

Arkansas State is on a four game losing streak



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The Arkansas State Red Wolves finish their game against Georgia Southern in a final score of 59-33.

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The Red Wolves opened Sun Belt Conference play with a 59-33 loss against the Georgia Southern Eagles. This loss drops A-State to 1-4, after losing four straight games.

In their last four losses, the A-State defense has allowed an average of over 51 points per game. The 59 points allowed marks a new low for the defense, as that is the most they have given up all season.

Through the air, the Eagles were quiet, only throwing the ball 13 times throughout the entire game for only 37 yards. Instead, they owe their offensive success to their dominant

run game. Georgia Southern rushed for an alarming 503 yards and seven touchdowns on 50 carries. To put that into perspective, the Eagles averaged a first down every time they handed the ball off. Running back Logan Wright led the way with just ten carries for 208 yards and two touchdowns.

This explosion of offense came after Georgia Southern fired their now former head coach Chad Lunsford after dropping to 1-3 against the Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns the previous game. Cornerback Kevin Whitley took over as interim head coach for the remainder of the season.

Much like last week's game against the Tulsa Golden Hurricanes, A-State found success

early on. The Red Wolves were able to tie the game in the second quarter with a passing touchdown by junior quarterback James Blackman, making it 10-10. The Eagles quickly took the lead once again with a rushing touchdown by sophomore running back Gerald Green. A-State was unable to respond on their next offensive possession, as Blackman threw his first of three interceptions on the day.

Following the pick, the A-State defense stopped Georgia Southern's offense, forcing them to punt out of their own endzone. The special team's punt unit took advantage of this rare occurrence by forcing a blocked punt that bounced out of bounds for a safety.

The Red Wolf offense con-

tinued to seize the momentum by getting into the red zone in just four plays. Capping off a 53-yard drive, Blackman found freshman wide receiver Corey Rucker for a 19-yard touchdown. This score had the red wolves taking a 19-17 lead.

Unfortunately, A-State's offense could not keep up with the pace of Georgia Southern's scoring. The Eagles went on 35 to zero run that was not ended until sophomore backup quarterback Layne Hatcher entered the game. Hatcher concluded a 75-yard drive with a passing touchdown to senior wide receiver Dahu Green to make the score 52-26.

A-State's defense held well on the next drive, forcing a three and out by the offense.

Georgia Southern then elected to punt, giving the ball back to the now Hatcher-led offense.

Hatcher continued to be efficient by pushing the ball down the field. It took just over a minute for Hatcher to find the endzone with a 13-yard passing touchdown to freshman running back Lincoln Pare.

Ultimately, Hatcher was unable to get the Red Wolves back into the game. A-State allowed one more rushing touchdown to bring the final score to 59-33.

Blackman and Hatcher combined for 61 passing attempts, 443 passing yards, and four touchdowns. The two quarterbacks also combined for four interceptions, with one of Blackman's being returned for a touchdown.

This high passing volume and lack of a run game have been the trend over the past few weeks. The team's last rushing touchdown came against Memphis on a run by quarterback Layne Hatcher.

It's been even longer since a running back has ran the ball for a score. Senior running back Alan Lamar rushed for the last touchdown by a running back in week one against the Central Arkansas Bears.

The A-State Red Wolves will look to put this loss behind them, along with the three-game road tour that dropped them to 1-4 overall and 0-1 in the Sun Belt Conference.

A-State perhaps has their toughest opponent of the season ahead of them, as they will play the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers at home. Coastal Carolina is ranked fifteenth in the AP's top 25 national rankings, making them the highest ever ranked opponent to play in Centennial Bank Stadium. Looking to avoid an 0-2 start in conference play, the Red Wolves hope to secure a massive upset win on national television this Thursday at 6:30 PM.

What's next:

Opponent:
Coastal Carolina

Kickoff: 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 2

Tune in: ESPNU,
EAB Red Wolves
Sports Network

Women's Soccer five game winning streak comes to a halt



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The Arkansas State Red Wolves five game winning streak comes to a halt after a 2-1 game against the Ragin' Cajuns. The Red Wolves officially drop to 6-4-1 and 3-1-0 in conference games.

A-State men's golf team finishes tournament in 12th



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A-State finishes at Rich Harvest Farms Intercollegiate. The men's golf team will return to Oct. 11.

12 Arkansas State - 292-294-281=867 (+3)
T10 Luka Naglic - 74-70-68=212 (-4)
T14 Lucas Cena - 71-71-71=213 (-3)
T31 Chris Rahm - 73-75-69=217 (+1)
T37 Devyn Pappas* - 72-75-71=218 (+2)
T67 Felix Krammer - 74-79-74=227 (+11)
T72 Jack Madden - 78-78-73=229 (+13)

A-State posts eight personal bests Seven out of eight personal bests A-States women set

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A-State cross country athletes competed at Fayetteville Arkansas at the Chile Pepper Festival. The women's team finished 8th overall and the men's 11th. A-State will compete again Oct. 15.



