

Johnnie Lang Jr. and Brian Snead create a one-two punch

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Johnnie Lang Jr. and Brian Snead provide an incredible one-two punch for the Red Wolf offense. Through five weeks, Lang and Snead combined for 503 rushing yards and eight rushing touchdowns. Lang also has 154 receiving yards, two receiving touchdowns, including a 98-yard kick return in last week's game against ULM. Lang was also named the Sun Belt Conference Special Team Player of the Week on Monday, from his performance against ULM. Is there anything these two can not do? Both of their versatility and ability to change the game with one play is incredible. They are both very close to each other as Lang mentioned he brought Snead in this offseason.

"Brian Snead and I compliment each other well. I brought him in with me, and he is my roommate. We learn from each other and grow from each other. We critique each other as well, trying to bring the best out of both of us. Whenever he scores, I get fired up. I feel like I am the one scoring. Having Brian Snead come and join this family has really helped me a lot," Johnnie Lang Jr. said.

They swap out frequently throughout the game, not allowing the enemy defense adapt to any one style. Snead is a down-

hill runner who looks for an open gap to explode. He can also run out for screen plays to get big chunks of yardage and catch the defense off guard.

Lang can flat out do it all. He can run through the tackles and finds gaps, along with being able to run various routes to produce in the pass game. Not to mention, he is the team's punt and kick returner. If these two keep providing a spark, look for this Arkansas State team to claw back in the Sun Belt Conference standings.

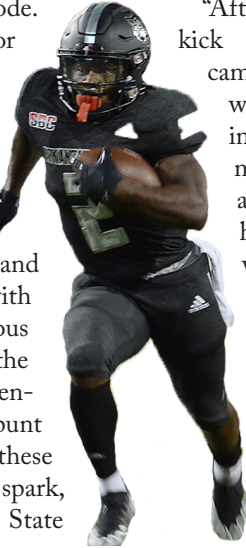


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Running Back (#2) Johnnie Lang Jr.

"After that 98-yard kick return, my guys came to hold me up while I was catching my breath. It means a lot to have all of those guys happy for me and vice-versa. When Snead scores, when Blackman throws a touchdown pass and when Kivon Bennett gets a sack. It is stuff like that providing a touch factor. When we do not start

to play like we know we can, we start to lean on each other, which provides the touch factor even more. We try playing the ball we know we are capable of playing. Trying to communicate to get things corrected as we move forward," Johnnie Lang Jr. said.



PHOTO BY JESS McMILLAN
Running Back (#4) Brian Snead scoring one of two rushing touchdowns against ULM.

Next Game
When: Oct. 8 at 6 p.m.
Where: Centennial Bank Stadium
Opponent: James Madison
Tune in: NFL Network

2022 Sun Belt Standings

EAST		CONF	OVR
Coastal Carolina		2-0	5-0
James Madison		2-0	4-0
Old Dominion		1-0	2-3
Appalachian State		1-1	3-2
Georgia Southern		0-1	3-2
Marshall		0-1	3-2
Georgia State		0-1	1-4
WEST		CONF	OVR
South Alabama		1-0	3-1
Arkansas State		1-1	2-3
Troy		1-1	3-2
UL Monroe		1-1	2-3
Southern Miss		0-0	2-2
Texas State		0-1	2-3
Louisiana		0-2	2-3

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Homecoming recap

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Arkansas State defeated ULM 45-28 in last week's conference game. The Red Wolves snapped a three game losing streak as they are now 2-3 overall on the season. They are also 1-1 in conference play.

Red Wolf Running back Johnnie Lang Jr. scored three different ways. He had a rushing touchdown, receiving touchdown and a 98-yard kick return touchdown. A-State Running back Brian Snead had a pair of rushing touchdowns to push the lead even more.

"We had a problem with finishing games, and we were able to correct it and execute. We did a great job of finishing tonight. Hunt helped the whole team and opened up the run game. A lot of the time people only see the touchdowns and big plays by Johnnie Lang Jr.. He can also block in pass protection. A lot of the things he does go uncredited," James Blackman said.

Arkansas State Quarterback James Blackman was 25-32 for 254 passing yards and two passing touchdowns. "We are building off of this momentum," Blackman said.

