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# **Oklahoma** overwhelms Cyclones late, 39-26

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AMES, Iowa — Oklahoma's 39-26 victory over Iowa State on Saturday did not come easy, but it was just what Howard Schnellenberger's team nceded.

"It was a great game for us," Schnellenberger said. "Without our top three backs, (coupled with) our many errors, and we still came out with a win.'

With Oklahoma's top three run-ning backs out for the game, Schnellenberger said he was happy with the contributions of Keith Sparks, Jermaine Fazande and Michael Rose.

"From this game we learned a lot," he said. "We have seven guys who can play running back in a winning fash-

ion." The Sooners were behind for most of the game, as Iowa State drove the opening kick 80 yards for a Troy Davis touchdown.

Oklahoma put a field goal on the board to make the score 7-3. And on the first play of the second quarter, Iowa State quarterback Todd Doxzon scored on a 7-yard run to put the Cyclones up 13-3.

But the Sooners struck back with a 60-yard touchdown drive and then a field goal to tie the score at 13.

The Cyclones responded quickly with a 90-yard touchdown pass from Doxzon to Eric Williams to put Iowa State up 19-13. Oklahoma closed the

half with a 43-yard field goal to make it 19-16 at halftime.

Iowa State took a 26-23 lead in the fourth quarter on a blocked punt re-turned 22 yards for a touchdown by Kevin Hudson.

Eighteen seconds later, Oklahoma quarterback Eric Moore connected on a 90-yard pass to P.J. Mills to put the Sooners up for good.

Iowa State fumbled the ensuing kickoff, and the Sooners recovered and took advantage of the turnover to score a touchdown and go up 36-

Iowa State coach Dan McCarney appreciated the way his team played against the Sooners.

"I'm very disappointed that we lost the game," McCarney said, "but I'm proud of the effort of our coaches and players.

McCarney said that his team just did not have enough depth and did not make the plays it needed to make late in the game.

'It's a four-point game in the fourth quarter, and they made the plays and we didn't," he said. "Obviously their defense did a tremendous job. Our offense didn't score a point in the second half.

"You always try to keep the big picture in mind, and the big picture is to win football games," McCarney said. "We can start here and build. It's hard to come out of a loss with momentum, but I think it does build confidence.'

## Smith to overhaul offense after big loss to Wildcats

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MANHATTAN, Kan. - It was hard to determine what disappointed Missouri coach Larry Smith the most about his team's 30-0 loss to No. 13 Kansas State on Saturday.

Offensive inability, running up the score and trash talking all added to Smith's discontent in the Tigers' Big Eight opener.

On offense, the Wildcats, who moved up to No. 8 in the country, limited Missouri, 2-3, to 109 yards total offense, well below its normal 366-yard average.

"This is disappointing offensively," Smith said. "I thought we would come out and score some points, and then we didn't do it offensively.

Smith said he decided that the Tigers would overhaul their offense this week. Although Smith wasn't specific on the Tigers' plans, he said they would fix their offense before Saturday's 1 p.m. contest against Nebraska at Memorial Stadium.

"When you get shut out like that, you can't keep doing what you're doing," Smith said. "You have to look at what you're doing, the people that are doing it and how you're doing it.

are possible.

The Tigers' offensive output, Smith said, also was hindered by Kansas State's defense. The Wildcats produced their third consecutive shutout and have allowed the fewest touchdowns in the nation. and build build

Defensively it shows we are for real," Wildcat coach Bill Snyder said.

Kansas State's offense also disappointed Smith, especially the Wildcats' last touchdown. Kansas State scored its final touchdown with 1:26 remaining in the game on a 22-yard touchdown pass from Kansas State senior quarterback Matt Miller to senior tight end Brian Lojka.

"It was just a no-talent route," Lojka said about his touchdown catch.

Some Missouri players and Smith, however, thought the final touchdown was a chance for the Wildcats to improve their position in the polls. The Wildcats were ranked 13th in both polls going into the game.

Smith was upset with the trash talking between the two teams, and after the game, Smith and the Missouri players left the field without shaking the Wildcats' hands.

Missouri cornerback Shad Criss, who had three tackles and two interceptions for the Tigers, said besides trying to keep their ranking, the Wildcats also were doing a lot of talking. "They came in pointing, so I told them to take their No. 13 ranking and shove it," Criss said. "They were trying to run up the score and keep their



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"Then either you got to make some changes or take out some things. Maybe it's too overwhelming, I don't know.

Smith said he was willing to do anything to make the Tigers a better football team, so personnel changes or changes in the Tigers' game plan ranking."

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In the third game, Iowa State again stayed close.

Nebraska took a 6-3 lead, but then the Huskers began to struggle. A service ace by McCannon cut the deficit to two and on the next play, Stacie Maser and Christy Johnson collided as the ball fell to the floor.

After a Nebraska timeout, Allison Weston hit the ball into the net, and the Cyclones tied the game at six.

Then for the first time since the third game of the Colorado match Sept. 27, the Huskers trailed when Kirstin Hugdahl knocked down a kill. Iowa State took an 8-6 lead when Maser hit a shot wide.

Nebraska would regain the lead at 9-8 when Maser and Lisa Reitsma blocked an Iowa State shot. The Husk-

ers eventually would extend that lead to 14-10, and after the Cyclones fought off two match points, Weston's kill ended the match.

In winning the third game, Nebraska set a school-record for consecutive games won. The Huskershave won 39 straight games in 13 consecu-tive matches. Nebraska last lost a game Aug. 26 in a match against Stanford. The previous record was a 38-game streak that was set in 1985.

Pettit said he knew his team would be in for a difficult match after a tough week of practice.

"I just didn't feel that we were sharp in practice this week, and to some degree the match reflected that, Pettit said.

Nebraska was led by Iowa native Reitsma, who knocked down a matchhigh 22 kills. Hugdahl led the Cyclones with 18 kills on 43 total attacks.