

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Wednesday, March 2

- Men's golf at Lake Las Vegas Intercollegiate in Henderson, Nevada.
- Women's basketball will play against Coastal Carolina at the Sun Belt Conference Tournament at 11:30 a.m.

### Thursday, March 3

- Men's Basketball will play against ULM at the Sun Belt Conference Tournament in Pensacola Florida at 5 p.m.

### Friday, March 4

- Women's Tennis will play against Texas State at Jonesboro 10 a.m.

### Saturday, March 5

- Men's Golf at Desert Mountain Collegiate at Scottsdale, Arizona.

### Sunday, March 6

- Men's Golf will compete at Desert Mountain Collegiate.

### Wednesday, March 9

- Women's Tennis will play against Southeast State at Jonesboro at 1 p.m.

### Thursday, March 10

- Women's Golf will compete at Pizza Hut Lady Thunderbird Invitational at St. George, Utah.

### Friday, March 11

- Women's Golf at Pizza Hut Lady Thunderbird Invitational.
- Track will compete at the NCAA Indoor Championships.

## Red Wolves beat Appalachian State



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Desi Sills, Arkansas Transfer, played 35 minutes in the game against Appalachian State.

#### GAVIN GRUBBS

#### SPORTS EDITOR

Friday night was senior night for the Red Wolf Men's basketball team celebrating the careers of Marquis Eaton and Christian Willis. The Red Wolves who entered the game 16-10 (7-7) closed out their season by hosting the Appalachian State Mountaineers 18-12 (12-5) in front of the largest crowd of the season at just under 3,000 in attendance.

Norchad Omier who just recently broke the school record for most double doubles in a season (18) won the tipoff. The Mountaineers jumped out to a 13-2 run to begin the game after hitting three 3-pointers early. The Red Wolves climbed back into it and cut the lead to four thanks to solid team basketball.

By the halfway point in the

first half the Mountaineers held control of the game with a 23-16 score headed into a timeout.

Out of the timeout Adrain Delph from Appalachian State hit a three giving them a 10 point lead, this would be the last time the Red Wolves trailed by double digits. Markise Davis had an assist to Norchad Omier the star freshman that marked the shift in momentum for the game.

The very next possession Marquis Eaton stole the ball leading to an acrobatic slam from Jonesboro native Desi Sills that sent the student section into a frenzy. Caleb Fields and Sills traded three point baskets cutting it to a 2 point game.

The Mountaineers had an answer in the form of Adrian Delph who hit a crowd silencing three just before the half where the Red Wolves were trailing 34-30.

Out of the half the Red Wolves went on a 9-1 run thanks to 4 points from Sills, 3 from Fields and 2 from Omier. After taking the lead 39-35 Appalachian State's Delph kept the Mountaineers in it with back to back 3-pointers.

From this point on there were seven lead changes leading up to a 5 point run by the Red Wolves to put the game away late.

The Final score was 62-60 Arkansas State thanks to a great team effort with Omier(11), Sills(16) and Eaton(14) all finishing with double digit points as well as 9 points from Farrington who was 3-7 from 3. Omier finished with eight boards failing to achieve his 19th double double of the season and Eaton led the team in assists with five. Adrian Delph led the Mountaineers in points(19), Rebounds(7), and minutes played(40), while

Donovan Gregory led them in assists(3).

This game gives head coach Mike Balado a winning record this season 17-10 and a winning conference record 8-7 setting up a first round matchup in the Sun Belt tournament with the eleventh seeded Louisiana Monroe Warhawks who the Red Wolves split during the season.

The Warhawks finished the season 8-18 with a and 5-13 in Sun Belt play. This game will be at 5 p.m. March 3rd on ESPN+ with the winner advancing to play the third seeded Georgia State Panthers on the 5th The Panthers finished 15-10 and 8-5 in Sun Belt play. The Panthers and Red Wolves did not play this season due to COVID-19. The SBC tournament is held in Pensacola Florida.

## A-State Announces 2022 Football Schedule



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- **Sept. 3 vs Grambling State (Jonesboro)**
- Sept. 10 at Ohio State (Columbus, Ohio)
- Sept. 17 at Memphis (Memphis, Tenn.)
- Sept. 24 at Old Dominion\* (Norfolk, Va.)
- **Oct. 1 vs ULM\* (Jonesboro)**
- **Oct. 8 vs James Madison\* (Jonesboro)**
- Oct. 15 at Southern Miss\* (Hattiesburg, Miss.)
- Oct. 22 at Louisiana\* (Lafayette, La.)
- **Oct. 29 vs South Alabama\* (Jonesboro)**
- **Nov. 12 vs UMASS (Jonesboro)**
- Nov. 19 at Texas State\* (San Marcos, Texas)
- **Nov. 26 vs TROY\* (Jonesboro)**

Bold indicates home games and \* indicates Sun Belt Conference games.