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The ASU cross country team competed at the Chile Pepper Festival.

- Women's 5K Results**
Team Results
1. No. 10 Arkansas - 45 points
 2. Tulsa - 132
 3. Augustana - 185
 4. Nebraska - 187
 5. LSU - 191
 6. Colorado School of Mines - 205
 7. CSU-Pueblo - 206
 8. Arkansas State - 255
 9. Western Colorado - 267
 10. Long Beach State - 309
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 12. UT Arlington - 336
 14. Northern Colorado - 441
 15. Texas Tech - 482
 16. Central Arkansas - 505
 22. Stephen F. Austin - 622
 24. ULM - 672
- Women's Individual Results**
4. Pauline Meyer, 16:58.6* (4 points); 43. Elizabeth Mar-

- tin, 17:48.9* (43 points); 48. Sophie Leathers, 17:53.4* (48 points); 74. Ellie Albrecht, 18:12.2* (72 points); 93. Sophia Oury, 18:29.4 (87 points); 128. Kayla Wade, 18:49.3*; 150. Sarah Trammel, 18:59.5*; 186. Marina McDonough, 19:21.7; 196. Hannah McLaughlin, 19:27.3*

- Men's 8K Results**
Team Results
1. Colorado School of Mines - 39 points
 2. Augustana - 131
 3. Western Colorado - 178
 4. No. 8 Arkansas - 192
 - 4*. Alabama-Huntsville - 192
 6. LSU - 235
 7. Oklahoma City - 297
 8. Central Arkansas - 305
 9. Nebraska - 346
 10. Texas State - 350
 11. Arkansas State - 372
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 14. Sam Houston State - 448
 15. Texas Tech - 467
 19. UT Arlington - 518
 24. Stephen F. Austin - 633
 28. North Texas - 721
 34. ULM - 986

- Men's Individual Results**
51. Dawson Mayberry, 25:12.5* (43 points); 68. Nathan Herbst, 25:25.2^ (55 points); 92. Seth Waters, 25:43.9^ (75 points); 108. Ryan Parson, 25:52.7^(90 points); 130. Coleman Wilson, 26:09.6 (109 points); 182. John Carder, 26:44.6



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The Arkansas State Red Wolves women's tennis team takes on the UCA 2nd Fall Invitational

Arkansas State's women's tennis finishes competing at UCA 2nd Fall Invitational

The Arkansas State Women's Golf team competed in the UCA 2nd Fall Invitational on Monday. Freshman Sofia Vdovychenko won her singles match as well as Sophomore Rebecca Brody. A-State was contingent six for the event. The Tennis team will return to action on Oct. 21 in Iowa City.

- Day one Results**
- Flight 4 Singles**
- Sofia Vdovychenko def Aleks Topalovic (Austin Peay) 6-4, 6-2
 - Sofia Vdovychenko lost to Mariella Minetti (Northwestern State) 0-6, 1-6
 - Sofia Vdovychenko def Lara Unkovich (Louisiana Tech) 6-1, 6-0

- Flight 6 singles**
- Rebecca Brody def Teona Velkoska (Semo) 6-2, 6-3
 - Rebecca Brody lost to Alexia Romero (Louisiana Tech) 3-6, 4-6
 - Rebecca Brody def Kate Miley (Missouri State) 7-5, 7-6 (2)
- Flight 7 Singles**
- Yasmine Humbert Lost to Lera Valeeva (Semo) 1-6, 6-7 (6)

- Yasmine Humbert def Thitirat Kanaphuet (NSU) 6-1, 7-5
 - Yasmine Humbert lost to Manuela Barriga (Semo) 6-2, 5-7, 8-10
- Flight 1 Doubles**
- Vdovychenko / Humbert Def Piskulic/Jarmond 6-3
 - Vdovychenko/Humbert lost to Xin/Nonoyama 4-6

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, Oct. 7

- The Football team will play Coastal Carolina at Centennial Bank Stadium at 6:30 p.m.

- Women's soccer will play against ULM at a home game at 1 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 8

- Women's tennis will play at the Georgia Southern Fall Shootout at Statesboro, Georgia.

- Volleyball will play Louisiana at Lafayette Louisiana at 6 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 9

- Women's tennis will compete on the second day of the Georgia Southern Fall Shootout.

Sunday, Oct. 10

- Women's tennis will compete on the third day of the Georgia Southern Fall Shootout.

- Volleyball will compete again at ULM again at 11 a.m.

- Women's soccer will compete at Little Rock at 6 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 11

- Men's golf will compete at the Bubba Barnett Intercollegiate in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

- Women's golf will compete at the Lady Red Wolves Classic in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Tuesday, Oct. 12

- Men's golf will have the second day of the Bubba Barnett Intercollegiate.

- Women's golf will have the second day at the Lady Red Wolves Classic.