

## **ARKANSAS STATE QUICK FACTS**

**Location:** Jonesboro, Ark. (70,187) | **Enrollment:** 13,552 **Nickname:** Red Wolves | **Colors:** Scarlet and Black

Stadium: Centennial Bank Stadium (30,406) | Playing Surface: GEO Surfaces Field Turf | Conference: Sun Belt

Head Coach: Blake Anderson (Sam Houston State, 1992)

Record at A-State: 1-0 (1st year)
Overall Record: Same

### Assistant Coaches:

Asst. HC/Off. Coordinator/Quarterbacks Walt Bell Middle Tennessee, 2005 (1st year at Arkansas State)
Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers Joe Cauthen
Stephen F. Austin, 1990 (1st year at Arkansas State)
Co-offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line Glen Elarbee
Middle Tennessee, 2002 (1st year at Arkansas State)
WR/Special Teams Coordinator Luke Paschall
Middle Tennessee, 2006 (1st year at Arkansas State)
Tight Ends/Recruiting Coordinator Dan Dodd
Drake, 1978 (1st year at Arkansas State)
Defensive Line Brian Early
Arkansas-Monticello, 1994 (1st year at Arkansas State
Safeties Allen Johnson
Texas A&M-Commerce, 1999 (1st year at Arkansas State)
Cornerbacks Trooper Taylor
Baylor, 1992 (1st year at A-State)
Running Backs Anthony Tucker
Fresno State, 1999 (2nd year at Arkansas State)

#### 2014 ARKANSAS STATE SCHEDULE

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MONTANA STATE (ESPN3)	W, 37-10
at Tennessee (SEC Network	k) 11 a.m.
at Miami (ESPNU)	2:30 p.m.
UTAH STATE	6 p.m.
LOUISIANA-MONROE*^	6 p.m.
at Georgia State*	1 p.m.
at Louisiana-Lafayette* (ES	SPN2) 7 p.m.
at Idaho*	4 p.m.
SOUTH ALABAMA*	2 p.m.
APPALACHIAN STATE*	2 p.m.
at Texas State* (ESPNU)	8:30 p.m.
NEW MEXICO STATE*	2 p.m.
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## 2014 TENNESSEE SCHEDULE

AUG. 31	UTAH STATE	W, 38-7
SEPT. 6	ARKANSAS STATE	Noon
Sept. 13	at Oklahoma	8 p.m.
Sept. 27	at Georgia*	TBA
OCT. 4	FLORIDA*	TBA
OCT. 11	UT CHATTANOOGA	TBA
Oct. 18	at Ole Miss*	TBA
OCT. 25	ALABAMA*	TBA
Nov. 1	at South Carolina*	TBA
NOV. 15	KENTUCKY*	TBA
NOV. 22	MISSOURI*	TBA
Nov. 29	at Vanderbilt*	TBA
*SEC game		All Times Eastern

## EAB RED WOLVES RADIO NETWORK

Matt Stolz (play-by-play), Bill Keedy (analyst), Tom Castilaw (sideline)

## SEC Network

Dave LaMont (play-by-play), Ray Bentley (analyst), Dawn Davenport (sideline)

## 2014 A-STATE TELEVISION SCHEDULE:

Aug. 30 vs. Montana State	ESPN3
Sept. 6 at Tennessee	SEC Network
Sept. 13 at Miami	ESPNU
Oct. 21 at Louisiana-Lafayette	ESPN2
Nov. 20 at Texas State	ESPNU

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## 2011, 2012 & 2013 SUN BELT CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS 2012, 2013 & 2014 GoDaddy Bowl | 2005 New Orleans Bowl



GAME 2: Arkansas State Red Wolves (1-0) at Tennessee Volunteers (1-0)

September 6, 2014 | Neyland Stadium

Knoxville, Tenn. | 11:00 a.m.

Radio: EAB Red Wolves Radio Network (107.9 FM, flagship)

Television: SEC Network

Live Stats: AStateRedWolves.com

**Live Game Notes:** twitter.com/AStateGameDay

**ON TAP:** Arkansas State faces its first road test of the season Saturday when it plays Tennessee at 11 a.m. (CT) in an SEC Network-televised game. Every A-State game can be heard live on 107.9 FM in the Northeast Arkansas area, and the live radio broadcast can be accessed through the

## BY THE NUMBERS . . .

- 2 consecutive seasons with at least 100 tackles by Qushaun Lee (105 in 2012 and 134 in 2013).
- 2 players on the Jim Thorpe Award Watch List (Sterling Young and Rocky Hayes).
- 3 consecutive bowl game appearances, including back-to-back GoDaddy Bowl wins in 2013 and 2014.
- 3 straight Sun Belt Conference championships (2011-13).
- 3 school records held by J.D. McKissic, including single-game (15), season (103) & career receptions (185).
- 5 head coaches over the last 5 years (Steve Roberts, Hugh Freeze, Gus Malzahn, Bryan Harsin, Blake Anderson).
- 6 of the last nine seasons have seen A-State reach bowl eligibility.
- 6 players named to at least one major award watch list.
- 6 players got their first career start at A-State in last week's season opener.
- 8 straight years w/at least one NFL Draft selection (tied for the 3rd longest among the Group of 5 conferences).
- 8 or more victories each of the last three seasons (2011-13).
- 9 consecutive seasons with a winning record at Centennial Bank Stadium.
- 10 Sun Belt Conference Team Academic Awards over the last 12 years.
- 10 players named Preseason All-Sun Belt Conference.
- 10 fifth-year seniors who have played for a different head coach all five seasons at A-State.
- 11 consecutive victories by A-State in home openers.
- 11 combined interceptions (5) and fumble recoveries (6) by **Sterling Young** over his career.
- 12 true freshmen played in A-State's season opener last week against Montana State.
- 17 victories over its last 19 home games.
- **20** Sun Belt Conference victories over the last three seasons (20-3 league record).
- 24 receptions by Darion Griswold last year were the most by an A-State TE since 2009.
- 25 players competed in their first game at A-State last week versus Montana State.
- 27 consecutive games with a reception by J.D. McKissic (tied for the 12th longest streak in the nation).
- 29 victories over the last four seasons ranks tied for the 19th most in the nation.
- ${f 30}$  or more points scored by A-State in 26 of its last 36 regular-season games.
- **35** All-Sun Belt Conference selections over the last three seasons.
- 42 victories and just 9 losses at Centennial Bank Stadium since 2005 (.823 winning percentage).
- 79 tackles needed by Qushaun Lee for the fifth most in a career at A-State.
- 100 seasons of Arkansas State football.
- 102 combined career starts by players in A-State's secondary.
- 134 tackles by Qushaun Lee last season were the 12th most in the nation.
- **189** career receptions by **J.D. McKissic** are the fifth most in the nation among active players.
- **245** receiving yards needed by **J.D. McKissic** to become the 4th player in school history to record 2,000.
- ${\bf 288}$  career tackles by  ${\bf Qushaun\ Lee}$  are the sixth most in the nation among active players.
- 300 or more yards of total offense in 46 of its last 52 games.

## ARKANSAS STATE GAME WEEK MEDIA SCHEDULE

Mion., Sept. 1Sun Beit weekly teleconference begins at 10:30 a.m. (Coach Anderson at 11:12 a.m.).
11:30 a.m. press conf. w/HC Blake Anderson, OC Walt Bell, DC Joe Cauthen (FB Facility, 3rd Floor).
Tue., Sept. 23:45 p.m. practice open to media. Coaches & players available after practice.
"Live With Blake Anderson" radio show, 7-8 p.m. (KFIN, 107.9 FM/AStateRedWolves.com).
Wed., Sept. 33:45 p.m. practice open to the media.
Last day before post-game press conference for player interviews.
Sun Belt Conference television highlight/interview package available.
Thu., Sept. 43:45 p.m. practice. No player availability; coaches on prearranged basis.
Fri., Sept. 5Travel Day.
Sat., Sept. 6Game Day. Coaches and players available after the game.
Sun., Sept. 7TBA practice. Contact A-State Athletics to arrange interviews.
Coach Anderson TV show airs at 10:30 p.m. on KAIT ch. 8 (Jonesboro) and THV ch. 11 (Little Rock).

## 2014 PRESEASON ALL-SBC TEAM

Offensive Player of the Year: Terrance Broadway (ULL, Sr., QB)
Defensive Player of the Year: Qushaun Lee (A-State, Sr., LB)

#### First Team Preseason Offense

Terrance Broadway (UL Lafayette, Sr., QB)
Alonzo Harris (UL Lafayette, Sr., RB)
Elijah McGuire (UL Lafayette, So., RB)
J.D. McKissic (Arkansas State, Jr., WR)
Jamal Robinson (UL Lafayette, Sr., WR)
Rashon Ceaser (UL Monroe, Jr., WR)
Wes Saxton (South Alabama, Sr., TE)
Daniel Quave (UL Lafayette, Sr., OL)
Mike Marboe, (Idaho, Sr., OL)
Chris May (South Alabama, Jr., OL)
Ucambre Williams (South Alabama, Sr., OL)
Terrence Jones (Troy, Sr., OL)

#### First Team Preseason Defense Chris Stone (Arkansas State, Jr., DL)

Justin Hamilton (UL Lafayette, Sr., DL)
Gerrand Johnson (UL Monroe, Jr., DL)
Tyler Roberts (Troy, Jr., DL)

**Qushaun Lee (Arkansas State, Sr., LB)**Dominique Tovell (UL Lafayette, Jr., LB)

David Mayo (Texas State, Sr., LB)

Michael Orakpo (Texas State, Sr., LB)
Rocky Hayes (Arkansas State, Jr., DB)

Sterling Young (Arkansas State, Sr., DB)
Trevence Patt (UL Lafayette, Sr., DB)

Craig Mager (Texas State, Sr., DB)

#### First Team Special Teams

Jason Dann (Texas State, Sr., PK) Austin Rehkow (Idaho, So., P) J.D. McKissic (Arkansas State, Jr., Returner)

### Second Team Preseason Offense

Tyler Jones (Texas State, So., QB)

Michael Gordon (Arkansas State, Jr., RB)

Robert Lowe (Texas State, Jr., RB)
Jeremé Jones (South Alabama, Sr., WR)
Shavarez Smith (South Alabama, Sr. WR)

Shavarez Smith (South Alabama, Sr., WR) Bryan Holmes (Troy, Jr., WR)

Darion Griswold (Arkansas State, Jr., TE) Colton Jackson (Arkansas State, So., OL)

Garrett Frye (Georgia Southern, Sr., OL) Mykhael Quave (UL Lafayette, Jr., OL) Joseph Treadwell (UL Monroe, Sr., OL) Adrian Bellard (Texas State, Jr., OL)

## Second Team Preseason Defense

Dexter Blackmon (Arkansas State, Sr., DL)

Maxx Forde (Idaho, Sr., DL) Christian Ringo (UL Lafayette, Sr., DL) Joey Gautney (UL Monroe, Sr., DL) Jesse Kelley (South Alabama, Sr., DL)

Edwin Jackson (Georgia Southern, Jr., LB) Joseph Peterson (Georgia State, So., LB) Maleki Harris (South Alabama, Sr., LB)

Artez Brown (Arkansas State, Sr., DB)

Mitch Lane (UL Monroe, Jr., DB)
Qudarius Ford (South Alabama, Sr., DB)
Ethan Davis (Troy, Sr., DB)

## **Second Team Special Teams**

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## **2014 SUN BELT STANDINGS**

	Coı	nfere	ence	С	)ver	all	
Team	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Arkansas State	0	0	.000	1	0	1.000	
Georgia State	0	0	.000	1	0	1.000	
Louisiana-Lafayette	0	0	.000	1	0	1.000	
Louisiana-Monroe	0	0	.000	1	0	1.000	
New Mexico State	0	0	.000	1	0	1.000	
Texas State	0	0	.000	1	0	1.000	
Idaho	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	
South Alabama	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	
Appalachian State	0	0	.000	0	1	.000	
Georgia Southern	0	0	.000	0	1	.000	
Troy	0	0	.000	0	1	.000	

## 2014 PRESEASON SUN BELT COACHES POLL

SCHOOL -- POINTS (1st place votes)

- 1. Louisiana-Lafayette -- 121 (11)
- 2. Arkansas State -- 102
- 3. South Alabama -- 98
- 4. Troy -- 84
- 5. Louisiana-Monroe 78
- 6. Texas State -- 70
- 7. Appalachian State -- 47
- 8. Georgia Southern -- 44
- 9. Idaho -- 29
- 10. Georgia State -- 27
- 11. New Mexico State -- 26

## WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

Blake Anderson was named A-State's 30th head football coach on Dec. 19, 2013, and was immediately recognized as one of the top hires in college football.

"First head coaching job, but tons of potential. Everywhere Anderson has coached and led an offense – from Middle Tennessee to Louisiana-Lafayette to Southern Miss to North Carolina – his teams have produced prolific numbers." – SPORTING NEWS

"This will be Anderson's first chance to be a head coach in the FBS ranks, but this appears to be another solid hire for Arkansas State." – ATHLON SPORTS

"Following their recent blueprint, the Red Wolves landed yet another fast-rising offensive coach, who excelled in two seasons at North Carolina." – Sports Illustrated

"Blake is an outstanding football coach, and I'm thrilled he has the chance to be the head coach at Arkansas State. It's been a goal of his for a long time to be a Division I head coach and he deserves this opportunity. Blake has been with me for the last six seasons and we've had success at both Southern Miss and North Carolina, setting several offensive school records. When you have that kind of success other schools are going to notice. I want our assistants to have these types of opportunities and I'm excited for Blake and his family as they make the move to Arkansas State." - Larry Fedora, North Carolina Head Football Coach

"I'm very excited for Coach Anderson. I know he has been looking forward to this day for a long time. It goes without saying that he has a great offensive mind. His success speaks for itself. But honestly, him as a man, husband and father, is what I'm most thankful for. We have kept a close relationship since departing USM and will do so for the rest of our lives. He is much more than just a coach to me. I wish him all the best!" - Austin Davis, former Southern Miss Quarterback

official A-State Athletics web site (AStateRedWolves.com).

THE PRINCIPALS: A-State picked up a season and home-opening victory over then FCS-ranked No. 19 Montana State last Saturday, running its record to 29-11 over the last four seasons. The Red Wolves' 29 victories over that span are tied for the 19th most in the nation. Tennessee is also off to a 1-0 start after picking up a 38-7 home win over Utah State last Sunday. The Volunteers won their 20th consecutive home opener, improving their all-time record in such games to 88-24-6.

