



ARKANSAS

VS LIBERTY



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NOVEMBER 5, 2022

DONALD W. REYNOLDS RAZROBACK STADIUM

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GAME NOTES

- » Arkansas finished with 428 yards of total offense. The Razorbacks have eclipsed over 400 yards of total offense eight of their nine games this season.
- » The last time Arkansas pitched a second-half shutout was 24-10 win over Penn State in the Outback Bowl (Jan. 1, 2022).
- » Third time Arkansas has held an opponent to under 100 rushing yards this season. Liberty finished with 91 yards on the ground.
- » LB Bumper Pool was named the Crip Hall Award winner - given annually to the most outstanding senior on homecoming.
- » DB Quincy McAdoo is the first Arkansas player to block a punt since Jake Yurachek did against Texas in 2021.
- » DB Quincey McAdoo is the first Arkansas player to block a punt or field goal and intercept a pass in the same game since DB Tramain Thomas did so against UTEP in 2010.
- » LB Drew Sanders racked up a career high 3.5 TFL. He led the team with nine tackles, including a sack.
- » QB KJ Jefferson registered his third straight game with 200+ yards passing. Jefferson finished the game 23-of-37 for 284 yards and two touchdowns. Jefferson has tallied 200+ passing yards in five of seven games this season.
- » QB KJ Jefferson recorded his eighth consecutive game with a passing touchdown.
- » WR Matt Landers recorded his second straight 100-yard game and his third of the season, catching six passes for 119 yards.
- » WR Jadon Haselwood has caught three or more passes in each of his first nine games as a Hog and has tallied at least one catch in 21 games in a row dating back to the start of the 2021 season.
- » WR Jadon Haselwood reeled in a career high eight receptions for 86 yards.
- » RB AJ Green recorded a season-long 19-yard run in the first quarter. He finished with six carries for 56 yards (9.3 average).
- » TE Trey Knox tied his career-high with two receiving TDs. He also accomplished the feat in the season opener versus Cincinnati.
- » K Cam Little's 50-yard FG in the second quarter is the second-longest of his career.

WEATHER

56°

CLEAR, 10 MPH WIND SW

GAME INFO

CAPTAINS

Simeon Blair, KJ Jefferson, Bumper Pool, Dalton Wagner

COIN TOSS

Liberty won the toss and deferred to the second half.

UNIFORMS

ARK - Red Helmet, Red Jersey, White Pants
LIB - Blue Helmet, White Jersey, Blue Pants

ATTENDANCE

70,072

ARK SCORING

FIELD GOAL | 2Q | 0:35

Cam Little good from 50 yards.

SAFETY | 3Q | 5:33

Quincey McAdoo blocked punt.

TOUCHDOWN | 3Q | 7:42

Trey Knox 5-yd TD from KJ Jefferson.

TOUCHDOWN | 4Q | 7:42

Trey Knox 5-yd TD from KJ Jefferson.

STARTERS

ARKANSAS

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

LIBERTY

DE JASHAUD STEWART
DT ISAIAH NICHOLS
DE ERIC GREGORY
LB BUMPER POOL
LB DREW SANDERS
CB DWIGHT MCGLOTHORN
CB MALIK CHAVIS
S HUDSON CLARK
S LATAVIOUS BRINI
S SIMEON BLAIR
NB MYLES SLUSHER

QB JONATHAN BENNETT
RB DAE DAE HUNTER
WR CALEB SNEAD
WR DEMARIO DOUGLAS
TE BENTLEY HANDSHAW
TE JERMONE JACKSON
LT NASSIR WATKINS
LG JONATHAN GRAHAM
C CAM REDDY
RG BRENDAN SCHLITTER
RT X'ZAUVEA GADLIN

DE TRESHAUN CLARK
NT DENNIS OSAGIEDE
DT KENDY CHARLES
DE DURRELL JOHNSON
LB AHMAD WALKER
LB MIKE SMITH JR.
CB KOBE SINGLETON
CB CHRIS MEGGINSON
S JAVON SCRUGGS
S QUINTON REESE
S ROBERT RAHIMI



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QUOTES

Sam Pittman, Arkansas Head Coach

Opening statement:

"Well, obviously, you guys saw the same thing I did. Very, very, very poor showing by us in the first half. Actually, we got lucky to get to three [points] before halftime. We got down 21 to nothing."

"I was proud of our fight; our defense in the second half didn't give any up, we just gave the three touchdowns up in the first half. Coach Freeze and their players, we knew they were a good team coming in because they were 7-1 and had played Wake Forest the same way we played tonight, the game got decided on a 2-point conversion. So, I want to congratulate them, they played a heck of a game."

"We've got to figure out a way to play two halves and we came out extremely slow and could not run the football. Their twist game, they had 14 negative-yardage plays whether it be sacks, we had four of those and 10 negative-yardage runs, which we worked on all week. For whatever reason we were having a hard time snapping the ball and a hard time blocking them."

"I'm proud of our kids for coming back and having an opportunity to tie the game there at the end but we've got to get them ready and play better for four quarters instead of just one, which is basically what we did tonight on offense and two on defense."

On McAdoo's work in the secondary:

"Well, I didn't know to be honest with you that he was going to pick a pass, but I knew he was going to play well from practice, he started a lot of days in practice, played a lot with the ones. But he is a competitor, man what a great pick. At that time in the game, I went for it on fourth, and at that time the game didn't look salvageable at that point and then he picked the pass, and we got on a little bit of a run. Also, he blocked the punt, he is a gamer, a freshman, I think he will have a great year here. I was proud of him."