Tight-end Seydou Traore had a great game with four receptions and 62 receiving yards. He provided the offense a security blanket on third downs. He also had a crucial fourth down reception late in the fourth quarter, which helped secure the Red Wolves the win. Wide receiver TeVailance Hunt also helped the offense with 6 receptions, 60 yards and one receiving touchdown.

ULM quarterback Chandler Rogers was 12-20 with 138 passing yards and three touchdowns: two receiving and one rushing. Running

back Malik Jackson had 16 carries, 89 yards and a rushing touchdown.

Arkansas State University showed a marked improvement on third down conversions against ULM, as they were 9-17. Third down conversions and penalties can change the game in so many ways, hopefully this marks a positive trend for this Red Wolf football team.

Third Down Plays and Formations

On the second drive in the first quarter there was a shotgun formation catch by Flemings. Penalty against ULM for hands to the face. Automatic first down. Shotgun formation halfback screen to Johnnie Lang Jr. for a first down.

On the third drive in the first quarter there was a shotgun formation pass to Lang on a halfback 5-yard curl route. Resulting in a fourth down. Shotgun formation pass incomplete intended for Lang. Resulting in a fourth down.

On the fourth drive of the game and first in the second quarter there was a shotgun formation and Blackman got sacked. Resulting in a fourth down.

On the fifth drive of the game and second in the second quarter there was a shotgun formation and Blackman threw a pass to Seydou Traore for a first down. Shotgun formation Blackman throws a pass to Lang for a first down. Shotgun formation Blackman throws a pass to Seydou Traore on a 10-yard in-route for a first down.

On the sixth drive of the game and third in the second quarter there was a shotgun formation where Blackman passed to Hunt on a 10-yard in-route. AJ Mayer rushed for a first down.

Shotgun formation Blackman passes to Lang for a 18-yard touchdown on a halfback screen.

On the first drive of the second

half there was a shotgun formation and Blackman passed to Jones for a first down. In the first drive in the third quarter there was a shotgun formation with an incomplete pass from Blackman to Ealy. In the first drive in the fourth quarter there was a shotgun formation where Blackman passed to Hunt on a 10-yard curl route for a first down. Shotgun formation Blackman passed to Flemings for four yards resulting in a fourth down.

Redzone

On the second drive in the first quarter there was a shotgun formation and Hunt ran a slant route for a receiving touchdown. On the fifth drive of the game and second in the second quarter, Brian Snead ran for a touchdown. On the first drive of the second half, Lang rushed for a touchdown. On the first drive in the fourth quarter there was a shotgun formation where Brian Snead rushed up the middle for a touchdown.

First Half Defense

ULM had a 58-yard passing touchdown in the first quarter. Safeties were out of place and had no coverage on the back side of the field. Slot receiver to the left ran a go route.

Third down stop late in the first quarter on a shotgun pass which was incomplete. ULM quarterback runs a read option keeper for several yards. Secondary was tricked. ULM throws a passing touchdown in a shotgun formation, run-pass-option play to tight-end. Third down stop resulting in a punt. The second half defense did a lot better at controlling the passing game.



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Offensive lineman (#77) Makilan Thomas lifting up running back (#4) Brian Snead.



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Howl celebrating with the A-State fans.



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Arkansas State fans cheering during Homecoming.

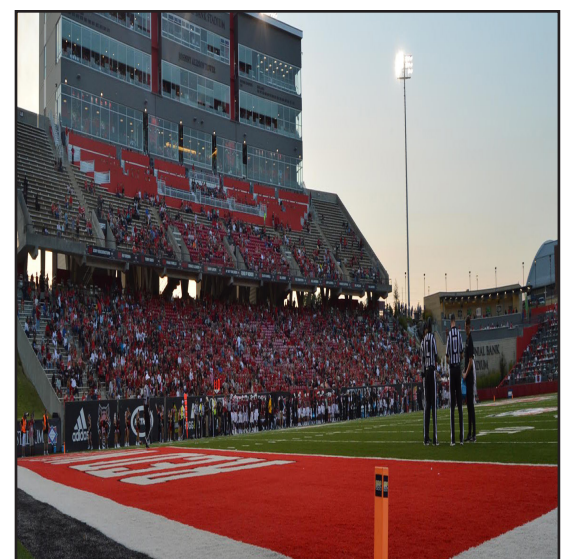


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Centennial Bank Stadium

Dominic Zvada continues his streak



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Kicker (#33) Dominic Zvada kicking a field goal against ULM.

