



2026 MIZZOU FOOTBALL

POSTGAME NOTES VS. ARKANSAS – OCT. 31, 2026

TEAM

- Mizzou claimed its fifth-straight win in the Battle Line Rivalry, and improved to 6-1 under coach **Eli Drinkwitz** against the Razorbacks.
- Mizzou owns the overall series by a 13-4 mark and is now 5-0 when ranked against Arkansas.
- Missouri extended its win streak to 29 games against unranked foes, tied for the longest streak in FBS.
- Mizzou climbed to 8-4 when ranked No. 23 in the AP Poll, and snapped a two-game skid as a ranked team in road games.
- Mizzou ran for 211 yards, moving the Tigers to 32-2 under Drinkwitz when eclipsing 200 yards rushing.
- The Tigers also improved to 43-5 under Drinkwitz when picking up more first downs.
- Mizzou picked up its second road win as a ranked team this season, the first time the Tigers have collected multiple such wins since 2023 (wins at Vanderbilt and Arkansas).
- The Tigers have won 17 straight games when logging a defensive or special teams score, dating back to a 2021 win over North Texas.

OFFENSE

- Running back **Jamal Roberts** finished with 138 rushing yards to move into 21st on Mizzou's all-time rushing list. Roberts jumped Marcus Murphy and Mel West and now sits 27 yards away from becoming the 21st 2,000-yard rusher in program history.
- Roberts has surpassed 100 yards in five games this season, and picked up his ninth rushing score of the year.
- Roberts added 20 receiving yards on three catches and a touchdown, making him the first Tiger since Oct. 22, 2022 to score a rushing and receiving TD in the same game (**Luther Burden III**, vs. Vanderbilt), and just the third to do so during the Drinkwitz era, joining Burden (twice) and **Tyler Badie** (four times).
- With his 168 yards from scrimmage, Roberts reached 31st amongst the all-time scrimmage yards leaders at Mizzou at 2,210 total, and is just 21 yards from breaking into the top 30.
- Roberts became the 12th 100-yard rusher against the Hogs, tied for sixth most 100-yard games against a particular opponent with Oklahoma. Roberts joins **Larry Rountree III** as the only Tigers with multiple 100-yard days against Arkansas.
- All-American running back **Ahmad Hardy** made his season debut after recovering from a gunshot wound suffered in May. Hardy's first touch came in the final minutes of the first quarter, a 1-yard run. On the next snap, he bulled forward for four yards to convert a third down. Those were his only touches in the game.
- Quarterback **Austin Simmons** completed 20-of-31 passes for 179 yards and a pair of scores, his fifth game this season with multiple passing TD.
- Simmons' 16 touchdowns on the year are two behind the pace set by **Chase Daniel** and **Drew Lock** in their first full seasons as starting quarterback.

- Wide receiver **Donovan Olugbode** made five grabs for 50 yards and a score - his seventh of the year which marked the most for a Mizzou player since **Luther Burden III** had nine TD receptions in 2023.
- Wide receiver **Cayden Lee** enjoyed his eighth consecutive game with at least five catches, tying **Justin Gage** and **Chase Coffman** for third-most in program history. Lee's six catches for 78 yards were a team best.
- Lee and Olugbode continue to climb the ranks of best seasons by a duo in program history, now sitting at 1,340 combined yards this season - good for 15th most all-time at Mizzou.
- Receiver **DaMarion Fowlkes** had a career-high five touches from scrimmage, including a 6-yard run on fourth-and-short to extend a drive early in the second quarter that ended with a field goal. Fowlkes, the team's primary return specialist, finished the game with 18 yards on three catches.
- Wide receiver **Naeshaun Montgomery** made a career-best tying three catches for 19 yards.
- Freshman back **Preston Hatfield** took three carries for 49 yards.

DEFENSE

- Mizzou forced a season-high four turnovers (three fumbles, one interception), marking the team's most takeaways since forcing four against Oklahoma on Nov. 9, 2024. In 2023, Mizzou forced five turnovers in a 48-14 win at Arkansas - the most in one game in Drinkwitz's seven seasons at Mizzou.
- Safety **Trajen Greco** recorded his third interception of the season in the first quarter. Greco's the first Tiger defender with three or more INTs in a single season since **Kris Abrams-Draine** (2023). The last time a Missouri safety recorded three interceptions in a single-season was **JC Carlies** in 2021.
- Edge **Darris Smith** recorded his first career fumble recovery after pouncing on the ball in the end zone to record a touchdown in the first quarter. The fumble recovery touchdown was the first by the Tigers since Daylan Carnell's 68-yard fumble return against Mississippi St. (Nov. 23, 2024).
- Linebacker **Nicholas Rodriguez** recorded a forced fumble in back-to-back games, marking the second time a Missouri player accomplished that feat this season (**Santana Banner** vs. Texas A&M & Ole Miss).
- Rodriguez made nine tackles, putting his season total at 85 ahead of the mark of the single season leader from each season under Drinkwitz.
- Defensive tackle **Donta Simpson** recorded his sixth sack of the season.
- Missouri held Arkansas to 7 first-quarter yards, the second-fewest total yards in any quarter by an SEC opponent this season (three yards vs. Texas A&M - third quarter).
- Additionally, Arkansas' seven yards were its fewest in the first quarter since 2018.
- The Tigers have held Arkansas to seven or fewer first half points in three of the past four matchups (2023 - 0 points, 2024, 7 points).
- Mizzou's defense kept Arkansas off the board for the first 29:19 of the game, the longest time holding a conference foe scoreless to start a game since keeping the Hogs off the board entirely in the first half of the 2023 Battle Line Contest.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- Kicker Blake Craig went 2-of-2 with connections from 31 and 53 yards.
- Craig's 53-yard field goal was his fifth from 50+ yards this season and 12th of his career (one shy of Harrison Mevis' program record of 13 50+ yard makes).