

Red Wolves fail to comeback against Tulsa



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The Arkansas State Red Wolves finish their game against Tulsa in a final score of 41-34.

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SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

The Arkansas State Red Wolves fell to 1-3 against the Tulsa Golden Hurricanes, failing to erase a 17 point deficit in the second half. With a final score of 41-34, the red wolves gave the hurricanes their first win of the season. Early in the game, A-State looked to have the momentum after forcing Tulsa to punt out of their own end zone on their first drive. This punt was returned for a 63-yard touchdown by junior running back Johnnie Lang. This momentum carried on for the rest of the first quarter, as A-State had a 14-7 lead heading into the second.

Tulsa responded with a dominating offensive performance. They scored an unanswered 17 points to close the half. In the second half, the red wolves crawled back into the game. On two occasions, A-State was within one score of tying the game. The defense struggled to stop the Hurricanes, allowing another 20 points in the remaining two quarters. In Tulsa's three games prior to beating Arkansas State, they were only scoring an average of 20 points the entire game. The recipe for this barrage of scoring was a well-balanced and efficient offense. Tulsa finished the game with 355 passing yards and 308 rushing yards. Tulsa's quarterback Davis Brin was incredibly efficient with a

68 completion percentage at 14.2 yards per pass attempt. Brin did not spread the ball much, as only four different Hurricanes caught a ball. His favorite target, senior wide receiver Josh Johnson, racked up nine catches for 127 yards. Tulsa also dominated at the line of scrimmage. The Hurricanes had two running backs rush for over 100 yards and a touchdown. Senior running back Shamari Brooks was the workhorse on the ground with 155 rushing yards on 22 carries. Despite Brooks taking a majority of the carries, sophomore running back Anthony Watkins was still able to amass 115 yards on only seven attempts. This dominant performance kept the red wolves from getting

the ball back late in the game, as the Hurricanes ran the clock out to end the game after a long drive that had them at Arkansas State's five yard line. Had the defense been able to get a stop, the James Blackmon led offense would've had an opportunity to either tie or win the game. The Red Wolves could not find the same success in the ground game. Arkansas State ended the game with only 38 total rushing yards. "It's a line of scrimmage game," said head coach Butch Jones. "When you can't stop the run and you can't run the football, it's really hard to win football games." This failure to run the ball combined with Tulsa's quick scoring forced the

Red wolves offense to commit to passing the football. Junior quarterback James Blackmon threw 37 attempts for 321 yards and two touchdowns. Blackmon also threw an interception. The red wolves spread the ball in the air, as ten different players caught a pass. Blackmon connected with freshman wide receiver Corey Rucker four times for 115 receiving yards. Heading into their first Sun Belt Conference game, the red wolves seem to be on the right track according to Butch Jones. "I thought this football team made a monumental change this week," said Jones "I'm hoping that when we start Sun Belt play at Georgia Southern next Saturday that this leads to some momentum."

A-State will return to action at Georgia Southern at 3:00 PM on October 2, hoping to kick off their first game of conference play with a win. **Special Teams Spectacular**
The score of 41-34 gives the impression that the offense was more successful than it actually was. Two touchdowns came from the special teams. Johnnie Lang had his aforementioned punt return touchdown to start the game. Senior running back Alan Lamar also scored a return touchdown on a kick-off. Lamar ended the game with 178 return yards. This earned Lamar the honor of Sun Belt Conference Special Teams Player of the Week. Late in the game, red wolf kicker Blake Grupe made a 50 yard field goal to put Arkansas State within one score of the Hurricanes. This field goal set a personal record for the junior kicker, as it is his farthest kick of his college career. Grupe ended the game two for two on field goals and four for four on point after touchdowns. "I thought we played exceptionally well on special teams," said Butch Jones. "It gave us an opportunity to win."

What's next:

Opponent:
Georgia Southern

Kickoff: 4:00 p.m.
Oct. 2

Tune in: ESPN+,
EAB Red Wolves
Sports Network

BASEBALL ALUMNI WEEKEND

NOVEMBER 5-6, 2021

<p>FRIDAY, NOV. 5</p> <p>BASEBALL SCRIMMAGE & SOCIAL</p> <p>RED WOLVES FALL WORLD SERIES GAME</p> <p>TIME: 6:00 P.M.</p> <p>TOMLINSON STADIUM-KELL FIELD</p> <p>A-STATE BASEBALL ALUMNI SOCIAL AT BARTON'S DECK</p>	<p>SATURDAY, NOV. 6</p> <p>ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT</p> <p>SAGE MEADOWS COUNTRY CLUB (JONESBORO, ARK.)</p> <p>REGISTRATION: 7:30 A.M.</p> <p>8 A.M. SHOTGUN START</p> <p>COST: \$100 PER PLAYER/\$400 PER FOURSOME</p>
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The Baseball team will hold its annual Alumni weekend Nov 5-6. All former players and their families are welcome.

