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SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

DONALD W. REYNOLDS RAZORBACK STADIUM

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GAME NOTES

- » KJ Jefferson competed 73.7 percent of his passes (14-of-19). The last Razorback to complete at least 73 percent of his passes while having at least 19 attempts was Austin Allen in 2017 vs. New Mexico State (73.1% – 19-of-26).
- » RB Trelon Smith scored his second TD of the year and has scored a TD in five of his last six games, dating back to last year.
- » RB A.J. Green recorded his first career rushing TD in the fourth quarter.
- » WR Treylon Burks made a catch in his 22nd career game, and is 1 of 7 players in the country to record a catch in every career game played (minimum 20 games).
- » WR Tyson Morris made a career-long 45-yard reception in the third quarter.
- » LB Hayden Henry made a career-high 15 tackles, including 2.5 TFL. It was his first career double-digit tackle effort (with his previous high being eight on two occasions). It additionally marked the first time Henry has led the team in tackles for a game.
- » In the second quarter, LB Jake Yurachek recorded Arkansas' first blocked punt since Jeremy Sprinkle's blocked punt on Oct. 10, 2015 against Alabama.
- » Freshman K Cam Little is the first Arkansas freshman kicker to make at least four field goals in a game since Alex Tejada made four against Troy in 2007. Connor Limpert was the last Hog to make four in a game in 2018 vs. Ole Miss. Four field goals in a game is tied for third-most in a single-game in school history.
- » Little was also 4-of-4 on PAT's. The last Razorback kicker to make four FG's and four PAT's in the same game was Tejada in that 2007 Troy game.
- » In the first half, Arkansas outgained Texas in total yards 228-78 and held the Longhorns to 0-for-6 on third down.
- » Texas was held scoreless in the first half for the first time since Oct. 31, 2015, against Iowa State.
- » Arkansas rushed for over 300 yards in a game for the first time since 2018 against Ole Miss.
- » Arkansas had three players rush for over 65 yards (Trelon Smith 75; KJ Jefferson 73 and A.J. Green 67) in the same game for the fifth time since 2001 and first time since Nov. 27, 2007 versus LSU. (Darren McFadden 206 ; Peyton Hillis 89 and Felix Jones 85).
- » Grant Morgan and Bumper Pool each had double-digit tackles. Morgan had 13 for the game and Pool had 10, all coming in the second half. Morgan has seven career double-digit efforts and Pool now has 11.
- » The 40 points was the most by the Razorbacks in a win over a ranked opponent since a 41-38 decision in 20T at then #15 TCU on Sept. 10, 2016 - almost five years to the day and a game that was also televised on ESPN. The last time Arkansas scored at least 40 points versus a ranked opponent in a regulation game was when #8 Arkansas claimed a Nov. 5 Homecoming win over then #10 South Carolina (44-28) in 2011. The last time an unranked Arkansas team scored at least 40 over a ranked opponent was a 48-36 win over then #23 South Carolina on Nov. 3, 2007,
- » This was the second game in a row Arkansas' defense held its opponents to just four, 3rd-down conversions. Rice was just 4-of-15 and Texas was just 4-of-13.
- » Arkansas won its first home non-conference game over a ranked opponent since a 30-23 win over then-No. 18 Tulsa on Nov. 1, 2008.

WEATHER



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GAME INFO

CAPTAINS

Grant Morgan, Jalen Catalon, Myron Cunningham, KJ Jefferson, Joe Foucha

COIN TOSS

Texas won the toss and deferred to the second half.

UNIFORMS

ARK - Red Helmet, Red Jersey, White Pants
UT - White helmet, White Jersey, White Pants

ATTENDANCE

74,531
(9th-largest in Razorback Stadium history)

ARK SCORING

FIELD GOAL | 1Q | 2:03

Little field goal of 24 yards.

TOUCHDOWN | 2Q | 10:55

Johnson rush of 5 yards.

FIELD GOAL | 2Q | 7:34

Little field goal of 24 yards.

FIELD GOAL | 2Q | 3:00

Little field goal of 44 yards.

TOUCHDOWN | 3Q | 8:16

Smith rush of 1 yard.

TOUCHDOWN | 3Q | 1:50

Sanders rush of 26 yards.

TOUCHDOWN | 4Q | 8:27

Green rush of 30 yards.

