

Big Eight coaches roll with the punches

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For Oklahoma coach Gary Gibbs, the 45-7 loss at Colorado Saturday may have been the final blow to his job as the Sooners' head coach.

For Iowa State coach Jim Walden, this season has been a combination of punches.

After losses again last Saturday, Gibbs and Walden both addressed the need for victories this weekend during the Big Eight teleconference Monday.

The Sooners play at Kansas, while the Cyclones take on Oklahoma State in Stillwater.

Gibbs, who saw his team drop out of the Top 25 after dropping to 3-3, said losing to Colorado was no reason for Oklahoma to hang its head.

"This is by far the most talented Colorado team I've played against since I've been here at Oklahoma," he said. "They certainly were good in 1989 when they played for the national championship and when they

won it in 1990.

"But looking at the way they control the line of scrimmage and their playmakers at the skilled positions, I'd have to give this team the nod over the others."

Walden's squad dropped a 41-23 decision to Kansas, falling to 0-6 overall and 0-2 in the conference.

Despite losing to the Jayhawks, Walden said his team was improving.

"We executed better and got our quarterbacks back," he said. "Our offense did a good job executing against what I think is a pretty good defense. I like the system and the things we're trying to get done."

But many people want answers on 'Why Gibbs can't beat good opponents?' and 'Why Walden can't beat any opponent?'

Both coaches are sticking by their teams.

Walden said his concern was with his team, not his future coaching status.

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since the first game up here this year," he said. "Everything that can be turned up is as high as it can be. I don't feel any more pressure this week than another, but we need a win for the players."

"I wish there was something I could do to provide these young men a victory just for the sake of a victory. It has nothing to do with saving my job because that's a foregone conclusion. But when you're 0-6, young people need to feel winning."

As for Gibbs, the question isn't whether the Sooners will win any more games this year, but whether the Sooners even care if they win another game.

"Our desire is to go get ready to play Kansas and try to play a complete football game," Gibbs said. "To say that (Oklahoma has given up) is totally false. Our football team didn't give up the other night against Colorado, and we won't give up Saturday against Kansas."

Huskers' practice goes well

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Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne said Monday night that the Cornhuskers came through Saturday's 17-6 win over Kansas State relatively injury-free.

I-back Lawrence Phillips, who sprained his left thumb in the first half on Saturday, did not practice Monday. Osborne said Phillips' thumb had swelled up quite a bit, but the injury would not prevent him from playing in this week's game at Missouri.

Linebacker Ed Stewart and defensive lineman Terry Connealy missed practice, but both are expected to play Saturday.

Glock sprains ankle in practice

Nebraska guard Jason Glock sprained his ankle Sunday and was in a cast Monday.

Glock, a 6-foot-5 junior, will be out for two or three days to recover from the injury.

Miles defensive player of week

Cornerback Barron Miles was awarded Athlon's national defensive player of the week.

Miles, who was unanimously selected as the Big Eight defensive player of the week, set a school record with six pass breakups against Kansas State. The 5-foot-8, 165-pound senior added five tackles in the game.

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On Sunday, the Huskers defeated Wisconsin-Milwaukee 2-0 in front of a crowd of 206. After a scoreless first half, freshman Tanya Wright scored the Huskers' first goal off a corner kick at the 68-minute mark from 18 yards out to give Nebraska a 1-0 lead.

At the 79-minute mark, freshman Stephanie Vacek scored the final goal to cap off a 2-0 Husker victory.

The Huskers also chalked up a victory over Texas Christian on Friday afternoon.

After a scoreless first half by both teams, the Huskers responded by scoring four goals in 2:48 early in the second half.

The Huskers added two more goals to defeat the Horned Frogs 6-0. Freshmen Danielle Boswell and Katrena Bevins each scored two goals in the game.

Walker said that he was happy with his team's performance this weekend, and he said that Sunday's tough game should help his team prepare for the upcoming games.

"The girls battled the whole game," Walker said, "and that's all we ask them to do."

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