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# ARKANSAS

VS GEORGIA SOUTHERN



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SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

DONALD W. REYNOLDS RAZORBACK STADIUM

## GAME NOTES

- » QB KJ Jefferson set a career-high by throwing for 366 yards (13-of-23 passing) and tied a career-high throwing three TD passes. It's the first time a Razorback QB has thrown for at least 360 yards since Austin Allen (400) did so against Alabama in 2016.
- » Jefferson became only the fifth FBS QB since 2000 to throw for at least 365 yards on 13 or fewer completions.
- » RB Trelon Smith has scored a TD in six of his last seven games. His first quarter score capped a 73-yard drive that took 1:12, Arkansas' fastest scoring drive since 2019 against Kentucky (0:42 - 75 yards - Rakeem Boyd TD).
- » RB Dominique Johnson has scored a rushing TD in each of Arkansas' three games this season.
- » WR Treyton Burks' 91-yard TD reception from Jefferson in the third quarter is the second-longest TD scoring pass play in school history, trailing QB Matt Jones and WR Richard Smith's 92-yard connection in 2002 against Tennessee. It was also Burks' career-long reception.
- » Burks accrued a season-high 127 receiving yards, the team's first 100+ yard game of the season.
- » WR Tyson Morris caught a 14-yard TD pass in the second quarter, capping a seven-play, 99-yard drive. It was Arkansas' first 99-yard drive since 2009 against Missouri State which was also seven plays, and capped by a Ryan Mallet to Joe Adams 40-yard TD pass.
- » Arkansas had three drives of over 90 yards in a game for the first time on record (since 1989). The previous best was posting two drives of 86 yards and one for 94 in a 1999 win over Middle Tennessee.
- » WR Warren Thompson made a 60-yard TD grab in the third quarter, his first TD as a Razorback after transferring from Florida State.
- » DB Jalen Catalon led the team with nine tackles and tied his career high recording two passes broken up.
- » DL Tre Williams tied his career-high and led the team with 2.0 tackles for loss, including 1.5 sacks.
- » Arkansas scored 38 or more points in each of the season's first three games for the first time since 2011 (51 vs. Missouri State, 52 vs. New Mexico, 38 vs. Troy).
- » Arkansas finished with 633 yards of total offense to rank eighth on the school's single-game list. It is the most yards by the Razorbacks since they accrued over 600 total yards in 2016 against Mississippi State (661 yards).
- » Arkansas has recorded 200 or more rushing yards in the season's first three games for the first time since 2013. For the second straight week, the Razorbacks tallied 250+ rushing yards without a 100-yard rusher (Dominique Johnson team-leading 72 yards).
- » The Razorbacks started a season 3-0 for the first time since 2016.
- » Arkansas is 3-0 to begin a season when playing all three games in Fayetteville for the first time in 88 years: 1933 - College of the Ozarks (40-0), Oklahoma Baptist (42-7), TCU (13-0). - 2021 - Rice (38-17), Texas (40-21), Georgia Southern (45-10).

## WEATHER



PARTLY CLOUDY

## GAME INFO

### CAPTAINS

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

### COIN TOSS

Arkansas won the toss and deferred to the second half.

### UNIFORMS

ARK - Red Helmet, Red Jersey, White Pants  
GS - Blue helmet, White Jersey, White Pants

### ATTENDANCE

66,311

## ARK SCORING

**TOUCHDOWN | 1Q | 12:07**

Smith rush of 13 yards.

**TOUCHDOWN | 1Q | 3:31**

Johnson rush of 11 yards.

**TOUCHDOWN | 2Q | 8:42**

Jefferson pass of 14 yards to Morris.

**FIELD GOAL | 2Q | 3:00**

Little field goal of 25 yards.

**TOUCHDOWN | 3Q | 13:26**

Jefferson pass of 60 yards to Thompson.

**TOUCHDOWN | 3Q | 11:18**

Jefferson pass of 91 yards to Burks

**TOUCHDOWN | 4Q | 8:22**

Hornsby rush of 6 yards.

## STARTERS

### ARKANSAS

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

### GEORGIA SOUTHERN

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

**QB** Justin Tomlin  
**RB** Gerald Green  
**WR** Khaleb Hood  
**WR** JJay McAfee  
**WR** Emil Smith  
**TE** Beau Johnson  
**LT** Brian Miller  
**LG** Aaron Dowdell  
**C** Logan Langemeier  
**RG** Khalil Crowder  
**RT** Caleb Kelly

**NT** C.J. Wright  
**DE** Justin Ellis  
**CB** Tyler Bride  
**LB** Benz Josue  
**WLB** Khadry Jackson  
**SS** Anthony Wilson  
**CB** Darrell Baker Jr.  
**FS** Justin Birdsong  
**DE** Dillon Springer  
**MLB** Tre Allen  
**DOG** Randy Wade Jr.



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### Sam Pittman, Arkansas Head Coach

**Opening statement:**

"I want to start out and say that I have a lot of respect for Georgia Southern. They are a tough, physical football team. I thought we played well against the option and I'm really proud of our defense for swarming to the ball. I loved the defensive game plan that we had. I'm really proud of Coach (Kendal) Briles and the game plan that they had with throwing the ball a little bit more. We are 3-0; we're excited about that. We're excited about next week."

