

Morgan Wallace returns for another season at Arkansas State

On March 17 it was announced that Wallace will return while teammate Peyton Martin entered the transfer portal.

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Women's basketball athlete Morgan Wallace announced she'd be coming back for another season with the Red Wolves on March 17 via the basketball team's official Twitter.

Wallace is a key player for the Red Wolves, she led A-State in rebounds in the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 seasons paired with a multitude of other achievements.

"I was sitting in the locker room after the last game of the season and just knew this wasn't my last game," Wallace said in an open letter posted to the team's Twitter. "I knew I couldn't go out this way. I came here to accomplish something special, and that mission isn't complete yet."

Wallace has achieved a lot in her time so far at A-State. In her freshman year, Wallace appeared in 20 games and started in eight. She averaged 6.7 points a game and scored a season-high of 20 points against ULM while also being named to the Athletic Director's Honor Roll. Wallace led all freshmen on the team in points per game as well as assists.

Continuing the momentum, in Wallace's sophomore year she appeared in 26 games and started in 24 of them.

Wallace also scored in double digits ten times and finished with a season-high 11 rebounds twice.

During Wallace's junior year there was a coaching change. Arkansas State switched from former head coach Brian Boyer to current head coach Matt Daniel as well as switching assistant coaches.

"I experienced a coaching change and really wrestled internally what to do," Wallace's open letter said. "In two short years, this had become home. Should I stay? Or should I transfer? It became clear after meeting Coach Daniel, staying at Arkansas State was the right decision for me."

Daniel is entering his third year as head coach for the Red Wolves. Daniel is the program's seventh coach.

"Often coaches just expect you to understand that they love you," Wallace's letter said. "But here, they actually show it. They care about us and want what is best for us."

In her junior year with a new head coach, Wallace not only led the team in rebound, she also posted three straight double-doubles, scored into double digits in 18 games, scored career-high 15 rebounds, and earned a career-high score of 21 points in-game.

Last season, Wallace's senior year, she played in 18 games. Wallace was a team leader in minutes played per game as well as rebounds. She averaged 9.2 points per game and was able to achieve her career



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Senior Morgan Wallace is returning for another season with the Red Wolves. Wallace led last season for A-State in rebounds.

500 rebound mark this year. Now the Red Wolves are preparing for next season. Last season the team was 9-12 overall and 4-10 in conference games. Arkansas State's 2021-2022 season roster currently has 14 players including

six players Daniel has signed. "I'm excited to see what God has in store," Wallace's open letter said. "This is a special place, filled with special people, and we have something special we will accomplish next season." While Wallace decided to

stay, her teammate Peyton Martin announced that she had entered the transfer portal. Martin played in 21 games this season, starting in 15, and averaged 11.2 points. Martin also became the 16th player in program history to

score 1,000 points and 500 rebounds. Martin had made 2019's All-Sun Belt Conference third team. In the 2019-2020 season Martin played in 28 games and averaged 12.5 points and 5.8 rebounds.

Baseball team competes over spring break

The Red Wolves play against Illinois State in three game series



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The Arkansas State baseball team played three games over spring break in a three game non-conference series against Illinois State Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Coming off a win against Murray State, The Red Wolves traveled to Illinois State. The Red Wolves were not able to keep up with Illinois State in the first of the three games. The first game ended in a 6-3 loss for the Red Wolves. The second game was much closer in score with a 9-10 loss due to the game being stopped due to rain.

The Red Wolves but they were able to come back with a win in the third and final game in a 13-6 final score. Garrett Olson led the Red Wolves with 3 runs followed behind him by Drew Tipton and Jaylon Deshazier with 2. This was also A-States seasons best with 19 hits in the game. The Red Wolves are looking to take on Little Rock in a conference three game series. Little Rock is currently 3-0 in conference games while A-State is 0-3. The Trojans overall are 11-8 while the Red Wolves are 5-14.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday:

- The baseball team will play a home game against Little Rock at Tomlinson Stadium-Kell Field at 6 p.m.

Friday:

- The baseball team has their second home game against Little Rock at 6 p.m.
- The track and field team will compete at the UAB invite in Birmingham, Alabama.
- The volleyball team will play against Kansas at Lawrence, Kansas at 4 p.m.
- The soccer team will have a game at Ole Miss at 6 p.m. that will be broadcast on SEC Network+.

Saturday:

- Baseball will play the third and final home game against Little Rock at 1 p.m.
- The track and field team will compete again on the second day at the UAB invite.
- The Volleyball team will compete against Kansas at 1 p.m.

Monday:

- Men's golf will be competing at the Bayou City Classic in Houston, Texas.

Tuesday:

- Men's Golf will be competing on the second day of the Bayou City Classic.
- The baseball team will play against Central Arkansas at 6 p.m.