HEAD COACH BLAKE ANDERSON: Blake Anderson, a 13-year coaching veteran at the NCAA FBS level who also coached in an NJCAA National Championship game, was named the Red Wolves' 30th all-time head football coach on Dec. 19, 2013. Working on head coach Larry Fedora's staff as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at both North Carolina and Southern Miss over the last four seasons, Anderson's dynamic offense helped lead the two programs to 34 victories, three bowl game appearances and two conference or divisional titles. Along the way, his potent offense was responsible for breaking both schools' total offense records while also ranking among the most productive teams in the nation. The Hubbard, Texas native comes to A-State after spending the last two seasons as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at North Carolina.

## THE ARKANSAS STATE - TENNESSEE SERIES:

Saturday's game will mark just the second alltime meeting between Arkansas State and Tennessee. The Volunteers claimed a 48-27 home victory over A-State in 2007 in front of a crowd of 102,368, the largest ever to watch an Arkansas State game.

A-STATE vs. THE SEC: Tennessee will be Arkansas State's third SEC opponent over the last two seasons after facing Missouri and Auburn a year ago. Although A-State has never defeated a team while it was a member of the SEC, it has picked up victories over two current schools prior to them joining the league. A-State defeated Ole Miss 10-0 in 1915 and has also tied the Rebels twice. The Red Wolves defeated Texas A&M 18-14 in 2008 as well while the Aggies were a member of the Big 12 Conference. A-State has played Ole Miss 23 times, more than any other current SEC member.

TENNESSEE RED WOLVES: A-State has six players on its roster from the state of Tennessee, including Daryl Rollins-Davis (Knoxville, Tenn.), TeDarius Turner (Memphis), Johnston White (Covington, Tenn.), Darius Buckley (Memphis), Ben Gallagher (Germantown) and Chase Robinson

## 2014 PRESEASON AWARDS & HONORS OFFENSE

### TRAVIS BODENSTEIN (JR., OL):

- ▶ Lindy's Preseason 2nd Team All-Sun Belt Conference
- ► College Sports Madness 3rd Team All-Sun Belt
- ▶ Lindy's Top-10 NFL Talent in the Sun Belt Conference

### LUKE FERGUSON (JR., WR):

- ▶ Sun Belt Special Teams Player of the Week (Sept. 1)
- ▶ CFPA national HM Specialist of the Week (Sept. 1)

### MICHAEL GORDON (JR., RB):

- ▶ Preseason 2nd Team All-Sun Belt Conference
- ▶ Doak Walker Award Watch List
- ▶ Preseason All-SBC: USA Today (1st TM), Athlon Sports (1st TM), College Sports Madness (1st Team), Lindy's (2nd TM), Phil Steele's (3rd TM)
- ▶ Lindy's "Toughest Player to Bring Down" in the SBC
- ▶ USA Today' offensive "Player to Watch" in the SBC

## DARION GRISWOLD (JR., TE):

- ▶ Preseason 2nd Team All-Sun Belt Conference
- ▶ John Mackey Award Watch List
- ► CFPA Tight End Trophy Watch List
- ► Preseason 2nd Team All-SBC: Phil Steele's, Athlon Sports, Lindy's, College Sports Madness

#### COLTON JACKSON (SO., OL):

▶ Preseason 2nd Team All-Sun Belt Conference

### FREDI KNIGHTEN (JR., QB):

► Preseason All-SBC: USA Today (1st Team), Athlon Sports (2nd Team)

### J.D. McKISSIC (JR., WR):

- ▶ Preseason 1st Team All-Sun Belt (WR & RS)
- ▶ Paul Hornung Award Watch List
- ► CFPA Kick Returner Trophy Watch List
- ► Preseason 1st Team All-SBC: Sporting News (WR), Lindy's (AP), Athlon Sports (KR), USA Today (WR), CSM (KR)
- ► Preseason 2nd Team All-SBC: Athlon Sports (WR), Phil Steele's (WR/KR), College Sports Madness (WR/PR)
- ▶ Lindy's "Special Teams Demon" in the Sun Belt

## (Memphis).

**STARTING FRESH:** The Red Wolves had six players make their first career start last week versus Montana State, including six on offense and one on defense. Those players included offensive linemen *Jemar Clark*, *Devin Mondie* and *Tyler Greve*, wide receiver *Dijon Paschal*, quarterback *Fredi Knighten* and defensive end *Ja'Von Rolland-Jones*.

**NEW FACES:** Arkansas State had 12 true freshmen play in the season opener last week and 25 players, including redshirt freshmen and sophomores, see their first game action at A-State.

HOME OPENERS: With its 37-10 victory over Montana State, Arkansas State won its 10th consecutive home opener at Centennial Bank Stadium dating back to the 2005 campaign. The Red Wolves now stand 30-11 all-time in home openers at the stadium and are also 16-6 in such games since moving to the FBS in 1992.

**SEASON OPENERS:** A-State won its season opener for the second consecutive year for the first time since 2008 and 2009. The last time

## 2014 PRESEASON AWARDS & HONORS DEFENSE

### DEXTER BLACKMON (SR., DL):

- ▶ Preseason 2nd Team All-Sun Belt Conference
- ► Preseason All-SBC: Phil Steele's (2nd Team), Athlon Sports (3rd Team), College Sports Madness (3rd Team)

### ARTEZ BROWN (SR., CB):

- ▶ Preseason 2nd Team All-Sun Belt Conference
- ► Preseason All-SBC: Phil Steele's (1st Team), College Sports Madness (2nd Team), Athlon Sports (3rd Team)

### **ROCKY HAYES (JR., CB):**

- ▶ Preseason 1st Team All-Sun Belt Conference
- ▶ Jim Thorpe Award Watch List
- ▶ Preseason 1st Team All-SBC: Sporting News, Lindy's, Athlon's, USA Today, Phil Steele's, CSM
- ▶ Lindy's "Best Cover Corner" in the Sun Belt

#### QUSHAUN LEE (SR., LB):

- ▶ Preseason SBC Defensive Player of the Year
- ▶ Preseason 1st Team All-Sun Belt Conference
- ▶ Lombardi Award Watch List
- ▶ Walter Camp Award Watch List
- ► CFPA Linebacker Trophy Watch List
- ▶ Senior Bowl Watch List
- ► Preseason 1st TM All-SBC: Lindy's, CSM, USA Today, Athlon's, Sporting News, Phil Steele's
- ► College Sports Madness Preseason SBC Defensive Player of the Year
- ► USA Today Sports' defensive "Player to Watch" in the Sun Belt Conference
- ▶ No. 2 on Lindy's "Top-10 NFL Talent" in the Sun Belt
- ▶ Sporting News' preseason SBC Def. Player of the Year
- ▶ Named Sporting News' "Hardest Hitter" in the SBC
- ► Ranked as one of the top three defenders in the SBC by Bleacher Report
- ▶ NFL.com's "14 for 14: Biggest Hitters in College FB"

### CHRIS STONE (JR., DE):

- ► Preseason 1st Team All-Sun Belt Conference
- ► Preseason 1st Team All-SBC: USA Today Sports, Athlon Sports, Lindy's, College Sports Madness
- ▶ Preseason 2nd Team All-SBC: Phil Steele's

## BLAISE TAYLOR (FR., CB):

► Sporting News' Preseason "Top Impact Frosh" in the Sun Belt Conference

## STERLING YOUNG (SR., S):

- ▶ Preseason 1st Team All-Sun Belt Conference
- ▶ Jim Thorpe Award Watch List
- ► Senior Bowl Watch List
- ► Preseason 1st Team All-SBC: Sporting News, Lindy's, Athlon Sports, USA Today, Phil Steele's, CSM
- ► No. 6 on Lindy's "Top 10 NFL Talent" in the Sun Belt

Arkansas State won its first two games of a season was 2008 when it defeated Texas A&M and Texas Southern to begin the year.

A-STATE vs. THE FCS: Arkansas State played an FCS member for the fourth consecutive season and sixth time over the last seven years. Dating back to the 2002 campaign, the Red Wolves have won their last 10 games against FCS foes by a combined 525-81 score. A-State's last setback against an FCS opponent was the 2001 regular-season finale when it dropped a 28-22 decision to Nicolls State. The Red Wolves are now 21-4 against FCS opponents since moving to the FBS in 1992.

**STARTING STRONG:** *Blake Anderson* is A-State's 30th all-time head coach, but became just the 11th to claim a victory in his first ever game at the school. Last season Bryan Harsin

became the first A-State head coach to win his initial game since Larry Lacewell in 1979, snapping a streak of seven head coaches to drop their debuts. A-State's head coaches to win their first game at the school include Anderson, Harsin, Lacewell, Bill Davidson (1971), Gene Harlow (1955), Glen Harmeson (1954), Bill Adams (1939), Jack Dale (1931), Bill Stanley (1924), Foy Hammons (1919) and Clint Young (1913).

AN A-STATE VICTORY WOULD ...: make it 2-0 for the first time since 2008 ... give the Red Wolves their first ever victory over an SEC opponent ... give it a road victory over a nonconference opponent for the first time since 2008 ... give it three consecutive wins dating back to last season ... improve its record over the last four seasons to 30-11 ... give the Red Wolves their first win over a high resource (Power 5) conference since defeating Texas A&M in 2008 while the Aggies were a member of the Big 12 Conference.

**RED WOLVES TABBED SECOND IN PRESEASON SBC POLL:** The Red Wolves were picked second in the preseason coaches poll announced in conjunction with the league's annual Media Day. A-State received 102 points behind Louisiana-Lafayette, which received 121 points and all 11 first-place votes.

## PRESEASON ALL-SUN BELT CONFERENCE:

Arkansas State placed 10 players on the 2014 Preseason All-Sun Belt Conference Team, which tied Louisiana-Lafayette for the most in the league. Senior linebacker **Qushaun Lee** was named the conference's Preseason Defensive Player of the Year, and he was joined on the first team by four other teammates. The Red Wolves placed four offensive and six defensive players on the all-conference squad, while junior receiver **J.D. McKissic** also made the team as a return specialist.

**CENTENNIAL SEASON:** Arkansas State kicked off its 100th season of football on Aug. 30 versus Montana State. A-State now holds a 435-462-37 record since the inaugural season and has played in 10 bowl games. A-State did not field a team from 1942-44 due to World War II. Arkansas State also didn't have a team in 1918 as World War I was ending. In honor of its 100th football season, the athletics department has created a microsite that can be viewed at AStateFootball100.com.

**SUN BELT CHAMPIONS:** Arkansas State claimed its third consecutive Sun Belt Conference championship in 2013. A-State has won 10 conference championships all-time. It won the Southland Conference seven times (1986, 1985, 1978, 1975, 1970, 1969, 1968). A-State also won the 2005 Sun Belt Conference title, but it was later vacated due to NCAA sanctions. Prior to the 2011-13 seasons, the last

## ARKANSAS STATE TEAM RECORD Overall ......435-462-37 Centennial Bank Stadium ......126-72-1 Since Div. I-A (1992) .....94-153-1 **Team Streaks** Wins ......2 Centennial Bank Stadium Wins .....3 Away Wins ....... Sun Belt Wins ....... Home Losses ...... Away Losses .....1 Non-conference Losses ................... Wins When: allowing 10 points or less ......32 allowing 17 points or less ................13 scoring 20 points or more ......2 scoring 30 points or more ......1 rushing for 200+ yards ......2 passing for 300+ yards .....1 400+ yards of total offense .....4 leading at the half .....11 tied at the half .....4 trailing at the half ....... scoring first ...... 2014 A-State Record When: at home .....1-0 leading at the half .....1-0 tied at the half .....o-o trailing at the half .....o-o leading after 3 quarters .....1-0 tied after 3 quarters .....o-o trailing after 3 quarters .....o-o overtime ......o-o Scores 17+ points .....1-0 the opponents scores 17+ points ......0-0 more offensive yards .....1-0 fewer offensive yards .....o-o more penalty yards .....o-o same penalty yards .....o-o fewer penalty yards .....1-0 gains 300+ offensive yards .....1-0 allows 300- offensive yards .....1-0 rushes for 150+ yards .....1-0

time A-State won three straight conference championships was 1968-70 when it was a member of the Southland Conference.

A WINNING RECORD: Arkansas State secured its third straight winning season in 2013 for the first time since 1985-87. A-State won 10 games in both 2011 and 2012, while collecting eight victories last season. The Red Wolves' 28 total victories since 2011 are the most over a threeyear span since winning 29 games from 1985-

FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH: Entering the opening week of the season, Arkansas State had 27 (28 this week) combined freshmen and sophomores on its depth chart to tie for the 10th most in the nation. The Red Wolves' 10 seniors (nine this week) on the depth chart was tied for the 10th fewest in the country.

OVER .500 IN THE SUN BELT: With a 5-2 conference record last season, A-State posted a winning Sun Belt record for the sixth time since the league's inaugural season in 2001. A-State has put together three straight winning records against conference opponents for the first time since 1984-86 when it was a member of the Southland Conference.

FOUR-YEAR WINS TOTAL: Including back-toback 10-win seasons in 2011 and 2012, eight more in 2013 and a season-opening win this year, the Red Wolves have recorded 29 victories that are tied for the 19th most in the nation over the last four years.

## NCAA FBS WINS SINCE 2011

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<u>Team</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	2014	<u>Total</u>
Alabama	12	13	11	1	37
Northern Illinois	11	12	12	1	36
Oregon	12	12	11	1	36
Florida State	9	12	14	1	36
Stanford	11	12	11	1	35
LSU	13	10	10	1	34
South Carolina	11	11	11	0	33
Clemson	10	11	11	0	32
Oklahoma	10	10	11	1	32
Michigan State	11	7	13	1	32
Boise State	12	11	8	0	31
Ohio State	6	12	12	1	31
Georgia	10	12	8	1	31
Louisville	7	11	12	1	31
Baylor	10	8	11	1	30
Oklahoma State	12	8	10	0	30
Kansas State	10	11	8	1	30
Notre Dame	8	12	9	1	30
Arkansas State	10	10	8	1	29
Nebraska	9	10	9	1	29
Cincinnati	10	10	9	0	29
Wisconsin	11	8	9	0	28
USC	10	7	10	1	28
Texas A&M	7	11	9	1	28
UL Lafayette	9	9	9	1	28

THREE-PEAT: Last year, Arkansas State became the third program in Sun Belt history to claim at least a share of the conference championship in three consecutive seasons. joining Troy (2006-10) and North Texas (2001-04). The Red Wolves also won three league championships in a row for the just the second time in school history, also claiming the Southland Conference titles from 1968-70.

