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DONALD W. REYNOLDS RAZORBACK STADIUM

## GAME NOTES

- » Since the start of 2020, Arkansas has totaled 29 interceptions in 28 games, second most in the SEC.
- » WR Ketron Jackson Jr., made his first career start.
- » WR Ketron Jackson Jr., recorded his second consecutive game with a touchdown reception after snaring a 6-yard touchdown in the second quarter.
- » LB Drew Sanders recorded his fifth straight game with a sack.
- » LB Drew Sanders notched his third double-digit tackle game after tallying a team-high 12.
- » LB Drew Sanders' 6.5 sacks (entered with 5.5 entering this game) this season are the most by a Razorback defender since Armon Watts (7.0) in 2018.
- » WR Jadon Haselwood has caught three or more passes in each of his first five games as a Razorback and has tallied at least one reception in 17 consecutive games dating back to the start of the 2021 season.
- » TE Trey Knox hauled in his longest reception of the season – a 36-yard pass in the third quarter.
- » CB Dwight McGlothorn intercepted his third pass of the season in the first quarter.
- » Arkansas registered its eight consecutive game (dating back to 2021) with a rushing touchdown.
- » RB Raheim Sanders had 101 rushing yards on 22 attempts and a TD.
- » Dating back to last season, Arkansas has had a 100-yard rusher in six consecutive games. Sanders, who is responsible for four of those six 100-yard efforts, is just the sixth ball carrier in Arkansas history to run for 100 or more yards against Alabama.
- » Bumper Pool had 10 tackles, including 1.5 for losses. He has recorded double-digit tackles twice this season and 19 times for his career.
- » K.J. Jefferson has thrown a TD pass in all five games this season. He was 13-of-24 for 155 yards with a six-yard TD to Ketron Jackson Jr.

## WEATHER

76°

CLEAR

## GAME INFO

### CAPTAINS

Simeon Blair, K.J. Jefferson, Bumper Pool, Dalton Wagner

### COIN TOSS

Arkansas won the toss and deferred to the second half.

### UNIFORMS

ALA - Crimson Helmet, White Jersey, White Pants  
ARK - Red Helmet, Red Jersey.

### ATTENDANCE

75,579 (fifth-largest)

## ARK SCORING

### TOUCHDOWN | 2Q | 0:21

Ketron Jackson Jr., 6-yard pass from K.J. Jefferson

### TOUCHDOWN | 3Q | 2:49

AJ Green rush of 13 yards.

### FIELD GOAL | 3Q | 1:38

Cam Little good from 22 yards.

### TOUCHDOWN | 3Q | 0:19

Raheim Sanders rush of 3 yards.

### FIELD GOAL | 4Q | 7:38

Cam Little from 34 yards.

## STARTERS

### ARKANSAS

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

### ALABAMA

DE LANDON JACKSON	QB BRYCE YOUNG	DE BYRON YOUNG
DT ISAIAH NICHOLS	RB JAHMYR GIBBS	NG JAHEIM OATIS
DT ZACH WILLIAMS	WR JERMAINE BURTON	MIKE HENRY TO'OTO'O
MIKE DREW SANDERS	WR TREASHON HOLDEN	WILL JAYLEN MOODY
WILL BUMPER POOL	WR JOJO EARLE	JACK WILL ANDERSON JR.
CB DWIGHT MCGLOTHORN	TE CAMERON LATU	SAM DALLAS TURNER
CB MALIK CHAVIS	LT TYLER STEEN	CB KOOL-AID MCKINSTRY
S LATAVIOUS BRINI	LG JAVION COHEN	CB TERRION ARNOLD
S SIMEON BLAIR	C SETH MCLAUGHLIN	SS JORDAN BATTLE
S JAYDEN JOHNSON	RG EMIL EKIYOR JR.	STAR BRIAN BRANCH
NB MYLES SLUSHER	RT JC LATHAM	FS DEMARCO HELLAMS



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## QUOTES

### Sam Pittman, Arkansas Head Coach

#### Opening statement

"Alabama is a really good football team; a physical team. I thought going into the game they were really good on defense, they certainly are. I don't know if Bryce Young got hurt or if Coach Saban elected to go with Milroe, but if he [Young] did I hope he's fine. He's a really good player and strong competitor.

"There were way too many really big plays for them and not enough for us. The turnover battle was about the same. For whatever reason, we didn't start well then tried to finally score there right before the half, but we didn't start well. Part of that, I'm sure, is because of Alabama.

"We have to do better, we have to play better and we have to regroup. Last year we lost three in a row then won five of the last six. We have to find a way to turn it around. I know we played two really good teams the last two weeks, but we have to play better regardless of what the score is and what it becomes. We have to play more consistent, tackle better, convert third downs and things of that nature on offense."

#### On the third quarter

"The third quarter, we just stayed in here and stretched and I talked to them and the captains talked to them. It's the same thing we do at practice. We haven't won a third quarter all year, so we changed it up. I don't know if it worked or not because we were down 21 but I do know the kids answered the challenge and that was good to see.

