



ARKANSAS

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NOVEMBER 18, 2023

DONALD W. REYNOLDS RAZORBACK STADIUM

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GAME NOTES

- » QB KJ Jefferson has logged 11 career games with at least three passing touchdowns. Jefferson completed 15 of 28 passes for 187 yards and three touchdowns.
- » QB KJ Jefferson became the school's leader in passing yards (7,909) and passing touchdowns (67).
- » QB KJ Jefferson has thrown for multiple scores in 22 career games.
- » WR Andrew Armstrong has recorded at least one catch in 27 consecutive games dating back to his 2021 campaign at Texas A&M-Commerce.
- » True freshman RB Isaiah Augustave recorded his first career 100-yard rushing game. Augustave totaled career highs in carries (14) and rushing yards (101).
- » RB Isaiah Augustave is the first Arkansas true freshman RB to tally 100 yards on the ground in a single game since RB Rashod Dubinion did in the Liberty Bowl against Kansas on Dec. 28, 2022.
- » Arkansas rushed for a season-high 323 yards. It is Arkansas' most rushing yards since putting up 394 yards on the ground in the 2022 Liberty Bowl vs. Kansas.
- » RB Dominique Johnson's rushing touchdown is the eighth of his career and his first since at Alabama on Nov. 20, 2021.
- » DB Al Walcott is the first Arkansas defender with two interceptions, including an interception return touchdown, in a game since DB Chris Houston did so at Mississippi State in 2006. The feat was also Walcott's first career game with multiple interceptions. Walcott finished with five tackles and two interceptions.
- » DB Al Walcott registered his second game of the season with an interception return touchdown.
- » DB Al Walcott's interception return touchdown is Arkansas' nation-leading fifth defensive touchdown (4 INT TD, 1 FR TD) of the season.
- » Arkansas' four interception return touchdowns this season are the most since recording four in 2016.
- » K Cam Little's 53 career field goals ties for third-most in school history.
- » Under head coach Sam Pittman, the Razorbacks are 12-2 overall against non-conference opponents, including an 9-2 mark against non-conference FBS opponents.

STARTERS

ARKANSAS

- QB KJ JEFFERSON
- RB RAHEIM SANDERS
- WR ANDREW ARMSTRONG
- WR ISAAC TESLAA
- WR JAEDON WILSON
- TE NATHAN BAX
- LT DEVON MANUEL
- LG BRADY LATHAM
- C BEAUX LIMMER
- RG JOSH BRAUN
- RT TY'KIEAST CRAWFORD

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL

- DE LANDON JACKSON
- DT CAM BALL
- DT ERIC GREGORY
- DE TRAJAN JEFFCOAT
- LB ANTONIO GRIER
- LB CHRIS PAUL JR.
- CB LORANDO JOHNSON
- S AL WALCOTT
- S JAYDEN JOHNSON
- CB KEE'YON STEWART
- NB HUDSON CLARK
- QB KEYONE JENKINS
- RB KEJON OWENS
- WR KRIS MITCHELL
- WR DEAN PATTERSON
- WR JALEN BRACEY
- TE ROCKY BEERS
- LT JADARIOUS LEE
- LG NAEER JACKSON
- C MING TJON
- RG WYATT LAWSON
- RT PHILLIP HOUSTON
- DE JERAMY PASSMORE
- NG JACK DALY
- DT JORDAN GUERAD
- RUSHALEX NOBLES
- NCK JAMAL POTTS
- MIKEDONOVAN MANUEL
- WILL REGGIE PETERSON
- BAN D'VERICK PETERSON
- BAN BOBBY SALLA JR.
- CB BRIAN BLADES
- CB HEZEKIAH MASSES

WEATHER

56°

CLEAR

GAME INFO

CAPTAINS

Landon Jackson, Trajan Jeffcoat, KJ Jefferson and Brady Latham

COIN TOSS

Arkansas won the toss and deferred until the second half.