**HOME SWEET HOME:** With a 5-1 home mark last season, Arkansas State secured its ninth consecutive winning record at Centennial Bank Stadium dating back to 2005. A-State is now 42-9 at Centennial Bank Stadium since the 2005 season and has won 17 of its last 19 home games. The Red Wolves actual on-field record all-time at Centennial Bank Stadium is 134-72-1 since it opened in 1974. A-State's six home wins in 2011 were its most since 1985.

**FORMER WALK-ONS** SCHOLARSHIP: Head coach Blake Anderson announced during A-State's fall camp that 10 former walk-ons to the Red Wolves football team have been awarded full athletics scholarships. While some of the 10 have been placed on scholarship in the past, they have all been a walk-on member of the team at some point during their careers. The list includes Brock Barnhill, Travis Bodenstein, William Boyd, Darius Buckley, Ryan Eustace, Charleston Girley, Ryan Jacobs, Booker Mays, TeDarius Turner and Raziel Velgis.

## **OFFENSIVE NOTES**

300-PLUS: Dating back to the 2010 season, Arkansas State has posted at least 300 yards of total offense in 46 of its last 52 games.

LIGHTING UP THE SCOREBOARD: A-State has posted at least 30 points in 26 of its last 36 regular-season games dating back to the 2011 season. The Red Wolves have won 16 of their last 17 games when scoring at least 30 points.

TAKING OVER AT QB: In his first career start, junior quarterback Fredi Knighten led Arkansas State to a 37-10 victory over No. 19 FCS-ranked Montana State while setting career highs for total offense, passing, rushing, receiving and all-purpose yards. Knighten was responsible for 323 yards total offense and 219 passing, 104 rushing and 149 all-purpose yards - all game highs. He also hauled in his first career reception that went 45 yards and set up his 23yard touchdown pass to tight end Darion Griswold, giving A-State a 23-10 lead with 1:53 remaining in the third quarter. Knighten went over 100 yards rushing for the second time of his career, and his total included a 33-yard run to the Montana State four-yard line early in the fourth quarter to set up the Red Wolves' third touchdown of the game. His passing numbers included a career-high 19 completions on 29 attempts without an interception.

rushes for 200+ yards .....1-0

passes for 200+ yards .....1-0

Wins turnovers .....1-0

Ties turnovers .....o-o

Loses turnovers ......0-0

More total yardage .....1-0

Less total yardage .....o-o

Wins time of possession .....o-o

Ties time of possession .....o-o

Loses time of possession .....1-0

**LEARNING EXPERIENCE:** Arkansas State's collective offensive line entered the 2014 season with the nation's third fewest combined starts in the nation. The Red Wolves returned just two offensive lineman with starting experience, including sophomore **Colton Jackson** and senior **Alan Wright**. The 22 combined starts entering the year were the fewest behind just Tennessee (six) and Ohio State (20). Following A-State was San Jose State with 23 and Army with 24.

**RECEIVING RECORDS:** Just a junior, *J.D. McKissic* is already taking over the Arkansas State record books in almost every major receiving statistical category. He holds the school record for receptions in a game (15), season (103) and career (185). He is ranked sixth for career receiving yards with 1,755 to his credit and has nine receiving touchdowns rank tied for ninth. He is the only player in school history to have 70 or more receptions in two different seasons.

**ON A ROLL:** A Freshman All-America selection in 2011 and Sports Illustrated Honorable Mention All-America in 2012, sophomore WR **J.D. McKissic** has caught at least one pass in all 27 games of his career at A-State. His 27 consecutive games with a reception is tied for the 12th longest streak in the nation. He had a school-record 15 against Missouri last season.

McKissic also has five career 100-yard receiving games.

100-YARD RUSHER: Junior RB Michael Gordon. Gordon accumulated over 100 yards rushing a team-high four times last season, including two of the last three regular-season games. Gordon posted 606 of his 754 rushing yards in conference games, averaging 86.6 yards per contest that ranked second in the league.

**GRISWOLD BREAKS OUT:** Senior tight end *Darion Griswold* enjoyed a break-out season last year, catching 24 passes for 312 yards. His receptions total was the most in a season by an A-State tight end since Trevor Gillott recorded 24 in 2009 as well, while his 312 receiving yard were the most by a player at the position since David Johnson had 356 in 2008.

A FLARE FOR THE DRAMATIC: Sophomore RB Michael Gordon was responsible for three of the four longest runs by A-State last year, including a 92-yard outburst against UAPB that was the second longest in school history. Gordon posted a 64-yard touchdown run against Troy and had a 40-yard touchdown rush against Texas State as well. He had a 42-yard run against Montana State last week, giving him four career carries that went for at least 40 yards -- and he also scored a touchdown on all four.



## A-State Athletics Announces Largest Personal Gift Commitment in its History

The Arkansas State Athletics Department announced Aug. 26 the single largest personal gift commitment in its history, a \$5 million contribution by the Johnny Allison family that will be used in conjunction with A-State's "Centennial Expansion" project.

The announcement was made at an afternoon press conference fittingly held on the west side of Centennial Bank Stadium, where the project's construction and renovations will take place to the press box and concourse-level amenities. The entire project, including the press box and concourse, will cover 39,673 square feet.

The Centennial Expansion project will include a complete overhaul to the stadium press box, expanding it to 35,741 square feet. The face of the stadium will be redesigned to include 42 loge boxes, 20 suites and 300 club seats in its revenue-generating areas. The suites will average 433 square feet each.

Not only will depth be added to the press box, it will span from approximately the 15-to-15 yard lines, allowing for enhanced media, coaching, broadcasting, control booth, visiting athletics director suite, and camera areas.

The project also calls for major improvements and additions to the concourse bathrooms, concessions, gating and ticketing areas.

## **DEFENSIVE NOTES**

**GETTING TO THE QUARTERBACK:** Arkansas State recorded six sacks against Montana State, which was its most since posting the same number against Arkansas-Pine Bluff in its 2013 season opener. A-State's six sacks tied the second most in the nation during week one of the season.

## PLAYING BEHIND THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE:

The Red Wolves also recorded 10 tackles for loss, its most since posting 15 against UAPB as well. A-State had 11 different players post at least 0.5 tackles for loss in the game against Montana State. The Red Wolves 10 tackles for loss tied the fifth most in the nation during week one.

LOADED SECONDARY: Arkansas State's

## A-STATE INDIVIDUAL CAREER RECORDS

	TOUCHDOW	N RECEPTIONS	
		No.	Years
1.	Taylor Stockemer	16	2009-12
2.	John Koldus	15	1950-52
3.	Alfred Bentley	13	1959-60
T4.		12	2010-11
	Lennie Johnson	12	1995-98
6.	Julian Jones	11	2010-cur.
T7.	Robert Kilow	10	1998-2000
	Kendrick Bullard	10	1990-92
T9.	J.D. McKissic	9	2012-cur.
	Allen Muse	9	2009-11, 13
	David Johnson	9	2005-08
	James Hickenbotham	9	1999-2002
	RFCFF	PTIONS	
		No.	Years
1.	J.D. McKissic	189	2012-cur.
2.	Dwayne Frampton	163	2010-11
3.	Robert Kilow	158	1998-2000
	DECENTA	NG YARDS	
	KECEIVII	Yds.	Years
L	Lennie Johnson		
1. 2.	Robert Kilow	2,730	1995-98 1998-00
		2,446	
3.	Taylor Stockemer Dwayne Frampton	2,146	2009-12 2010-11
4.	Levi Dejohnette	1,894 1,816	
5. <b>6.</b>	J.D. McKissic		2004-07 <b>2012-cur.</b>
0.	J.D. IVICKISSIC	1,755	2012-cur.
	MOST	TACKLES	
		No.	Years
1.	Jerry Muckensturm	493	1972-75
5.	Mike Morris	366	1979-82

## **SUN BELT INDIVIDUAL CAREER RECORDS**

2011-cur.

NR Qushaun Lee

	MOST REC	EPTIONS	
		No.	Years
1.	Jerrel Jernigan (Troy)	262	2007-10
T2.	T.Y. Hilton (FIU)	229	2008-11
	Casey Fitzgerald (UNT)	229	2005-08
4.	Brent Leonard (ULM)	209	2009-12
5.	J.D. McKissic (ASU)	189	2012-cur.
	MOST T	ACKLES	
		No.	Years
1.	Boris Lee (Troy)	397	2006-09
5.	Chris Harris (ULM)	349	2001-04
NR	Oushaun Lee	288	2011-cur.

A-State IN 2014 SUN BELT RANKINGS				
Stat	A-State	Rank	Leader	
Kickoff Returns	33.5 avg.	1	A-State	
Interceptions	2.0 pg	1	A-State	
Punting	48.5 avg.	1	A-State	
Opp. 3rd DN Conv.	11.1 pct.	1	A-State	
Field Goals	1.000 pct.	T1	six tied	
PAT Kicking	1.000 pct.	T1	eight tied	
Sacks By	6.0 pg	2	ULM (7.0)	
Rushing Offense	294.0 ypg	2	TSU (378.0)	
Opp. First Downs	10.0 pg	2	ULM (5.0)	
Total Offense	558.0 ypg	3	TSU (697.0)	
Rushing Defense	86.0 ypg	3	ULM (-3.0)	
Total Defense	228.0 ypg	3	ULM (94.0)	
Scoring Defense	10.0 ppg	T3	TSU (0.0)	
Passing Offense	264.0 ypg	Т3	GSU (413.0)	
Opp. Penalties	44.0 ypg	T3	GSU (86.0)	
Red Zone Defense	1.000 pct.	T3	2 tied (0.0)	
First Downs	23.0 pg	4	TSU (39.0)	
Scoring Offense	37.0 ppg	4	TSU (65.0)	
Passing Defense	142.0 ypg	4	TSU (88.0)	
Pass Defense Effic.	84.3	4	NMSU (7.2)	
Sacks Against	1.0 pg	T4	3 tied (0.0)	
Penalties	36.0 ypg	5	NMSU(20.0)	
3rd Down Conv.	43.8 pct.	5	TSU (71.4)	
Passing Efficiency	151.6	5	TSU (216.7)	
Red Zone Offense	83.3 pct.	5	3 tied (1.000)	
Turnover Margin	+0.0	T5	4 tied (+1.0)	
Kickoff Coverage	41.4 net avg.	6	ULL (50.8)	
4th Down Conv.	o.o pct.	T6	2 tied (1.000)	
Time of Possession		8	ULM (35:23)	
Punt Return Avg.	-2.2 avg.	11	TSU (35.0)	
Opp. 4th DN Conv.	1.000	11	10 tied (0.0)	

## A-STATE'S 2014 INDIVIDUAL SUN BELT RANKINGS

Stat	A-State Player	Avg.	Rank
Scoring	Luke Ferguson	13.0 ppg	1
Scoring (Kick)	Luke Ferguson	13.0 ppg	1
Field Goals	Luke Ferguson	3.0 pg	T1
Field Goal Pct.	Luke Ferguson	1.000	T1
PAT Percentage	Luke Ferguson	1.000	T1
Receptions	Tres Houston	8.0 pg	T1
Interceptions	Rocky Hayes	1.0 pg	T1
Interceptions	Qushaun Lee	1.0 pg	T1
Fumbles Forced	Chris Humes	1.0 pg	T1
Total Offense	Fredi Knighten	323.0 ypg	3
Punting	Luke Ferguson	48.5 avg./p	3
Passing Avg.	Fredi Knighten	219.0 ypg	4
Punt Ret. Avg.	Blaise Taylor	3.7 ypr	4
All-Purpose	Fredi Knighten	149.0 ypg	4
Sacks	Caleb Caston	1.0 pg	T4
Sacks	Xavier Woodson	1.0 pg	T4
Sacks	Austin Copeland	1.0 pg	T4
Sacks	Sterling Young	1.0 pg	T4
Sacks	Chris Stone	1.0 pg	T4
Receiving Yards	Tres Houston	87.0 ypg	6
Rushing	Fredi Knighten	104.0 ypg	7
Pass Efficiency	Fredi Knighten	140.3	7
Receiving Yards		83.0 ypg	8
Rushing	Michael Gordon	68.0 ypg	10
Tackles	Xavier Woodson	7.0 pg	T13
Tackles	Sterling Young	6.0 pg	T13
Tackles	Andrew Tryon	6.0 pg	T13
Tackles	Chris Stone	6.0 pg	T13
Sacks	Charleston Girley	0.5 pg	T16
Sacks	Dexter Blackmon	0.5 pg	T16
Tackles	Qushaun Lee	5.0 pg	T25
Tackles	Charleston Girley	5.0 pg	T25

secondary has combined to start 102 career games, which is among the sixth highest in the nation. Just UTSA, Virginia, Colorado, Ole Miss and Arizona have more. A-State's players in the defensive backfield with starting experience include Sterling Young, Chris Humes, Money Hunter, Artez Brown, Andrew Tryon, Rocky Hayes, Frankie Jackson and Charleston Girley.

COVERING AT CORNERBACK: Junior corner Rocky Hayes made a big impact in his first season on the defensive side of the ball in 2013, leading the team in both pass break-ups (10, tied for most) and interceptions (3). He ranked second in the Sun Belt Conference in passes defended with 13. Hayes ranked 43rd in the nation in passes defended. Hayes picked off his fourth career pass last week against Montana State... Additionally, senior Artez Brown had a career-best 10 pass break-ups last season and had 11 passes defended. Brown ranked fourth in the Sun Belt Conference in passes defended.

