

## Arkansas State Confirms Playoff Place

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Arkansas State clinched a place in the College Premier Division quarterfinals for themselves and for the idle Life University Running Eagles

By defeating Notre Dame 70-21 the Redwolves made sure no team is within five points of themselves or Life, ensuring they will be 1st and 2nd in the CPD Mid-South.

How they will finish remains to be seen as a loss by Arkansas State next week against Texas A&M and a win by Life the week after against Oklahoma could see Life vault to 1st place. The 2nd-place team gets the opportunity to play Cal in the quarters.

For Arkansas State Saturday the Redwolves controlled the game despite a very brisk wind. Head Coach Matt Huckaby was especially pleased with his team's ball-handling and adherence to the pattern of play.

"We've got the guys buying into playing as a team," Huckaby told RUGBYMag.com. "The last couple of games we've had a forward or two drop back in the backs when he wasn't supposed to, things like that. But we got over our mid-season hump and we're changing from thinking 'Oh no we have two more games to play,' to 'hey, we get to play two more games.'"

ASU got 11 tries from nine different players, with flanker Paul Raath and No. 8 Shaun Potgeiter each scoring two.

"Shaun has developed a ton," said Huckaby. "He stepped it up a notch today."

Zac Mizell had a strong game in the backs, notching a try and setting up one for Dean Dean Girecke with a kick. New wing Dale Bates, a freshman from Hawaii, had a bit of a coming out.

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"That kid is lightning," said Huckaby. "We're real excited about him."

### Arkansas State 70

Tries: Raath 2, Swanepoel 2, Bates, Oliver, Gericke, Gragg, Potgeiter, Mizell, Paterson

Convs: Sullivan 6

Pens: Sullivan

### Notre Dame 21

Tries: 3

Convs: 3