

ARKANSAS

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OCTOBER 16, 2021

DONALD W. REYNOLDS RAZORBACK STADIUM

GAME NOTES

- » WR Treylon Burks, with his 30-yard TD reception to start the third quarter, entered the Arkansas career top 10 for receiving yards. He finished the game with nine receptions for 109 yards and two TDs. He now has 118 career receptions for 1,923 yards to rank ninth on the school's all-time receiving yards list.
- » Burks now has two career games with multiple TD receptions and 12 career TD receptions.
- » Burks recorded his eighth career 100-yard game and fourth of the season. It was additionally his fourth over the last five games.
- » PK Cam Little is the first Arkansas freshman kicker to make 10 field goals in a season since Zach Hocker in 2010 (16).
- » Arkansas' defense has recorded 18 interceptions in 17 games under defensive coordinator Barry Odom.
- » Montaric Brown now has team-high three picks this season, has six for his career and has picked off his four during the 17-game span.
- » Montaric Brown added a career and game-high eight tackles.
- » He was additionally recipient of the Crip Hall Homecoming Performance Award by a Senior, as voted by the media
- » Bumper Pool and Hayden Henry tied Brown with eight tackles. It was Brown's first time to lead the team, Henry's second time and Pool's 11th.
- » QB K.J. Jefferson threw for over 200 yards, a feat he has accomplished in four of his last five games. He completed 21-of-35 passes for 228 yards with two scores and no interceptions. Jefferson also led the team in rushing for the first time this season, finishing with 18 attempts for 66 yards.
- » The Razorbacks had their most pass completions in a quarter (8 in the second) and a half (13 in the first) this season.
- » Dominique Johnson's rushing TD to end the third quarter gave Arkansas its 16th rushing TD of the season, the most rushing TDs by the Razorbacks since having 24 in 2017.
- » Arkansas has out-gamed its opponents in six of the seven games. The Razorbacks finished with 460 yards of total offense compared to Auburn's 427.
- » Arkansas has rushed for 200-plus yards in five of its seven games.

STARTERS

ARKANSAS				AL	AUBURN			
ΩВ	KJ Jefferson	DE	Eric Gregory	QB	Bo Nix	DE	Colby Wooden	
RB	Dominique Johnson	DT	Isaiah Nichols	RB	Tank Bigsby	DT	Marcus Harris	
WR	Treylon Burks	DT	John Ridgeway	WR	Ze'Vian Capers	DE	Eku Leota	
WR	Tyson Morris	JACK	Tre Williams	WR	Kobe Hudson	DE	Derick Hall	
WR	Warren Thompson	LB	Hayden Henry	WR	Demetris Robertson	WLB	Zakoby McClain	
TE I	Blake Kern	LB	Grant Morgan	TE	John Samuel Shenker	STAR	Chandler Wooten	
LT I	Myron Cunningham	СВ	Hudson Clark	LT	Killian Zierer	СВ	Roger McCreary	
LG	Brady Latham	S	Myles Slusher	LG	Brandon Council	s	Bydarrius Knighten	
С	Ricky Stromberg	S	Joe Foucha	С	Nick Brahms	s	Zion Puckett	
RG	Beaux Limmer	NB	Greg Brooks Jr.	RG	Keiondre Jones	s	Smoke Monday	
RT	Ty Clary	СВ	Montaric Brown	RT	Brodarious Hamm	СВ	Jaylin Simpson	

WEATHER



GAME INFO

ARKANSAS CAPTAINS

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

COIN TOSS

Auburn won the toss and elected to receive.

UNIFORMS

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

ATTENDANCE

73.370

ARK SCORING

FIELD GOAL | 1Q | 7:37

Little field goal of 44 yards.

TOUCHDOWN | 2Q | 0:18

Jefferson pass of 11 yards to Burks.

TOUCHDOWN | 3Q | 12:30

Jefferson pass of 30 yards to Burks.

TOUCHDOWN | 3Q | 0:00

Johnson rush 10 yards.



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Sam Pittman, Arkansas Head Coach

On Auburn's game plan

"We knew going into the game they were going to run the ball with Tank [Bigsby] and Bo [Nix] and his naked boots and him just extending plays. We went to the four-man line at that point, and we felt that was the only way we could stop them, so we did. We played a lot of zone early in the game and we were playing so far off. They were just taking 10 and 12 yards. We went back to some man coverage, and they got behind us. We had difficult time covering them man to man. To get the number of people in the box, you have to go man to man. We didn't early, we went into coverage, but we were so loose that they were thinking and dunking so we went to a little bit more man coverage."

