

Red Wolves disappoint at Kennesaw State

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Arkansas State's first true road game against Kennesaw State ended in disappointing fashion as they fell to the Owls 28-21.

The Red Wolves defense was a non-factor in the first quarter. Kennesaw State quarterback Amari Odom tied multiple program records for yards and completions, and most of those numbers came during this quarter. On the Owls' first drive, Odom threw a 54-yard touchdown to wide open Owls wide receiver Gabriel Benyard, who practically walked into the endzone untouched.

A pair of long completions on the Owls' next drive led to a 7-yard touchdown run from Kennesaw running back Alexander Diggs, once again untouched on his way to the endzone. Odom led the next Owls drive downfield and ran 14 yards for a touchdown. On three consecutive drives the Owls scored three consecutive touchdowns, all in the first quarter.

The Red Wolves broke up

the monotony of their punting routine by fumbling the ball away, but the A-State defense finally showed some life by stopping Kennesaw and forcing a turnover on downs. The Owls later turned over the ball on a fumble of their own. On both of these turnovers the Red Wolves offense failed to capitalize with a score. The Red Wolves would force another fumble and this time the offense hit paydirt when QB Jaylen Raynor threw a 28-yard touchdown pass to WR Hunter Summers with 0:02 left in the first half.

The Owls turnover problem continued when Odom coughed up the ball into the arms of cornerback Trenton Alan Yowe. Raynor found the endzone again after powering over Kennesaw defenders for a 1-yard touchdown. Kennesaw responded with a touchdown of their own when Owls RB Coleman Bennett got a 10-yard rushing touchdown.

The Red Wolves opened the fourth quarter with a 16-play drive that ended in a touchdown. After getting to the red zone, the Red Wolves found themselves in

a fourth down situation. Raynor threw his third touchdown pass on 4th and 5 to RB Kenyon Clay to make the score 28-21.

This would be the last scoring drive of the game. A-State punted on their next two drives, including on a 4th and 2 with just over two minutes left. Their last drive ended when Raynor threw an incompletion and the game was sealed.

A-State's defense gave up nearly 500 yards of offense to the Owls. The Red Wolves have been suspect on defense for the majority of the season and the deficiencies really showed in this game. According to ESPN, A-State currently ranks 121st among the 136 teams in the Football Bowl Subdivision in yards allowed. The Red Wolves defense also ranks 133rd in points allowed and allows an abysmal 485.8 yards per game. In the Sun Belt Conference, the Red Wolves are second only to Georgia State in defensive inferiority.

The Red Wolves will look to right the ship against Louisiana-Monroe next Saturday at 2 p.m.



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Owls RB Alexander Diggs escapes the Red Wolves defenders for a first quarter touchdown.

A-State dominates at Razorback Invitational



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Outside hitter Kaitlin Whitlock sends the ball to the Razorback side of the court.

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SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

Arkansas State Volleyball went three for three in their games at the Razorback

Invitational, claiming victory over North Dakota State by 3-1, Southern Illinois by 3-1, and Arkansas by 3-1.

Arkansas State showed impressive play in all three matches, claiming 50 kills against North Dakota State, 60 kills against Southern Illinois, and 56 kills against the University of Arkansas.

A few stand out players for the Red Wolves include number 4 Daedrianna Cail, who walked away from the event with 39 kills and 22 blocks, and outside hitter. Whitlock who got 39

kills and 42 digs. The Red Wolves scored a total of 230 points across all three games with their highest scoring game being against the Razorbacks.

One of the most notable things about the Red Wolves performance in the Razorback Invitational was their improvement across the event, starting with a hitting percentage of 0.110 against the NDSU Bison, that percentage rising to 0.204 against SIU Salukis, and then reaching its peak against Arkansas Razorbacks when it rose to .328.

Their hitting percentage wasn't the only improvement that A-State saw across the three games

however, as their season high record of blocks was broken twice, first in their game against Southern Illinois with 16 blocks then again in the following game with 19 blocks.

After the Razorback Invitational, the Red Wolves are standing tall with a four-game win streak as they face down the Georgia State Panthers.

What's Next:
Opponent:
 Georgia State
Start: 5 p.m. CT
Where: GSU
 Sports Arena
Tune in: ESPN+

A-State Soccer falls to ULM 1-0



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Red Wolves defender Riley Whisenhunt attempts a shot.

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The Red Wolves soccer team fell 1-0 to the Louisiana-Monroe Warhawks at home after a hard fought defensive struggle.

A-State entered the game with a 2-1-4 record after recording a tie in their first conference matchup against the Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns. ULM on the other hand has had an excellent season so far, entering the game with a 6-2-1 record and had just defeated Marshall 3-2.

A defensive struggle ensued

and only five shots were taken in the entire first half. In the second half, Warhawks forward Skylar Blaise scored the games only goal in the 65th minute. Defender Riley Whisenhunt took a shot on goal late in the game, but it missed the mark and the Red Wolves fell to the Warhawks 1-0.

With the win the Warhawks improve to second place in the Sun Belt Conference and a record of 7-2-1. They are also currently undefeated in conference play. With the loss the Red Wolves fall to 2-2-4, and are still searching for their first

conference win of the season.

The Red Wolves will return to action in a road match against Marshall on Saturday at 6 p.m.

What's Next:
Opponent:
 Marshall
Start: 6 p.m.
Where: Hoops
 Family Field
Tune in: ESPN+