



ARKANSAS **vs** ALABAMA

DECEMBER 12, 2020



POSTGAME NOTES: ALABAMA 52, ARKANSAS 3

PREGAME NOTES

- The Razorbacks wore cardinal helmets, cardinal jerseys and white pants.
- Arkansas won the coin toss and elected to receive.
- Arkansas' captains were Myron Cunningham, Feleipe Franks, Grant Morgan and Jonathan Marshall. Franks was the Razorback's coin toss representative.
- Weather - 46 degrees, sunny, no wind.
- Arkansas honored 15 seniors prior to the coin toss - Kirby Adock, Ty Clary, Myron Cunningham, HT Fountain, Feleipe Franks, Eli Hale, Hayden Henry, Xavier Kelly, Blake Kern, Jack Lindsey, Jonathan Marshall, Grant Morgan, Tyson Morris, A.J. Reed, De'Vion Warren
- Sophomore WR Treylon Burks wore No. 10 to honor senior WR De'Vion Warren, who could not play due to injury.

GENERAL NOTES

- Saturday marked 31st all-time meeting between Arkansas and Alabama. The Crimson Tide now lead the all-time series, 23-8.
- Today's starters: **Offense** - Feleipe Franks (QB), Myron Cunningham (LT), Brady Latham (LG), Ty Clary (C), Beaux Limmer (RG), Dalton Wagner (RT), Trelon Smith (RB), Mike Woods (WR), Treylon Burks (WR), Trey Knox (WR), Blake Kern (TE). **Defense** - Isaiah Nichols (DE), Jonathan Marshall (DT), Eric Gregory (DE), Hayden Henry (LB), Bumper Pool (LB), Nick Turner (NB), Joe Foucha (S), Jalen Catalon (S), Montaric Brown (CB), LaDarrius Bishop (CB), Myles Mason (DIME).
- NB Nick Turner made the first start of his career.
- Attendance: 16,500

OFFENSIVE NOTES

- Arkansas drove 66 yards on 11 plays to tie the game at three in the first quarter on a Matthew Phillips 26-yard field goal.
- WR Mike Woods paced the team with three catches for 43 yards.
- RB Trelon Smith registered a team-best 93 all-purpose yards.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

- Jonathan Marshall is the only Razorback to start all 10 games this season. True freshman Nick Turner made his first career start.
- Arkansas forced its 18th turnover of the season. Jonathan Marshall forced the fumble and Joe Foucha recovered it.
 - ^ The Razorbacks entered the game second in the nation in turnovers forced.

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- K Matthew Phillips made his first career field goal, a 26-yarder, in the first quarter to tie the game at three.

PLAYER NOTES

QB Feleipe Franks

- Completed 8-of-10 passes for 90 yards.

RB Trelon Smith

- Lead the team in rushing with 69 yards (3.6 ypc) on
- Registered four plays that went for first downs.
- Lead the team in rushing for the eighth time this year.

WR Mike Woods

- Paced the team with three catches for 43 yards.
- Has recorded three or more grabs in seven games this season.
- Lead the team in receiving yards for the third time this year.

CB LaDarrius Bishop

- Posted a career-high seven tackles, including his first TFL of the season.
 - ^ Entered the game with 10 stops on the season.

CB Montaric Brown

- Tied his career-high with six tackles.
 - ^ Registered five in the first half.
- Had at least five stops in each of his last four games of the season.



S Jalen Catalon

- Had 10 tackles, including three solo.
 - ^ Entered the game fifth in the SEC in solo tackles/game (5.5).
- It was his sixth game this season with double-digit stops.

BS Joe Foucha

- Recovered a fumble (forced by Jonathan Marshall) early in the fourth quarter.
 - ^ It was his first fumble recovery of the year and second of his career.
- Finished with six tackles.

DT Jonathan Marshall

- Is the only Razorback to start all 10 games this season.
- Forced a fumble early in the fourth quarter that was recovered by Joe Foucha.
 - ^ It was his first forced fumble of the season and second of his career.

DB Myles Mason

- Had a career-high eight tackles.

LB Bumper Pool

- Tallied a game-high 13 tackles.
 - ^ Recorded double-digit stops for the sixth time this year and eighth time of his career.
 - ^ Led the team in tackles for the fourth time this season and seventh time of his career.
 - ^ Had a game-high eight stops in the first half.
- Has posted 11+ tackles in six of nine games played this season.
- Entering the game, his average of 11.0 tackles per game was second in the SEC while ranking 13th nationally.

