

Kansas to battle Falcons

LAWRENCE (AP) — Beating Southwest Missouri State last week for their first victory of the year was OK as far as it went for Mark Mangino's victory-starved Kansas Jayhawks. But the Division I-AA Bears have beaten just one I-A team in the past 20 years. Bowling Green, Saturday night's opponent, beat one just last week.

And it wasn't just any old I-A team the Falcons trounced 51-28. It was Missouri, arch-rival of the Jayhawks and a team that had looked like it was on the rise after opening the season by beating defending Big Ten champ Illinois.

"Our players understand that Southwest Missouri State is not a Big 12-caliber team," said Mangino. "But we needed the win, we were expected to win and we did do that, so the bottom line is, I'm extremely pleased."

Even at home, the Jayhawks (1-2) were 9-point underdogs to the Falcons (2-0), who have beaten Missouri two years in a row and feature a passing attack that's averaging almost 280 yards a game, 14th in Division I-A.

Quarterback Josh Harris was 16-of-31 for 311 yards against Missouri and the week before shredded Tennessee Tech for 428 yards on 29-of-52 accuracy.

"They have a quarterback that could play for any team," said Mangino. They do a great job on every facet of the game.

"Offensively, they spread the field attacking the field horizontally and vertically. They can get in a bunch of different formations and give you a lot of looks. Their offense is suited to attack zone coverages as well as man coverages."

With the help of Harris and his accurate arm, the Falcons are 10-3 with Urban Meyer as their head coach.

"For a guy who people said couldn't throw the ball, Josh Harris has provided everything we could ask for at the quarterback position," Meyer said. "He's extremely smart and a great leader. He has complete confidence in his teammates and that has made him a better player."

The Falcons went from 2-9 in 2000 to 8-3 last year.

"We think this is a good football team we are playing," Mangino said. "They're playing with confidence. They defeated a Big 12 team last week, and there's no reason to think that they're not going to come in here with a high level of confidence."

No doubt, Meyer has been drilling his team all week on their kicking game. Against Southwest Missouri State, redshirt freshman Greg Heaggans set a school record with 195 yards on four kickoff returns, including a 100-yard TD sprint on the first play of the game.

Without a doubt, they are paying close attention to everything he has to say.

"This team really believes in themselves," said center Jon Mazur. "Two years ago we didn't really have an identity. It was like we would play hard for three quarters, but in the fourth quarter it was like what is going to happen that would make us lose this game."

"I think the win at Missouri a year ago showed us that all of the things coach Meyer was saying were true. We follow his lead. We built on that through the year."

But the Jayhawks are coming into the game on a bit of a high, too.

With freshman Clark Green rushing for 131 yards, Kansas had a season-high 314 yards of total offense and 23 first downs against Southwest Missouri State.

dart results

Goodland Summer Dart League
August 21
Boobs over Silver Bullets 14-2
The B's over Last Call 12-5
TSH over Mudd Ducks 11-5
Nine dart out: Paul Simons.
Fourth round out: Duane Hanke, Mel Bracelin.
Low ton: Paul Simons (6), Mel Bracelin (6), Ryan Robinson (4), Bryan Varney (4), Rod Scott (4), Nikki Quain (3), Melody Abbott (2), Jayne Melstrom (2), Louie Yarger (2), Ricky Pummer (2), Crystal Hernandez, Dwight Melstrom, Tina Wilson, Mark Sieck, Cindie Yarger, Duane Hanke, Lisa Varney, Nan Linnell, Diane Thompkins.
High ton: Lisa Varney.
Hattrick: Duane Hanke (2), Ricky Pummer, Ryan Robinson, Mel Bracelin, Paul Simons, Rod Scott.
Player wins: Mel Bracelin (5), Krista Pummer (5), Bryan Varney (5), Paul Simons (5), Duane Hanke (5), Ryan Robinson (4), Cindie Yarger (3), Rod Scott (3), Melody Abbott (3), Ricky Pummer (2), Mike Yarger (2), Dwight Melstrom, Angel Corke, Mark Seick, Angel Corke, Nikki Quain, Regi Woodard, Nan Linnell, Phil Helzer.
Standings: Boobs 140, 36; TSH 103, 73; The B's 100, 76; Last Call 71, 105; Silver Bullets 60, 116; Mudd Ducks 52, 124.

Getting ready for Oberlin



Freshman Romelia Fuentes practiced setting Thursday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The freshman Cowgirl team will play at 8 a.m. Saturday in Oberlin, and the varsity and junior varsity at the same time at the Overland Tournament in Denver.

Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Royals' coach attacked by father and son

By Nancy Armour

The Associated Press
CHICAGO — With his eyes on home plate and his back to the seats, Tom Gamboa never saw them coming. One second the Kansas City coach was standing near first base. The next he was slammed to the ground, a bare-chested father and his juvenile son on top of him and pummeling him repeatedly.