**LEAVE NO STONE UNBLOCKED:** Sophomore defensive end **Chris Stone** made a habit of

A-STATE IN 2014 NCAA RANKINGS

Stat	A-State	Rank	Leader
Sacks By	6.0 pg	T1	three ited
Tackles for Loss	10.0 avg.	4	TCU
Net Punting	48.5 avg.	6 Bost	on College
3rd DN Conv. Def.	0.111 pct.	7	Oregon St.

two tied 1st Down Defense 10 total Passes Int. five tied 2 total 10 Kickoff Returns 33.5 ypr 11 Utah Punt Return Def. Oregon St. 0.0 ypr 11 Total Defense 228.0 ypg 18 Pittsburgh Rushing Offense 19 Air Force 294.0 ypg Scoring Defense six tied 10.0 ppg 20 Pass Effic. Defense 84.34 20 Texas three tied Fewest Penalties 4 total 22 Total Offense 558.0 ypg 23 Arizona Turnovers Gained 2 total 24 Temple Pass Yds Allowed 142.0 avg. NMSU 29 KO Return Def. three tied 15.83 ypr 30 Rushing Defense 86.0 ypg 32 UTSA Sacks Allowed 34 tied 1.0 pg 35 .667 pct. Completion Pct. 38 San Jose St. Fewest Pen. Yds 38 Northwestern 36 vds Pass Yds P/Comp 13.2 ypc 39 LSU 44 Georgia Tech Pass Efficiency 151.59 Passing Offense 264.0 ypg Western Kv.

# A-STATE'S 2014 INDIVIDUAL NCAA RANKINGS

37.0 ppg

Texas State

Scoring Offense

Stat	A-State Player	Avg./Total	Rank
Field Goal Pct.	Luke Ferguson	1.000 pct.	T1
Forced Fumbles	Chris Humes	1.0 pg	3
Field Goals	Luke Ferguson	3.0 pg	4
Interceptions	Rocky Hayes	1.0 pg	4
Interceptions	Qushaun Lee	1.0 pg	4
Punting	Luke Ferguson	48.5 avg.	5
Scoring	Luke Ferguson	13.0 ppg	18
Receptions	Tres Houston	8.0 pg	25
Total Offense	Fredi Knighten	323.0 ypg	25
Sacks	Caleb Caston	1.0 pg	33
Sacks	Austin Copeland	1.0 pg	33
Sacks	Xavier Woodson	1.0 pg	33
Sacks	Sterling Young	1.0 pg	33
Sacks	Chris Stone	1.0 pg	33
Completion Pct.	0	.655 pct.	46
All-Purpose	Fredi Knighten	149.0 ypg	47

disrupting the opponent's backfield last season, recording a team-high 9.5 tackles for loss that ranked 11th in the Sun Belt Conference. Stone recorded at least one tackle for loss in seven games last season and posted a career-high two in two different games. He had three tackles for loss as a redshirt freshman in 2012. Stone posted one tackle for lost in the Red Wolves' 2014 season opener last week.

ANOTHER 100: Senior linebacker Qushaun Lee recorded a team-high 134 tackles last season, making him the first A-State player to record over 100 tackles in back-to-back seasons since linebacker Les Echols in 2002 (105) and 2003 (123). He ranked 12th in the nation in tackles and led the Sun Belt Conference. Lee recorded a career-high 16 tackles at South Alabama and had at least 10 tackles in six of the last eight games, giving him 10 career games with double-figure stops. His 134 tackles were the fifth most in school history.

### **SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES**

FERGUSON HONORED: Junior punter and kicker *Luke Ferguson* was named both the Sun Belt Conference Special Teams Player of the Week and a College Football Performance Awards (CFPA) national Honorable Mention Specialist of the Week for his performance against Montana State. Ferguson, handling placekicking duties for the first time, was a perfect 3-of-3 on his field goal attempts and all four of his punts pinned the Bobcats inside their own 20-yard line. He finished the game with 13 points by kicking, which tied the seventh most in school history.



Blake Anderson, a 13-year coaching veteran at the NCAA FBS level who also coached in an NJCAA National Championship game, was named the Red Wolves' 30th all-time head football coach on Dec. 19, 2013.

Working on head coach Larry Fedora's staff as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at both North Carolina and Southern Miss over the last four seasons, Anderson's dynamic offense helped lead the two programs to 34 victories, three bowl game appearances and two conference or divisional titles. Along the way, his potent offense was responsible for breaking both school's total offense records while also ranking among the most productive teams in the nation.

The Hubbard, Texas native came to A-State after spending the previous two seasons as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at North Carolina, where he helped lead the Tar Heels to an Atlantic Coast Conference Coastal Division title in 2012 and the Belk Bowl in 2013. Under Anderson's direction, North Carolina averaged 432.4 total yards per game last season after setting the school record the previous year with 485.6 yards per contest. Prior to his arrival in Chapel Hill, the Tar Heels had not averaged 400 yards in a season since 1993.

North Carolina's offense posted more than 500 yards of total offense seven times during Anderson's two seasons at the school, including a school-record 721 versus Old Dominion last season, and scored 40 or more points in nine games. The Tar Heels averaged 44.2 points per game at Kenan Stadium (14 games) and 25.4 on the road (10 games) with Anderson as their offensive coordinator.

Anderson led a passing offense a year ago that ranked 23rd in the nation, averaging 286.3 yards per game. North Carolina posted 27 passing touchdowns, which were the second most in school history and just two behind the 29 recorded in 2012. The Tar Heels ranked among the top 44 teams in the nation last year in total offense, completion percentage, passing offense, red zone offense, scoring offense, passing efficiency, fourth down conversions and turnovers lost.

North Carolina's offensive success last season was just a con-

tinuation from Anderson's initial season, which saw the Tar Heels establish more than 35 school records. The Tar Heels finished eighth in the country in scoring, averaging 40.6 points per game and were 14th nationally with 485.6 yards per game. Their passing attack was 26th nationally with 291.8 yards per contest, and the Tar Heels also rushed for 193.8 yards per game, their highest average since 1994.

Individuals excelled in Anderson's system at every position. During his time at the school, six offensive players received All-ACC recognition, including First Team All-America selection Eric Ebron at tight end. As quarterbacks coach, Anderson tutored standouts Bryn Renner and Marquise Williams. Renner set the single-season school record for touchdowns passes with 28 in 2012, while Williams provided a spark to the UNC offense last season with his mobility outside the pocket. Williams finished the regular season with 1,058 yards of total offense in the last three games alone, which was the most in any three-game stretch in Tar Heels history. He was also the first quarterback to lead North Carolina in rushing since 1968.

Anderson went to Chapel Hill after a record-setting run as Southern Miss' offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. The Golden Eagles set school records for total offense in each of Anderson's last two years. He was part of a Southern Miss staff under Fedora that won a school-record 12 games in 2012, including the Conference USA championship over previously unbeaten Houston and the Hawaii Bowl over Nevada.

Anderson spent his first two seasons as USM's quarterbacks coach and run game coordinator and developed Austin Davis into one of the nation's top signal callers. Davis broke nearly every school record in an outstanding four-year career.

Under the eye of Anderson, the Golden Eagles were one of 14 teams in the country that averaged more than 200 yards per game in both rushing and passing in 2011. The Golden Eagles had nearly 6,500 yards of total offense and set a school record with 461.4 yards per game. In addition, USM was 15th nationally in scoring offense, 16th in total offense and 21st in rushing offense. Anderson's offense posted 30-or-more points in 10 of 14 games in 2011, including a season-high 63 in a win over Navy.

In 2010, Southern Miss was 18th in total offense, 20th in rushing offense and 35th in passing offense. The Golden Eagles also averaged 36.9 points per game to rank 15th in the nation. That season, Anderson's quarterbacks were among the most efficient in the nation with only eight interceptions thrown – including one by a wide receiver – to 24 touchdowns. Davis accounted for 10 of the team's 28 rushing touchdowns, more than any other back.

In his first year in Hattiesburg in 2008, Anderson mentored then redshirt freshman and first-year starter Davis, who responded by having the best season ever for a freshman QB at the school, while also putting together one of the better years that any signal caller has had at the university.

Davis, who was the first freshman to start in his opening game since 1991, notched 15 school records, including six season marks – passing yards (3,128), completions (261), attempts (454), total offense (3,636) and touchdowns responsible for (30).

Anderson came to Southern Miss after spending the 2007 campaign at Louisiana-Lafayette as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. The Ragin' Cajuns posted the No. 6-rated



rushing offense nationally (251.6) in 2007 and became the Sun Belt's first ever 3,000-yard rushing team (3,019).

Anderson, who was in private business from 2004-06, previously worked at Middle Tennessee, where he helped direct an offensive unit as co-offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach from 2002-04.

He spent three seasons at New Mexico before landing at MTSU. He served as the wide receivers coach in 2001 and running backs coach from 1999-2000. The UNM rushing attack was responsible for a major share of the Lobo offense in 2000. The Lobos averaged 148 yards per game on the ground, which accounted for 56 percent of the team's total offense.

Anderson worked at Trinity Valley Community College (1995-98) before joining the Division I FBS ranks at New Mexico. In 1998, he was the offensive coordinator and the Cardinals went 7-3. He helped lead the Cardinals to the 1997 NJCAA National Championship.

He began his coaching career at Eastern New Mexico in 1992 (graduate assistant) and 1993 (full-time), where he tutored the wide receivers. He then moved on to Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas, to coach wide receivers in 1994. HPU won the Texas IAA conference title.

A two-year letterwinner at wide receiver for Sam Houston State from 1989-91, Anderson was named Southland Conference All-Academic as a senior. He also played for two years as a quarterback and receiver at Baylor (1987-89) before transferring. Anderson graduated with his bachelor's degree in kinesiology from Sam Houston State in 1992. He also attained his master's degree in sports administration from Eastern New Mexico in 1994. Anderson and his wife Wendy have one daughter, Callie, and two sons, Coleton and Cason.

## **ANDERSON AT A GLANCE**

BLAKE ANDERSON FILE: Hometown: Hubbard, Texas Born: March 24, 1969 High school: Hubbard

College: Sam Houston State, 1992 (kinesiology); Eastern New Mexico (Master's)

Years in coaching: 21

Wife: Wendy

Children: daughter Callie and sons Coleton and Cason

## **COACHING ASSIGNMENTS YEAR-BY-YEAR**

Year	School	Position	Postseason/Bowls
2014-Cur.	Arkansas State	Head Coach	First Season
2012-13	North Carolina	Offensive Coordinator/QB Coach	2013 Belk Bowl
2010-11	Southern Miss	Offensive Coordinator/QB Coach	2010 Beef 'O' Brady Bowl, 2011 C-USA Champs, 2011 Hawaii Bowl
2008-09	Southern Miss	QB Coach/Run Game Coordinator	2008 New Orleans Bowl, 2009 New Orleans Bowl
2007	Louisiana-Lafayette	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks Coach	
2002-04	Middle Tennessee	Co-Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers Co	pach
2001	New Mexico	Wide Receivers Coach	
1999-2000	New Mexico	Running Backs Coach	
1998	Trinity Valley College	Offensive Coordinator	
1995-97	Trinity Valley College	QB/WR/DB/Recruiting Coordinator	1997 Red River Bowl/NJCAA Championship
1994	Howard Payne	Wide Receivers Coach	American Southwest Conference Champs
1993	Eastern New Mexico	Wide Receivers Coach	
1992	Eastern New Mexico	Graduate Assistant	

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Name	No.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	CI.	Exp	Hometown (previous school)
Irving Adams	25	1	Blaise Taylor	DB	5-9	170	Fr.	HS	Auburn, Ala. (Auburn)
Charles Alexander	95	2	Nehemiah Wagner	DB	6-0	170	Fr.	HS	Mesquite, Texas (Horn)
Brock Barnhill	22	3	Rocky Hayes	DB	5-11	177	Jr.	2L	Heflin, Ala. (Cleburne County)
Christian Beard	62	4	Terrance Hollingsworth	RB	5-9	195	Fr.	HS	Berry, Ala. (Berry)
Jhamahl Bell	60	5	Daryl Rollins-Davis	RB	5-9	175	Fr.	HS	Knoxville, Tenn. (Fulton)
Cameron Birse	10	6	Frankie Jackson	DB	5-10	198	SrR	3L	Baton Rouge, La. (Capitol)
Dexter Blackmon	77	7	Charles Gaskin	DB	5-11	175	Fr.	HS	Tallahassee, Fla. (Amos P. Godby)
Travis Bodenstein	73	8	Charleston Girley	DB	6-0	196	JrR	2L	Pine Bluff, Ark. (Dollarway)
William Boyd	80	8	Stephen Hogan	QB	6-4	210	JrR	2L	Greenwood, Ark. (Greenwood)
Brandon Brockman	31	9	Fredi Knighten	QB	5-11	189	Jr.	2L	Little Rock, Ark. (Pulaski Academy)
Artez Brown	10	9	Khari Lain	LB	5-10	185	Fr.	HS	Tyrone, Ga. (Sandy Creek)
Darius Buckley	33	10	Cameron Birse	QB	6-2	213	FrR	RS	Danville, Calif. (San Ramon Valley)
Brandon Byner	28	10	Artez Brown	DB	6-0	180	Sr.	3L	Newport, Ark. (Newport)
Caleb Caston	54	11	Sterling Young	DB	6-2	193	SrR	3L	Hoover, Ala. (Hoover)
Jarrod Chandler	31	12	Charles Grant	DB	5-11	180	Fr.	HS	Mesquite, Texas (Mesquite)
Jemar Clark	79	13	James Tabary	QB	6-2	195	Fr.	HS	New Orleans, La. (Holy Cross)
Lamarcus Cole	64	14	Austin McGehee	Р	6-1	200	Fr.	HS	Pine Bluff, Ark. (Pine Bluff)
Austin Copeland	50	15	Luke Ferguson	P/K	6-0	210	Jr.	2L	Jonesboro, Ark. (Jonesboro)
Brandon Cox	20	15	Tres Houston	WR	6-2	188	JrR	1L	College Park, Ga. (NE Mississippi CC)
Carderious Dean	34	16	Tyler Trosin	WR	5-11	180	Jr.	TR	Folsom, Calif. (American River (Calif.) Coll.)
Ryan Eustace	45	16	TeDarius Turner	DB	5-8	166	JrR	2L	Memphis, Tenn. (Cordova)
Luke Ferguson	15	17	Jamaris Hart	DB	5-9	163	FrR	RS	Florence, Ala. (Florence)
Jeremy Fulcher	38	17	Sterling Stowers	WR	5-10	198	FrR	RS	Hardy, Ark. (Highland)
Ben Gallagher	53	18	Booker Mays	WR	5-10	170	SoR	1L	Pine Bluff, Ark. (Dollarway)
Charles Gaskin	7	19	Darion Griswold	TE	6-5	264	JrR	2L	Dumas, Ark. (Dumas)
Tyler Gilbertson	,	20	Brandon Cox	WR	5-8	167	FrR	RS	Conway, Ark. (Conway)
Charleston Girley	8	21	Andrew Tryon	DB	5-10	180	SrR	3L	Little Rock, Ark. (Russellville)
Cody Goodman	89	22	Brock Barnhill	DB	6-0	201	SrR	2L	Mountain Home, Ark. (Mountain Home)
Michael Gordon	34	23	J.D. McKissic	WR	5-11	193	JrR	2L	Phenix City, Ala. (Central)
Charles Grant	12	24	Blake Mack	WR	6-3	200	Fr.	HS	Lonoke, Ark. (Lonoke)
Tyler Greve	58	25	Irving Adams	DB	5-10	189	FrR	RS	Florence, Ala. (Florence)
Darion Griswold	19	26	DeKeathan Williams	RB	6-1	212	SoR	1L	West Helena, Ark. (Central)
Jonathan Hamilton	68		Katon Hill	RB	5-10	220	Fr.	HS	Jonesboro, Ark. (Jonesboro)
Mitch Hardy	46	27	Money Hunter	DB	6-1	193	So.	1L	Prosper, Texas (Prosper)
Kyle Harris	70	28	Brandon Byner	RB	5-11	177	Fr.	HS	Bessemer, Ala. (Bessemer City)
Jamaris Hart	17	29	Chris Humes	DB	5-11	207	Jr.	2L	Hoover, Ala. (Spain Park)
Rocky Hayes		30	Johnston White	RB	5-11	180	FrR	RS	Covington, Tenn. (Covington)
Quanterio Heath	3	31	Brandon Brockman	TE	6-3	215	FrR	RS	Jacksonville, Ark. (Jacksonville)
Riley Herrold	52	31	Jarrod Chandler	DE	6-2	205	Fr.	HS	Barton, Ark. (Barton)
Jonah Hill	59 88	32	Ryan Jacobs	DB	6-0	191	SrR	2L	Evans, Ga. (Greenbrier)
			Darius Buckley	LB			SrR	2L	Memphis, Tenn. (Lambuth)
Katon Hill	27	33	Carderious Dean	LB	5-10	224	Jr.	TR	Byhalia, Miss. (Itawamba (Miss.) CC)
Stephen Hogan	8	34	Michael Gordon	RB	6-3	235 187	Jr.		Camden, Miss. (Velma Jackson)
Terrance Hollingsworth	4	34	Mark Johnson	DB	5-9 6-2	187	FrR	2L RS	Prescott, Ark. (Prescott)
Hunter Holmes	43	35			6-2	180			
Chris Hooks	78	36	Dallas Kepler	K/P	6-0	195	Fr.	HS	Roswell, Ga. (Mt. Paran Christian School)
Tres Houston	15	37	Ja'Von Rolland-Jones	DE	6-2	224	FrR	RS	Mesquite, Texas (Mesquite)
Marcus Hudson	90	38	Jeremy Fulcher	DB	6-0	178	FrR	RS	Dallas, Texas (Woodrow Wilson)
Chris Humes	29	39	Marquis Walker	RB	5-11	183	SoR	1L	Rison, Ark. (Rison)
Money Hunter	27	40	Sterling Wright	DB	6-2	215	So.	TR	Miami, Fla. (Riverside City (CA) Coll.)
Colton Jackson	61	42	Chris Stone	DE	6-3	252	JrR	2L	Daleville, Ala. (Daleville)
Frankie Jackson	6	43	Hunter Holmes	Р	6-5	177	FrR	RS	Dallas, Texas (The Gunnery)
Ryan Jacobs	32	43	Raziel Velgis	DB	5-11	203	Jr.	1L	El Paso, Texas (Harding University)
Mark Johnson	35	44	Logan Moragne	RB	5-9	195	Fr.	HS	Little Rock, Ark. (Little Rock Central)
Skyler Jones	63	45	Ryan Eustace	DS	6-0	185	So.	SQ	Powder Springs, Ga. (Harrison)