Volleyball is officially 10-4 for the season

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The Volleyball Team officially started their season on August 27 against UT Martin at the A-State Invitational. Since then the womens team has officially earned 10-4 for the season. The volleyball team will return to action on Oct 1 against South Alabama at a home game scheduled for 6 p.m.



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The Arkansas State Red Wolves will begin their season on November 9 at a home game at the First National Bank Arena.

Women's basketball non-conference slate

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for purchase online as well by phone by calling 870-972-2401.

2021-22 Arkansas State Women's Basketball Schedule

Following the announcement of the finalized men's basketball non-conference slate the women's team announced their finalized non-conference slate in the 2021-22 basketball schedule.

Under their third season under head coach Matt Daniel the women's team will kick off the season Tuesday, Nov. 9th against Central Baptist College. This will be the third year in a row A-State has opened the season hosting Central Baptist College. The basketball team will have 29 total games with 16 of those being Sun Belt Conference games. 15 of the 29 games will be hosted at home at the First National Bank arena.

A-State is opening up the league play on Dec 30. At Georgia Southern. Season tickets are still available

- **Tues, Nov. 9 Central Baptist College**
- Fri, Nov 12 at Oklahoma
- **Mon, Nov 15 Mcneese State**
- **Fri, Nov 19 Arkansas**
- Mon, Nov 22 Southeast Missouri State
- **Tues, Nov 23 University of the Ozarks**
- Sat, Nov 27 Oral Roberts
- Sun, Nov 28 Abilene Christian
- **Thurs, Dec 2 Northwest-**

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| - Wed, Dec 8 At Utah State | - Sat, Jan 22 Troy |
| - Tues, Dec 14 Mississippi Valley State | - Thurs, Jan 27 UT Arlington |
| - Sun, Dec. 19 Hendrix | - Sat, Jan 29 Texas State |
| - Wed, Dec 22 SIU Edwardsville | - Thurs, Feb 3 ULM |
| - Thurs, Dec 30 Georgia Southern | - Sat, Feb 5 Louisiana |
| - Sat, Jan 1 Georgia State | - Sat, Feb 12 Little Rock |
| - Thurs, Jan 6 Louisiana | - Sat, Feb 19 Little Rock |
| - Sat, Jan 8 ULM | - Thurs, Feb 24 Texas State |
| - Thurs, Jan 13 Appalachian State | - Sat, Feb 26 UT Arlington |
| - Sat, Jan 15 Coastal Carolina | - Wed-Mon, March 2-7 Sun Belt Conference Tournament (Pensacola, Fla.) |
| - Thurs, Jan 20 South | (Bold indicates home game) |

Red Wolves finish second day of Johnie Imes Invitational at fourth place



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The A-State women's golf team finish sixth after the opening round at the Johnie Imes Invitational. On the second day the Red Wolves were able to climb to fourth place.

Upcoming Events:

Friday, Oct 1:

- Women's Tennis will compete at UCA's 2nd Fall Invitational
- Cross Country will compete at the Chile Pepper Festival in Fayetteville Arkansas.
- The volleyball team will play against South Alabama in Jonesboro, Arkansas at 6 p.m.
- Soccer team will play at San Marcos against Texas State at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct 2:

- Womens Tennis will compete on day two of the UCA's 2nd Fall Invitational.
- Men's Golf will compete at Rich Harvest Farms Intercollegiate meet at Sugar Grove, Ill.
- Football will play against Georgia Southern at 4 p.m.
- Volleyball will play against Troy at Jonesboro, Arkansas 6 p.m.

Sunday, Oct 3:

- Men's Golf will compete on day two of the Rich Harvest Farms Intercollegiate meet.
- Soccer will compete at Lafayette against Louisiana at 1 p.m.

Monday, Oct 4:

- Men's Golf will compete on day three of the Rich Harvest Farms Intercollegiate meet.

Tuesday, Oct 5:

- The volleyball Team will compete against Little Rock at 6 p.m.