UNIFORMS

ARK - Red Helmet, Red Jersey, White Pants
FIU - Navy Helmet, White Jersey, Gold Pants

ATTENDANCE

61,442

ARK SCORING

TOUCHDOWN | 1Q | 12:22

KJ Jefferson pass complete to Jaedon Wilson for 10 yards.

TOUCHDOWN | 2Q | 11:58

KJ Jefferson pass complete to Tyrone Broden for four yards.

TOUCHDOWN | 2Q | 10:53

Al Walcott 33-yard fumble return.

FIELD GOAL | 2Q | 4:45

Cam Little good from 31 yards.

TOUCHDOWN | 2Q | 1:08

Dom Johnson 31-yard rush.

TOUCHDOWN | 3Q | 3:12

KJ Jefferson pass complete to Isaiah Sategna for 32 yards.

FIELD GOAL | 4Q | 14:55

Cam Little good from 39 yards.

FIELD GOAL | 4Q | 9:59

Cam Little good from 41 yards.



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ARKANSAS QUOTES

Sam Pittman, Arkansas Head Coach

Opening statement:

"It was nice to get a win for our crowd. Coming in from the Hog Walk, they were exceptional and I appreciate the noise. Our fans helped us win the game. I felt like they were a big part of it, and want to thank them for coming out and supporting their football team."

On the run game and O-Line...

"Any game, whether it's game one or 11, very happy to get 300 yards. I think we averaged, it looks like, six yards a carry or something like that. I was proud of Isaiah [Augustave]. I mean he ran unbelievably. We handed it off one time in what really should've been a dead play and he got 12 yards on it. Proud of the offensive line and the runners. Obviously, we've got some injuries there and KJ is a big part of the running as well. It was good to see [Dominique Johnson] come in and split that up with a big time hole there on fourth and two, but to go down there and split it for 31 yards, it's good to see him back."

On being down early...

"Oh, I think everyone's gonna get down six points every now and then and we were just trying to figure out how to rush the football, protect it. We were giving up some big plays, so we need to stop that. We had some bad penalties too, special teams was costing us position. We had a penalty on a late hit or a low hit. We were talking about how we could stop hurting ourselves. I think we had four penalties in the first half, but there really wasn't anything magical about being down six that we did to be honest with you."

On KJ's performance this season and setting two new records...

"I think he's handled the season well. He competed tonight for us. I'm really happy. We recognized him after the game for being the all-time passing yards leader and in passing touchdowns. I know it meant a lot to him and it meant a lot to us. We've been able to have him for four years now. Feleipe Franks was here tonight too, that was cool, for him to come back and witness all that too. I know it wasn't his record, but it was really neat that he was able to come back. KJ has meant a lot to our program, he's gonna mean a lot to us next Friday too, I'm just really, really happy for him."

On Mizzou:

"I you know it's a rivalry game, and they've got a really, really good team. They do. We've got a lot of respect for their program. I think in a rivalry, you never know what happens. We'll have our kids prepared and I know they will as well. I'm excited about having the opportunity to play them."

Isaiah Augustave, Arkansas RB

What were your thoughts when Dominique Johnson got his touchdown run and what kind of impression has he made on you in your first year here?

"I was happy for him; I know he really wanted that touchdown and I wanted it for him."

What's this year been like for you, having not run the ball since the first game this year and only getting on the field for special teams?

"I've just really been patient, learning from all the other guys in front of me and getting prepared for this moment."

KJ Jefferson, Arkansas QB

On setting two new program records in one night...

"It started with my teammates, them believing in me and me believing in them. Those guys just putting the ball in great spots and let me make plays. Let them be who they are, so extreme shout-out to them. And it's by the grace of God as well, he's given me a gift and I'm taking advantage and using it to the best of my abilities."

On how it feels to break the records in a win:

"It a whole lot better. It's a better feeling. It's almost surreal, it's a surreal moment just to be able to come here. That's a milestone for me. It was one of my goals to come in and make sure I go down in the record books and make history here. So it was just a surreal moment. Like I said, I just thank my teammates for always believing in me and making plays for me as well, and me just trusting in those guys."