**RE: The offense and KJ Jefferson:**

"Every time he misses a throw it's like, 'Oh my gosh,' in my mind. When he throws one that we go 91 and he throws a nice drop-pass to Warren Thompson and it's 60 for a touchdown, I'm like, 'That's what he's supposed to do.' I think Dan Marino missed a pass or two so, my mind has to work a little bit different. He's our quarterback. He's doing a really nice job. He missed a couple of open ones, but that's going to happen. He's competitive, he's a competitor and I was really proud of him. He still has that option to run, and he's got some pretty good wideouts there to throw the ball to."

**RE: Treyton Burks:**

"The ball was behind him on one where he was wide open on a stop and go, but he made the play and that would've been a touchdown as well. I was really excited about Kern and Tyson Morris on that screen. We worked the hell out of that this week and throwing it out to Burks and he went; I think it was 91-yards. He's a big guy who can run. I went over and congratulated him, and he said, 'I just waited my turn.' We tried to get the ball to him several different ways. We tried to hand it to him, pitch it to him, tried to throw it to him. He's a good player so, we need to get the ball in his hands."

**RE: Texas A&M Coming Up:**

"We don't look at the schedule, but when you've already played it you do a little bit. I'm proud to be 3-0; not me, our team, our coaches. Texas A&M is a great football team, they finished fourth last year. I know this, when we played them last year they were the best football team we had played at that time. That's no disrespect to Georgia because we had played them, but that day they were the best team we had played and I told Jimbo (Fischer) that. Their defense has given up no points. We're so excited to go in there and play them and see what happens. I'm sure they are us as well. We're excited to get down to Dallas. We have a week to get prepared for them and we will. We are banged up, we've got to get healthy. I'm sure they've got some injuries too. It's on CBS, it's a big deal. All of them are big to us, but it's nice to get some exposure for the University of Arkansas."

### KJ Jefferson, Arkansas QB

**RE: On Tyson Morris:**

"The main thing for him is just him being physical outside and playing fast, just knowing what his assignment is, his alignment and executing at a high level. Tyson's confidence is through the roof now. He can trust me and I can trust him."

**RE: The versatility of the offensive line:**

"They did a tremendous job of just showing how versatile they are on the O-line. Knowing when (Dalton) Wagner went down, Ty Clary stepped up. He's normally a guard and stepped up to tackle. When Ricky (Stromberg) went down, we moved Brady (Latham) from guard to tackle. Ty just set us up. It is good knowing how versatile these guys are and then they are just waiting on the right opportunity to make most of it. The main thing is that those guys were in sync throughout the whole game."

### Treyton Burks, Arkansas WR

**RE: His 91 yard touchdown**

"Honestly, I was just waiting patiently for my turn to come and I'm just so happy to get the ball. I really want to thank Tyson Morris, KJ and Kern for the blocks and the throw and without it wouldn't even have been a play, so I just thank them."

**RE: His confidence level**

"Honestly, just from my point of view, we're just rolling and we're not worried about being ranked. Being 3-0, it's good but we still want to play that like we've always played. As a blue collar team with a chip on our shoulder and just keeping playing ball like we know how."

### Jalen Catalon, Arkansas DB

**RE: The state of the team:**

"3-0 is not our goal, we want to be 1-0 every single week. We're happy that we're 3-0 but at the same time we know we have bigger goals set for that, I want us to make more highlights each



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**RE: The keys to next week:**

"Play our game, don't worry about the streak. If we put our right focus on the right thing, and not on what happened in the past I think we'll be fine."

**Tre Williams, Arkansas DL**

**RE: Defending the triple option:**

"The preparation was good, practice was good, our scout team gave a great look (at their offense). I was ready for the option. To play an offense like that, we have to be assignment-sound. I thought we did a good job."

**RE: On Barry Odom**

"For us as a defense, he does a great job. I've never went into a game not feeling prepared. I think he's doing a great job."

**RE: His performance**

"The message from my coaches was to stay composed and be smart. (They said) know when to hit the quarterback and when not to hit the quarterback. Having a sack and a half, I would be happy about it, but it's just a breakthrough. Sacks come in bunches, and it's about that time."

**Chad Lunsford, Georgia Southern Head Coach**

**Opening Statement:**

"First thing, we played as a team as we always do and we thanked our fans for coming to see us. When we got back in the locker room, we talked about the first three games and how we are not where we want to be. Being 1-2 is not good, but we are going to start conference play right now. If we can build off some positives we've had in the first three games and try to play better football, we have to try to go make it right in conference play. Right now it's hard to find positives. You can find spurts of it and little things to talk about but then you get into moral victories and that's not what it's about. It's about winning and we have to find a way to go win this week and go 1-0. We're 1-2 we have to figure out how to come back from the dead and go into conference play and play what we're capable of and right now we haven't played what were capable of. There were a lot of discipline issues as far as self-inflicted penalties. Those pre-and post-play penalties are not good, and drops and things like that where we can't sustain drives. We have to stop those things or the bleeding will never stop. I think the big piece is we stay together and continue to work hard and go try to be better this week and win the conference."