

WEEK NINE  
TEXAS TECH AT IOWA ST

AMES, Iowa -- This used to be the time of the year when Iowa State would start to fade -- if it hadn't already.

Coach Matt Campbell and the Cyclones have instead finished their second straight October unbeaten, and they're peaking heading into the sport's most crucial month.

Texas Tech's Alex Bowman was forced into a safety with 4:39 left, Hakeem Butler added a 48-yard TD catch from Brock Purdy just over two minutes later and Iowa State rallied to beat the Red Raiders 40-31 on Saturday.

Bowman's two-point blunder was the break the Cyclones (4-3, 3-2 Big 12) needed to clinch their third straight win behind Purdy, their star freshman, after a 1/3 start.

"You work 10 months to get to November to be in it and to play meaningful games," Campbell said. "We've worked really hard to shed that image that you can't do that here."

With the game tied at 31, Bowman fumbled the snap, retrieved the ball and flung it away with his foot in the end zone as a hard-charging JaQuan Bailey approached. Bowman, who was supposed to run a naked bootleg and find an open receiver, failed to get the ball back to the line of scrimmage, putting Iowa State ahead 33-31.

"That's not good enough. It's on me," Texas Tech coach Kliff Kingsbury said. "We've got to get better quick."

Butler, who had four catches for 148 yards, then corralled a beautiful pass from an inconsistent Purdy to put a weird and wild game out of reach.

Purdy threw for 250 yards and a pair of touchdowns and David Montgomery added 125 yards rushing.

Bowman had 323 yards passing for Texas Tech (5-3, 3-2), but he also had three picks. Iowa State linebacker Marcel Spears had two of those interceptions, and he brought one back for a touchdown.

"We're grinding our way through it, and your back is against the wall when you start 1-3," Campbell said. "Who are we? What are we about?"

THE TAKEAWAY

Iowa State: At times, the Cyclones looked more like that team that started 1/3 than the one on a winning streak. But Iowa State's defense made a number of big plays, none bigger than its third safety in as many weeks. The Cyclones could be favored in four of their final five games -- and the second spot in the Big 12 title game remains an unlikely but somehow realistic goal.

Texas Tech: The Red Raiders blew a massive opportunity to take charge in the Big 12 standings with home games against Oklahoma and Texas. Tech wasted an early 10-0 lead, committed 10 penalties and rushed for just 30 yards. The Red Raiders have allowed a staggering 106 points in their last two trips to Ames. "We didn't finish. We've been preaching on finish throughout the summer, but we came up short. It was really tough," linebacker Riko Jeffers said.

WHERE'S ZEB

Purdy's emergence might have come with a cost. Campbell said after the game that Zeb Noland, a sophomore whose job Purdy took in a 48-42 win at Oklahoma State, took a personal leave of absence this week. "I don't know where that is right now. But he did nothing wrong," Campbell said, noting that he's hoping to have something more definitive next week.

TECH'S DEFENSE

The Red Raiders defense, which has been much improved this season, also made its fair share of plays. Texas Tech tied the game at 31 with 12:50 to go when Jeffers stripped Purdy in the end zone and Dakota Allen recovered the fumble for a touchdown. Tech held Purdy to his lowest yardage total since taking over three games ago, and Montgomery needed 33 carries to reach those 125 yards.

ETXRA POINTS

Antoine Wesley had eight catches for 119 yards, including a gorgeous 31-yard TD grab to tie the game at 24-all after Iowa State had scored 10 points in the first four minutes of the second half. ...Tech opened the scoring by blocking a punt that Thomas Leggett fell on in the end zone. ...Iowa State was 7 of 16 on third downs. The Red Raiders entered play ranked second in the Big 12 in third down defense.

HE SAID IT

"At halftime he told us that we had to go out and play the way that we know how to play. We're either going to be pretenders or contenders, and that's all he had to say. We're not pretenders, so it had to be the other one. So we had to boss our stuff up," Spears said about Campbell's halftime speech.

