

Appalachian State beats Arkansas State 35-9

JONESBORO, Ark. -- Darrynton Evans ran for 115 yards and a touch-down on 16 carries to help Appalachian State beat Arkansas State 35-9 on Tuesday night.

The Mountaineers (4-1, 2-0 Sun Belt Conference) took the lead for good at 14-9 on Zac Thomas' 25-yard back shoulder pass to Corey Sutton with 2:57 left in the second quarter.

Tae Hayes intercepted Justice Hansen's pass three plays later and his 19-yard return set up the Mountaineers with a first-and-goal from the 3. Evans' 1-yard TD run made it 21-9 with 45 seconds left in the half.

Jalin Moore got the Mountaineers on the scoreboard with a 27-yard TD run early in the second quarter. He suffered a right ankle injury while being tackled as he reached for the end zone and was carted off the field.

Blake Grupe made all three of his field-goal attempts, including a career-long 47-yarder that gave the Red Wolves (3-3, 0-2) a 6-0 lead.

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| APP   | 0 | 21 | 7 | 7 | 35 |
| ARKST | 3 | 6  | 0 | 0 | 9  |

**Scoring Summary -----**

|   | APP | ARKST |
|---|-----|-------|
| <b>FIRST QUARTER</b>  |     |       |
| APP FG 9:39 Blake Grupe 31 Yd Field Goal  |     | 3     |
| 11 plays, 54 yards, 3:47  | 0   |       |
| <b>second Quarter</b>   |     |       |
| APP FG 12:54 Blake Grupe 47 Yd Field Goal   |     | 6     |
| 10 plays, 45 yards, 3:59  | 0   |       |
| APP TD 11:13 Jalin Moore 27 Yd Run (Chandler Staton Kick)   |     | 6     |
| 4 plays, 75 yards, 1:41   | 7   |       |
| ARKST FG 4:37 Blake Grupe 33 Yd Field Goal  |     | 9     |
| 5 plays, 48 yards, 2:18   | 7   |       |
| APP TD 2:57 Corey Sutton 25 Yd pass from Zac Thomas (Chandler Staton Kick)4 plays, 74 yards, 1:40 |     | 14    |
| APP TD 0:45 Darrynton Evans 1 Yd Run (Chandler Staton Kick)                                       |     | 21    |
| 3 plays, 3 yards, 1:11  | 21  | 9     |
| <b>third Quarter</b>  |     |       |
| APP TD 2:52 Collin Reed 3 Yd pass from Zac Thomas (Chandler Staton Kick)5 plays, 86 yards, 2:43   |     | 28    |
| <b>fourth Quarter</b>   |     |       |
| APP TD 6:09 Zac Thomas 62 Yd Run (Chandler Staton Kick)   |     | 35    |
| 3 plays, 65 yards, 1:30   | 35  | 9     |

| Team Stats        | APP          | ARKST        |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| First Downs       | 15           | 18           |
| Total Yards       | 390          | 336          |
| Total Plays       | 65           | 82           |
| Avg Gain Per Play | 6.0          | 4.1          |
| Net Yards Rushing | 246          | 117          |
| Rushes            | 38           | 37           |
| Yards Per Rush    | 6.5          | 3.2          |
| Net Yards Passing | 144          | 219          |
| Comp-Att          | 12-27        | 27-45        |
| Yards Per Pass    | 5.3          | 4.9          |
| Times Sacked      | 1            | 1            |
| Yds Lost To Sacks | -4           | -9           |
| Interceptions     | 0            | 3            |
| Punts             | 8            | 7            |
| Punt Average      | 43.8         | 45.4         |
| Penalties         | 4            | 7            |
| Penalty Yards     | 50           | 65           |
| Fumbles           | 0            | 0            |
| Fumbles Lost      | 0            | 0            |
| <b>Possession</b> | <b>28:32</b> | <b>31:28</b> |

**RUSHING**

| APP                 | Rush        | Yds        | Avg        | Long        | TD        |
|---------------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| Darrynton Evans     | 16          | 115        | 7.2        | 57          | 1         |
| Zac Thomas          | 6           | 76         | 12.7       | 62          | 1         |
| Jalin Moore         | 7           | 32         | 4.6        | 27          | 1         |
| Marcus Williams Jr. | 8           | 18         | 2.3        | 5           | 0         |
| Jalen Virgil        | 1           | 5          | 5.0        | 5           | 0         |
| <b>ARKST</b>        | <b>Rush</b> | <b>Yds</b> | <b>Avg</b> | <b>Long</b> | <b>TD</b> |
| Marcel Murray       | 11          | 37         | 3.4        | 10          | 0         |
| Justice Hansen      | 12          | 30         | 2.5        | 16          | 0         |
| Alex Roberts        | 4           | 21         | 5.3        | 10          | 0         |
| Warren Wand         | 7           | 20         | 2.9        | 6           | 0         |
| Armond Weh-Weh      | 3           | 9          | 3.0        | 4           | 0         |

**PASSING**

| APP            | Comp        | Att        | Yds        | Y/A        | TD        | Int        | QBRat        |
|----------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| Zac Thomas     | 12          | 27         | 144        | 5.3        | 2         | 0          | 113.7        |
| <b>ARKST</b>   | <b>Comp</b> | <b>Att</b> | <b>Yds</b> | <b>Y/A</b> | <b>TD</b> | <b>Int</b> | <b>QBRat</b> |
| Justice Hansen | 25          | 40         | 209        | 5.2        | 0         | 3          | 91.4         |
| Logan Bonner   | 2           | 5          | 10         | 2.0        | 0         | 0          | 56.8         |

**RECEIVING**

| APP                   | Rec        | Yds        | Avg        | Long        | TD        |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| 11 Jalen Virgil       | 2          | 47         | 23.5       | 41          | 0         |
| 2 Corey Sutton        | 1          | 25         | 25.0       | 25          | 1         |
| 14 Malik Williams     | 2          | 19         | 9.5        | 11          | 0         |
| 88 Henry Pearson      | 1          | 17         | 17.0       | 17          | 0         |
| 87 Collin Reed        | 2          | 15         | 7.5        | 12          | 1         |
| 4 Dominique Heath     | 1          | 9          | 9.0        | 9           | 0         |
| 5 Thomas Hennigan     | 1          | 7          | 7.0        | 7           | 0         |
| 25 Jalin Moore        | 1          | 4          | 4.0        | 4           | 0         |
| 3 Darrynton Evans     | 1          | 1          | 1.0        | 1           | 0         |
| <b>ARKST</b>          | <b>Rec</b> | <b>Yds</b> | <b>Avg</b> | <b>Long</b> | <b>TD</b> |
| 13 Kirk Merritt       | 9          | 73         | 8.1        | 15          | 0         |
| 18 Justin McInnis     | 7          | 55         | 7.9        | 24          | 0         |
| 7 Omar Bayless        | 2          | 30         | 15.0       | 20          | 0         |
| 87 Reed Tyler         | 3          | 29         | 9.7        | 18          | 0         |
| 9 Jonathan Adams, Jr. | 1          | 13         | 13.0       | 13          | 0         |
| 81 Javonis Isaac      | 1          | 9          | 9.0        | 9           | 0         |
| 82 Brandon Bowling    | 1          | 6          | 6.0        | 6           | 0         |
| 6 Warren Wand         | 1          | 3          | 3.0        | 3           | 0         |
| 34 Marcel Murray      | 2          | 1          | 0.5        | 1           | 0         |