



# ARKANSAS **vs** MISS STATE

OCTOBER 3, 2020



## POSTGAME NOTES: ARKANSAS 21, NO. 16 MISSISSIPPI STATE 14

### PREGAME NOTES

- The Razorbacks wore cardinal helmets, white jerseys and white pants.
- Arkansas won the coin toss and deferred to the second half.
- Arkansas' captains were seniors Rakeem Boyd, Feleipe Franks, Grant Morgan and Jonathan Marshall. They will serve as captains for every game this season. Boyd was the Razorback's coin toss representative.
- Weather - 65 degrees, clear, no wind.

### GENERAL NOTES

- Head coach Sam Pittman's first career FBS win.
- Saturday marked 29th consecutive season the Razorbacks and Bulldogs have met. With the win, Arkansas is now 17-13-1 against the Bulldogs and 8-7 in Starkville. Its the first time the winner scored less than 24 points since a 17-10 Mississippi State win in 2014.
- The announced attendance for the game: 13,564
- Today's starters: **Offense** - Feleipe Franks (QB), Myron Cunningham (LT), Brady Latham (LG), Ricky Stromberg (C), Beaux Limmer (RG), Noah Gatlin (RT), Rakeem Boyd (RB), Mike Woods (WR), Trey Knox (WR), Treyton Burks (WR), Blake Kern (TE). **Defense** - Zach Williams (JACK), Jonathan Marshall (DT), Eric Gregory (DE), Bumper Pool (LB), Grant Morgan (LB), Greg Brooks Jr. (NB), Montaric Brown (CB), Jalen Catalon (S), Simeon Blair (S), Myles Slusher (S), Jerry Jacobs (CB).
- On the offensive side of the ball Blake Kern (TE) made his first career start.
- On the defensive side of the ball Zach Williams (DE), Eric Gregory (DE) and Myles Slusher (S) made their first career starts.
- Rakeem Boyd made his 22nd consecutive start, the most among all Razorbacks.
- Arkansas scored first in its first two games of the season and led both at halftime.
- Arkansas won its first SEC game since a 38-37 win over Ole Miss on Oct. 28, 2017.
- Arkansas won its first game over a ranked opponent since 2016 against No. 10 Florida (31-10)
- Arkansas won its first game over a ranked opponent on the road since 2016 at No. 15 TCU (41-38).

### OFFENSIVE NOTES

- Arkansas totaled 275 total offensive yards with 63 on the ground and 212 through the air.
- Arkansas averaged 4.2 yards per play.
- Arkansas collected 17 first downs - six rushing, 10 passing and one via penalty.
- Arkansas had a 100-yard receiver in De'Vion Warren - which is a new career-best - its second in as many weeks. Its the first 100-yard receiving game by a Hog against Mississippi State since Hunter Henry had 129 yards in 2015.
- Trelon Smith led the offense in both rushing yards (48) and receptions (5).
- Arkansas won its first SEC game when rushing for less than 100 yards since a 17-0 win over LSU (95 yds) on Nov. 15, 2014.

### DEFENSIVE NOTES

- Bumper Pool set a career-high with 20 tackles, which is tied for the 10th most in a single game in school history. Jerry Franklin was the last Hog to have 20 in a game (Nov. 20, 2010 vs. Mississippi State). Pool is the sixth Razorback to have 20 or more total tackles in a game since 2000.
- Greg Brooks Jr. made his second career interception and returned it 69 yards for a touchdown on the game's opening possession. It was Arkansas first interception return for a touchdown since Santos Ramirez against Florida in 2016. Its the Razorbacks longest interception return since Henry Tolliver's 70-yard return against Alcorn State in 2016.
- Joe Foucha made two interceptions in a game for the first time in his career, with picks coming in the second and fourth quarters. Its the first time an Arkansas player has made two picks in a game since Dre Greenlaw in 2018 vs. Texas A&M.
- The duo of linebackers Pool and Grant Morgan combined for 35 of the team's 95 tackles.
- Arkansas made two stops on fourth down to force a turnover on downs when Mississippi State was inside the Arkansas 30-yard line.
- Arkansas limited Mississippi State to a 2-of-4 conversion rate in the red zone.
- Arkansas' three total interceptions is the most since the 2019 season-opener against Portland State (3).
- Arkansas made interceptions in back-to-back games for the first time since the San Jose State (Sept. 21) and Texas A&M (Sept. 28) contests in 2019.
- Arkansas held Mississippi State to 87 rushing yards.

### SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- A.J. Reed made his 65th consecutive PAT - has not missed since he was a freshman at Duke in 2016.

### PLAYER NOTES

#### QB Feleipe Franks

- Completed 20-of-28 passes for 212 yards with two touchdown passes.
- Improved to 2-0 against Mississippi State in his career (13-6 win in 2018 with Florida).
- In the first half, completed 9-of-13 passes for 123 yards and one touchdown. He completed a season-best eight consecutive passes.



**TE Hudson Henry**

- Made his first career touchdown reception on a 12-yard catch from Franks with 11:21 to go in the third quarter to extend Arkansas' lead to, 21-7.
- Registered a career-best four receptions and totaled 20 yards.

**RB Trelon Smith**

- Was the team's leading rusher for the second straight game.
- Ran for a career-best 48 yards on 14 carries (3.4 ypc).
- Five receptions led the team. Five catches went for 22 yards.

**WR De'Vion Warren**

- Registered career-bests of four receptions and 100 receiving yards. Also had a career-long 53 yard catch.
- Scored his second career touchdown, and first since 2018, on a 19-yard grab.

**S Simeon Blair**

- Made a career-high six tackles.

**NB Greg Brooks**

- Made his 14th career start, including 14 straight. He has started every game he has played.
- Hauled in his second career interception and returned it 69 yards for a touchdown on the game's opening possession. It was Arkansas first interception return for a touchdown since Santos Ramirez against Florida in 2016. It is the Razorbacks longest interception return since Henry Tolliver's 70-yard run back against Alcorn State in 2016.
- Finished the game with five tackles, which tied a career-high.

**S Jalen Catalon**

- Registered a career-best 13 tackles, which ranked second on the team.
- Tallied nine or more tackles for the second straight game.

**S Joe Foucha**

- Registered his first career two interception game.
- Finished with two tackles, 0.5 tackles for loss and two interceptions.
- Picked off his first pass of the night at the Mississippi State 46-yard line in second quarter.
- Made his second interception at the Arkansas 32 yard-line in the third quarter.

**DL Eric Gregory**

- Recorded first career sack in the first half, creating an intentional grounding penalty for Mississippi State QB KJ Costello.
- Finished with three tackles.

**LB Grant Morgan**

- The senior captain made his second start of the season and second career start.
- Set a career-high with 15 total tackles, including 0.5 tackles for loss and a pass breakup.
- Registered back-to-back double-digit tackle games for the first time in his career.
- Teamed with Greg Brooks Jr. for a 3rd & 4 stop in the fourth quarter to force a Mississippi State punt.

**LB Bumper Pool**

- Made his 18th career start, including 15th straight.
- Set a career-high with 20 tackles, which is tied for the 10th most in a single game in school history. Jerry Franklin was the last Hog to have 20 in a game (Nov. 20, 2010 vs. Mississippi State). He is the sixth Razorback to have 20 or more total tackles since 2000.
- Registered his third straight game with double-digit tackles, which dates back to the 2019 season-finale against Missouri. Fourth career game with double-digit tackles.
- Set a career-high with two passes broken up.

**S Myles Slusher**

- The true freshman recorded his first career tackle and finished the game with three stops.
- Made his first career start.

**P George Caratan**

- Punted seven times for an average of 42.9 yards per punt with a long of 48 yards and three punts downed inside the 20.

**K A.J. Reed**

- Made his 65th consecutive PAT - has not missed since he was a freshman at Duke in 2016.