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N	lo.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	CI.	Ехр	Hometown (previous school)	Name	No.
4	6	Mitch Hardy	DS	6-2	245	Fr.	HS	Muskego, Wis. (Muskego)	Daniel Keith	77
4	7	Bryan Scanlan	DS	6-3	185	Fr.	HS	Libertyville, Ill. (Libertyville)	Dallas Kepler	36
4	8	Qushaun Lee	LB	5-11	247	SrR	3L	Prattville, Ala. (Prattville)	Fredi Knighten	9
50	0	Austin Copeland	LB	6-1	200	Jr.	TR	Woodbridge, Va. (Lackawanna Coll.)	Warren Leapheart	82
51	1	Gage Sharp	LB	6-0	215	JrR	RS	The Colony, Texas (UTEP)	Khari Lain	9
5	2	Quanterio Heath	LB	6-2	210	SoR	1L	Rison, Ark. (Rison)	Carl Lee Jr.	81
53	3	Ben Gallagher	LB	6-0	200	FrR	RS	Germantown, Tenn. (Christian Brothers)	Qushaun Lee	48
54	4	Caleb Caston	DE	6-2	210	Fr.	HS	Pascagoula, Miss. (Pascagoula)	Alexx Lewis	67
5	5	Xavier Woodson	LB	6-1	214	So.	1L	Eufaula, Ala. (Eufaula)	Blake Mack	24
57	7	Troy Wyche	LB	5-11	211	FrR	RS	Riverdale, Ga. (Riverdale)	Jabari Mathieu	99
58	8	Tyler Greve	OL	6-4	301	SrR	3L	Jonesboro, Ark. (Jonesboro)	Robert Maxwell	75
59	9	Riley Herrold	LB	6-2	222	Fr.	HS	Ozark, Mo. (Ozark)	Booker Mays	18
6		Jhamahl Bell	OL	6-3	295	Fr.	HS	Warren, Ark. (Warren)	Austin McGehee	14
6	1	Colton Jackson	OL	6-4	276	SoR	1L	Ozark, Ark. (Ozark)	J.D. McKissic	23
6:	2	Christian Beard	OL	6-4	270	Fr.	HS	Waco, Texas (Midway)	Devin Mondie	74
6	3	Skyler Jones	OL	6-4	290	So.	HS	Paragould, Ark. (Greene County Tech)	Jerry Moorehead	86
6		Lamarcus Cole	DL	6-2	230	SoR	SQ	Little Rock, Ark. (Hall)	Logan Moragne	44
6		Brendan Weis	OL	6-3	289	Fr.	HS.	St. Louis, Mo. (Chaminade)	Austin Moreton	76
6		Alexx Lewis	OL	6-6	300	Fr.	HS	California, Mo. (California)	Chris Odom	93
6		Jonathan Hamilton	OL	6-3	290	Jr.	TR	Corona, Calif. (Riverside (Calif.) City Coll.)	Chuks Ota	97
6	9	Alan Wright	OL	6-2	307	SrR	3L	Cave City, Ark. (Cave City)	Dijon Paschal	84
70		Kyle Harris	OL	6-4	280	Jr.	TR	Lindale, Ga. (Itawamba (Miss.) CC)	Kenneth Rains	87
, 71		Steven Stevens	OL	6-4	296	JrR	2L	Bay Minette, Ala. (Baldwin County)	Chase Robinson	85
72		Brennan Tutor	OL	6-4	269	Sr.	1L	Pontotoc, Miss. (Itawamba (MS) CC)	Ja'Von Rolland-Jones	37
73		Travis Bodenstein	OL	6-4	308	JrR	1L	Springdale, Ark. (Kansas)	Daryl Rollins-Davis	5
74		Devin Mondie	OL	6-5	291	SoR	1L	Olive Branch, Miss. (Olive Branch)	Darrius Rosser	92
, 7:		Robert Maxwell	OL	6-3	283	SoR	SQ	Little Rock, Ark. (Parkview)	Bryan Scanlan	47
7:		Allen Wesley	DL	6-3	220	SoR	SQ	Little Rock, Ark. (JA Fair)	Hunter Shantz	91
7.		Austin Moreton	OL	6-1	318	SoR	SQ	Fort Smith, Ark. (Southside)	Gage Sharp	51
77		Dexter Blackmon	DL	6-4	268	Sr.	2L	Selma, Ala. (Coffeyville (Kan.) CC)	Steven Stevens	71
77		Daniel Keith	OL	6-5	275	Fr.	HS	Florence, Ala. (Florence)	Chris Stone	42
78		Chris Hooks	DL	6-3	240	FrR	RS	Stuttgart, Ark. (Stuttgart)	Sterling Stowers	17
78		Adam Whalen	OL	6-6	250	FrR	RS	Lancaster, Calif. (Eastside)	E.J. Sutton	96
79		Jemar Clark	OL	6-6	304	SoR	1L	McCrory, Ark. (McCrory)	James Tabary	13
8		William Boyd	WR	6-1	202	SrR	2L	Cave City, Ark. (Cave City)	Blaise Taylor	1
8		Carl Lee Jr.	WR	6-2	202	FrR	RS	Mobile, Ala. (McGill-Toolen)	Clifford Thomas	98
8:		Warren Leapheart	TE	6-5	242	SoR	1L	Morrilton, Ark. (Morrilton)	Tyler Trosin	16
8		Dijon Paschal	WR	6-1	196	FrR	RS	Tallassee, Ala. (Tallassee)	Andrew Tryon	21
8		Chase Robison	DL	6-4	252	SoR	TR	Memphis, Tenn. (Auburn)	TeDarius Turner	16
8		Jerry Moorehead	TE	6-4	209	FrR	RS	Camden Ark. (Camden Fairview)	Brennan Tutor	72
8		Kenneth Rains	TE	6-4	260	SrR	3L	Hot Springs, Ark. (Lake Hamilton)	Raziel Velgis	43
8		Jonah Hill	DL	6-3	241	FrR	RS	Springfield, Mo. (Hillcrest)	Nehemiah Wagner	2
8		Cody Goodman	WR	6-1	180	Fr.	HS	Melbourne, Ark.	Marquis Walker	39
9		Marcus Hudson	DL	6-4	265	Fr.	HS	Manor, Texas (Manor)	Brendan Weis	65
9.		Hunter Shantz	DL	6-3	219	SoR	SQ	Cape Girardeau, Mo. (Cape Central)	Allen Wesley	75
9:		Darrius Rosser	DL	6-3	284	SoR	1L	Marion, Ark. (Marion)	Adam Whalen	78
9:		Chris Odom	DE	6-3	234	So.	1L	Arlington, Texas (Martin)	Johnston White	30
9:		Charles Alexander	DL	6-4	300	Jr.	TR	Pittsburg, Calif. (Los Medanos (CA) CC)	DeKeathan Williams	26
9:		E.J. Sutton	DL	6-3	275	Fr.	HS	Schertz, Texas (Samuel Clemens)	Xavier Woodson	55
9		Chuks Ota	DL	6-2	2/5 285	Fr.	HS	Jonesboro, Ark. (Jonesboro)	Alan Wright	69
9		Clifford Thomas	DL	6-2	280	FrR	RS	Marion, Ark. (Marion)	Sterling Wright	40
9'		Jabari Mathieu	DE	6-2	237	JrR	RS	Gardena, Calif. (El Camino (CA) Coll.)	Troy Wyche	57
9'	J	Tyler Gilbertson	DL	6-0	257 250	Fr.	HS	Cabot, Ark. (Cabot)	Sterling Young	57 11
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## **OFFENSE**

<b>LEFT TACKLE</b> 79, Jemar Clark (6-6, 304, SoR, 1L)	77, Daniel Keith (6-5,275, Fr., HS)	
<b>LEFT GUARD</b> 74, Devin Mondie (6-5, 291, SoR, 1L)	71, Steven Stevens (6-4, 296, JrR, 2L)	
<b>CENTER</b> 58, Tyler Greve (6-4, 301, SrR, 3L)	70, Kyle Harris (6-4, 280, Jr., TR)	<b>OR</b> Jonathan Hamilton (6-3, 290, Jr., TR)
<b>RIGHT GUARD</b> 69, Alan Wright (6-2, 307, SrR, 3L)	76, Austin Moreton (6-1, 318, SoR, SQ)	
RIGHT TACKLE61, Colton Jackson (6-4, 276, SoR, RS)	72, Brennan Tutor (6-4, 269, Sr., 1L)	
QUARTERBACK9, Fredi Knighten (5-11, 189, Jr., 2L)	8, Stephen Hogan (6-4, 210, JrR, 2L)	
RUNNING BACK34, Michael Gordon (5-8, 187, Jr., 2L)	30, Johnston White (5-11, 180, Fr., RS)	
<b>A-BACK</b> 23, J.D. McKissic (5-11, 193, JrR, 2L)	20, Brandon Cox (5-8, 167, Fr., RS)	
<b>TIGHT END (Y)</b> 19, Darion Griswold (6-4, 264, JrR, 2L)	86, Jerry Moorehead (6-4, 209, Fr., RS)	
<b>TIGHT END (H)</b> 82, Warren Leapheart (6-5, 242, SoR, 1L)	86, Jerry Moorehead (6-4, 209, Fr., RS)	
<b>WR</b> 84, Dijon Paschal (6-1, 196, Fr., RS)	18, Booker Mayes (5-10, 170, SoR, 1L)	
<b>WR</b> 15, Tres Houston (6-2, 188, JrR, 1L)	81, Carl Lee Jr. (6-2, 202, Fr., RS)	

## **DEFENSE**

<b>DEFENSIVE END</b> 37, Ja'Von Rolland-Jones (6-2, 224, Fr., RS)	88, Jonah Hill (6-3, 241, Fr., RS)	
NOSE GUARD92, Darrius Rosser (6-3, 284, SoR, 1L)	98, Clifford Thomas (6-2, 280, Fr., RS)	
DEFENSIVE TACKLE77, Dexter Blackmon (6-4, 268, Sr., 2L)	96, E.J. Sutton (6-3, 275, Fr., HS)	
<b>BANDIT</b> 42, Chris Stone (6-3, 252, JrR, 2L)	93, Chris Odom (6-3, 234, So., 1L)	<b>OR</b> 99, Jabari Mathieu (6-2, 237, Jr., RS)
WILL LB55, Xavier Woodson (6-1,214, So. 1L)	50, Austin Copeland (6-1, 200, JR., TR)	
MIKE LB48, Qushaun Lee (5-11, 247, SrR, 3L)	52, Quanterio Heath (6-2, 210, SoR, 1L)	
NICKELBACK8, Charleston Girley (6-0, 196, JrR, 2L)	9, Khari Lain (5-10, 185, Fr., HS)	
<b>CORNERBACK</b> 10, Artez Brown (6-0, 180, Sr., 2L)	1, Blaise Taylor (5-9, 170, Fr., HS)	<b>OR</b> 17, Jamaris Hart (5-9, 163, Fr., RS)
STRONG SAFETY29, Chris Humes (6-0, 207, Jr., 2L)	27, Money Hunter (6-1, 193, So., 1L)	
FREE SAFETY11, Sterling Young (6-2, 193, SrR, 3L)	4, Sterling Wright (6-2, 215, So., TR)	
CORNERBACK21, Andrew Tryon (5-10, 180, SrR, 3L)	3, Rocky Hayes (5-11, 177, Jr., 2L)	