On the team's motivation:

"You know I was worried about it because the way we played against Missouri State, but I kept trying to tell them about trying to get bowl eligible. Trying to do that against a team that is 23rd in the AP poll, that if they had made a two-point play they would be undefeated."

"I tried to go with all those things to motivate. I thought we had pretty good practices up until Thursday, and at walk through we had a couple of mistakes on Friday. At walk through that is not typical. So, I knew that we were not as quite locked in as we needed to be, but I tried to adjust that on the bus, during the practice, after the practice, but I was a little bit concerned where we were mentally."

"I certainly think we had a good game plan, and we would come out and play hard. We did not do either or they just were that much better than us in the first half. I would hate to think that, I would like to think we just were not playing inspired football."

Quincey McAdoo, Arkansas DB

On the interception and the blocked punt:

"It was really just a dream come true for me really. I come from Clarendon [Arkansas] and they don't really get people to make it to college, not just to play football but to get into college. Coach Fountain was telling me all week 'if you want to be famous, block a punt,' so I guess I wanted to be famous. My ball skills come from the receiver part."

On moving to defense

"I see myself sticking here. I'm a football player, I like to play football. I don't really like positions. I just like to play football. It's really whatever happens to me, I don't have a say so I will love wherever they put me."

Jadon Haselwood, Arkansas WR

On the slow start:

"I guess it was just one of those days. We didn't plan on starting slow, it just happened. In the second half we did what we had to do but it just wasn't enough."

Bumper Pool, Arkansas LB

On coming into the second half:

"We knew coming out into the second half we had to start fast. We didn't quite come out firing like we wanted to in the first half, but we knew in the second half if we wanted to win this game we had to come out more aggressive and start getting after it a little bit."

On DB Quincey McAdoo today:

"After throwing that pick, our backs are against the wall, and he came out to play the first time they had the ball. It was a big momentum shift back to our side after throwing that pick."



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Hugh Freeze, Liberty Head Coach

Opening Statement:

"I'm kind of lost for words. Just to see our kids celebrating, our staff and to do it with the number of kids we have out. I just can't say enough about JB [Johnathan Bennett] and just his maturity and handling the last two games that we have had at BYU and then an SEC-style of play. I have played a lot of good teams in this stadium back when I was in the league as an assistant and then as a head coach, but I never left here real happy. Who would have thought my first win in Fayetteville would be with Liberty, a little FBS school that just turned into FBS for the last four years. I think it just speaks to our culture, our staff and just our kids grit because this season has been wild with the injuries. Then, to lose Dae Dae [Hunter] tonight, that's a huge blow to us and I didn't feel like I called a great offensive game, but I just tried to manage it to where our defense was playing so good. But they had to play too many snaps for sure. We got beat up on that side too. We were playing a bunch of freshmen there at the end. We are going to celebrate this one. Sam Pittman is a heck of a coach and I know the hurt and the steam that comes with losses like this one. I hate that for him, Barry [Odom] and his staff, but it won't take away from our celebration. I'm more happy for Liberty that I am sad for them. I understand what you go through in this profession. I'm so thankful. I'm thankful for our administration and just really thankful for our kids."

On Liberty's first win against an SEC opponent:

"This one may be number one. I may have to process all of that. We have beaten some ACCs, but to come into an SEC stadium, it's hard as heck to bring an SEC roster in a stadium and on the road. It's hard. I lived it. Again, to bring our Group of Five roster in here to win, it would be hard for us to not put it as either 1A or 1B."

On how they stopped KJ Jefferson and Rocket Sanders:

"We didn't do anything special. We played hard. We felt with our D-line, we could put our guys on the move and stop the run and try to make them throw it. Darn, we had them a couple of times, all the dang fourth-down conversions and the game wouldn't have been that close, I don't think. Then, we had our big mitts on big KJ several times, but we couldn't get him on the ground, so that was a little frustrating. Our kids played really hard for 60 minutes."

On how important it was to be opportunistic tonight:

"Huge, in a game like this. You knew with our quarterbacks being out and Dae Dae going down, I really thought we were hammering on some of their run game. They were starting to bring people we couldn't really handle in the run game. It was big to be opportunistic for sure."

Durrell Johnson, Liberty DE

On Liberty's game plan:

"Don't let the logo on the helmet beat us. They line up and put on pads just like us, and we had nothing to be scared of; just play with no fear."

On rallying to the ball, making stops in the backfield and setting the tone early on:

"It was kind of like every time going into a game. If they can't establish the run, we kind of are keeping them one-dimensional. We know they have to drop back and throw, we can pin our ears. We had to just make sure we wrap up and tackle these guys."

Johnathan Bennett, Liberty QB

On starting the game:

"Wednesday, I didn't practice because I had a fever so they sent me home. Then on Thursday my fever was down so I still had a cough and stuff. They were like 'can you go?' and I was like 'yeah' so I practiced on Thursday and still felt like congested, coughing and sore throat. I wasn't going to let my team down tonight. If coach decided he wanted to go in another direction because of my illness, then okay, but I just wanted to be here and be ready for when my number was called."

On the last two-week stretch:

"It's good, pretty sweet right now. It's fun to win, but [we will be] right back to work against a good UConn team next week. UConn, you can say what you want, they were an FCS [team] a couple years back, but they're good... we have to be ready to play. They beat Boston College two or three weeks ago."

Demario Douglas, Liberty WR

On this being this year's biggest win:

"Definitely against a big SEC team but I'll say the BYU one I think because it was a vision their followers seen it, but this one is second for sure."

On the win's meaning to Coach Freeze:

"He said when he came here we couldn't beat them (at his previous schools), so it's very big. I just appreciate this team a lot and the grit that they have, it shows"