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vs. MISSISSIPPI STATE



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DONALD W. REYNOLDS RAZORBACK STADIUM

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GAME NOTES

- » **DB Jordan Young** registered his second career interception by picking off Mississippi State QB Blake Shapen with 2:20 on the clock in the third quarter. It was Young's first interception since Oct. 28, 2023, when he had registered an interception against Oklahoma State while playing at Cincinnati.
- » **WR Raylen Sharpe** has caught at least one pass in 38 consecutive games dating back to Sept. 24, 2022, while at Missouri State. His 38-game reception streak is tied for the third-longest mark nationally. He extended his streak on a 23-yard pass from Taylen Green with 14:42 on the clock in the second quarter. Sharpe finished his day with a season-high 84 yards on five catches.
- » With 19 carries for 116 yards and one touchdown during today's game, **RB Mike Washington Jr.** has now rushed for 828 yards on 19 carries this season. His 828 rushing yards are a single-season career high, eclipsing his previous total of 725 he set last year while at New Mexico State. It also marked Washington's fourth 100+ rushing yard game this season and was the seventh of his career. He is the 12th Arkansas player in history to rush for 100 yards against Mississippi State. Washington's four 100-yard rushing games this year are the most by a Razorback in a season since RB Raheim Sanders (7) in 2022.
- » The Razorbacks' 219 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 46th consecutive game on the offensive line, dating back to his redshirt freshman season at San Jose State in 2022.
- » **DL Quincy Rhodes Jr.** (14.0 TFL) became the first Razorback to register double-digit TFLs in a season since DL Landon Jackson (13.5 TFL) in 2023. His 14.0 TFL this season are the most since Trey Flowers (15.5) TFL in 2015.
- » **DL Quincy Rhodes Jr.**'s 4.5 tackles for loss are the most by an Arkansas defender since LB Desmond Sims had 4.5 tackles for loss against South Carolina in 2005. Rhodes and Sims are the only Arkansas defenders with 4.5+ TFL, 1.0+ sack, and 1+ forced fumble in a game since 1995.
- » **QB Taylen Green** recorded his 25th touchdown responsible for (5 rushing, 20 passing) of the season to give him sole possession of 10th on Arkansas' single-season touchdown responsibility list. Green is just one touchdown away from moving into ninth place with Matt Jones who had 26 touchdowns (8 rushing, 18 passing) responsible for in 2003.
- » **DB Caleb Wooden** had a career-high three pass breakups. He joins Kani Walker (3) as the only Razorbacks to have 3+ pass breakups in a game this season.

STARTERS

ARKANSAS

QB TAYLEN GREEN
RB MIKE WASHINGTON JR.
WR O'MEGA BLAKE
WR CJ BROWN
TE ROHAN JONES
TE JADEN PLATT
LT COREY ROBINSON II
LG FERNANDO CARMONA JR
C KASH COURTNEY
RG KOBE BRANHAM
RT SHAQ MCROY

MISSISSIPPI STATE

QB BLAKE SHAPEN
RB DAVON BOOTH
WR BRENNEN THOMPSON
WR ANTHONY EVANS III
TE CAM BALL
TE SEYDOU TRAORE
OL CANON BOONE
OL ZACK OWENS
OL JIMOTHY LEWIS
OL JACOB JACKSON
OL JAYVIN Q JAMES
DL KEDRICK BINGLEY-JONES
DL TREYVION WILLIAMS
DL KALVIN DINKINS
LB NIC MITCHELL
LB DERION GULLETTE
LB BRANDEN JENNINGS
DB JAHRON MANNING
DB KELLEY JONES
DB ISAAC SMITH
DB BRYLAN LANIER
DB DEAGO BRUMFIELD

WEATHER

54°

SUNNY

GAME INFO

CAPTAINS

Xavian Sorey, Fernando Carmona, Taylen Green, Cam Ball

COIN TOSS

Arkansas won the toss and elected to receive

UNIFORMS

ARK - Red Helmet, Red Jersey, White Pants
MSU - White Helmet, White Jersey, Grey Pants

ATTENDANCE

68,358

ARK SCORING

TOUCHDOWN | 2Q | 13:54

Jones 3-yard pass from Green

FIELD GOAL | 2Q | 7:32

Scott Starzyk 42-yard FG

FIELD GOAL | 2Q | 0:01

Scott Starzyk 30-yard FG

TOUCHDOWN | 3Q | 9:23

Taylen Green 8-yard rush

TOUCHDOWN | 3Q | 6:18

Mike Washington Jr. 20-yard rush

TOUCHDOWN | 4Q | 13:43

Braylen Russell. 2-yard rush



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ARKANSAS QUOTES

Bobby Petrino, Arkansas Interim Head Coach

Opening Statement:

"Another tough result to take. Our players did a good job preparing for the game, came out and competed extremely hard. (We) ended up on the wrong side again. I felt like we were going to win the game the entire time; felt like our players felt it. We competed hard. We had some issues there in the third quarter that really hurt us. One of them was on me. Our guys were competing extremely hard out there and some things didn't go their way."

On fan energy and player effort:

"I thought the fans were awesome. They gave us a bunch of support. I thought our players completed, competed extremely hard. We hurt ourselves, or whatever hurt us. We just came up short, which is, it was just sad, because these guys, they deserve to win a game."