## **SPECIAL TEAMS**

<b>PLACEKICKER</b> 15, Luke Ferguson (6-0, 210, Jr., 2L)   36, Dallas Kepler (6-0, 195, Fr., HS)	
<b>PUNTER</b> 15, Luke Ferguson (6-0, 210, Jr., 2L) <b>OR 8,</b> Stephen Hogan (6-4, 210, JrR, 2L)	
KICKOFF RETURN23, J.D. McKissic (5-11, 193, JrR, 2L) 20, Brandon Cox (5-8, 167, Fr., RS)	<b>OR</b> 1, Blaise Taylor (5-9, 170, Fr., HS)
<b>PUNT RETURN</b> 23, J.D. McKissic (5-11, 193, JrR, 2L)   1, Blaise Taylor (5-9, 170, Fr., HS)	
<b>DEEP SNAPPER</b> 45, Ryan Eustace (5-10, 190, SoR, SQ)   47, Bryan Scanlan (6-3, 185, Fr., HS)	
HOLDER8, Stephen Hogan (6-4, 210, JrR, 2L)	

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Travis Bodenstein	Bode-In-STYNE
Ryan Eustace	YOU-Stuss
Katon Hill	KAY-ton
Tres Houston	Trez
Khari Lain	car-E
Qushaun Lee	QUH-shawn
Jabari Mathieu	MATH-You
Austin McGehee	Mc-Gay-HEE
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## 2014 ARKANSAS STATE FOOTBALL NOTES: Career Highs (Offense)

2014 ARKANSAS STATE FOOTBALL NOTES: Career H
#4 TANK HOLLINGSWORTH, RB, FR.
Rushes5 vs. Montana State (8-30-14)
Rushing Yards15 vs. Montana State (8-30-14)
Longest Rush
Rushing Touchdowns 1 vs. Montana State (8-30-14)
Receptions
Receiving Yards12 vs. Montana State (8-30-14)
#8 STEPHEN HOGAN, QB, JR.
Rushes
Rushing Yards31 vs. Montana State (8-30-14)
Longest Rush
#9 FREDI KNIGHTEN, QB, JR.
Pass Attempts29 vs. Montana State (8-30-14)
Completions
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Rushes
Rushing Yards
Longest Rush
Rushing Touchdowns , twice (last at Western Kentucky, 11-30-13)
Total Offense323 vs. Montana State (8-30-14)
Yards Responsible For368 vs. Montana State (8-30-14)
#15 LUKE FERGUSON, K/P, JR.
Punts
Punt Average
Longest Punt
Punts Inside 204 vs. Montana State (8-30-14)
Field Goal Attempts
Field Goals Made3 vs. Montana State (8-30-14)
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#15, TRES HOUSTON, WR, JR.
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#19 DARION GRISWOLD, TE, JR.
Receptions5, twice (last vs. Idaho, 10-12-13)
Receiving Yards89 vs. Idaho (10-12-13)
Longest Reception
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#20 BRANDON COX, WR, FRR
Receptions
Receiving Yards4 vs. Montana State (8-30-14)
#23 J.D. McKISSIC, WR, JR.
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Rushes
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Longest Rush
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Kickoff Return Yards125 vs. Idaho (10-12-13)
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Punt Return Yards
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#26 DEKEATHAN WILLIAMS, RB, SO.
Rushes
Rushing Yards13 vs. Montana State (8-30-14)
Longest Rush5 vs. Montana State (8-30-14)
#39 DDANIDON DVNED DD FD
#28 BRANDON BYNER, RB, FR. Rushes

Rushing Yards15 vs. Montana State (8-30-14)
Longest Rush
#30 JOHNSTON WHITE, RB, FRR
Rushes
Rushing Yards
Longest Rush
Rushing Touchdowns
#34 MICHAEL GORDON, RB, JR.
Rushes19, twice (last at WKU, 11-30-13)
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Rushing Touchdowns
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Receiving Yards53 vs. Georgia State (11-23-13)
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#39 MARQUIS WALKER, RB, SO.
Rushes11 vs. UAPB (8-31-13)
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#84 DIJON PASCHAL, WR, FRR
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receptions vs. Montana state (0-51-14)
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#87, KENNETH RAINS, TE, SR.
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## 2014 ARKANSAS STATE FOOTBALL NOTES: Career Highs (Defense)

#I BLAISE TAYLOR, CB, FR. Tackles	Pass Break-ups
Punt Returns	#29, CHRIS HUMES, DB, JR.
Punt Return Yards	Tackles
Long Punt Return	Tackles for Loss
Kickoff Returns	Sacks
Kickoff Return Yards	Forced Fumbles
#3 ROCKY HAYES, CB, JR.	Fumbles Recovered
Tackles	, ( ,
Tackles for Loss	#37 JA'VON ROLLAND-JONES, DE, FRR
Sacks	Tackles
Pass break-ups	
Interceptions , four times (last vs. Montana State, 8-30-14)	#40 STERLING WRIGHT, S, SO.
Rushes	Tackles
Rushing Yards	Tackles for Loss
Longest Rush	
Rushing Touchdowns	#42, CHRIS STONE, DE, JR.
Receptions	Tackles
Receiving Yards15 at North Texas (11-3-12)	Tackles for Loss
Longest Reception	Sacks, four times (last at Montana State, 8-30-14)
Kickoff Returns4, twice (last at Troy, 11-17-12)	Interceptions
Kickoff Return Yards	Forced Fumbles
Long Kickoff Return36 at Troy (11-17-12)	Pass break-ups
Punt Returns	Was DATIFI WALGIS DD ID
Punt Return Yards	#43, RAZIEL VALGIS, DB, JR.
Longest Punt Return	Tackles
#6 EDANKIE IACKSONI DB SD	Fumbles Recovered
#6 FRANKIE JACKSON, DB, SR. Tackles	#48 QUSHAUN LEE, LB, SR.
Tackles for Loss	#40 QUSHAUN LEE, LB, SK.  Tackles
Fumbles Forced	Tackles For Loss
Interceptions	Sacks
Pass Break-ups	Interceptions
Kickoff Returns	Pass Break-Ups
Kickoff Return Yards	Forced Fumbles
Longest Kickoff Return	Fumble Recoveries
#7 CHARLES GASKIN, FR., DB	#50 AUSTIN COPELAND, LB, JR.
Tackles	Tackles
	Tackles for Loss
#9 KHARI LAIN, DB, FR.	Sacks1 vs. Montana State (8-30-14)
Tackles	Pass Break-ups
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<b>#10 ARTEZ BROWN, DB, SR.</b> Tackles	#52 QUANTERIO HEATH, LB, SO.  Tackles
Tackles for Loss	Tackles for Loss
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Interceptions	#54 CALEB CASON Tackles

## **TEAM**

### SHUT OUT AN OPPONENT

ASU: 12-1-12 vs. Middle Tennessee (45-0) OPP: 11-1-08, No. 2 Alabama (35-0)

## **RUSHED FOR OVER 250 YARDS**

ASU: 8-30-14 vs. Montana State (48 for 294 yards) OPP: 10-22-13 vs. UL Lafayette (58 attempts for 265 yards)

### **RUSHED FOR OVER 300 YARDS**

ASU: 11-16-13 vs. Texas State (57 for 328 yards) OPP: 9-21-13 at Memphis (45 attempts for 329 yards)

## PASSED FOR OVER 300 YARDS

ASU: 10-12-13 vs. Idaho (22-of-32 for 375 yards) OPP: 9-12-13 vs. Troy (36-of-58 for 504 yards)

## HAD OVER 500 YARDS OF TOTAL OFFENSE

ASU: 8-30-14 vs. Montana State (558 yards: 294 rush, 264 pass) OPP: 9-21-13 vs. Memphis (505 yards: 329 rush, 176 pass)

### HAD OVER 600 YARDS OF TOTAL OFFENSE

ASU: 8-31-13 vs. UAPB (672 yards: 509 rush, 163 pass) OPP: 9-12-13 vs. Troy (614 yards: 110 rush, 504 pass)

## **RECORDED 30 OR MORE FIRST DOWNS**

ASU: 11-17-12 at Troy (33) OPP: 9-12-13 vs. Troy (30)

## **FAILED TO RUSH FOR 100 YARDS**

ASU: 10-22-13 vs. UL Lafayette (25 carries for 79 yards) OPP: 8-30-14 vs. Montana State (44 for 86 yards)

## **FAILED TO PASS FOR OVER 100 YARDS**

ASU: 11-16-13 vs. Texas State (14-of-18 for 96 yards) OPP: 9-22-12 vs. Alcorn State (14 of 27 for 32 yards)

## HELD AN OPPONENT UNDER 200 YARDS TOTAL OFF.

ASU: 8-31-13 vs. UAPB (173 yards: 12 rush, 161 pass)

OPP: 10-22-13, UL Lafayette (168 yards: 79 rushing, 89 passing)

## **SCORED A SAFETY**

ASU: 9-3-11 at Illinois OPP: 11-3-12, at North Texas

## **SCORED 50 OR MORE POINTS**

ASU: 8-31-13 vs. UAPB (62-11) OPP: 9-1-12 at Oregon (57-34)

## **INDIVIDUAL**

## PLAYER RUSHED FOR 100 YARDS

ASU: 8-30-14 vs. Montana State, Fredi Knighten (15 carries for 104 yds) OPP: 1-5-14, Jahwan Edwards (Ball State, 28 carries for 146 yards)

## PLAYER RUSHED FOR 200 YARDS

ASU: 9-6-08, Derek Lawson vs. TX Southern (18 for 209 yards) OPP: 9-29-12, A. Andrews (Western Ky.), 29 carries for 215 yards

## TWO OR MORE PLAYERS RUSHED FOR 100 YARDS

ASU: 8-31-13 vs. UAPB: David Oku (124 yds), Sirgregory Thornton (112 yds), Michael Gordon (102 yds), Fredi Knighten (101 yds) OPP: 10-22-13, Elijah McGuire (UL Lafayette), 10 carries for 110 yards)

10-22-13, Alonzo Harris (UL Lafayette), 29 carries for 105 yards)

## TWO OR MORE PLAYERS WITH 100 YARDS RECEIVING

ASU: 12-28-13 at Missouri: Julian Jones (10 receptions for 136 yards) and J.D. McKissic (15 receptions for 117 yards)

OPP: 9-12-13 vs. Troy: Eric Thomas (6 receptions for 125 yards); Bryan Holmes (6 receptions for 117 yards)

## PLAYER PASSED FOR 300 YARDS

ASU: 10-12-13, Adam Kennedy vs. Idaho (22-32-1 for 375 yards) OPP: 9-12-13, Corey Robinson, Troy (30-51-3 for 371 yards)

## PLAYER PASSED FOR 400 YARDS

ASU: 9-11-10, Ryan Aplin at UL Lafayette (25-45-1 for 438 yards) OPP: 11-7-12, Corey Robinson, Troy (26-35-0 for 417 yards)

#### RETURNED A KICKOFF FOR A TOUCHDOWN

ASU: 2013, J.D. McKissic vs. Idaho (98 yards) OPP: 10-11-08, Luther Ambrose, ULM (91 yards)

### RETURNED A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN

ASU: 9-27-07, Kevin Jones vs. Memphis (89 yards) OPP: 11-3-07, L. Singleton, FIU (80 yards)

## RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN

ASU: 9-24-11, Sterling Young (vs. UCA) (31 yards) OPP: 11-17-12, Brynden Trawick, Troy (70 yards)

### RETURNED A FUMBLE FOR A TOUCHDOWN

ASU: 11-23-13, Sterling Young vs. Georgia State (21 yards)

OPP: 8-31-13, Harris, UAPB (37 yards)

## **BLOCKED AN OPPONENT'S PUNT**

ASU: 11-23-13, Brock Barnhill vs. Georgia State OPP: 10-13-12, Maleki Harris (South Alabama)

## RETURNED A BLOCKED PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN

ASU: 11-23-13, Brock Barnhill (block) and Raziel Valgis (TD) vs. Georgia State (25 yards) 9-8-12, Anthony Watson (block) and Teven Jones (TD), Memphis (o yards)

## RETURNED A BLOCKED FIELD GOAL FOR A TD

ASU: 2000, Hanis Bowens vs. North Carolina State (80 vards)

OPP: 2004, Terryl Fenton, UL-Lafayette (80-yards)

## **RUN FROM SCRIMMAGE OF 50 YARDS OR MORE**

ASU: 9-12-13, Michael Gordon vs Troy (64 yards) OPP: 11-23-13, Albert Wilson (Georgia State), 80 yards

## PASS FROM SCRIMMAGE OF 50 YARDS OR MORE

ASU: 11-9-13, 51 yards at UL Monroe (A. Kennedy to M. Gordon) OPP: 8-30-14, 55 yds vs Montana St. (Dakota Prukop to Justin Paige)

## MADE 50+ YARD FIELD GOAL

ASU: 11-2-13, 50 yards (Brian Davis at South Alabama)

OPP: 9-23-06, 50 yards (T. Morstead, SMU)

2014 ARKANSAS STATE STARTING LINEUPS												
OFFENSE												
	QB	RB	A-B	ACK WR		WR	TE	LT	LG	С	RG	RT
MONTANA ST.	Knighter	n Gordor	n McK	Kissic Housto	n Pa	ischal	Griswold	Clar	k Mondie	Greve	Wright	Jackson
	DEFENSE											
MONTANA ST.	<b>BANDIT</b> Stone	<b>DT</b> Blackmon	<b>NG</b> Rosser	<b>DE</b> Rolland-Jones	MLB Lee		<b>'LB</b> odson	<b>NB</b> Girley	<b>CB</b> Brown	<b>CB</b> Tryon	<b>SS</b> Humes	<b>FS</b> Young
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## 2014 A-STATE LONG PLAYS (20+ YARDS)

