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A late rally by one of college football's best teams spoiled true freshman Chuckie Keeton's debut as the Utah State University quarterback.

The entire nation watched Keeton nearly lead the Aggies to a big upset. However, the teams in Western Athletic Conference instantly are on notice.

The 2011 Cypress Creek High School graduate may eventually be the worst nightmare for all of them.

Defending BCS champion Auburn scored two touchdowns in the final two minutes to rally for a 42-38 victory over Utah State Saturday afternoon. The game aired live on ESPN2.

The Tigers, who had to recover an onside kick to do it, needed those points thanks in large part to Keeton's sparkling performance in his collegiate debut.

Keeton was 22-of-30 passing for 226 yards. He also scored two rushing touchdowns. He led Utah State on a 14-play, 65-yard drive that lasted more than six minutes and culminated in a 1-yard touchdown run with 3 minutes, 38 seconds remaining. Utah State led, 38-28.

Auburn responded with a 65-yard touchdown drive of its own to get within three points. The Tigers went for an onside kick and recovered it with two minutes remaining. They scored the winning touchdown with 30 seconds to go in the game.

Utah State is coming off a 4-8 season that included a win over BYU. The Aggies fared well in last season's opener against Oklahoma, too. They lost, 31-24.

Keeton led Cypress Creek to back-to-back district titles. Last season, the Cougars advanced to the third round of the playoffs for the first time in 20 years.

Cy Creek lost to eventual state champion Pearland, which means Keeton played consecutive games against the Texas Class 5A-I State Champion and the reigning BCS Champion.

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