

Chiefs lose to Arizona

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP)—A month ago, Jake Plummer promised to turn the home crowd's boos to cheers in a few weeks. He's done just that.

Plummer directed touchdown drives on Arizona's first three possessions of the second half, one that went 95 yards and lasted nearly nine minutes, as the Cardinals beat the Kansas City Chiefs 24-16 on Sunday.

Plummer built his reputation on last-minute comebacks. This time, he watched helplessly from the sidelines

as Trent Green tried to perform a miracle finish for the Chiefs. But Green fell 2 yards short.

Corey Chavous intercepted Green's pass in the end zone with one second to play after the Chiefs had driven 97 yards from their own 1, and the Cardinals held on.

"We've come into a profile where we make a few plays at the end and make it interesting," Kansas City coach Dick Vermeil said, "where if we could make those plays earlier, it wouldn't be

nearly as trying and we'd have a victory."

Kansas City lost its third straight and fell to 1-5 in its first season under Vermeil, the Chiefs' worst start since opening 1-9 in 1987.

"When you're 1-5, you're not very good," Vermeil said. "I think we're better than that, but it doesn't matter what I think. We had a chance to play a team today that wasn't a playoff team last year and we didn't beat them. They beat us, and it was no fluke win."

K-State's skid continues

MANHATTAN (AP) — Kansas State's four-game losing skid has another of the Wildcats' streaks in jeopardy: their string of eight straight bowl appearances.

A 31-24 loss to Texas A&M on Saturday dropped Kansas State to 2-4 (0-

4 in Big 12 play) with five games remaining — including a road date on Nov. 10 with No. 3 Nebraska. The Wildcats must finish 4-1 to remain bowl eligible and avoid their first losing record since they went 5-6 in 1992.

The Wildcats dominated the second

half defensively but was undone by a rash of turnovers that enabled the Aggies (6-1, 3-1) to score 17 points in the final three minutes of the third quarter.

That Kansas State has lost three games to currently or formerly ranked teams — Texas A&M, No. 2 Oklahoma and No. 25 Colorado — is small comfort to the Wildcats.

Jayhawks coach depressed by loss

LAWRENCE (AP)—Fans sometimes forget what life-changing events football games can be for coaches.

Consider the ascending Gary Pinkel of Missouri and Kansas' descending Terry Allen.

In five years on the job, Allen had done about one thing right, in the minds of most alumni. He had beaten Missouri most of the time.

But Saturday, after Pinkel's Missouri team whipped the Jayhawks 38-34 in one of the more action-filled games of the 110-year-old series, Allen seemed near tears.

Already under severe job pressure from a new athletic director who has a history of changing coaches, Allen admitted it was just about the most disappointing loss of his career.

The Jayhawks dropped to 2-4 overall and 1-3 in the Big 12 heading into

Linebacker not a factor vs. Denver

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Junior Seau stood in the locker room with a smile on his face, talking about the San Diego Chargers' big win.

The amazing thing was, Seau had little to do with it.

While the 10-time Pro Bowl linebacker was in the trainer's room receiving treatment on his strained groin in the second half, his teammates regained their punishing touch in beating the AFC West rival Denver Broncos 27-10 on Sunday.

The Chargers (4-2) are a half-game behind idle division leader Oakland.

Denver (3-3) dropped into fourth place with its second straight divisional road loss.

"The AFC West is the toughest division there is and to go on the road and stink it up like we did today is ridiculous," said Denver's Rod Smith, the NFL's leading receiver.

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. 20, 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 (47)	5-0	1,771	1	12. South Carolina	6-1	873	16		
2. Oklahoma (22)	7-0	1,741	2	13. Washington	5-1	847	15		
3. Nebraska (2)	8-0	1,626	3	14. Washington St.	7-0	837	19		
4. UCLA (1)	6-0	1,602	4	15. Georgia	5-1	812	17		
5. Virginia Tech	6-0	1,513	6	16. BYU	7-0	794	18		
6. Florida	5-1	1,389	7	17. Auburn	6-1	663	20		
7. Texas	6-1	1,378	9	18. Fresno St.	6-1	499	8		
8. Michigan	5-1	1,246	10	19. Florida St.	4-2	488	21		
9. Tennessee	4-1	1,086	11	20. Stanford	4-1	471	—		
10. Maryland	7-0	1,082	12	21. Georgia Tech	5-2	299	23		
11. Oregon	6-1	981	5	22. Illinois	6-1	278	—		
					23. North Carolina	5-3	236	—	
					24. Purdue	4-1	235	24	
					25. Colorado	5-2	203	14	
					Others receiving votes: Texas A&M 176, Mississippi 65, Clemson 52, Syracuse 52, LSU 37, Ohio St. 22, Northwestern 18, Iowa St. 9, Louisville 9, Utah 4, Toledo 3, Michigan St. 2, Marshall 1.				

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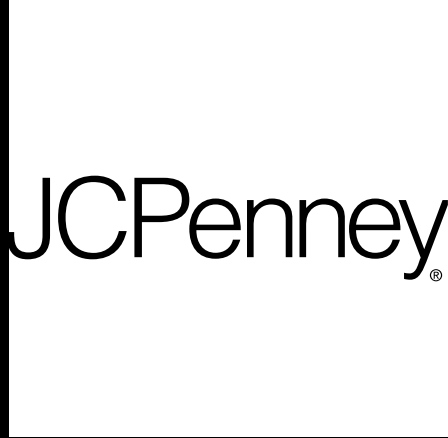
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