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**KANSAS  
JAYHAWKS**  
6-7, 3-6 Big 12

vs.

**ARKANSAS  
RAZORBACKS**  
7-6, 3-5 SEC

## POSTGAME NOTES

**Kansas Captains:** Mike Novitsky, Jalon Daniels, Rich Miller, Sam Burt

### Team Notes

- Kansas called heads and won the opening toss. Kansas deferred to the second half. Arkansas received the opening kickoff.
- Kansas falls to 6-7 all-time in bowl games and has a three-game bowl winning streak snapped. The Jayhawks are now 0-2 all-time in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl.
- The 64th AutoZone Liberty Bowl is the fourth bowl game to ever go into three overtimes and the 108 combined points is the fourth-most of any bowl game ever. The 53 points scored by Kansas sets a new school bowl record and it is the third-most by a losing team in bowl game history.
- Kansas is now 2-1 all-time against Arkansas, with previous victories over the Razorbacks in 1905 (W, 6-0) and 1907 (W, 37-5).
- Kansas played in its first overtime game since Nov. 13, 2021 at Texas (W, 57-56). The Jayhawks are now 1-1 in overtime games under head coach Lance Leipold.
- Quarterback Jalon Daniels was named the Kansas Outstanding Offensive Player, completing 37-of-55 for 544 yards and five touchdowns. Daniels also rushed for 21 yards and one touchdown on 14 attempts. Safety OJ Burroughs was named the Kansas Outstanding Defensive Player, finishing with 8 total tackles and one interception.

### Offensive Notes

- Kansas found its first touchdown of the day on a 29-yard pass from Daniels to running back Ky Thomas. The touchdown reception is Thomas' first receiving touchdown as a Jayhawk, second overall and his third reception of the season. In the third quarter, Thomas added a two-yard rushing touchdown for his first game with multiple touchdowns as a Jayhawk. The rushing touchdown was his second score on the ground this season.
- Kansas has now scored 63 touchdowns this season, which is the most since the 2007 season, when Kansas scored 69. Over the past 10 years, Kansas had not had more than 36 touchdowns in a season.
- The 108 combined points scored between Kansas and Arkansas set a new AutoZone Liberty Bowl record, which was previously 84 between Louisville (44) vs. Boise State (40) in 2004.
- Daniels finished 37-55 passing for 544 yards and moved into 10th on KU's career passing yardage list with 3,592 career yards. Daniels passed Jordan Webb, who threw for 3,079 yards as a Jayhawk from 2010-11.
- Daniels' 544 passing yards on Wednesday mark a new career-high, surpassing his previous career-high of 324 yards set against Duke this season. The yardage total also establishes a new Kansas school and bowl game record, surpassing the previous best of 498 by Todd Reesing vs. Missouri on November 28th, 2009 and 313 by Todd Reesing against Minnesota in the 2008 Insight Bowl. It was the first 500-yard passing game by a Jayhawk in program history. Daniels' 544 passing yards are the second most in college football this season, behind only Kyle Van Trease's (Georgia Southern) 578 yards against James Madison. Daniels is just the first quarterback in FBS this season with 500+ passing yards and five passing touchdowns in a game.
- Additionally, Daniels set a new Kansas bowl record with 565 yards of total offense, surpassing the record of 351 yards, which was also held by Reesing from the 2008 Insight Bowl.
- Daniels' performance also broke numerous AutoZone Liberty Bowl records, including:
  - Passing Attempts - 55 (tied Tony Eason, 1982)
  - Passing Completions - 37 (prev. 35 - Tony Eason, 1982)
  - Passing Yards - 544 (prev. 423 - Tony Eason, 1982)
  - Passing Touchdowns - 5 (prev. 4 - Mark Herrmann, 1980)
  - Total Offense Yards - 565 (prev. 413 - Tony Eason, 1982)
  - Total Touchdowns Scored - 6 (prev. 5 - Kyle Allen, 2014)
- Daniels now has 26 career passing touchdowns, which is the sixth most in school history, surpassing Chip Hilleary, who had 25 between 1989-92. Daniels' 18 passing touchdowns tie for the fifth-most in a single season, tied with Bill Whittemore's 18 touchdown passes in 2003.
- Mason Fairchild hauled in his sixth touchdown reception of the season and seventh of his career with a 24-yard touchdown catch with 1:18 to play in the first half.
- Fairchild's sixth touchdown reception of the season is the most by a Jayhawk tight end since Dwayne Chandler had six in 1992. Kansas' tight end unit now has 10 touchdown receptions on the season, the most in the Big 12 Conference.
- Lawrence Arnold finished with eight receptions for 119 yards in the game, good for his third 100-yard receiving game of the season. Arnold ends the season with a team-high 716 receiving yards on 44 receptions, with four touchdowns.
- Torry Locklin secured a new career-high with three receptions for 50 yards. Locklin finished the season with multiple receptions in back-to-back games.
- Luke Grimm had career-highs with 10 receptions and 167 yards, which included 64 yards after the catch and a touchdown.
- Douglas Emilien hauled in his second reception as a Jayhawk with a 10-yard touchdown with 1:05 to play. Emilien previously had one catch against Iowa State and finished the season with two receptions for 21 yards and one touchdown.

### Defensive Notes

- In the first quarter, defensive end Lonnie Phelps broke through the Arkansas offensive line for a four-yard tackle-for-loss. The tackle-for-loss gave him 11.5 on the season, which leads the team.
- OJ Burroughs ended Arkansas's final possession of the first half with an interception in the end zone. It was the second interception of the season for Burroughs and third of his career. Burroughs added eight stops in the game to be named Kansas' Outstanding Defensive Player.
- Kansas recorded its second takeaway of the game with a forced fumble by Marvin Grant with less than three minutes to play. Cobee Bryant picked up the fumble and returned it 37 yards. It was the first forced fumble of the season for Grant and the first fumble recovery by Bryant, who has three interceptions this season.
- Rich Miller led the Jayhawks with 11 tackles (3 solo, 8 assist). It was his second game with 10+ tackles this season and his third as a Jayhawk. Miller closes the season second on the team with 94 tackles for the year.
- Kenny Logan, Jr., finishes with more than 100 tackles for the second straight season after adding 10 to his total with seven solo and three assist stops in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl. Logan ends the 2022 campaign with 106 tackles (72 solo, 34 assist).
- Jereme Robinson had two of KU's four tackles-for-loss in the game and finished with six tackles (five solo, one assist).

### Special Team Notes

- Kicker Owen Piepergerdes connected on a 37-yard field goal in the fourth quarter, marking his first-career field goal make.
- Safety Kenny Logan, Jr., recovered an onside kick attempt from kicker Tabor Allen with less than a minute to play, setting up KU's game-tying touchdown drive in the fourth quarter. It was the first successful onside kick attempt by the Jayhawks since 2020 against TCU.