

WEEK TEN
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LAWRENCE, Kan. -- Iowa State coach Matt Campbell is a firm believer that great teams win in the red zone.

They make sure to put points on the board when they venture inside the 20-yard line, and they have the ability to turn teams back when their defense has its back against the wall.

That proved to be the case Saturday.

Brock Purdy threw a short touchdown pass to cap a three-TD performance, and the Cyclones kept stopping Kansas on fourth down on the doorstep of the end zone, allowing them to cruise to a 27-3 win -- their fourth straight since installing their freshman quarterback under center.

"There's a lot of confidence down there," Campbell said of the red zone. "We don't have a ton of five-star players so our margin for error is very small."

The margin of victory Saturday was plenty big.

Purdy finished with 263 yards passing in another stellar performance, and his other two TD tosses were big-play strikes to Hakeem Butler. David Montgomery ran for 67 yards and Purdy added 53 more on the ground as the Cyclones (5-3, 4-2) kept alive their hopes of playing in the Big 12 title game.

"Without a doubt," Iowa State defensive end Matt Leo said. "Just trust the process."

The Jayhawks' Peyton Bender was just 19 of 40 for 185 yards, though he had several passes dropped, including one for a certain TD by Stephon Robinson early in the game. Khalil Herbert added 91 yards on the ground in what amounted to the only bright spot for coach David Beaty's team.

Now, the calls for his job are sure to grow louder.

The Jayhawks (3-6, 1-5) upset TCU last week to give Beaty a week's reprieve, but his team looked woefully unprepared Saturday. Substitution mistakes, four failed fourth downs and a myriad other issues made for an ugly showing in front of a sparse crowd made up of about 50 percent Iowa State fans.

"Obviously I didn't do a very good job because things that we've executed well all week, we weren't able to connect on now," Beaty said. "That's unfortunate because they were there. We just weren't able to connect on them. That comes down to the person coaching them. That's me."

At least Purdy and Butler gave those wearing red a chance to cheer.

After forcing an early three-and-out, the Cyclones needed three plays for their young quarterback to hit his tall, lanky wide receiver deep downfield. Butler was so far behind the coverage on their 83-yard TD strike that the Jayhawks gave up and jogged behind him to the end zone.

Then, after another three-and-out, the Cyclones needed only two plays for Purdy to hit his big-play target downfield. Butler leaped over Hasan Defense to snare the jump ball, then turned and coasted 51 yards for another touchdown and a 14-0 lead.

The Cyclones tacked on a pair of field goals as they built a 20-3 halftime lead.

"Coach had a great gameplan, he had us in position to make many plays, and we ain't do it," Defense said. "So we shouldn't have been down to where we felt we had to bounce back."

Purdy added his third touchdown toss when he found Matthew Eaton open early in the third quarter to make it 27-3, and Iowa State merely coasted the rest of the way.

"We had plenty of opportunities. We weren't able to make those opportunities count when we needed them," Beaty said. "They just kind of have progressed a little bit faster than we have offensively. We got to be better than what we were."

HONORS ALL AROUND

For its "Salute to Service" weekend, the Jayhawks honored Kansas alumni and Marine Corps veterans Rob Riggle and Billy Mills during the game. Riggle has gone on to a successful acting career while Mills won gold at the 1964 Summer Olympics in the 10,000 meters before becoming a humanitarian.

THE TAKEAWAY

Iowa State: Purdy has gained confidence with each start, and it showed in the way he toyed with the Jayhawks' defense. He deftly picked apart a bunch that played well a week ago against the Horned Frogs, and his ability to extend plays with his legs make the Cyclones a challenge to stop.

Kansas: New athletic director Jeff Long will no doubt take a close look at Beaty's future with the program. The fact that the Jayhawks appeared uninspired and unprepared was bad enough, but the ocean of empty seats at Memorial Stadium each Saturday has become too difficult to ignore.

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ISU	14	6	7	0	27
KU	0	3	0	0	3

Scoring Summary -----

	ISU	KU
FIRST QUARTER		
ISU TD 9:39		
Hakeem Butler 83 Yd pass from Brock Purdy (Connor Assalley Kick)		
3 plays, 95 yards, 0:57	7	0
ISU TD 6:59		
Hakeem Butler 51 Yd pass from Brock Purdy (Connor Assalley Kick)		
2 plays, 65 yards, 0:33	14	0
SECOND QUARTER		
ISU FG 11:20		
Connor Assalley 47 Yd Field Goal		
11 plays, 39 yards, 3:52	17	0
ISU FG 2:49		
Connor Assalley 23 Yd Field Goal		
8 plays, 71 yards, 3:43	20	0
KU FG 0:03		
Gabriel Rui 47 Yd Field Goal		
14 plays, 46 yards, 2:46	20	3
THIRD QUARTER		
ISU TD 10:10		
Matthew Eaton 3 Yd pass from Brock Purdy (Connor Assalley Kick)		
9 plays, 60 yards, 3:32	27	3

Team Stats	ISU	KU
First Downs	20	20
Total Yards	394	339
Total Plays	62	83
Avg Gain Per Play	6.4	4.1
Net Yards Rushing	121	147
Rushes	38	40
Yards Per Rush	3.2	3.7
Net Yards Passing	273	192
Comp-Att	17-24	19-43
Yards Per Pass	11.4	4.5
Times Sacked	1	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-7	-26
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	5	5
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	2	3
Penalty Yards	12	25
Fumbles	0	3
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Possession	28:40	31:20

Individual Stats

RUSHING						
ISU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	
David Montgomery	14	64	4.6	0	14	
Brock Purdy	10	27	2.7	0	13	
Kene Nwangwu	7	18	2.6	0	7	
Johnnie Lang	4	8	2.0	0	7	
Sheldon Croney Jr.	3	4	1.3	0	3	
KU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	
Khalil Herbert	21	91	4.3	0	23	
Pooka Williams Jr.	17	58	3.4	0	14	
Dom Williams	1	5	5.0	0	5	
Peyton Bender	1	-7	-7.0	0	0	

PASSING							
ISU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Brock Purdy	16	23	263	11.4	3	0	92.1
Kyle Kempt	1	1	10	10.0	0	0	99.2
KU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Peyton Bender	19	41	185	4.5	0	0	12.8
Team	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	--
Khalil Herbert	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	2.6

RECEIVING					
ISU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Hakeem Butler	5	164	32.8	2	83
Landen Akers	3	34	11.3	0	15
Deshaunte Jones	4	31	7.8	0	12
Tarique Milton	2	30	15.0	0	28
Matthew Eaton	3	14	4.7	1	7
KU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Steven Sims Jr.	7	71	10.1	0	20
Stephon Robinson	4	52	13.0	0	34
Pooka Williams Jr.	6	42	7.0	0	11
Takulve Williams	1	15	15.0	0	15
Kwamie Lassiter II	1	5	5.0	0	5