



# ARKANSAS

AT AUBURN



14

SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

JORDAN-HARE STADIUM

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## GAME NOTES

- » With the win, Arkansas is now 13-20 in SEC openers and hold an all-time record of 59-48-3 in conference openers since joining the Southwest Conference in 1915. In the previous 12 years the Razorbacks have started with a win, nine of those seasons finished at .500 or better overall. Arkansas is 3-2 in SEC openers under Sam Pittman.
- » **DB TJ Metcalf** became the first Razorback with at least two interceptions, two pass breakups and one forced fumble in a game since safety Kenoy Kennedy vs. South Carolina in 1999. Metcalf is just the second Razorback to accomplish the feat since 1997. Metcalf is the first Arkansas player to register an interception in consecutive games since Dwight McGlothern accomplished the feat against Kansas (Dec. 28, 2022) and Western Carolina (Sept. 2, 2023). Metcalf also became the first Razorback with multiple interceptions in a game since Alfahiym Walcott (2) vs. FIU in 2023.
- » Arkansas recorded back-to-back wins at Auburn for the first time since 2006-2008.
- » **DB Doneiko Slaughter** recorded his second career interception by picking off Auburn quarterback Hank Brown courtesy of a TJ Metcalf pass breakup with 6:59 on the clock in the first quarter. It was Slaughter's first interception since Oct. 9, 2022, while he was playing at Tennessee. Slaughter's interception marked the first time since 2022 (Liberty, LSU, Ole Miss) that the Razorbacks have registered an interception in three straight games.
- » **WR Andrew Armstrong** extended his games with a reception streak to 31, courtesy of a eight-yard pass from Taylen Green at the 2:39 mark of the second quarter. Armstrong has now had multiple catches in 26 consecutive games.
- » **QB Taylen Green** found **WR Isaiah Sategna** on a 58-yard touchdown pass with 2:06 left in the third quarter. It marked the Hogs' longest play of the season. It was the longest touchdown pass by an Arkansas quarterback since KJ Jefferson's 65-yard touchdown pass to Jaedon Wilson against Western Carolina on Sept. 2, 2023.
- » Since 2020 (Sam Pittman's first year as head coach), the Hogs have totaled 53 interceptions in 52 games. Arkansas' 53 interceptions are tied for the most among all SEC teams during that span.
- » **DB TJ Metcalf** stripped Auburn running back Damari Alston and LB Stephen Dix Jr. recovered it to turn over the Tigers and stop an Auburn scoring threat. It was the Razorbacks' first recovered fumble of the season and first since Jaylon Braxton's 33-yard fumble return for a touchdown at Florida on Nov. 4, 2023.
- » The Razorbacks held the football for 19:34 of the first half while running 43 plays while Auburn held possession for just 10:34 of the half and ran 25 plays.
- » **DB Jayden Johnson** recorded his second career interception by picking off Auburn QB Hank Brown with 49 seconds remaining in the second quarter.
- » **RB Ja'Quinden Jackson** recorded his fourth multi-rushing TD game of the season with 1-yard touchdown rushes in the second and fourth quarters.

## WEATHER



MOSTLY SUNNY

## GAME INFO

### CAPTAINS

Cameron Ball, Keyshawn Blackstock, Stephen Dix, Jr., Josh Street

### COIN TOSS

Auburn won the toss and elected to defer.

### UNIFORMS

ARK - Red Helmet, Red Jersey, White Pants  
Auburn - White Helmet, Navy Jersey, White Pants

### ATTENDANCE

88,043

## ARK SCORING

**TOUCHDOWN | 2Q | 14:49**

Ja'Quinden Jackson 1-yard rush

**TOUCHDOWN | 3Q | 2:03**

58-yard pass Green to Broden

**FIELD GOAL | 4Q | 12:04**

Kyle Ramsey 40-yard field goal

**TOUCHDOWN | 4Q | 3:58**

Ja'Quinden Jackson 1-yard rush

## STARTERS

### ARKANSAS

QB TAYLEN GREEN  
 RB JA'QUINDEN JACKSON  
 WR ISAAH SATEGNA  
 WR TYRONE BRODEN  
 WR ANDREW ARMSTRONG  
 TE LUKE HASZ  
 LT FERNANDO CARMONA JR  
 LG E'MARION HARRIS  
 C ADDISON NICHOLS  
 RG JOSH BRAUN  
 RT KEYSHAWN BLACKSTOCK

