



ARKANSAS STATE POSTGAME NOTES

Arkansas State vs Troy | October 26, 2024 | Centennial Bank Stadium

TEAM

- Senior OL **Jacob Bayer**, senior LB **Justin Parks**, senior LB **Charles Willekes** and sophomore QB **Jaylen Raynor** were A-State team captains and represented the Red Wolves at midfield for the coin toss.
- Senior DE **Ethan Hassler** made his eighth career start, first of the season, giving the Red Wolves 36 different starters this season - 17 on offense and 19 on defense.
- With season debuts by senior DE **Ethan Hassler** and sophomore LS **Drew Nicholson**, A-State has seen 79 players appear in a game this season with 65 percent (51) of those players in their first or second year in the program.
- Head Coach **Butch Jones** picks up his 100th career win becoming the 17th active head coach with 100 or more wins at the FBS level.
- A-State has five or more wins over the first eight games played for the first time since 2017 ... It is the first time the Red Wolves have three conference wins in its first four league games since starting 4-0 in 2017.
- The Red Wolves win their sixth consecutive home game for the longest home win streak since an eight game streak spanning the 2016-17 seasons.

OFFENSE:

- A-State drove 99 yards for a touchdown, its longest yardage scoring drive since a 99-yard drive against Texas State in 2019.
- The Red Wolves rushed for 185 yards, the third consecutive outing with 150-plus rushing yards ... A-State moves to 4-1 this season and 10-4 over the last two seasons when rushing for 100 or more yards.
- Senior RB **Zak Wallace** rushed for three touchdowns, his 13th career game with multiple rushing scores including his time at UT Martin (2019-22) ... He is the first A-State player with three rushing scores since Ja'Quez Cross had three against Texas State on Nov. 18, 2023 ... It was his second game with multiple rushing scores this season and sixth in his two years with A-State ... He has totaled 43 career rushing touchdowns and is among 15 active NCAA players, across all divisions, with 43 or more career rushing scores.
- Junior WR **Corey Rucker** posted his 10th career game with 100 or more receiving yards ... He totaled a career high 12 receptions for a season-high 193 yards... With those 12 receptions, he is now tied with Robert Kilow (1998-00) for the fifth-most career receptions with 158.
- Sophomore QB **Jaylen Raynor** rushed for 71 yards on 12 carries, his third game this season with 70 or more rushing yards ... He finished 25-of-40 passing for a season-high 349 yards and his fifth career outing with 300-plus passing yards.

DEFENSE:

- A-State forced multiple turnovers in a game for the fourth time this season and second consecutive game ... The Red Wolves have 11 interceptions this season by seven different players ... Those 11 interceptions over eight games played are most since the 2015 squad had 16 picks.
- Senior LB **Charles Willekes** forced his second career fumble, first since last season at Troy (Oct. 7, 2023).
- Senior LB **Marvin Ham** recovered his second fumble of the season and his career ... It is his second fumble recovery in as many games ... He finished the game with nine tackles, including two tackles for loss, his third outing with two or more TFLs this season.
- Senior CB **Jordan Mahoney** snagged his first interception as a Red Wolf and fourth of his career ... His last interception came against Buffalo on Oct. 15, 2022 while playing for UMass.
- Sophomore S **Websley Etienne** grabbed his second interception of the season and his career ... He finished with a career-high seven tackles for the second consecutive game.
- Senior LB **Justin Parks** tallied a team-high 10 tackles for his fourth career game with 10 or more tackles, third this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS:

- Sophomore K **Clune Van Andel** has converted 14 consecutive field goals, second-most in program history ... His 14 consecutive makes are the most since Josh Arauco made 15 consecutive in 2008 ... His 17 field goals made this season are tied for the fifth most in a single season ... He converted a career-long 46-yard field goal in the third quarter ... He has scored 14 or more points in back-to-back games, tied for the seventh-most in a single game.
- Freshman K **Clayton Amaya** booted five of eight kickoffs into the end zone for touchbacks ... Of his last 29 kickoffs, 18 have been touchbacks.