

Georgia Tech not looking past this Saturday

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - Georgia Tech coach Bobby Ross says he's not looking beyond this Saturday's grudge match at Georgia, even though he did join Nebraska coach Tom Osborne at the Citrus Bowl for a news conference.

With his 9-0-1 team ranked second in the new AP poll, Ross said Tech was delighted to be playing "one of the most successful programs in all college football" in the New Year's Day game.

"It's a real pleasure for us," Ross said. "We've been on a whirlwind season and our kids are playing very, very hard."

Florida is a major recruiting area, Ross noted, and his surprising team is delighted to play in the Citrus Bowl.

He wouldn't talk much about Tech's move past Miami in the latest poll, saying, "Right now, we're very much focused on the University of Georgia."

And he's not worried about his players being ready for the 4-6 Bulldogs.

"It doesn't matter," he said. "When we play Georgia, it really makes no difference whether we're last or first. It wouldn't make any difference to our players. Obviously, there's some added signifi-

cance because we haven't lost... obviously, with us being in the position we are in."

Ross said his team did scout Nebraska's 45-10 loss to Oklahoma last Friday and despite the Cornhuskers' showing he was "tremendously impressed with overall team speed." He said Nebraska hurt itself with seven turnovers.

Osborne, whose team fell to a 19th ranking, bristled a little when a reporter asked whether the Citrus Bowl gives his team a chance to "clean up (a) mess."

He said at some schools, a 9-2 record "isn't a mess."

"We played a good football team in Norman... We lost our No. 1 quarterback," Osborne said, adding that turnovers hurt badly.

"Anybody can interpret that any way they want," he said.

With five weeks left before the Citrus Bowl, Osborne noted, his team has plenty of time to prepare. The quarterback position is undecided at this point, he said. Starter Mickey Joseph's right leg was cut badly and he left the Oklahoma game early in the first quarter.

Osborne said he hasn't had a chance yet to watch Georgia Tech films, but said any team that's unbeaten at this stage of the season has to be respected.

'Wait until basketball season' refrain of Husker from Kansas

Wait until basketball season. If I've heard those words once, I've heard them a million times. You see, I grew up in the heart of Kansas basketball country. Living only 30 miles from Lawrence in a Kansas City suburb, I had to live a life of terror, constantly having KU alums breathing down my neck, almost suffocating me with Jayhawk basketball propaganda.

"Yeah, you guys beat us 345-0 in football, but just wait until basketball season," they would say.

It grew tiresome, year after year listening to everyone from my best friends to the local media jam Jayhawk basketball down my throat.

"Well, the Jayhawks lost all 12 players from last year's team, but look out, because they're going to be awesome again this year."

I was always a Nebraska fan, but I liked basketball better than anything else. I've always wanted the team to be great. Even though the Cornhuskers had mild success until recently, they've never been given much notice. For sure not in Kansas.

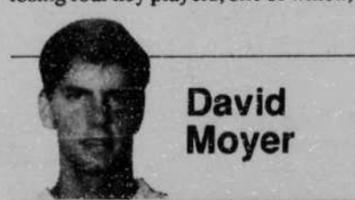
The last few years really have been a nightmare for me. Larry Brown came in and rebuilt a program that was right where I liked it, down and out. And to make matters worse, the Cornhuskers have been struggling since Danny Nee's first year.

This season things seem to be turning around. Nebraska returns three

starters, and have added several other players to give the Huskers the most depth they've possibly ever had. But do they get any credit? Of course not. Almost all the preseason polls have Nebraska picked eighth.

Unfortunately, the polls are based almost entirely on what a team did last season.

Kansas is one of those teams being hyped based on last season, despite losing four key players, one of which,



David Moyer

point-guard Kevin Pritchard, was the heart and soul of the team. Without him, the Jayhawks would have been nowhere near the team they were.

Preseason polls mean nothing now that the season has begun, and Thanksgiving break provided a few people with crow to eat instead of turkey.

After arriving home, all I heard was how good Kansas was going to be. I tried to reason with them, explaining how the cupboard is relatively bare not only in Lawrence, but elsewhere in the Big Eight. No one would listen to me.

"Are you people ignorant, or just

plain stupid? If you want to talk about teams with some talent, just look at Nebraska or Oklahoma State. They both are going to be improved, very good teams," I told them.

Laughter would fill the room. If I was at a comedy club, all I would have had to say was that statement over and over and I would have had people rolling in the aisles.

Then came Friday night, and the Huskers stomped on St. Louis, last year's NIT runner-up. But what's this? The mighty Jayhawks lost to Arizona State. This can't be right. They must have gotten the scores mixed up.

It happened. And I was so happy. Then they tried to tell me that Nebraska would lose to Illinois.

Didn't happen. And I was so happy.

Even though the Huskers lost the championship game to a good Murray State team, they opened a few eyes around the nation. Nebraska received five votes in this week's AP poll, and playing their biggest game in years against Michigan State on Wednesday, they can set themselves up for a shot at the Top 25 with a win.

