



POSTGAME NOTES

No. 23 LIBERTY FLAMES 21 (8-1)

AT

ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS 19 (5-4)

DONALD W. REYNOLDS RAZORBACK STADIUM | FAYETTEVILLE, ARK. | NOV. 5, 2022

Team Notes

- No. 23 Liberty built a 21-0 lead before holding off a furious Arkansas rally, punctuated by a stop on a two-point conversion attempt with just over one minute remaining, hanging on for a 21-19 win.
- Liberty played its fourth game decided by two points or fewer this season, going 3-1 in those games.
- Today's attendance of 70,072 was the second-largest crowd to attend a Liberty football game and most since playing before 81,129 fans watching Liberty's first-ever SEC meeting at Auburn on Nov. 17, 2018.
- Playing as a ranked team for the first time since 2020, Liberty improves to 4-1 when playing as a Top 25 team.
- Liberty pushes its winning streak to six games, its longest winning streak since the Flames won 10 in a row between No. 30, 2019-Nov. 14, 2020.
- With today's win, Liberty earns its first win over an SEC program in three tries. The Flames have now beaten teams from the ACC (Syracuse, Virginia Tech), SEC (Arkansas) and Big 12 (Baylor) in program history.
- This is the third time in program history that Liberty has started a season 8-1 or better through nine games (also 8-1 in 1997 and 2020).
- The Flames posted their fourth road victory of the season, Liberty's most since winning five away games in 2014.
- Fourth-year head coach Hugh Freeze is now 34-12 while coaching the Flames, passing Tom Dowling (33-38-2, 1977-83) for fourth place on Liberty's all-time wins list.
- Arkansas is the third team that Liberty has beaten for the first time this season (also Akron and BYU). Liberty has now won a game in 21 different states and the District of Columbia.
- Liberty is now 6-8 all-time when playing more than 1,000 miles away from Lynchburg, and 3-2 under Coach Freeze.
- Head Coach Hugh Freeze earned his first win in three all-time games as head coach at Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium, with his Ole Miss team losing to Arkansas in both 2014 and 2016.
- Dating to the early stages of last week's 41-14 win over BYU, Liberty scored 59 straight points before yielding a field goal shortly before halftime today.
- Liberty built a 21-3 lead at halftime, its biggest halftime advantage this season and largest since leading Eastern Michigan 33-10 at halftime of the 2021 LendingTree Bowl. Arkansas faced its largest halftime deficit since trailing Alabama 28-7 on Oct. 1
- Liberty joined Appalachian State (at Texas A&M) as the only two non Power 5 teams to defeat SEC teams this season.
- Liberty held Arkansas to a season-low 144 rushing yards, and the Razorbacks' 19 points were their second fewest this season (L 40-17 to Mississippi State, Oct. 8). The Razorbacks came into the game averaging 33.8 points, 245.8 rushing yards and 492.5 total yards per game.
- Arkansas had had a 100-yard rusher in a program-record nine straight games coming in before Liberty held SEC rushing leader Raheim Sanders to just 60 yards on 17 carries.
- Liberty's 14 tackles for a loss were the team's most since posting 14 TFLs at Gardner-Webb, Oct. 26, 2013.
- Liberty posted its 19th and 20th takeaways of the season. The Flames came into the game ranked seventh in the nation in takeaways.

Player Notes

QB Johnathan Bennett

- Completed 15-of-25 passes for 224 yards, one interception and a career-high three touchdown passes. Also added nine carries for 18 yards.
- Remains undefeated at 5-0 as a starter.
- His three touchdown passes are the most by a Liberty quarterback against an SEC team, and tied for the most by a Flame against a Power 5 team all-time (Stephen Calvert at Baylor, 2017; Malik Willis at Syracuse, 2021 and Virginia Tech, 2020).
- Passed for three touchdowns in the first half, the most touchdown passes by a Flame in a single half since Malik Willis tossed four touchdowns at UMass on Oct. 30, 2021.

Liberty Player Notes

WR Demario Douglas

- Caught seven passes for 145 yards and one touchdown. It was his sixth career 100-yard receiving game and third this season (also against Wake Forest and UMass). Finished with 158 all-purpose yards.
- His 145 receiving yards are the most by a Flame against an SEC team, and most against a Power 5 team since Antonio Gandy-Golden's 192 yards at Baylor in 2017.
- Has tied his single-season career high with six touchdown catches this season (also in 2021).

RB Shedro Louis

- Rushed for a team-high 57 yards on 17 carries.

WR Treon Sibley

- Caught two passes for 27 yards, including an 18-yard touchdown catch that made it 21-0 Liberty late in the second quarter. It was his second touchdown catch this season and third of his career.

WR Noah Frith

- Caught one pass for 16 yards, a 16-yard touchdown catch that got Liberty on the board near the end of the first quarter. It was his first touchdown catch of the season and eighth for his career.

S Robert Rahimi

- Recorded five tackles and his fifth interception of the season. His five interceptions are the most by a Flame since Tyrin Holloway had five INTs in 2016.

DE Durrell Johnson

- Recorded a career-high nine tackles, including 3.5 tackles for a loss (tying career high) and two sacks.
- Now has 33.0 career tackles for a loss and 15.5 career sacks.

S Javon Scruggs, LB Tyren Dupree, DT Kendy Charles

- Registered seven tackles each, combining for 4 TFLs and 1.5 sacks between them.

CB Daijahn Anthony

- Picked off his second interception this season, late in the second quarter. It was also his fifth career interception.