



ARKANSAS

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DECEMBER 27, 2024
SIMMONS BANK LIBERTY STADIUM

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GAME NOTES

- » With a 39-26 victory tonight Sam Pittman became the first Arkansas head coach to win his first three bowl games. Prior to tonight, Arkansas won the 2022 Outback Bowl against Penn State (24-10) on Jan. 1, 2022, before winning the 2022 Liberty Bowl against Kansas (55-53 [3 OT]) under the guidance of Pittman whose three bowl wins tie Lou Holtz for second-most in program history, trailing only Frank Broyles (4).
- » **QB Taylen Green** concluded the 2024 campaign with 3,756 (602 rushing, 3,154 passing, 23 TD) yards of total offense, good for second-most in a single season in program history behind only QB Ryan Mallett's school-record mark of 3,795 (-74 rushing, 3,869 passing, 36 TD) in 2010. Green also finished with the seventh 3,000-yard passing season in program history, and as one of only five quarterbacks in program history to throw for 3,000-plus yards in a season, joining Mallett, Tyler Wilson, Brandon Allen and Austin Allen.
- » **WR Dazmin James** registered his first career reception and first career touchdown reception on a 94-yard pass from Taylen Green with 2:31 on the clock in the first quarter. The 94-yard touchdown pass was the longest in school history and Liberty Bowl history. The previous Arkansas record was a 92-yard touchdown pass from Matt Jones to Richard Smith against Tennessee in 2002. It was the Razorbacks' first 90+ yard play from scrimmage since Treyton Burks 91-yard touchdown reception from KJ Jefferson during the third quarter of a 45-10 win over Georgia Southern on Sept. 18, 2021.
- » **WR Dazmin James** recorded his first career 100+ yard receiving game with three catches for 137 yards and a touchdown. James' 137 receiving yards were the most by a Razorback in a bowl game since Chuck Dicus had 171 receiving yards and a touchdown on six receptions in the 1970 Sugar Bowl against Ole Miss. He is the first Razorback to have a 100-yard receiving game in a bowl game since Matt Landers had a three-catch 121-yard performance in the 2021 Liberty Bowl against Kansas.
- » **QB Taylen Green** has thrown for at least one touchdown and rushed for at least one touchdown in the same game on four occasions this season: vs. UAPB (Aug. 29), at Mississippi State (Oct. 26), vs. Louisiana Tech (Nov. 23), vs. Texas Tech (Dec. 27). Including his time at Boise State, Green has accomplished the feat 15 times in his career.
- » **RB Rodney Hill** logged a career-long 70-yard rush on the Razorback's first drive of the game, eclipsing his previous long of 19 which he accomplished on Sept. 9, 2023, while playing at Florida State in a win over Southern Miss.
- » Six Arkansas players made their first career start in tonight's win **RG Kobe Branham** (freshman), **WR CJ Brown** (freshman), **C Brooks Edmonson**, **RB Rodney Hill**, **TE Maddox Lassiter** (redshirt freshman) and **DL Quincy Rhodes Jr.** (freshman).
- » The Razorbacks have converted 179 consecutive extra-point kicks dating back to a road game at Missouri on Dec. 5, 2020. K AJ Reed made his final extra point against Missouri, the last of his Arkansas career, in 2020 to start the current streak. K Cam Little went 129 of 129 in his three-year run as the Razorbacks' kicker from 2021-23. The duo of K Kyle Ramsey (23 of 23) and K Matthew Shipley (26 of 26) have combined to go 49 of 49 on PATs in 2024.

STARTERS

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QB TAYLEN GREEN
RB RODNEY HILL
WR ISAAC TESLAA
WR CJ BROWN
TE MADDOX LASSITER
TE ANDREAS PAASKE
LT FERNANDO CARMONA JR
LG KEYSHAWN BLACKSTOCK
C BROOKS EDMONDSON
RG KOBE BRANHAM
RT E'MARION HARRIS

TEXAS TECH

DE QUINCY RHODES JR.
DT CAM BALL
DT KEIVIE ROSE
DE ANTON JUNCAJ
LB XAVIAN SOREY JR.
LB STEPHEN DIX JR.
CB HUDSON CLARK
CB KEEYON STEWART
S MIGUEL MITCHELL
S LARRY WORTH
NB DONIEKO SLAUGHTER

QB WILL HAMMOND
RB J'KOBY WILLIAMS
WR COY EAKIN
WR CALEB DOUGLAS
TE MASON THARPE
TE JALIN CONYERS
OL JACOB PONTON
OL STERLING PORCHER
OL SHERIDAN WILSON
OL DAVION CARTER
OL CALEB ROGERS

DL JAMES HANSEN
DL JAYDEN COFIELD
DL CHARLES ESTERS III
LB JACOB RODRIGUEZ
LB TERRELL TILMON
LB BEN ROBERTS
DB MARQUEZ STEVENSON
DB BRENDEN JORDAN
DB CHAPMAN LEWIS
DB C.J. BASKERVILLE
DB MAURION HORN

WEATHER

58°
CLEAR

GAME INFO

CAPTAINS

Cam Ball, Fernando Carmona, Taylen Green, Xavian Sorey Jr.

