

## ARKANSAS

vs. TEXAS A&M



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**SEPTEMBER 28, 2024** 

AT&T STADIUM

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## **GAME NOTES**

- » Arkansas opened the scoring with a 75-yard touchdown pass from QB Taylen Green to WR Isaac TeSlaa with 13:49 on the clock in the first quarter. The 75-yard touchdown pass was the Razorbacks' longest play from scrimmage this season and the longest since KJ Jefferson completed an 85-yard pass to Treylon Burks in a 20-10 win over Texas A&M on Sept. 25, 2021. The 75-yard play was a career long for TeSlaa and tied a career long for Green who last accomplished the feat on Nov. 24, 2023, while at Boise State.
- » P Devin Bale's 25-yard gain on a 4th and 15 fake punt attempt in the first quarter was the sixth consecutive conversion on a special teams fake in the Sam Pittman era. Bale was the first punter to have a run of 20+ yards since Reid Bauer had a 23-yard rush at LSU on Nov. 13, 2021.
- » WR Isaac TeSlaa registered five receptions for 120 yards and a touchdown. TeSlaa's 120 receiving yards were the most in his Arkansas career eclipsing his previous high of 66 which he set in the 2021 season opener against Western Carolina. He is the second Razorback to eclipse the century mark in receiving yards in a single game this season, joining Andrew Armstrong who accomplished the feat twice. TeSlaa's 120 receiving yards are ninth most in Southwest Classic history. He was the 12th Razorback to have 100-plus yards receiving in a game against the Aggies and first since Treylon Burks (105) in 2021. TeSlaa (5/120/1) is the first Arkansas wide receiver with 5+ receptions, 120+ receiving yards and 1+ receiving touchdown in a game since WR Treylon Burks (7/129/1) against Missouri on Nov. 26, 2021.
- » WR Andrew Armstrong extended his games with a reception streak to 32, courtesy of a 27-yard pass from Taylen Green at the 1:57 mark of the first quarter. Armstrong has also now had multiple catches in 27 consecutive games.
- » DL Landon Jackson registered his second career multi-sack game while tallying a season-high eight tackles and three tackles for loss. It marked the third time in Jackson registered three or more tackles for loss in a single game. His two sacks also tied a Southwest Classic record, becoming the sixth player to accomplish the feat. Jackson is the only Razorback since 1997 to have two games in his career with 8+ total tackles, 3+ TFLs and 2+ sacks, having previously done so on Oct. 14, 2023 at Alabama. The feat has only been accomplished eight times since 1997.
- » RB Ja'Quinden Jackson became the first Arkansas running back to score a rushing touchdown in five consecutive games since Alex Collins accomplished the feat in 2015.
- » DL Quincy Rhodes Jr. registered his first career sack by taking town Texas A&M QB Marcel Reed with 8:32 on the clock in the third quarter. Rhodes also registered a career high in single-game tackles with two
- » The Razorbacks now lead the all-time series with Texas A&M, 42-36-3.

## STARTERS

ARKANSAS				TEXAS A&M			
QB	TAYLEN GREEN	DE	LANDON JACKSON	QB	MARCEL REED	DE	NIC SCOURTON
RB	JA'QUINDEN JACKSON	DT	CAM BALL	RB	LE'VEON MOSS	DT	SHEMAR TURNER
WR	ANDREW ARMSTRONG	DT	ERIC GREGORY	WR	NOAH THOMAS	DE	SHEMAR STEWART
WR	TYRONE BRODEN	DE	NICO DAVILLIER	WR	JABRE BARBER	LB	SCOOBY WILLIAMS
TE	TY WASHINGTON	LB	STEPHEN DIX JR.	WR	JAHDAE WALKER	LB	SOLOMON DESHIELDS
TE	LUKE HASZ	LB	XAVIAN SOREY JR.	TE	TRE WATSON	LB	TAUREAN YORK
LT	FERNANDO CARMONA JR	СВ	MARQUISE ROBINSON	LT	TREY ZUHN III	СВ	WILL LEE III
LG	E'MARION HARRIS	s	TJ METCALF	LG	CHASE BISONTIS	S	MARCUS RATCLIFFE
С	ADDISON NICHOLS	s	JAYDEN JOHNSON	С	KOLINU'U FAAIU	S	DALTON BROOKS
RG	JOSH BRAUN	СВ	KEE'YON STEWART	RG	AR'MAJ REED-ADAMS	СВ	DEZ RICKS
RT	KEYSHAWN BLACKSTOCK	NB	DONIEKO SLAUGHTER	RT	DAMETRIOUS CROWNOVER	DT	REGIS ALBERT

#### WEATHER



## GAME INFO

#### CAPTAINS

Anton Juncaj, Andrew Armstrong, Brad Spence, Ja'Quinden Jackson

COIN TOSS

Texas A&M won the toss and elected to defer.

