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DONALD W. REYNOLDS RAZORBACK STADIUM

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GAME NOTES

- » DB Caleb Wooden registered a career-high 10 tackles, including a tackle for loss. Entering today's game, his previous single-game career high was six, which he set against Tennessee earlier this season on Oct. 11.
- » WR Raylen Sharpe has caught at least one pass in 37 consecutive games dating back to Sept. 24, 2022, while at Missouri State. His 37-game reception streak is tied for the fourth-longest mark nationally. He extended his streak on a 58-yard touchdown pass from Taylen Green with 8:36 on the clock in the second quarter. His 58-yard reception was his longest since a 67-yard touchdown reception on Sept. 27, 2022, while at Missouri State.
- » With an 89-yard interception return at the 0:48 mark in the second quarter, **DB Kani Walker** became the first Razorback to return an interception for a touchdown since Alfahiym Walcott accomplished the feat against FIU on Nov. 18, 2023. Walker's 89-yard interception return was the longest by a Razorback since Rohan Gaines' 100-yard return on Nov. 22, 2014, in a 30-0 win over Ole Miss in Fayetteville.
- » The Razorbacks' 216 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).
- » **OL Fernando Carmona Jr.** started his 45th consecutive game on the offensive line, dating back to his redshirt freshman season at San Jose State in 2022.
- » With two sacks today, DL Quincy Rhodes Jr. became the first Razorback to register three multi-sack games in a season since Tre Williams accomplished the feat in 2021. Rhodes finished the day with five total tackles.
- » TE Rohan Jones became the first Arkansas TE with multiple 100+ yard receiving games in a season since Hunter Henry in 2015. Jones hauled in three passes for 127 yards today and previously had two receptions for 102 receiving yards and a touchdown against Memphis on Sept. 20. The only other Arkansas TE to register multiple 100+ yard games in a season since 1997, alongside Jones (2) and Henry (2), is D.J. Williams, who had three in 2008. Jones is also the first tight end and fifth Arkansas player in history to record a 100-yard receiving game against Auburn.
- » LB Stephen Dix Jr. registered his fifth career double-digit tackle game and third double-digit tackle game this season with a team-high 12 tackles. His 12 tackles were also a season high and his most since he had a career-high 14 tackles on Nov. 18, 2023, while at Marshall.
- » **DB Kani Walker** became just the seventh Razorback since 1997 to register 9+ tackles, 2+ pass breakups, and an interception in a game. He joins Julian Neal (vs. Arkansas State, Sept. 6) as the only Hogs to accomplish the feat this season.

STARTERS

ARKANSAS				AL	AUBURN			
QB	TAYLEN GREEN	DE	JUSTUS BOONE	QB	JACKSON ARNOLD	DL	KELDRIC FAULK	
RB	MIKE WASHINGTON JR.	DT	IAN GEFFRARD	RB	JEREMIAH COBB	DL	MALIK BLOCTON	
RB	BRAYLEN RUSSELL	DE	QUINCY RHODES JR.	WR	ERIC SINGLETON JR.	DL	BOBBY JAMISON-TRAVIS	
WR	CJ BROWN	LB	BRADLEY SHAW	WR	PERRY THOMPSON	DL	KEYRON CRAWFORD	
WR	O'MEGA BLAKE	LB	STEPHEN DIX JR.	WR	CAM COLEMAN	LB	ROBERT WOODYARD JR.	
WR	RAYLEN SHARPE	LB	XAVIAN SOREY JR.	TE	PRESTON HOWARD	LB	XAVIER ATKINS	
LT	COREY ROBINSON II	СВ	JULIAN NEAL	OL	KAIL ELLIS	DB	JAY CRAWFORD	
LG	FERNANDO CARMONA JR	S	CALEB WOODEN	OL	DILLON WADE	DB	CHAMP ANTHONY	
С	CADEN KITLER	S	LARRY WORTH	OL	XAVIER CHAPLIN	DB	KAYIN LEE	
RG	KOBE BRANHAM	СВ	KANI WALKER	OL	MASON MURPHY	DB	SLYVESTER SMITH	
RT	E'MARION HARRIS	NB	JORDAN YOUNG	OL	JEREMIAH WRIGHT	DB	KALEB HARRIS	

