

Kansas State overpowers weaker team

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MANHATTAN (AP) — How much better is Kansas State than Louisiana-Monroe?

Well, in 1998 the last time the Indians trekked to Manhattan, the two teams played to a 7-7 tie in the first quarter. Since then in the following seven quarters, it's Kansas State 123, Louisiana-Monroe 0.

The Louisiana-Monroe administrators who scheduled Saturday night's game — more than the players — ought to be taken to task for their program's humiliation.

If they didn't know before Kansas State's 68-0 victory that they have no business being on the same field at the same time with Kansas State, surely they realize it by now.

It was the most lopsided loss the Indians have sustained since they re-entered Division I-A in 1994, even worse than the 70-3 beating administered several years ago by Tennessee.

And it could have been worse. Second-team quarterback Ell Roberson played only a few snaps before giving way to third-teamer Jeff Schwinn, who finished the rout.

Kansas State coach Bill Snyder admitted that Roberson probably needs more snaps to keep sharp and continue improving.

"But I didn't want the score to get more out of hand than it already was," Snyder said.

Louisiana-Monroe coach Bobby Keasler was just grateful for Snyder's mercy.

"Coach Snyder has done a great job of getting this program going like he has for the last 10 years, and I'll tell you what, he's a fine gentleman and I don't think he tried to run it up," Keasler said. He just has a superior football team."

With fewer than 18 minutes elapsed, the Wildcats had a 40-point lead. The only weakness the Wildcats showed was on the extra point. Two were blocked.



Kansas City loses at home to Seattle

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Bret Boone drove in four runs as the Seattle Mariners tried to keep pace in the AL West with a 9-2 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Saturday night.

Seattle remained six games behind division-leading Oakland, which has won 20 of 21 contests. The Mariners trail Anaheim by four games in the AL wild-card race. The Angels have a nine-game winning streak.

Edgar Martinez and John Olerud walked with two outs in the third against Miguel Asencio (3-5) and scored on Boone's triple to right-center to give the Mariners a 3-1 lead.

Boone's RBI groundout scored Martinez in a three-run seventh. Ben Davis added a two-run single.

Boone, who had three RBIs Friday,

added an RBI single in the eighth. Since the All-Star break, Boone is batting .357 with 42 RBIs in 55 games.

Desi Relaford, who doubled twice in the game, scored on the play. Mariners starter Ryan Franklin (6-3) allowed two runs and six hits in 5 2-3 innings to pick up the victory. Franklin retired 11 in a row between Angel Berroa's double in the second and Carlos Beltran's double in the sixth.

Raul Ibanez drove in both Royals runs, giving him 98 RBIs on the season. Mike Sweeney went 1-for-4 for Kansas City, dropping his American League-leading average to .342.

The Mariners manufactured a run in the fourth, which Mike Cameron led off with a single, stole second and third, and scored on Jeff Cirillo's sacrifice.

Kansas has only loss in Big 12's perfect weekend

DALLAS (AP) — Almost perfect, but No. 11 didn't pay off in Las Vegas for the Big 12.

The Big 12's bid for the first undefeated weekend in its seven seasons ended when Kansas lost 31-20 at UNLV in the 11th and last conference game played Saturday.

Second-ranked Oklahoma's 37-27 comeback win over Alabama and several lopsided victories highlighted the first 10 games.

That put the Big 12, already with a national championship and a mainstay in the Top 10, in position for its first perfect weekend when more than a couple of teams played.

But, for the second year in a row, Kansas prevented Big 12 perfection.

During the second weekend last September, all 12 conference teams played. Kansas' 41-17 loss to UCLA was the only setback in the league's only 11-win weekend ever.

Kansas (0-2), the only Big 12 team without a win this young season, is in

Top 25 teams listed in poll

By The Associated Press
The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 7, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and previous ranking:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs	1st Place Votes
1.	Miami (68)	2-0	1,844	1	1
2.	Oklahoma (3)	2-0	1,700	2	2
3.	Texas (3)	1-0	1,667	3	3
4.	Tennessee	2-0	1,642	4	4
5.	Florida St.	2-0	1,606	5	5
6.	Ohio St.	2-0	1,341	8	8
7.	Michigan	2-0	1,333	7	7
8.	Nebraska	3-0	1,241	9	9
9.	Georgia	1-0	1,211	10	10
10.	Wash. St.	2-0	1,164	11	11
11.	Vir. Tech	2-0	1,135	12	12
12.	Florida	1-1	1,027	6	6
13.	Oregon	2-0	948	13	13
14.	Washington	1-1	855	14	14
15.	Michigan St.	2-0	700	15	15
16.	Marshall	1-0	649	16	16
17.	Southern Cal	1-0	538	18	18
18.	Colorado	1-1	415	17	17
19.	N.C. State	3-0	402	21	21
20.	Notre Dame	2-0	374	23	23
21.	Texas A&M	2-0	368	20	20
22.	Wisconsin	3-0	294	25	25
23.	UCLA	1-0	213	—	—
24.	Colorado St.	2-1	173	19	19
25.	LSU	1-1	171	24	24

a rebuilding mode with new coach Mark Mangino. The Jayhawks fell behind 14-0 against UNLV.

Oklahoma led by 20 points at half-time, then fell behind and came back to win, the first time for a Sooners team

to do that since their 1975 national championship team's 28-27 win over Missouri.

Kejuan Jones' 8-yard TD run with 2:11 left put the Sooners back ahead. Roy Williams is now starting in the NFL, but his replacement at safety, Eric Bassey, returned a fumble 45 yards for a TD to seal the win over Alabama.

No. 21 Texas A&M and Texas Tech had close calls — the Aggies benefitting from a missed extra point in its 14-12 win at Pittsburgh and the Red Raiders needing two fourth-quarter TDs to beat SMU 24-14.

But the rest of the league teams had easy wins.

Nebraska scored five TDs in the first half — matching the total by its first-team offense the first two games — and beat Utah State 44-13. Kansas State won 68-0 over Louisiana-Monroe, Colorado beat San Diego State 34-14 and Missouri won 41-6 over the Ball State.

Baylor (50-12 over Samford), Iowa State (58-6 over Tennessee Tech) and Oklahoma State (45-10 over Northern Iowa) beat up on Division I-AA opponents.

Only an inexplicable fumble kept Kansas State cornerback Terence Newman from a rare trifecta — scoring touchdowns on offense, defense and special teams on three consecutive touches.

First, the two-time Big 12 100-meter champion outran a Louisiana-Monroe defender to the end zone and caught Marc Dunn's 51-yard TD pass. He then returned a punt 40 yards for a TD.

Then a few minutes after that, Newman intercepted a pass and set sail for the end zone just about 17 yards away.

Only one would-be tackler stood in his path. But he dropped the ball after running just a few yards.

"I was trying to tuck it in and it just fell out," he said.

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