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GAME NOTES

- » With the win, the Razorbacks now have an all-time record of 41-4-3 against Arkansas opponents. Prior to today, Arkansas had played Arkansas A&M (Arkansas Monticello), UAPB, Camp Pike, Central Arkansas, Fort Smith HS, Henderson State, Hendrix College, Little Rock HS, and Ouachita College.
- » **QB Taylen Green's** 151 rushing yards were the fourth most in a single game in program history, trailing only Lamar McHan - 189 (vs. Texas A&M in 1951, Ken Holland - 168 (vs. Northwestern St. in 1947) and Mark Calcagni - 160 (vs. Rice in 1985).
- » **QB Taylen Green** registered his fourth career 100+ yard rushing game and first as a Razorback with nine carries for 151 yards. He became the first Arkansas QB to record 100+ rushing yards in a game since KJ Jefferson rushed for 123 during a Liberty Bowl win over Kansas in 2022.
- » **QB Taylen Green** registered his longest rush as a Razorback with a 64-yard TD run with 8:59 on the clock in the first quarter. It marked the first rush of 60+ yards by a Razorback since Rodney Hill's 70-yard rush during a Liberty Bowl win over Texas Tech on Dec. 27, 2024. It also marked the longest rush and rushing TD by an Arkansas QB since Matt Jones' 72-yard rush in a win at Ole Miss on Nov. 13, 2004.
- » Arkansas had two 100-yard rushers courtesy of **QB Taylen Green** (9 rushes, 151 yards) and **RB Mike Washington Jr.** (9 rushes, 116 yards). It marked the first time Arkansas had multiple 100-yard rushers in a game since the 2022 Liberty Bowl against Kansas, when QB KJ Jefferson (130 yards) and RB Rashad Dubinion (112 yards) accomplished the feat.
- » **LB Xavian Sorey Jr.** collected his third career interception and second as a Razorback by picking off Arkansas State QB Jaylen Raynor with 4:08 left in the first quarter.
- » The Razorbacks scored 28 points in a quarter for the first time since Aug. 29, 2024, when they accomplished the feat in a 70-0 win over Arkansas-Pine Bluff in Little Rock.
- » **WR Raylen Sharpe** has caught at least one pass in 31 consecutive games dating back to Sept. 24, 2022, while at Missouri State. Entering the game, he had the fourth-longest reception streak in the nation. Sharpe hauled in his second TD reception as a Hog on a 37-yard pass from Taylen Green at the 10:03 mark in the first quarter.
- » Through two games this season, **QB Taylen Green** has thrown for 10 touchdowns. It marks the most passing touchdowns over a two-game span by an Arkansas quarterback since QB Ryan Mallett threw for 10 touchdowns over a two-game span against Troy and Mississippi State in 2009.
- » For the third consecutive game, Arkansas scored on its opening drive, this time courtesy of a 53-yard run from Mike Washington Jr. with 14:21 on the clock in the first quarter. It marked the first time in the Sam Pittman era that the Razorbacks scored on the opening drive in three consecutive games.
- » **LB Xavian Sorey Jr.** became just the fourth Arkansas LB since 1998 to register 10+ tackles, .5+ sacks, 2.0+ TFL and

STARTERS

ARKANSAS

QB TAYLEN GREEN
RB MIKE WASHINGTON JR.
WR O'MEGA BLAKE
WR JALEN BROWN
TE JADEN PLATT
WR CJ BROWN
LT COREY ROBINSON II
LG FERNANDO CARMONA JR
C CADEN KITLER
RG KOBE BRANHAM
RT E'MARION HARRIS

DE QUINCY RHODES JR.
DT CAM BALL
DT IAN GEFFRARD
DE PHILLIP LEE
LB STEPHEN DIX JR.
LB XAVIAN SOREY JR.
CB JULIAN NEAL
S CALEB WOODEN
S LARRY WORTH
CB KANI WALKER
NB JORDAN YOUNG

ARKANSAS STATE

QB JAYLEN RAYNOR
RB KENTON CLAY
WR COREY RUCKER JR.
WR HUNTER SUMMERS
WR CHAUNCEY COBB
TE TYLER LITTLE
OL RYLEE MCGEHEE
OL TRISTIAN SMITH
OL MASON MYERS
OL WILL SAXTON
OL ALERIC WATSON

