

Raynor and the Red Wolves steamroll UMass in Amherst

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The Arkansas State football team continued their winning momentum Saturday in Amherst against the Massachusetts (UMass) Minutemen.

The Red Wolves offense carved up the UMass defense with little difficulty thanks both to a porous Minutemen defense and an efficient A-State offensive attack.

Freshman quarterback Jaylen Raynor continued to solidify his hold as the permanent starting quarterback, passing 20/25 for 383 yards and tying a program record six touchdowns. Raynor threw no interceptions and averaged over 15 yards per pass.

The offense was balanced with the ground game as well. Junior running back Zak Wallace had 11 carries for 54 yards and sophomore RB Ja'Quez Cross rushed 11 times for 48 yards and a touchdown.

The name of the game for the Red Wolves was the air attack. A whopping five different receivers caught at least one touchdown. Junior wide receiver Adam Jones caught three passes for 105 yards and a touchdown. Senior WR Courtney Jackson caught four passes for 75 yards and a TD. Senior WR Jeff Foreman caught two passes and both of those receptions



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Raynor (1) celebrating with his teammates at the Sept. 30 game.

were touchdowns. Junior WR Reagan Ealy and junior tight end Emmanuel Stevenson each caught a touchdown as well.

The A-State defense locked up UMass most of the afternoon. Senior safety Eddie Smith recorded the game's only turnover with an interception at the end of the first quarter. Freshman linebacker Javante Mackey led the Red Wolves in tackles with eight and recorded two sacks and two tackles for loss.

Sophomore defensive end Keyron Crawford led

in sacks, recording two and a half. Senior DE Thurman Geatheres recorded 1.5 sacks.

Most of the UMass points came from either Minutemen star QB Taisun Phommachanh or RB Greg Desrosiers. Almost all points scored by these two were in the second half, by which point the Red Wolves were too far ahead for a UMass score to matter.

The Red Wolves will look to continue their streak to four in a row as they stay on the road next week at Troy.

What's Next:

Opponent: Troy

Kickoff: 3 p.m.

Where: Troy, Ala.

Tune in: ESPN+

SPORTS ROUND-UP



Arkansas State snapped their losing streak at 3 with a victory over Coastal Carolina to improve to (3-5-2 1-2-1) on the season. True freshman Keelyn Peacock scored her first career goal to even the score in the second half against the Chanticleers who on the season drops to (3-7-1 0-3-1)

A-State Redshirt Sophomore Darby Stotts scored her 5th goal of the season to propel the Red Wolves to victory.

For the Red wolves they will look to win their second straight game when they return home for a match up against the Troy Trojans on Thursday October 5th at 3pm which will also be on ESPN+.

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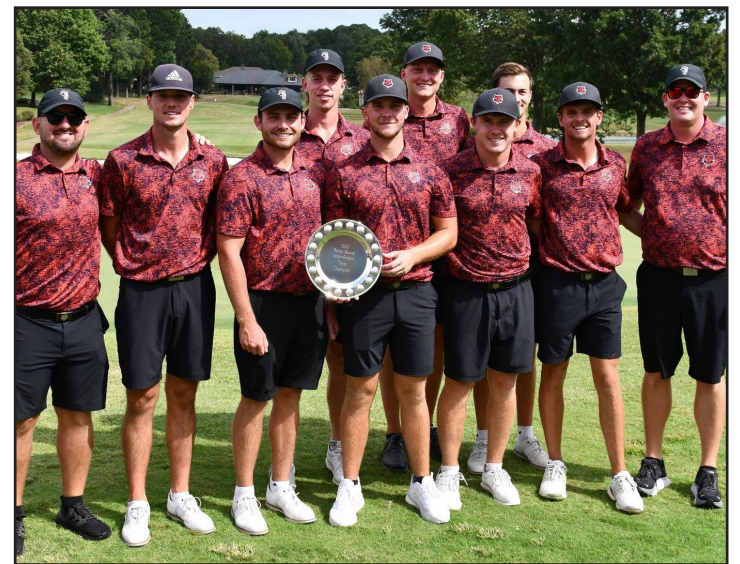


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For the eighth consecutive season, the Arkansas State men's golf team won the Bubba Barnett Intercollegiate played at RidgePointe Country Club.

A-State continues its fall schedule Monday at the Oregon State Invitational played at Trysting Tree Golf Club in Corvallis, Ore. The first and second rounds are played Monday with the final round Tuesday. Live scoring will be available on Golfstat.com.



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Kaitlin Whitlock tallied a match-high 21 kills and 14 digs, but it was not enough to move the Arkansas State volleyball team past Louisiana in a 3-1 (29-27, 31-33, 25-18, 25-17) decision Saturday inside First National Bank Arena.

A-State returns to action Friday and Saturday, traveling to South Alabama. First serve is set for 6 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday, with both matches slated to be broadcast live on ESPN+

A-State Cross Country Top-5 Team Finishes



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Arkansas State cross country picked up a pair of top-5 team finishes on Friday at the Chile Pepper Festival, besting several regional foes.

Arkansas State returns to action Friday, Oct. 13, at the Arturo Barrios Invitational in Bryan-College Station, Texas. For the latest on the A-State track and field and cross country programs, follow @AStateTrack on X and @Arkansas_State_Track on Instagram, while also liking the team's Facebook page at Facebook.com/AStateTrackAndField.

A-State Ranked Second in NTCA Preseason Poll



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The Arkansas State women's bowling team is ranked second in the National Tenpin Coaches Association Preseason Poll, announced by the organization this week.

The Red Wolves received three first-place votes and 1,940 points to land in second behind Vanderbilt (2,148 points) and were followed by Nebraska (1,846 points), North Carolina A&T (1,584 points), Stephen F. Austin (1,564 points), Youngstown State (1,424 points) and Jacksonville State (1,406 points).

A-State finished last season runners-up in the National Collegiate Bowling Championship. The Red Wolves finished in the top four in seven of 10 events, including titles at the Southland Bowling League Conference Championship and the NCAA Rochester Regional, going undefeated in both events.

The Red Wolves return five bowlers from last year while adding four freshmen and two transfers to the mix.

The 2023-24 season gets underway Oct. 13-15 when the Red Wolves travel to Struthers, Ohio, to participate in the Penguin Classic hosted by Youngstown State. For the latest on A-State bowling, follow the team on X (@AStateBowling), Facebook (/AStateBowling) and Instagram (@redwolvesbowling).