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SEPTEMBER 3, 2022

DONALD W. REYNOLDS RAZORBACK STADIUM

GAME NOTES

- » Arkansas registered its 27th INT since the start of 2020 (24 games). It ties with Alabama for most in the SEC in that span.
- » CB Dwight McGlothern recorded his second career interception in the first quarter, returning it for 51 yards to the CIN29.
- » McGlothern's 51-yard INT return is the longest by a Razorback since Greg Brooks Jr., had a 69-yard return at Miss State on Oct. 3, 2020. It is the 14th 50-plus yard interception return since 1997.
- » LB Bumper Pool logged his 18th career game with double-digit tackles after finishing with 13.
- » S Simeon Blair tallied a career high seven tackles.
- » TE Trey Knox recorded a career high two receiving touchdowns, hauling in passes of five and 32 yards. Knox entered the game with four career touchdown receptions (three as a freshman and one as a junior).
- » Saturday's attendance (74, 751) is the largest season-opening crowd since the 2006 opener against USC (76,564). Additionally, Saturday's crowd is the seventh-largest in DWWRS history.
- » DL Jordan Domineck charted his seventh career forced fumble and first as a Hog in the fourth quarter.
- » QB KJ Jefferson tallied his eighth career game with multiple passing touchdowns after finishing with three.
- » Arkansas shut out an opponent in the first half for the first time Oct. 23, 2021, against UAPB at War Memorial Stadium.
- » Jefferson recorded his third career game with at least one rushing touchdown and at least two passing touchdowns.
- » Jefferson charted his sixth career game with three-plus passing touchdowns.
- » RB Raheim Sanders eclipsed the 100-yard mark on the ground for the second time in his career. The last time Sanders had 100 or more on the ground was versus Ole Miss on Oct. 9, 2021.
- » Arkansas has scored 30+ points in 10 of QB KJ Jefferson's 16 career starts to date: 48 at Missouri (2020), 38 vs. Rice (2021), 40 vs. Texas (2021), 45 vs. Georgia Southern (2021), 51 at Ole Miss (2021), 45 vs. UAPB (2021), 31 vs. Mississippi State (2021), 35 at Alabama (2021), 34 vs. Missouri (2021), 31 vs. Cincinnati (2022).

WEATHER



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GAME INFO

CAPTAINS

Jalen Catalon, KJ Jefferson, Bumper Pool, Dalton Wagner

COIN TOSS

Cincinnati won the toss and deferred to the second half.

UNIFORMS

ARK - Red Helmet, Red Jersey, White Pants
CIN - Black Helmet, White Jersey, Black Pants

ATTENDANCE

74,751

ARK SCORING

TOUCHDOWN | 1Q | 6:18

Jefferson rush of 15 yards.

TOUCHDOWN | 2Q | 0:17

Jefferson pass complete to Knox for a 5-yard touchdown.

TOUCHDOWN | 3Q | 8:00

Jefferson pass complete to Haselwood for a 19-yard touchdown.

FIELD GOAL | 3Q | 1:28

Little field goal of 32 yards.

TOUCHDOWN | 4Q | 9:26

Jefferson pass complete to Knox for a 32-yard touchdown.

STARTERS

ARKANSAS

QB KJ JEFFERSON
 RB RAHEIM SANDERS
 WR WARREN THOMPSON
 WR JADON HASELWOOD
 WR MATT LANDERS
 TE TREY KNOX
 LT LUKE JONES
 LG BRADY LATHAM
 C RICKY STROMBERG
 RG BEAUX LIMMER
 RT DALTON WAGNER

CINCINNATI

DE JASHAUD STEWART
 DT ERIC GREGORY
 DT ISAIAH NICHOLS
 DE ZACH WILLIAMS
 WILL BUMPER POOL
 MIKE DREW SANDERS
 CB LADARRIUS BISHOP
 S JALEN CATALON
 S SIMEON BLAIR
 CB HUDSON CLARK
 NB MYLES SLUSHER

QB BEN BRYANT
 RB RYAN MONTGOMERY
 WR WILL PUALING
 WR TRE TUCKER
 WR TYLER SCOTT
 TE LEONARD TAYLOR
 LT JAMES TUNSTALL
 LG JEREMY COOPER
 C GAVIN GERHARDT
 RG DYLAN O'QUINN
 RT JOE HUBER

DE JABARI TAYLOR
 NT JOWON BRIGGS
 DE MALIK VANN
 WLB IVAN PACE
 MLB WILSON HUBER
 SLB DESHAWN PACE
 BCB JA'QUAN SHEPPARD
 BS BRYON THREATS
 FS JA'VON HICKS
 FCB ARQUON BUSH
 N TAJ WARD



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ARKANSAS QUOTES

Sam Pittman, Arkansas Head Coach

Opening statement:

"We got probably about what we thought, a very physical Cincinnati team and a lot of first game mistakes by both teams. We certainly had ours. I am very pleased with a lot of things in the game and part of it was when they got the ball when we turned the ball over on the 3 yard line and they had to kick a field goal. That was a big moment, and that was the crowd. Ten of those yards was Razorback Nation, so we thank them for that."