"I felt like a football team had hit me from behind. Next thing I knew, I'm on the ground trying to defend myself," Gamboa said.

"It just happened so fast."

In a scene athletes have feared for years, Gamboa was attacked without warning by two fans who came out of the seats. The Royals rushed to his aid and Gamboa escaped with only a few cuts and a bruised cheek. He walked off the field to a standing ovation from the crowd at Comiskey Park, where the Royals beat the Chicago White Sox 2-1.

But what about next time?

A folded-up pocket knife was found

on the ground near the scene, and White Sox outfielder Aaron Rowand said he saw it slip out of one of the fan's pockets.

"I don't know what we can do to eliminate this," Gamboa said. "I'm grateful (the Royals) got there as quick as they could, especially when there was a knife involved. God forbid me or somebody else would get stabbed. "That could have been really tragic."

The father, identified by police as 34-year-old William Ligue Jr. of Alsip, and his 15-year-old son were led off the field in handcuffs.

Friday morning they were charged with aggravated battery.

The son faces two juvenile charges of battery because he also struck a security guard.

"It's sad and disturbing, very disturbing," said general manager Kenny Williams, who apologized to Gamboa and the Royals after the game. "Words don't express the sorrow when you look at a man and he's got blood on his face. All he was doing was coaching

first base."

This was the second unusual disruption during a game this week. On Monday night, police trying to break up a fight in the stands at FedEx Field in Landover, Md., sprayed pepper spray that drifted onto the field and sickened some players as the Philadelphia Eagles played the Washington Redskins. There were no serious injuries.

Instances of on-field attacks by fans have been rare over the years, but athletes are increasingly worried for their

Junior varsity finishes third

The Goodland Cowgirls junior varsity tennis team finished third Thursday in Hays.

Coach Wallace Hansen said Goodland scored 22 points, just behind the Hays High gold team with 28 and Russell with 24.

In No. 1 singles, Shannon Johnson won three matches and lost two. She beat Sherri Voeltz of Cimarron 6-2, Carla Cornett of the Hays maroon team 6-4 and Jessica White of the Hays white team. She lost to Megan Ryan of Russell 6-4 and to Jodi Mermis of the Hays gold team 6-1.

In No. 2 singles, May Davis ended up 2-3 for the day. She beat Ashley Werth of Hays maroon 6-3 and Tiffany Rohr of Hays white 6-0. She lost to Laura Dave of Hays gold 6-0, Emily Dreher of Russell 6-2 and Kim Burns of Cimarron 6-2.

Emily and Gracie Langness, the Cowgirls' No. 1 doubles team, won one match against Foster/Knock of Hays white 7-5. They lost to Krug/Reinhardt of Russell 6-0, Goetz/Stafford of Hays maroon 6-4, Anderson/Rowan of Cimarron 7-5 and Johansen/Van Sittert of Hays gold 6-0.

In No. 2 doubles, Kali Rietcheck and Lacey Ridder won three and lost two. They beat Payton/Holzmeiser of Hays maroon 6-1, Tammen/Relland of Hays white 6-2, and Woods/Woods of Cimarron 6-1.

They fell to Holzmeiser/Degenhardt of Hays Gold 6-1 and Krug/Sonya of Russell 6-1.

The next junior varsity meet will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Goodland. The varsity team next plays Saturday, Sept. 28 at the 12-team Garden City invitational.

Cardinals sweep series, ready to clinch division

DENVER (AP) — Tony La Russa was relaxed and congenial, all with good reason.

His St. Louis Cardinals came to Coors Field on Tuesday with a magic number of seven to clinch the NL Central. They left with the number reduced to two.

Their 12-6 win over the Colorado Rockies on Thursday completed a three-game sweep, their 13th win in 15 games.

With second-place Houston losing two of three to Milwaukee, the Cardinals increased their lead to 8 1/2 games. St. Louis has 10 games remaining and Houston nine, and those teams begin a three-game series Friday night at Busch Stadium.

One win in the series would clinch

it.

"We're closing in on the finish line," La Russa said. "Our boys can smell it."

"We all can feel it," echoed second baseman Fernando Vina, who had three hits and two RBIs.

The Cardinals' three victories followed the same pattern — early lead, tight game, victory with a late, big inning.

After Colorado cut the deficit to 7-6, Eli Marrero, Jim Edmonds and Albert Pujols hit consecutive homers off Todd Jones in the eighth. Wilson Delgado capped the five-run inning with a two-run double.

Jason Simontacchi (11-5) allowed four runs and six hits in six innings to earn the win and outduel fellow rookie Jason Jennings.

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