



ARKANSAS STATE POSTGAME NOTES

Arkansas State at Washington | September 18, 2021 | Husky Stadium

TEAM:

- Senior DE **Joe Ozougwu**, senior RB **Alan Lamar** and sophomore DE TW Ayers were A-State team captains and represented the Red Wolves at midfield for the coin toss.
- Senior S **Elery Alexander** made his first start of the season.

OFFENSE:

- Junior quarterback **James Blackman** made the start at quarterback, completing 16 of 38 for 176 yards.
- Freshman running back **Lincoln Pare** hauled in a career-high 7 passes for 69 yards, also a career high.
- Freshman wide receiver **David Clayton** caught his first career pass for 12 yards.

DEFENSE:

- Sophomore cornerback **Leon Jones** registered his first career interception.
- Senior safety **Elery Alexander** forced his second career fumble . . . It was his first forced fumble since October 22, 2020 at Appalachian State . . . It is his third-straight game with a turnover gained . . . He finished with a game-high 10 tackles, tying his career high.
- Senior linebacker **Jeffmario Brown** registered his first career interception.
- Freshman safety **Taylon Doss** recorded a career-high 8 tackles.
- Sophomore **Melique Straker** made his A-State debut, tallying 6 tackles.
- A-State has gained two or more turnovers in all three games this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS:

- Freshman punter **Ryan Hanson** set a career high with 408 yards on nine punts . . . His previous high was 261 yards on seven punts against Memphis last week . . . Of his nine punts, he placed four inside the opponent's 20-yard line surpassing his season total entering the contest.
- Junior kicker **Blake Grupe** converted his 50th career field goal . . . With the conversion in the third quarter, he has 290 points by kicking and passes Josh Arauco (288 | 2006-09) for second-most in program history . . . He passes Arauco for the third-most points scored in program history behind RB Richie Voit (342 | 1950-53) and K Brian Davis (326 | 2010-13).