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SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

DONALD W. REYNOLDS RAZORBACK STADIUM

GAME NOTES

- » Arkansas has won consecutive SEC openers for first time since 2003 & 2004.
- » RB Raheim Sanders recorded his third career multi-rushing TD game. Dating back to last season, Sanders has rushed for two TDs in three of the last four games.
- » RB Raheim Sanders has rushed for 100+ yards in back-to-back games (117 in game 1 and 156 in game two). He's the first Arkansas rusher to run for 100+ yards in back-to-back contests since RB Rakeem Boyd (2019).
- » QB KJ Jefferson registered his fifth career game with at least one passing touchdown and at least one score on the ground.
- » Jefferson completed 85.7 percent of his passes (18-of-21 passes) for 162 yards and one TD. His completion percentage ranks second in school history (min of 20 att). The record is held by Ryan Mallett at .875 (21-of-24) vs Tennessee Tech in 2010. Jefferson and Mallett have combined for each of the top four single-game passing percentage marks.
- » Since 2020, the Razorbacks have totaled 28 interceptions in 25 games - the most among all SEC teams in that span.
- » Arkansas scored on its first three possessions (TD, TD, TD). The last time Arkansas scored on its first three possessions came in last season's win against Texas A&M (FG, TD, TD). Last time Arkansas scored TDs on its first three possessions was 2019 vs Colorado State.
- » Arkansas has scored 30+ points in 11 of QB KJ Jefferson's 17 career starts: 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), TBD vs. South Carolina (2022).
- » Dating back to the 2021 season, Arkansas has rushed for three or more touchdowns in three of the last four games.
- » RB Raheim Sanders registered a career-long rush of 47 yards in the third quarter.
- » RB Raheim Sanders became one of five Razorbacks who have rushed for 100+ yards with multiple scores in a game against South Carolina: Madre Hill (1995 - 178 yards, 6 TD), Darren McFadden (2006 - 187 yards, 6 TD), Felix Jones (2007 - 166 yards, 3 TD), Knile Davis (2010 - 110 yards, 3 TD) and Raheim Sanders (2022).
- » Four different Razorbacks rushed for a TD (Raheim Sanders, K.J. Jefferson, Rashod Dubinion and AJ Green). The last time Arkansas had three players rush for touchdowns was against Georgia Southern in 2021 (Telon Smith, Dominique Johnson and Malik Hornsby).
- » The Razorbacks tallied their first five-rushing touchdown game since 2016 against Mississippi State.
- » The Hogs have charted three straight games of 200+ rushing yards (295 vs USC) as a team and five-straight games of 400+ yards of total offense (457 vs USC).
- » LB Drew Sanders logged career-highs in total tackles (11) and tackles for loss (3.0). Sanders' 3.0 TFL are the most in a game by an Arkansas defender since Bumper Pool totaled 3.0 TFL against Texas A&M in 2020.
- » Sanders added two forced fumbles to tie a school single-game record (based on available stats). 12 others have also forced two fumbles in a game since 2000 with the last being McTelvin Agim who did so in 2018 vs Colorado State and in 2017 vs Mississippi State. Overall, Arkansas forced five fumbles, tying for second-most in school history (dating back to 1998). The record is six forced fumbles vs Eastern Illinois in 2018.
- » Arkansas recorded a safety with 1:33 left in the game. It was the Razorbacks' first safety since 2015 vs Toledo.

STARTERS

ARKANSAS

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

SOUTH CAROLINA

DE ZACH WILLIAMS
 DT ERIC GREGORY
 DT ISAIAH NICHOLS
 WILL BUMPER POOL
 MIKE DREW SANDERS
 CB DWIGHT MCGLOTHORN
 CB HUDSON CLARK
 CB KHARI JOHNSON
 S SIMEON BLAIR
 S LATAVIOUS BRINI
 NB JAYDEN JOHNSON

QB SPENCER RATTLER
 RB MARSHAWN LLOYD
 WR XAVIER LEGETTE
 WR JALEN BROOKS
 TE AUSTIN STOGNER
 TE JAHEIM BELL
 LT JAYLEN NICHOLS
 LG VERSHON LEE
 C ERIC DOUGLAS
 RG JOVAUGHN GWYN
 RT DYLAN WONNUM

