

## A-State basketball sweeps home doubleheader against Old Dominion, ULM



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From left to right: Izzy Higginbottom and Caleb Fields, both players were awarded SBC player of the week awards in basketball.

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Arkansas State's mens and womens teams won their games Saturday, defeating Sun Belt Conference opponents Louisiana-Monroe (ULM) and Old Dominion, respectively.

The A-State men's team dominated ULM from start to finish, coming out at tip-off with a 7-0 run, continuing the aggressive offense until the clock hit zero. At halftime, the Red Wolves had the Warhawks down 57-37.

ULM never got closer than 15 points within the lead, with Arkansas State winning the game 95-80.

Point guard Caleb Fields was team leader in scoring, putting up 22 points. Fields led in assists with 13 and led in free throws, going 7-9.

Fields also broke the school record for most free-throw

attempts with 663, a record held since 1965 by A-State's all-time leading scorer Jerry Rook with 657 attempts. Following this, Fields was then named Sun Belt Conference player of the week for Men's basketball on Tuesday.

He also holds the school record for games started with a current total of 126.

Forward Izaiyah Nelson scored 16 points and led the Red Wolves in rebounds with 10. Nelson received coach Brian Hodgson's Hard Hat Player of the Game award for his efforts.

The A-State bench put up good numbers as well and the bench players led the squad in three-pointers, making 90% of their attempts (10-11). Guard Zane Bradley scored 16 points, as well as going 5-5 from the free-throw line.

Forward Julian Lual scored 14 and guard Taryn Todd scored 11. Todd was second on

the team in rebounds, with six.

The men improve their record to 10-13 and will stay at home to play the James Madison Dukes (20-3), who currently have one of the best records in college basketball. The Red Wolves play at First National Bank Arena on Wednesday.

The Red Wolves women's team defeated Old Dominion 76-63, after a back and forth game that saw eight different lead changes over the first three quarters of play.

In the fourth quarter, the Monarchs started to close the lead once again. After a foul with 5:23 to go in the fourth quarter, the Red Wolves continued to extend their lead.

Old Dominion came into Jonesboro with a record of 15-5 and 4th place in the Sun Belt Conference. The Monarchs were the favorites to beat the Red Wolves.

Point guard Izzy Higginbottom led the Red Wolves in scoring, getting 33 points. She also led the team in assists with eight and went 19-20 from the free throw line. Higginbottom was also awarded the SBC Women's Basketball Player of the Week Award.

Guard Anna Griffin scored 21 points, the second most for the team. Griffin also did well from the free throw line, going 7-9.

Guard Wynter Rogers and forward Kendra Gillispie led the Red Wolves in rebounds, each getting eight.

The Red Wolves women's team improved their record to 12-9 with the win over Old Dominion.

The women's team will travel to Atlanta with a chance to move up in the conference rankings if they win against SBC foe Georgia State (13-8) Wednesday.

## Upcoming Events:

**Feb. 9**

- Track and Field Music City Challenge (Day 1) at Nashville, Tenn.

- Track and Field David Hemery Valentine Invitational (Day 1) at Boston.

**Feb. 10**

- Track and Field Music City Challenge (Day 2) at Nashville, Tenn

- Track and Field David Hemery Valentine Invitational (Day 2) at Boston.

- Track and Field Bulldog Invitational at Birmingham, Ala.

- Women's Basketball against Akron at Akron Ohio

- Men's Basketball against Ohio at Home

**Feb. 12-13**

- Woman's Golf at The Atlantic Invitational at Lake Worth, Fla.

**Feb. 15**

- Women's Basketball against Southern Mississippi at Hattiesburg, Miss.

- Men's Basketball against Troy at Troy, Ala.

**Feb. 16**

- Bowling at the Mid-Winter Invitational at Hijinx Family Entertainment Center in Jonesboro (16 - 18)

- Tennis against Arkansas Tech at Home

- Baseball against Omaha at Home. (16-18)

**Feb. 17**

- Women's Basketball against Louisiana at Lafayette, Louisiana

- Men's Basketball against South Alabama at Mobile, Ala.

**Feb. 19**

- Track and Field Sun Belt Conference Championships (Day 1) at Birmingham, Ala.

- Baseball against Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Home

## Fourth record broken for Track and Field

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The Arkansas State University track and field team concluded their weekend action after competing in both the New Mexico Collegiate Classic and the Jaguar Invitational.

On day one of the New Mexico Collegiate Classic, sophomore Hannes Fahl broke A-State's men's 800 meter record. This is the third week in a row someone on the team has broken a record. Placing fifth overall, Fahl ran 1:49.13, while junior Lasse Funck ran a personal best of 1:51.25.

Junior Cheyenne Melvin placed second overall in the women's 800 meters, running a time of 2:08.61.

To close out the competition, clearing a height of 5.55m (18-2.5), senior Bradley Jelmert took home the gold. The Red Wolves traveled



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Fahl running in the New Mexico Collegiate Classic.

to Birmingham, Ala. to compete in the USA Jaguar Invitational on Sunday.

Redshirt junior Jacob Lawrence won the men's 3000 meters, clocking a time of 8:22.43, beating the runner up by less than a second. In the same event Freshman Matthew Dunsworth finished 11th, and freshman Benny Brenneman finished 12th.

Freshman Emma Guadagnolia finished 3rd in the

women's 800 meters, clocking in at 2:16.67, a personal best.

In the men's mile, graduate Ryan Parson finished 5th with a time of 4:17.49. The next highest finish by a Red Wolves runner was sophomore Zeke McCain, with a time of 4:29.29. McCain finished 13th.

The Red Wolves will travel to Nashville, Tenn. for the Music City Challenge Friday.

## Butler beats A-State tennis



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The tennis team standing around head coach Sujay Lama at the Sunday match.

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**PRESS RELEASE**

Butler edge the Arkansas State women's tennis team 4-2 in a tightly-contested Sunday afternoon match at the RidgePointe Tennis Center.

Butler (5-2) took the doubles point grabbing an early 1-0 lead in the match. The A-State (3-3) pair of Rebecca Brody and Abigail Thurmer lost 6-3 and the duo of Yasmine

Humbert and Sarah Millard fell 6-3. Anna Grigoreva and Emiliya Margolin trailed 4-3 when the point was clinched.

Making her collegiate debut, Grigoreva cruised to a 6-2, 6-2 win over Chase Metcalf to even the match at 1-1. After dropping the first set 6-0 against Delaney Schurhamer on, Millard dropped a tightly contested second set 7-5 as Butler grabbed a 2-1 advantage. Humbert took a first set

tiebreak 8-6 and went on to win 7-6, 6-3 against Natalie Boesing to even the tally at 2-2. Brody fell in straight sets, 6-4, 6-1 to Norah Balthazor on and Elle Martin edged Margolin 6-2, 6-3 to clinch the match.

Ariadna Fernandez led 6-2, 3-4 when Butler clinched the match.

The Red Wolves return to action Feb. 16, against Arkansas Tech. First serve is set for 2 p.m. at the RidgePointe Tennis Center.