

O-3 Kansas not the only losers

By the Associated Press

There was something about the game program that suggested this was not going to be Kansas's day.

Gracing the cover was a big picture of Mike Fisher, a senior cornerback and two-year starter. Trouble was, a news release lying next to the program announced that Jayhawk coach Bob Valesente has suspended Fisher for the rest of the year "for disciplinary reasons."

Then Kansas went out and gave up five interceptions and three fumbles in losing to Division I-AA member Louisiana Tech. It was the 10th consecutive loss for the Jayhawks, now 0-3, and put Valesente in a defensive mood.

Whether he saw the sign in the student section of the stands that said, "So long coach Val," is not known. But as Valesente prepared to meet reporters in the post-game news conference, the second-year coach said, "I better get my back to the wall here, because I know some of you are going to try to put spears in it already."

Kansas wasn't the only Big Eight team dropping to 0-3 Saturday — so did Kansas State and Iowa State. But at least the Wildcats and Cyclones did it with a little spunk and style. Kansas

State, a 42-point underdog at No. 19 Iowa, gave the Hawkeyes a battle before falling 38-13. And Iowa State led Wyoming 10-0 before succumbing in the second half and losing 34-17.

Elsewhere in the Big Eight, No. 1 Oklahoma and No. 2 Nebraska remained unbeaten and possibly headed towards a national championship showdown on Nov. 21. The Sooners blasted Tulsa 65-0 and Nebraska out-fought No. 12 Arizona State in Tempe, Ariz., 35-28.

Missouri's bid to remain unbeaten fell barely short when Indiana scored a touchdown with 1:21 to play to beat the Tigers 20-17. Colorado raised its record to 2-1 by beating Washington State 26-17, and Oklahoma State went to 4-0 by shutting out Southwestern Louisiana 29-0.

Kansas State coach Stan Parrish said he would like to thank those media members who foresaw a 77-0 rout of his Wildcats by Iowa.

"They said we were the worst team in the world, that it was a shame I ruined a good coaching career by coming here," Parrish said. "We were ridiculed in the papers, and whoever did that, I'd like to thank them on the behalf of our team. The articles motivated us."

The final score makes it sound like the Hawkeyes merely toyed with the winless Wildcats. The fact is, Iowa scored 17 of its 38 points in the last 10 minutes of a game in which Kansas State intercepted six Iowa passes and actually had a 7-0 lead.

Another tipoff to how much fight Kansas State gave Iowa was the time of possession — 30:28 for Iowa, 29:32 for Kansas State.

The Hawkeyes have such disdain for the Wildcats that they practiced all week in green jerseys, simulating Michigan State, their opponent after the Wildcats.

"To be honest, we weren't entirely up for this game because of worrying about Michigan State," said Iowa's Kevin Harmon, who rushed for 108 yards and caught four passes for 85. "We always put more emphasis on our Big Ten games, and when the press says you're going to win by 60, it's hard to get up. We looked past them, and they were pumped up from the word go."

"The heat and their depth — 100 guys to our 60 — got to us," Parrish said. "We ran out of gas. We were dead on our feet at the end."

Iowa State was a 13-point underdog to Wyoming, but Coach Jim Walden's Cyclones made a game of it

by seizing a 10-0 lead. Iowa State was forced to settle for a field goal in the second quarter after reaching the Cowboy 2-yard line.

"We scored two touchdowns but let that third one get away from us," Walden said. "When we let that happen, the pendulum really swung in Wyoming's favor."

Backup quarterbacks had big plays for Oklahoma and Colorado. Charles Thompson scored three touchdowns and threw for another as the top-ranked Sooners romped over Tulsa. Starter Jamelle Holieway had already put the game out of reach, though, by scoring twice and hitting tight end Keith Jackson on a 47-yard pass play as Tulsa dropped to 0-4. Oklahoma has now outscored its opponents by 162-14 margin. The Golden Hurricanes finished with 50 yards in total offense compared to Oklahoma's 541.

Sal Aunese ran for 185 yards to lead Colorado past Washington State. Aunese was in for starting quarterback Rick Wheeler, who replaced the sore-ankled Mark Hatcher.

"Where did they get that quarterback from?" asked Washington State coach Dennis Erickson. Colorado coach Bill McCartney pulled Wheeler out of the game late in the first quarter and inserted Aunese. The 5-10, 195-

pounder responded with the second-best rushing day by a quarterback in Colorado history.

Oklahoma State's Mike Gundy and Thurman Thomas padded their already-impressive statistics against Southwestern Louisiana. Gundy passed for 213 yards and one touchdown while running for another score. Thomas, who entered the game as the nation's leading rusher, picked up 119 yards on 21 carries.

