

# Tigers play Wildcats tough at home

MANHATTAN (AP)—For reasons unexplained, Kansas State has recently taken better teams to Missouri and barely come away with wins.

Although the No. 10 Wildcats (9-2, 5-2 Big 12) have beaten their last four opponents by an average of 41 points, they're well aware of the Tigers' history of making highly ranked Kansas State teams sweat.

"They play very well at home," tight end Thomas Hill said. "It's a real hostile environment and they're looking forward to knocking us off. We have a tough game on our hands."

Although Kansas State has won eight straight against Missouri, three of its four road contests during that streak have been decided by six points or less. In 1994, the Tigers gave No. 11 Kansas State a scare in a 21-18 squeaker. In 1998, the No. 2 Wildcats barely es-



caped with a down-to-the-wire 31-25 win, and the No. 9 Wildcats won 28-24 in 2000.

Before the winning streak began in 1993, Kansas State had lost three straight at Faurot Field.

"It's like the Bermuda Triangle," defensive end Andrew Shull said. "A lot of teams go in, but a lot of them don't come away with wins."

This season, the Tigers have plenty

of incentive to break the Wildcats' winning streak. The Tigers (5-6, 2-5) are one win away from securing bowl eligibility.

"They always have something big to play for," tight ends coach Matt Miller said. "This year it's for a bowl bid. In 2000, they were playing for Larry Smith's job and in 1998 they were playing for national respect."

"I know that when we were building our program we got a little more fired up when a big school like Colorado or Nebraska comes in," Miller said. "The same is true for them."

In each of their past two win at Missouri, the Wildcats were coming off huge wins against Nebraska. In 1998, the Wildcats beat Nebraska for the first time in 30 years, winning 40-30 at KSU Stadium. Two years later, Kansas State upset No. 4 Nebraska 29-28 in snowy

Manhattan.

Last weekend, the Wildcats beat Nebraska 49-13, and Kansas State coach Bill Snyder doesn't see his team having a post-Nebraska hangover this season.

"I'm pleased with the way we've responded week in and week out," Snyder said. "They have the appropriate mental preparation. I'd be surprised if they didn't come to play."

The Wildcats lost their only challenging road game this season, giving up four big plays in a 35-31 loss to Colorado. Kansas State's other two road games were wins against the last-place teams in the Big 12 North and South. The Wildcats beat Kansas 64-0 and admitted being off their game in a 44-10 win at Baylor.

"I don't think we will have a let-down," Shull said. "We're ready."

## Tiger's Brad Smith just a yard short of rare distinction

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Brad Smith is close — very close — to a major milestone.

Smith's 1-yard quarterback sneak to beat Texas A&M Saturday left the Missouri quarterback a single yard short of joining Clemson's Woody Dantzler as the second player in Division I history to throw for 2,000 yards and run for 1,000 in a season.

Barring injury, Smith will reach the milestone early Saturday, when the Tigers (5-6, 2-5 Big 12) host No. 10 Kansas State (9-2, 5-2). Missouri

## Mustangs win first two games

The Seventh Grade Mustangs traveled to Hoxie on Nov. 12 for the first game of the basketball season, and won 58-39.

Coach Andy Scheopner said the team played really well for the first game of the year. High scorer for the Mustangs was Jance McKee who had 28 points.

On Thursday the Mustangs traveled to Atwood where they won their second game 41-15. High scorer for the Mustangs was Jance McKee with 15 points.

Their next home match is at 3:30 p.m. on Monday when they will host Oakley.

Goodland at Hoxie Nov. 12, 2002						
A - Team	1	2	3	4	Total	
Goodland	13	15	16	14	58	
Hoxie	10	6	10	13	39	
	Pts	Rbnds	Asts	Steals		
Preston Dautel	0	0	2	1		
Grant Wilkens	0	0	2	0		
Spencer Windell	2	3	1	3		
Darrick Ihrig	4	1	0	0		
Josh Duke	6	2	0	1		
Tanner Smith	0	3	0	2		
Ben Davis	2	0	1	0		
T.J. Hawkins	7	3	2	5		
Jance McKee	28	12	2	2		
Forrest Trachsel	9	0	1	1		
Casey Henderson	0	0	6	0	1	
B - Team	1	2	3	4	Total	
Goodland	4	2	8	2	16	
Hoxie	15	2	9	5	31	
	Pts	Rnds	Asst	Steals		
Dustin Pennington	0	1	1	0		
Toby Hurst	0	4	0	0		
Jake Kling	2	3	0	1		
Jordan Albers	0	3	1	1		
Darrick Ihrig	2	3	1	1		
Nathan Brady	0	1	0	0		
Ben Davis	6	2	0	0		
Jason Krayca	6	5	0	0		
Nathan Heiter	0	2	0	1		
Tom Terry	0	2	1	0		

