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DONALD W. REYNOLDS RAZORBACK STADIUM

GAME NOTES

- » QB KJ Jefferson completed 15-of-19 passes for 262 yards and a touchdown. He ran for a career-long rush of 49 yards in the first quarter, tying WR Treyton Burks (vs. UAPB) for the longest Arkansas rush of the season. It was the longest rush by a Razorback QB since Matt Jones' 72-yard run in 2004 against Ole Miss. Jefferson rushed six times for a team-best 58 yards. Jefferson has thrown for 2,578 passing yards this season, the ninth-most in a season in program history.
- » WR Treyton Burks totaled seven catches for 129 yards and a touchdown. He eclipsed the 1,000 receiving yard mark this season on a 43-yard grab in the second quarter. Burks is the fourth Arkansas WR to reach 1,000 receiving yards in a season, and first since WR Cobi Hamilton in 2012. Burks posted his sixth 100+ yard receiving game of the most in a single-season in program history. His 10 career 100+ yard receiving performances is second in program history to Anthony Lucas (11). His 11 TD receptions this season is tied for second-most in a single in school history with Marcus Monk (2006). Burks now has 2,399 career receiving yards, the sixth-most in program history. His 1,104 receiving yards this season is the third-most in a season in program history.
- » WR De'Vion Warren made a career-long 52-yard catch in the third quarter, which led to Smith's TD.
- » RB Raheim Sanders posted his first multi-TD game, rushing for two TDs on eight carries for 21 yards.
- » With RB Trelon Smith's fifth-rushing TD of the season in the third quarter, Arkansas has three ball carriers with 5+ rushing scores this year in Smith, KJ Jefferson (5) and Dominique Johnson (7). It's the first time since 2004 that Arkansas has had three rushers with 5 or more rushing TDs in the same season: QB Matt Jones (6), RB De'Arrius Howard (6), RB Peyton Hillis (6).
- » LB Bumper Pool had a game-high 13 tackles to record his seventh double-digit tackle performance of the year and the 17th of his career. It was also his seventh time to lead the team in tackles this season and the 15th time of his career. The 13 stops is one shy of his season-high of 14 against Rice in the season opener.
- » LB Hayden Henry finished with 10 tackles for his fourth double-digit tackle effort of the season. He posted a career-high two quarterback hurries.
- » DB Montaric Brown recorded his fifth interception of the season in the fourth quarter, the most by a Razorback since Tramain Thomas had five interceptions in 2011. His five picks are tied for the SEC lead this season.
- » K Cam Little made two field goals bringing his total to 19 made field goals, the fourth-most in a season in school history.
- » Arkansas out-gained Missouri, 425-316.
- » Arkansas improved to 8-4, its most wins in a regular season since 2011 (10).
- » Arkansas scored 30 or more points for the eighth time this season, the most times since 2011 (9).
- » Arkansas' defense held Missouri to 65 passing yards, the Tigers' fewest since Oct. 18, 2014, against Florida (20 yards). Arkansas held an opponent to under 70 passing yards for the first time since holding Texas to 57 passing yards on Dec. 29, 2014.
- » Arkansas won its third trophy game of the season, going 3-0 for the first time in school history against Texas A&M, LSU and Missouri.
- » Missouri RB Tyler Badie rushed 41 times for 219 yards and a TD. His 41 carries are tied for the most by an opponent in Arkansas history (Travis Stephens - Tennessee, Sept. 8, 2001).

STARTERS

ARKANSAS

QB KJ Jefferson
RB Dominique Johnson
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

DE Tre Williams
DT John Ridgeway
DE Markell Utsey
LB Hayden Henry
LB Grant Morgan
CB Hudson Clark
CB Montaric Brown
S Myles Slusher
S Joe Foucha
NB Greg Brooks Jr.
DIME Simeon Blair

MISSOURI

QB Connor Bazalak
RB Tyler Badie
WR Keke Chism
WR Dominc Lovett
WR Tauskie Dove
TE Nike Hea
LG Hyrin White
RG Luke Griffin
C Michael Maietti
RT Connor Wood
LT Javon Foster

DL Akial Byers
DL Darius Robinson
DL Isaiah McGuire
DL Trajan Jeffcoat
LB Blaze Alldredge
LB Chad Bailey
DB Jaylon Carlies
DB Martez Manuel
DB Kris Abrams-Draine
DB Allie Green IV
DB DJ Jackson

WEATHER

55°

MOSTLY SUNNY

GAME INFO

CAPTAINS

Grant Morgan, Myron Cunningham, KJ Jefferson, Joe Foucha

COIN TOSS

Arkansas won the toss and elected to defer.