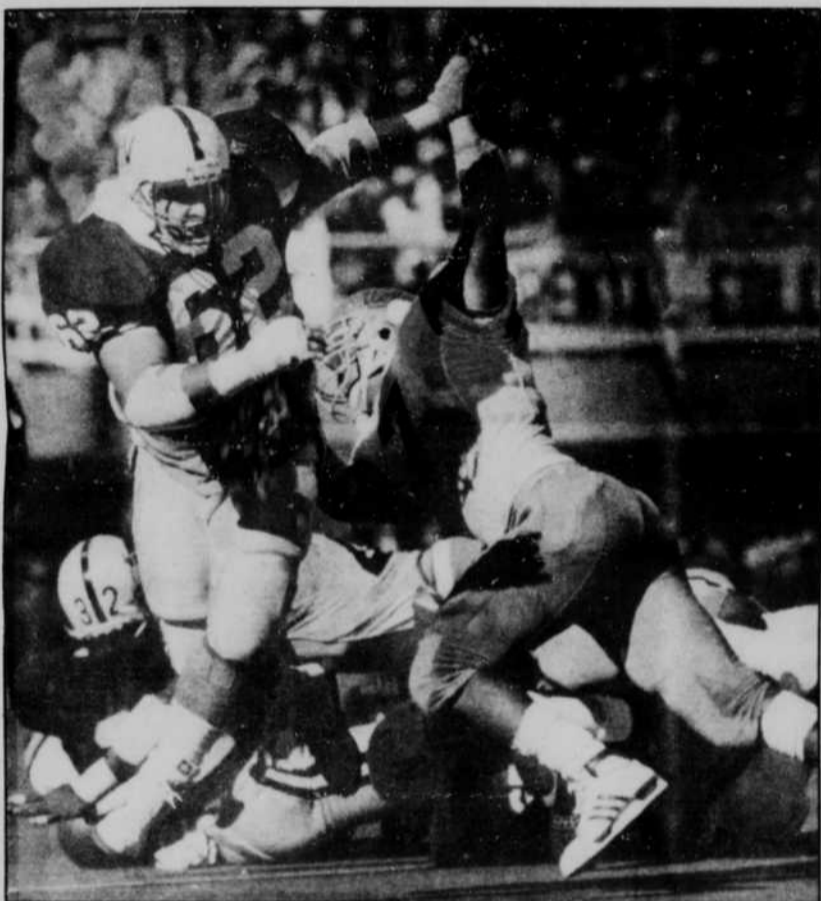
Indiana's Dave Schnell and Ernie Jones hooked up on a 25-yard touchdown pass with 1:21 to play to lift the Hoosiers to a victory that stunned Missouri.

Missouri had taken a 17-13 lead with 3:49 left on Robert Delpino's 1-yard touchdown run. In Indiana's winning drive, the Hoosiers converted a fourth-and-17 from the Missouri 48 when Schnell hit Jones with a 21-yard pass.

"I just can't believe that happened," Missouri quarterback Ronnie Cameron said. "We won the game. And we let it get away."

Missouri coach Woody Widenhofer agreed.

"We had them fourth and 17, down by four points. It was the perfect script," Widenhofer said. "It should be your ball game. You can't win very many games with the ball at fourth and 17."



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Nebraska's Bob Sledge battles a UCLA defender.

Sledge hammers foes after transferring to NU

By Kent Endacott
Staff Reporter

Cornhusker left offensive tackle Bob Sledge won't even allow himself a satisfied look back. He can't afford to, he said.

"What I've accomplished now doesn't mean anything yet," said Sledge, a 6-foot-2, 270-pound junior. "It could all come to an end. They're always bringing new people in, and there's always people behind you pushing you."

After being passed up by Nebraska as a senior at Omaha Gross in 1984, he signed with South Dakota. Because he was unhappy, Sledge said, he made up his mind before the season started to transfer to Nebraska.

Omaha Gross football coach Stan Macaitis said he wrote Sledge after he heard he was unhappy at South Dakota to encourage him to stay.

"I heard he was unhappy and I even wrote him a letter, telling him to make the best of it and that he'd made his decision and to live by it," Macaitis said. "I'm glad he didn't listen to me."

So is Sledge. "There just weren't

as many benefits," he said. "They have a nice facility and everything. I went up there with four of my friends, but after a while I knew I was going to transfer. I was hoping Nebraska would take me."

After sitting out the 1985 season at Nebraska, Sledge lettered in 1986 and was awarded a scholarship last spring.

Nebraska offensive line coach Milt Tenopir said Sledge has become an important part of the offensive line.

"Bob's a very aggressive football player," Tenopir said. "He's worked very hard. The kid has a lot of potential."

Tenopir said he has always expected Sledge to be able to start and play well.

"We were counting on him to do that," he said.

Sledge said he's not surprised by his success, but admits he's still overwhelmed by playing for Nebraska.

"It just gets me motivated, playing for Nebraska," Sledge said. "I feel like it's an accomplishment, but I always thought I had the ability to do it. I don't think it's anything I'll be telling my grandchildren about."

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