



ARKANSAS

vs. NOTRE DAME



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SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

DONALD W. REYNOLDS RAZORBACK STADIUM

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GAME NOTES

- » Today's crowd of 75,111 was the 10th-largest in Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium history.
- » **DB Miguel Mitchell** recorded a career-high 12 total tackles, eclipsing his previous career-high of eight he set during a 39-26 win over Texas Tech in the Liberty Bowl on Dec. 27, 2024.
- » **WR Raylen Sharpe** has caught at least one pass in 34 consecutive games dating back to Sept. 24, 2022, while at Missouri State. His 34-game reception streak is tied for the fourth-longest mark nationally.
- » **K Scott Starzyk** became the first Arkansas freshman kicker to make multiple field goals in a single game since Cam Little accomplished the feat during a 34-17 win over Missouri on Nov. 26, 2021.
- » The Razorbacks' 204 consecutive extra-points made streak, which began on Dec. 5, 2020, is the second-longest such streak nationally based on date, behind Northwestern (Oct. 24, 2020).
- » With a 54-yard run in the second quarter, **QB Taylen Green** became the first Arkansas quarterback with multiple 50+ yard rushes in a season since Matt Jones in 2004.
- » **DL Phillip Lee** became the fourth Arkansas DL this decade to register 1+ sacks and 2.5+ tackles for loss in a single game. Lee finished his day with six tackles, including one sack and 2.5 tackles for loss.
- » **OL Fernando Carmona Jr.** started his 42nd consecutive game on the offensive line, dating back to his redshirt freshman season at San Jose State in 2022.
- » **OL Shaq McRoy** registered a one-yard touchdown rush with 11:19 on the clock in the second quarter. McRoy became the first Arkansas offensive lineman to rush for a touchdown since Shawn Andrews did so during a 52-6 win at Mississippi State on Nov. 22, 2003. He is the first Arkansas OL to score a touchdown since Alab D'Appollonio did so in a 45-17 win over UAB on Oct. 25, 2014.
- » Arkansas has scored on the opening drive in four games this season, which is the most through the first five games of a season in the Sam Pittman era (2020-present).
- » **WR Andy Jean** registered his first catch as a Razorback on a 21-yard pass from Taylen Green in the fourth quarter.
- » **WR O'Mega Blake** led the Razorbacks in both receptions (6) and receiving yards (73). It marked the fourth game this season he has led Arkansas in both categories.

WEATHER

74°
SUNNY

GAME INFO

CAPTAINS

Cam Ball, Xavian Sorey, Devin Bale, Ashton Ngo

COIN TOSS

Arkansas won the toss and elected to receive

UNIFORMS

ARK - Red Helmet, Red Jersey, White Pants
ND - Gold Helmet, White Jersey, White Pants

ATTENDANCE

75,111

ARK SCORING

FIELD GOAL | 1Q | 12:55

Scott Starzyk 39-yard field goal

TOUCHDOWN | 2Q | 11:19

Shaq McRoy 1-yard rush

FIELD GOAL | 2Q | 3:48

Scott Starzyk 49-yard field goal

STARTERS

ARKANSAS

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

NOTRE DAME

QB CJ CARR
RB JEREMIAH LOVE
WR MALACHI FIELDS
WR JORDAN FAISON
TE TY WASHINGTON
TE ELI RARIDON
OL ANTHONIE KNAPP
OL BILLY SCHRAUTH
OL ASHTON CRAIG
OL GUERBY LAMBERT
OL AAMIL WAGNER
DL BOUBACAR TRAORE
DL JUNIOR TUIHALAMAKA
DL DONOVAN HINISH
DL GABRIEL RUBIO
LB JAIDEN AUSBERRY
LB DRAYK BOWEN
LB TAE JOHNSON
DB DEVONTA SMITH
DB ADON SHULER
DB TAE JOHNSON
DB CHRISTIAN GRAY



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Sam Pittman, Arkansas Head Coach

Opening Statement:

"Congratulations to Notre Dame. They've got a really good team, a good physical football team, and they came in here and whipped us. Obviously, we have a better team than what we showed today. We certainly have to go to work on figuring out why we're not and why we played this way."

On today's performance:

"We played terrible and we couldn't get off the field defensively. And it's the same thing. It's the tackling, it's the coverage at times, it's the off coverage that we're nowhere close to the guy, and then it's the man coverage, where at times we leave him wide open. You know, it's the easy scores, it's the power play here at the end, where we had nobody even close to the guy. That's on everybody. It's not just obviously on the players, that's on all of us. I mean, but that's been a trend now for five weeks. What has bailed us out a little bit before was offense, was scoring, and we didn't finish drives today, and, for whatever reason, there was several different reasons behind that. But you know, defensively, we're still not tackling well. I thought we had a really good week of practice. The back end swarming to the front end, but it didn't show today at all. I still think we have a good football team, and it's hard to say after that embarrassment today. I still think we have the capabilities of winning a lot of games. But certainly we have a lot to we've got a lot of fix."