COIN TOSS

Arkansas won the toss and elected to defer to the second half.

UNIFORMS

ARK - Red Helmet, Red Jersey, White Pants
TTU - Black Helmet, White Jersey, Black Pants

ATTENDANCE

37,764

ARK SCORING

TOUCHDOWN | 1Q | 11:28

Taylen Green 12-yard rush

TOUCHDOWN | 1Q | 7:14

Braylen Russell 1-yard rush

TOUCHDOWN | 1Q | 2:31

94-yard pass from Green to James

FIELD GOAL | 2Q | 0:00

Matthew Shipley 40-yard field goal

FIELD GOAL | 3Q | 10:52

Matthew Shipley 34-yard field goal

TOUCHDOWN | 3Q | 7:07

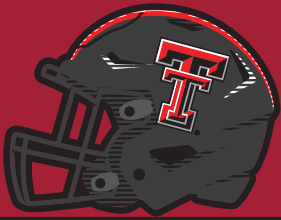
47-yard pass from Green to Reed Jr.

SAFETY | 4Q | 14:21

TTU Safety (Anton Juncaj sack)

FIELD GOAL | 4Q | 5:02

Matthew Shipley 43-yard field goal



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- » **DB Marquise Robinson** recorded his first interception as a Razorback and the fourth of his collegiate career after intercepting Texas Tech QB Will Hammond at the 2:52 mark of the third quarter.
- » **WR Dazmin James** and **WR Isaac TeSlaa** both eclipsed the century mark in receiving yards. James hauled in three passes for 117 yards and a touchdown while TeSlaa logged four receptions for 124 yards. It marked the first time that the Razorbacks had multiple players record 100+ receiving yards in the same game since Drew Morgan (9 receptions, 122 yards, 3 touchdowns) and Dominique Reed (7 receptions, 105 yards two touchdowns) accomplished the feat in a 53-52 overtime win at Ole Miss on Nov. 7, 2015. It was also the first time that Arkansas has had multiple 100+ yard receivers in the same bowl game since the 1970 Sugar Bowl when Chuck Dicus (6 receptions, 171 yards, 1 touchdown) and Bruce Maxwell (9 receptions, 137 yards, 1 touchdown) did so.
- » **RB Tyrell Reed Jr.** registered his first career reception and first career touchdown reception on a 47-yard pass from Taylen Green with 7:07 on the clock in the third quarter.
- » **QB Taylen Green** became the first Arkansas passer to eclipse the 300-yard passing mark in a bowl game since QB Brandon Allen threw for 315 yards vs. Kansas State in the 2016 Liberty Bowl. He is the first Arkansas passer to throw for 300+ yards against Texas Tech since QB Ronny South accomplished the feat against the Red Raiders in 1967, throwing for 335 yards and three touchdowns.
- » **DL Anton Junjac** sacked Texas Tech QB Will Hammond for a safety at the 14:21 mark of the fourth quarter. It was the Razorbacks' first forced safety since Nov. 5, 2022 against Liberty.
- » **P Devin Bale** recorded three punts of 50+ yards while pinning the Red Raiders inside their own 20-yard line twice.
- » **QB Taylen Green** broke the Arkansas bowl record for most passing yards in tonight's Liberty Bowl, surpassing QB Bill Montgomery's mark of 338 passing yards vs. Ole Miss in the 1970 Sugar Bowl.
- » After registering three 50+ yard plays during the entirety of the 2024 regular season, the Hogs registered three in the first quarter alone in tonight's Autozone Liberty Bowl.
- » **QB Taylen Green** is the only FBS quarterback this century to pass for 300+ yards, rush for 75+ yards, average 30.0+ yards per completion and throw no interceptions in a single game.
- » Arkansas has seven bowl wins against current and former Big 12 teams (7-2), tied with Ole Miss for the most all-time. This includes a current five-game win streak, last extended by beating Texas Tech, 39-26, in the 2024 AutoZone Liberty Bowl.
- » With the win the Razorbacks improve to 17-24-3 all-time in bowl games, including a 4-3 mark in the Liberty Bowl. Arkansas has won three consecutive bowl games for the first time since 2012, 2014 and 2016.
- » Arkansas now leads the all-time series with Texas Tech, 30-8.
- » **QB Taylen Green** was named Autozone Liberty Bowl MVP while, **WR Dazmin James** and **LB Xavian Sorey Jr.** earned most outstanding player honors for the Razorbacks on their respective sides of the football.



