

Red Wolves offense overwhelmed Central Arkansas in charity exhibition, 112-77



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Arkansas State University's Caleb Fields, senior guard, scored 18 points in Monday's exhibition game.

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Arkansas State never wavered in a lopsided match against UCA marking the second straight triple-digit score that the Red Wolves have put together, after beating Trevecca Nazarene 112-61.

Junior guard Freddy Hicks led the team in points, scoring 23 points and going 5-6 in

free throws. Sophomore guard Derrian Ford made 80% of his three-point attempts, and he and senior guard Caleb Fields each scored 18 points. Fields led the Red Wolves in steals with three.

Junior guard Avery Felts led the Red Wolves in three-pointers, shooting 5-9. Felts scored 15 points in the game.

In the paint, sophomore forward Izaiyah Nelson was dominant, leading the team with

11 rebounds and a steal. Nelson also scored six points, including a Sports Center-worthy alley-oop dunk late in the first half.

A-State got 10 blocks, half of which came from junior forward Lado Laku. Laku seemed to be a wall to the Bears offense, and the 6'10" Dallas native made his presence felt with 5 blocks and 9 rebounds.

The exhibition game with UCA was played as a charity

event to raise money for Wynne, which was struck by an EF3 tornado in March 2023. Representatives from Wynne thanked the faculty and students for their attendance and support of their town.

The Red Wolves will begin the regular season on November 6th against the Wisconsin Badgers. The next home game will be November 14th against the Alcorn State Braves.

FAN ZONE: Phi Delta Theta



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From left to right: Joseph Davis, Trent Chisholm, Danny Butler, Kolton Smith.

GAVIN GRUBBS

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Before the Red Wolves laced up for their second preseason exhibition Monday night and the 2,200 fans cheered on the men's basketball team, more than 50 fans attended the Phi Delta Theta house, tailgating two hours before tipoff.

Phi Delt hosted a tailgate for the game, something that hasn't been typically done for

Arkansas State Basketball. Burgers and drinks were donated from the locally owned business Gearhead Outfitters. The event had guys with painted chests spelling out A-State, loud music, students mingling with alumni and fans.

"With all the changes this team is going through, with the signing of Coach Hodgson and the addition of two in state players we felt like this was the perfect opportunity to try

to capitalize on the hype and replicate the energy seen at campuses across the country," said vice president Drew King of Phi Delt about the inspiration behind the event.

About 15 minutes before tipoff you could see the line of students and fans making the walk over to First National Bank Area to cheer on the Red Wolves where the men of Phi Delt and their friends were accounted for in the student section. Arkansas

State would go on to defeat the Central Arkansas Bears 112-77.

"We really want this team to know that Phi Delt has their backs and what better way to show that than to begin what can hopefully become a new tradition. We understand that this takes some time to develop but we hope it continues to catch on and becomes a tradition," King said.

Red Wolves Finish in Tie for Sixth at Daniel Island Intercollegiate



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The Arkansas State men's golf team closed its fall schedule tied for sixth place at the Daniel Island Intercollegiate that concluded Tuesday at the Ralston Course.

A-State was 2-over 290 in the final round to total 2-over 866 (302-274-290) for the tournament to tie Coastal Carolina for sixth. Middle Tennessee won the event at 10-under 854 with VCU (-8), ULM (-6), South Carolina (-5) and Stetson (-4) comprising the top five.

Pierce Johnson was the top finisher for A-State totaling 1-under par 215 (76-64-75) for the event to tie for 12th. Thomas Schmidt tied for 15th at even par 216 (74-68-74) and Chris Somerfield used a 2-under par 70 to move up to a tie for 29th at 2-over 218 (78-70-70). Jack Maxey tied for 35th with a total of 3-over 219 (74-72-73) and Hugo Ronnberg tied for 65th with a total of 12-over 228 (79-76-73).

A-State completes the fall slate with a scoring average of 283.27, on pace to break the program record of 285.91 set in the 2018-19 season.

A-State Football tramples ULM for 14th year in a row in 34-24 victory



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The Red Wolves took care of business Saturday in Monroe, winning thanks to a strong rush attack. A whopping three touchdowns were called back due to penalties. The Red Wolves capitalized on the Warhawks' woes, as they scored three rushing touchdowns and one passing touchdown.

Quarterback Jaylen Raynor went 15 for 30, accumulating 298 yards and a touchdown. He also rushed for another touchdown and threw an interception. Raynor currently leads all true freshmen.

The running game was where the Red Wolves shined. Running back Zak Wallace had a stellar game, posting 118 rushing yards on 18 carries and scoring two touchdowns. RB Ja'Quez Cross ran 9 times for 18 yards and Raynor ran 8 times for 25 yards and a touchdown.

In receiving, wide receiver Corey Rucker played exceptionally, gaining 160 yards on six receptions and leading the team in receiving

yards. WR Courtney Jackson caught three passes for 54 yards and a touchdown.

A-State's defense proved sturdy in the red zone, holding ULM to one touchdown and three field goals for all but the final minute of the game, at which point the score was already out of reach for the Warhawks.

Linebacker Charles Willekes led the team in tackles, recording 12 tackles (1 solo), a tackle for loss, a pass defended and getting the only sack for the Red Wolves. LB Javante Mackey played well, recording 11 tackles (3 solo). Safety Trevian Thomas led the team in solo tackles with 5, plus an additional 3 tackle assists and a pass defended.

The Red Wolves now have a 4-4 record (2-2 SBC), making this season Butch Jones' best with A-State in terms of wins and conference wins. They will need only two more wins to become bowl eligible for the first time since 2019. Arkansas State will face conference rival Louisiana next week at home.