Yds	Play	Opponent	Date	Qtr.
45	Houston pass to Knighten	Montana State	8-30	3
43	Knighten pass to McKissic	Montana State	8-30	2
42	Gordon rush (TD)	Montana State	8-30	1
33	Knighten rush	Montana State	8-30	4
29	Knighten pass to Houston	Montana State	8-30	1
25	Knighten rush	Montana State	8-30	3
23	Knighten pass to Griswold (TD)	Montana State	8-30	3
TOTAL	.: 7 <b>40+:</b> 3 <b>30+:</b> 4			

## 2014 ARKANSAS STATE SCORING DRIVES

	Plays	Yards	TOP (QTR)	Score	
Montana State (7: 4 TD/3 FG)					
	3	75	0:41 (1)	Gordon 42-yard rush	
	12	59	4:19 (1)	Ferguson 29-yard field goal	
	13	93	3:33 (2)	Ferguson 23-yard field goal	
	5	17	1:37 (3)	Ferguson 41-yard field goal	
	3	80	0:44 (3)	Knighten 23-yard pass to Griswold	
	4	54	0:48 (4)	Hollingsworth 1-yard run	
	4	15	1:07 (4)	White 1-yard run	

TOTAL SCORING DRIVES: 7

SCORING DRIVES TAKING TWO MINUTES OR LESS: 5 (71% of all drives) SCORING DRIVES TAKING FOUR MINUTES OR LONGER: 1 (14% of all drives)

GAME 1

AUG. 30, 2014 | CENTENNIAL BANK STADIUM: 26,143

Arkansas State 37, Montana State 10

Score b	y Qua	rters	1	2	3	4	S	core
Arkansas State		10	10 3		14	37		
Montai	Montana State		7	0	3	0		10
Team	Qtr	Time	Scor	ing play	Pys-Y	ds	ТОР	Score
A-State	1	14:19	Gord	don 42 yd run	3-75	5	0:41	7-0
MSU	1	05:45	Knig	ht 1 yd run	4-7		1:32	7-7
A-State	1	01:21	Ferg	uson 29 yd FC	i 12-5	9	4:19	10-7
A-State	2	00:05	Ferg	uson 23 yd FC	i 13-9	3	3:33	13-7
MSU	3	10:21	Daly	34 yd FG	10-4	7	4:31	13-10
A-State	3	05:26	Ferg	uson 41 yd FG	5-17	,	1:37	16-10
A-State	3	01:53	Gris	wold 23 yd red	ception 3-80	)	0:44	23-10
A-State	4	14:25	Holl	ingsworth 1 ye	d run 4-54	1	0:48	30-10
A-State	4	09:47	Whi	te 1 yd run	4-15	5	1:07	37-10
	TEAM STATISTICS							
				A-STATE	MONTA	NA ST		

	A-STATE	MONTANA ST.
First Downs	23	10
Net yards rushing	294	86
Net yards passing	264	142
Passes Comp-Att-Int	20-30-0	14-26-2
Total Net Yards	558	228
Fumbles: Number-Lost	2-2	1-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	4-36	7-44
Possession Time	27:15	32:45
Third Down Conversions	7 of 16	2 of 18
Sacks By: Number-Yards	6-28	1-4

### **INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

RUSHING: Montana State-Shawn Johnson 10-33; Trevor Bolton 1-25; Anthony Knight 12-15; Chad Newell 2-8; Gunnar Brekke 2-4; Dakota Prukop 16-4; TEAM 1-minus 3. Arkansas State-Knighten, Fredi 15-104; Gordon, Michael 7-68; White, Johnston 12-48; Hogan, Stephen 2-31; Hollingsworth 5-15; Byner, Brandon 3-15; Williams, D. 4-13. PASSING: Montana State-Dakota Prukop 14-26-2-142. Arkansas State-Knighten, Fredi 19-29-0-219; Houston, Tres 1-1-0-45. RECEIVING: Montana State-Mitch Griebel 6-39; Tial Salanoa 3-7; Gunnar Brekke 2-21; Justin Paige 1-55; Lee Perkins 1-13; B. Flotkoetter 1-7. Arkansas State-Houston, Tres 8-87; McKissic, J.D. 4-83; Griswold, D. 2-28; Knighten, Fredi 1-45; Hollingsworth 1-12; Cox, Brandon 1-4; Gordon, Michael 1-4; Rains, Kenneth 1-1; Paschal, Dijon 1-0. INTERCEPTIONS: Montana State-None. Arkansas State-Lee, Qushaun 1-40; Hayes, Rocky 1-0. FUMBLES: Montana State-Dakota Prukop 1-0. Arkansas State-Hogan, Stephen 1-1; McKissic, J.D. 1-1.

JONESBORO, Ark. (8/30/13) – Arkansas State scored 24 unanswered points in the second half as the Red Wolves went on to a 37-10 victory over Montana State in their 2014 season opener before 26,143 fans at Centennial Bank Stadium.

A-State, which is celebrating its 100th season of football, extended its homeopening winning streak to 10 straight dating back to the 2005 campaign. The victory also gave A-State back-to-back season-opening wins for the first time since the 2008 and 2009 seasons. The Red Wolves handed in-state Arkansas-Pine Bluff (UAPB) a 62-11 loss in last season's opener.

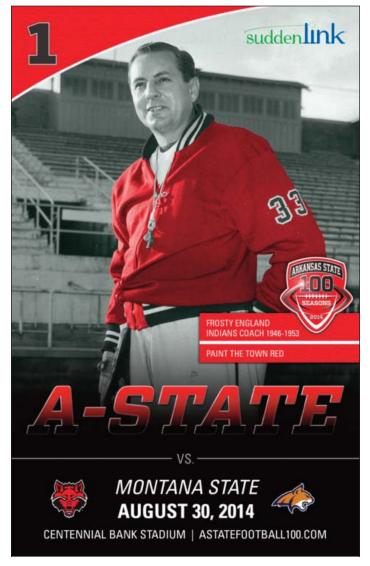
The Red Wolves, the three-time (2011-13) defending Sun Belt Conference (SBC) champions, netted 558 yards in total offense as A-State featured a balanced attack with 294 yards on the ground and 264 in passing. Junior quarterback Fredi Knighten would tally a combined 323 yards on his own, which included 219 passing yards. Defensively, A-State held Montana State to 228 offensive yards.

A-State scored on the game's opening possession to take a 7-0 first-quarter lead as junior running back Michael Gordon busted down the right sideline on a 42-yard touchdown run with 14:19 to go and capped a three-play, 75-yard drive. A 29-yard pass from Fredi Knighten to redshirt junior wide receiver Tres Houston helped set up the Red Wolves' scoring play.

Montana State would tie the contest up at seven apiece with 5:45 left in the opening quarter by capitalizing on an A-State turnover. Redshirt junior J.D. McKissic fumbled a 52-yard punt by Trevor Bolton, which was recovered by the Bobcats' middle linebacker Rhett Young at the A-State seven-yard line. Running back Anthony Knight would hit pay dirt on his fourth straight rushing attempt from one yard out.

The Red Wolves regained the lead at 1:21 left in the first quarter on a 29-yard field goal by junior kicker Luke Ferguson, which concluded a 12-play, 59-yard scoring drive. Ferguson would go onto add a second one, this time from 23 yards out with just five seconds remaining before the half to finish a 93-yard, 13-play sequence as the Red Wolves led 13-7 at the half. A-State produced 302 total offensive yards in the first half, which included an average of 5.4 yards per carry (141 rushing yards) while limiting Montana State to 18 yards on the ground.

The teams exchanged field goals to open the third-quarter scoring as the Bobcats sliced A-State's lead to 13-10 at 10:21 on kicker Luke Daly's 34 yarder. Luke Ferguson



would counter for the Red Wolves with his third field goal of the game, a 41-yard boot with 5:26 left to be played in the quarter as the hosts led 16-10. A-State extended its lead to 23-10 when junior tight end Darion Griswold snared a Fredi Knighten pass for a 23-yard score with 1:53 remaining in the stanza. A 45-yard half-back pass from Tres Houston back to Knighten helped set up the scoring play.

A-State increased its margin to 30-10 early in the fourth quarter as junior cornerback Rocky Hayes picked off MSU quarterback Dakota Prukop's pass at the A-State 46-yard line, which eventually lead to a one-yard TD run by freshman running back Terrance Hollingsworth with 14:25 left. The Red Wolves tacked on their fourth TD of the game with 9:47 to be played on redshirt frosh running back Johnston White's one-yard run giving A-State a 37-10 lead. Redshirt senior middle linebacker Qushaun Lee put the Red Wolves in prime field scoring position with a 40-yard interception return to the MSU 15-yard line.

Knighten ran for 104 yards to lead all rushers in the game while Michael Gordon had 68 yards on seven carries. In receiving, Tres Houston's eight receptions for 87 yards was a game high and J.D. McKissic contributed four catches for 83 yards. Knighten was 19-of-29 for 219 yards in the passing department for A-State, which converted five-of-six red zone opportunities.

Dakota Prukop threw for 142 yards on 14-of-26 passing for Montana State, but was intercepted twice and sacked four times.

Sophomore linebacker Xavier Woodson paced the Red Wolves with seven tackles (six solo). Senior redshirt free safety Sterling Young along with redshirt senior cornerback Andrew Tryon and redshirt junior linebacker Chris Stone contributed six stops apiece. Woodson, junior linebacker Austin Copeland, and freshman defensive end Caleb Caston each had a sack.

## Arkansas State Game Results (as of Aug 31, 2014) All games

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conference	Time	Attend
Aug 30, 2014	MONTANA STATE	W	37-10	1-0	0-0	3:12	26143

## Arkansas State Combined Team Statistics (as of Aug 31, 2014) All games

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Date Oppo Aug 30, 201 MON	onent TANA STATE	Score W 37-10	Att. 26143	Record: All games Conference	Overall 1-0 0-0	Home 1-0 0-0	Away 0-0 0-0	Neutral 0-0 0-0
Rushing Knighten, Fredi Gordon, Michael White, Johnston Hogan, Stephen Byner, Brandon Hollingsworth Williams, D. Total Opponents	g att gain loss 1 15 118 14 1 7 68 0 1 12 49 1 1 2 31 0 1 3 15 0 1 5 15 0 1 4 13 0 1 48 309 15 1 44 134 48	104 6.9 0 33 68 9.7 1 42 48 4.0 1 16 31 15.5 0 16 15 5.0 0 5 15 3.0 1 5 13 3.2 0 5 294 6.1 3 42	g avg/g 3 104.0 2 68.0 6 48.0 6 31.0 9 15.0 5 15.0 5 13.0 2 294.0 5 86.0	Non-Conference Team Statistics FIRST DOWNS Rushing Passing Penalty RUSHING YARI Rushing Attem Average Per R	DAGE pts ush	1-0 A	0-0 SU 23 13 10 0 294 48 6.1 4.0	0-0 OPP 10 6 4 0 86 44 2.0
Passing Knighten, Fredi Houston, Tres Total Opponents	g efficcomp-att- 1140.33 19-29-0 1478.00 1-1-0 1151.59 20-30-0 1 84.34 14-26-2	0 65.5 219 1 100. 45 0 0 66.7 264 1	Ig avg/g 43 219.0 45 45.0 45 264.0 55 142.0	Average Per G TDs Rushing PASSING YARI Comp-Att-Int Average Per C Average Per C	DAGE ass atch	20-3 20-3	3 264	86.0 1 142 14-26-2 5.5 10.1 142.0
Receiving Houston, Tres McKissic, J.D. Griswold, D. Knighten, Fredi Hollingsworth Cox, Brandon Gordon, Michael Rains, Kenneth Paschal, Dijon Total Opponents	g no. yds avg 1 8 87 10.9 1 4 83 20.8 1 2 28 14.0 1 1 45 45.0 1 1 1 2 12.0 1 1 4 4.0 1 1 4 4.0 1 1 1 1 1.0 1 1 0 0.0 1 20 264 13.2 1 14 142 10.1	0 43 83.0 1 23 28.0 0 45 45.0 0 12 12.0 0 4 4.0 0 4 4.0 0 1 1.0 0 0 0.0		Average Per G TDs Passing TOTAL OFFEN! Average Per G KICK RETURNS PUNT RETURNS INT RETURNS: FUMBLES-LOS PENALTIES-YA PUNTS-AVG TIME OF POSS 3RD-DOWN CO	SE lay ame S: #-Yards S: #-Yards #-Yards T rds ESSION/G nversions	55 2 4 2 4 4-4 27 7	1 558 7.2 8.0 -67 9 -40 2-2	228 3.3 228.0 6-95 0-0 0-0 1-0 7-44 10-42.7 32:45 2/18 2/2
Field Goals Ferguson, Luke			60-99 lg blk 0-0 41 0	Interceptions Hayes, Rocky Lee, Qushaun	no. 1 1	yds avg to 0 0.0 0 4040.0 0	) Ŏ	
Scoring Ferguson, Luke Griswold, D. White, Johnston Hollingsworth Gordon, Michael Total Opponents	td fg kick 1 - 3-3 4-4 1 1 1 1 4 3-3 4-4 1 1-2 1-1	rush rcv pass dxp	p saf pts 13 6 6 6 6 37 10	Punting Ferguson, Luke Punt Returns Taylor, B. McKissic, J.D. Total	no. yo 4 19 no. 3 1 4	ds avg lg 04 48.5 61 yds avg to 11 3.7 ( -20 -20. ( -9 -2.2 (	tb fc i2 0 0 I Ig 0 10 0 0	2050+ blk 4 1 0
Score by Quarters Arkansas State Opponents	1st 2nd 3rd 10 3 10 7 0 3	4th OT Total 14 0 37 0 0 10		Opponents  Kick Returns Taylor, B. McKissic, J.D. Total Opponents	0 no. 1 1 2 6	yds avg to 38 38.0 (29 29.0 (67 33.5 (95 15.8 (	l lg 0 38 0 29 0 38	
				All Purpose Knighten, Fre McKissic, J.D. Houston, Tres Gordon, Mich Taylor, B. Total Opponents	1 104 1 0 1 0 1 68 1 0 1 294 2	rcv pr k 45 0 0 83 -20 29 87 0 0 4 0 0 0 11 38 264 -9 67 42 0 95	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 8 0 7 40	total avg/g 149149.0 92 92.0 87 87.0 72 72.0 49 49.0 656656.0 323323.0
				Total Offense Knighten, Fredi Gordon, Michael White, Johnston Houston, Tres Hogan, Stephen Total Opponents	1   1   1	44 104 2 7 68 12 48 1 0 2 31 78 294 2	219 32 0 6 0 4 45 4 0 3 264 55	al avg/g 23 323.0 68 68.0 18 48.0 15 45.0 31 31.0 68 558.0 28 228.0
## Defensive Leader 55 Woodson, Xavie 42 Stone, Chris 21 Tryon, Andrew 11 Young, Sterling 48 Lee, Qushaun Total Opponents		1 7 2 6 1 6 2 6 . 5 20 70	tfl/yds 1.0-6 1.0-2 1.0-4 1.0-2 1.0-3 10-38 4-22	Sacks Pass det no-yds int-yds b 1.0-6 . 1.0-2 . 1.0-2 . 1.0-2 . 1-40 . 6-28 2-40 .		Fumbles rcv-yds 2-0		lkd .ick saf
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## Arkansas State Overall Team Statistics (as of Aug 31, 2014) All games

