

#3 Ranked Ohio State Defeats Arkansas State

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The #3 ranked Ohio State Buckeyes defeated the Arkansas State Red Wolves 45-12 in week two. The Red Wolves were looking promising in the first half, as they were only down 24-9. Senior wide receiver Champ Flemings had seven receptions, 91 yards, and a 58-yard reception in the first half for the Red Wolves. He finished the game with 10 receptions, 105 yards, and averaged 10.5 yards per reception. He flew by all defenders on his 58-yard reception. Champ may only be 5'5", but he makes up for his height with his shiftiness and play making ability. He starts the first two weeks of the season with over 100 receiving yards per game. Flemings carried the offense in today's loss. Freshman kicker for Arkansas State, Dominic Zvada carried the whole team as he was three for three on field goals with nine points in the first half. He ended the game with all four field goal attempts made, 12 points, and his longest field goal of the day was 45 yards. Zvada accounted for all of Arkansas State's points scored.

The highlight of the game was sophomore wide receiver Marvin Harrison Junior for the Ohio State Buckeyes. He is the son of

hall of famer wide receiver Marvin Harrison who played for the Indianapolis Colts from 1996-2008. Harrison Junior finished the game with seven receptions, 184 yards, 26.3 yards per reception, and three touchdowns. He came out of the gate strong with a 42-yard touchdown reception on Ohio State's first drive of the game. His route running ability is just like his father's as he torched the Arkansas State secondary all game long.

Ohio State's starting quarterback C.J. Stroud had an excellent game as he finished the game with 16 completions and 24 attempts, 351 passing yards, and four passing touchdowns. A lot is expected out of C.J. Stroud this season, and he showed his value in today's win. He has great vision down the field to be aware of his open receivers. He also has great pocket presence and avoids the rush by rolling out of the pocket to extend plays. Many football analysts have Ohio State winning the national championship this year, along with C.J. Stroud winning the Heisman.

For Arkansas State's sake, they put up a great game against one of the best teams in the country. The Redwolf defense held the Buckeye offense to 24 points in the first half and had three tackles for loss.

When asked about the first half, head coach for



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Champ Flemings getting yards after the catch in a match-up against Ohio State

Arkansas State, Butch Jones says, "I love the competitive grit, but we've got still got a lot of work to do", Jones said. Although they were competitive in the first half, they allowed 538 total yards for the whole game. Ohio State had 6.5 yards per rush in the game, which makes Arkansas State's defensive front look for improvement heading into

week three. Their secondary also allowed four passing touchdowns.

The Arkansas State offense finished with 276 total yards. As mentioned earlier, Champ Flemings carried the offense. Quarterback James Blackman only had 188 passing yards with zero passing touchdowns. He also had four carries for -10 yards.

Third down efficiency was not a strength for this offense, as they were 5-20. Converting some of those third downs could've changed the momentum for A-State.

Ohio State's defense had 71 total tackles, 49 solo tackles, 12 tackles for loss, and two sacks. The defense was highlighted by their 12 tackles for loss. They had several of

their tackles for loss on third down, which resulted in Arkansas State having to punt many times.

The Arkansas State Red Wolves, who are now 1-1, look to bounce back in week three as they travel to play the Memphis Tigers. The Ohio State Buckeyes look to keep their undefeated season alive, as they play Toledo at home.

A-State Red Wolves Vs. Memphis Tigers Week 3

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The Arkansas State Red Wolves are traveling to play the Memphis Tigers in a week three match-up. The two teams played in week three last year with Memphis winning 55-50. Memphis was up 34-23 at halftime, then Arkansas State came back with 20 points in the fourth quarter. Their hard fought efforts still ended up with a loss.

The Red Wolves look for revenge after a tough/close loss to the Tigers a year ago. The two teams will meet for the 59th time on September 17, 2022. Starting quarterback James Blackman looks to lead the team, alongside receiver Champ Flemings.

History of The Rivalry

Their first meeting was October 27, 1914. The score was First District (A-State) 18, West Tennessee (Memphis) 6. They have 58 meetings total with Memphis leading the all-time series, 30-23-5. Two officials from the two schools came up with the idea to create a trophy for the winner of the game by using buckets and paint brushes, hence the name of the rivalry. Whoever loses comes up with a specific area on its campus for the winning team to smear paint. The trophy is a paint bucket decorated in the colors of the two schools, with the score of the game. The trophy is given to the winning team.