UNIFORMS

ARK - Red Helmet, Red Jersey, White Pants
UM - Black helmet, Black Jersey, White Pants

ATTENDANCE

67,320

ARK SCORING

FIELD GOAL | 1Q | 10:01

Little field goal of 36 yards.

TOUCHDOWN | 2Q | 5:53

Sanders rush of 1 yard.

TOUCHDOWN | 3Q | 11:13

Smith rush of 4 yards.

TOUCHDOWN | 3Q | 9:48

Jefferson pass of 52 yards to Burks.

TOUCHDOWN | 4Q | 14:10

Jefferson pass of 14 yards to Burks.

FIELD GOAL | 4Q | 11:44

Johnson rush of 23 yards.

TOUCHDOWN | 4Q | 9:52

Sanders rush of 7 yards.



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Sam Pittman, Arkansas Head Coach

Opening statement:

"Missouri was very physical and very tough. They had a really good plan defensively, I thought, coming in. When you have that type of defensive front, you have to make big plays and make them pay. I felt like we did, but it took a long time. We were lucky to score a touchdown in the first half. Our defense bent, but they didn't break. Also, I want to say I'm very happy for Coach Odom. It is his birthday today, mine's not until Sunday. But I'm very, very happy for him and our football team."

On KJ Jefferson, and his big plays, particularly in 3rd quarter:

"I think, again, you're looking at a defensive scheme that you have to break. If you don't then you're going to get more first half results. Where early in the first half he was sacked on a hot protection, when they brought more than we can protect, then in the third quarter he hits Burks for a touchdown when they had someone come up the A gap. He throws the long ball very well, and obviously, he's very excited when 16 is out there one-on-one. He throws it up to him and he goes and gets it. I've really been pleased with the progression he's had, not only as a football player, but as a team leader. He really has taken a huge role in that, and I'm very proud of him."

On De'Vion Warren:

"Those are some things De'Vion did last year for us, with reverses and some screens, while making plays and yardage off of it. I'm really happy for him, especially since he came back as a super senior. To end that way out there with a win and have a good game. He looked really good today."

On close game at halftime:

"We knew what they were doing, they had a nice gameplan. But at some point you have to go and attack that, and not sit there and say we're afraid. In other words, we are a running team, we want to have success running. But if someone is going to take that away from you, then we will burn you deep and make you pay. I thought Coach Briles and his staff did a nice job of opening up the gameplan. Basically, what we were doing was chasing spots. Their back is over here, and they are blitzing off the edge over here, then we're chasing spots. When you chase the ball cuts up, and we can't block the Willie linebacker. I was mad, I'll be honest, I was disappointed, and I didn't think we were playing with a lot of energy. I let them know, and that's my job. But I don't think the halftime speech is why we played better. The coaches made a change and said let's tee it up, let it fly, and see what happens."

On trophy Games, winning all three this season:

"We don't have a guy on our team who has had one of them ever. Now to have those three trophies in there is big. I didn't know it. I asked Grant why they get so excited about them, and he said not anyone of us have ever earned one of them. To have all three for the first time in the history of the University of Arkansas, or to beat all three of those teams in the same year, I believe for the first time as well. It's a great tribute to those kids and to my assistant coaches."

Hayden Henry, Arkansas LB

On how happy they feel for Coach Odom:

"I am really happy for Coach Odom. I said in media this week that he's a stone-cold killer and he is the spear of our team, the tip of the spear I mean, the guy is just a legend and he brings it every single day. I couldn't be happier for him. It's his birthday today and we went out and beat Missouri and got that win for him and he got the game ball."

