

**WEEK FOURTEEN**  
**ARKANSAS ST at SOUTH ALABAMA**

**South Alabama beats Arkansas State 34-30, ends 9-game skid**

MOBILE, Ala. -- Sophomore Jalen Tolbert caught five passes for a school-record four touchdowns, Rocel McWilliams came up with a game-saving sack and South Alabama snapped a nine-game losing streak with a 34-30 victory over Arkansas State on Friday.

The Jaguars (2-10, 1-7) picked up their first Sun Belt Conference win in their season finale as Desmond Trotter tied a school record with four TD passes. Trotter completed 20 of 31 passes for 279 yards with an interception. Tolbert finished with 144 yards, topping the 100-yard mark for the first time in his career. His scoring catches went for 21 and 30 yards in the first quarter and 31 and 26 yards in the fourth quarter.

South Alabama took a 27-17 lead early in the fourth quarter after Trotter's third TD toss to Tolbert. But the Red Wolves (7-5, 5-3) scored on three straight possessions -- a Layne Hatcher 1-yard TD run and two field goals by Blake Grupe -- to take a 30-27 lead with 3:51 left in the game.

Trotter answered with a nine-play, 61-yard drive that ended with TD pass number four to Tolbert for a 34-30 Jaguars' lead with 1:18 remaining.

Arkansas State had one last shot after a 22-yard kickoff return by Jeff Foreman and a personal foul on South Alabama's Shawn Jennings gave the Red Wolves the ball at their own 40-yard line. But McWilliams sacked Hatcher on first down and teammate Jeffery Whatley recovered, allowing the Jaguars to run out the clock.

Hatcher completed 23 of 38 passes for 342 yards and two TDs for Arkansas State, which saw a four-game win streak end. Kirk Merritt had nine catches for 121 yards.

Tra Minter rushed for 106 yards and a TD on 21 carries for South Alabama.

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ARST	7	0	10	13	30
USA	14	0	6	14	34

**Scoring Summary -----**

	ARST	USA
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
ARST TD 9:52 Brandon Bowling 5 Yd pass from Layne Hatcher (Blake Grupe Kick)		
5 plays, 49 yards, 1:36	7	0
USA TD 3:12 Jalen Tolbert 21 Yd pass from Desmond Trotter (Diego Guajardo Kick)		
8 plays, 76 yards, 3:04	7	7
USA TD 0:00 Jalen Tolbert 30 Yd pass from Desmond Trotter (Diego Guajardo Kick)		
5 plays, 76 yards, 0:00	7	14
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
ARST FG 10:50 Blake Grupe 23 Yd Field Goal		
9 plays, 63 yards, 2:52	10	14
USA TD 6:03 Tra Minter 1 Yd Run (Diego Guajardo PAT blocked)		
10 plays, 73 yards, 4:47	10	20
ARST TD 2:41 Omar Bayless 10 Yd pass from Layne Hatcher (Blake Grupe Kick)		
8 plays, 75 yards, 3:22	17	20
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
USA TD 14:53 Jalen Tolbert 31 Yd pass from Desmond Trotter (Diego Guajardo Kick)		
7 plays, 60 yards, 2:48	17	27
ARST TD 12:29 Layne Hatcher 1 Yd Run (Blake Grupe Kick)		
8 plays, 65 yards, 2:24	24	27
ARST FG 9:22 Blake Grupe 40 Yd Field Goal		
5 plays, 28 yards, 1:16	27	27
ARST FG 3:51 Blake Grupe 20 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 84 yards, 3:37	30	27
USA TD 1:18 Jalen Tolbert 26 Yd pass from Desmond Trotter (Diego Guajardo Kick)		
9 plays, 61 yards, 2:33	30	34

Team Stats	ARST	USA
First Downs	21	26
Passes for First	15	15
Rushes for First	4	10
Penalties for First	2	1
Third Down Efficiency	8-18	5-16
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-2	4-4
Total Yards	437	495
Total Plays	77	79
Avg Gain Per Play	5.7	6.3
Net Yards Rushing	95	216
Rushes	39	48
Yards Per Rush	2.4	4.5
Net Yards Passing	342	279
Comp-Att	23-38	20-31
Yards Per Pass	9.0	9.0
Times Sacked	3	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-14	-10
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	5	6
Punt Average	50.8	46.0
Penalties	4	10
Penalty Yards	20	87
Fumbles	3	1
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Time of Poss	28:40	31:20

**Individual Stats**

RUSHING					
ARKANSAS ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Jamal Jones	16	61	3.8	0	9
Marcel Murray	14	39	2.8	0	9
Kirk Merritt	1	2	2.0	0	2
Layne Hatcher	8	-7	-0.9	1	7

SOUTH ALABAMA					
	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Tra Minter	21	106	5.0	1	18
Desmond Trotter	14	58	4.1	0	19
Tony Brown	3	17	5.7	0	10
Carlos Davis	4	14	3.5	0	8
Damean Bivins	2	10	5.0	0	5
Jared Wilson	2	8	4.0	0	5
Kawaan Baker	1	6	6.0	0	6
Cade Sutherland	1	-3	-3.0	0	0

PASSING							
ARKANSAS ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Layne Hatcher	23	38	342	9.0	2	0	66.6
SOUTH ALABAMA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Desmond Trotter	20	31	279	9.0	4	1	83.9

RECEIVING					
ARKANSAS ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Kirk Merritt	9	121	13.4	0	34
Omar Bayless	4	98	24.5	1	53
Jonathan Adams Jr.	4	69	17.3	0	30
Brandon Bowling	2	28	14.0	1	23
Javonis Isaac	2	17	8.5	0	10
Reed Tyler	1	5	5.0	0	5
Jamal Jones	1	4	4.0	0	4
SOUTH ALABAMA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Jalen Tolbert	5	144	28.8	4	36
Kawaan Baker	5	62	12.4	0	20
Davyn Flenord	2	25	12.5	0	15
Jalen Wayne	1	14	14.0	0	14
Tra Minter	3	14	4.7	0	11
Carlos Davis	2	11	5.5	0	6
Brandon Crum	2	9	4.5	0	5