The Paint Bucket Bowl:

Kickoff: September 17, 2022
6:00 PM CT

Where: Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium

Tune in: ESPN +



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James Blackman gives a handoff to Johnnie Lang Junior against Ohio State

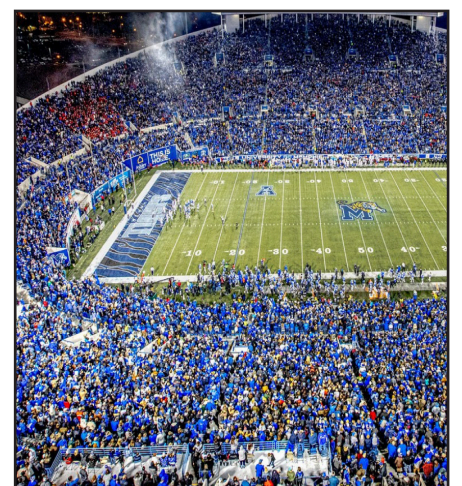


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The Arkansas State baseball team gets together to pray before the game

COURTESY OF ARKANSAS STATE ATHLETICS

A-State Baseball Team Prepares For Season

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Arkansas State baseball finished with a record of 11-38 last season. They were 5-24 in conference play. Head coach of the Red Wolves, Tommy Raffo, looks to improve this season with several newcomers and a revamped roster.

Transfer sophomore outfielder Jake Henry Williams returns to his hometown after one season at Connors State College. He played at Jonesboro High School, where he earned all-state honors and helped his team reach the 5A state title game his senior year. He has a powerful, quick swing that helped him hit .307 with seven homers and 42 RBIs in

his only season with Connors State last year. He looks to bring his strong bat to a struggling A-State offense from a year ago.

“My favorite thing about the offseason has been being able to get to know a new team, new group, and really see what kind of characters and people that I’m going to be playing with. The thing I’m going to try to do to be the best version of myself for my team is just work hard every day in order to not have anything I left out on the table to doubt myself or my teammates,” Williams said.

Outfielder Kyler Carmack is a redshirt freshman who is looking to solidify an outfield spot this year. He played at Cabot High School, where he earned all-state honors and Arkansas Democrat Gazette All

Preps First Team in his senior year. He was also a standout wide receiver and safety in football. He earned all-state and all-conference honors in the sport as well. He shines in the outfield with his great athletic ability. The football background as a receiver, really helps him as an outfielder tracking down balls. He can make spectacular plays while also showing off his arm strength. Carmack is more of a lead-off or two-hole hitter with his speed and great base-running. Keep an eye on Carmack this baseball season.

“My favorite part is getting to play against each other for most of the fall. We get to see what we all have to bring to the team. I’m just going to go compete at practice everyday. Last year we didn’t

compete and gave up. We need to be more competitive and that starts with us competing against each other,” Carmack said.



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Outfielder Kyler Carmack

A-State Womens Golf Finishes in Top Five



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Arkansas State University finishes fifth place in the Payne Stewart Memorial hosted by Missouri State.

Final Results

5 Arkansas State 297-298=292=887 (+23), T2 Olivia Schmidt 73-69-74=216 (E), T5 Casey Sommer 75-68-76=219 (+3), T20 Morgan Beaulieu 73-77-74=224 (+8), T23 Olivia Coit 82-72-71=225 (+9), T29 Charlotte Menager 73-80-73=226 (+10), T29 Thitapha lamtragul 77-72-77=226 (+10), T39 Sydni Leung 77-77-74=228 (+12), T42 Kayla Burke 77-76-76=229 (+13), T54 Elise Schultz 78-82-74+234 (+18)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, Sept. 16

- Volleyball will play in the Eastern at Washington Stephen F. Austin Tournament Nacogdoches, Texas at 1 p.m.

- Volleyball will play against Texas A&M 5 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 17

- Cross Country will compete at the Rhodes Invitational in Memphis Tennessee at 8 a.m.

- Soccer will compete at Texas State at 12 p.m.

- Football will compete at Memphis at 6 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 22

- Soccer will compete against Marshall at home at 3 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 23

- Volleyball will compete against Georgia Southern at home at 6 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 25

- Soccer will compete at Troy at 1 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Sept. 26, 27 and 28

- Women’s Golf will compete in the Johnie Imes Invitational Columbia, Missouri.