

K-State falls from rankings

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP)—It's been years since Kansas State didn't have the word "Number" in front of its name.

But after Saturday night's 38-19 loss to Texas Tech, the Wildcats fell out of The Associated Press Top 25 rankings, where they had been a fixture for 107 straight weeks.

Kansas State is winless in Big 12 Conference play and riding a three-game losing streak.

"A lot of things have to happen for us to get back on track," said coach Bill Snyder, whose team had been ranked 24th — down from No. 11 just two weeks earlier — before Saturday night's loss.

The Wildcats (2-3) are 0-3 in conference play for the first time since 1992 — the last year that they had a record below .500. They have been ranked in the Top 25 since early 1995. And with every loss, their struggles at quarterback become more apparent.

With sophomore Eli Roberson sidelined by a sprained ankle, junior college transfer Marc Dunn led an offense that was outgained by Tech quarterback Kliff Kingsbury.

"I was ready," Dunn said. "It was very disappointing. The bottom line is that you've got to execute."

Dunn did throw for 197 yards, including a 47-yard touchdown pass to Brandon Clark that gave Kansas State an early 7-0 lead, and run 4 yards for another score.

"He did some good things making decisions and he kept his poise," Snyder said. "Outside of his accuracy

(16-for-40), he played well."

But Kingsbury, despite a sprained right thumb, threw for 409 yards — the most passing yards ever given up by Kansas State — and four touchdowns. The Wildcats, meanwhile, managed just 353 yards as a team.

"He did the things he had to do," Snyder said of Kingsbury. "I thought he was great, and his receivers made some great plays."

Maybe the biggest came on what could have been a turnover, with Texas Tech leading 24-13 in the fourth quarter.

Kingsbury, working from Kansas State's 33, threw a swing pass to King Scovell, who was stripped of the ball near the sideline by Kansas State cornerback DeMarcus Faggins. Wide receiver Carlos Francis won a wild scramble for the ball, looped back across the field and then turned the corner for a touchdown that gave the Red Raiders (3-2, 1-2) a 31-13 lead.

"I think we reached higher and strived higher," Texas Tech coach Mike Leach said. "I think we got a taste of what our potential is and have to reach beyond that."

Kansas State, meanwhile, is struggling to right itself before falling out of bowl contention entirely. The Wildcats still have two currently or formerly ranked teams — Nebraska and Texas A&M — on their conference schedule.

"We recognize we're not a real good football team right, and we have to take it upon ourselves individually to get better," Snyder said. "That will allow us to get better collectively."



Sooners beat Kansas 38-3

LAWRENCE (AP)—As charmed as life has been for Oklahoma, maybe the Sooners deserve a nasty little quarterback controversy.

Coach Bob Stoops insists they do not have one and will never have one. But sophomore Jason White came off the bench at Kansas Saturday night and, for the second week in a row, led the undefeated No. 2 Sooners (6-0, 3-0 Big 12) to victory. Back to the bench went Nate Hybl.

When Hybl was hurt two weeks ago at Texas, White led the Sooners to a 14-3 victory.

Saturday night, according to coaches, Hybl was jerked simply because he had been almost totally ineffective in four series. White, while far from mistake-proof, led the defending national champions to a 38-3 victory over the Jayhawks (2-3, 1-2), including a school-record four touchdown passes to tight end Trent Smith.

When White stepped in, Hybl was just 5-of-11 for 15 yards.

He hit 18-of-29 for 151 yards and the four TDs to Smith as the Sooners won their 19th in a row. He also picked up 117 yards rushing. But on the negative side, he threw two interceptions and lost a fumble.

The mere mention of a possible quarterback controversy brought a sharp response from Stoops.

"There's never a battle that's over on this team," Stoops said. "Some people designate a guy and it doesn't matter what he does, he's going to be their guy

forever. But on our team, every position continues to work every week. I just thought (Hybl) wasn't as sharp as we feel he's capable of. Therefore, we went with Jason, and for the most part were successful."

Offensive coordinator Mark Mangino said Hybl had not been hurt. "He just didn't look crisp," he said.

The Sooners, who need one more win to beat Nebraska's Big 12 record for consecutive victories, host Baylor on Saturday. The starting quarterback will be picked early in the week, Stoops said.

