

Baseball loses winning streak now 8-1

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Arkansas State baseball (8-1, 0-0 SBC) tied the game late, but Central Arkansas (5-4, 0-0 ASUN) used an explosive 12th inning to take an 8-4 decision on Tuesday evening at Tomlinson Stadium.

Collin Maloney made his second start of the season for A-State, finishing with three hits and two earned runs allowed while striking out three over four innings pitched. Cason Tollett led the bats with a 2-for-4 performance that featured three RBIs.

The Red Wolves found themselves in a bases-loaded situation with none out in the top of the first. The Bears were able to cash in with a sacrifice fly from Drew Sturgeon and an RBI-single from Preston Curtis as they led 2-0 after one inning of play.

After reaching third base in the second, Daedrick Cail strolled to home plate on a balk to cut the deficit in half, making the score 2-1.

Central Arkansas broke a three-inning scoreless stretch with a sacrifice fly from Curtis and an RBI-single from Bryce Cermenelli during the sixth. A-State got one run back in the next frame with an RBI-single from Tollett, but the Bears still held a 4-2 advantage.

The First Baseman struck again with a two-run single down the right-field line to



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Brayden Caskey, a senior infielder, batting on Tuesday night's game against Central Arkansas.

tie the game at four runs apiece. Neither side would get a run from there as the game entered extra innings.

Both teams failed to score in the 10th or 11th innings, but the Bears opened things up in the 12th. A.J. Mendolia fired an RBI-single to second base while Mason King scored on a wild pitch. Mendolia eventually scored on a bases-loaded walk and Zeb Allen scored following a throwing error at shortstop.

With the score at 8-4, the Scarlet and Black were unable to respond as they fell for the first time this season. Tate Busey earned the win and Gavi Alveti claimed the save while Coby Greiner (2-1) took the loss.



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Senior right-handed pitcher Brian Veniard pitching at a game against Lindenwood.

A-State leading in golf



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An A-State men's golfer hitting a ball on the green during the Lake Las Vegas Intercollegiate.

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The Arkansas State men's golf team fired a second-round 279 Tuesday at the Lake Las Vegas Intercollegiate, taking over first place after entering the day tied for 11th.

The Red Wolves cut eight strokes off their first-round score, ending the day with the second lowest single-round total of the three-day tourney thus far and with three players among the top-10 individual leaders.

Holding a two-day total of 566, the Red Wolves will take a one-stroke lead over Little Rock and VCU into tomorrow's third-and-final round at Reflection Bay. Also included in the 22-team field, Santa Clara stands fourth

with a 568 and Long Beach State rounds out the top-five leaders with a 569 total.

A-State was led in the second round by Jack Maxey, who carded a 68 that stands as the lowest 18-hole score of the tourney for the Red Wolves. Also coming in under-par today were Hugo Ronnberg and Thomas Schmidt with a 69 and 70, respectively.

Recording a combined 140 for the first two rounds, Schmidt stands tied for third overall and is followed by Maxey and Ronnberg in a tie for eighth place. Maxey and Ronnberg are both only one stroke behind Schmidt, each posting a 36-hole 141.

The Lake Las Vegas Intercollegiate will conclude tomorrow with the final round, set to begin at 10:00 a.m. (CT).

Women's basketball falls to ULM

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Arkansas State women's basketball owned a halftime lead, but a second-half surge by ULM proved to be the difference in a 69-60 loss to the Warhawks Tuesday night inside First National Bank Arena.

Four players scored in double figures for the Red Wolves (13-15, 6-11 SBC), who shot at a .429 clip as a team. The Warhawks (18-11, 10-7) won the rebounding battle, 40-30, and owned a .413 field-goal percentage.

Laurn Pendleton became the 28th member of A-State's 1,000-Point Club, scoring a team-high 13 points to eclipse the career milestone. Wynter Rogers recorded her first career double-double with 11 points and a game-high 11 rebounds, while Anna Griffin and Crislyn Rose also accounted for 11 points each.

ULM's Daisha Bradford led all players with 24 points and Jakayla Johnson added 13. Kaitlyn Manuel and Brianna Harris also scored in double figures, with 12 and 11, respectively.