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TTU	10	7	7	7	31
ISU	0	14	17	9	40

Scoring Summary -----

	TTU	ISU
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
TTU TD 11:44		
Thomas Leggett 0 Yd Return of Blocked Punt (Clayton Hatfield Kick)		
3 plays, -1 yard, 1:22	7	0
TTU FG 1:24		
Clayton Hatfield 28 Yd Field Goal		
8 plays, 34 yards, 2:49	10	0
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
ISU TD 13:35		
David Montgomery 1 Yd Run (Connor Assalley Kick)		
9 plays, 75 yards, 2:53	10	7
ISU TD 4:35		
Charlie Kolar 9 Yd pass from Brock Purdy (Connor Assalley Kick)		
7 plays, 89 yards, 3:12	10	14
TTU TD 0:10		
Alan Bowman 1 Yd Run (Clayton Hatfield Kick)		
12 plays, 85 yards, 4:25	17	14
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
ISU FG 12:26		
Connor Assalley 27 Yd Field Goal		
6 plays, 33 yards, 2:34	17	17
ISU TD 11:03		
Marcel Spears Jr. 41 Yd Interception Return (Connor Assalley Kick)		
5 plays, 11 yards, 1:23	17	24
TTU TD 8:21		
Antoine Wesley 31 Yd pass from Alan Bowman (Clayton Hatfield Kick)		
8 plays, 65 yards, 2:42	24	24
ISU TD 4:41		
David Montgomery 1 Yd Run (Connor Assalley Kick)		
7 plays, 75 yards, 3:40	24	31
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
TTU TD 12:50		
Dakota Allen 0 Yd Fumble Return (Clayton Hatfield Kick)		
2 plays, -4 yards, 0:47	31	31
ISU SF 4:39		
A. Bowman sacked by J. Bailey for a Safety		
1 play, -15 yards, 0:13	31	33
ISU TD 2:25		
Hakeem Butler 48 Yd pass from Brock Purdy (Connor Assalley Kick)		
5 plays, 75 yards, 2:14	31	40

Team Stats	TTU	ISU
First Downs	24	24
Total Yards	363	422
Total Plays	81	78
Avg Gain Per Play	4.5	5.4
Net Yards Rushing	30	172
Rushes	24	51
Yards Per Rush	1.3	3.4
Net Yards Passing	333	250
Comp-Att	33-57	13-27
Yards Per Pass	5.8	9.3
Times Sacked	2	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-25	-19
Interceptions	3	0
Punts	7	7
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	10	4
Penalty Yards	105	25
Fumbles	0	1
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Possession	26:00	34:00

Individual Stats

RUSHING

	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
TTU					
Da'Leon Ward	10	16	1.6	0	7
Ta'Zhawn Henry	4	10	2.5	0	7
Alan Bowman	9	4	0.4	1	12
Demarcus Felton	1	0	0.0	0	0
ISU					
David Montgomery	33	125	3.8	2	25
Brock Purdy	14	47	3.4	0	22
Kene Nwangwu	3	5	1.7	0	6
Team	1	-5	-5.0	0	0

PASSING

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
TTU							
Alan Bowman	32	56	323	5.8	1	3	34.4
Seth Collins	1	1	10	10.0	0	0	95.8
ISU							
Brock Purdy	13	27	250	9.3	2	0	53.0

RECEIVING

	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
TTU					
Antoine Wesley	8	119	14.9	1	31
Ja'Deion High	6	70	11.7	0	17
T.J. Vasher	5	66	13.2	0	20
Da'Leon Ward	7	33	4.7	0	9
Zach Austin	1	14	14.0	0	14
Ta'Zhawn Henry	3	13	4.3	0	9
Alan Bowman	1	10	10.0	0	10
Seth Collins	1	6	6.0	0	6
KeSean Carter	1	2	2.0	0	2
ISU					
Hakeem Butler	4	148	37.0	1	48
Tarique Milton	7	89	12.7	0	22
Charlie Kolar	1	9	9.0	1	9
Deshaunte Jones	1	4	4.0	0	4