

## A-State baseball wins first SBC series since April 2022

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The Arkansas State baseball team secured their first Sun Belt Conference series since April 2022 with a 25-run game and a conference-leading pitcher.

The Red Wolves' homestand started with a 6-8 loss in game one. A-State was up 6-5 going into the top of the ninth inning, until the Warhawks scored three runs on a passed ball and a few runs batted in. Arkansas State had four errors to go along with the loss.

Redshirt sophomore first basemen #8 Cason Tollett, graduate student shortstop #36 Kody Darcy and sophomore third basemen #3 Daedrick Cail each had six hits and combined three RBIs, despite the loss.

In game two, the A-State offense surged for 25 runs in a 25-4 win. The Red Wolves outhit ULM 21-10, while the Warhawks had six errors.

Redshirt first-year pitcher #2 Kyler Carmack pitched yet another quality start with six innings and only one earned run. Carmack is now leading the SBC in earned run average (2.49) with 50.2 innings. The pitcher also has a 4-1 record as a starter.

"Hard work in the offseason between lifting weights and becoming more flexible. I consistently work on things that are my strengths. Season is coming to an end, and we are expecting to make a push



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Redshirt first-year pitcher #2 Kyler Carmack delivers the pitch against ULM in game two of the series.

to get into the tournament. Baseball is all about who is hot at the right time," Carmack said.

Junior right-handed pitcher #21 Brian Veniard reposted @astatebaseball's Instagram post about Carmack leading the SBC in earned run average with a funny quote, "I played catch with this guy today."

Junior outfielder #9 Blake

Burris highlighted the offensive stat sheet with four hits, four RBIs and two walks. Junior outfielder #12 Allen Grier also contributed to the 21-hit day, with three hits and an RBI.

In game three, the Red Wolves came back from a four-run deficit to win 10-7. Five runs in the bottom of the seventh inning allowed

the squad to earn the win.

Cail and Burris once again led the team at the plate, both going 2-4 with three RBIs. Sophomore infielder #10 Wil French reached base four times and scored twice.

"Everybody is good in the Sun Belt. You look at the scores and you see 1-2-run games a lot. The teams on the top

have done a really good job of winning those games," Head Coach Tommy Raffo said.

Arkansas State has a 14-22 overall record with a 5-11 SBC record. The Red Wolves travel to play the Little Rock Trojans on Wednesday at 6 p.m. on ESPN+ and The Ticket Radio Network. After that, the team travels to Hattiesburg, Missouri,

to play Southern Miss in a SBC weekend series on ESPN+ and The Ticket Radio Network.

First game on Friday at 6 p.m., second game on Saturday at 2 p.m. and third game on Sunday at 1 p.m.

### A-State track athletes succeed at Red Wolves Open

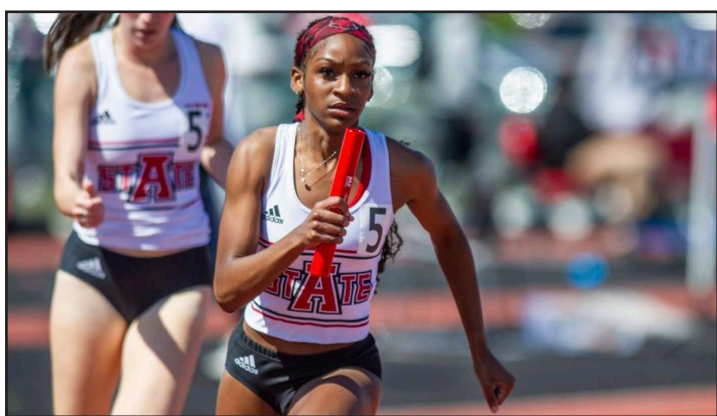


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Sophomore mid-distance runner Cheyenne Melvin (in the picture above) was one of seven Red Wolf athletes to win event titles, while breaking the 800-meter facility record with a 2:08.67 time.

Senior distance runner Kayla Wade finished fifth with a 2:18.34 and sophomore distance runner Hannah McLaughlin placed 17th with a personal best time of 2:25.64.

Senior distance runner Sophie Leathers won the women's 5000-meter with a 17:05.10 time. Senior distance runner Cash Kunkel finished second place in the men's 5000-meter with a 14:45.04 time.

Sophomore thrower Willem Coertzen won the men's shot put with a throw of 17.68 meters to rank sixth in school history. Sophomore thrower Jacob Tracy finished right behind Coertzen with a second place finish and a 15.87-meter throw. Tracy also won the discus throw with a 52.41-meter throw.

Senior jumper Sydney Lane won the women's high jump with a 1.70-meter jump, while senior Camryn Newton-Smith placed second in 100-meter hurdles with a 14.02 time.

The Red Wolves will travel to Starkville, Miss. on April 28-29 for the Maroon and White Invite.

### Sun Belt Conference baseball standings

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