WEATHER



GAME INFO

CAPTAINS

Devin Bale, Fernando Carmona, Taylen Green, Ashton Ngo

COIN TOSS

Arkansas won the toss and elected to receive

UNIFORMS

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

ATTENDANCE

68,922

ARK SCORING

TOUCHDOWN | 2Q | 8:36

Sharpe 58-yard pass from Green

TOUCHDOWN | 2Q | 5:24

Braylen Russell 2-yard rush

TOUCHDOWN | 2Q | 0:48

Kani Walker 89-yard INT return

FIELD GOAL | 3Q | 0:57

Scott Starzyk 27-yard FG



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ARKANSAS QUOTES

Bobby Petrino, Arkansas Interim Head Coach

On the difference between the first and second halves:

"I'm disappointed in the offense in the entire game, really, because, even in the first half, we weren't able to establish and drive the ball and run the football the way that we could. We made some errors in protections. It didn't allow us to convert a few third downs early in the game, but we were getting chunk plays. We were making big plays throwing the ball. We were able, in the second quarter, to get the ball in the end zone and then we got the big interception for a touchdown, but we never did establish the run at all. We threw and caught the ball pretty well at times, but we turned the ball over in the fourth quarter. You're not going to win games when you turn the ball over in the fourth quarter. The defense, I thought, competed extremely hard. We were able to hold them to field goals. They got us in a position in the fourth quarter where we could have went and won the game offensively, and the offense didn't do it."

On Auburn's defense:

"I knew it was going to be tough. They're good, they're physical inside. They do a good job of controlling blocks and shedding blocks. Their safeties did a really nice job of getting to the run and we didn't. We didn't win some one-on-one battles with the safeties, which normally we have and that is how you create the big plays. I was happy about the explosive plays that we made and the scheme plays that we made. We just didn't execute."

On the defense despite it being thin:

"I thought they [the defense] did a really nice job. I know they were competing extremely hard. We made some huge plays to hold them to field goals, not exactly to get off field. We did a nice job on third down defense, which was a huge step forward from a week ago. I told the defense, I felt like you guys played enough for us to win the game and offensively, we didn't do our part in the fourth quarter, taking the ball, driving and scoring points."

On the energy at halftime:

"There's a lot of energy, no doubt. A lot of energy in the locker room. A lot of coaching going on. A lot of trying to work on how to start the third quarter off and drive the football. We got to some third down situations and weren't able to convert. That first drive coming out of halftime, we made a really bad error with the offensive line and protections. That hurt us."

Quincy Rhodes Jr., Arkansas DL

On feeling going into the locker room and the second half:

"We're a defense, we just always come together as a whole, just to do our job. At the end of the day we're a team. In the second half, we're still a unit. (Play like) It's still zero to zero. We are consistently on the grid, and whatever happens, happens. We take each play one at a time."

On six straight losses:

"In life you aren't always going to win. Life is full of adversity and all of us have been battling adversity our whole lives. It's just a matter of how you face it and how you respond to it."

Kani Walker, Arkansas DB

On his interception:

"It was a great play called by coach. It was something we had been preparing for all week. We knew, coming out, either on normal downs (either first or second), they like to take RPO's or try to make reads to see what they see, then go back to the drawing board to see if they can get another shot at it. Even though I didn't get it the whole week, I just kind of had that mental thought that if he does do this, that I was going to end up picking it. Of course the plus was great, which was us scoring."

On his emotions during his pick-six:

"I was just absorbing all our energy. These couple of weeks we have been facing a little mental adversity. Me knowing that I was just as dialed in as I needed to be or at least to my best potential at that moment or the entire game, it was like 'I'm glad it paid off'."

Rohan Jones, Arkansas TE

On his big plays:

"Coach Petrino is scheming up good plays on the offense, and, when my number is called, I'm just trying to do the most with it."

On expectations moving forward:

"We have over 100 players in the locker room, and no one quits. Especially when we're losing tight games. We're always playing good and not quitting. This brings us closer together for next week and we just have to keep pushing."



