

WEEK FOUR
ARKANSAS AT AUBURN

AUBURN, Ala. -- Noah Igbinoghene scored on a 96-yard kickoff return, and a partially blocked punt by Jordyn Peters set up another touchdown as big plays on special teams helped No. 9 Auburn beat Arkansas 34-3 on Saturday night.

Freshman JaTarvious Whitlow ran for two touchdowns as Auburn (3-1, 1-1 Southeastern Conference) regrouped after last week's last-second loss to No. 6 LSU. The Tigers were far from dominant on offense as Jarrett Stidham passed for only 134 yards.

Auburn was held to 91 yards rushing. Whitlow ran for 49 yards, including a 15-yarder on a touchdown midway through the final quarter that was the team's longest run of the night. Whitlow had a 5-yard scoring run in the first quarter.

"Offensively, we didn't play our best but we didn't turn the ball over," said Auburn coach Gus Malzahn.

"We didn't play good tonight, there's no doubt about that. We've got to be able to run the ball better."

Whitlow was stopped on a fourth-and-1 run from the Arkansas 8 in the second quarter -- the second straight week the Tigers were denied on a fourth-down conversion.

"If you call it you need to get it, and we didn't get it," Malzahn said.

Auburn led only 10-0 late in the first half when Peters partially blocked a punt by Reid Bauer. K.J. Britt returned the ball to the Arkansas 9, setting up Stidham's 4-yard scoring run.

Rakeem Boyd had eight carries for 66 yards, but the Razorbacks (1-3, 0-1) had few offensive highlights. By the final quarter, the back of Arkansas quarterback Ty Storey's white jersey was stained green, evidence of repeated hits from Auburn's defense.

The kickoff return by Igbinoghene was a decisive answer to a 10-play field-goal drive to open the second half for the Razorbacks' only points. Arkansas consumed two of its three timeouts before settling for Conner Limpert's 29-yard field goal, cutting Auburn's lead to 17-3.

One week after Cole Kelley threw four interceptions in a loss to North Texas, Storey returned as the starting quarterback and completed 13 of 31 passes for 141 yards with one interception. He had 12 carries for 44 yards.

"I think Ty was a warrior," said Arkansas coach Chad Morris. "I thought he was gritty and played with a chip on his shoulder and the moment was not too big for him."

Morris said Storey earned another start.

Kelly made spot appearances for quarterback runs designed to take advantage of his 6-foot-7, 258-pound frame, but each time Storey returned the following play.

Auburn cornerback Javaris Davis intercepted a pass by Storey late in the first half and ran 57 yards for an apparent touchdown that was negated by a penalty for an illegal block in the back during the return.

Anders Carlson was wide left on a 51-yard field goal attempt on the final play of the half. Carlson was wide right on a 54-yard attempt in the first quarter but connected from 18 and 43 yards.

The theft by Davis was the only interception of the game for Arkansas following seven interceptions by three quarterbacks in its first three games.

THE TAKEAWAY

Arkansas: A series of mistakes and penalties -- including for 12 men on the field, illegal substitution and illegal formation -- helped keep the Razorbacks scoreless in the first half. The mistakes became more difficult to overcome when added to the breakdowns on special teams. Overall, Arkansas drew eight penalties for 57 yards.

Auburn: The big surprise was poor pass protection for Stidham. When Stidham couldn't establish a passing game, the offense became too one-dimensional. Whitlow, coming off back-to-back 100-yard games, had no run longer than xx yards. The Tigers were averaging 235 yards rushing through their first three games.

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ARK	0	0	3	0	3
AUB	10	7	7	10	34

Scoring Summary -----

	ARK	AUB
FIRST QUARTER		
AUB TD 10:36		
JaTarvious Whitlow 5 Yd Run (Anders Carlson Kick)		
7 plays, 27 yards, 2:21	0	7
AUB FG 0:21		
Anders Carlson 18 Yd Field Goal		
4 plays, 1 yard, 1:25	0	10
SECOND QUARTER		
AUB TD 0:49		
Jarrett Stidham 4 Yd Run (Anders Carlson Kick)		
4 plays, 10 yards, 2:19	0	17
THIRD QUARTER		
ARK FG 9:19		
Connor Limpert 29 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 68 yards, 3:50	3	17
AUB TD 9:05		
Noah Igbinoghene 96 Yd Kickoff Return (Anders Carlson Kick)		
0 plays, 0 yards, 0:14	3	24
FOURTH QUARTER		
AUB TD 8:18		
JaTarvious Whitlow 15 Yd Run (Anders Carlson Kick)		
8 plays, 72 yards, 3:51	3	31
AUB FG 3:15		
Anders Carlson 43 Yd Field Goal		
4 plays, -10 yards, 2:36	3	34

Team Stats	ARK	AUB
First Downs	13	13
Total Yards	290	225
Total Plays	70	58
Avg Gain Per Play	4.1	3.9
Net Yards Rushing	149	91
Rushes	38	36
Yards Per Rush	3.9	2.5
Net Yards Passing	141	134
Comp-Att	13-32	15-22
Yards Per Pass	4.4	6.1
Times Sacked	2	4
Yds Lost To Sacks	-19	-21
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	9	5
Punt Average	33.8	47.2
Penalties	8	7
Penalty Yards	57	40
Fumbles	2	0
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Possession	32:29	27:31

Individual Stats

RUSHING

ARK	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Rakeem Boyd	8	66	8.3	0	45
Ty Storey	12	44	3.7	0	17
Devwah Whaley	8	26	3.3	0	16
Chase Hayden	6	11	1.8	0	8
Cole Kelley	2	2	1.0	0	2
Maleek Williams	2	0	0.0	0	2
AUB	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
JaTarvious Whitlow	13	49	3.8	2	15
Kam Martin	8	39	4.9	0	12
Anthony Schwartz	2	9	4.5	0	5
Shaun Shivers	2	1	0.5	0	1
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
Jarrett Stidham	10	-5	-0.5	1	4

PASSING

ARK	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Ty Storey	13	31	141	4.5	0	1	21.4
Team	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	--
AUB	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jarrett Stidham	15	22	134	6.1	0	0	30.1

RECEIVING

ARK	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Rakeem Boyd	2	39	19.5	0	33
Deon Stewart	1	32	32.0	0	32
Jared Cornelius	2	15	7.5	0	11
Jordan Jones	2	15	7.5	0	15
Michael Woods	1	13	13.0	0	13
Devwah Whaley	2	9	4.5	0	7
Austin Cantrell	1	6	6.0	0	6
Chase Hayden	1	6	6.0	0	6
Jeremy Patton	1	6	6.0	0	6
AUB	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Anthony Schwartz	3	59	19.7	0	42
Ryan Davis	6	40	6.7	0	13
Darius Slayton	2	23	11.5	0	15
Seth Williams	1	10	10.0	0	10
Sal Cannella	1	2	2.0	0	2
Kam Martin	2	0	0.0	0	3