DL ETHAN HASSLER
DL CODY SIGLER
DL SIMEON MITCHELL
DL DEMARCUS HENDRICKS
LB AG MCGHEE
LB NIGEL NELSON
LB TERRY KIRKSEY
DB TRENTON ALAN YOWE
DB BRANDON BARNES
DB AVANTE DICKERSON
DB AVANTE DICKERSON

WEATHER

72°
SUNNY

GAME INFO

CAPTAINS

Fernando Carmona, Taylen Green, Cam Ball, Xavian Sorey, Devin Bale, Ashton Ngo

COIN TOSS

Arkansas State won the toss and elected to defer

UNIFORMS

ARK - Red Helmet, Red Jersey, White Pants
ASU - White Helmet, White Jersey, White Pants

ATTENDANCE

54,224

ARK SCORING

TOUCHDOWN | 1Q | 14:21

Mike Washington Jr. 53-yard rush

TOUCHDOWN | 1Q | 10:03

Green to Sharpe 37-yard pass

TOUCHDOWN | 1Q | 8:59

Taylen Green 64-yard rush

TOUCHDOWN | 1Q | 5:05

Braylen Russell 7-yard rush

TOUCHDOWN | 2Q | 0:53

Green to J. Brown 8-yard pass

TOUCHDOWN | 3Q | 11:20

Green to R. Jones 33-yard pass

TOUCHDOWN | 3Q | 3:46

Green to Blake 14-yard pass

TOUCHDOWN | 4Q | 6:16

KJ Jackson 6-yard rush



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- » **OL Fernando Carmona Jr.** started his 39th consecutive game on the offensive line dating back to his redshirt freshman season San Jose State in 2022.
- » The Razorbacks' 194 consecutive extra-points made streak, which began on Dec. 5, 2020, is the third-longest such streak nationally based on date, behind Northwestern (Oct. 24, 2020) and Texas A&M (Nov. 7, 2020).
- » **LB Xavian Sorey Jr.** recorded a career-high 15 tackles during the win, including two tackles for loss, a forced fumble and an assisted tackle for loss. Sorey is the first Arkansas defender with 15 tackles since Drew Sanders had 16 on Oct. 8, 2022 at Mississippi State.
- » Today's attendance of 54,224, marks the largest crowd in Little Rock since 2014, when 54,959 fans were in attendance for Arkansas' game against Georgia.



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ARKANSAS QUOTES

Sam Pittman, Arkansas Head Coach

Opening Statement:

"I want to start off by... what an atmosphere over here. [I am] very appreciative of our fans. It felt like a home game and that started with the Hog Walk and we knew the significance of this game to our great state of Arkansas... we knew the significance... in 130 years of playing and we're excited now that we're gonna play the game. We certainly had to be ready for the game. And we felt like we were. We got some things we have to fix but we got a lot of things that we're doing really good. You guys we ask me questions but I do... there's a couple things I was really pleased with. I know you're going to ask me about Taylen, you're gonna ask me about the offense, you're gonna ask me a lot of different things. When our second offense came in there on the one-yard line and went 99 yards and I was so pleased with that effort. I thought it was great. And then our second defense at the end... we had a fourth down stop and then they didn't score at the end. They were trying to run ball out and trying to run the clock. I have a lot of respect for Coach Jones and their program but those were two things I was really proud of when our seconds got in their and played ball and they took advantage of their situation and their opportunity. And I am really happy that we won and looking forward to the bus ride home. And if you've got something you want to ask me go ahead.

On Taylen's performance:

"If he's not perfect we'll think about the two picks obviously they weren't good picks... I mean no picks good but it wasn't like it was a tipped ball and the ball went up in the air or anything. So, obviously got that we got that corrected with his eyes and where to go with the ball after the second quarter I guess is when it was. But he was outstanding with his legs I mean when he takes off you just know your gonna get a first down and what happens after that is extra gravy. He threw the ball I think to 8 guys. Protection was great. I don't know that he had to scramble much. So the protection was good.

Quincy Rhodes Jr., Arkansas DL

On first the defensive series:

"Playing here is really special to me. I have a lot of family here. I know this is the last game on contract so I had to make sure we went out with a bang."

On the defensive line:

"We put more pressure on the quarterback. As a defense we got after them. We all knew our assignments and the game plan went really well. We did pretty good."

