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## Vipers escape Arkansas with one-point win, 61-60

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The Tennessee Valley Vipers scored as time expired and made the extra point to escape Alltel Arena with a 61-60 victory over the Arkansas

Twisters in front of 3,739 at Allstate Field.

Both offenses need a quarter to get started after finishing 7-7 after the first period. The two teams combined for 33 points as they traded touchdowns back and forth throughout the rest of the half.

Tennessee Valley was able to score on the final play of the first half on a trick play. The Vipers pulled off a hook and later when Kevin Eakin found Michael Johnson. Johnson pitched the ball to Christo Bocage, and he ran the final ten yards for the score. The extra point gave Tennessee Valley a 27-20 lead at halftime.

Both teams continued to trade touchdowns in the second half. Arkansas tried an onside kick with six minutes left in the game and recovered it with the game tied at 47. Olan Coleman caught a 10 yard pass from Kyle Rowley for the score. The extra point gave the Twisters a 54-47 lead with 3:54 remaining in the game.

The Vipers answered with a three minute drive that resulted in a Bradley Chavez catching a two yard pass from Eakin and the extra point tied it 54.

The Twisters scored quickly when Rowley hit Coleman in stride, and he went 30 yards for the touchdown to put Arkansas up 60-54 with 18 seconds left to play.

Tennessee Valley worked its way down field after on two passes and Eakin found Larry Shipp for a nine yard score to tie the game at 60 with no time left on the clock. Nick Hayes hit the extra point and the defending af2 champs won the game in dramatic fashion.

Rowley finished the game by completing 33 of 44 pass attempts for 345 yards and eight touchdowns. Rod Harper finished with 13 catches for 138 yards and four touchdowns. Coleman had eight catches for 118 yards and three touchdowns. He added 127 return yards which included a 57 yard kickoff return for a touchdown. Coleman finished the game with 245 all-purpose yards.

Eakin completed 29 of 41 passes for 365 yards and nine touchdowns. Michael Johnson hauled in 11 catches for 117 yards and four touchdowns. Larry Shipp had five catches for 110 yards and three scores, including the game winner.

The loss marks the first of the year for Arkansas. The team had matched its best start ever by winning the first three games. The Twisters (3-1) are back in action on Friday night on the road at Green Bay.

Teams	1	2	3	4	Total
Arkansas Twisters	7	13	13	27	60
Tennessee Valley Vipers	7	20	13	21	61

Schutt Offensive POG: Kevin Eakin, TN  
ADT Defensive POG: Desmond Foster, TN  
JLS Ironman of the Game: Olan Coleman, AR  
The Big Game Catch of the Game: Rod Harper

Stat Leaders:

Passing:

Arkansas – Kyle Rowley, 44-33-0, 345 yds, 8 tds

Tennessee Valley – Kevin Eakin, 41-29-0, 365 yds, 9 tds

Receiving:

Arkansas: Rod Harper – 13-138-4

Tennessee Valley: Michael Johnson – 11-117-4