

Sports

Arkansas State falls to South Alabama

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SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

The A-State Red Wolves lost to the South Alabama Jaguars on the road with a score of 31-13. This marks the seventh total and straight loss of the season for the Red Wolves. First-year head coach of the Red Wolves Butch Jones continues to search for his first win of Sunbelt Conference play.

"We did not execute as a football team. It's disappointing. It will not be tolerated. It's my job to make sure these things don't happen," Jones said.

To start the game, South Alabama scored a dominant 28 unanswered points. Senior quarterback Jake Bentley led the Jaguar offense, throwing for all four of the offense's touchdowns in the first half.

Bentley finished the day with 29 pass completions, 39 attempts, 251 yards, and the aforementioned four touchdowns.

Junior running back Terrion Avery led South Alabama's rushing attack with 22 carries for 113 yards. Sophomore running back Bryan Hill also had a 47-yard rush on his only attempt.

Junior wide receiver Jalen Tolbert was Bentley's favorite target, as he racked up the most catches, receiving yards, and touchdowns for South Alabama. Tolbert ended the game with eight catches, 94 yards, and two touchdown receptions.

South Alabama rushed for a total of 173 yards on 35 carries.

The A-State defense held the Jaguars to just three points in the second half, but the offense never found any sustained success.

"When you look at the second half, we gave up a total of 72 yards and three points. I thought we tackled better in space and we created negative yardage football plays. We

were able to get off the field on third down," Jones said.

Sophomore safety Jarirus Reimonenq and sophomore linebacker Jaden Harris each had 12 tackles on the game, tying for the lead.

Junior defensive linemen Kivon Bennett had the most sacks amongst Red Wolf defenders with 1.5 sacks.

Freshman cornerback Kenneth Harris had the only interception for A-State. Harris now has an interception in back-to-back games.

Sophomore quarterback Layne Hatcher completed 19 passes on 37 attempts for only 186 yards, averaging just above five yards per attempt. Hatcher did not throw a touchdown against the Jaguars defense. His poor day passing the football concluded with three total interceptions, despite throwing zero in his previous game against Louisiana.

Arkansas State failed to establish a strong run game against the Jaguars defensive front. Only rushing for 38 yards on 26 attempts, the Red Wolves ran for an average of less than two yards per carry.

This failure to run the football effectively has been a problem all season. A-State has averaged under three yards per carry and only scored three rushing touchdowns on the season. The three rushing touchdowns is tied for the least amount amongst the 130 Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) teams. A-State is also ranked 127th in rushing yards per game, averaging just above 80 yards.

Freshman running back Lincoln Pare led the team with eight carries for 32 yards.

Freshman wide receiver Corey Ruck and junior wide receiver Te'Vailance Hunt



Arkansas State lost against South Alabama 31-13.

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both racked up four receptions to lead the team. Ruckers finished with 67 receiving yards while Hunt had 46.

The Red Wolves ended the day without a single offensive touchdown, as the only touchdown came from senior running back Alan Lamar on a 100-yard kick return.

After the game, Lamar credited his teammates for this play.

"My guys did a great job blocking. All I had to do was break one tackle and make one cut and it was off to the races," Lamar said.

Lamar ended the day with 232 kick return yards, setting a school record at A-State for returning yards in a game.

Lamar also earned his second Sunbelt Conference Special Teams Player of the Week of the season. His performance against the Tulsa Golden Hurricanes in which he ran for 178 return yards and a touchdown earlier in the season earned him his first selection.

Lamar now has 922 kick return yards on the season. This statistic has him standing firmly in first place amongst FBS players, as he is 447 yards ahead of West Virginia's Winston Wright, who is in second place in the nation. Lamar is also tied for first place with two touchdowns on kick returns.

"We take great pride in our kickoff return. We challenged

them all week and they were able to provide a spark for us. Alan is just one of the individuals that is very consistent and extremely competitive. You know what you're getting every day with him," Jones said.

The Red Wolves will continue to fight for their first Sunbelt Conference win in their homecoming game against the Appalachian State Mountaineers. The Mountaineers are 6-2 on the season with three conference wins to one loss. The Mountaineers also have a losing record on the road, with one win to two losses.

What's Next:
Homecoming

Opponent:
Appalachian State

Kickoff: 1 p.m.

Where: Jonesboro

Watch: ESPN+

Pizza with the pack dates officially set

Lost Pizza Co.

ARKANSAS STATE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

PIZZA WITH THE PACK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - 6PM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29 - 6PM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13 - 6PM

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Women's basketball season begins November 9, when they will play against Central Baptist College as a part of their school day game tripleheader.