On Treyton Burks big play ability:

"He is just a baller. He is just a freak of nature and that's just the bottom line. He goes up and makes contested catches and on one-on-one balls he is going to win. But to see his progression from coming in as a freshman to see where he's at now, he's just constantly getting better. He's just getting better and better every single day, every single week. He's better and he is a huge spark for our offense when you give him the ball good things happen."

Bumper Pool, Arkansas LB

On how happy they feel for Coach Odom:

"Coach Odom prepares harder than anybody you can possibly imagine. He wanted this one and he put it in us this week to go out there and get it done. I'm just so happy that we can go out there and get it done for him because what he has meant for the University of Arkansas should never go unnoticed, because he completely turned around a team and a defense and we are forever in his debt."

On the third quarter performance:

"You know we came out and we needed a spark in the third and we knew that if we continue to play our style of defense that it would hit. Our offense runs the ball, runs the ball, and then hit the explosive play. That's just how it's been all season. This team is very battle tested, and we never blink. We go into the locker room no matter the score and there's not a guy in the locker room that doesn't think we can't win. It's just very cool week in and week out to continue to see that happen and just see the fight in everyone's eyes its truly special."



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Treylon Burks, Arkansas WR

Thoughts on the history you made and how much it means to you?

"Really like I say every week KJ he's just a baller, you know he went out there sacrificed his body for us, the coaches, the Razorback fans and he played his heart out for us and during that two minute drive completing passes um, making plays with his legs when it was needed to, you know, He's just a all-around baller and we're really glad to have him on our team."

Thoughts on the big plays the offense hit on in the third quarter?

"I just feel like we came out we adjusted. We came out and played fast like we are supposed to do and we made big plays down the field. Made big plays for him and the team and got a good win."

KJ Jefferson, Arkansas QB

Thoughts on big plays you connected on in the second half?

"The first half we didn't get the start that we wanted to, we hit a couple big plays, a couple big runs we had, but we didn't finish in the endzone. So, then coming out the second half we knew what they were giving us so we just wanted to be aggressive in the passing game and that's what we did."

Thoughts on getting all three trophies this year?

"I mean it's just a motivational thing. Coming into this whole week knowing that Coach Odom the game meant a lot to him and, it's his birthday, and just chasing history, nobody here had three trophies so knowing that we got that it's a memorable thing and we'll cherish it for life."

Eliah Drinkwitz, Missouri Head Coach

Opening statement:

"We were down a few guys because of injuries and sickness, so we were trying to play a tighter game, and once it got to two scores it kind of got away from us there."

On the Tigers' offense:

"We kept getting in our own way. We'd have big gains and have holding penalties, we got a chop block, we got an illegal cut, even right before half we had an explosive play that gets called back on a holding penalty. So, (there are) a lot of things that we're going to have to work hard to correct."

On Arkansas QB KJ Jefferson:

"I think KJ did a nice job. He was very accurate, he created an explosive play with a deep ball to Treylon Burks and then scrambled on a third down, got an explosive play, used his feet. He's a big-time quarterback, and he did what he needed to do for his football team tonight."

On lack of big plays:

"I think we had a couple of explosive plays called back because of penalties, and then we missed a couple of explosive plays down the field when the opportunities presented themselves."

Blaze Alldridge, Missouri LB

Can you talk about how KJ Jefferson did today

"He's a big quarterback that can run the ball and also got a big arm to unload it over the top. You saw him with a couple big runs but you got to try limit that. He did a great job for doing what he's known for."

Was anything that you were seeing from Arkansas early that led to explosive play after explosive play for you

"Yeah, just stuff that we went over in practice. It was really exactly what we expected in terms what they were going to give us in the run game."

Keke Chism, Missouri WR

Despite the result, how happy are you of Tyler Badie

"I mean, I'm proud of Tyler. That's one of my best friends on the team. I'm always rooting for his success and anything I can do to help him out. Seeing a guy that puts up in all that work and being rewarded with that type of success, that's what you love about football."

This was a one score game at halftime, when did you think the game got away from you?

"I don't think it was one moment, they played a great game. We had a lot of opportunities to make plays and take control of the game when it was a one score game. From an execution standpoint, we weren't able to get it done."