

Kansas State back home after road loss at Colorado

MANHATTAN (AP)—Against the passing attack of No. 3 Texas, Oklahoma State came within a play or two of pulling off the upset of the season. Now it's an altogether different challenge this week, the slick option play of No. 19 Kansas State's Ell Roberson.

But after playing the heavily favored Longhorns within two points, it's also a more confident band of Cowboys (2-3, 0-1 Big 12) who will face the Wildcats (4-1, 0-1) in a 12 p.m. MDT kickoff.

"I think we definitely will get some confidence from it," said quarterback Josh Fields, who threw for 134 yards and a touchdown against Texas. "You kind of got to, it's the (then) No. 2 team in the nation. Their defense was really, really good."

"We've just got to take it as a learning experience. It's unfortunate that we lost, but we've got to take all of our mistakes, correct them and go into the next game."

The Cowboys did a good job against Chris Simms and the Longhorn passing attack, for the most part. But Roberson ran for a career-high 178 yards last week in a 35-31 loss to Colorado.

"It's a different challenge to face an option attack," said Oklahoma State coach Les Miles. "Our defense is going to have to make some adjustments and take into account that their quarterback is a very mobile and capable runner."

Roberson's running was fine as far as it went. But the Wildcats know they'll have to throw the ball more effectively to compete for a Big 12 championship.

"It's frustrating to everybody," wide receiver Taco Wallace said, reflecting on the Colorado game. "The running backs are getting frustrated because they are getting tired. I felt like we could throw the ball every down, we were (in man-to-man coverage) every time."

"We need to be more effective in the passing game, so it can open up the run more. It seems like every play they know we're going to run. When we pass, we're ready, but we're not ready and we don't have a rhythm."

Burned by three long scoring plays in the first half, including a 94-yard pass-and-catch by Jeremy Bloom, the Wildcats fell behind by 14 points and never recovered.

The Wildcat secondary could face another test against Oklahoma State wide receiver Rashaun Woods, who's

No. 2 in the Big 12 with almost eight catches a game.

"We weren't real good for a segment of the (Colorado) game," said Kansas State coach Bill Snyder.

"In all fairness to our defense, you take four plays — 291 yards of offense — that's more than we usually give up in 65-70 snaps, and we were not very good on those four snaps."

"The rest of the time, the offense averages about three and a half yards per play. We were bad at times, but a substantial amount of the time, we weren't. A substantial amount of the time, we were decent."

"You just can't afford to have those kinds of breakdowns."

Coaches usually disdain "moral victories," but even Miles can see something to build upon from the close loss to Texas.

"I didn't necessarily know how (the Cowboys) were going to approach Texas, considering a year ago they had really a disastrous outing," he said. "So I think we're all encouraged that the team feels like they're a legitimate football team now."

"Against a really good football team ... they played really well and were in position to win it."

Martinez an October bust so far

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ST. LOUIS — Tino Martinez had another quiet night in the postseason. His teammates didn't fare much better.

Everybody in the St. Louis Cardinals' lineup had a tough time against Jason Schmidt, who took a shutout into the eighth inning as the San Francisco Giants won 4-1 Thursday night for a 2-0 lead in the NL championship series.

"I'm trying to think of anybody that had the birds on the bat that didn't look like they were struggling at the plate today," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "Schmidt was just working us over."

Martinez and the rest of the Cardinals were generous with compliments for the 13-game winner, who lost both of his starts against St. Louis in the regular season but dominated Game 2.

"I never give credit to the pitchers, ever," Martinez said. "But tonight he pitched a great game. He had all his stuff working and threw whatever pitch he wanted at any time."

Miguel Cairo, who entered 7-for-8 in the postseason, was 0-for-3 against Schmidt. So was Jim Edmonds, and Albert Pujols was held to an infield hit with two strikeouts.

Fernando Vina, who is 1-for-9 in the NLCS after batting .600 in the division series, said Schmidt deserves all the credit.

"He was nasty," Vina said. Schmidt was so dominant that the Cardinals felt compelled to gamble. J.D. Drew tried to score on Vina's shallow fly to center in the third, but was thrown out at the plate by Kenny Lofton for an inning-ending double play.

"I got a good jump but it was just one of those things," Drew said. "It was a real shallow fly ball, nothing you can do about it."

La Russa had no problem with third base coach Jose Oquendo sending Drew on the play.

"We were all yelling, including myself, 'Send him, send him!'" La Russa said. "The way Schmidt is pitching, you have a chance to make a dent and tie the game."

"You had a great runner and he had to make a perfect throw."

bowling results

Monday Afternoon Ladies League
Oct. 7

Medical Arts Pharmacy over Team No. Ten 4-0
Bowladium Lanes over Clawson's 4-0
KLOE over McClung's Appliance 4-0
Mann's Jewelry over Shelter Insurance 4-0
Callahan's split Lonny's Quality Auto Body 2-2

High individual game: Diana Nichols-208
High individual series: Diana Nichols-530
High team game: Medical Arts Pharmacy-632
High team series: Medical Arts Pharmacy-1,841
Standings: KLOE and Mann's Jewelry 14, 6; Medical Arts Pharmacy 12, 8; Bowladium Lanes and Lonny's Quality Auto Body 11, 9.

Wednesday Night Mens' Scratch Classic
Oct. 9

Fitzgibbon's over ProLine 11-9
Basgall Construction over Western Kansas Valley 15-5

Weber Kennels over Sunflower Satellite 17-3
Bowladium Lanes over Sigco 17-3
L&M Steel over Witzel & Rhea 18-2
High individual game: Bill Lacy-247
High individual series: Bill Lacy-842
High team game: Fitzgibbon's-579
High team series: Bowladium Lanes-2,125
Standings: Bowladium Lanes 115, 25; L&M Steel 82, 55; Basgall Construction 82 1/2, 57 1/2; ProLine 79, 61; Weber Kennels 74, 66; Sigco 70, 70; Fitzgibbon's 68 1/2, 71 1/2; Witzel & Rhea 57, 83; Sunflower Satellite 44, 96; Western Kansas Valley 25, 115.

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KU coach to receive legends award

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Roy Williams of Kansas, whose .807 winning percentage leads active Division I basketball coaches, was chosen to receive the John R. Wooden Legends of Coaching award.

Williams will be presented the award April 13 at the Los Angeles Athletic Club, where the John Wooden Award is given to the nation's top male college basketball player.

Williams has guided the Jayhawks to 13 consecutive 20-win seasons in his 14 years at Kansas. His teams reached the Final Four in 1991, '93 and last season.

Previous winners of the Legends award are retired North Carolina coach Dean Smith, Duke's Mike Krzyzewski, Arizona's Lute Olson and retired Louisville coach Denny Crum.

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