

# Red Wolves fall to Michigan 28-18 after a hard-fought battle

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Although 21.5 point underdogs, the Arkansas State Red Wolves fought until the end with 17th-ranked Michigan. Defense was the name of the game, with the Red Wolves grabbing 3 interceptions and the Wolverines forcing 5 three-and-outs.

After a Michigan touchdown put the Wolverines up 7-0, an interception provided an opportunity for an A-State field goal. A-State was able to force 2 early turnovers on interceptions, but was only able to put 3 points on the scoreboard by halftime.

The Red Wolves struggled to capitalize on many of the stops they were getting against the Wolverines. Offensively they were able to move the ball but could not convert in the red zone.

Michigan was able to find success in the run game, and combined with effective defense the Wolverines went into the half up 21-3.

Both defenses got multiple stops in the third. Early in the quarter, Michigan benched

starting QB Davis Warren in favor of QB Alex Orji, due to Warren's high turnover rate. While Orji played a cleaner game, the Wolverines still struggled to score.

In the fourth quarter, the Red Wolves outscored Michigan 15-7. QB Timmy McClain replaced QB Jaylen Raynor and led the Red Wolves on a 64 yard touchdown drive.

The Red Wolves defense were able to force a punt on their next drive.

A-State fought to the finish, ending the game with a touchdown and two point conversion in the final 8 seconds of the game.

Jaylen Raynor completed 19 of his 33 pass attempts for 140 yards, with an interception and a fumble. Timmy McClain went 7 for 11 passing with 82 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Wide receiver Reginald Harden Jr. led the team with 3 receptions for 52 yards, scoring both receiving touchdowns for the Red Wolves.

Kicker Clune van Andel made a 27-yard field goal, and

missed a 51 and a 58-yarder. Punter Ryan Heicher punted 6 times this game, averaging 46.8 yards per punt. Heicher pinned the Wolverines inside their 20-yard line twice.

On the defensive side of the ball, safety Trevian Thomas led the team with 9 tackles and an interception.

Linebacker Charles Willekes pulled in an interception for the Red Wolves, as well as recording 5 tackles and assisting on a tackle for loss. Dontay Joyner also recorded an interception, as well as 8 tackles.

This loss brings A-State to a record of 2-1. The Red Wolves are currently tied for third place in the Sun Belt West division.

Michigan leaves the game with a record of 2-1, and multiple concerns about their starting quarterback situation as they are set to play the 11th-ranked USC Trojans next week.

A-State will travel to Iowa to play the 20th-ranked Iowa State Cyclones on September 21st. The Red Wolves will enter Jack Trice Stadium as 22 point underdogs.



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Michigan defensive back Ja'Den McBurrows tackling WR Corey Rucker.

## Red Wolves win UTA Maverick Classic



COURTESY OF A-STATE ATHLETICS

Ashley Kim (above) placed first in the individual rankings for the tournament

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The Red Wolves women's golf team secured a victory Tuesday in the UTA Maverick Classic. The two-day tournament was hosted by the University of Texas-Arlington.

Most participants in the tournament were Texas-based schools, with the exception of Little Rock, who placed 4th.

A-State's final score was greatly helped by the performance of sophomore golfer Ashley Kim. Kim tied

a program record for low 54-hole total. For her efforts, she received an individual medal and finished first in individual performance for the tournament. Kim scored 15 birdies and an eagle, with only 5 bogeys.

Kim's performance tied the record of former Red Wolves golfer Olivia Schmidt, who set the record of 12 under par 204 in the Lady Red Wolves Classic back in 2022. This is also the first individual medal in Kim's career.

A-State finished with a team total of -13. This was one stroke ahead of second-place Tarleton State who shot

-12. Tarleton State started to mount a comeback in the final round, but it was too little, too late for the Texans.

Besides Kim, three more Red Wolves placed in the top 10. Sophomore Anne-Lea Lavoie tied for 5th place with a score of -3 under par. In seventh place was junior Morgan Beaulieu, who finished the tournament with a score of -2. Senior Charlotte Menager tied for tenth place, ending her tournament run at even-par.

The Red Wolves will travel to Vail, Colo. on Sept. 23 to compete in the Red Sky Classic.

## Esports teams finalize roster



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Tristan Webber, a junior civil engineering major from North Little Rock, Arkansas, plays Counter-Strike: Global Offensive at the esports HQ during tryouts. After two weeks of tryouts, The Arkansas State University esports roster has been announced.

### • Apex Legends

Andrew Jackson, Dawson Huff, Zander Hemphill, Jaydon Brooks, Kaleb Brian Carpenter

### • Call of Duty

Kaleb Brian Carpenter, Chandler Wall, Casen Robert May, Maeson Jackson, Jeremy Garcia

### • League of Legends

Elijah Keen, Tianxiang Chu, Timothy Miles, Samuel D Eckerd, Nick Chrisman

### • Overwatch

Team A: Cademon Larmoyeux, Abby Felkins, Luke Morse, Ethan VanDon, Cyler Hilton.

Team B: Dakota Carl McCloud, Adaleigh Gallaher, Victor L Garrett, Benjamin Wertenberger, Maeson Jackson

### • Rainbow 6

Tucker Oxner, Tra Guthrie, Geoff Shaefer, Luke

Blankenship, Jaydon Brooks, Andrew Jackson, Carson Robinson, Jacob Copeland

### • Rocket League

Zander Hemphill, Ben Ino, Andrew Jackson, Riley Hemphill, Carter Walker

### • Smash Brothers

Steve Williams, Benjamin Bond, Xavion Harris, Justin Coats, Joseph Harvey, Grayson Robertson, Lloyd Thomas, Jerry Don Burton

### • Splatoon

Ethan Clay, Brady Jones, Dakota Carl McCloud, Allie Baird, Will Carlson

### • Valorant

Team A: Timothy Miles, Robert Gibson, Malik Johnson, Connor Lyles, Jessica Harvey.

Team B: Noah Ergle, Molokai Honda, Jason McLain, Damien Robinson, David Michael Vinson, Jaxon Crawford, Vincent Valenti