

Red Wolves defeat South Alabama in Mobile



Guard Mimi McCollister scans the Jaguars defense.

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The women's Arkansas State Red Wolves extended their win streak to eight on the road

against the South Alabama Jaguars with an 82-71 win.

The Red Wolves started strong with guard Anna Griffin scoring a three-pointer.

Arkansas State only lost the lead early in the quarter but quickly gained it back after two minutes, keeping the lead by the end of the first at 22-17 Red Wolves.

During the first quarter, the Red Wolves were 7-20 for field goals, 4-12 on three-pointers, and 4-4 on free throws. They also scored six second-chance points against the Jaguars' two.

In the second quarter, the Red Wolves and the Jaguars traded leads throughout its entirety. Arkansas State, however, started and ended the quarter ahead, going into halftime up four points against South Alabama at 42-38.

Red Wolves shot 8-13 at the free throw line, were 2-8 for three-pointers, and 5-16 for field goals. Arkansas State scored the only second-chance points of the quarter, scoring three points.

Something ignited within the Red Wolves offense after halftime as in the third quarter they scored 25 points, the most throughout the entire game, seven of which were unanswered in the last minute and a half. A-State didn't lose the lead once during the quarter and went into the fourth 10 points ahead of South Alabama.

Statistically wise, field goals and three-pointers were the

best they were all game with 9-15 and 2-4 respectively. Free throws, however, were the worst they were all game at 5-9. The second chance points this quarter reflected the same they were in the second quarter with three for the Red Wolves and none for the Jaguars.

At the start of the fourth, Arkansas State almost doubled their lead, scoring nine unanswered points which extended their lead to 19 before South Alabama managed to score. Even though the Jaguars scored multiple times back-to-back, the Red Wolves kept an 11-point lead and ended the game, winning 82-71.

During the fourth quarter, the Red Wolves didn't shoot any free throws but scored 1-8 of their three-pointers and 7-20 of their field goals. Like the first quarter, the Red Wolves scored six second-chance points while the Jaguars scored two.

By the end of the game, the Red Wolves were 28-71 in field goals, 9-32 in three-pointers, and 17-26. They had 47 rebounds, 20 of those offensive

and 27 defensive. Defensively, A-State had five blocks and 12 steals during the game.

Guard Zyion Shannon had the most minutes and scored the most points in the game for the Red Wolves. On the defensive side of the ball, forward Nissa Sam-Grant recorded seven rebounds for the team.

Zyion Shannon won Queen of the Court during the game. She scored 14 points, recorded five rebounds and was 5-5 on the free throw front. Guard Mimi McCollister was named Heart of a Red Wolf after the game with 10 points, four rebounds and two assists.

The Red Wolves continue their undefeated 2025 year and stay second in the Sun Belt Conference with their win. Arkansas State is now 12-7 overall and 8-1 in conference play. South Alabama is 0-8 in conference play after this game against the Red Wolves and 4-15 overall.

The Arkansas State Red Wolves play the third place Troy Trojans at home on Jan. 30 at 7 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, January 29

- Men's Basketball at Southern Miss, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, 7 p.m., ESPN+

Thursday, January 30

- Track and Field at Stan Scott Invitational, Lubbock, Texas, ESPN+

- Women's Basketball vs Troy, Jonesboro, Arkansas, 7 p.m., ESPN+

Friday, January 31

- Track and Field at PNC Lenny Lyles Invitational, Louisville, Kentucky,

- Track and Field at Stan Scott Invitational, Lubbock, Texas, ESPN+

- Tennis at Saint Louis, O'Fallon, Illinois

Saturday, February 1

- Track and Field at Stan Scott Invitational and Lenny Lyles Invitational, Lubbock, Texas and Louisville, Kentucky, ESPN+

- Women's Basketball vs South Alabama, Jonesboro, Arkansas, 2 p.m.

- Men's Basketball at Texas State, San Marcos, Texas, 4 p.m., ESPN+

Sunday, February 2

- Tennis at Mississippi State, Starkville, Mississippi, 3 p.m.

Red Wolves Track and Field win multiple events at Fighting Illini Challenge



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Sprinter Camren Bailey races in the 60m sprint, closely followed by Lipscomb sprinter Wessel Van der Nest.

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The Arkansas State Red Wolves track and field team performed admirably in the Fighting Illini Challenge in Champaign, Illinois. Two A-State athletes won their respective events in a meet largely dominated by the Illinois Fighting Illini, who were the host team.

The events at the meet were mostly dominated by Illinois, with the Illini winning 10 of the men's events and seven of the women's events, and Illini athletes made the podium in almost every event. Sophomore sprinter Camren

Bailey posted a 6.81 time in his victory in the men's 60 meter sprint. The time was a season best for Bailey. Hurdler Will Glass got fifth in the 60 meter finals, with a time of 7.74.

Sophomore jumper Kiara Strayhorn won the women's high jump, jumping a mark of 1.65 meters, five inches higher than that of Eastern Illinois jumper Angela Dobbins.

In the field events, senior thrower Willem Coertzen placed second in the men's shot put, hurling the shot 18.34 meters. Sophomore thrower Menachem Chen placed fourth with a distance of 17.56 meters, and sophomore thrower Chris Boyd placed fifth with

a distance of 17.19 meters.

Senior thrower Michelle Ogbemudia got the runner-up spot in women's shot put with a throw of 13.88 meters. Sophomore thrower Liya Guy placed seventh, chucking the shot 11.59 meters.

Freshman Jumper Me'Kiyah Earnest got second in the women's triple jump, and graduate pole vaulter Bradley Jelmert placed second in the men's pole vault.

The Red Wolves will travel to two meets up next, traveling to the PNC Lenny Lyles Invitational in Louisville, Kentucky. The other meet will be at Texas Tech in the Stan Scott Invitational in Lubbock, Texas.

What's Next: Stan Scott Invitational

Where: Sports Performance Center, Lubbock, Texas

Date: Jan. 30, 2024

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