Razorbacks look to new coach

By ERIC W. BOLIN
Associated Press

New coach Ryan Silverfield arrived at Arkansas in November to coach a team that has finished with either one or zero Southeastern Conference wins in five of the last nine seasons. Almost no one is expecting the Razorbacks to make a bowl much less contend in the rugged SEC.

What the Arkansas faithful would like to see is competitiveness. The team has produced just one winning season in conference play since 2011. Silverfield is their fifth coach since that season, Bobby Petrino's last. Even Petrino has already returned and left again, exiting in the offseason after serving as offensive coordinator then interim coach for much of 2025 when Sam Pittman was fired Sept. 25.

Given the difficulty of the schedule, a .500 season in league play would be considered an excellent accomplishment. Beating the likes of Vanderbilt, Auburn and South Carolina should be the realistic focus, not trying to upset Georgia, Texas, Texas A&M and LSU.

Another winless year in the SEC might cost jobs higher up the chain than head coach, as athletic director Hunter Yurachek is a divisive figure to some of the fan base.

STRENGTHS ARE DL, WR

The Razorbacks were granted a gift when defensive end Quincy Rhodes Jr. decided to return for his senior year. The 6-foot-6, 275-pounder recorded eight sacks and 15 1/2 tackles-for-loss, the highest totals for an Arkansas player since 2016 and 2014, respectively.

And while he's the lone returning player on the defensive line penned in as starter, Arkansas has experience with returnees David Oke and Charlie Collins rotating in, plus Kentucky transfer Steven Soles Jr. and Virginia transfer Hunter Osborne expected to bolster the unit.

Missouri's success during the 2026 football season depends a lot on running back Ahmad Hardy's recovery from a gunshot wound. (AP PHOTO/L.G. PATTERSON, FILE)

Mizzou faces brutal schedule

By DAVE SKRETTA
AP Sports Writer

Missouri has gone to six bowl games in six seasons under Eli Drinkwitz, including an 11-2 finish in 2023 capped by a Cotton Bowl win over Ohio State. But other than that spectacular season, the Tigers have struggled to escape the middle tier of mediocrity in the SEC, twice under Drinkwitz finishing with losing records after bowl defeats.

If All-American running back Ahmad Hardy can return from a gunshot wound sustained earlier this year, and the defense under coordinator Corey Batoon can continue to be among the stingiest in the nation, perhaps the Tigers can excel against a schedule that shapes up to be one of the most difficult in the nation: The Tigers are the only team that will play five of the top 10 teams in the AP Top 25 preseason poll.

"For us, we have had the same mentality we've always had: STP, something to prove," Drinkwitz said. "Everybody at the University of Missouri has something to prove every day, something to prove that we belong in the SEC, something to prove that we can win and at a high level, and something to prove that we want to do it this year."

STRONG OFFENSE

Austin Simmons backed up Jaxson Dart at Ole Miss before winning the starting job ahead of last season. When an ankle injury in Week 2 against Kentucky sent him to the sideline, Trinidad Chambliss took over and quickly became a star. Simmons played sparingly the rest of the season before transferring to Missouri as the replacement for Beau Pribula, who left for Virginia.

His big arm should upgrade the Tigers' passing attack, especially with former Rebels teammate Cayden Lee and Minnesota transfer Caleb Goodie giving him a couple of promising targets to go with veteran tight end Brett Norfleet.

But the offense really hinges on the running game, where Hardy scampered for an SEC-best 1,649 yards and 16 scores in his first season with the Tigers. Missouri hopes he'll be able to contribute at a similarly high level at some point in the season. In the meantime, Jamal Roberts (753 yards, six TDs last season) and Houston Christian transfer Xai'Shaun Edwards will help with the load.

QUESTIONS ON DEFENSE

The Tigers will be almost completely new on defense, and the players that they lost from last season through graduation or the portal merely helped them finish eighth nationally last season allowing 277 yards per game.