#### On the onside kick

"That's what we've been seeing on tape. Bates was really good at it; he did it at his previous school. It just seemed like the right time to use it and it worked and we went down and scored so that was a good deal."

#### On how deflating was it to see a couple of times where you could do something defensively and then they come up with a big play

"It's bad. I mean, you sit there and think you are good and then they make a play you know it is very deflating, but that is apart of the game. It's happening too often to us and we got to figure out how to get off the field when we have the advantage with the sticks. Part of it has to do with tightness of coverage, part of it has to do with tackling, which is still a problem for us that we have to continue and improve on but it sure is very deflating.

#### On Warren Thompson being hurt

"I don't. I mean, we thought there was a chance that he could play, slusher was the same way, we thought he would be able to play, he went out there a little bit, but his calf was all tight and all this kind of stuff. He just didn't practice well at all this week, so we thought we would be better with Ketron Jackson Jr. and Jayden instead of taking a chance and him out there. He just wasn't ready.

### Raheim Sanders, Arkansas DB

#### On slow start by the offense

"We were going out there slow. I feel like that first down, we get that to start the game off, and at the end of the day, I feel like we went out there slow. That's what we did. We're going to fix it."

#### On playing from behind

"When you're playing a great team like Alabama and you mess up, they're going to do something the next drive. I feel like with us having some [mistakes] they came back, and they attacked."

#### On Ketron Jackson Jr.:

"Ketron is quiet at practice. He's a go-getter and I definitely believe in him, and I believe he's going to have a great year."

### Dalton Wagner, Arkansas OL

#### On slow start:

"Mental mistakes, not as clean of a game as we should've played obviously. You can see that from anywhere. I really think that if we had come out of the first half with a little cleaner of a game mentally, it would've been a lot better."

#### Third quarter come around:

"We were down 28-7 going into half. That drive right before half I think was a really good spark for us. We showed the tempo and versatility of what we can do.. When you're down 28-7 against a really good team, it's hard to dig out of that hole."



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**On playing from behind**

"They capitalize on mistakes you make. Well coached teams will do that. We capitalized on their mistakes, we're a good team. We're a very well coached team. We made far too many more and a team like that will take advantage of every single thing you do wrong."

**On bouncing back for Mississippi State**

"We have no choice but to bounce back. It's the SEC. We play a top 25 team every week. You learn the most from your losses."

**On last year's three losses in a row compared to this year:**

"This is a very resilient football team. I say this every time we do this, but it's unique to be down 28-7 at halftime and close that gap."

## Bumper Pool, Arkansas LB

**On Alabama converting on third downs**

"We have to be better on third downs. I thought we rallied well as a group. Obviously on that play, we should have made it. We just have to continue to work, continue to get better at the things that we aren't good at. I'm proud of the fight and we're gonna get back in there and emphasize the third down and make sure that we get better at it."

**On getting back in the third quarter**

"We emphasized it all week in practice. We made specific periods about starting the third quarter, changed up our halftime routine. We all got up there and spoke to everyone and said, 'Hey listen, we have a shot. We have some things we can pull out in the second half.' In the third quarter, that was some fight that you just love to see especially for how hard we worked on it throughout the week. We just couldn't get it done. We let too many plays break us. "

**On coming back from this loss**

"This is a resilient group. We will have a good game plan going into (next week at Mississippi State). We just have to stick together. We have a lot of games left and everyone in that locker room is hurting. They aren't broke. They want to continue to get better, continue to work on the things that we didn't do well today. We'll bounce back and get back to work."

## Drew Sanders, Arkansas LB

**On Alabama converting on third downs**

"[I'm] proud of how we fought back there a little bit, but we have to get better on third down. I think for the most part, we did some good things, just didn't quite finish it off there in the end."

**On getting back in the third quarter**

"That third quarter coming out of halftime, we did our job, and, for the most part, shut them down on defense and offense moved the ball great. That onside kick was huge and there was just a lot of momentum on our side in that third quarter. It was good to see us battle back from that halftime."

**On the plan to stop Alabama RB Jahmyr Gibbs**

"We knew how great of a player he was and we knew he's been contributing to their offense. Those two big runs, not 100% sure (what happened). We are gonna have to go back and watch it. It was just missed assignments, gaps, and just little things we can get better at."