Atwood at Goodland No. 14, 2002						
A-Team	1	2	3	4	Total	
Atwood	4	4	5	2	15	
Goodland	14	13	8	6	41	
	Pts	Rbnds	Asts	Steals		
Preston Dautel	7	0	1	4		
Grant Wilkens	2	1	0	0		
Spencer Windell	4	1	0	1		
Josh Duke	1	0	1	1		
Tanner Smith	5	3	0	4		
Ben Davis	0	0	1	2		
Jance McKee	15	5	2	4		
Forrest Trachsel	4	1	1	3		
Casey Henderson	2	4	0	0		

B-Team 5th Quarter						
Atwood	4					
Goodland	0					
	Pts	Rbnds	Asts	Steals		
Andrew Ragels	0	0	0	1		
Michael Klinge	0	0	0	2		
Jordan Albers	0	0	0	1		
Nathan Brady	0	1	0	0		
Jason Krayca	0	1	0	1		
Nathan Heiter	0	1	0	0		



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## Hard-working Truluck finally gets big chance

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — R-Kal Truluck, who was almost killed while defending a teenage girl from a knife-wielding attacker, is finally getting a chance to play in the NFL.

The Kansas City Chiefs added the 6-foot-4, 255-pound defensive end to their 53-man roster Wednesday and will use him on Sunday against Seattle, giving the 28-year-old Brooklyn native the opportunity he's been dreaming of since he played college football at SUNY Cortland.

"It feels good to have my chance, to have my opportunity," Truluck said Wednesday. "But regardless, I'm going to continue to work hard and do the things I need to do. I just want to come out and contribute and do whatever I can to make an impact."

A pass-rush specialist who's made a detailed study of some of the game's greatest sack artists, Truluck was signed by the Chiefs last August and was placed on the practice squad after recording four sacks in the club's exhibition season.

Coach Dick Vermeil, whose defensive line has been depleted by injury, said Truluck will probably get 26-30 plays against Seattle.

"I'm not sure he's ready to step up. But he's the only available healthy defensive lineman we have to give us eight men to suit up and play on Sunday," Vermeil said.

"I think he deserves an opportunity. He's done a good job on our practice squad. He's done a very good job on our one-on-one pass protection, pass-rush drills."

"We're optimistic. I'd like to see him take advantage of this opportunity."

Truluck appeared in 38 games for Saskatchewan of the Canadian Football League in 1998-2000 and then went to the Arena Football League, where he was rookie of the year in 2001.

He was signed by the Chiefs last August and was cut on the final cut-down day and placed on the practice squad.

"He shows a very good initial burst. He shows a very good feel for the pass rush, good use of hands," Vermeil said. "Now we want to see how he does against a quality football player in a game environment playing within the defensive scheme. If he does a good job, he's liable to stay on the active roster. If not, then when one of those (injured) guys come back, they'll replace him."

A scar on Truluck's chest shows where a knife barely missed his heart when he was 19. On a street in New York one night, he saw a girl who was dating a good friend being hassled by another man.

"When I jumped in, he was about to do more than fight. He pulled out the knife and swung it and I was standing in the way," Truluck said.

The sharp blade sank about a quarter of an inch into his heavily muscled chest.

"He hit the sternum," Truluck said. "If the knife had slid over just a little bit more to the heart, ..."

Truluck, whose first name means "ruler" in Swahili, kept coming at the attacker, who ran away.

He was in the hospital for four days. Doctors said he was lucky to survive.

"I saved her life but I got stabbed," Truluck said. "It was a scary situation. But I'm here talking to you now."

The girl he saved and her boyfriend "were very appreciative that I stepped in," Truluck said. "They stayed with me all the time I was in the hospital."

He's never seen the attacker again. But if he ever does?

"It's over," Truluck said. "It's in the past. He did what he felt like he had to do."

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