On decision to go for 2

"At that time, I knew we could get to three [points]. It was the last play of the third quarter. I thought we could get to a field goal and tie the game if we could make this two-point conversion. If we couldn't', I felt we could hold them on defense and possibly tie it with three. The chart says to go for two. I thought it was worth the chance to take to get within three at that point in the game."

On the defense in the 2nd half

"I think later in the second quarter we started playing better on defense, we started covering them a little closer too. We got a break or two, they dropped a pass or two. I think we got settled in on the game and got a little more confidence. We played a little more man coverage, that helped us."

Myron Cunningham, Arkansas LT

RE: Mood of the team after the loss:

"It was upsetting. They came out there and wanted to win more than us today and they showed it."

On the two-point conversions...

"It's tough. Just a frustrating day overall. It's just tough when you can't get those situations."

On the mindset of the team moving forward...

"We're just going to come back to work Monday and keep our mindset. Just keep working."

On finishing the season strong...

"We can definitely finish the season strong. The way we started the season, we just have to get back to that mentality and work ethic."

On not being able to get traction running the ball on first downs...

"We just have to make our blocks up front. If we open up holes for the running backs it will handle that problem."

On gaining momentum and not being able to keep it...

"Just execution. We went out there and couldn't execute when we had to and it hurt our momentum."

Bumper Pool, Arkansas LB

On being shorthanded on defense.

"Yes, it's week seven and you're going to have injuries every season. I'm just very proud of Myles Slusher. He stepped up and made some really good plays for us. He's been practicing his tail off for us. Injuries happen, like I said. it just has to be that next man up mentality."

How they feel about where they are as a team...

"I think that we've done a lot of good things. We have grown as a team. Today we did not play our best performance in the slightest, but I feel like we were still in that game. it's frustrating to lose a game like that, just to know how much you worked, how much this team is pouring in and how much buy in there is in this team. We are in the locker room after that game and no one has their heads down. Obviously, we are upset but the closeness of this team is like I have never seen before. So when I said I was frustrated, like today of not getting the win and not playing to the standard that we know we can play, it's tough."



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Montaric Brown, Arkansas CB

Thoughts after game today

"I just felt like they played harder, they executed. We couldn't execute. I just feel like they played harder and shout out to Auburn. They have good players too and they did a good job."

On how Myles Slusher played filling in for Jalen Catalon

"He stepped up huge. He did a good job. He did what he was supposed to do and I'm proud of him."

Thoughts on going forward with Myles Slusher and other players having to play

"I feel comfortable, I feel that's my job to lead him in that direction and I feel comfortable with him back there. I'm going to guide him every day in practice and make sure he's doing the right thing. I feel comfortable."

Bryan Harsin, Auburn Head Coach

Opening Statement:

"I'm really proud of our coaches, I'm proud of our players, they had a good plan and they worked really hard leading into this game. Also, we had some guys really step up and make plays, which we needed in order to win. So, overall, good team win."

On Arkansas

"I thought Arkansas, going into this game, was a very tough opponent, and they showed that today. I think Coach Pittman has done a very good job with this team. They're physical. They had a lot of plays on the offensive side today. It's not easy to play against a good team like this and win the game like we did."

On overall feeling on the win

"I'm excited for our team to come in here and play against a really good Arkansas team, and to win. That was a fun game. I think Arkansas is a really good team, a lot of respect. I like the way they play, I like the way our guys played today. That was a good football game that we got to be a part of. And to be on the road and to win, these things are big for our program."

Bo Nix, Auburn QB

RE: Dropped passes last week to this week

"Nothing really changed, I think we just did a better job of executing. We had a good plan going in. The game plan was really good from the start. We had some shots as well as some dink and dunk easy completions. I think even though we didn't have many yards rushing, we just had some solid runs on key drives that kept us moving the ball."

Demetris Jackson, Auburn WR

RE: Dropped passes last week to this week

"Just the focus. Just really focusing in on the little details and fundamentals. Getting back to those things. The Georgia game was a game for us to really polish up everything and get on top of the things we really need to work on. This Arkansas game was a game for us to really find out things about ourselves, to keep working at practice and build chemistry with the quarterbacks."