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RAZORBACKS 2017 FOOTBALL

ARKANSAS VS FLORIDA A&M • AUGUST 31, 2017
WAR MEMORIAL STADIUM • LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

POSTGAME NOTES: ARKANSAS 49, FLORIDA A&M 7

GENERAL NOTES

- Attendance: 36,055
- Arkansas' captains were Austin Allen, Frank Ragnow, Santos Ramirez and Kevin Richardson II.
- Flag Holders: Arkansas State Flag - Josh Liddell; United States Flag - Ryan Pulley
- Arkansas won the opening coin toss and elected to receive the opening kickoff.
- Seven Razorbacks made their first career start: Deon Stewart, La'Michael Pettway, Ty Clary, Devwah Whaley, Bijhon Jackson, T.J. Smith and De'Jon Harris.
- Arkansas improves to 3-1 on Thursday night games since joining the SEC 25 years ago.
- Bret Bielema moved to 11-1 all-time in season openers as a head coach at Wisconsin (7-0) and Arkansas (4-1). Bielema has never lost a home opener during his career, posting a 12-0 mark in the first home game of the season.
- Bret Bielema improves to a staggering 41-4 against non-conference opponents during the regular season in his 12-year head-coaching career, including a 14-3 mark at Arkansas.
- Arkansas improves to 97-23-4 in season openers, winning 19 of its last 21. The Razorbacks have won 11 straight home openers and are 100-20-4 in the first home game of the season.

TEAM NOTES

OFFENSE

- Totalling 415 yards of offense, the Arkansas offense has reached the 400+ yards of total offense in 10 of its last 13 contests.
- Arkansas had two quarterbacks throw a touchdown in the same game for the first time since Oct. 31, 2014, when Brandon Allen had two scoring tosses and Austin Allen recorded his first career passing touchdown.
- Had three players rush for a touchdown (Whaley, Williams and Hayden) for the first time since Oct. 1, 2016 against Alcorn State in Little Rock, when Whaley, Cody Hollister and T.J. Hammonds each scored on the ground.
- Tallying 26 first downs, Arkansas has recorded 25 or more first downs in eight of the last 12 games, including three of the last four.
- Arkansas had nine receivers haul in a catch for the first time since Nov. 27, 2015 at Missouri (9).
- The Razorbacks ground attack rushed for four scores for the first time since Nov. 19, 2016 at Mississippi State (5).
- Arkansas has scored 40 or more points 11 times since the start of the 2015 season, which tops the SEC during that span.
- The Razorback offense scored touchdowns on each of its first three drives of the second half.

DEFENSE

- The Razorback defense allowed two total first downs on the Rattlers' first eight drives, recording five three-and-outs and a fumble return for a touchdown.
- With Henre' Toliver's scoop and score, the Razorback defense has a defensive score in five of the last 13 games (four interceptions, one fumble).
- Arkansas defense held FAMU to nine first downs, the fewest since holding Texas State to eight on Sept. 17, 2016.
- The Razorbacks held the Rattlers to 80 rushing yards, the fewest since holding Florida to 12 on Nov. 5, 2016.

PLAYER NOTES

QB Austin Allen

- Opened his senior campaign going 14-of-19 through the air for 135 yards with one touchdown and one interception.
- Has thrown a touchdown pass in six straight games and in 13 of his 14 games dating back to last season.

OL Ty Clary

- Became the first true freshman Arkansas offensive lineman to make his first career start in his first game since Mitch Smothers on Sept. 3, 2011 against Missouri State.

QB Cole Kelley

- Entered the game in the middle of the fourth quarter and commanded a 10-play, 75 yard drive, resulting in a seven-yard touchdown pass to Cheyenne O'Grady.
- Kelley went 2-of-3 in his first career action, throwing for 44 yards and one touchdown.

RB Chase Hayden

- Scored his first career touchdown on a five-yard rush in the third quarter. Became the third Razorback running back to score in the game.
- Tallied 120 yards on 14 carries, becoming the first true freshman running back to rush eclipse the 100-yard mark in his first career game since Alex Collins (131) on Aug. 31, 2013 against Louisiana.
- With runs of 8, 9 and 13 yards, Hayden was responsible for 30 of Arkansas' 64 yards during the first scoring drive of the game.

LB De'Jon Harris

- Led the team in tackles for the third time in his career, tying redshirt freshman linebacker Grant Morgan with five stops.
- Recorded a tackle for loss for the third of his career.

LB Grant Morgan

- Tied linebacker De'Jon Harris for the team lead in tackles with five in his first career action.

TE Cheyenne O'Grady

- Hauled in his second career touchdown reception in the fourth quarter on a seven-yard screen pass from QB Cole Kelley.
- Has caught a touchdown pass in two straight games.

LB Randy Ramsey

- On Florida A&M's first offensive possession, Ramsey recorded a six-yard sack on third-and-four to force a three-and-out on the Rattlers opening drive.
- Has recorded at least one-half sack in four career games.

LB Gabe Richardson

- In his first game as a Razorback, Richardson forced a fumble on Florida A&M's opening drive of the second half that was scooped by Henre' Toliver and returned for a touchdown.

WR Deon Stewart

- Caught his first career touchdown pass on his fourth career reception, second of the game, on a 16-yard strike from Austin Allen.

DB Henre' Toliver

- Returned his first career fumble recovery for an 18-yard touchdown on Florida A&M's first drive of the second half. It marks the first scoop and score by Arkansas since Taiwan Johnson recovered a fumble in the endzone against Texas in the 2014 Texas Bowl.
- His touchdown marks the second straight year that he has scored a defensive touchdown in Little Rock. Last season, he returned an interception 70 yards for a score.

RB Devwah Whaley

- In his first career start, Whaley scored his fourth career rushing touchdown from five yards out for Arkansas' first points of the season.
- Dating back to last season, Whaley has recorded a rushing touchdown in three of the last four contests.

RB David Williams

- In his first game as a Razorback, Williams went up the middle, untouched from seven yards out, for his sixth career touchdown.
- Williams' scored from one yard out to record his second multi-touchdown game of his career, first as a Razorback. His last multi-score game was against UMass on Oct. 22, 2016.