

WEEK FIVE
 ARKANSAS ST at TROY

Layne Hatcher leads Arkansas State in debut 50-43 over Troy

TROY, Ala. -- Alabama-transfer Layne Hatcher passed for 440 yards, four touchdowns and two interceptions in his debut as a starter and Arkansas State held off Troy 50-43 in the Sun Belt Conference opener for both teams on Saturday night.

Hatcher's pass was intercepted by Carlton Martial, setting the Trojans up with a chance to tie or go ahead with just less than three minutes to go. Kaleb Barker led Troy to the Arkansas State 8, but on fourth and 4, an offensive player was injured with the clock still running, causing the last nine seconds of the game to be lost to an automatic 10-second runoff.

Omar Bayless had 10 catches for 213 yards and a score for the Red Wolves (3-2). Jonathan Adams Jr. added 105 yards receiving with a TD and Kirk Merritt had 104 yards receiving and two TDs.

Barker finished 34 of 57 for 367 yards, four touchdowns and one interception for the Trojans (2-2).

Hatcher, a redshirt freshman, replaced Logan Bonner who suffered a season-ending thumb injury. Bonner had surgery on his right hand Wednesday. He led the Sun Belt Conference with 1,052 yards passing in four games and had 10 touchdowns and one interception. Hatcher is the career leader in yards passing and touchdowns passes in Arkansas high school football and transferred from Alabama to Arkansas State after the conclusion of spring practice with the Crimson Tide.

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ARST	21	10	14	5	50
TROY	10	21	6	6	43

Scoring Summary -----

	ARST	TROY
FIRST QUARTER		
ARST TD 12:43 L. Hatcher pass,to O. Bayless for 92 yds for a TD, (B. Grupe KICK)	7	0
1 play, 92 yards, 0:13		
ARST TD 11:42 K. Barker run for -8 yds,K. Barker fumbled, recovered by ArkSt L. Wescott,return for 40 yds	14	0
3 plays, 15 yards, 1:01		
TROY FG 8:42 T. Sumpter 20 yd FG GOOD		3
10 plays, 70 yards, 3:00		
TROY TD 8:33 K. Barker pass,to T. Eafford for 29 yds for a TD, (T. Sumpter KICK)	14	10
1 play, 29 yards, 0:09		
ARST TD 6:14 L. Hatcher pass,to K. Merritt for 14 yds for a TD, (B. Grupe KICK)	21	10
6 plays, 71 yards, 2:19		
SECOND QUARTER		
TROY TD 11:40 K. Barker pass,to B. Clark for 27 yds for a TD, (T. Sumpter KICK)	21	17
3 plays, 46 yards, 0:56		
ARST TD 10:22 L. Hatcher pass,to K. Merritt for 45 yds for a TD, (B. Grupe KICK)	28	17
3 plays, 72 yards, 1:18		
TROY TD 8:27 K. Geiger run for 2 yds for a TD, (T. Sumpter KICK)	28	24
7 plays, 65 yards, 1:55		
ARST FG 4:30 B. Grupe 36 yd FG GOOD		24
8 plays, 56 yards, 3:57		
TROY TD 1:07 K. Barker pass,to K. McClain for 8 yds for a TD, (T. Sumpter KICK)	31	24
9 plays, 58 yards, 3:23		
THIRD QUARTER		
TROY FG 10:25 T. Sumpter 22 yd FG GOOD		31
11 plays, 79 yards, 2:44		
ARST TD 7:50 J. Jones run for 7 yds for a TD	31	34
7 plays, 75 yards, 2:35		
TROY FG 5:17 T. Sumpter 22 yd FG GOOD		37
7 plays, 65 yards, 2:33		
ARST TD 1:52 L. Hatcher pass,to J. Adams Jr. for 32 yds for a TD	45	37
1 play, 32 yards, 0:08		
FOURTH QUARTER		
TROY TD 14:48 K. Barker pass,to K. Geiger for 9 yds for a TD, (Two-point Conversion failed)	45	43
10 plays, 73 yards, 1:59		
ARST SF 8:41 D. Billingsley run for -1 yds for a SAFETY		47
1 play, -1 yard, 0:05		
ARST FG 5:12 B. Grupe 19 yd FG GOOD		50
7 plays, 53 yards, 3:29		

Team Stats	ARST	TROY
First Downs	24	28
Passes for First	15	15
Rushes for First	6	7
Penalties for First	3	6
Third Down Efficiency	4-14	8-19
Fourth Down Efficiency	2-2	1-1
Total Yards	558	510
Total Plays	70	92
Avg Gain Per Play	8.0	5.5
Net Yards Rushing	103	143
Rushes	34	34
Yards Per Rush	3.0	4.2
Net Yards Passing	455	367
Comp-Att	26-36	34-58
Yards Per Pass	12.6	6.3
Times Sacked	2	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-17	-15
Interceptions	2	1
Punts	5	5
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	13	5
Penalty Yards	138	77
Fumbles	2	1
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Time of Poss	30:19	29:42

Individual Stats

RUSHING

ARKANSAS ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Jamal Jones	14	54	3.9	1	15
DJ Chatman	7	21	3.0	0	11
Layne Hatcher	9	20	2.2	0	10
Isaiah Azubuike	4	8	2.0	0	6

TROY	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
DK Billingsley	20	103	5.2	0	43
Kaleb Barker	10	33	3.3	0	20
Trevon Woolfolk	2	7	3.5	0	4
Kaylon Geiger	1	2	2.0	1	2
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0

PASSING

ARKANSAS ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Layne Hatcher	25	35	440	12.6	4	2	80.4
Cody Grace	1	1	15	15.0	0	0	100.0
TROY	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Kaleb Barker	34	57	367	6.4	4	1	57.3
Khalil McClain	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	1.8

RECEIVING

ARKANSAS ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Omar Bayless	10	213	21.3	1	92
Jonathan Adams Jr.	7	105	15.0	1	34
Kirk Merritt	6	104	17.3	2	45
Brandon Bowling	1	15	15.0	0	15
Jamal Jones	1	10	10.0	0	10
Jeff Foreman	1	8	8.0	0	8
TROY	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Kaylon Geiger	8	111	13.9	1	31
Reggie Todd	4	100	25.0	0	44
Tray Eafford	3	46	15.3	1	29
Bret Clark	5	43	8.6	1	27
Khalil McClain	4	32	8.0	1	12
Luke Whittmore	4	20	5.0	0	11
DK Billingsley	5	16	3.2	0	13
Timmie Gibson	1	-1	-1.0	0	0