

# **POSTGAME NOTES: OLE MISS 31, ARKANSAS 17**

# **PREGAME NOTES**

- The Razorbacks wore white helmets, white jerseys and white pants for the first time this season.
- Arkansas won the coin toss and deferred to the second half. Ole Miss received the ball to begin the game. Arkansas defended the south end zone.
- Arkansas' captains were seniors McTelvin Agim, De'Jon Harris, T.J. Smith and Mike Woods. Agim, Harris & Smith were named permanent captains by head coach Chad Morris and donned a
- "C" on their left shoulder.
- Weather 86 degrees, clear, NNE 6 mph

# **GENERAL NOTES**

- Saturday marked the 66th meeting between Arkansas and Ole Miss. The Razorbacks now hold a 36-27-1 edge against the Rebels all-time.
- Ole Miss leads the series in games played in Oxford at 7-6.
- It is the first time the two teams have opened conference play against each other.
- Saturday's game was the second SEC game of the year in the conference and both squads earliest SEC opener since 2014.
- The announced attendance for the game: 47,915
- Today's starters: Offense Ben Hicks (QB), Colton Jackson (LT), Ricky Stromberg (LG), Ty Clary (C), Myron Cunningham (RG), Dalton Wagner (RT), Rakeem Boyd (RB), Michael Woods (WR), Trey Knox (WR), Grayson Gunter (TE), Cheyenne O'Grady (TE). Defense Mataio Soli (DE), McTelvin Agim (DT), T.J. Smith (DT), Gabe Richardson (DE), De'Jon Harris (MIKE), Bumper Pool (WILL),
- Greg Brooks Jr. (NICK), Montaric Brown (CB), Kamren Curl (SS), Joe Foucha (FS), Jarques McClellion (CB).
- De'Jon Harris made his 26th consecutive start, the most on the either side of the ball.
- McTelvin Agim started in his 30th game of his collegiate career, the most by a current Razorback.
- Five freshmen, all true, started today's game for the Razorbacks. A total of 14 freshmen/redshirt played against Ole Miss. It was the first career starts for Stromberg & Soli.

# **OFFENSIVE NOTES**

- The Razorbacks had 137 yards of total offense in the first half, including 99 passing yards.
- Finished the game with 361 yards of total offense, 224 coming in the second half alone and 135 in the fourth quarter.
- Ben Hicks, got the start at guarterback, and was 7-of-16 for 98 yards in the first half.
- Nick Starkel started the second half at quarterback. He finished the game with a line of 17-for-24 through the air for 201 yards and one touchdown.
- Ten different receivers caught a pass in Saturday's game against the Rebels.
- Mike Woods and Trey Knox combined for 12 catches and 172 yards receiving in the game.
- Starkel connected with sophomore Koilan Jackson for a 6-yard touchdown late in the fourth quarter. It was the first passing touchdown by the Razorbacks this year.

# **DEFENSIVE NOTES**

- Kamren Curl stripped Ole Miss's Octavious Cooley and returned the fumble 69 yards for a touchdown with 13:31 left in the fourth quarter, pulling Arkansas within 17-10.
- It was the first fumble recovery for a touchdown and defensive score since Briston Guidry returned a fumble one yard for a touchdown against Eastern Illinois last year (2018).
- Arkansas recovered its first fumble of the season thanks to Joe Foucha with 9:31 remaining in the third quarter. The Razorbacks had 11 fumble recoveries in 2018.

# **SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES**

- Sam Loy boomed a 51-yard punt to cap Arkansas' first drive of the game. It was his longest punt of the year and longest since 2016 when he was a freshman at Vanderbilt.
- Connor Limpert connected on his first field goal of the night from 36 yards. It put him at a streak of five-straight made going back to last season.

