

WEEK FOUR  
**ARKANSAS STATE AT GEORGIA SOUTHERN**

STATESBORO, Ga. -- Wesley Kennedy III broke for a 47-yard scoring sprint in the waning seconds to give Georgia Southern a 28-21 victory over Arkansas State in the Sun Belt Conference opener for both teams on Saturday night.

Justice Hansen had just marched Arkansas State 77 yards to tie the game when Hansen crashed across from the 4 with 5:07 remaining. Georgia Southern's ensuing drive had apparently stalled around midfield when Shai Werts flipped Kennedy the ball on a reverse that caught most of the Arkansas State team off guard. Kennedy crossed the goal line just before being knocked out of bounds with 19 seconds left.

Werts threw three passes all night, but on one he connected with Wesley Fields for a 61-yard scoring strike to take a 7-3 lead into the half. Werts rushed for 113 yards and Kennedy finished with 105 yards rushing for Georgia Southern (3-1, 1-0).

Hansen threw for 376 yards and a score. Kirk Merritt caught 11 passes for 92 yards for Arkansas State (3-2, 0-1).

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ARKST	0	3	11	7	21
GASO	0	7	7	14	28

**Scoring Summary** -----

SECOND QUARTER	ARKST	GASO
ARKST FG 11:19		
B. Grupe 45 yd FG GOOD		
11 plays, 43 yards, 4:41	3	0
GASO TD 1:24		
S. Werts pass, to W. Fields for 61 yds for a TD, (T. Bass KICK)		
5 plays, 82 yards, 1:31	3	7
THIRD QUARTER	ARKST	GASO
ARKST FG 7:02		
B. Grupe 27 yd FG GOOD		
5 plays, 26 yards, 2:16	6	7
GASO TD 4:42		
S. Werts run for 36 yds for a TD, (T. Bass KICK)		
6 plays, 88 yards, 2:14	6	14
ARKST TD 0:53		
J. Hansen pass, to K. Merritt for 11 yds for a TD, (J. Hansen pass to O. Bayless for Two-Point Conversion)		
9 plays, 75 yards, 3:49	14	14
FOURTH QUARTER	ARKST	GASO
GASO TD 14:55		
M. Garrett run for 6 yds for a TD, (T. Bass KICK)		
3 plays, 70 yards, 0:58	14	21
ARKST TD 5:07		
J. Hansen run for 4 yds for a TD, (B. Grupe KICK)		
16 plays, 77 yards, 5:36	21	21
GASO TD 0:19		
W. Kennedy III run for 47 yds for a TD, (T. Bass KICK)		
10 plays, 83 yards, 4:42	21	28

Team Stats	ARKST	GASO
First Downs	28	15
Total Yards	491	409
Total Plays	87	52
Avg Gain Per Play	5.6	7.9
Net Yards Rushing	117	348
Rushes	36	49
Yards Per Rush	3.3	7.1
Net Yards Passing	374	61
Comp-Att	38-51	1-3
Yards Per Pass	7.3	20.3
Times Sacked	6	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-29	-13
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	2	6
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	5	8
Penalty Yards	39	70
Fumbles	2	1
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Possession	32:10	27:50

**Individual Stats**

**RUSHING**

ARKST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Marcel Murray	10	42	4.2	0	8
Justice Hansen	16	40	2.5	1	16
Armond Weh-Weh	6	28	4.7	0	14
Warren Wand	4	7	1.8	0	6
GASO	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Shai Werts	22	113	5.1	1	36
Wesley Kennedy III	8	105	13.1	1	47
Wesley Fields	10	98	9.8	0	64
Monteo Garrett	7	26	3.7	1	9
Malik Murray	1	4	4.0	0	4
Logan Wright	1	2	2.0	0	2

**PASSING**

ARKST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Justice Hansen	38	50	376	7.5	1	0	79.4
Team	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	--
GASO	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Shai Werts	1	3	61	20.3	1	0	68.0

**RECEIVING**

ARKST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Kirk Merritt	11	92	8.4	1	15
Omar Bayless	5	84	16.8	0	23
Jonathan Adams Jr.	4	74	18.5	0	32
Justin McInnis	8	60	7.5	0	13
Javonis Isaac	1	26	26.0	0	24
Brandon Bowling	4	23	5.8	0	11
Armond Weh-Weh	2	11	5.5	0	7
Kendrick Edwards	1	5	5.0	0	5
Marcel Murray	1	3	3.0	0	3
Javier Carbonell	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
GASO	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Wesley Fields	1	61	61.0	1	61