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AUBURN QUOTES

Hugh Freeze, Auburn Head Coach

Opening Statement:

"There's very few people that you can probably count on to fight like heck, to help change whatever the circumstances are. Obviously, to God be the glory first thing. But that group of young men and that group of coaches, as disappointing and as hurtful as those four tight losses were. I think there's a lot of people, particularly with the noise that comes with that, that kind of shut it down, even if it's just mentally. I'm just so thrilled for our university, our administration. You got to win some football games, too. I know all of that's real, but the realest thing to me is watching what I got into coaching for, and that is for a group of young men to grow, and a staff to grow together. That's what I see with our kids and our staff. I am just really proud of the way everybody lived this week. We could be sitting here, saying we're six and one, seven, six and two, seven and one, possibly, but we're not, and yet, I found myself probably even more proud of the way they've handled all this come their way; all the stuff they have to listen to. So just thrilled for our school administration, especially those kids in their locker room."

On the resiliency of the defense:

"I've said all year long that we have found ways to not – and again, I'm not taking anything away from anyone to speak this – but, every game, I feel like we found a way to lose. Or we're playing let's don't lose. Today, he just felt different and obviously defensively us getting the turnovers, we were very conservative in play calling and not wanting to make a mistake. How about Alex McPherson? He's the first one in my office, Monday to say, I'm sorry. Coach, I lost that game for you," I said, dude, I believe in you. You'll make the next one.. He ties this new record today with six, so what a redemption story that is. I'm thrilled for him, and obviously, you have to have great snaps and great holds. Hudson (Kask) and Reed (Hughes) did their job and their protection. We were pretty conservative, feeling like he was going to make those field goals. Not to mention when we did throw it, I thought Cam Coleman and Eric Singleton, if those are not some of the top 10 plays on Sports Center or something tonight, they've missed something. I'm proud of those guys too."

On Ashton Daniels Play:

"I think he's just got this maturity of poise about him. Obviously, he's a college graduate and has played in a lot of big football games, so it's not going to be something that overwhelms him. I just thought it was time. Look, I love Jackson (Arnold). I love Deuce (Knight). I love Ashton, I love all of our players. The decision, that Jackson made, obviously, wasn't a great one. They were in a too high shield, and we were running the football. We got to be smart and take what they give us. But really, we had a plan to play him all along. I thought I was going to do it the 3rd possession, but we were clicking on pretty good... I just thought he could. He was going to give us a little poise and a pick me up at the time. We needed it and thought he played really solid. (We) didn't ask him to do a whole lot in the passing game. But I believe he can do that too. Aanother 100 yard plus game (for Jeremiah Cobb). I don't know exactly what he had. had to be close to 150ish or so. We're wearing him out. The only thing is we probably got to take it easy on him during the week to and hope the cam's not banged up too bad."

Alex McPherson, Auburn PK

On season-high in longest field goals:

"Yeah, that was nice being able to finally go out there and knock those down. Last week, I think it was a 40 that was my longest kick. So, like I said, it was just really awesome. Being able to go out there and do it for my team really is all I was thinking about. The distance wasn't really a problem today, I was hitting the ball good, so it was awesome."

On the resiliency of this team:

"Like Coach says, it shows your true character when you're going through tough times, and I think this is team is super resilient. As you can tell, losing four straight to open conference play, that's not easy. But to be able to go on the road against a good offense and defense, we can just get it done like that and I think it shows the character of this team."

Ashton Daniels, Auburn QB

On mindset coming into game:

"They played a lot of cover six, a lot of cloud, and a lot of tampa two. When we have Jeremiah Cobb in the backfield and the line that we have, we just need to give them the ball and let them go out there and do what they do best. I don't know how many yards (Jeremiah) Cobb had, but he was just dominant out there. You take what they gave you. When they give us free hitches, take them. But other than, just give it to 'Pop' and let them know."

On coming back in the second half:

"This team continues to fight every single week. Obviously, we've been fighting the past couple of weeks, which hadn't gone our way, but we just continue to fight. That's what I love about this team. Our team was fighting this week. Who is going to stand in there and fight when things get hard? Things got hard in the first half and our guys just continue to go out there and fight and fight. It came out on our side this week."