



**ARKANSAS STATE POSTGAME NOTES
vs. GEORGIA SOUTHERN (Oct. 4, 2017)**

TEAM

- A-State's team captains were seniors **Blaise Taylor, Caleb Caston, Kyle Martin** and **Christian Booker** and junior **Warren Wand**.
- Junior DE **Ronheen Bingham** and freshman DL **Austin Moreton** became the 12th and 13th different players to make their first career starts at A-State this season.
- Arkansas State moved its all-time record vs Georgia Southern to 2-1, and it now stands 2-0 versus the Eagles in Sun Belt Conference games.
- A-State won its fifth consecutive Sun Belt Conference opener.
- The Red Wolves improved their record in games played in the month of October since 2010 to 19-2, including wins in their last eight outings.
- A-State won its seventh straight midweek game (Tue-Thur), improving its record in such contests to 18-6 since 2001.
- Head coach Blake Anderson became the fastest head coach in school history to reach 26 victories (43 games).
- The Red Wolves hold a 2-2 record through four games played for the fifth time over the last seven years and first time since 2014.
- Arkansas State improved its record to 41-6 over its last 47 Sun Belt Conference games.
- A-State claimed its 20th victory over its last 24 conference road games.

OFFENSE

- Arkansas State went over 300 yards total offense for the 83rd time over its last 94 games, including all but five games under HC **Blake Anderson**.
- The Red Wolves recorded over 30 points for the 49th time over their last 75 regular-season games, including 3 of 4 outings this year.
- Junior QB **Justice Hansen** threw four TD passes, giving him 14 for the season and 33 for his career . . . He became the sixth player in school history with 30 TD passes in a career . . . He has now thrown multiple touchdown passes in six consecutive games . . . Hansen moved into fifth place in school history with 33 career passing touchdowns, passing James Hamilton (1968-71).
- Senior WR **Chris Murray** hauled in five catches for a career-high 188 receiving yards and career-best two touchdowns . . . His 188 receiving yards tied Chet Douthit (vs. Louisiana Tech, 1970) for the fourth most yards in school history for a single game, while also tying the fourth most in the nation this season.
- His 1st catch covered 56 yards and his second a career-long 57, which were the second and third longest pass plays this season by the Red Wolves . . . He became the third A-State player to post over 100 receiving yards in a game this season, joining Kendrick Edwards and Blake Mack.
- Junior RB **Warren Wand** tied his career high for rushing touchdowns in a game with two, giving him four for the season and 16 for his career . . . His first TD came on a 25-yard rush, tying the second longest of running play of the season by the Red Wolves.

- Senior TE **Blake Mack** has recorded a TD reception in five of A-State's last six games, including all four games this season. He now has eight receiving touchdowns during his career.

DEFENSE

- The A-State defense didn't allow any 1st Quarter points for the second time this season, also shutting out UAPB in the opening quarter.
- A-State has forced at least one turnover in 35 of 43 games under defensive coordinator Joe Cauthen.
- The Red Wolves have recorded at least 5 tackles for loss in 21 consecutive games.
- Senior DE **Caleb Caston** recorded his team-leading third sack of the season, giving him seven for his career. Caston also recorded his first career forced fumble on the same play, and posted his third career fumble recovery later in the game.
- Freshman DL **Hunter Moreton** posted his first career fumble recovery.
- Sophomore DB **BJ Edmonds** recorded a career-high 11 tackles in the first half, topping his previous high of nine against Nebraska.
- Junior DB **Michael Johnson** recorded his first career interception.
- Junior LB **Antwon Turnage** posted 8 tackles and 1.5 tackles for loss, both career highs.
- Senior DE **Ja'Von Rolland-Jones** moved into a tie for the 14th most career sacks (32.5) in NCAA history, finishing the game with a season-high two sacks.
- Junior DL **Christian Howard** recorded his first career sack.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- Sophomore K **Sawyer Williams** connected on a career-long 43-yard field goal. He has now made 3-of-4 attempts this season and 4-of-5 during his career.
- Sophomore punter Cody Grace has recorded multiple punts inside the opponent's 20-yard line every game and has nine on the season.