



ARKANSAS STATE POSTGAME NOTES vs. Nebraska (Sept. 2, 2017)

TEAM

- A-State's team captains were seniors **Blake Mack**, **Kyle Wilson** and **Blaise Taylor** and juniors **Justice Hansen** and **Jarrold Chandler**.
- Since joining the Sun Belt Conference in 2001, Arkansas State's 26 points in the first half were its most against a team currently in one of the P5 conferences.

OFFENSE

- Arkansas State recorded at least 300 yards total offense for the 80th time over its last 91 games.
- The Red Wolves finished with at least 400 yards in a season opener for the first time since posting 401 against USC in 2015 . . . A-State's 497 total yards were its most in a season opener since recording 547 against Montana State in 2014 . . . It was also the most in a season opener since recording 530 against Oregon in 2012.
- Junior QB **Justice Hansen** threw multiple TD passes in a game for the seventh time of his career, including the last three games in a row dating back to last season . . . He moved into a tie for eighth place (Elliot Jacobs and Roy Johnson) on the all-time career touchdown pass list in school history with 22 . . . Hansen set a new school record for completions in a game with 46, moving past Adam Kennedy and Ryan Aplin for the record . . . his 68 pass attempts are the most in school history ... Hansen passed for over 200 yards for the eighth time of his career . . . He surpassed 300 passing yards for the third time and 400 yards for the first time in his career ... His 415 total was the second most of his career.
- Senior WR **Chris Murray** posted his 5th career touchdown reception. It was his first TD catch since Oct. 29 of last season against ULM. Murray finished the game with career highs for receptions and receiving yards with nine catches and 90 yards.
- Senior TE **Blake Mack** recorded his fifth career touchdown catch. Dating back to last season, it was his fourth TD catch over his last eight games played.
- Junior WR Kendrick Edwards caught his first career touchdown pass in a Red Wolves' uniform ... he finished the game with 100 yards on eight receptions.

DEFENSE

- Senior DE **Caleb Caston** recorded A-State's first sack of the season, which was also the fifth of his career.
- Making his first career start at safety, **B.J. Edmonds** recorded a career-high nine tackles.
- A-State recorded its first safety since its 2011 season opener at Illinois – a span of 77 games.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- Senior CB **Blaise Taylor** recorded his fourth career punt return for a touchdown, and gives him a TD return in every single year of his career at A-State. His return covered 63 yards and was the third longest of his career.

- Sophomore kicker **Sawyer Williams** made a career-long 39-yard field goal and was 2-of-2 on for the game. He is now 3-of-3 for his young career with his only other attempt and make coming in the 2016 Cure Bowl.