On Dominique Johnson's TD

"It was a big deal. There was actually confrontation on that play as well. The play was called, it was a designed quarterback run, but I was like, 'Domo we got two yards, I need you to go get it right here.' So I get it to him and the O-line did a great job up front handling movement and creating a line for him to run through. He made the most of it. I was extremely proud. I mean the whole team was. With the adversity he's faced with his injury and him continuing to battle and keep fighting, it was a surreal moment for him as well. The whole team was extremely proud of him as well."

Brady Latham, Arkansas CB

What was the key to dominating after a slow start?

"It was really nice having a win like that. The locker room was awesome and really enjoyable. I think the key was to keep working, Coach Pittman says all the time that when things aren't going your way to keep fighting. I feel like that's what we did tonight."



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On KJ Jefferson breaking two more records and his career at Arkansas

"It's been pretty cool seeing KJ play and having the success he's had. Me and KJ came in together. You root for all your teammates, but he's really someone you root for. He's a great team leader and the whole locker room was happy for him today."

What was it like for the offensive line to have a day like this in the run game, running for 300 yards?

"It's huge. Three Hundred yards rushing is a great thing. It builds confidence and it shows the group that we can do it and put on performances like this."

Landon Jackson, Arkansas DE

On how they stopped FIU's momentum...

"Yeah, you know they came out and they did a little bit of some different stuff that we weren't expecting. This scheme, they didn't put a whole lot of it on film. I mean, we made adjustments, did really well after those adjustments were made. We've just got to execute on those plays."

On Dominique Johnson's play...

"I was really happy for him, I've seen him do it plenty of times in fall camp and in practice. I know that ACL ... it's mental. It's a mental game, for a year, two, or however long it bothers you. I feel like that's definitely something that probably let him jump over that mental hump, with the ACL, so I'm happy for him."



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FIU QUOTES

Mike MacIntyre, FIU Head Coach

Opening Statement

"Arkansas had a good game tonight. The quarterback [KJ Jefferson] is a heck of a runner. He made a lot of plays. He does a great job, and I thought they did some really good things and made a couple of nice throws."

On going for it on fourth down and how you responded

"Well our decision was to be as aggressive as we could be, I thought we had a chance at getting there with it being 4th and 3 and throwing it to our big tight end, which they did a good job covering. Looking back, since we didn't make it, maybe we shouldn't have gone for it. Our kids responded hard and kept fighting, I love these young men and how hard they play and work and we'll just keep working at it."

What happened in that 2nd quarter, and what do you think Arkansas did well

"We misfired a couple of runs. We had guys that didn't stunt correctly. We've got to do a better job at coaching it. We're working hard but we messed it up a couple of times; You know, (KJ) Jefferson is so good. He sees that and takes advantage of it. It's hard because you're coming in from the side and, when he gets rolling, it's like a train you know. That's what happened to us."

Kris Mitchell made a great catch here tonight, how big has he been for your team?

"Yeah Kris Mitchell, I think went over 1,000 yards tonight. We hope he has a big game next week. If he does, he'll be the leading receiver in the school, which is saying something. There was a guy named T.Y. Hilton that played there, and for a single season, he has had a phenomenal year. He is a young man that has worked extremely hard to keep going. I can't wait to see him next year as he has another super year for us next year. We just keep getting him the ball. Other receivers made some big plays as well, and so did our tight ends, which was good to see."

The defensive line seemed like it got after them today.

"They played hard. They did do a good job in there and could have played better in some times. Giving up 325-330 yards rushing isn't good but I thought overall they did give us a chance. "

Tell me about your young quarterback. Obviously has a lot of potential.

"Keyone (Jenkins) showed some great plays tonight and did some good things. (He) competed really well and seemed really comfortable out there, which was good to see. Has been able to be accurate with a lot of passes and made some good checks. I was pleased with him. As a freshman, the more you see it, the more it happens. The more the speed of the game is starting to slow down for him and he has all of the talent to do a lot of great things for us."