**2019 CAMELLIA BOWL POSTGAME NOTES**

**2019 CAMELLIA BOWL PREGAME:**

* Weather: Light rain, 53 degrees, WIND: NNE 4 mph
* Kickoff was at 4:35 p.m. (CT)
* Arkansas State won the toss and deferred to second half
* FIU will receive and defend the South goal

**2019 CAMELLIA BOWL NOTES:**

* Arkansas State defeated FIU 34-26 in the sixth annual Camellia Bowl
* All six games have been one possession games
* The 8-points was the largest margin of victory in bowl history
* The six Camellia Bowls have been decided by 25 total points

**OMAR BAYLESS WINS BART STARR MVP TROPHY**

* Arkansas State senior wide receiver Omar Bayless won the Bart Starr MVP Trophy
* Bayless caught nine passes for 180 yards and one TD
* He set the Camellia Bowl record with 180 receiving yards
* The previous record was 100 yards by Roger Lewis (Bowling Green) in 2014
* Bayless caught a 4-yard TD pass on the opening drive of the game
* He had a 51-yard catch to set up a second-quarter FG
* He added a 52-yard catch to set the fourth quarter TD

**CAMELLIA BOWL TEAM RECORDS:**

* There were 14 total teams records set in tonight’s game

Most Yards – 525, Arkansas State (500, Bowling Green, 2014)

Combined Yardage – 969 (915, South Alabama and Bowling Green, 2014)

Passing Yards – 393, Arkansas State (369, Bowling Green, 2014)

Combined Passing Yards – 705 (648, South Alabama and Bowling Green, 2014)

Most Passing Touchdowns – 4, Arkansas State (3, Eastern Mich., 2018, Ark. State, 2017)

First Downs – 31, Arkansas State (30, Arkansas State, 2017)

First Downs by Passing – 20, Arkansas State (17, Arkansas State, 2017)

First Downs by Penalty – 5, FIU (4, Arkansas State, 2017)

Combined First Downs – 54 (47, Mid Tenn and Ark. St., 2017; So. Ala. And Bowling Green, 2014)

Length of Game – 3:58 (3:57, 2017, Arkansas State and Middle Tennessee)

Third-Down Conversions – 63.2 percent, Arkansas State, 12-19

(42.9, Arkansas State, 9-21, 2017, Middle Tennessee 6-14, 2017)

Most Penalties – 10, Arkansas State (10, Middle Tennessee, 2017)

Most Yards Penalized – 142, Arkansas State (87, Middle Tennessee, 2017)

**CAMELLIA BOWL INDIVIDUAL RECORDS:**

* There were 8 total individual records set in tonight’s game

Total Offense, Most Yards – 430, Layne Hatcher, ASU (392, James Knapke, Bowling Green, 2014)

Most TD Passes – 4, Layne Hatcher, ASU (3, Mike Glass, E. Michigan, 2018; Justice Hansen, ASU, 2017)

Passing Yards – 393, Layne Hatcher, Arkansas State (368, James Knapke, Bowling Green, 2014)

Most Receptions – 10, Austin Maloney, FIU (7, three players)

Receiving Yards – 180, Omar Bayless, Arkansas State (137, Roger Lewis, Bowling Green, 2014)

Field Goals – 4, Jose Borregales, FIU (3, Tyler Bass, Georgia Southern, 2018)

Most Points by Kicking – 14, Jose Borregales, FIU (11, Tyler Bass, Georgia Southern, 2018)

Longest Field Goal – 52, Jose Borregales, FIU (50, Tyler Bass, Georgia Southern, 2018)

**FIRST QUARTER NOTES:**

* Arkansas State led 14-0 after the first quarter
* The 14-0 score was the largest first quarter deficit in Camellia Bowl history
* ASU ran 31 plays for 149 yards in the first quarter
* Arkansas State was 7-for-8 on third down in the first quarter
* ASU was 4-for-4 on third down on its opening TD drive

**SECOND QUARTER NOTES:**

* Arkansas State led 20-13 at halftime
* FIU outscored ASU 13-6 in the second quarter
* FIU scored on all three second quarter possessions (TD; 2 FG)
* Arkansas State was 9-for-12 on third down in the first half
* The Red Wolves had 110 yards on 12 third down plays (9.2 per play)
* ASU QB Layne Hatcher was 6-for-7 passing for 59 yards on third down
* FIU nickel back Darreo Jackson had nine tackles (6 solo) and one 1 (PBU) in the first half
* Arkansas State DE Jeffmario Brown was ejected for targeting on the first play of second quarter

**THIRD QUARTER NOTES:**

* FIU outscored ASU 10-7 in the third quarter
* FIU owned a 23-13 scoring edge in second and third quarters
* Arkansas State scored on its opening drive to take a 27-13 lead
* The 14-point margin equaled it largest lead of the game
* FIU scored the final 10 points on the quarter to trim the lead to 27-23
* FIU wide receiver Tony Gaiter was ejected after a personal foul penalty with 6:22 left

**FOURTH QUARTER NOTES:**

* Arkansas State outscored FIU 7-3 in the fourth quarter
* FIU cut the lead to 27-26 with 52-yard FG in the fourth quarter
* Jose Borregales 52-yard FG made it a one-point game with 11:52 left
* The 52-yard FG was the longest FG in Camellia Bowl history
* He missed a 29-yard FG with 5:10 left that would have given the Panthers their first lead
* ASU responded with a five-play TD drive to increase the lead to eight points
* ASU recorded two interceptions on its final two defensive possessions
* Jeremy Smith and Darreon Jackson had the picks for the Red Wolves