"We stopped them down there and then when we got the ball back with 5:37 maybe. We had two timeouts and never gave it to them. I thought that was outstanding by the whole offense, especially the offensive line."

"I thought Trey Knox played a heck of a game both catching the ball and running the ball, a lot of guys did. We're beat up in the secondary, we knew it was going to be a physical game. We made some first game mistakes that we have to clean up. Those are my fault, I've got to do a better job and play closer attention to some things there like the holding penalty. I was proud of our assistant coaches and really proud of our team to beat a top 25 team, I really think they [Cincinnati] are. We needed everybody today and I'm proud to be 1-0."

RE: Arkansas' rushing attack

"Yea, (Rashod) Dubinion got a couple, made a nice run, made a nice catch and run off of it. You know sometimes it was like this last year, we're really really good or we're really bad, you know and our consistency's not there. We go in stretches, one way or the other, but I thought the offensive line protected fairly well."

"I thought Rocket did some nice things but we felt like going into the game we could run the ball and you know I don't know if we ran it as well as I thought we would, but 224 yards on 45 carries so we must have ran it better."

RE: What is the impact of winning a game like this today and the hard schedule this year?

"Well, I mean when Cincinnati was put on the schedule, I was saying why. You know, I'm going to be honest with you, and I'm glad it's over and we're 1-0. So, we're beat up but that's the game of football, and we found a way to win. I'm tickled to death that we're 1-0 and we beat Cincinnati."

"I don't want to play them, we've already played them once that's plenty. Now we'll move on to South Carolina, but our schedule's the hardest schedule in football, you just got to try to be 1-0 and then next week 2-0, so to get that one out of the way with a win was really nice. The great thing I told the kids after the game is we have a lot to clean up, but we are 1-0 and now I think's that our fifth top 25 team we've beaten in the last 20 however many games we've been here."

RE: How impactful were the transfers and how good does it make you feel?

"You know I thought Matt Landers, we obviously opened up the game with him, he caught a couple balls early and I think he had one more during the game. Matt Landers I thought showed them that he's a hard guy to cover. With Haselwood as a transfer, you know doing some nice things and he made a really nice catch on the touchdown. He also had a very good run on the little sweep that we pitched to him. Those guys on offense I thought they did a good job and already talked about most of the defensive guys well. Brini came in and played at least half the game when Catalan got hurt. I'm proud we have him and the coaches did a really good job of getting them ready to play."

KJ Jefferson, Arkansas QB

RE: On chemistry with Trey Knox

"Having a guy like Trey, you can trust Trey to be in the right spot, running the right route and having that connection like you said, and being able to think alike and be on the same page. When defense throws a different coverage on us, I know what he's thinking, he knows what I'm thinking, so being able to get the ball out of my hands and give it to him."

RE: KJ, that third-and-nine on the last drive, that whole drive was 5:45, to basically seal the win. How big was that 40-yard run you had on that third and nine?

"I didn't actually because I had Rocket underneath wide open too. We practice those scenarios, coach put us in different scenarios like this, so just everyone being able to translate this mindset to four-minute mode, two-minute mode... just making sure we get first downs. That is the main thing."

RE: After turning the the ball over on the 3-yard line, what were the emotions like on the sidelines when they kept getting called for penalties

"We had a neutral mindset. I mean, it happens, it's football. Mistakes are going to happen. We all came together and started encouraging each other with a next-play mindset."

Raheim Sanders, Arkansas RB

RE: Thoughts about your workload today?

"It was good. I just want to give a shoutout to the offensive line and KJ as well, but it was good."

RE: What was that last drive like?

"We work on things like that in practice, so it was good."

RE: Getting 100 yards with the magnitude of the game in beating a ranked team

"It was actually good. It was my second time. I felt like there are a couple of things I can fix by watching film and getting ready for South Carolina. That is going to help me with that. It was a blessing to get 100 yards again. I have more to work on of course.."



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Trey Knox, Arkansas TE

RE: On chemistry with K.J. Jefferson

"Yes, sir. We have just been working that chemistry, throwing, getting connected and talking about what we are thinking on every play that I have a route on. I am trying to figure out what KJ is thinking about so we can be on the same page. I think that's what is helping us so far and will continue to help us."

RE: Talk about KJ's calm when you need a touchdown?

"Just that experience, man. I mean he's been in situations before, and he knows how to handle himself and handle the whole offense. Just going back to we think alike. I know what he's thinking and I know if he pulls the ball that he's going to run right behind me, just those kind of things. It just makes playing so much easier."

