

# Chiefs winless in season

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — How good a gauge is the exhibition season? Terrible, judging by the winless Kansas City Chiefs.

“In the first half of all four preseason games we ended up the No. 1 offense in the NFL and the No. 1 third down conversion team, which shows you how meaningless that is,” coach Dick Vermeil said Tuesday.

“I felt we were further along through the execution of the offense through the preseason than I find ourselves now. But we didn’t play two championship teams at that time.”

Almost everybody expected more of the Chiefs (0-2) than they’ve seen the first two games, losses to Oakland and the defending NFC champion New York Giants. Against the Giants last Sunday, they scored only three points as quarterback Trent Green continued to struggle and an injury-depleted wide receiver corps continued to cause worry.

Vermeil said rookie wide receiver Marvin “Snoop” Minnis was “very doubtful” for Sunday’s game at Washington. Minnis spent the night in the hospital after getting knocked out during the Giants game. In addition, wide receiver Derrick Alexander, who was voted last year’s MVP by his teammates, may be out a second week with a sore Achilles’ tendon.

“Our biggest concern is wide receiver depth right now,” Vermeil said. “We’re making contact with people that went through our training camp and know our offensive scheme that may be available and may want to. Sometimes guys don’t want to come in on a short-term basis and sometimes they do.”

Veteran Derrick Mayes, who signed a free agent contract last spring with the Chiefs but was cut in training camp, could show up at Arrowhead Stadium this week.



Spencer Windell tried to grab Forrest Trachsel's flag while his father, Coach Cleve Trachsel looks on, during a flag football game on the playground at North Elementary School. The games, sponsored by the Goodland Activities Center, are played on Monday and Tuesday evenings by the 115 kids in grades 1-6 who participate in the program.

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# K-State set to play Oklahoma Sooners

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops doesn’t argue with those who would say the Oklahoma-Kansas State game is approaching rivalry status.

Just don’t try to tie the rivalry to the connections between the coaching staffs.

“I don’t think it has anything to do with us,” Stoops said Tuesday at his weekly news conference. “Last year, everyone wanted to talk about us as coaches. Let’s focus on the programs, the teams, the players. That’s what decides the game on the field.”

The third-ranked Sooners (3-0) play host to No. 11 Kansas State (2-0) on Saturday. Oklahoma won both meetings a year ago, 41-31 in Manhattan during the regular season and 27-24 in the Big 12 title game.

Prior to the first meeting last year, the primary story line centered on the coaches — Stoops and three of his assistants once worked for Bill Snyder at Kansas State. That angle wasn’t as prominent when the conference championship game arrived. Stoops said that’s the way it should have been, and should be now.

“I believe it just fills up papers and air time for people to talk about or to write about,” he said. “But the bottom line is you get out there and play.”

“You’ve got two good football teams that have won games, competed for championships, won championships, and the bottom line is that’s why it’ll be broadcast to 80 percent of the country. That’s why (ESPN) College Gameday will be here and the fans will be all fired up. Because of that, not because of whatever’s interchanged between coaches.”

The Sooners haven’t played since Sept. 8. Their game Sept. 15 against Tulsa was postponed because of the terrorist attacks on the East Coast, and last week they had an open date.

Stoops said the layoff allowed his team to get healthy, work on areas that needed improvement and spend extra time preparing for Kansas State. He doesn’t expect the time off to result in sluggish play this week.

“Not at all,” he said. “Watching our practice tape from yesterday, we looked ready to play.”

Oklahoma has the nation’s longest winning streak, 16 games, and has won 15 straight at home. Receiver Curtis Fagan said the Wildcats might have revenge in mind, but the Sooners have just as much at stake.

“I don’t want to lose,” he said. “We’re coming after them, just as well as they’re coming after us.”

SOONER NOTES: Saturday’s game begins at 11 a.m. and will be televised by ABC. Center Josh Smith is expected to play Saturday.

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