More importantly though, as the Jayhawks were giving me the business for Oklahoma's thrashing of the football team, I was able to say: "Wait until basketball season."

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KU coach looking for listeners as questions surround Jayhawks

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) - It's enough to make a basketball coach think nobody listens.

Roy Williams predicted good things a year ago for his second Kansas team, but the Jayhawks were virtually ignored in almost every preseason poll. This time around, he's saying opposite things but getting similarly ignored.

"Last year I said I thought we'd be a pretty good team," Williams said with a wry grin. "Everybody else was saying we weren't going to be very good. This year everybody's saying we're going to be pretty good. But I'm the only one that's seen us practice."

Williams, however, knows as well as anybody that a multitude of question marks surround his third term as boss of the Jayhawks.

There is reason for both hope and despair for the loyal followers who flocked 242,225-strong to Allen Fieldhouse last year and who enabled Kansas to lead the Big Eight in total attendance.

On the plus side is Mark Randall, a 6-foot-9 senior who may be ready to emerge as one of the best big men in the Big Eight. Randall was the conference's most accurate shooter last year, hitting .600, and he could be on track to becoming the Jayhawks' career leader in field-goal percentage.

But one of the uppermost negatives is the loss of starters Kevin Pritchard, Rick Calloway, Jeff Gueldner and Pekka Markkanen. Most

damaging could be the loss of starting guards Pritchard and Gueldner.

Replacing them in all likelihood will be Terry Brown and Adonis Jordan. Brown, a 6-2 senior, was the No. 4 scorer for the Jayhawks last season, averaging 11 points. He averaged in double figures despite not starting a single game and averaging only about 16 minutes of playing time.

Jordan, 5-11, a contender at point guard, averaged three points and 3.1 assists. Williams also will count on a big year from Mike Maddox, a 6-7 senior who averaged almost nine points and four rebounds in a mostly backup role.

"For us to be the team we want to be, we have to have Mike Maddox healthy, and to have Adonis and Terry make big contributions," Williams said.

Kansas will also be depending on junior Alonzo Jamison, 6-5, to assert himself. A muscular 235 pounds, Jamison averaged almost five points as a backup last year.

Randall and Missouri's Doug Smith, the Big Eight player of the year, were the only Big Eight athletes to make the USA National Team last summer. Williams said he is hoping the experience will be all Randall needs to reach his full potential.

"We're looking for good things this year from Mark," Williams said. "He's a very confident, relaxed player right now."

"I'm not saying the experience is

going to let him score 2.3 more points and get 3.4 more rebounds per game," he said. "But I've had Mark for two years now and I've seen continual improvement in his game. No doubt, the experience was good for him."

The big-game experience Pritchard, Gueldner and Calloway had will be sorely missed, though.

"That experience is going to be impossible to replace," Williams said. "Those three guys had started in a national championship game. Now the three guys we're asking to take their place have never played in a national championship game. All three are good players, but there's no way to snap your fingers and get that valuable experience."

Kansas fans are hoping that, unlike last year, Williams' crystal ball is cloudy. A year ago when everybody ignored his confident expressions, the Jayhawks won the preseason NIT and spent a total of four weeks atop the national poll en route to a 30-5 record.

"Losing the people that we lost will sure make it difficult to duplicate last year," said Williams, who has a two-year log of 49-17 as KU coach.

"We need for some newcomers to step forward and establish themselves," he said. "But we don't have any way of knowing how these players will respond when they're asked to deliver more minutes. We must have significant contributions from Adonis Jordan, Alonzo Jamison, Terry Brown and others."

Patriots fined for alleged harassment

NEW YORK (AP) - Two New England Patriots players and a former teammate were fined a total of \$22,500 and the team was fined \$25,000 Tuesday by the NFL for involvement in the alleged sexual harassment of a female reporter.

Zeke Mowatt was given a \$12,500 fine, while Michael Timpson and Robert Perryman were each fined \$5,000. In addition to the team fine, the Patriots were ordered to pay \$25,000 for instructional materials on responsible dealings with the media.

No suspensions were given in the incident, which involved Lisa Olson of the Boston Herald.

The fines, levied by NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue, came after special counsel Phillip Heymann of

the Harvard Law School submitted a 60-page report on the incident. Tagli-

abue concluded that "a serious incident occurred on Sept. 17 while Ms. Lisa Olson of the Boston Herald was

interviewing cornerback Maurice Hurst in the Patriots' locker room. The incident involved misconduct of certain Patriots' players that was degrading to Ms. Olson.

"Professor Heymann's report is thorough and balanced," Tagliabue said. "It treats the entire episode on a factual basis, not with speculation, rumor or rhetoric."

Mowatt and Timpson are still with the Patriots, but Perryman was released on Nov. 6 and now plays for the Dallas Cowboys.

Tagliabue called the players' actions and statements "completely uncalled for and improper. Mowatt's conduct involved both verbal and demonstrative actions. Timpson and Perryman encouraged the misconduct."

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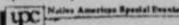
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