STARTERS

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QB KJ Jefferson
RB Trelon Smith
WR Treylon Burks
WR Tyson Morris
WR De'Vion Warren
TE Blake Kern
LT Myron Cunningham
LG Brady Latham
C Ricky Stromberg
RG Ty Clary
RT Dalton Wagner

TEXAS

DE Markell Utsey
DT Isaiah Nichols
DE Tre Williams
LB Hayden Henry
LB Grant Morgan
CB LaDarius Bishop
CB Montaric Brown
DIME Simeon Blair
S Jalen Catalon
S Joe Foucha
NB Greg Brooks Jr.

QB Hudson Card
RB Bijan Robinson
WR Xavier Worthy
WR Jordan Whittington
WR Joshua Moore
TE Cade Brewer
LT Christian Jones
LG Denzel Okafor
C Jake Majors
RG Junior Angilau
RT Derek Kerstetter

LB DeMarvion Overshown
CB D'Shawn Jamison
CB Josh Thompson
DB Anthony Cook
FS Brenden Schooler
LB Ovie Oghoufo
DB B.J. Foster
DB Michael Taaffe
LB Ray Thornton
LB Luke Brockermeyer
DT Moro Ojomo



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Sam Pittman, Arkansas Head Coach

Opening statement:

"Our defense, offense, and special teams played well. I just want to thank the people of Arkansas. I hope tomorrow they wake up and are excited about Arkansas football again."

On how he feels:

"I feel really blessed because we have such a good staff. Our players do anything we ask them to do. We love it here in Arkansas. I feel really blessed to be the head coach at Arkansas. We're going to lose a game eventually. People aren't going to like me so much but most of them like me right now and I like them."

On defense:

"They were swarming. They did a really good job. Our linebackers are really good players. Barry had the idea to go back to the 3 man front going back from last year. I felt like we could stop the run that way. We have so much respect for [Bijan] Robinson and still do. That's the way Coach [Odom] thought we could win the game on defense. Our team bought into that. They set the tone in the first half."

On offensive line and running backs:

"Isn't that something? Coach Kennedy comes in June. We rushed for 330 yards and averaged 7 plus yards a carry. He's got some really hard-working kids. They took a lot of heat in the past. The way they played against a good Texas squad, it was outstanding. Beaux Limmer is a part of that too, but we had the five starters back. I don't think they gave up a sack tonight either. They came to play and I'm really proud of them."

How they will keep the momentum going:

"It happened last year. We played a pretty good half against Georgia. We went to Mississippi State and won and went to Auburn and had the call at the end, then we beat Ole Miss at home. Our coaches have done a really good job of saying 'y'all can take the pats on the back,' but when we get in here on Monday, we have to play Georgia Southern. I think we took a step already. That was the No. 15 team in the country and they beat the No. 23 team soundly last week. I think we've taken a step and we need to keep climbing. We've played some pretty good teams and we've beat some pretty good teams. We're headed that direction and we've got a long way to go but tonight sure was nice."

KJ Jefferson, Arkansas QB

On running back room:

"I feel great about our running backs, we have about 3-4 guys who can run the ball. That whole running back room did a great job."

On mood after the interception:

"I was hard on myself because I know I can make plays, but Ricky came up to me and said we were going to go back on the field and score. We did just that."

On celebrating with students:

"It was a surreal moment. We were just talking about that outside. It kind of felt like a dream. That's a moment you live for. You beat a big rival team like Texas and the fans rush the field, that's something you want to see on TV. To live in that moment and embrace that moment was a really big deal."

On Sam Pittman and this coaching staff changing the culture:

"He's a genuine guy. The main thing is, we just build that bond with Coach Pittman and that trust. All us players and all those coaches. We just trust in those guys and they trust in us. We play so hard because we know Pittman is going to keep it straight forward. He's not going to sugarcoat anything. If you're doing bad, you make a bad play; he's going to make sure he tells you. And that's the main thing with college football players. If they have a coach that's straight forward with them, honest with them, they'd do anything for them"

Ricky Stromberg, Arkansas C

On run game:

"It's a testimony to our hard work, running the ball hard. We were able to prepare these plays and execute in game."

Sending a message to the SEC and college football:

"We're just a physical team and were not scared."

What has Sam Pittman and the coaching staff changed about this program:

"He's just a real honest guy, he cares about the state and all of his players. You can't find that anywhere, so were going out and fight for him."



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Hayden Henry, Arkansas LB

On the preparation put in and the satisfaction of the win:

"A lot of work. You can say all the way back to January we've been preparing for this moment. We really have. We had a great week of practice, a great game plan. The coaches were pushing us, and we knew what we needed to do to win this game and I feel like tonight we went out and did it. I couldn't be more proud of our defense, our offense and special teams in how we played. We just played hard. Super excited. That was awesome to get to experience that."

