



THE
EARL CAMPBELL
TYLER ROSE AWARD

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Tyler Announces The Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award National Player of the Week

TYLER, Texas – UTEP running back Aaron Jones has been named The Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award National Player of the Week for the thirteenth week of the college football season.

The junior running back rushed for 301 yards, the second-top total in UTEP football history, as the Miners closed out the 2016 season with a 52-24 victory over North Texas in the Sun Bowl. Jones finished the game with 24 carries and four touchdowns, while joining West Virginia's Justin Crawford, Texas' D'Onta Foreman, and Utah's Joe Williams as the only players in the FBS to gain 300 yards in a game this season.

The 301 rushing yards are the most by a UTEP player since All-American Fred Wendt compiled 326 yards against New Mexico State on November 24, 1948.

Jones ends the season with 17 rushing touchdowns, a number that ranks third on the all-time UTEP list. He also ran for 1,773 yards in 2016, a UTEP single-season record and the fifth-most in Conference USA History.

Aaron Jones is a graduate of Burges High School, El Paso, Texas.

Week 13 Honorable Mentions:

LINELL BONNER, WR, HOUSTON - Junior

Houston, TX (Dekaney HS)
17 catches - 235 yards, TD
L, 48-44 @ Memphis

KEKE COUTEE, WR, TEXAS TECH - Sophomore

Lufkin, TX (Lufkin HS)

8 catches - 221 yards, 2 TD

W, 54-35 vs. Baylor

TERIYON GIPSON, RB, NEW MEXICO - Senior

Dallas, TX (Kimball HS)

13 carries - 217 yards, 2 TD

W, 56-35 vs. Wyoming

SKYLER HOWARD, QB, WEST VIRGINIA - Senior

Fort Worth, TX (Brewer HS)

12/21 - 330 yards, 5 TD | 48 rushing yards

W, 49-19 vs. Iowa State

PATRICK MAHOMES II, QB, TEXAS TECH - Junior

Whitehouse, TX (Whitehouse HS)

30/46 - 586 yards, 6 TD

W, 54-35 vs. Baylor

GREG WARD JR., QB, HOUSTON - Senior

Tyler, TX (John Tyler HS)

47/67 - 487 yards, 4 TD, INT | 65 yards rushing

L, 48-44 @ Memphis

THE EARL CAMPBELL TYLER ROSE AWARD

The Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award, announced in 2012 by the Tyler Chamber and SPORTyler, recognizes the top offensive player in Division 1 football who also exhibits the enduring characteristics that define Earl Campbell: integrity, performance, teamwork, sportsmanship, drive, community, and tenacity; specifically tenacity to persist and determination to overcome adversity and injury in pursuit of reaching goals.

In addition, the nominee must meet one or more of the following criteria: born in Texas and/or graduated from a Texas High School and/or played at a Texas-based junior college or four year D1 Texas college.

For more information about The Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award go to www.earlcampbellaward.com or contact Cindy Smoak, SPORTyler, Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce: csmoak@tylertexas.com or 903-592-1661, extension 237.

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