The game is set for 11 a.m. at the First National Bank Arena. The night before the game the women's basketball team will be hosting 'Pizza With The Pack' at 6 p.m. Fans and families are invited to join the program at Lost Pizza Co. On Hilltop.

The night will be filled with prizes and opportunities to chat with the team and ask Head Coach Matt Daniel questions.

A-State students will receive a discount at Pizza with the Pack.

Men's first basketball game ends in a victory



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The men's basketball team opened up their season with a home game on Monday.

The game was played on the new court at the First National Bank Arena, as well as the first game with the new mobile ticketing option.

The game against Blue Mountain College ended in a 72-66 win for the Red Wolves. Norchad Omier scored 22 points in game and recorded a double-double and grabbed 17 rebounds.

Following behind Omier the other top scorers in game included Malcolm Farrington with 15 points, Caleb Fields with 12 points and Christian Willis with 6 points.

Cross Country teams complete sweep over the weekend



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Both cross country teams completed a sweep over the weekend. This is the third time that the women's cross country team earned a championship title. This is the first time in program history for the men's cross country team.

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The Arkansas state cross country teams competed in the 2021 Sun Belt Conference Cross Country Championship Friday. It was a complete sweep for the Red Wolves. The women's team earned their third consecutive championship title and the men won their first in program history.

Women's team member Pauline Meyer set a meet record after finishing the women's 5K with a 16:51.5 time earning her the title of individual champion. Sophie Leathers and Sarah Trammel both earned their

personal best times at the meet.

Lexington Hilton led the Red Wolves in the top 5. Seth Waters also ran his personal best.

The teams will travel to Waco, Texas for the NCAA South Central Regional Championships Friday, Nov. 12.

Women's 5K Team Results

1. Arkansas State – 45 points
2. Appalachian State – 73
3. UT Arlington – 77
4. ULM – 121
5. Coastal Carolina – 136
6. South Alabama – 162
7. Troy – 179

8. Georgia State – 197
9. Texas State – 233
10. Little Rock – 237
11. Louisiana – 288
12. Georgia Southern – 297

Individual Results

1. Pauline Meyer, 16:51.5
3. Sophie Leathers, 17:38.1
8. Elizabeth Martin, 17:51.7
16. Sophia Oury, 18:19.2
17. Sarah Trammel, 18:21.2
18. Kayla Wade, 18:23.2
20. Ellie Albrecht, 18:27.4

Men's 8K Team Results

1. Arkansas State – 32 points
2. Appalachian State – 58

3. South Alabama – 69
4. Texas State – 101
5. UT Arlington – 134
6. Little Rock – 142
7. Coastal Carolina – 218
8. Troy – 234
9. Louisiana – 248
10. ULM – 254

Individual Results

2. Lexington Hilton, 24:01.0
4. Bennett Pascoe, 24:50.8
5. Seth Waters, 24:52.2
8. Coleman Wilson,
13. Nathan Herbst, 25:07.9
17. Dawson Mayberry, 25:29.1
24. Grayson Young, 26:00.1

Volleyball 3-0 sweep



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The Arkansas State volleyball team completed a complete sweep against ULM. The teams competed the night before Halloween at the First National Bank Arena.

The first game in the set ended with a 35-19 score. The second, 27-25. The third and final 25-15.

The team will then travel to Texas for their final regular-season road contests.

Baseball team to hold 2021 Fall World Series



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The baseball team will follow their fall practices with holding an intrasquad Fall World Series.

The series will include a three-game series. The teams selected to play will be picked on Wednesday and announced on the A-State Baseball official Twitter account.

The first game will begin at 3:45 p.m. Thursday with game 2 set for 6 p.m. The admission to the event will be free.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 3, Wednesday.

- Soccer will play against ULM at 4 p.m. at Foley Alabama.

Nov. 5, Friday

- Volleyball will play at UT Arlington at 6 p.m.

Nov. 6, Saturday

- Football will play Appalachian State at home at 1 p.m.

Nov. 7, Sunday

- Volleyball will play at Texas State at San Marcos at 11 a.m.

Nov. 9, Tuesday

- Women's basketball will play at home against Central Baptist College at 11 a.m.

- Women's volleyball will play against Little Rock at home at 5 p.m.

- Men's basketball will play against Harding at home at 7:30 p.m.

Tennis finishes competing at Wofford Invite



Graphic by: Mihye Walker

The tennis team competed in the Wofford Invite over the weekend. Arkansas State came home with five victories.