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Dominic Zvada stays hot with a stat line of 7-7 on field goals through five weeks. He is also 19-19 on extra points. Zvada is still tied for first in all of college football with his field goal percentage and extra point percentage. He is a first year from Chandler, Arizona.

At Valley Christian, he

helped lead them to an 11-2 record and to the third round of the Class 3A state playoffs in 2021. Zvada was also named Class 3A First Team All-State and First Team All-Metro in his senior season.

He was the punter and kicker in high school. He averaged 40 yards per punt, made 62-65 extra points and scored a whopping 74 points as the kicker. Zvada also ranked

fourth in the nation for touchbacks during his senior season.

In his junior year, he made a school-record 55-yard field goal, which is the longest field goal in Arizona high school Class 3A history.

“We have a lot of confidence in Zvada. We see the consistency not just on game day but in practice every single day. He has worked exceptionally hard. There is so much

that goes into it. It is the snap, it is the hold, it is the kick. It all has to be performed in under 1.25 seconds. The short snapper sets the rhythm for the kicker. We have extreme confidence in the special teams group,” Head Coach Butch Jones said.

A-State golf teams' tournament results



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The men's golf team tied for fourth at the Mark Simpson Colorado Invite. They totaled for 5-over par 845. The total made Arkansas State tie 10th-best three-round total in program history. Marking the best three-round total in their history.

Wyoming ended up winning the team title at 2-under par 838.

Luka Naglic carried the Red Wolves, tying 11th individual with a 1-under par 209. He produced a final round 2-under par 68. Devyn Pappas went 1-under in the final round and totaled 2-Over par 212, tying for 19th. Jack Madden tied for 33rd, totaling 214. Thomas Schimdt tied for 38th, totaling for 215. Jack Maxey



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The women's golf team finished ninth at Johnie Imes Invitational. They climbed up five spots at the finish of the event.

Arkansas State totaled 6-over par 294 in the final round. They totaled 913 for the event, tying with Bradley. The host team, Missouri, won with a total of 877.

Charlotte Menager produced an even-par 72 and totaled 228 at the event. She finished 30th overall. Olivia Schimdt was the top finisher for A-State, tying for 22nd at 9-over par 225. Morgan Beaulieu went 2-over par in the final round, totaling 230 and tied for 36th. Casey Somner tied for 56th and Kayla Burke tied for 70th.

Red Wolf Wellness yoga at Sunset

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Red Wolf Wellness is having yoga at Sunset every Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. There are various locations that can be checked through their social media. It is repeated weekly to November 15. The event is hosted only for the Arkansas State campus community.

Yoga can improve overall health, especially physical and mental health. Increased body awareness, relaxed mind and sharpened concentration are a couple of benefits of yoga. Countless studies show a various amount of benefits.

Where can someone go to find the Red Wolf Wellness social media? Their instagram is [@redwolfwellness](#). Their facebook is [@redwolfwellness](#). Who is the yoga instructor? The yoga instructor is Spencer Bradley. Her email is sbradley@astate.edu. Her number is 870-972-397. What should someone bring who attends? Mats will be provided, but will be limited. Bring a mat and a water bottle.



PHOTO BY JESS McMILLAN

Arkansas State students participating in the weekly yoga at sunset event.



Upcoming Events:

Saturday, Oct. 15

- Men's golf will compete at the Penguin Classic in Struthers, Ohio

- Women's tennis matches against ITA Central Region Championships Stillwater, Oklahoma.

- Volleyball plays at home against Troy at 1 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 16

- Men's golf will compete at the Penguin Classic in Sruthers, Ohio.

- The volleyball team plays at home against Georgia State at 12 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 21

- Women's golf competes at White Sands Bahamas Invitational Paradise Island, Bahamas (Ocean Club)

Saturday, Oct. 22

- Women's golf competes at White Sands Bahamas Invitational Paradise Island, Bahamas (Ocean Club)

- The football team travels to play Louisiana Lafayette, LA with the time to be announced.

Sunday, Oct. 23

- Women's golf competes at White Sands Bahamas Invitational Paradise Island, Bahamas (Ocean Club)

- The volleyball team plays at home against Southern Miss at 12 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 27

- Men's golf competes at White Sands Bahamas Invitational Paradise Island, Bahamas (Ocean Course)