Team Statistics	ASU	OPP
SCORING	37	10
Points Per Game	37.0	10.0
FIRST DOWNS	23	10
Rushing	13	6
Passing	10	4
Penalty	0	0
RUSHING YARDAGE	294	86
Yards gained rushing	309	134
Yards lost rushing	15	48
Rushing Attempts	48	44
Average Per Rush	6.1	2.0
Average Per Game	294.0	86.0
TDs Rushing	3	1
PASSING YARDAGE	264	142
Comp-Att-Int	20-30-0	14-26-2
Average Per Pass	8.8	5.5
Average Per Catch	13.2	10.1
Average Per Game	264.0	142.0
TDs Passing	1	0
TOTAL OFFENSE	558	228
Total Plays	78	70
Average Per Play	7.2	3.3
Average Per Game	558.0	228.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	2-67	6-95
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	49	0-0
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	2-40	0-0
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	33.5	15.8
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	-2.2	0.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE	20.0	0.0
FUMBLES-LOST	2-2	1-0
PENALTIES-Yards	4-36	7-44
Average Per Game	36.0	44.0
PUNTS-Yards	4-194	10-427
Average Per Punt	48.5	42.7
Net punt average	48.5	43.6
KICKOFFS-Yards	8-476	3-195
Average Per Kick	59.5	65.0
Net kick average	41.4	34.3
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	27:15	32:45
3RD-DOWN Conversions	7/16	2/18
3rd-Down Pct	44%	11%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	0/2	2/2
4th-Down Pct	0%	100%
SACKS BY-Yards	6-28	1-4
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	4	1
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	3-3	1-2
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(5-6) 83%	(2-2) 100%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(2-6) 33%	(1-2) 50%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(4-4) 100%	(1-1) 100%
ATTENDANCE	26143	0
Games/Avg Per Game	1/26143	0/0
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	ОТ	Total
Arkansas State	10	3	10	14	0	37
Opponents	7	0	3	0	0	10

## Arkansas State Overall Individual Statistics (as of Aug 31, 2014) All games

Rushing	g	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Knighten, Fredi	1	15	118	14	104	6.9	0	33	104.0
Gordon, Michael	1	7	68	0	68	9.7	1	42	68.0
White, Johnston	1	12	49	1	48	4.0	1	16	48.0
Hogan, Stephen	1	2	31	0	311	15.5	0	16	31.0
Byner, Brandon	1	3	15	0	15	5.0	0	9	15.0
Hollingsworth	1	5	15	0	15	3.0	1	5	15.0
Williams, D.	1	4	13	0	13	3.2	0	5	13.0
Total	1	48	309	15	294	6.1	3	42	294.0
Opponents	1	44	134	48	86	2.0	1	25	86.0
Passing	g	effi	ccom	ıp-att-	in po	ct y	/ds	td	lg avg/g
Knighten, Fredi	11	40.3	3 19	-29-0	65.	.5 2	19	1	43219.0
Houston, Tres	14	178.00	0 1	-1-0	100	0.	45	0	45 45.0
Total	11	51.59	9 20	-30-0	66.	.7 2	64	1	45264.0
Opponents	1	84.3	4 14	-26-2	53.	.8 1	42	0	55142.0
Receiving	g	no.	yds	avg	td	lg :	avg/	/g	
Houston, Tres	1	8	87	10.9	0	29	87.	.0	
McKissic, J.D.	1	4	83	20.8	0	43	83.	.0	
Griswold, D.	1	2	28	14.0	1	23	28.	.0	
Knighten, Fredi	1	1	45	45.0	0	45	45.	.0	
Hollingsworth	1	1	12	12.0	0	12	12.	.0	
Cox, Brandon	1	1	4	4.0	0	4	4.	.0	
Gordon, Michael	1	1	4	4.0	0	4	4.	.0	
Rains, Kenneth	1	1	1	1.0	0	1	1.	.0	
Paschal, Dijon	1	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.	.0	
Total	1	20	264	13.2	1	452	264.	.0	
Opponents	1	14	142	10.1	0	551	142.	.0	

Punt Returns	no.	yds avg	td	lg
Taylor, B.	3	11 3.7	0	10
McKissic, J.D.	1	-20 -20.	0	0
Total	4	-9 -2.2	0	10
Opponents	0	0.0	0	0
Interceptions	no	vde ova	+ 4	lα
Interceptions	no.	yds avg	td	Ig
Lee, Qushaun	1	40 40.0	0	40
Hayes, Rocky	1	0.0	0	0
Total	2	4020.0	0	40
Opponents	0	0.0	0	0
Kick Returns	no.	yds avg	td	lg
Taylor, B.	1	3838.0	0	38
McKissic, J.D.	1	2929.0	0	29
Total	2	67 33.5	0	38
Opponents	6	95 15.8	0	26
Fumble Returns	no.	yds avg	td	lg
Total	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	0	0.0	0	0

## Arkansas State Overall Individual Statistics (as of Aug 31, 2014) All games

Scoring	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dx s	saf	pts
Ferguson, Luke	-	3-3	4-4	-	-	-	-	-	13
Gordon, Michael	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Hollingsworth	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Griswold, D.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
White, Johnston	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	4	3-3	4-4	-	-	-	-	-	37
Opponents	1	1-2	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	10

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Knighten, Fredi	1	44	104	219	323	323.0
Gordon, Michael	1	7	68	0	68	68.0
White, Johnston	1	12	48	0	48	48.0
Houston, Tres	1	1	0	45	45	45.0
Hogan, Stephen	1	2	31	0	31	31.0
Byner, Brandon	1	3	15	0	15	15.0
Hollingsworth	1	5	15	0	15	15.0
Williams, D.	1	4	13	0	13	13.0
Total	1	78	294	264	558	558.0
Opponents	1	70	86	142	228	228.0

Field Goals	fg	pct. 01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg l	olk_
Ferguson, Luke	3-3	100. 0-0	2-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	41	0
FG Sequence	Arkar	nsas State		Oppo	onents	5		
Montana State	(29),(	23),(41)		50,(3	34)			

Punting	no.	yds avg	lg	tb	fc i	205	0+ I	olk
Ferguson, Luke	4	19448.5	61	0	0	4	1	0
Total	4	19448.5	61	0	0	4	1	0
Opponents	10	42742.7	61	0	1	1	4	0

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	Kickoffs	no. yds avg tb ob retn net ydln
Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.	Ferguson, Luke	8 47659.5 2 0
	Total	8 47659.5 2 015.841.4 23
	Opponents	3 19565.0 1 033.534.3 30

## Arkansas State Overall Individual Statistics (as of Aug 31, 2014) All games

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Knighten, Fre	1	104	45	0	0	0	1491	149.0
McKissic, J.D	1	0	83	-20	29	0	92	92.0
Houston, Tre	1	0	87	0	0	0	87	87.0
Gordon, Mich	1	68	4	0	0	0	72	72.0
Taylor, B.	1	0	0	11	38	0	49	49.0
White, Johnst	1	48	0	0	0	0	48	48.0
Lee, Qushau	1	0	0	0	0	40	40	40.0
Hogan, Steph	1	31	0	0	0	0	31	31.0
Griswold, D.	1	0	28	0	0	0	28	28.0
Hollingsworth	1	15	12	0	0	0	27	27.0
Byner, Brand	1	15	0	0	0	0	15	15.0
Williams, D.	1	13	0	0	0	0	13	13.0
Cox, Brandon	1	0	4	0	0	0	4	4.0
Rains, Kenne	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1.0
Total	1	294	264	-9	67	40	6566	656.0
Opponents	1	86	142	0	95	0	3233	323.0

## Arkansas State Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Aug 31, 2014) All games

		Tackles					Pass o	defens	e .	Fumbles	5	blkd	
# Defensive Leaders	gp	ua	а	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
55 Woodson, Xavier	1	6	1	7	1.0-6	1.0-6		1					
11 Young, Sterling	1	4	2	6	1.0-2	1.0-2							
42 Stone, Chris	1	4	2	6	1.0-2	1.0-2							
21 Tryon, Andrew	1	5	1	6	1.0-4			1					
13 Girley, C.	1	3	2	5	0.5-4	0.5-4							
48 Lee, Qushaun	1	5	•	5	1.0-3		1-40						
3 Hayes, Rocky	1	3	1	4			1-0						
77 Blackmon, D.	1	2	2	4	0.5-3	0.5-3							
29 Humes, Chris	1	2	1	3							1		
27 Hunter, Money	1	2	1	3									
9B Lain, Khari	1		2	2									
22 Barnhill, Brock	1	2	•	2									
10 Brown, Artez	1	1	1	2									
50 Copeland, A.	1	1	1	2	1.0-3	1.0-3		1					
40 Wright, S.	1	2		2	1.0-1								
1 Taylor, B.	1	1	•	1									
37 Rolland-Jones	1	1		1									
7 Gaskin, Charles	1		1	1									
88 Hill, Jonah	1	1		1									
96 Sutton, E.J.	1		1	1									
18 Mays, Booker	1	1		1									
15 Houston, Tres	1	1		1									
12 Grant, Charles	1		1	1									
54 Caston, Caleb	1	1		1	1.0-8	1.0-8							
6 Jackson, F.	1	1		1									
95 Alexander, C.	1	1		1	1.0-2								
97 Ota, Chuks	1								1				<u>.</u>
Total	1	50	20	70	10-38	6-28	2-40	3	1		1		
Opponents	1	55	18	73	4-22	1-4		2	3	2-0	1		

# Arkansas State Team Game-by-Game (as of Aug 31, 2014) All games

## TEAM STATISTICS

		F	Rushir	ng	R	eceivi	ng	Pas	sing		Kic	k Ret	turns	Pur	nt Ref	turns	tot
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	td Ig	no.	yds	td Ig	cmp-att-int	yds	td Ig	no.	yds	td Ig	no.	yds	td Ig	off
Aug 30	MONTANA STATE	48	294	3 42	20	264	1 45	20-30-0	264	1 45	2	67	0 38	4	-9	0 10	558
	48	294	3 42	20	264	1 45	20-30-0	264	1 45	2	67	0 38	4	-9	0 10	558	
Opponents		44	86	1 25	14	142	0 55	14-26-2	142	0 55	6	95	0 26	0	0	0 0	228

Games played: 1
Avg per rush: 6.1
Avg per catch: 13.2
Pass efficiency: 151.59
Kick ret avg: 33.5
Punt ret avg: -2.2
All purpose avg/game: 656.0
Total offense avg/gm: 558.0

		Ta	ckles		Sacks	Fur	nble	Pass	Defense	[	Blkd	PAT At	temp	ots		
Date Opponent	ua	а	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh br	up	kick	kick r	ush	rcv	saf	pts
Aug 3 MONTANA STATE	50	20	70	10.0-38	6.0-28	1	0-0	2-40	1	3	0	4-4	0	0	0	37
	50	20	70	10.0-38	6.0-28	1	0-0	2-40	1	3	0	4-4	0	0	0	37
Opponents	55	18	73	4.0-22	2.0-15	1	2-0	0-0	3	2	0	1-1	0	0	0	10

				Pur	nting					Field	Goals		Ki	ckoffs		
Date Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Aug 3 MONTANA STATE	4	194	48.5	61	0	0	0	1	4	3-3	41 0	8	476	59.5	2	0
	4	194	48.5	61	0	0	0	1	4	3-3	41 0	8	476	59.5	2	0
Opponents	10	427	42.7	61	0	0	1	4	1	1-2	34 0	3	195	65.0	1	0

## Arkansas State Opponent Game-by-Game (as of Aug 31, 2014) All games

## OPPONENT STATISTICS

		F	Rushir	ng	F	Receivi	ng	Pas	sing		Kic	k Ret	urns	Pur	nt Ref	urns		tot
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	td I	no.	yds	td Ig	cmp-att-int	yds	td Ig	no.	yds	td Ig	no.	yds	td	Ig	off
Aug 30	MONTANA STATE	44	86	1 2!	14	142	0 55	14-26-2	142	0 55	6	95	0 26	0	0	0	0	228
		44	86	1 2!	14	142	0 55	14-26-2	142	0 55	6	95	0 26	0	0	0	0	228
Arkansa	s State	48	294	3 42	20	264	1 45	20-30-0	264	1 45	2	67	0 38	4	-9	0 1	10	558

Games played: 1
Avg per rush: 2.0
Avg per catch: 10.1
Pass efficiency: 84.34
Kick ret avg: 15.8
All purpose avg/game: 323.0
Total offense avg/gm: 228.0

		Ta	ckles		Sacks	Fur	nble	Pass	Defense		Blkd	PAT At	temp	ots		
Date Opponent	ua	а	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh b	rup	kick	kick r	ush	rcv	saf	pts
Aug 3 MONTANA STATE	55	18	73	4.0-22	1.0-15	1	2-0	0-0	3	2	0	1-1	0	0	0	10
	55	18	73	4.0-22	2.0-15	1	2-0	0-0	3	2	0	1-1	0	0	0	10
Arkansas State	50	20	70	10.0-38	6.0-28	1	0-0	2-40	1	3	0	4-4	0	0	0	37

				Pur	nting					Field	Goals		Ki	ckoffs		
Date Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Aug 3 MONTANA STATE	10	427	42.7	61	0	0	1	4	1	1-2	34 0	3	195	65.0	1	0
	10	427	42.7	61	0	0	1	4	1	1-2	34 0	3	195	65.0	1	0
Arkansas State	4	194	48.5	61	0	0	0	1	4	3-3	41 0	8	476	59.5	2	0