### AUBURN

DE LANDON JACKSON  
 DT CAM BALL  
 DT ERIC GREGORY  
 DE NICO DAVILLIER  
 LB STEPHEN DIX JR.  
 LB XAVIAN SOREY JR.  
 CB MARQUISE ROBINSON  
 S TJ METCALF  
 S JAYDEN JOHNSON  
 CB JAHEIM SINGLETARY  
 NB DONIEKO SLAUGHTER

QB HANK BROWN  
 RB JARQUEZ HUNTER  
 WR CAM COLEMAN  
 WR ROBERT LEWIS  
 WR KEANDRE LAMBERT-SMITH  
 TE RIVALDO FAIRWEATHER  
 LT PERCY LEWIS  
 LG TATE JOHNSON  
 C CONNOR LEW  
 RG JEREMIAH WRIGHT  
 RT IZAVION MILLER

DE PHILIP BLIDI  
 NT ISAAH RAIKES  
 DE KELDRIC FAULK  
 LB JALEN MCLEOD  
 LB EUGENE ASANTE  
 LB DORIAN MAUSI JR.  
 CB COLBY DEMPSEY  
 FS CALEB WOODEN  
 SS JERRIN THOMPSON  
 CB KEIONTE SCOTT  
 NB KAYIN LEE



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## ARKANSAS QUOTES

### Sam Pittman, Arkansas Head Coach

#### Opening Statement:

"I was really proud of our team. I thought it was a complete team win. We struggled more offensively at times, and other times we looked really good. Defensively, you take away the one big play on 4th and 3, and I don't know that we could have played a whole lot better than what we did with five turnovers. TJ Metcalf had two picks and hustled down the sideline when he broke and forced a fumble there that we got. What a wonderful game he had. We told 74 guys that we're going to go win. We've got a better team, and I don't mean that cocky or anything. I felt like we could come in here and win. Those things are easier said than done. Defensive Coach (Travis) Williams and those guys had them playing lights out. Offensively, when they did score, I thought we did a great job of driving 75 yards to score and go up 10 and put the game away. It was close. I thought special teams played really well. We made the field goal to put us up ten. We hadn't been doing that. We hadn't been going up two scores. It's been tight, tight, tight when we've had opportunities, and certainly tonight, going down and answering the touchdown with a touchdown to go back up 10 put a tremendous amount of pressure on them. So, I'm proud of the coaches and proud of the kids. It was a big win and very thankful that we got out of here with more points than they did."

### TJ Metcalf, Arkansas DB

#### On his mentality:

"Coach T-Will (Travis Williams) talked in front of the defense on Friday night about how to approach the game. He let some of the starters talk in front of the defense. My thing was coming back home. Auburn did not offer me out of high school so it was kind of personal for me."

### Isaiah Sategna, Arkansas WR

#### On his touchdown catch:

"I saw Taylen (Green) rolling out and he let that one go. So, I just had to do my job - come down with the ball."

#### On maintaining balance during his TD catch:

"They (Auburn) were playing pretty handsy all game and they weren't calling it. I wasn't really expecting a pass interference, but I knew how to come down with the ball."

### Fernando Carmona Jr., Arkansas OL

#### On the defensive and TJ Metcalf:

"The defense played amazing and so did he. I saw this coming from the summer. I tried to be the first guy there and him and his brother (Tevis Metcalf) were already in the indoor doing some type of drill. They were always working and it showed today with two interceptions and a forced fumble. Hard work really does pay off."

#### On TD drive:

"It was huge. We were struggling through a lot of the game and could not find our groove. In practices and scrimmages, we struggled finishes drives, You could kind of see us go out there with almost all runs is an extreme confidence boost in future games now."

### Ja'Quinden Jackson, Arkansas RB

#### On the huge drive toward the end of the game:

"It was a huge drive. We brought it up in the locker room. We dropped 75 yards and we needed it the most. We just basically talked about it before we went out there like, "Hey, we have to score on this drive" and we did it."

#### On his mentality during the run game:

"SEC play is going to be more difficult, so sometimes it's not going to be there. Sometimes you have to create your own lane and I tried to a little bit tonight, but I have to give it to the O-line. They did a great job."

### Doneiko Slaughter, Arkansas DB

#### On the Auburn Quarterback Change coming out of halftime:

"We came into halftime knowing that we may see him coming in. We still played the same gameplan and also stopped the run."

#### On stopping Auburn's run:

"First, stopping the run, stopping No. 27 (Auburn's Jarquez Hunter). He's a great running back, so we had to go ahead and shut that run game down and that started with the entire defense. Hank (Brown) coming in and knowing he's a freshman. He doesn't have a lot of experience, but he's still a good player. Just make him force the ball and that's exactly what we did."