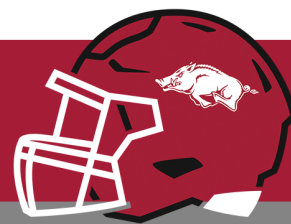




# ARKANSAS

## FOOTBALL



## POSTGAME NOTES: TEXAS A&M 31, ARKANSAS 27

### PREGAME NOTES

- The Razorbacks wore cardinal helmets, cardinal jerseys and white pants. The jersey/pant combo is the new uniform from NIKE that dates back to the 2006-07 seasons.
- Arkansas won the coin toss and elected to receive. Texas A&M defended the west end zone. The Razorbacks have won the coin toss in all five games this year.
- Arkansas' captains were seniors McTelvin Agim, De'Jon Harris, T.J. Smith and Devwah Whaley. Agim, Harris & Smith were named permanent captains by head coach Chad Morris before week one and donned a "C" on their left shoulder.
- Weather - Roof closed

### GENERAL NOTES

- Saturday marked the 76th meeting between Arkansas and Texas A&M. It was the 10th time the two teams have met in Arlington.
- The Razorbacks are now 41-32-3 all-time against the Aggies.
- Arkansas is 6-4 in games played against Texas A&M in Arlington.
- The announced attendance for the game: 51,441
- Seven of the last eight games between Arkansas and Texas A&M have been decided by seven points or less.
- Today's starters: **Offense** - Nick Starkel (QB), Colton Jackson (LT), Austin Capps (LG), Ty Clary (C), Ricky Stromberg (RG), Dalton Wagner (RT), Rakeem Boyd (RB), Michael Woods (WR) Treyton Burks (WR), Koilan Jackson (WR), 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 29th consecutive start, the most on the either side of the ball.
- McTelvin Agim started in his 33rd game of his collegiate career, the most by a current Razorback.
- It was Koilan Jackson's first career start.
- Four freshmen, all true, started on Saturday against Texas A&M. A total of 11 total freshmen played against the Aggies.

### OFFENSIVE NOTES

- Ben Hicks entered the game in the second quarter after an injury to Nick Starkel. Starkel finished the day at 15-of-27 passing for 188 yards with one touchdown and one interception.
- On his first offensive drive, Hicks found Mike Woods on an 13-yard play in the end zone for a touchdown to give Arkansas a 17-14 lead late in the second quarter.
- It was Woods' second consecutive game with a touchdown reception. He also had a TD catch for 29 yards in last year's Southwest Classic game.
- Starkel's 109 yards put him over 1,000 passing yards on the season, making it the 13th consecutive season Arkansas has had a 1,000-yard passer.
- Arkansas recorded 194 yards of total offense in the first half, including 124 passing yards.
- The Razorbacks scored on their first drive of the second half on an 11-yard run from Devwah Whaley. It was the second time Arkansas has scored on its second half-opening drive this season, doing so against Colorado State on Sept. 14.
- It was Whaley's third game with a rushing touchdown, scoring on the ground every other game this season since week 1 (Portland State, Colorado State, Texas A&M).
- The 11-yd score was Whaley's longest of the season.
- Arkansas completed passes to nine different receivers on Saturday.

### DEFENSIVE NOTES

- Gabe Richardson stripped Isaiah Spiller, then De'Jon Harris recovered the fumble and returned it eight yards for the touchdown in the second quarter to make it 14-10. It was the third scoop-and-score of the season for the Razorbacks.
- The third fumble return TD marks the first time since 2017 Arkansas has returned three fumble recoveries for touchdowns.
- It was the first forced fumble and fumble recovery for Richardson and Harris, respectively, this year.
- The Arkansas defense held the Aggies to 21 yards rushing in the first half on 16 carries.
- Montaric Brown intercepted Kellen Mond in the end zone in the third quarter. It was Brown's first career interception.
- Arkansas now has 10 takeaways this season, with three games of multi-takeaway performances.

### SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- Connor Limpert converted a 46-yard attempt in the second quarter to make it a 7-3 game. It was his third-straight game with a field goal of 40+ yards made.
- Treyton Burks returned a punt 32 yards in the second quarter that set up Arkansas' go-ahead touchdown. It was the longest punt return by a Razorback since Henre Tolliver's 33-yd return on Nov. 24, 2017, against Missouri.
- Limpert also connected on a 40-yard try in the fourth quarter to pull the score to 28-27. He has made four 40+ yard field goals this season.

### PLAYER NOTES

#### QB Nick Starkel

- Made his third-consecutive start at quarterback, going 12-for-17 through the air in the first half for 109 yards. Was injured late in the first half and did not return.
- His 109 yards passing marked his third-straight game with 100+ yards passing.
- Now has 1,019 yards passing this season, marking the 13th-straight year Arkansas has had a 1,000-yard passer in a season.

#### QB Ben Hicks

- Was 15-for-27 passing in the game for 188 yards and one touchdown, a season-high in yards and second game this year of 100 yards or more.
- The 15 completions were a season-high, 13 coming in the second half, topping his previous high of 14 vs. Portland State (8/31/19).
- Entered the game with 3:16 left to play in the first half and played the remainder of the game for the injured Nick Starkel. It was his third appearance of the year, first since Ole Miss (9/7/19).

#### TE Cheyenne O'Grady

- Had eight receptions for 91 yards in the game; The receptions and yards receiving were both career highs.

