



## ARKANSAS STATE POSTGAME NOTES vs. TROY (Dec. 2, 2017)

### TEAM

- A-State's team captains were seniors **Blaise Taylor**, **Dijon Paschal** and **Johnston White**.

### OFFENSE

- The Red Wolves' 606 yards total offense was their second most this season behind only their school-and-Sun Belt Conference-record 781 against ULM last week.
- A-State ran 94 total plays, matching their season high and the sixth most in school history.
- Arkansas State's 32 first downs tied its season high and tied the sixth most in school history
- The Red Wolves rushed for 169 yards, giving them at least 150 yards rushing in three consecutive games for the first time this season.
- A-State passed for at least 400 yards for the second consecutive game and third time this season. It's 437 yards were the fifth most in school history.
- A-State's 33:41 time of possession was its second most this season and marked the third straight game it has held the ball longer than its opponent. A-State lost the time of possession battle its first six games, but has now won the stat four of the last five games.
- Junior QB **Justice Hansen** threw two touchdown passes, running his season total to 34 to break the Sun Belt Conference record . . . Hansen has now thrown at least 1 TD pass in 16 consecutive games and has tossed at least two in all but one game this year . . . He also recorded at least one rushing TD for the third consecutive game and increased his total to six on the year and seven for his career . . . He increased his Sun Belt Conference record-touchdowns responsible for to 40 . . . Hansen's 437 passing yards were the third most in school history and pushed his season total to a school-record 3,630 . . . He recorded 489 yards total offense that were the second most in school history behind only his 550 against New Mexico State.
- Senior TE **Blake Mack** recorded over 100 receiving yards for the second time this season and third time of his career.
- Sophomore WR **Omar Bayless** recorded his sixth reception of the season and the seventh of his career . . . His six TDs ties the ninth most in school history for a single season.
- Senior WR **Christian Booker** posted his fifth receiving TD of the season.

### DEFENSE

- The A-State defense forced a turnover for the 42nd time in the last 50 games (84 percent) under defensive coordinator **Joe Cauthen**.
- The Red Wolves' recorded at least 5 TFL for the 27th time over their last 28 games.
- A-State defense allowed less than 300 yards total offense for the fifth time this season, including four of the last six.
- Senior DE **Ja'Von Rolland-Jones** recorded one sack, pushing his season total to 13 and giving him 43.5 for his career to leave him only one shy of breaking the NCAA record . . . His 13 sacks this season tie the third most in school history and second most ever by a Sun Belt Conference player.

- Senior DL **Dee Liner** recorded a career-high 2.5 tackles for loss.
- Junior DB **Justin Clifton** posted his second forced fumble of the season and fourth of his career.
- Junior safety **Michael Johnson** collected his second fumble recovery of the season.

#### **SPECIAL TEAMS**

- Sophomore punter **Damon Foncham** matched his career high for punts inside the opponents 20 with three, while also setting new season highs for punts (3), yards (168) and average (42.0).
- Senior WR **Chris Murray** recorded a career-long 51 yard kickoff return, topping his previous best of 34 against Appalachian State in 2015. His three returns for 101 yards set a career high.