DE JORDAN BURCH
 DT ZACCH PICKENS
 DT ALEX HUNTLEY
 OLB J. STRACHAN
 MLB MOHAMED KABA
 WLB BRAD JOHNSON
 LB CAM JOHNSON
 CB MARCELLAS DIAL
 SS R.J. RODERICK
 FS DEVONNI REED
 CB DARIUS RUSH

WEATHER

78°

SUNNY

GAME INFO

CAPTAINS

Simeon Blair, KJ Jefferson, Bumper Pool, Dalton Wagner

COIN TOSS

Arkansas won the toss and deferred to the second half.

UNIFORMS

ARK - Red Helmet, Red Jersey, White Pants
 SCAR - White Helmet, White Jersey, White Pants

ATTENDANCE

72,437

ARK SCORING

TOUCHDOWN | 1Q | 6:42

Raheim Sanders rush of 1 yard.

TOUCHDOWN | 2Q | 14:28

Raheim Sanders rush of 11 yards.

TOUCHDOWN | 2Q | 8:13

Rashod Dubinion rush of 1 yard.

TOUCHDOWN | 4Q | 14:55

KJ Jefferson rush of 2 yards.

TOUCHDOWN | 4Q | 12:09

KJ Jefferson pass to Warren Thompson complete for 23 yards.

TOUCHDOWN | 4Q | 6:00

AJ Green rush of 1 yard.

SAFETY | 4Q | 1:33

Team, penalty for intentional grounding while in the endzone.



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Sam Pittman, Arkansas Head Coach

Opening statement:

"A lot of respect for South Carolina, their program and Coach Beamer. They play the game like it's supposed to be played. I was really proud of our offensive line. We asked them to control the game and I felt like they did at least until the last series of the first half. We were a little slippery on pass protection but I think the offensive line wore them down. We made a lot of big plays on defense; a lot of sacks, hurries, this that and the other. We gave up a lot. Three hands to the face and things like that. We certainly haven't had that in practice but we had it out here today and we've got to clean that up as well. I thought the defense made some big plays and (Raheim) Rocket Sanders and the backs ran well. I thought we used our wideouts a little bit better today. We used all of them and each one of them contributed certainly in the blocking aspect but to the win as well. It feels really good to be 2-0 and 1-0 in the SEC."

RE: Executing the Game Plan:

"It's a line of scrimmage game in this league. It depends on if you want to make it that or not. We do. We want to make it a line of scrimmage game. It feels good to be honest with you. I think everyone in the stadium felt good on the first three possessions. We didn't make a 4th and 1 in the third or the fourth quarter down there but we made close fourth downs and third down and ones. There weren't really any great, big plays out there. It was really just churning four and five yards out. It feels really, really good. We have a lot of work to do but I'm really pleased with where we are as a coaching staff and as a team."

Thoughts on the 11 a.m. crowd:

"I thought there were a lot of people here. It seemed like it. I love the student section. They here have a lot of fun. I think they pretty much sold out that area of the stadium both weeks. It's a lot of fun for the kids to come, especially when we are winning. I have no idea what an 11 a.m. party would look like, but I hope they had a good time."

On KJ Jefferson's performance:

"I thought he played better today than he did last week. I thought he was more accurate today. I thought he ran the ball well both times, but I thought he was more accurate and in total control. When it was third-and-two on the goal line, I told him... if we don't make it here, I'm taking a field goal to go up eight. I was challenging him, but KJ looked up at me and said, 'don't worry about it, call the extra point team on.' And he did. He can pretty much take over the game when he wants to."

KJ Jefferson, Arkansas QB

You ran the ball 19 times today and took a lot of big hits

"Football is a physical sport. Playing the QB position, you're gonna get hit whether you got the ball or not. You gotta have a dog mentality and then go in and get treated. Recovery is real big on my part, just making sure that I'm feeling 100%."

Chemistry with Matt Landers

"When Matt first got in, he called me to come to the facility. I went to the facility and right then we got to work. I was watching him run routes and get the timing down as quick as possible. The team loves him and we welcomed him in with open arms. For the future, being able to have a guy like Matt and the speed and versatility that he has, I can throw him the ball and just let him make a play."

