

# Records broken at the Vanderbilt Invitational

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Two students broke school records in Nashville.

Ogbemudia, a junior, threw 20.73m on Friday which broke the previous record by nearly a foot and a half. She placed fifth overall in the women's shot put.

Glass, a senior, shattered his record by running 7.74 in the men's 60m hurdles Saturday. His previous record was a time of 7.76. Glass took home the gold beating runner-up sophomore Colby Eddowes who ran a personal best of 7.77.

Eddowes also competed in the men's long jump, in which he placed second with a jump of 7.68m (25-2.5).

Kaci Andrus, a freshman pole vaulter, cleared 3.80m (12-

5.5) which is both a personal best and enough to score her a first-place medal. Bradley Jelmert also cleared a first-place spot in pole vault. The senior cleared 5.5m (18-0.5),

Sophomore Rachel Broemmel finished fifth in the women's final, running 4:47.94, just one minute and 88 seconds behind the first-place finisher.

In the women's distance medley relay, A team Cheyenne Melvin (junior), Emma Guadagnoli (freshman), Abbey Coberly (freshman) and Elizabeth Winkler (freshman) ran 12:18.95 placing third.

Arkansas State University Track and Field will travel to Louisville Kentucky to compete in the Lenny Lyles Invitational on Friday.



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Will Glass, a senior hurdler, at the Vanderbilt Invitational clearing a pole.

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SCHOOL RECORDWOMEN'S  
WEIGHT THROW

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Michelle Ogbemudia, a junior thrower, who broke a school record at the Vanderbilt Invitational.

## Red Wolves roll a perfect score, placing third at Deptford

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PRESS RELEASE

The sixth-ranked Arkansas State women's bowling team finished third at the Northeast Classic with a perfect 13-0 record, adding three Baker best-of-seven wins against ranked opponents Sunday.

Arkansas State University (42-10) entered sixth in total pinfall and could not finish higher than third in the final standings.

The Red Wolves met fifth-seeded and number 12 Tulane in the first match of the day and downed the Green Wave 4-3 in seven games. Tulane won game one (190-156), four (213-182) and six (229-176), but A-State got the victory with wins in games two (225-216), three (199-158), five (227-183) and seven (202-183).

The Red Wolves met number seven Nebraska next and defeated the Huskers in six. A-State got a 2-0 lead in the series with wins of 237-178 and 189-176, but Nebraska got on the board in game three 212-170.

The Red Wolves's advantage



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The bowling team holding their award from the Northeast Classic. From left to right: (Top) Malaya Chavez, Brooklyn Buchanan, Faith Welch, Saralyne Nassberg, Emma Stull and Maggie Thoma. (Bottom) Jessica Schnurr, Aubrey Kiddle, Karli VanDuinen and Melanie Straub.

grew to 3-1 with a 242-161 tally in game four, but Nebraska forced an extra game-winning 266-178 in game five. A-State clinched the victory winning game six 238-183.

A-State then played number three Youngstown State in the battle for third place, with the Red Wolves coming away with the 4-3 advantage in the

Baker best-of-seven series. A-State took game one, 211-145, but Youngstown State won games two (223-203) and three (245-170) to take the lead.

The Red Wolves won games four (226-223) and five (187-179) by a combined 11 pins to lead 3-2, but the Penguins forced game seven with a 203-191 margin in game six. A-State

claimed the victory with a 199-190 triumph in game seven.

The Red Wolves return to action next weekend at the Prairie View Invitational Jan. 26-28 in Arlington, Texas. A-State hosts its annual Mid-Winter Invitational Feb. 16-18 at Hijinx Family Entertainment Center in Jonesboro.

## Red Wolves to go up against national champs in the 2024 season

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The Arkansas State University Red Wolves 2024 football schedule sets them to play recent national champions, the Michigan Wolverines.

The Wolverines won against the Washington Huskies Jan. 8, 34-13.

The Red Wolves averaged 27.08 points per game while allowing 30.88. While Michigan averaged 35.87 per game allowing only 10.40 points per game.

In the Sun Belt West division, the Red Wolves finished fourth, going 6-7 overall. Michigan ranked first nationally, going 15-0 overall.

With numbers such as these, it leaves fans a bit worried about the matchup.

However, the Wolverines have already lost 12 starters to the NFL draft, including JJ McCarthy, Blake Coru and Roman Wilson. An additional four players are heavily considering declaring. An additional six players are out of eligibility and are expected to declare for the draft as well.

To cap the departures off, head coach Jim Harbaugh is believed by many insiders of both college football and the NFL to be strongly considering returning to the NFL. The Los Angeles Chargers have also

been attempting to scout Jim Harbaugh onto their team, which means Michigan will be with a new coaching staff when they face the Red Wolves.

This could be huge for a Red Wolves defense that has seen very few departures in the transfer portal, with LB Javante Mackey being the only defensive starter leaving to play for the University of Memphis.

With a defense that consists of veterans, this could prove to be an advantage against a new Michigan team that may not have the same bond and energy as an older one.

Although one of the biggest issues for the Red Wolves are their defense, and if they do not get that up, their chance of winning is extremely low. The Wolverines may lose key players, but they most likely won't lose the ability to move a ball down the field.

A-State will play them as their third game of the season, traveling to Ann Arbor to meet the Wolverines on their turf Sept. 14.

A win against Michigan, however long the odds may be, could potentially result in a huge boost in home attendance for the rest of the 2024 season.

With everything stacked against them, the Red Wolves will need luck on their side for this future game. Though there is little hope in them taking home a win, nothing is impossible.

## Red Wolf Roundup

### • Basketball:

The matchups for the second games of the Mid-American Conference in conjunction with the Southern Belt Conference have been announced. The Arkansas State University Red Wolves men's basketball team is to play Ohio on the Red Wolves turf. The game is scheduled for Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. in the First National Bank Arena. The Red Wolves women's team will travel to the James A. Rhodes Arena to play the Akron Zips at 1 p.m. Feb. 10.

### • Tennis :

Red Wolves to welcome Slovakia standout Lily Cvanciger in the fall of 2024. Cvanciger plays both singles and doubles having a 56% win rate in singles and a 79% rate in doubles. The tennis star has officially signed a letter of intent with the Red Wolves.

### • Football:

Arkansas State junior center Jacob Bayer was named a College Sports Communicators (CSC) Second Team Academic All-America selection Tuesday, making him the first A-State player to earn a spot on the first or second teams since 2013. Bayer boasts a 4.0 cumulative GPA as a criminology major at Arkansas State University. He is the only Sun Belt Conference player to receive the Academic All-America honors this season.

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Arkansas State University football players high-fiving during a game.