# **PLAYER NOTES**

### **QB Nick Starkel**

- Played the entire second half for the Razorbacks, going 17-for-24 through the air and one touchdown.
- His 6-yard pass to Koilan Jackson late in the fourth quarter cut Ole Miss' lead to 31-17 and was the first passing touchdown for the Razorbacks this year.
- Is the first Arkansas quarterback to pass for 200 or more yards in a game since Ty Storey passed for 200 yards against LSU (2018).

#### **RB Rakeem Boyd**

- · Completed a one-yard pass to De'Vion Warren on Arkansas' second drive of the game. It was his first completed pass as a Razorback.
- Led the team on the ground for the second-straight week, carrying the ball 17 times for 67 yards.

#### **TE Cheyenne O'Grady**

- Caught his first pass of the 2019 season for seven yards, late in the first quarter. He missed Week 1 with a knee injury.
- Finished the game with three catches for 45 yards, the third-most catches on the team.

### **DL Gabe Richardson**

- Turned in one sack in the game, topping his previous career high of 0.5 set last week against Portland State.
- Finished the game with a career-high seven tackles, four unassisted. The seven stops tied for third on the team.

# LB De'Jon Harris

• Finished with a season-high six tackles, three solo stops

# **OL Ricky Stromberg**

• Made his first career start at right guard.

# **DE McTelvin Agim**

- Totaled three tackles, all solo, and one tackle for loss.
- Finished the game with 1.0 TFL. He now has 3.0 TFL through the first two games of 2019.
- It's his second-straight game with at least one tackle for loss.

# **WR Trey Knox**

- Led the team with six catches for 88 yards, including a season-long 49-yard reception late in the second half.
- The 49-yard reception marks the second-straight week he's hauled in the longest play from scrimmage and second-straight week with a catch of
- It was also the longest reception by a true freshman since Hunter Henry made a 52-yard reception against Texas A&M (Sept. 28, 2013) six years ago.

### WR Mike Woods

- Finished second on the team with six catches for a career-high 84 yards. His previous high was 61 yards against North Texas (9/15/18).
- The six catches also ties a career high last set against North Texas (9/15/18).

# **K Connor Limpert**

- 1-for-2 FG, 36 yards
- Had made five field goals in a row dating back to last season before his 43-yard miss late in the second quarter.
- Is now alone at 8th all time in career FG made at Arkansas (30), passing Greg Horne (1983-86) and Bill McClard (1969-71), who had 29 in their careers.
- Has at least one made FG in each of his last 13 games and has made at least one FG in every game that he's had a FG attempt, standing at 20 games over the 2017-19 seasons..
- He has made 54 PATs straight, dating back to Oct. 21, 2017. He is now 66/67 over his career.

## P Sam Loy

• Boomed a 51-yard punt on Arkansas' first drive of the game, his first 50+-yarder as a Razorback and 21st of 50 or more yards in his career.

### **SS Kamren Curl**

- Matched his season-high five tackles in the first half, three being solo stops.
- Finished the game with eight tackles, including six solo stops.
- Caused a fumble and returned it 73 yards for a touchdown early in the fourth quarter. It's his first fumble recovery of his career and first career touchdown.
- It's the first fumble recovery for a touchdown and first defensive touchdown by a Razorback since Briston Guidry returned one for a 1-yard touchdown against Eastern Illinois (2018).

### DB Greg Brooks, Jr.

- Earned both of Arkansas' PBU's in the game, his first PBUs of the season.
- Finished the game with three unassisted tackles, tying for seventh most on the team.

### **LB Hayden Henry**

• Turned in a season-high four tackles in the game, including two unassisted.

### **LB Bumper Pool**

- Led the team with nine tackles in the game, seven unassisted, and one tackle for loss.
- It's his second-straight game with six or more tackles and was one shy of a career-high (10 tackles vs. Vanderbilt 10/27/18).

# **FS Joe Foucha**

- Finished tied for third on the team with seven tackles, six unassisted.
- The seven tackles is a career-high, passing his previous high of four coming at Mississippi State (11/17/18).