On the fourth-down stops:

"Enormous play, huge play. Fourth down stops are one of the biggest momentum plays a defense can create. The energy on the sideline picked up our defense. We were playing out of our minds. We were clicking on all cylinders, at every position. It was an awesome play, a huge play for the game."

On the impact of the win on the program:

"Huge. I don't think it put us on the map, but there's other teams out there that are going to look at our score tonight and think, 'Arkansas is good. Arkansas can play some football.' It's huge for Coach Pittman and for our team to just send that message tonight."

Cam Little, Arkansas PK

On his contribution to the win tonight:

"I feel great. I feel like overall we played really well. We came out there before the game, we knew we were going to beat Texas. The minute we stepped on the field; we knew we were gonna beat Texas. It gave me a lot of confidence going into the game because I knew I had been practicing all fall camp. I had a real good fall camp. I had all the specialists behind my back. We had a little pep talk before the game and with the confidence around the team and me, it just gave me that boost I needed. I was really excited to go four for four."

On the difference from the spring to now:

"I think just locking in and getting experience. I didn't even know I was going to graduate mid-year till probably three weeks before the spring semester started. I think the experience I gained during the spring going into the summer, just getting that extra strength and confidence. I think it really just helped. I worked with Reid Bauer and Jordan Silver a lot this summer and I think those two had a lot to do with why I'm making kicks right now. Big shoutout to them."

John Ridgeway, Arkansas DT

On the impact of the win:

"We just wanted to go out there and dominate. There's a lot of talk about who's the better team during the week and we took that personal. We just wanted to show who's the better team today."

On how he felt about his performance today:

"I felt like I shed blocks pretty well. I know I need to work on some things this week, should make it better. I know I played pretty good for my first day back from having surgery a week and a half ago. I think it was pretty fun for my first day in the SEC to lay it all on the table like that."

Steve Sarkisian, Texas Head Coach

Opening Statement:

"I think the story of the game was we couldn't get anything going offensively. I thought, for the most part, especially in the first half, our defense was giving us a chance. They were getting stops in the red zone with short fields. I thought we got a little momentum going there in the third quarter. And then, the two drives right there in the third quarter I think sealed the game with the turnover on downs and the fumble. So, we've got to get back to the drawing board."

On Arkansas' running attack:

"I think over time they wore us out. We couldn't sustain any drives offensively, so our defense was on the field to a point to where they kind of wore out. We never put any pressure on (Arkansas) to feel like they had to throw the ball. They were throwing the ball when they wanted to. I think part of that was we just didn't get it done offensively to take any pressure off our defense."

On Texas' offensive line:

"I think (Arkansas) had a big, physical defensive front. I think the movement that they utilized up front caused us a few issues. We're going to need to be better than we were tonight, especially when they played the style of defense that they played where they borderline dared us to run the ball."

On the team's performance:

"I don't know how much of it was what (Arkansas) did, as opposed to what we didn't do. They're a good football team. I think Sam (Pittman) has done a nice job with their team. But I think the majority of what happened was we didn't play great. We didn't execute great in the pass game, we had some mishaps that we didn't have last week, just things happened in this game that we



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didn't have to deal with last week. There's always a concern when you go on the road in a hostile environment at night of keeping your temperament of your team right, so that you can go out and perform and execute. Clearly, that didn't happen tonight."

Keondre Coburn, Texas NT

On Arkansas's Run Game:

"I felt like we were getting dominated especially the interior. They would make a lot of cuts if they saw the holes weren't there. They were just making a lot of cuts, that's what I was seeing. That's all I could remember. I can't really give you that answer."

On Arkansas Tempo:

"I don't think they had us on our heels. We executed our plays. They just made better plays. That's all I can say."

Bijan Robinson, Texas RB

On Arkansas Defensive Pressure:

"They gave us hard time in the running game. They brought a lot pressure and stacked the box most of the time. It was kind of hard to execute on some of the plays we ran. I feel we need some of these games to understand what we need to learn from it. I give it to that defense for understanding their assignments, understanding it well, and trying to stop the run and by bringing pressure."

On the loss tonight:

"I'm not really surprised. I feel it humbled us for our next opponents. We will start winning some games. We just got to understand our jobs week by week and not care about any good things or any bad things. I feel like God brought us here for a reason and we can't just get into all that hype or even the negative topics that people might talk about us. We just learn from it and move on from there."