

# Russellville's All-Time Football Playoff Record

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1933 RHS STATE CHAMPIONS No playoff games, based on polls.

1948: Blytheville 7 – RHS 0 (State Class AA Playoffs, 1<sup>st</sup> Round)

1950: Camden 41 – RHS 0 (State Class AA Playoffs, 1<sup>st</sup> Round)

Note: The Cyclones were District 4AA champions in 1951 and Region 3AA champions in 1954 and 1969; however, there were no post-season state playoffs in any classification between 1951 and 1969.

1992: Conway 34 – RHS 28 (3OT) (State AAAA Playoffs, 1<sup>st</sup> Round)

1993: RHS 17 – West Memphis 6 (State AAAA Playoffs, 1<sup>st</sup> Round)

1993: Conway 7 – RHS 6 (State AAAA Playoffs, Quarterfinals)

1994: RHS 31 – NLR Sylvan Hills 0 (State AAAA Playoffs, 1<sup>st</sup> Round)

1994: LR McClellan 32 – RHS 7 (State AAAA Playoffs, Quarterfinals)

2000: RHS 28 – El Dorado 20 (State AAAAA Playoffs, 1<sup>st</sup> Round)

2000: West Memphis 74 – RHS 37 (State AAAAA Playoffs, Quarterfinals)

2001: RHS 32 – Jacksonville 14 (State AAAAA Playoffs, 1<sup>st</sup> Round)

2001: El Dorado 24 – RHS 21 (State AAAAA Playoffs, Quarterfinals)

2002: RHS 38 – El Dorado 37 (2OT) (State AAAAA Playoffs, 1<sup>st</sup> Round)

2002: RHS 42 – West Memphis 35 (State AAAAA Playoffs, Quarterfinals)

2002: Springdale 28 – RHS 21 (State AAAAA Playoffs, Semifinals)

2003: RHS 48 – Cabot 28 (State AAAAA Playoffs, 1<sup>st</sup> Round)

2003: Conway 49 – RHS 48 (OT) (State AAAAA Playoffs, Quarterfinals)

2004: Benton 24 – RHS 21 (State AAAAA Playoffs, 1<sup>st</sup> Round)

2005: RHS 33 – Mountain Home 14 (State AAAAA Playoffs, 1<sup>st</sup> Round)

2005: LR Catholic 16 – RHS 7 (State AAAAA Playoffs, Quarterfinals)

2007: RHS 24 – FS Northside 20 (State 7A Playoffs, 1<sup>st</sup> Round)

2007: Sp'dale Har-Ber 47 – RHS 23 (State 7A Semifinals)

2008: RHS 13- FS Northside 7 (State 7A Playoffs, 1<sup>st</sup> Round)

2008: Bentonville 27 – RHS 0 (State 7A Playoffs, Semifinals)

2009: RHS 27 – Springdale 26 (State 7A Playoffs, 1<sup>st</sup> Round)

2009: Sp'dale Har-Ber 30 – RHS 7 (State 7A Playoffs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Round)

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2011	Lake Hamilton 38 – <i>RHS</i> 13	(State 6A Playoffs, 1 <sup>st</sup> Round)
2012	Benton 53 – <i>RHS</i> 34	(State 6A Playoffs, 1 <sup>st</sup> Round)
2013	Benton 36 - <i>RHS</i> 35	(State 6A Playoffs, 1 <sup>st</sup> Round)
2015	<i>RHS</i> 35 -- Sheridan 23	(State 6A Playoffs, 1 <sup>st</sup> Round)
2015	Pine Bluff 42 <i>RHS</i> 21	(State 6A Playoffs, 2nd Round)
2016	<i>RHS</i> 34 West Memphis 7	(State 6A Playoffs, Quarterfinals)
2016	<i>RHS</i> 45 Benton 15	(State 6A Playoffs, Semifinals)
2016	<i>RHS</i> 37 Greenwood 23	(State 6A CHAMPIONSHIP) CHAMPS