On what Notre Dame did to limit Arkansas' offense:

"I think they were a little bit better in the secondary than possibly we might have thought. Really, I felt like we, early in the whole first half, protected him [Taylen Green] pretty well and we ran the ball real well. One of our goals was to stay out of third and long. We had put ourselves into some of those situations this year and converted them. And really, we just didn't today. He [Green] didn't run the ball as much but, when he did, it went for a while. They had a little bit better, tighter coverage than maybe what we anticipated. That means us getting off of that coverage as well."

Cam Ball, Arkansas DL

On team morale:

"Most definitely, we've got to stick together. That wasn't the performance out there today that we were (expecting) going to the game hoping and expecting. We just got to stick together and go back to work."

On the bye week:

"I feel like it helps because it gives us more time to find out the problem that's going on. We're going to be up here tomorrow watching film, going through all our negatives, and just see how we can build from that."

Xavian Sorey Jr., Arkansas LB

On the fans leaving early:

"We've got die-hard fans and they just want to see us be successful. We've got to do a better job as players to give our fans something exciting to see."

Taylen Green, Arkansas QB

On the loss and how to keep the team united after:

"I feel like we have an older team. We've been through a lot of football and we have a lot of football left in the season. There's still some great opportunities to still make history, make a mark and make a stamp on the year. We have to get in the film room. The bye week next week is coming at a great time. We have a great opportunity to get healthy, get guys back, and to lock in and get better."

On what Notre Dame did specifically on defense:

"You know, they're a really great team, really great defense. They did a lot of man, different coverages and different line games. But at the same time, I feel like we beat ourselves at times. Just the small details that I have to get better in. Pressure, I got to get the ball out. I've got to go through my reads. It's not just them, it's all 11, and I'm the one that touches the ball every play. I have to do a better job at that."

Fernando Carmona, Arkansas OL

On Coach Pittman's message after the game:

"We've just got to stick together. Obviously it wasn't the outcome any of us thought. Like I said, we practiced extremely good this week. We were flying around. We felt really good about that game plan. We just didn't get the result we wanted but we've got to stick together. We've still got a long season ahead of us. That's about it."



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Marcus Freeman, Notre Dame Head Coach

Opening Statement:

"As I told the group, I am extremely proud the way they prepared. We were able to really kind of block out a lot of noise and go to work. That's on both sides of the ball. The ability to handle success is a challenge, and the ability to handle criticism is always a challenge. I am proud of both sides of the ball, really being able to do that and handle criticism. Today was a good three phase effort team win, and I told them afterwards to enjoy it and get back to work and keep getting better."

On defensive response:

"It was the ability to not give up so many explosive plays. There was a couple of explosive plays that Arkansas converted, they're a good offense. Coming into this game they were top five in the country, but I think it was the ability to say we can't give up the explosive. Now there was some explosive runs that we obviously can't have, but we didn't give up too many of the explosive passes. I think the game plan was simple enough that they could execute at a fast level, play with great technique, play with passion. We got after the quarterback a little bit. He is really good, he can scramble, he can throw it, and we did a good job of affecting him."

On CJ Carr's success:

"I don't know if anyone compares themselves, for him he's got to compete against himself, and how does he get better after three good performances, how do you continuously get better in terms of your routine, your preparation. He prepares his butt off and that reflects what you see. He is a talented individual, he prepares his butt off, and he is playing with a lot of confidence right now."

Adon Shuler, Notre Dame DB

On the secondary:

"Just attention to detail, definitely coaches and players had to harp on, just details and finishing. So, just keep them confident."

On being dialed in on defense:

"Kind of just executing the calls that coach calls and not thinking too much, and just playing fast, and being violent."

On forcing a fumble:

"Just the whole game and the whole week we kind of talked about how we need to get the ball, we need to be plus two. We got to get the ball and focus on the ball. We knew they were a team that fumbled the ball a lot."

CJ Carr, Notre Dame QB

On talking about his competitiveness:

"It's kind of not something I really think about to be honest with you, I feel like growing up we were never playing with toys or doing things like that. We were always just competing with each other. I guess it's not really a conscious thing."

On the multiple options in the receiver room:

"It's unbelievable, Anywhere you look, there's guys that will win one-on-one match-ups, and I thought we showed it out there today."

On playing Arkansas for the first time:

"Yeah I think it was cool, my first SEC opponent and coming down here. The atmosphere is electric and the fans were going in those few first drives. It was really good to quiet them and after a while the stands started to go away."