#### UNIFORMS

ARK - Red Helmet, White Jersey, White Pants Texas A&M - White Helmet, Maroon Jersey, Maroon Pants

ATTENDANCE

60,928

## ARK SCORING

## TOUCHDOWN | 1Q | 13:49

75-yard pass Green to TeSlaa

TOUCHDOWN | 1Q | 4:50

FIELD GOAL | 4Q | 13:24

Kyle Ramsey 45-yard field goal



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### ARKANSAS QUOTES

#### Sam Pittman, Arkansas Head Coach

#### On if pressure played a role in turnovers:

"I don't think you know, in our protection game, it's got to be one on one then two on two, then five on five, then six on six, you know? And you kind of progress that way in teaching your protections. Early in the game, we were getting well, a bunch of the game, we were getting beat on the we were getting beat on on one. And then what happens, you start getting that way they really didn't do anything different. They didn't bring their boundary smoke four to a side, which they didn't cross face in an empty protection. But other than that, not a lot of things that were different. So it wasn't like we were turning them loose. It was just we were having a difficult time of blocking them. And then what happens, especially if you start the game like that, then your quarterback gets happy feet and sometimes validated and sometimes probably not, maybe try to get the ball out of his hand faster. But they were really good, and I thought tonight, I thought they were coming in. I was hoping they might not be that way and that we would play a little bit better."

#### On quick passing play calls in the second half:

"Yeah, I was trying to get the ball outside, either with him and of course, Bobby [Petrino] ran a little truck play with him as well. They slanted to that slide. We got beat on a couple of down blocks out there and we lost five yards on that particular play. But we were just trying to move the pocket a little bit and hopefully he could get on the edge and have a run pass option. We also thought that was the way to go in the run game, so we tossed the ball out there a little bit with a little bit of truck down, down and pull with a toss that we did with Braylen. Just seemed like tonight we had guys coming in and out and, you know, seemed like I talked today more than what I have normally on guys cramping or getting hurt. So it was a very physical game. But that's what we tried to do. We're going to try to move the pocket a little bit more. And I thought it helped us. Then when you get into the two minute and things like that, it's hard to move the pocket and throw the ball a long way down the field."

#### On heading home after playing four of the first five games away from Fayetteville:

"Yeah. Excited, though, excited to play University of Tennessee at home. Like you said, we've been, I think, 4 out of 5 on the road. And it will be nice to get back home. We've got a good football team. We just didn't score as me. We've got to continue to work on how to win these games. I expect our team to be ready to play and our fans to be ready to support us and help us with crowd noise and all of that. But it will be nice to get back home."

#### On Landon Jackson's performance:

"Yeah, that was good. I think it probably felt good for him. There's a guy blocking him was a good player as well. And so I was proud of him, happy for him. And it helped the team."

#### Landon Jackson, Arkansas DL

#### On having his impact translate to stats:

"It felt great. I'd much rather have not as good as a game and come out with a win. I would much rather have a game like Auburn where I had two tackles but we won the game. It is not a me thing. My goal is to win football games. I did not come back to get 15 sacks and only win two games. I am not worried about stats my biggest thing is to do all I can to give my team a chance to win ballgames. I did not do that today so it is frusturating."

#### On defensive performance and A&M's final touchdown drive:

"I think really, I mean, I want to say it was one drive and then one play that really, I mean, did it for them, you know? That's why every snap, you've got to be going full tilt 100%. You can't slow down at all. And I mean, no excuses but one series and one play, we played the way we know we can play, and the game is a whole different story, you know? So that and turnover battle we got. We've been stressing all season. We need more turnovers, whether it be forced fumbles, interceptions. I mean, we got to get more turnovers to win ball games. So yeah, defensively, I thought we could have played a lot better of a game. I felt like we did some good things, but at the same time, I don't think we did good enough."

#### Isaac TeSlaa, Arkansas WR

#### On his 75-yard TD catch:

"We have seen it all year, Taylen (Green) able to move in and out of the pocket and create plays. He stepped up and we were going up the field. It was kind of an out of body experience to score on the big stage like that. All the glory goes to god."

#### On his breakout performance:

"Once again, it's nothing to do with me. It just happened to, you know, the schemes that the defense was run. And then obviously Taylen [Green] was looking my way quite a bit. So it's nothing to do with my performance. It's about what they were doing defensively. And also the execution at all parts of the game, obviously up front, and then Taylen gets throwing the ball as well. so."