The visitors took an early two-possession lead before Pendleton tied it at 10 with a



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Junior guard Lauryn Pendleton was the top scorer of the game, with 13 points.

layup midway through the first quarter, which put her over the 1,000-career points mark. ULM would go on to reclaim the lead, owning a 21-18 edge after the first 10 minutes.

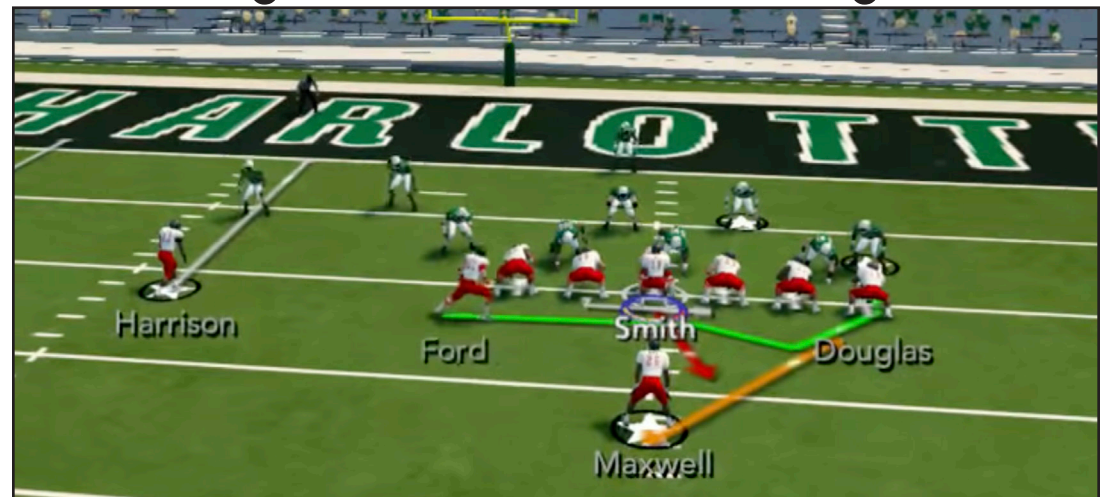
A-State answered by outscoring the Warhawks 21-13 in the second quarter and led by as much as nine en route to taking 39-34 halftime lead.

The Red Wolves matched their largest lead of the night on a 3-point play by Rose with 7:32 to go in the third,

but ULM trimmed the margin down to 49-48 with 10 minutes to play. The Warhawks closed strong in the fourth quarter to move past A-State, ending the contest on a 10-0 run.

A-State concludes the regular season at 7 p.m. Friday, hosting Appalachian State. The game will be broadcasted live on ESPN Plus, while the radio broadcast can be heard on The Ticket Radio Network stations 95.3 and 96.9, as well as the A-State Athletics mobile app.

A-State to be in upcoming "EA Sports College Football 25" video game



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A screenshot of game play of College Football 14. The match is A-State versus the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

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SPORTS EDITOR

The Arkansas State University football team is lined up to be included in the video game "EA Sports College Football 25." A-State is one of 134 confirmed college teams in the game.

The game, made by Electronic Arts (EA), is returning after a near 11 year hiatus. The last game released in 2013.

EA will pay the participating athletes \$600 if they choose to opt in the video game. They will also receive a copy of the game.

The game went on hiatus after a lawsuit about using players' likeness. The first lawsuit started when Ed O'Bannon challenged the game on its use of his name, image and likeness (NIL). The game did not use any player names, but did use their stats, numbers and appearance.

A \$40 million settlement was reached and paid to O'Bannon and a handful of plaintiffs. However, the National Collegiate Athletic Association had other hoops they wanted EA to jump, prolonging the game's production.

If an athlete opts out of the

game, players will not be able to create them in game. Daryl Holt, senior vice president of EA Sports, said in an ESPN article it would not be allowed, although he would not say how that would be accomplished.

EA contacted A-State in 2022 and the school sent the company assets to help replicate various elements for the game. KAIT 8 reported EA Sports had been sent out to Centennial Bank Stadium to take photos.

The game is set to release sometime in summer 2025 on PlayStation 5 and Xbox Series X and S.