NB Nick Turner

- Made his first career start.
- Registered a career-high seven tackles, including five solo.
 - ^ He entered the game with six tackles on the year.

POSTGAME QUOTES

Sam Pittman, Arkansas Head Coach

RE: Alabama's Pass Rush

"It looked pretty overwhelming for me. I mean we got sacked eight times. We were having trouble with the line games. They were running back behind the center and we were having trouble picking them up. I thought we stayed in third and manageable pretty good in the first half, but we couldn't convert. We have to figure out how to move the pocket because no one can sit back there against Alabama. We thought we could hit some more quicker throws and they ended up not being open. I will have to watch the film to figure out why we were holding the ball."

RE: Potential Bowl Game Appearance

"I wouldn't have any idea why players wouldn't want to play. One game doesn't define a season. When you beat three SEC teams you usually have three or four wins in non-conference games as well, which would give us six or seven wins and make us bowl eligible. I want to go to a bowl game because I want to practice with this team. I want to have a few days with the younger kids. Teams that don't go to bowl games lose the spring ball. Obviously if we weren't practicing for it then we wouldn't want to go to a bowl game, but we do and we want to."

RE: Quarterback Play

"To be honest we didn't know how healthy Feleipe was and at that point the game was made 38-3 and we sat there going, KJ played well last week let's get him in there and see if he can help us. If his feet can help us a little bit because we weren't able to protect and we thought there was an opportunity for some quarterback runs and things of that nature. When he got hurt, we went and asked Feleipe if he could finish the game and he said he certainly could. That was the only thinking behind it."

Mike Woods, Arkansas WR

RE: The Offense

"We just did not execute the game plan as well as we wanted to. That is a great team over there, props to Alabama and Coach Saban. Those guys are the number one team for a reason."

RE: Playing 10 games, Bowl Possibility

"Happy we got to play all our games, we only lost one. We're excited to be able to play in a bowl game, not too many guys have played in a bowl game."

Trelon Smith, Arkansas RB

RE: Alabama's Defense

"I feel liked Alabama did a good job of being disciplined, you know fundamentally sound, they weren't trying to do too much, everybody was playing their part and we just had, you know, the run game today it wasn't what I wanted it to be and it's mainly because Alabama did a good job of just handling business and not doing too much, if you understand what I'm trying to say."

RE: Feleipe Franks' Toughness

"That just shows that Feleipe is a true leader. Feleipe came in with an injury problem, played and stepped out for a little bit, but then he jumped right back in knowing that he had to keep pushing, keep going for this team and also for himself. He's a real strong person mentally, physically, and he just wanted to finish and that's what I like about him."

RE: Bowl Game Possibility

"Man you know I'm excited, we're excited, we can't wait to attend a bowl game and our goal is to finish strong. Yea I know, yea we lost three in a row. Three weeks in a row, back-to-back, but that doesn't define us a team, and you know we just plan on going back to practice, coming up with a game plan and being ready for the bowl game and playing against whoever that is."

Jalen Catalon, Arkansas DB

RE: Secondary's Performance

"I am proud of the guys in the back end, we emphasized this week that they are going to have to drive the ball to score, they are not going to do any home run plays or anything like that. We let one slip at the end but other than that, I thought we did good on emphasizing and making sure if they are going to check something down, we will let them do that and go tackle. They have to earn it and that's what we had our mindset on the whole game. I am proud of the guys. They strained well, they played really hard and overall, you know I think they played a really good game and had a couple of collapses at the end that we cannot allow on the defense, but overall, I am just proud of the guys."

RE: This Season

"I think we saw a lot progress this whole season. There was a couple of games I thought we could have pulled out and won but it is what it is, we just have to learn from that and keep going, like I said. The way Coach Pittman is talking to us, I feel like we will have a bowl game and get ready for that. I think the season overall has been great and is definitely a learning experience for a lot of young players and people that have gotten used to what the mentality is now. That is, we are coming to win every single time we are on the field. We had that same mentality today, we just kind of shot ourselves in the foot and had some mistakes and you can't have against the number one team. Overall, the season was great, I am just proud of the guys and I know they are proud to be a Razorback, overall."