

Both A-State basketball teams lose against UT Arlington

Men's basketball team wins first game but loses second by one point

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Friday and Saturday the women's basketball team traveled to UT Arlington but came back empty-handed with two losses. The Red Wolves are learning to adjust without one of their key players Jireh Washington who has been out since last week due to injury. The Red Wolves now have a 4 game losing streak.

The first of the two games took place on Friday with an ending score of 62-43. Two A-State players were able to score into double digits but it wasn't enough to keep up with Arlington who outscored A-State by 17 points in the second quarter. In the third quarter, both teams managed to score 14 points each but UT Arlington remained up by 14 points at the end. The Red Wolves were faced with a lot of adversity within the third quarter with live-ball turnovers and other challenges. During the game Peyton Martin became the 16th player in program history to be in the 1000 points and 500 rebound club.

Saturday the second match for the Red Wolves was much closer in score but still ultimately ended in another loss for A-State with an ending score of 80-71. Again two Red Wolves players scored in the

double digits with Jada Stinson able to score 24 points tying her career-high. After this weekend Morgan Wallace leads all guards in defensive rebounds for the Sun Belt Conference.

Next week the Red Wolves will head down to Louisiana to play in the Cajundome against the Ragin' Cajuns. The Red Wolves already played the Ragin' Cajuns earlier in the season. Both games ended in a loss for A-State. The first game will be held on Friday at 6 p.m. with the second game following on Saturday at 4 p.m. Both games will be broadcasted on espn+.

Men's basketball team

The men's basketball team played at home against UT Arlington. The first game was a win for the Red Wolves but the second game ended in a crushing loss. The games took place over Friday and Saturday with the Red Wolves playing well.

The Red Wolves were able to get a 83-75 win against UT Arlington on their first game against UT Arlington. The Red Wolves fought hard for this win. Originally A-State was not in the lead in the first half of the game but ended up tying with 68 points at the end of the second half. The game went into overtime where the Red Wolves were able to score 15 points. Just enough to score an exciting win for the men's basketball team. Not only a good win for

the team as a whole but for individual players as well. Four players for A-State were able to score in double digits.

The second game for the men's team ended in a loss for the Red Wolves with UT Arlington winning with a one point advantage 65-64 was the ending score. In the first game on Friday A-state was not originally in the lead but fought back earning them an impressive win. A-State originally was leading the second game.

"Well if you look at yesterday it is completely one spectrum to another yesterday we didn't have the lead at all and we fought back to get the lead last minute," head coach Mike Baldado said. "This game we had the lead the whole game. And then they came back and made some tough shots so it's a tale of two games but at the same time if you want to be a good team you gotta learn how to win. Fight back if you're down and sustain leads if you're up. You know and for the most part we had the lead pretty much the entire game."

The men will return to action against the Ragin' Cajuns next Friday and Saturday. The first game will be on Friday at 6 p.m. with the second game following on Saturday at 4 p.m. Both games will be broadcasted on espn+.

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Keyon Wesley, Junior, scored 23 total points total points against UT Arlington.

Taylor Davis reflects on bowling career

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Taylor Davis, a star senior on Arkansas State Women's Bowling team tells me all about herself, her final season, her expectations and goals furthering graduation.

Davis, who is originally from Burton, Michigan says she got into bowling because her father was a manager at one of the bowling alleys in her hometown. "I would go to work with

him every day, and practice any chance I got to get better, eventually joining bowling leagues," Davis recalled.

Coming out of high school, Taylor says the reason she chose A-State was because it was where she felt most comfortable. "I felt most comfortable coming to Arkansas State because of the fact that a lot of people from my hometown was already on the Bowling team here, and it made my decision a lot easier."

In her freshman season, she bowled in 39 traditional

matches and recorded a total pinfall of 7,531 for a 193.10 per match.

Ranking eighth in Southland in individual frame percentage at 85.6% and also ranking 11th in the Southland conference in individual scoring an average after bowling 1,152 frames knocking down an 19.769 average. In 2019, during her sophomore season she was selected to compete at the 2019 tournament of the Americans after finishing second place at the U20 Girls Junior Gold

Tournament.

Davis also says she was honorable mention for All American in her sophomore season.

During her junior season, she says making third-team All American again and qualifying for Team USA was her biggest accomplishment of 2020.

"Due to everyone not being able to have the resources to bowl because of COVID-19 restrictions we were not anticipating on performing 100% our first tournament back in season. After our last tournament, I feel like we learned a lot being that we did not do very good on our spare

shooting. We focused on that this past week and we went out and competed to the best of our abilities." Says Davis.

Plans on taking a gap year, after her senior year is what Davis explains that she feels is best for her to do in order to focus on getting into Physical Assistant school.

In the upcoming months for the rest of her bowling season,

Davis says that "They will continue to practice and stay consistent with knowing each other's games and strengthening the communication they have with one another during the game."

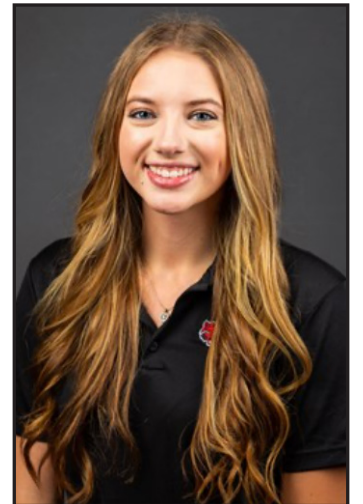


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Bowling team member, Taylor Davis.

Track and field hosts successful invitational

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Sunday the track and field team competed in their second Invitational for the 2021 season. Arkansas State hosted the Scarlet and Black invitational at the First National Bank Arena to compete against 5 different teams. 19 A-State men and women were able to mark their collegiate best, an overall strong performance by the Red Wolves.

Many A-State athletes were very successful and nine were able to score victories. Currently the Red Wolves occupy 29 Top 3 spots in the current Sun Belt Conference rankings in their

respective events. 14 of the 29 athletes are ranked first. Pole vaulter Lauren Beauchamp's jump on Sunday was the highest in the Sun Belt Conference since May 2018. Beauchamp cleared 3.97 meters earning her the number four spot in program history. Following behind her was Avery Shell in second place at the meet with 3.67 meters.

A-State Red Wolves also earned titles in three out of the four horizontal jumps. Imani Udoumana won the women's triple jump with 12.53 meters her personal best, earning her the third spot in school history. Johnnaya Givens ranked behind her in third at the invitational.

The A-State men also

performed well on Sunday. The first victory of the day was in the men's weight throw event with A-State's Aimar Palma Simo winning first place. Royce Fisher earned first place spot in the 3000m following behind him in second was Ethan Mychajlonka. In the mile run Red Wolves claimed first place with Coleman Wilson finishing with 4:25:42 time. A-State also had athletes in first place in the men's long jump, weight throw and 55 meter hurdles. Eric Williams ranked number 10 in school history with 16.64 meters.

The track and field team will be back in action next Sunday at the Jaguar Invitational in Birmingham, Alabama.



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Pole Vaulter Lauren Beauchamp secures first place on Sunday. Beauchamp also ranks number 4 in program history.