"We'll evaluate Sunday and Monday and see what we feel is the right thing to do."

Hybl declined comment. But Smith, who also set a school record with 11 catches, was sympathetic for his roommate.

"I feel for Nate," he said. "But it's game time, and you want to win. Jason was in there. Let's go."

Smith started his record-smashing night by letting a sure TD pass fall through his hands.

"After dropping that first one, I wouldn't let that happen again. This is the kind of game I'd like to have every week," he said.

Much more impressive than its offense was the Oklahoma defense. Until Mario Kinsey connected with Roger Ross on a 77-yard touchdown play against the second-string secondary with 4:58 left, the Jayhawks had managed just 9 yards in the second half. For

the game, they totaled 223.

"What I saw out there tonight was the best defensive football team we've seen here," said Kansas coach Terry Allen.

"They are a national championship team for a reason," said Ross. "We could not get anything going. Oklahoma has very disciplined players and a great defense."

Renaldo Works scored Oklahoma's last touchdown on a 9-yard run, making it 38-3. Works, who also came off the bench, wound up with 82 yards on 14 carries.

Seattle thumps Broncos

SEATTLE (AP) — Trent Dilfer is making it tough on Mike Holmgren to return him to the bench.

Dilfer, playing for the second straight week in place of Matt Hasselbeck, made it 13 consecutive victories as a starting quarterback as the Seattle Seahawks beat the Denver Broncos 34-21 Sunday.

Holmgren, Seattle's third-year coach, reiterated that he's going back to Hasselbeck when Hasselbeck is completely recovered from a pulled left groin.

Dilfer, the starter for the Baltimore Ravens in their Super Bowl win over the New York Giants in January, had a modest day statistically, but he didn't commit a turnover as the Seahawks (3-2) ended a three-game losing streak against the Broncos (3-2). Denver had won nine out of 10 against Seattle.

The Seahawks got a 60-yard touchdown run from Shaun Alexander on the sixth play of the game. They extended the lead with a 55-yard interception return for a touchdown by strong safety Reggie Tongue in the second quarter and got a special-teams touchdown in the third period when Alex Bannister blocked a punt by Tom Rouen and ran 9 yards.

The Seahawks' defense stymied running back Mike Anderson, who rushed for 195 and 131 yards in victories against Seattle last season. Anderson was held to 51 yards on 17 carries.

college football Top 25

By The Associated Press
The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 13, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and previous ranking:

Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Miami (48)	5-0	1,772
2. Oklahoma (21)	6-0	1,739
3. Nebraska (2)	7-0	1,631
4. UCLA (1)	5-0	1,530
5. Oregon	6-0	1,506
6. Virginia Tech	6-0	1,473
7. Florida	5-1	1,298
8. Fresno St.	6-0	1,280
9. Texas	5-1	1,251
10. Michigan	5-1	1,159

11. Tennessee	3-1	924	13
12. Maryland	6-0	832	22
13. Clemson	4-1	747	16
14. Colorado	5-1	744	20
15. Washington	4-1	725	10
16. South Carolina	5-1	710	9
17. Georgia	4-1	669	19
18. BYU	6-0	599	18
19. Washington St.	6-0	581	—
20. Auburn	5-1	568	—
21. Florida St.	3-2	285	14
22. Northwestern	4-1	238	—
23. Georgia Tech	4-2	234	15
24. Purdue	4-1	222	17
25. Toledo	5-0	183	—

Others receiving votes: Illinois 105, Michigan St. 103, Texas A&M 71, Stanford 70, Mississippi 30, Ohio St. 28, LSU 23, North Carolina 22, Syracuse 19, Wisconsin 10, Kansas St. 7, Arizona St. 5, Iowa St. 3, Louisville 2, Air Force 1, Arkansas 1.

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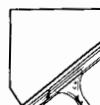
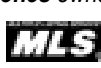
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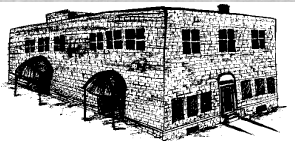
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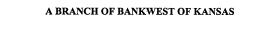
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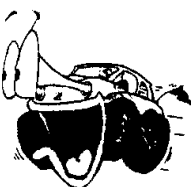
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