

# North Texas 6-6 (5-3 C-USA)



# UNT 2021 highlight reel



# Miami (Ohio) 6-6 (5-3 MAC)



## UNT 44, Northwestern St. 14

UNT opened its season by rolling to a win over Northwestern State. The Mean Green led 17-14 late in the first half before scoring 27 unanswered points to close the game. Running back DeAndre Torrey rushed for 244 yards and three touchdowns to lead UNT.



## SMU 35, UNT 12

The Mean Green led SMU 6-0 early and held the Mustangs scoreless until late in the first half when Tanner Mordecai hit Rashee Rice for a 62-yard touchdown. The Mustangs pulled away in the second half, despite a terrific game from Roderic Burns. The wide receiver caught 12 passes for 141 yards.



## UAB 40, UNT 6

UNT lost its opening game in Conference USA play to UAB at Apogee Stadium, where the Mean Green struggled to get anything going offensively. Linebacker Tyreke Davis posted one of his best games of the season against the Blazers. Davis finished with 8.0 tackles, including 2.0 tackles for loss and a sack.



## Louisiana Tech 24, UNT 17

The Mean Green dropped their second straight game to open C-USA play when they lost at Louisiana Tech. UNT fell behind 24-0 and never recovered, despite a solid game from linebacker KD Davis. The junior finished with 8.0 tackles, including 3.0 tackles for loss. The Mean Green shut Louisiana Tech out in the second half.



## Missouri 48, UNT 35

UNT faced one of its biggest tests of the season at Missouri. The Mean Green came into the day with a 4-36 all-time record against SEC teams and never threatened to break through against the Tigers. UNT trailed 41-14 in the fourth quarter before scoring 21 points late. Austin Aune threw for 305 yards and four touchdowns.



## Marshall 49, UNT 21

The Mean Green fell to 0-3 in C-USA play following a loss to Marshall. UNT struggled to get anything going offensively and racked up 17 penalties for 161 yards. One of the bright spots for UNT was the play of defensive end Gabriel Murphy, who finished with 6.0 tackles and forced a fumble when he sacked quarterback Grant Wells.



## Liberty 35, UNT 26

UNT lost its sixth straight game when it failed to hang on to a 26-14 lead in the second half. The Flames scored 21 unanswered points to close the game and pull away for the win. Defensive tackle Dion Novil finished with 5.0 tackles and 1.5 sacks in one of his best performances of his final season with the Mean Green.



## UNT 30, Rice 24 (OT)

The Mean Green began their run of five straight wins to become bowl eligible when they pulled out a win over Rice in overtime in Houston. UNT shut out the Owls on their possession. UNT capitalized when Ayo Adeyi scored on a 1-yard run to give UNT the win. Adeyi rushed for 47 yards and two touchdowns for the Mean Green.



## UNT 38, Southern Miss 14

UNT won its second straight game when it rallied from an early 14-0 deficit to beat Southern Miss. The Mean Green lost running back DeAndre Torrey to injury early and was forced to turn to Isaiah Johnson and Ikaika Ragsdale. Both came through and cleared the 100-yard mark. Johnson finished with 119 yards and a touchdown.



## UNT 20, UTEP 17

The Mean Green pulled out a thrilling last-second win over UTEP. The Mean Green had the ball at their 18-yard line with 49 seconds left after the Miners tied the game up at 17-17. Austin Aune found Detraevon Brown open deep for a 58-yard pass that set up Ethan Mooney's 27-yard game-winning field goal.



## UNT 49, Fla. International 7

UNT moved within one game of becoming bowl eligible by blowing out Florida International in Miami. The Mean Green scored touchdowns on six straight possessions beginning in the second quarter. Running back Ikaika Ragsdale rushed for 102 yards and a touchdown to lead UNT, which finished with 611 total yards.



## UNT 45, UTSA 23

The Mean Green secured a bowl berth with a win over UTSA. The Roadrunners came into the day ranked No. 15 in the AP Top 25 poll. UNT capitalized on its first opportunity to host a ranked team at Apogee Stadium behind defensive end Grayson Murphy, who posted 3.0 sacks and forced a fumble.



## A five-game winning streak

North Texas was in a tough spot after it lost six straight games to fall to 1-6. UNT needed to win its remaining five games to become bowl eligible with six wins. That is exactly what the Mean Green did. The last of those wins was the biggest, a 45-23 upset of 15th-ranked UTSA.