On defensive hunger and teammate communications:

"There was a lot of moments, because we made some good plays, but we left a lot on the field man. We're going to see more of it on tape, but we know what the standard is. We know that even though we won, that wasn't our standard. There's always room for improvement. We've got to polish everything so we can play a complete game. That wasn't a complete game out there, defensively." get to the sideline. We have iPads now, so we can watch the previous plays right there on the field. And that's when you see whether I messed up or was out of my gap."

Mike Washington Jr. Arkansas RB

On breaking a long TD run:

"It felt great. I was able to get the crowd loud. I had a great block from Corey Robinson II. I just saw a video of it."

On Taylen Green:

"That hurdle. That was crazy. I was right in front of him. I thought he was going to throw it to me but he ended up running and hurdled him. That came out of nowhere. He is a dog.

On the offensive line:

"They did their thing. We put a lot of pressure on them and we put a lot of pressure on ourselves making sure we finished down the field and blocked down the field and that same mindset went into the game."



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Taylen Green, Arkansas QB

On your new wide receivers this season:

"First off I want to give praise to my Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Everybody's been talking about there's versatility of the receiver room. I was just showcasing the ball in their hands and their play-making ability. I just got to do my job and give them opportunity and they're gonna you know do the rest."

On responding quickly to A-State score:

"Props to the whole team for how we responded. Every drive our expectation is to score. Like coach said, we just got to stay focused and continue to do our jobs."

On starting fast:

"The emphasis is always to start fast, that's how we practice, and practice leads to the games. We have our first day plays, and Coach Petrino has us memorize them like the back of our hands. But just to see how we were clicking from the first snap was really cool to see."

Xavian Sorey Jr., Arkansas LB

On interception:

"I was playing the out. It was a good play, good play by my D-line by forcing the quarterback to get the ball out quick."

On Taylen Green's play:

"I keep saying he wants to show his teammates, and he showed us. He does a good job of showing us and I'm just happy for him. He's a crazy player, the stuff he does, the breakaway speed, hurdling over people, it's different."

Fernando Carmona Jr., Arkansas OL

On protecting Taylen Green:

"It feels amazing. It feels like this is the first time we truly played a complete game. We were really focused the whole game. We went up early, and we were still dialed in, paying attention to details, and that makes a difference when we get to SEC play."



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ARKANSAS STATE QUOTES

Butch Jones, Arkansas State Head Coach

Opening Statement:

"We created some natural adversities for ourselves, and we put us behind. I was proud of our players, we kept rallying, I believe we got it to 28-14. When you look at critical down execution, I believe we gave up eight explosive plays, and five of them were in the first half. When you play an opponent in college football today, you can't warm up to the games. You have to start fast, and this is two weeks where we haven't started fast. We had way too many missed assignments on both sides of the football... So, we have to learn from it. Disappointed, but not discouraged, and we have a long season ahead, but we have to learn from today and move forward."

On second quarter adjustments for Taylen Green:

"Discipline. Fundamentals. Doing your assignment. We had a bunch of missed assignments at the beginning of the game, and some of those were ability pulls, where he [Green] pulls them. Against a talented player like that, if your shoulder's aren't squared, if your eyes are in the wrong place, he's going to make you pay for it, and he was able to do that."

On preparation for SEC competition:

I talked about it all week long. This is an SEC program. There's a reason why they are an SEC program and that doesn't diminish anything from our slow start. That's unacceptable in our program. But there is a size factor. I think you all saw it. There's a speed factor. I think you all saw it."

On playing to Arkansas State's standard:

"We did not play to our standard tonight, we didn't compete, we didn't play with the effort that's needed. Just looking at it on the field, I think we were kind of paralyzed and playing fast. Our eyes were in the wrong spot, so you're going to be a step behind, and I think that's what happened. I don't know if the moment was too big, but you got to learn from it, and you can't make the same mistake twice."

On the message to the team after the game:

"Yeah, we gotta learn from it, and we have to be a better practice team. We need to be better for our experience. "

On slower starts on defense:

"When you look at it again, we gave up 12.2 yards on first down. You're not gonna have any success doing that. And again, we've been behind."

On adjustments:

"Situational football in terms of pre snap penalties. We had hands to the face the took seven points off the board. All those momentum killers, and then it puts you behind the change."