Bumper Pool, Arkansas LB

RE: How things went today

"We had a lot of mistakes, but we are very excited to get the win. We can clean up a lot of those things, but we have to continue to communicate and continue to get them in manageable third downs. I feel like they were having a lot of third and shorts. So, we need to continue to win early on in the downs and as a group we are very excited to win."

RE: On the crowd in the third quarter

"That was huge. It felt like we got down in here. Simeon and I were trying to get everyone going like, 'hey listen lock in and get them to only have three.' The crowd got behind us, it was rocking and super loud, very deafening. It's a cool feeling when you get the fans going like that. It's very important to have that crowd out there. It felt like that was one of those important times whenever they did get rowdy."

On how big it is to win a game of this magnitude to open the season...

"It's very important. Like I said, whenever you can learn a lot of things from a win it's a huge thing. Especially week one. Week ones you really don't know the teams you are going to play. You have a general idea of a lot of things, but they have a whole month to put something in. New guy, new coordinator. So, credit to our staff for getting us ready. Cincinnati came out, it was a good team, and they are going to be very successful this year."

Simeon Blair, Arkansas S

RE: The boost from the transfer portal

"They played great, they helped us out a lot today. They were the two that got turnovers, Moody and Domineck, they both got turnovers which helped us a lot. Moody brings a lot of energy to our defensive back crew, and Drew is a great player who does what he's supposed to do every single play. We're very excited about this year, its only going get better and its only going to go up from here."

RE: The crowd in the third quarter

"I felt like me and Bump didn't have to say much after that first penalty because you weren't able to hear us anyway. The crowd took over."

RE: How big it is to win a game of this magnitude to open the season

"It's always good when you can beat a team that was in the College Football Playoff. They're a great team. They lost a lot of talent, but they still have a lot of talent on their team. I think that was just an energy booster fire for ourselves to know that we can play like we always can. We can play and play at a high level against good teams of that magnitude."



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CINCINNATI QUOTES

Luke Fickell, Cincinnati Head Coach

Opening statement:

"This is an incredible learning experience. This is a growing time and opportunity for us and our team as we continue to find out and figure out what works."

RE: On how the team played today

"We didn't get it done. We didn't play well on both sides of the ball to get the job done. We were in a tough environment against a really good football team."

RE: On KJ Jefferson

"I didn't think he was going to run the ball as much as he did. I thought they were going to have him slinging the ball more this year. He is a really good football player."

RE: On the helmets coming off

"It's an issue that we have to figure out. We lost (quarterback) Ben (Bryant) for a play there. In a critical game, it's a factor."

Wilson Huber, Cincinnati LB

RE: On how Cincinnati handled KJ Jefferson

"I think we did okay. I think we eliminated a lot of his vertical runs that he likes to do. You know there was too many times were, he made us miss, ran through our arm tackles, just definitely something we need to work on. I think we helped, he's a great player, he's going to make a play but you know we got to limit them."

RE: Keys to staying disciplined with slow developing plays

"I think a lot if that comes from just practice that week because we've seen a lot of those looks. It was nothing necessarily new or you know something that we've never seen before. It's just, you know, consistency and you know, you discipline your eyes, your hands, and your feet just to continue to work what you do."

Ben Bryant, Cincinnati QB

RE: Throwing an interception in the first quarter

"I thought we were moving the ball well until that point. The corner made a really good play. He kind of baited me into that one. I thought we bounced back from that one to start the game with a pick."

RE: On Cincinnati's pre-snap penalties, missed throws, and drive with fumble recovery

"I think the atmosphere just got to us for a little bit. On one side of the endzone and we were trying to go on a silence cadence. Everyone just wasn't on the same page and we just have to try and work better together."

Jabari Taylor, Cincinnati DL

RE: Going against KJ Jefferson

"It is a tough man, you watch so much film and then again like you got to have a little bit of respect and like it's not always like that. He makes things happen when you're out there you feel the difference and you get a little jittery. You're like do I hit this edge or do I trap and cop but yeah respect to him."

RE: Second guys coming in

"They were able to hold their own and that's a situation you're real proud of. I mean all I can say is I didn't worship anything I did out there."

Josh Whyte, Cincinnati TE

RE: Play of QB Ben Bryant

"I thought he played real well, I thought the offense got off to a slow start and I think that's something we need to focus on. We pride ourselves on being a second half team and I think we did that. Just coming out the gates hot is what we need."

RE: Arkansas playing four down linemen

"We kind of heard they were going to get into that late in the week. We prepared a little bit for that. It wasn't anything exotic. It wasn't anything we hadn't seen before. The good thing today was this was on us most definitely and that's 100% fixable. We're just going to be us and do what we do."