## Dramatic improvement defensively

The Mean Green's hopes to break through for their first winning season since 2019 rested largely on their ability to improve defensively after allowing 42.8 points per game last season. UNT reached that goal under new coordinator Phil Bennett and cut that figure to 27.5.



## Growth in the running game

UNT elected to lean on its running game to power its offense after struggling early in the year. The move paid dividends for the Mean Green, who averaged 245.3 rushing yards per game in the regular season. DeAndre Torrey led UNT with 1,215 yards.

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Miami opened its season by falling to Cincinnati, which finished the season unbeaten and among the four teams in the College Football Playoff. The RedHawks fell behind 42-0 and never recovered, despite a solid game by running back Keyon Mozee. The freshman rushed for 80 yards on 15 carries.



## Cincinnati 49, Miami 14

The RedHawks rallied from a 21-3 deficit but couldn't complete the comeback and fell to 0-2 on the season with a loss to Minnesota. Miami's defense played well in the second half, holding the Gophers to 10 points behind defensive lineman Lonnie Phelps. The sophomore posted 2.0 tackles for loss and a sack.



## Minnesota 31, Miami 26

Miami broke open a game that was tied 7-7 in the first half by scoring 35 straight points in its first win of the season. The RedHawks defense dominated behind safety Mike Brown. The senior posted 3.0 tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss and forced a fumble. Miami held Long Island to 216 total yards.



## Miami 42, Long Island 7

Army rushed for 384 yards and cruised to a win over Miami, which couldn't build on its first win of the season the previous week over Long Island. The Black Knights took a 23-3 lead and cruised. Linebacker Ivan Pace Jr. led Miami with 12 tackles and was also credited with a quarterback hurry.



## Army 23, Miami 10

The RedHawks opened MAC play by rallying late for a win over Central Michigan. Miami trailed 17-14 in the fourth quarter before scoring 14 unanswered points. Mac Hippenhammer caught eight passes for 170 yards to spark Miami offensively. Quarterbacks Brett Gabbert and AJ Mayer combined for 350 passing yards.



## Miami 28, Cen. Michigan 17

Eastern Michigan scored the only touchdown in its showdown with Miami and edged the RedHawks. Miami led 6-0 on a pair of Graham Nicholson field goals before the Eagles scored on a 16-yard pass from Ben Bryant to Bryson Cannon. Nicholson kicked four field goals for Miami.



## E. Michigan 13, Miami 12

Miami ran out to a 34-7 lead on Akron and cruised to its second win in MAC play behind wide receiver Jack Sorenson. The senior caught five passes for 113 yards and a touchdown. Sorenson's 57-yard touchdown catch in the first quarter gave the RedHawks a 14-0 lead and the momentum they needed to pull away.



## Miami 34, Akron 21

Tight end Nate Muersch caught a 6-yard touchdown pass from Brett Gabbert in the fourth quarter to help Miami rally for a win over Ball State. The RedHawks trailed by one before Muersch's touchdown catch and an ensuing two-point conversion. Muersch's touchdown grab was his only catch of the game.



## Miami 24, Ball State 17

Miami mounted a rally from a 28-0 deficit only to come up short against Ohio. RedHawks quarterback Brett Gabbert threw for 492 yards and five touchdowns. Miami scored 33 points in the second half but couldn't overcome a scoreless first half. Jack Sorenson and Mac Hippenhammer each had two touchdown grabs for Miami.



## Ohio 35, Miami 33

The RedHawks clamped down on Buffalo and cruised to their third MAC win in their last four games. Defensive lineman Kameron Butler helped spark Miami's performance defensively while posting 6.0 tackles including 2.5 tackles for loss and a sack. He also forced a fumble that helped the RedHawks control the game.



## Miami 45, Buffalo 18

Miami fell behind 7-0 early before ripping off 34 unanswered points on its way to the sixth win that made the RedHawks bowl eligible. Defensive lineman Dominique Robinson posted 4.0 tackles, 2.0 sacks and a quarterback hurry. The win sent Miami into its regular season finale with a chance to advance to the MAC title game.



## Miami 34, Bowling Green 7

The RedHawks missed out on a chance to advance to the MAC championship game when they fell to Kent State in overtime. Jalen Walker caught a 25-yard touchdown pass from Gabbert in overtime. Miami went for a 2-point conversion and the win, but had its pass batted down.



## Kent State 48, Miami 47 (OT)

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