

Auburn Post-Game Notes

Auburn vs. Arkansas State
Pat Dye Field at Jordan-Hare Stadium
September 4, 2010

- The pre-game flight was made by Spirit from the flag pole on the Northeast ramp.
- Auburn team captains were WR Kodi Burns, LB Josh Bynes and K Wes Byrum.
- Auburn won the toss and deferred. Arkansas State chose to receive and Auburn defended the north goal.
- Kickoff was at 6:08 p.m. CT.
- Game attendance was announced as 83,441.

TEAM NOTES

- Auburn is now 91-25-2 all-time in season opening games.
- Since 1977, Auburn is now 23-5 in season openers against non-conference opponents. All-time, the Tigers are now 54-15 when opening the season versus a non-conference foe.
- Auburn is now 2-0 all-time against Arkansas State.
- Auburn is now 15-0 all-time in games against current members of the Sun Belt Conference.
- Auburn is now 20-4 in night games at Jordan-Hare Stadium since the 2000 season.
- Auburn has now won 25 of its last 29 games played in September and has won six in a row.
- Auburn has now won 57 consecutive games when scoring 30 or more points. The Tigers have not lost when scoring at least 30 points since a 56-49, four-overtime loss to Georgia in 1996.
- Auburn finished with 608 yards of total offense, marking the fifth time in Gus Malzahn's 14 games as Auburn's offensive coordinator that the Tigers have totaled at least 500 yards of offense.
- Auburn's 608 yards of total offense is the most yards in a season-opener since gaining 695 against Southwest Louisiana in 1985.
- The Tigers scored 52 points, marking the third time Auburn has scored 50 or more points under Malzahn.
- Auburn scored on a 1-play drive in the first quarter when Cameron Newton hit Mario Fannin for a 36-yard score. It was Auburn's first 1-play drive since last season's game at Arkansas when Ben Tate scored on a 60-yard run.
- Auburn's 35 first-half points are the most in the first half of a season opener for Auburn since the Tigers scored 35 first-half points against Pacific in 1989.
- Auburn's five first-half scoring drives were all under 2:00 in length, and totaled just 16 plays combined. The Tigers' first TD drive in the third quarter was also under two minutes.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- OT A.J. Greene and QB Cameron Newton made their first career starts at Auburn.
- Cameron Newton finished with 171 yards rushing on 15 carries, setting a school record for yards rushing by a quarterback. The previous mark was 160 by Phil Gargis vs. Georgia in 1974. It was just the sixth 100-yard rushing game by an Auburn quarterback in school history.
- Newton was responsible for five touchdowns, throwing for three and rushing for two. The last Auburn player to account for five TDs was Chris Todd against Ball State last season.
- Darvin Adams had two catches for 58 yards, moving up two spots to 19th on the Auburn career receiving chart with 1,073 yards.
- Daren Bates led the defense with 10 tackles, marking his first career double-digit tackle effort.
- Antoine Carter finished with a career high 2.5 sacks. He entered the game with 5.5 for his career.
- Mike Blanc blocked a PAT after Arkansas State's first-quarter touchdown. The Tigers blocked four kicks last year, including a PAT in the fourth quarter of the Outback Bowl.
- Kodi Burns' 3-yard touchdown rush late in the first quarter was his 14th career rushing touchdown.
- Cameron Newton threw his first touchdown pass as an Auburn Tiger in the first quarter, connecting with Mario Fannin for a 36-yard score. The two connected on a 38-yard scoring strike in the third quarter.
- Fannin ran his streak to 16 consecutive games with a reception.
- Fannin now has nine career TD receptions, and it was his first multi-TD receiving game.
- Neil Caudle's 42-yard pass to Darvin Adams was the longest of Caudle's career. His previous long was 22 vs. Furman.
- Cameron Newton's 2-yard touchdown rush was the first rushing touchdown of his Auburn career. He had four rushing touchdowns while at Florida and 16 at Blinn JC.

- Newton's 48-yard touchdown pass to Quindarius Carr marked the second TD catch of Carr's career, but second in as many games. He had a 46-yard TD catch in the Outback Bowl.
- Newton's 71-yard touchdown rush late in the second quarter was the fourth longest rush by an Auburn quarterback in school history and the longest since 1976 (Phil Gargis 82 yards vs. Florida State).
- Wes Byrum's 24-yard field goal was the 44th of his career, which is one shy of Damon Duval and Win Lyle for second on Auburn's all-time list.
- Byrum scored 10 points, pushing his career total to 250 points. He needs 63 points to pass John Vaughn and become Auburn's all-time scoring leader.