- It's the most receiving yards in a game by an Arkansas tight end since Hunter Henry had 92 against Kansas State in the 2016 Liberty Bowl (1/2/16).
- Led the team with four catches for 51 yards in the first half. It's his most catches in a half this year (3 in second half vs. Colorado State - 9/14/19).
- Caught a 27-yard pass from Nick Starkel midway through the second quarter, which led to Arkansas' first TD of the game.
- Had another catch for 23 yards in the third quarter and now has four receptions of 20+ yards this year and 13 in his career.

#### **WR Treyton Burks**

- Had four receptions for 58 yards, including a team-long 31-yard reception early in the fourth quarter.
- It's his second-straight game with four receptions.
- The 31-yard catch from QB Ben Hicks is his second-longest catch of the season.

#### **RB Rakeem Boyd**

- Finished the game with 18 carries for 89 yards, his longest run of 24 yards coming in the first quarter.
- It's his fourth game this year of 80 or more yards rushing and fourth of 18 or more rushes.
- Totaled 50 yards on seven carries in the first quarter. Finished the first half with 72 yards on 11 carries, his second-most yards in a half this year (87 in first half vs. CSU - 9/14/19).
- It's his second-most first quarter yards in a game this year (80 vs. Colorado State - 9/14/19).

#### **RB Devwah Whaley**

- Had just 12 yards on three carries, but scored from 11 yards out early in the third quarter to put Arkansas up 24-21.
- It was his third touchdown of the year and first since scoring against Colorado State (9/14/19).
- Is now tied with Rakeem Boyd for the team lead in rushing touchdowns (3) and has 15 touchdowns in his career.
- He's the first Razorback to score 15 rushing touchdowns in a career since Jonathan Williams had 16 between 2012-16.

#### **K Connor Limpert**

- Was 2-for-3 on field goals in the game, missing a 51-yarder on Arkansas' first drive of the game, but hitting from 46 and 40 yards in the 2nd and 4th quarters, respectively.
- Now has 43 field goal attempts in his career, putting him alone at 10th all-time in Arkansas history, three ahead of Chris Balseiro (2002-05) and three behind Bill McClard (46 in 1969-71).
- He has 34 field goals made in his career, which still places him eighth all-time in Arkansas history, three behind Alex Tejada (2007-10), who sits in seventh with 37.

#### **LB De'Jon Harris**

- Finished the game with six tackles, including five solo stops.
- Returned a fumble six yards for a touchdown late in the second quarter to pull Arkansas within 14-10. It's his second fumble recovery of his career and first defensive TD of his career.
- His fumble return for a touchdown is the third scoop-and-score by a Razorback player this season (LaDarrius Bishop vs. CSU; Kamren Curl at Ole Miss).
- It's his fourth-straight game with five or more tackles.

#### **WR Mike Woods**

- Had four receptions for 62 yards and one touchdown catch. Now has 21 catches this year, tying for the team lead for 301 yards and two touchdowns.
- Caught his second touchdown pass of the season and third of his career when he connected with QB Ben Hicks for a 13-yard score late in the second quarter to give Arkansas a 17-14 lead.
- It's his second-straight game with a touchdown reception and he is the second Razorback receiver with a TD catch in multiple games this year (Trey Knox).
- It's his fifth-straight game with three or more receptions.
- It was his second-straight Southwest Classic game with a touchdown reception.

#### **CB Jarques McClellion**

- Had five tackles in the game along with two solo stops and two pass breakups, a season high in PBUs.
- The two PBUs also ties his career-high (2 vs. Ole Miss (10/31/18) and he now has three PBUs this season.

#### **DE McTelvin Agim**

- Finished the game with three tackles, two being solo stops and one sack.
- Is now six tackles for loss away from 10th on the Arkansas career TFL list (33).
- Needs just 4.0 sacks to tie for 10th in career sacks at Arkansas (16.5).

#### **DE Jamario Bell**

- Picked up two of Arkansas' four sacks in the game, his only tackles.
- It's his second-straight game with at least 1.0 sacks and third game with at least 0.5 sacks.
- Now has 3.5 sacks this season, to lead the team, and is one of six Razorbacks with 2.0+ sacks this season.
- He's the third Razorback (McTelvin Agim, Kamren Curl) this year with a multi-sack game and it's the fourth time a Hog has recorded two or more sacks in the same game.

#### **CB Kamren Curl**

- Finished the game with 12 tackles, including four solo stops.
- It's his first double-digit tackle game of his career and three more than his previous career-high of nine tackles, last coming against Colorado State (9/14/19).
- He's only the second Razorback to record a double-digit tackle game this season (De'Jon Harris - 12 vs. Colorado State).

#### **DE Gabe Richardson**

- Had five tackses in the game, three solo stops and one tackle for loss.
- Also picked up his first career forced fumble, one of two forced fumbles by the Arkansas defense in the game.

#### **DT T.J. Smith**

- Finished the game with two tackles, one solo stop, and one sack.
- It was his fifth sack of his career and second this season (vs. Colorado State - 9/14/19)
- Also forced his first fumble of his career.

#### **CB Montaric Brown**

- Had four tackles, including three solo stops. It's his second-straight multi-tackle game and third of the season.
- Intercepted his first pass of his career early in the second half, one of two turnovers caused by the Arkansas defense in the game.
- Is one of nine different Razorbacks with a takeaway this season.