Arkansas has now started 1-0 in the SEC and 2-0 overall for back-to-back years

"It's real big, Coach Pittman put an emphasis on starting off SEC play. We knew it was gonna be a long, physical game. We just wanted to come out and be the more physical and dominant team and then just show the state that this program is still on the rise."

Dalton Wagner, Arkansas OL

How would you assess the way y'all ran the ball today? Was that what y'all were hoping to do today?

"Absolutely, Coach Pittman pretty much called out the O-Line and said, 'The game is on our backs. The game will be won in the trenches by us.' O-Line took it really personally this week to make sure we could run the ball... Protection still has to get better still to make sure KJ's comfortable back there throwing. I think for the run game, couldn't have asked for a better game."

When you have a QB making runs like KJ and Jadon threw a guy down, is there a physicality that permeates throughout the whole team?

Coach Pittman emphasizes it, we go pads 3 times a week. 3 days a week we're getting after it and hitting each other and he emphasizes physicality. You got a runner like KJ who can throw a shoulder in there and you got the O-Line pushing a pile trying to knock it over and KJ's still running after we knock the pile over, it's just physicality. We love it, he loves it, and I think the whole state loves it."

Raheim Sanders, Arkansas RB

What did you think about your game today, and how have you accepted this role of getting a lot of carries?

"With the offensive line, I want to give a big shoutout to them, and the receivers as well. K.J. makes me comfortable, the front line, another year with them, so they make me comfortable as well."



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Did you envision a start like this? Sam said at the beginning of camp you were going to get more carries. Did you envision back-to-back games like this?

"We're watching film to know what the defense is going to do and figuring out if they're man or zone. I feel like the outside zone and inside zone hit today."

You joined elite company today with Darren McFadden and Felix Jones as the only Razorback running backs to go for 150+ yards and 2 touchdowns against South Carolina.

"It feels good, of course I want to be better than those guys, that's my goal, but it feels great."

Simeon Blair, Arkansas DB

On regaining control in the game:

"I feel like South Carolina was a great team. They fought, they never gave up. I felt like we just stayed focus. We knew that it was going to be a dog fight being the first SEC kickoff game and I felt like we just trusted in one another. We knew that everyone on our defense side had everyone's back."

On LB Bumper Pool returning the onside kick:

"I loved it because I had to block the biggest dude on the line. When he got there, everybody else stopped. That was great for me. If he had a little more speed he would have scored, but we'll keep that to ourselves."

On Latavious Brini:

"Brini is a real good player. He came in our system, and I feel like we do a lot of things that require a lot of communication and with that communication you have to learn the playbook real fast. We have a lot of different stuff that we do so, for him to come out there and play as well as he did in just a short amount of time and just be here in the summer it says a lot. He really came here, he really took this serious and he's a real playmaker. He's going to be real helpful and make a huge difference."

On LB Drew Sanders's game:

"Drew is a hard worker. We've been harping on Drew ever since he got here. He's not going to say much, but he's a hard worker. He's a playmaker, and he does his job. We know if he sends him on a blitz, nine times out of 10 he's going to get the sack, and if not, he's going to get to the quarterback. Drew is just a great player and we're happy to have him around."

Drew Sanders, Arkansas LB

On LB Bumper Pool's sack:

"I thought that was huge, just anytime we can come away with a sack. It shifts the momentum. It's a big game changing play."

On his game today:

"I felt pretty great today going into the game. I felt comfortable and confident with what our defense had us doing. They put us in a great position to make plays and did my best to do my job."

Latavious Brini, Arkansas S

On DB Dwight "Nudie" McGlothlen's interception and play at corner:

"Nudie's doing great at corner, he's a dog man. Everyone is a dog out there on the field. He's been playing great, and he's been showing."

On the coming into Arkansas:

"I really appreciate all the DB's, and the coaches. Because when I first came in from Georgia it was a little rocky. They took me in with wide open arms and showed me nothing but love. They made sure I was accountable for everything that I did and making sure I could push my skills farther."

On LB Drew Sanders's game:

"Drew had a great game today. I looked up, I saw Drew making a play every time. I turned to someone and said, 'That's Drew making that play?' Drew did great today, he's a great person."