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### Nick Saban, Alabama Head Coach

#### Opening Statement:

"Obviously this is a really good win for our team. I thought one of the messages that we tried to give the team was that you have to maintain your intensity in the game for all 60 minutes of the game, regardless of what the score is and regardless of what happens. Even though it was a great win, we did a lot of great things out there and made a lot of great plays, I don't think we maintained our intensity. We let them get back into the game at one point, a couple errors in the kicking game as well. We lost our intensity on the scoring drive right before the half on defense, we let them gain momentum in the game. Then we really struggled in the third quarter on offense and defense. But we did a really good job in the fourth quarter, finishing the game, scoring 21 points and making some big plays. It's hard to win on the road. There's a lot of things to learn from this game, but really proud of the way our players competed in the game. We had too many penalties, so there's a lot to learn. It's also an SEC road game against a good team and I was proud of the way our guys competed. I thought we came out and played great in the beginning. We got ahead 20 to nothing, I thought our players competed and played well. We played well on defense, played well on offense and got off the field on third down. It's one of the things we didn't do when they started coming back a little bit. (They) had a couple third down opportunities where we didn't get off the field. They kept possession of the ball and that led to scores. But the kicking game there, the onside kick, the bad snap on the punt, I mean, kicking game helped us when we had a couple of big-time punt returns, but it actually hurt us later in the game. Their offense, boy, it's getting better."

#### Update on Bryce Young:

"Bryce has a little AC sprain in his shoulder. You know we'll have to take it day-to-day, I think he's okay. He doesn't have a serious injury. He didn't go back in the game today because I didn't think he had much steam on throwing the ball. He's had these before and in a few days he starts to respond pretty well. We'll just have to see how it goes and play it day-to-day."

#### On offensive adjustments bringing in Jalen Milroe:

"I don't know. I was going to call Jimbo (Fisher) afterwards and tell him. So if he can hear it in the press conference I don't have to call him. There are things that Jalen does well. If we practice some of those things and if he has to play, we'll have to practice him more. But I thought that he did a good job of managing the game today and gave our team a chance to win. We scored how many points with him playing quarterback? We had 14 with Bryce in there and the rest he was in there, so it wasn't all bad."

#### On how to carry over the defensive effort from first to second half:

"Maintain their intensity. You can't play defense if you don't have great intensity. You can't tackle well if you don't have great intensity. You can't knock the guy if you don't have intensity. You can't cover a guy if you don't have great intensity. So when you lose that, you get soft and three-yard runs become eight-yard runs so it's 2nd-and-2 instead of 2nd-and-8. You don't get off the field on third down when you have the opportunity because you don't cover as well. I felt we lost it a couple times. Just maintain your intensity, stay focused on what you have to do to do your job. We have to do it with physical toughness, with being aggressive and having an aggressive mindset in terms of how you play. And then, you know, we had four penalties on defense in the fourth quarter, one on 3rd-and-forever, after the play. I mean, that's not playing smart. Everybody has the opportunity to make good choices and decisions. We need to do a better job of that. As a coach, I have the responsibility to get the players to do that."

### Tyler Steen, Alabama OL

"The scheme didn't change at all. We came in with a game plan, and we know that if you play, you can execute the game plan, so it's the same thing. Jaylen (Milroe) might be one of the fastest guys on the team. He was ready to go. He was prepared, and he knew what he needed to do. He was cool, calm, and collected and ready to get the job done."

"Jahmyr (Gibbs) is an extremely explosive guy. The front knows, as long as we can do our jobs, Jahmyr can pretty much take it to the house."

"We were very motivated at halftime. We came in with a big lead, and we knew the message going into halftime was going to be, the score is still 0-0. We still know that the game is not over. We still needed to get the job done."

### Jahmyr Gibbs, Alabama RB

"I think it says a lot about [Jaylen]. He knows what to do, how to make big plays happen. We have guys to lean on. We've got playmakers everywhere, so anybody can score at any given time."

"Bryce is a team leader. He motivates everybody, whoever it is, offense, defense."

### Dallas Turner, Alabama LB

"I do believe momentum is a real thing, but it can also be broken very quickly. I do feel like we pressed their momentum through the game, and we came out victorious. Bryce (Young) is a great player. It was a big loss. We always have guys that are ready whenever their name is called."



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### **Will Anderson Jr., Alabama LB**

#### **On Arkansas building momentum in the third quarter**

"We had to keep ourselves calm. We can't lose focus on what we have to do. We can't let any external factors like the crowd or the time or the scoreboard affect us. Coach Saban harps about that a lot. We have to keep playing no matter what the score is or what the outcome is... just keep playing until you get off the field."

#### **On stopping the two-point conversion**

"It was really big. It just goes back to everyone being locked in and everyone being on the same page. Everyone getting the call and executing the call and the goal to get us in."

### **Jalen Milroe, Alabama QB**

#### **On being ready to go in**

"The biggest thing was preparing all week, whenever the time was right, I want to give all thanks to God for the moment. My teammates made it much easier just being around those guys, the offensive line talking to me, receivers, running backs, offensive staff, all the guys as a whole made the job much easier."

#### **On the third and fifteen scramble**

"The biggest thing was looking at the chains and seeing what's the best thing I could do for the team. I was able to use my legs on that play, but if it wasn't for the offensive line to make a hole for me, it wouldn't have been possible. It came down to the offense as a whole, all eleven guys stepping up and allowing me that play to happen."