

WEEK SIX
 ARKANSAS ST at GEORGIA ST

ATLANTA, GA. (10/5/19) - The Arkansas State football team (3-3, 1-1) rallied from an early 21-0 deficit to pull within 38-35 in the second half, but it wasn't enough as the Red Wolves dropped a 52-38 contest to Georgia State (3-2, 0-1) Saturday evening at Georgia State Stadium.

After 21 unanswered points by Georgia State, A-State was finally able to put points on the scoreboard after a 24-yard touchdown pass from Layne Hatcher to Kirk Merritt. The touchdown marked the sixth of Merritt's career which ties the 11th most in A-State history for a single season.

Hatcher once again led the Red Wolves on a three-play scoring drive, which ended in a 28-yard rushing touchdown by sophomore Marcel Murray, to close the scoring gap to 24-14. A Little Rock, Ark., native, Hatcher was 21-for-32 passing for 299 yards with four touchdowns, while Murray had six rushing attempts for a team-high 58 yards.

Georgia State outgained the Scarlet and Black 722-421 on the game as the home team had 382 yards in the air with another 340 coming from the ground. Arkansas State had 306 passing yards and 115 rushing.

The start of the second half somewhat mimicked the first, as Georgia State scored on its opening drive consisting of six plays that ended with a 10-yard rushing touchdown to take a 38-21 advantage over the Red Wolves.

Arkansas State responded with a four-yard touchdown pass as Hatcher connected with Bayless for the third time of the night to pull the Red Wolves within 38-28.

Bayless finished the night with a team-high 154 receiving yards on eight catches, while Merritt earned 84 yards on nine catches. Jonathan Adams carved up 48 yards for the Red Wolves on two catches.

Senior Logan Wescott recorded a career-high 13 tackles, while Junior Tajhea Chambers had nine stops. B.J Edmonds and Caleb Bonner each recorded eight tackles on the night.

Arkansas State will return home, after a two-week road stint as it hosts Louisiana on Oct. 17. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. at Centennial Bank Stadium with the game airing on ESPNU, while live stats can be viewed at AStateStats.com.

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ARST	0	21	7	10	38
GAST	7	24	7	14	52

Scoring Summary -----

	ARST	GAST
FIRST QUARTER		
GAST TD 9:41 T. Barnett run for 3 yds for a TD, (B. Wright KICK)	0	7
12 plays, 75 yards, 5:19		
SECOND QUARTER		
GAST TD 14:55 D. Coates run for 27 yds for a TD, (B. Wright KICK)	0	14
8 plays, 89 yards, 2:47		
GAST TD 8:56 S. Paige run for 7 yds for a TD, (B. Wright KICK)	0	21
8 plays, 80 yards, 3:33		
ARST TD 8:00 L. Hatcher pass, to K. Merritt for 24 yds for a TD, (B. Grupe KICK)	7	21
3 plays, 75 yards, 0:56		
GAST FG 5:44 B. Wright 43 yd FG GOOD	7	24
8 plays, 49 yards, 2:16		
ARST TD 4:40 M. Murray run for 28 yds for a TD, (B. Grupe KICK)	14	24
3 plays, 75 yards, 1:04		
GAST TD 1:38 D. Ellington pass, to S. Pinckney for 11 yds for a TD, (B. Wright KICK)	14	31
9 plays, 75 yards, 3:02		
ARST TD 0:47 L. Hatcher pass, to O. Bayless for 31 yds for a TD, (B. Grupe KICK)	21	31
5 plays, 59 yards, 0:51		
THIRD QUARTER		
GAST TD 10:26 D. Ellington run for 10 yds for a TD, (B. Wright KICK)	21	38
6 plays, 90 yards, 2:21		
ARST TD 4:21 L. Hatcher pass, to O. Bayless for 4 yds for a TD, (GEORGIA ST penalty, Defensive pass interference (Yards) declined, (B. Grupe KICK)	28	38
4 plays, 80 yards, 1:05		
FOURTH QUARTER		
ARST TD 10:30 L. Hatcher pass, to O. Bayless for 5 yds for a TD, (B. Grupe KICK)	35	38
9 plays, 68 yards, 3:07		
GAST TD 6:30 D. Coates run for 1 yd for a TD, (B. Wright KICK)	35	45
8 plays, 75 yards, 4:00		
ARST FG 4:27 B. Grupe 44 yd FG GOOD	38	45
7 plays, 48 yards, 2:03		
GAST TD 2:05 D. Coates run for 2 yds for a TD, (B. Wright KICK)	38	52
4 plays, 75 yards, 2:22		

Team Stats	ARST	GAST
First Downs	22	39
Passes for First	9	21
Rushes for First	7	15
Penalties for First	6	3
Third Down Efficiency	4-12	7-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	1-1
Total Yards	421	722
Total Plays	56	99
Avg Gain Per Play	7.5	7.3
Net Yards Rushing	115	340
Rushes	22	58
Yards Per Rush	5.2	5.9
Net Yards Passing	306	382
Comp-Att	22-34	29-41
Yards Per Pass	9.0	9.3
Times Sacked	1	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-9	-14
Interceptions	2	0
Punts	5	4
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	9	10
Penalty Yards	85	124
Fumbles	2	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Time of Poss	20:41	39:19

Individual Stats

RUSHING

ARKANSAS ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Marcel Murray	6	58	9.7	1	28
Isaiah Azubuike	5	45	9.0	0	36
Kirk Merritt	1	9	9.0	0	9
Layne Hatcher	10	3	0.3	0	9
GEORGIA ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Tra Barnett	14	139	9.9	1	56
Dan Ellington	19	69	3.6	1	13
Seth Paige	9	68	7.6	1	15
Destin Coates	15	66	4.4	3	27
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0

PASSING

ARKANSAS ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Layne Hatcher	21	32	299	9.3	4	2	
Carson Coats	1	2	7	3.5	0	0	
GEORGIA ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Dan Ellington	29	41	382	9.3	1	0	

RECEIVING

ARKANSAS ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Omar Bayless	8	154	19.3	3	46
Kirk Merritt	9	84	9.3	1	27
Jonathan Adams Jr.	2	48	24.0	0	42
Marcel Murray	1	7	7.0	0	7
DJ Chatman	1	7	7.0	0	7
Brandon Bowling	1	6	6.0	0	6
GEORGIA ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Sam Pinckney	9	120	13.3	1	43
Cornelius McCoy	8	107	13.4	0	25
Jonathan Ifedi	5	78	15.6	0	37
Roger Carter	2	45	22.5	0	24
Jamari Thrash	2	17	8.5	0	16
Tra Barnett	2	10	5.0	0	10
Matlin Marshall	1	5	5.0	0	5