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ARKANSAS QUOTES

Sam Pittman, Arkansas Head Coach

Opening Statement:

"I told the coaching staff that I am so proud of them for getting the kids ready. I told the coaching staff a couple of days ago that I wish I had done a better job. My hip had been bothering me all year. I told the kids that yesterday, but the staff did a great job this season, and our kids played extremely hard all year. All we have is all we need. Our kids bought into that. I really want to talk about Dazmin James. He is just so talented, and he has not done what he did tonight, but he got an opportunity to and I expect that to be all the time now. Then you look at Kobe Branham and Brooks Edmondson. Brooks played one play this year on offense and Kobe has not played since high school. I can go on and on and on... Tyrell Reed. We have good players, but just because you guys do not know about them does not mean they are not good players. Now you know a little bit about them. We have more depth than possibly what you might have thought. We will go to work in the portal but the bottom line is that we have a good football team with the one we had tonight. I am really proud of the kids. A lot of people will ask, are you ready to play in a bowl game and hell yeah we were. It's exciting and it's hard to get to and awful hard to win and fortunately, we were able to win tonight. Texas Tech has a really good football team and a really good coach."

On getting off to a fast start:

"I think it was real important defense to hold them to a field goal. Taylen and the guys ran the ball well early. Rodney (Hill) went for about 60 or 70 right off the bat and we got rolling. The key to tonight's game was we had to get some confidence in our team. I talked to our older guys about building confidence into our guys that have not played much. Our older guys had to play real well so the young guys could feed off that confidence. It was a fast start, the defense making an early fourth-down stop and the offense took over. We have Taylen Green and a lot of teams don't which gives us an opportunity to work."

On WR Dazmin James:

"Isn't that something? I didn't know Daz was very fast. He went 22.3 miles per hour on his catapult. He went 10.3 in high school, looking left and right. He won the state championship in the 100 meters in high school. He is just a great, great kid too and he is really fast."

Taylen Green, Arkansas QB

On Dazmin James and Tyrell Reed Jr. taking advantage of the opportunity:

"It speaks volumes to making the most of their opportunities. We talked about that saying in the hotel room the whole week, and it came to fruition. Tyrell (Reed Jr.) is always learning from JJ (Ja'Quiden Jackson) and Rod (Rodney Hill). He is always taking it in and asking questions. When he had his opportunity and had his shot he made the most of it. He ran the 100, too, in high school, and you saw his speed. Those little legs can move."

On offensive depth:

"It speaks to our depth not just at a single position but running backs, tight ends and the offensive line. That is the one thing I knew when I committed here ... I am excited they had their opportunity and you can just tell this week that they were ready for the moment."

Dazmin James, Arkansas WR

On the game:

"It is just my first game, but I got the opportunity and ran with it. Thanks to my coaches. We've been practicing repetition. Going over plays and getting it down all the formations and plays."

On mentality and build up to this game:

"With it being a bowl game, I knew I was going to get the reps. Then it was about taking the opportunity and what I was going to do with it."

On having the longest touchdown reception in school history:

"I did not find out until after the game. It feels amazing. My first catch as a collegiate athlete goes 94 yards. It feels amazing. I just want to thank TG (Taylen Green)."

Cam Ball, Arkansas DL

On hitting Texas Tech Quarterback Will Hammond which led to an interception by Miguel Mitchell:

"I kind of got cut out of my gap. It was just an effort play by me. I knew the quarterback was standing back there and I knew he was up to no good, then I saw the receiver toss it back to him and I was like lunch time, barbecue chicken. Then Miguel (Mitchell) came down with the pick. Shoutout to him as well."

On Arkansas DL Anton Juncaj:

"He had been fighting through injuries this whole season. For him to come out in his last college game and just lay it out on the line. I am so happy for him and his family. I can't wait to see him prosper and do big things at the next level."

On sending off the seniors with a win:

"It is big just to send them off the right way. All the ups and downs we had this season it is right to send them off with a bang and get a win."