



## ARKANSAS STATE POSTGAME NOTES

Arkansas State vs Tulsa | September 7, 2024 | Centennial Bank Stadium

### TEAM

- Senior OL **Jacob Bayer**, junior S **Justin Parks**, senior S **Trevian Thomas** and sophomore QB **Jaylen Raynor** were A-State team captains and represented the Red Wolves at midfield for the coin toss.
- Sophomore TE **Tyler Little** and senior DE **Bryan Whitehead** each made their first starts for A-State ... Through two games, 10 different players have made their first starts for A-State, five on offense and five on defense.
- A-State opens a season 2-0 for the first time since 2008, the inaugural season as Red Wolves, and for the second time since joining the FBS level in 1992.
- The Red Wolves have won four consecutive home games (dating back to last season) for the first time since a five-game streak spanning the 2019-20 seasons.

### OFFENSE:

- Sophomore QB **Jaylen Raynor** passed for two scores and rushed for another, his second consecutive game with a passing and rushing score and fourth of his career ... Raynor finished 21-of-32 passing for 255 yards while rushing for 73 yards and 19 rushes ... His 73 rush yards were the second-most of his career behind the 97 against Southern Miss last season ... A-State improved to 4-0 when Raynor rushes and passes for a touchdown in the same game.
- Senior WR **Adam Jones** hauled in his third career touchdown reception, a 35-yard score in the first quarter ... It was his first TD catch since Sept. 30, 2023, at UMass.
- Senior WR **Reagan Ealy** had career highs with six receptions covering 68 yards.
- Junior WR **Corey Rucker** had four catches for 60 yards and a score giving him a touchdown reception in back-to-back games ... It marked his 12th career outing with a touchdown reception ... Rucker moves two catches shy of 10th in career receptions while he ranks fourth in touchdown catches (18) and sixth in receiving yards (2,223).

### DEFENSE:

- Senior S **Justin Parks** forced a fumble for the first time in his career and finished with a career-high 12 tackles ... It was his second career game with double-digit tackles after logging 10 against Coastal Carolina last season.
- Senior S **Trevian Thomas** snagged his fourth career interception.
- Senior LB **Charles Willekes** registered 10 tackles for his fourth career game with double-digit tackles, his first since having 12 stops at ULM last season.
- Senior DE **Bryan Whitehead** was credited with a career-high 1.5 tackles for loss to go with four quarterback hurries.

**SPECIAL TEAMS:**

- Senior PR **Courtney Jackson** returned a punt 77 yards for a touchdown, his third career punt returned for a score ... The 77-yard return was the longest by an A-State player since Kevin Jones' 89-yard return for a touchdown against Memphis in 2007.
- Senior P **Ryan Heicher** had four punts travel a total of 175 yards for an average of 43.8 yards ... He logged a season-best long punt of 49 yards and had one punt land inside the 20-yard line.