

WEEK ONE  
SMU at ARKANSAS ST

Jones with 3 TDs, SMU holds on to beat Arkansas St. 37-30

JONESBORO, Ark. -- Xavier Jones ran for three touchdowns as SMU held on late for a 37-30 win over Arkansas State on Saturday in a season opener.

SMU led by seven when Arkansas State began its final drive with just over two minutes left. The Red Wolves were threatening when, with seven seconds remaining, the Mustang's Delontae Scott sacked ASU quarterback Logan Bonner, forcing a fumble which was recovered by teammate Nelson Paul, sealing the win for SMU.

SMU trailed early but took a 16-9 edge at halftime with the help of field goals by Kevin Robledo of 29 and 25 yards.

Bonner opened the second half with a pair of touchdowns to Omar Bayless to give the Red Wolves a 23-16 lead with 7:36 to go in the third. C.J. Sanders answered for the Mustangs with a 98-yard punt return for a score and Jones ran for a touchdown, lifting SMU to a 30-23 lead at the end of the third. Jones ran for another TD midway through the fourth to stretch it to 37-23.

Shane Buechele threw for 360 yards for the Mustangs. Ke'Mon Freeman ran for 86 yards and Jones finished with 56 yards.

Bonner threw for 324 yards and four touchdowns for the Red Wolves.

<b>Final</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>T</b>
ARKST	3	13	14	7	37
ARKST	7	2	14	7	30

**Scoring Summary** -----

	SMU	ARKST
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
ARKST TD 13:08 Omar Bayless 7 Yd pass from Logan Bonner (Blake Grupe Kick)		
1 play, 7 yards, 0:04	0	7
SMU FG 8:45 Kevin Robledo 34 Yd Field Goal		
14 plays, 53 yards, 4:17	3	7
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
ARKST SF 14:01 Team Safety		
2 plays, -12 yards, 0:36	3	9
SMU TD 7:08 Xavier Jones 9 Yd Run (Kevin Robledo Kick)		
13 plays, 92 yards, 5:03	10	9
SMU FG 3:53 Kevin Robledo 29 Yd Field Goal		
7 plays, 27 yards, 2:29	13	9
SMU FG 0:29 Kevin Robledo 25 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 47 yards, 1:55	16	9
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
ARKST TD 13:41 Omar Bayless 8 Yd pass from Logan Bonner (Blake Grupe Kick)		
6 plays, 69 yards, 1:11	16	16
ARKST TD 7:36 Omar Bayless 29 Yd pass from Logan Bonner (Blake Grupe Kick)		
7 plays, 98 yards, 3:03	16	23
SMU TD 7:22 CJ Sanders 98 Yd Kickoff Return (Kevin Robledo PAT failed)		
0 plays, 0 yards, 0:00	22	23
SMU TD 0:44 Xavier Jones 1 Yd Run (Tyler Page Pass to Kylen Granson for Two-Point Conversion)		
9 plays, 51 yards, 3:36	30	23
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
SMU TD 9:11 Xavier Jones 2 Yd Run (Kevin Robledo Kick)		
11 plays, 89 yards, 4:55	37	23
ARKST TD 5:59 Omar Bayless 34 Yd pass from Logan Bonner (Blake Grupe Kick)		
11 plays, 75 yards, 3:12	37	30

Team Stats	SMU	ARKST
First Downs	29	25
Passes for First	16	19
Rushes for First	11	4
Penalties for First	2	2
Third Down Efficiency	9-17	3-13
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-2	2-3
Total Yards	508	414
Total Plays	94	74
Avg Gain Per Play	5.4	5.6
Net Yards Rushing	148	90
Rushes	45	24
Yards Per Rush	3.3	3.8
Stat Name		
Net Yards Passing	360	324
Comp-Att	30-49	32-50
Yards Per Pass	7.3	6.5
Times Sacked	2	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-21	-7
Interceptions	1	1
Punts	2	6
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	5	11
Penalty Yards	50	83
Fumbles	2	3
Fumbles Lost	0	2
Time of Poss	35:14	24:46

**Individual Stats**

**RUSHING**

SMU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Ke'Mon Freeman	22	86	3.9	0	18
Xavier Jones	18	56	3.1	3	9
Ulysses Bentley IV	1	3	3.0	0	3
Shane Buechele	4	3	0.8	0	4
ARKANSAS ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Marcel Murray	17	77	4.5	0	20
Logan Bonner	6	16	2.7	0	20
Ryan Graham	1	-3	-3.0	0	0

**PASSING**

SMU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Shane Buechele	30	49	360	7.3	0	1	
ARKANSAS ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Logan Bonner	32	50	324	6.5	4	1	

**RECEIVING**

SMU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Reggie Roberson Jr.	11	180	16.4	0	51
James Proche	7	66	9.4	0	18
Kylen Granson	5	63	12.6	0	28
Myron Gailliard	3	24	8.0	0	13
Judah Bell	2	16	8.0	0	10
Xavier Jones	2	11	5.5	0	9
ARKANSAS ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Omar Bayless	10	132	13.2	4	34
Brandon Bowling	12	92	7.7	0	21
Jonathan Adams Jr.	8	84	10.5	0	22
Reed Tyler	1	11	11.0	0	11
Marcel Murray	1	5	5.0	0	5