Top pass rushers Damon Wilson II and Zion Young will have to be replaced after combining for 15 1/2 sacks last season; Wilson transferred to Miami while Young was a second-round pick of the Ravens. Their top tackler, Josiah Trotter, was a second-round pick of the Buccaneers. In the secondary, Marvin Burkes Jr. and Daylan Carnell are among those that will have to be replaced

NEW FACES

QB Austin Simmons (transfer from Ole Miss), WR Cayden Lee (transfer from Ole Miss), RB Xai'Shaun Edwards (transfer from Houston Christian), LB Robert Woodyard Jr. (transfer from Auburn), CB Chris Graves Jr. (transfer from Ole Miss).

KEY LOSSES

DE Zion Young (second-round pick of Baltimore), LB Josiah Trotter (second-round pick of Tampa Bay), DT Chris McLellan (third-round pick of Green Bay), OT Keagan Trost (third-round pick of Green Bay), QB Beau Pribula (transfer to Virginia).

KEY GAMES

At Kansas (Sept. 11), vs. Texas (Nov. 7), at Georgia (Nov. 14).

LEGALS

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Public Notice

Date: August 18, 2026

Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals

Notice of Public Hearing

The Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Pittsburg, KS, will hold a Public Hearing on September 28, 2026 at 5:30 pm, in the Municipal Court Room of the Law Enforcement Center, 201 N Pine, to consider a Petition for a set-back Variance at 3111 Pinnacle Lane.

The property is described as:
Lot Number Thirty Eight (38) in Pinnacle Point, an Addition to the City of Pittsburg, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

Dated this August 18, 2026.

Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals

ATTEST:

Dexter Neisler
Zoning Administrator

Citizens with disabilities needing accommodations in order to attend this Public Hearing should contact the City Zoning Administrator's Office at 620-230-5517 no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled public hearing.

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The property is described as:
All of Lots Number Twenty (20) and Twenty-One (21) in Block Number Four (4), in the Pittsburg Town Company's "First Addition to Pittsburg" according to the recorded Plat thereof. EXCEPT ALL that part of the said Lot Number Twenty bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest Corner of the said Lot Twenty and runny thence South Twelve (12) feet; thence East Fifteen (15) feet, thence North Twelve (12) feet, thence West Fifteen (15) feet to the place of beginning.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
City of Pittsburg
will meet on September 8, 2026 at 5:30 PM at Law Enforcement Center for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.
Detailed budget information is available at City Hall and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2027 budget.
Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

	Prior Year Actual for 2025		Current Year Estimate for 2026		Proposed Budget for 2027		
FUND	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	32,150,892	36.951	28,209,559	37.789	31,089,736	6,273,307	34.289
Debt Service	2,029,191	7.904	3,326,774	8.083	5,346,482	1,478,817	8.083
Library	1,191,788	5.999	1,016,266	6.134	2,388,773	1,122,239	6.134
Special Highway	5,871,077		7,267,004		7,777,381		
Special Drug & Alcohol	121,807		144,790		297,501		
Special Parks & Recreation	6,196		153,725		261,010		
Water/Wastewater Utility	10,346,058		10,172,908		16,633,139		
Stormwater Utility	833,294		894,667		2,249,894		
Sanitation Utility	1,320,159		1,102,033		1,098,285		
Section 8 Programs	2,038,977		1,762,902		2,376,445		
Economic Development	1,824,659		1,902,599		6,586,159		
Non-Budgeted Funds-A	1,989,690						
Non-Budgeted Funds-B	1,349,332						
Totals	61,073,120	50.854	55,953,227	52.006	76,104,805	8,874,362	48.506
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*49.954*
Less: Transfers	6,054,313		3,367,284		4,219,000		
Net Expenditure	55,018,807		52,585,943		71,885,805		
Total Tax Levied	8,568,306		9,342,043		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	171,493,295		182,873,528		182,953,918		

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2024	2025	2026
G.O. Bonds	15,706,000	17,666,540	17,490,000
Revenue Bonds	6,612,163	6,153,147	19,553,801
Other	340,000	170,000	0
Lease Purchase Principal	3,418,420	2,471,302	3,717,367
Total	26,076,583	26,460,989	40,761,168

*Tax rates are expressed in mills
** *Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988*

Tammy Nagel
Official Title: City Clerk