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Shane Beamer, South Carolina Head Coach

Opening Statement:-

"First of all, give credit to Arkansas, heck of a football team and they showed that today. Proud of our football team and the way that we fought, battled throughout the game, obviously we can't turn the ball over, especially in the fourth quarter. Whatever it was, I guess we had an interception, a fumble, safety, so at least two turnovers in the fourth quarter, and you can't win football games on the road in the SEC, that's for sure. I think we have a chance to be a really, really good football team, and we'll continue to get better, today wasn't good enough on the road, but I'm proud of our guys and the way they fought. We were talking all week that we were going to face adversity at some point and that's how we get stronger as a football team, and I thought we showed that in a lot of ways today. We certainly faced a ton of adversity out there with some things that happened throughout the game, injuries, particularly defensively, but we have a lot of guys that got to play a lot of plays. Overall not good enough today, I'm excited as we continue to go through the season, and again, proud of the group of men that we have in that locker room."

On missed opportunities:-

"Yeah [very frustrating]. We felt like we had a great advantage with our receivers and tight ends versus their defensive backs today, that's why we threw it like we did ... [Ahmarean Brown] had the ball early in the first quarter on a post route, and we weren't able to come down with it. And then there were other opportunities as well. That's part of it, defensively as well. We've got to stop the run and get ourselves off the field as well, but there were certainly a lot of opportunities in all three phases, but I'm proud of the way our guys continued to fight and battle. Felt like we were going to win that game until that last drive when we got the safety or whatever they called back there."

On the passing strategy:-

"Yeah we felt really good about our ability to throw the football, there's no question about it. Not that we didn't with the run game, but they had two starters out in the secondary, Catalan and Slusher, big losses for them. Watching Cincinnati last week, Cincinnati had some opportunities in the passing game that they weren't able to capitalize on, as well, so we felt like we could certainly take our shots down field, which is what we did. We've got to run the football, there's no doubt about it, but each week is different with how we're trying to win football games, and today was like our matchups in the passing game for sure ... a lot of guys showed what they can do when the ball is in their hands. But there's no question that we've got to be able to run the ball and stop the run to win football games. Especially with a team like Arkansas, when they line up offensively, they're trying to bludgeon you to death. With tackling their guys as well, we've got to be able to help our defense, also."

On how the run game gets better:-

"Just continuing to call it, I'll be honest with you, we didn't have many called runs today, it was all pass but there's no question that our offensive line wants to run the ball, our offensive line can run the ball, our backs as well. I just felt like that was the way we needed to attack things today."

MarShawn Lloyd, South Carolina RB

"We're nowhere near the ceiling. There were plays we could've made, should've made, and we didn't make. When we start being able to make those plays, we'll be at the top of the mountain. For all the mess-ups we made today, we still showed we're an explosive offense. We just have to fix up little things."

"We had the momentum, and we felt good with everything. Then I ended up fumbling the ball, which kind of messed the momentum."

Jordan Burch, South Carolina DE

"Injuries weigh a lot on us, but our backups and freshmen coming in, taking starting spots and filling in, they helped a lot."

"They're a big team. We knew all week in practice [KJ] was a big guy."

Antwane Wells Jr., South Carolina WR

On gameplan for the game:

"We had a gameplan to just go out there and just attack. Things just didn't go that well for us in the first half, but we came out in the second half and tried to fix up a few things. They started to get to rolling."

On him and Spencer Rattler's chemistry:

"I took a trip out to Phoenix to go get a workout with Spencer, I feel like that helped us out a lot to build chemistry and try to get to the next level."



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Spencer Rattler, South Carolina QB

On the deep passes:

"The first one to AB it was a contested play, dude made a great play on it. The next two they were playing three safe and I was really just making sure I could get it over them. They were really close, and you just got to keep throwing those shots. We started to get a rhythm there and make some big plays in the game."

On missed opportunities :

"Just as a group, players, and coaches we just have to prepare better and do better as a whole. We have to get ourselves out of second and third and longs, even though we converted a lot of third downs today, way better than last week. Our overall performance was way better than last week, we still got ways to go but we will. That's a good team, top 20, top 15 team and we just went at it. We've got to give them respect and keep going at it."