Black Knights continue to thrive under Monken. Army has won three straight bowl games and closed last season with 13 straight victories. The offense continues to dazzle but the defense is limiting opponents to 281 yards per game this season.

UTSA: Frank Wilson is off to another slow start in his fourth season in charge of the Roadrunners. UTSA is 1-2 despite returning 15 starters from last season’s team that opened 0-3. The Roadrunners started 0-3 in 2016 and qualified for the New Mexico Bowl but are 5-12 over the past three seasons. Wilson has one year remaining on a five-year contract he signed prior to the 2016 season.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
ARMY	10	0	7	14	31
UTSA	0	0	7	6	13

Scoring Summary -----

	ARMY	UTSA
FIRST QUARTER		
ARMY TD 14:07 Kell Walker 26 Yd Run (David Cooper Kick)		
3 plays, 75 yards, 0:53	7	0
ARMY FG 10:41 David Cooper 40 Yd Field Goal		
5 plays, 16 yards, 2:33	10	0
THIRD QUARTER		
UTSA TD 8:02 Lowell Narcisse 2 Yd Run (Hunter Duplessis Kick)		
13 plays, 65 yards, 6:58	10	7
ARMY TD 2:23 Jabari Laws 41 Yd Run (David Cooper Kick)		
1 play, 41 yards, 0:11	17	7
FOURTH QUARTER		
ARMY TD 10:43 Kell Walker 16 Yd Run (David Cooper Kick)		
9 plays, 70 yards, 4:31	24	7
UTSA TD 8:50 Sincere McCormick 7 Yd Run (Two-Point Run Conversion Failed)		
6 plays, 32 yards, 1:53	24	13
ARMY TD 1:23 Connor Slomka 3 Yd Run (David Cooper Kick)		
13 plays, 70 yards, 7:27	31	13

Team Stats	ARMY	UTSA
First Downs	22	13
Passes for First	0	10
Rushes for First	21	3
Penalties for First	1	0
Third Down Efficiency	5-9	5-13
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	2-2
Total Yards	358	260
Total Plays	57	60
Avg Gain Per Play	6.3	4.3
Net Yards Rushing	340	51
Rushes	55	27
Yards Per Rush	6.2	1.9
Net Yards Passing	18	209
Comp-Att	2-2	24-33
Yards Per Pass	9.0	6.3
Times Sacked	5	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-24	-6
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	3	5
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	5	7
Penalty Yards	30	54
Fumbles	3	3
Fumbles Lost	2	2
Time of Poss	30:33	29:27

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
ARMY	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Jabari Laws	23	137	6.0	1	41		
Kell Walker	5	80	16.0	2	26		
Connor Slomka	17	59	3.5	1	12		
Artice Hobbs IV	7	54	7.7	0	17		
Sandon McCoy	2	12	6.0	0	11		
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0		
UTSA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Sincere McCormick	5	27	5.4	1	11		
Deven Boston	3	16	5.3	0	13		
Lowell Narcisse	2	7	3.5	1	5		
Brenden Brady	2	4	2.0	0	4		
Frank Harris	14	1	0.1	0	7		
Sheldon Jones	1	-4	-4.0	0	0		
PASSING							
ARMY	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jabari Laws	2	2	18	9.0	0	0	37.3
UTSA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Frank Harris	23	31	187	6.0	0	1	27.3
Lucas Dean	1	1	22	22.0	0	0	100.0
Lowell Narcisse	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	62.7
RECEIVING							
ARMY	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Camden Harrison	1	12	12.0	0	12		
Kjetil Cline	1	6	6.0	0	6		
UTSA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Carlos Strickland II	4	38	9.5	0	19		
Leroy Watson	1	37	37.0	0	37		
Sincere McCormick	3	26	8.7	0	10		
Gavin Sharp	3	23	7.7	0	12		
Rashad Wisdom	1	22	22.0	0	22		
Blaze Moorhead	4	20	5.0	0	8		
Joshua Cephus	2	16	8.0	0	11		
Sheldon Jones	3	13	4.3	0	14		
Brenden Brady	1	7	7.0	0	7		
Tykee Ogle-Kellogg	1	6	6.0	0	6		
Deven Boston	1	1	1.0	0	1		