

Red Wolves Volleyball crushes Louisiana-Monroe

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Arkansas State Volleyball took on Louisiana-Monroe at home last Friday and Saturday, and swept the Warhawks in both games.

The first game started off shaky for the Red Wolves with the Warhawks having the lead for the majority of the first set, beating the Red Wolves 15-9. However, serving errors from the Warhawks and kills helped the Red Wolves to tie up the set and eventually take the lead, winning the set 25-21.

The second set started off back and forth until a kill by outside hitter Devyn Lewis started the Red Wolves on a 6-point scoring streak, bringing the score to 15-10. ULM got another point before another score streak begun by another kill from Lewis, bringing the score to 20-11 before the Red Wolves win the set 25-13.

The third and final set of the game was much closer than the previous ones. After an early lead of 14-5, the Warhawks made some substitutions and soon the score was 20-19. ULM then

went on a scoring spree, being a point away from winning the set at 24-23 until the Red Wolves scored, tying it up. However, the Red Wolves would win it 29-27 because of an attack error by Warhawks middle blocker Madeline Villarreal.

By the end of the third set, Arkansas State had 13 kills, 12 errors, 54 total attempts and a .056 hitting percentage. The total after all three sets was 43 kills, 23 errors, 139 total attempts and a .144 team hitting percentage.

Devyn Lewis recorded the most kills of the night with 12. Libero Sarah Martinez and libero Mia Maloney each had 2 aces during the game. Martinez had almost double the amount of digs as any other player during the game, recording 24. Middle blocker Haley Glunz got 7 blocks and setter Erin Madigan had the most assists of the night with 26.

Saturday, the Red Wolves took an early 13-7 lead before going on a scoring run to add on to the lead, making it 22-7 before ULM scored again in a dominant set for A-State, winning 25-9. The second set was more back

and forth than the first, with the score being 15-14 before a kill by right-side hitter Abby Harris led the Red Wolves to score 9 unanswered points. ULM attempted to mount a comeback, but the Red Wolves finished the set with a score of 28-25.

The third and final set of the match started similarly to the second set until ULM scored 4 in a row which gave them a 15-11 lead. Soon enough, the Red Wolves went on their own scoring spree, scoring 6 unanswered points and making the match 18-16. Arkansas State scored 4 points to end the set and the game, with a final score of 25-18.

Outside hitter Grace Wiley and Devyn Lewis both recorded 8 kills during the match. Erin Madigan had 3 aces, and Haley Glunz had the most blocks of the night with 5. Sarah Martinez tied Louisiana-Monroe's Cameron Rogers with 15 digs and Madigan added in 19 assists.

The Red Wolves are now 5-1 in conference and 15-3 overall. Their next match is at Texas State on October 18 and 19.



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A-State Volleyball team celebrates a score.

Bobcats deliver Texas-sized beatdown to Red Wolves, 41-9



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Linebacker Marvin Ham makes a tackle for loss on Texas State RB Deion Hankins

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The Texas State Bobcats secured a blowout win Saturday over Arkansas State, thanks to a stellar performance from quarterback Jordan McCloud and wide receiver Joey Hobert.

The Red Wolves defense proved unable to stop Texas State, allowing 591 yards and 5 touchdowns, and forcing no turnovers or sacks, and only got 2 tackles for loss.

A-State managed to keep the game within reach in the first half.

The Red Wolves opened the game taking a 3-0 lead off a 41-yard field goal from kicker Clune Van Andel, but the Bobcats soon marched down the field and scored on a 53-yard touchdown pass to WR Kole Wilson.

A Jaylen Raynor interception made things worse for the Red Wolves, but in what would prove to be one of the few bright spots of the game for the A-State defense, the Bobcats turned the ball over on downs. However, the Bobcats would

soon get another touchdown.

The Red Wolves scored 2 more field goals and the half ended with a score of 17-9.

The second half would prove to be a disaster for the Red Wolves.

Texas State scored on 4 consecutive drives, with 3 touchdowns and a field goal. A-State would respond to these drives with a fumble and 3 consecutive punts.

On offense for the Red Wolves, running back Ja'Quez Cross was the only bright aspect of an otherwise dismal day. Cross rushed the ball 9 times for 117 yards.

Cross also led in receiving yards for the team, picking up 6 receptions for 48 yards. WR Corey Rucker had 6 receptions for 38 yards. WR Malik Hornsby picked up the team's longest reception on a 21-yard catch and run. QB Jaylen Raynor went 24 for 38, getting 208 yards and an interception. He was replaced late in the 4th quarter by QB Timmy McClain, who completed a single pass for 6 yards.

On special teams, Van Andel led the Red Wolves in scoring, going 3 for 3 on field goals, all of which came in the first half. Punter Ryan Heicher had a great game, pinning the Bobcats inside the 20 yard line on all 5 of his punts.

Linebacker Marvin Ham led the Red Wolves in tackles, getting 9 tackles and the only 2 tackles for loss, but otherwise, Arkansas State did not perform very well on the defensive side of the ball.

A-State's offense will need to get things turned around. According to ESPN, offensive coordinator Keith Heckendorf's offense is ranked 120th in points per game, and 116th in rushing yards.

For context on those rankings, there are 134 teams total in the Football Bowl Subdivision.

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Red Wolves battle Southern Miss to 2-2



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Freshman midfielder Zoie Kempf competes for possession with Golden Eagles forward Raquelle Mitchell.

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Arkansas State soccer team (3-4-4, 0-3-2 SBC) took on Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles (1-6-4, 0-2-4 SBC) in a down-to-the-wire game which ended with a late goal, leading to a 2-2 tie.

The game opened with the Southern Miss dominating the pitch, with 6 shots on goal. The game's opening goal came from a Golden Eagles penalty kick after an A-State foul. The penalty was taken by sophomore Rebeka Vega of Southern Miss.

Along with the goal, there were two shots on target by A-State that were saved by Southern Miss goalkeeper Kesaia Bruni. A-State goalkeeper Damaris Deschaine made 2 great saves. Deschaine would

make 4 saves total in the game, and allowed 2 goals.

The Red Wolves managed to get 4 shots on goal, but could get a goal in the first half. Both teams fought hard, but the first half was dominated by Southern Miss who entered the half with a 1-0 lead.

The Red Wolves started the second half strong with a goal from midfielder Keelyn Peacock with an assist by defender Sarah Strong, to even up the score. Vega made another attempt on goal, but it was saved by Deschaine.

USM forward Adaira Nakano got the lead back for the Golden Eagles with a goal halfway through the game, managing to get a shot just beyond the reach of Deschaine. However, forward Emma Riley came back and scored a tying goal, assisted by forward Emma Riales,

to even the score at 2-2.

Both teams battled to the very end to get a leading score, but neither team's shots were on target as the clock ran down to 0.

This draw ties the school record for most draws in a season.

The Red Wolves are currently ranked 13th overall in the Sun Belt. If the current state of play continues for the Red Wolves, then they will miss the Sun Belt Tournament.

Southern Miss outshot A-State 14-10 during the match.

The Red Wolves record is now 3-4-4, and they are currently winless in conference play.

There are only 5 regular season games left for the 2024 season.