On how the team dealt with the backbreaking penalties:

"They were back breaking penalties. There's no question about that, but you got to overcome it. You still got to overcome that, get the first down, move the ball and eat the clock. We weren't able to do that. I had to put our defense back on the field and that's a bad deal. We felt like we would be able to run the football and work the clock and end the game."

On Kash Courtney and Kavion Broussard play:

"It's hard to know until you watch the video, but I can say that Kash did a nice job on snapping the ball and getting things set. He did a really nice job in practice working hard on it. He's a tremendous football player. He's got a great future ahead of him. Unfortunate Shaq (McRoy) went down, so early and so fast. Kavion had to jump in on the other side and we continued to move the ball. We continued to score, just not in the fourth quarter. They must have both played pretty well for us to be able to do that."

On the locker room after the loss:

"That's hard. The locker room's pretty down, you know, we put it all out there on the field and we're waiting for good things to happen. They just haven't happened yet. I told the players that they've got to understand that they've invested a bunch in it, and, that someday, they'll look back on this experience. It'll help them in their life as a man."

Cam Ball, Arkansas DL

On the penalties:

"It was frustrating, you know, but a lot of those penalties were self-inflicted wounds. We've just got to be more disciplined."

On Coach Petrino's message to the team:

"Just keep fighting, you know. Like (Raylen Sharpe) said, we got a bunch of season left, three games. Now we're fighting for pride at this point and each other."

Raylen Sharpe, Arkansas WR

On moving forward:

"We have a good group of guys. We still have a season to play. (We) still have three games left. A lot of old guys, like me and Cam (Ball), this is our last go around. So we're not going to let up."

On Taylen Green's Performance:

"He shook back, and I think everyone was just doing their jobs on the receiving end as well. Once he gets comfortable, he can do a lot of things."



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MISSISSIPPI STATE QUOTES

Jeff Lebbey, Mississippi State Head Coach

On the culture:

"Incredibly proud of our guys. So proud of our fight, playing the next play. We've seen it nonstop, but then making the plays in the fourth quarter to win the football game and having the ability to convert on the fourth down after everything that we had went through in the game. For our guys to keep believing, to play the next play, to execute in a time like that, to me, it shows toughness. And that's what I just got through talking about. They're tough people winning life. We've got a tough football team. I'm proud of those guys and we got a lot left out in front of us."

On relying on two quarterbacks during the win:

"We got buzzed down and we were made to look at Blake after he took the big hit. We had to then go through the box checking and make sure that he wasn't symptomatic to be able to come back in the game. That takes a while. Blake never had symptoms. He felt great. We wanted to be able to get him back in the game. (I'm) proud of Kamario for the way he played and did what he did on those two touchdown drives. We needed an old guy to be able to go win this game, and (Blake) did. He came back in. He plays unbelievably tough. And he leads us down the field to go win the game there in the fourth quarter."

On Blake Shapen leading Mississippi State to a game winning drive:

"It means everything because, again, the way the guy plays the game, his toughness, I mean, he'll die for us and he puts it on the line every time he steps in between the white lines. That's what leaders are made of. I just talked about it, tough people win. Blake's a winner. He's going to win in life because he's got great toughness and he puts it on the line. I talked about this on Monday, I think. I wanted our guys to be able to feel good. Our fan base to be able to feel good. That's important to me and today was the right step."

Isaac Smith, Mississippi State LB

On first SEC win:

"It's a big relief. It felt like we had a lot of weight on our shoulders. We kept being so close, but close ain't good enough. We had to go out there and win. Nothing was guaranteed so, tonight, it was fun to just go win. Winning heals all."

On sticking with the program through rough start:

"I feel great. It's all about adversity. I've been through so much adversity here at Mississippi State and I wouldn't want to deal with it anywhere else. That's one thing I love about this place [Starkville]. The people are awesome and we got a great head coach. He's done a great job of building a culture here and we're going to stand by that."

Nic Mitchell, Mississippi State LB

"We knew it was going to be a challenge all week. We knew his legs, I mean, they're deadly. He really tested our legs early."

On approach to rematch versus Arkansas:

"We knew what happened last year. We didn't harp on it too much, but, in the back of our heads, the people who were here last year, we knew what they did to us last year. So that was definitely in the back of everyone's head. We treated it like any other game, preparing, and getting a big dub on the road."

Blake Shapen, Mississippi State QB

On game-winning drive mentality:

"I feel like the biggest thing was all the plays that were made before we got down there. Brenen (Thompson) making a heck of a catch down the sideline was huge for us on fourth down. And then, like you said, the last play and being able to get the right play call was great. We had man-to-man in that situation and [Anthony Evans III] made a great decision. I mean after the catch was really great also to go win the game."

On seizing the moment:

"It feels great. When you work so hard day in and day out, put all this time into it, you want to be able to win games like tonight. We were able to do that tonight and it's a testament to the defense and how well they played all game. Those guys never give up. They keep playing, making their offense snap it again and keep us in the game."

Anthony Evans III, Mississippi State WR

On final touchdown emotions:

"Starting off in the first half, I wasn't playing to my abilities, I had a lot going on. I bounced back and coach put us in a situation. He believed in me to go out there and make a play. We worked on that all week, ran it, and the rest is history."

On experience playing for Mississippi State:

"It's a blessing. I came here because of [Coach Lebbey]. I committed to him a very long time ago. We've been talking about times like this. It's just a blessing to be able to be here and go out and do what I was promising. Do what we both said we were promising to do together."