2017 *RHS* 36, Jonesboro 29  
2017 @Pine Bluff 40, *RHS* 21

(State 6A Playoffs, 1<sup>st</sup> Round)  
(State 6A Playoffs, Quarterfinals)

### Playoff Factsoids:

- Points Scored Summary:
    - Total Points For: 663 (18.9 ppg)
    - Total Points Against: 807 (23.1 ppg)
  - The “letter” classification system started in Arkansas in 1947 with the first post-season playoffs in 1948. From 1948-51, the Cyclones and the Subiaco Academy Trojans were the only two members of District 4AA. *RHS* won 4AA (by virtue of beating Subiaco) in 1948, 1950 and 1951, and played its first two playoff games in 1948 and 1950 against Blytheville and Camden, respectively. There were no post-season football playoffs between 1951 and 1969. The current playoff system began in 1970.
  - In the **74-37** loss to West Memphis in the 2000 playoffs, Blue Devils RB De'Arrius Howard rushed for 403 yards and five TDs (80, 37, 35, 26, 20) on 27 carries (14.9 ypc) in three quarters. Offensively, West Memphis finished with 873 total yards, all rushing. Cyclone Hall of Fame QB Landon Leach completed 23 of 45 passes for 368 yards and four TDs (54, 10, 8, 37). Despite the lopsided loss, Cyclones own a 2-1 advantage versus West Memphis in playoff action with wins over the Blue Devils in 1993 and 2002. The 1993 win over West Memphis marked the Cyclones first-ever win in post-season playoffs.
  - 2002 is the only season the Cyclones have played three play-off games, going 2-1 losing to Springdale 24-21 in their first trip to the Semi-finals. Springdale, led by Auburn coach Gus Malzahn, was defeated by the Cyclones 48-33 during the regular season.
  - There are losses, and then there are losses like the Russellville Cyclones suffered at Cyclone Stadium in a second round Class 5A playoff game against rival Conway to end the 2003 season. Trailing 28-14 at the half, Conway rallied to steal a **49-48** win when Kevin Wardlow stretched across the goal line on the two-point conversion in overtime. Conway's All-American Peyton Hillis, who ran for 383 yards against the Cyclones the first time the two teams met in September, finished with 246 yards. Two of Hillis' TDs were long runs of 47 yards in the second quarter and a 68-yard run on the first play of the third quarter. The Cyclones were led by All-State RB Tracey Stiger with 156 yards on 24 carries and three TDs and All-State QB Nathan Brown who was 19-of-31 for 369 yards and four TD passes. All-State WR Kevin Elliott caught 7 passes for 121 yards and two TD's from Brown.
  - *RHS* has played its oldest and most frequently played rival, the Conway Wampus Cats, three times in the post-season, losing all three by a total of only eight points.
  - Coming off consecutive one-win seasons, Russellville (6-5) ended its 2012 football season with a **53-34** loss to the Benton Panthers (4-8) in the first round of the Class 6A state playoffs played at Cyclone Stadium. In an incredible individual performance, Benton's All-State running back Wallace Foote (5-9, 160) accounted for 645 all-purpose yards at Cyclone Stadium — 38 carries for 453 yards (11.9 ypc) and six touchdowns; 1 pass completion for 44 yards; three receptions for 58 yards; and five kickoffs for 90 yards.
- In 2016, Russellville wins two playoff games, beats West Memphis 34-7 in the 6A Quarterfinals and then Benton 45-15 in 6A Semifinals to set up their first ever 6A State Championship game against Greenwood. Greenwood won the first game 27-24. Russellville wins the rematch 37-23 to claim their second state title. Cale Fulsom is the finals MVP with 249 yds passing 2TDs, 75. yds rushing, 18/24 75% completion rate.
- In 2017, the Cyclones hosted a playoff game for the third consecutive season. Russellville faced Jonesboro for the first time since 1947. The Cyclones won 36-29, earning a trip to Pine Bluff. Russellville lost to Pine Bluff 40-21.