

# ARKANSAS VIS TEXAS A&M

**OCTOBER 31, 2020** 



# **POSTGAME NOTES: TEXAS A&M 42, ARKANSAS 31**

# **PREGAME NOTES**

• The Razorbacks wore cardinal helmets, white jerseys and white pants.

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- 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. Morgan was the Razorback's coin toss representative.
- Weather 73 degrees, wind at 6 mph.

#### **GENERAL NOTES**

- Saturday marked the 77th time Arkansas and Texas A&M have played and the first meeting at Kyle Field since 2012. Arkansas is 41-33-3 all-time against the Aggies and 17-15-1 in College Station.
- The announced attendance for the game: 27,490.
- Today's starters: **Offense** Feleipe Franks (QB), Myron Cunningham (LT), Brady Latham (LG), Ty Clary (C), Beaux Limmer (RG), Noah Gatlin (RT), Rakeem Boyd (RB), Mike Woods (WR), Treylon Burks (WR), De'Vion Warren (WR), Hudson Henry (TE). **Defense** Isaiah Nicholls (JACK), Jonathan Marshall (DT), Xavier Kelly (DT), Julius Coates (DE), Bumper Pool (LB), Grant Morgan (LB), Greg Brooks Jr. (NB), Jalen Catalon (S), Joe Foucha (S), Montaric Brown (CB), Hudson Clark (CB).
- On the defensive side of the ball Xavier Kelly (DT) made his first career start and became Arkansas' 18th first time starter this season.

#### **OFFENSIVE NOTES**

- Arkansas scored on its first drive of a game for the first time this season, going 87 yards on 12 plays in 4:49, capped off by a 6-yard Treylon Burks TD reception. It was the Razorbacks first scoring drive on its first possession of a game since 2019 against Kentucky (Oct. 12).
- Totaled a season-high 222 rushing yards, including the first 100-yard rusher of the season (Rakeem Boyd).
- Had two 90+ yard rushers in a game (Rakeem Boyd and Feleipe Franks) for the first time since 2016 against Mississippi State (Rawleigh Williams and Devwah Whaley).
- Arkansas outrushed Texas A&M, 222-182. Its the most rushing yards Texas A&M has allowed this season.
- A season-high eight different receivers made a catch.
- Scored first for the fourth time this season.
- Scored on the first drive of the second half for the fourth time this season.
- Arkansas outscored Texas A&M 14-0 in the fourth quarter.

# **DEFENSIVE NOTES**

- Totaled six tackles for loss Texas A&M entered the game allowed 3.5 tackles for loss.
- Bumper Pool's 14 tackles and 3.0 tackles for loss led the team.
- 10 different Razorbacks recorded a multi-tackle game.

# **SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES**

- Kicker A.J. Reed made a season-long 34-yard field goal with 10:22 to go in the third quarter.
- Reid Bauer handled all three punts. The Razorbacks punted a season-low three times for an average of 43.3 yards per punt.

### **PLAYER NOTES**

#### **RB Rakeem Boyd**

- Became the first Arkansas rusher to surpass 2,000+ career yards since Alex Collins (2013-15).
- Rushed for a season-high 100 yards on 18 carries and ran for a TD on Arkansas' last drive of the game, his second of the season and 12th of his career. Also made one catch for nine yards.
- Registered his ninth career 100-yard rushing performance one of just 11 rushers in program history to have nine 100-yard rushing games.
- Led the team in rushing for the first time this season.
- Had a season-long rush of 16 yards.
- Rushed for 80+ yards against Texas A&M for the second straight season.

## **WR Trevion Burks**

- Had team-highs of seven catches for 117 yards (16.7 ypc) and two touchdowns.
- Registered his first career two touchdown game, and second by a Razorback receiver this season (De'Vion Warren vs. Auburn). Two different Arkansas receivers have multi-touchdown games this season for the first time since 2018 (Cheyenne O'Grady and La'Michael Pettaway).
- Made his fourth TD catch of the season fourth of his career on a 6-yard reception on Arkansas' first offensive drive, giving the Razorbacks a 7-0 lead.
- Made his second TD grab of the game, fourth of the season and fourth of his career on a 16-yard catch in the fourth guarter.
- Scored touchdowns in back-to-back games for the first time in his career.
- Had 100 plus receiving yards in back-to-back games for the first time in his career and third time in his career.
- Hauled in a 36-yard grab to convert a 4th & 2 midway through the second quarter.



#### **QB** Feleipe Franks

- Completed 23-of-31 passes for 239 yards and three touchdowns.
- Rushed for a career-high 91 yards on 16 carries, surpassing his 82 yards against Texas A&M (2017) when he played for Florida.
- Became the first Arkansas QB to run for 90+ yards since Matt Jones in 2004 against Texas (93 yards).
- Threw for at least three touchdowns in a game for the second time this season (Auburn 4) and recorded his third multi-touchdown game of the year.
- Completed 12-of-14 first half passes for 103 yards and two touchdowns.
- Completed passes to a season-high eight different receivers.
- Had Arkansas' longest rushing play of the season, a 28-yard run on the team's first drive.

#### **TE Hudson Henry**

• Set a career-high in both receptions (6) and receiving yards (33).

#### **WR Tyson Morris**

• Scored his first touchdown of the season - third of his career - on a 1-yard reception with 4:13 to play in the second quarter, bringing Arkansas within one TD.

#### **NB Greg Brooks**

- Made his 17th career start, including 17 straight. He has started every game he has played in his career.
- Finished the game with five tackles including 0.5 tackles for loss.
- Registered at least a half tackle for loss in back-to-back games for the first time in his career.

#### **CB Montaric Brown**

- Saw his first action since Week 2 of the season against Mississippi State.
- · Finished with three tackles.

#### S Jalen Catalon

• Received Arkansas' first targeting penalty of the season in the first half.

#### **CB Hudson Clark**

• Made a career-high nine tackles and made his third consecutive start.

#### DI Dorian Gerald

- Saw his first action since the season-opener against Georgia.
- Made one tackle.

#### **LB Bumper Pool**

- Led the team in tackles for the second time this season, totaling a game-high 14 stops.
- Registered a career-high and game-high 3.0 tackles for loss.
- Made seven tackles in the first quarter, including 0.5 tackles for loss.

# **QUOTES**

### **Arkansas Head Coach Sam Pittman**

THOUGHTS ON THE GAME

"Well we couldn't get off the field on defense. We knew they had a very powerful offensive line and a good quarterback. We couldn't get to him. Obviously, we didn't sack him and they converted almost every third down until the last two or three drives of the game. It was just hard to get them off the field, I don't know if they punted any more than a couple of times the entire game on offense. We just left points out there. We drove the ball in between the red zones pretty good. Then we would get down there and either stop ourselves or they would make a good play. We missed a couple of field goals, and the opening drive of the second half we ended up stopping ourselves. They did a good job of stopping us in the red zone and we didn't on defense."

#### ON HOW WELL BOTH QUARTERBACKS PLAYED

"Both of them really did. I want to say this, A&M has a really good football team. Real good team, real physical football team and I want to give credit where credit is due. They were much more physical than we were tonight and they had a great game plan. But, Felipe Franks was a warrior tonight. I wish he would get rid of the ball a little faster on some of the sacks that he's taken. Simply, we are losing some yards on them and he's taking hits. He rushed for almost 100 yards and threw three or four touchdown passes. He's a tough kid and I am glad he's on our football team. He played well and Kellen Mond played a really good ballgame as well."