

WEEK FOUR
ULM at IOWA ST

Purdy scores 6 TDs, Iowa State throttles ULM 72-20

AMES, Iowa -- Iowa State desperately needed a spark after barely beating Northern Iowa and losing a heartbreaker to rival Iowa.

Sophomore Brock Purdy gave the Cyclones the jolt they were looking for with one of the best individual performances in school history.

Purdy threw for a career-high 435 yards and tied a school record with six touchdowns and Iowa State throttled Louisiana-Monroe 72-20 on Saturday, its best scoring output in 113 years.

“Our offense clicked, the receivers were great, offensive line did amazing,” Purdy said. “It just happened. It’s not something I go into the game thinking (about) records. As long as we’re winning, I’m totally fine.”

Purdy tossed three touchdown passes and ran for 75 yards and three TDs for the Cyclones (2-1), becoming the first player in school history to surpass 500 yards of total offense.

Purdy wasn’t the only once piling it on against a ULM team that took Florida State to overtime in its opener.

Iowa State finished with a school-best 714 yards and scored its most points since beating Cornell 81-0 in 1906 -- the same year the forward pass became legal. Purdy and the Cyclones broke free in the second half, pushing a 14-point halftime lead to 48-20 with three touchdowns in the third quarter.

Purdy ran it in from 13 yards out, found Deshaunte Jones for an 84-yard TD connection and hit Sean Shaw from 12 yards out to make it a 28-point game with 19 seconds left in the third.

Purdy racked up 510 total yards despite sitting out the fourth quarter. Tarique Milton had 142 yards receiving for the Cyclones, and Jones had 100 on just two grabs.

“We played like a football team for the first time this year,” Iowa State coach Matt Campbell said. “You felt like we were playing off each other. When we play special teams, offense, defense and flow, you have an opportunity to be ... really good.”

Caleb Evans threw for 176 yards and two TDs and ran for 93 yards for ULM (1-2). The Warhawks allowed 45 points in the second half, the same total it gave up in four quarters and overtime against the Seminoles.

THE TAKEAWAY

Iowa State: Entering play, Iowa State’s 15 points a game in regulation would’ve ranked 125th out of 130 FBS schools. The Cyclones snapped out of their funk with authority, as Purdy found both opened and seemingly covered receivers with ease. Iowa State’s defense didn’t have a great day, but for once the offense picked it up.

ULM: The Warhawks forced Purdy to throw a pick and fumble the ball away in Iowa State territory in the first five minutes -- and got zero points out of either turnover. That’s not a formula for success when you’re on the road against a Power 5 opponent. Iowa State responded by scoring on 12 consecutive drives.

IS RE-AL FOR REAL?

Iowa State backup quarterback Re-al Mitchell got the first extended playing time of his career, and he flashed promise with his feet. Mitchell closed out the scoring with a 29-yard TD run on third down, evading multiple defenders before cruising into the end zone. Mitchell ran for 65 yards on just four carries and his only completion, a 9-yarder to Shaw, went for a score. For a team still seeking a No. 1 guy at tailback, Mitchell looked like a difference-maker on the ground.

TIDBITS

Bret Oberg also had six touchdowns for Iowa State, doing so against Oklahoma in 1989, and Joel Lanning, Troy Davis and Joe Henderson scored five touchdowns in a game for the Cyclones. Lanning did it three years ago in the Cyclones’ 66-10 rout of Patrick Mahomes and Texas Tech. ... ULM finished with 425 yards and went 8 of 17 on third downs. The Warhawks found success when Evans pulled it down and ran with a potential punt looming. ... Jake Hummel, a freshman from powerhouse Dowling Catholic in West Des Moines, Iowa, returned an interception 48 yards for a touchdown.

HE SAID IT

“That guy’s a gym rat. He’s in here as much as our coaching staff in studying and detailing what it takes to be a great quarterback. Certainly he did some great things,” Campbell said about Purdy.

Final	1	2	3	4	T		
ULM	0	13	7	0	20		
ISU	14	13	21	24	72		
Scoring Summary -----							
FIRST QUARTER							
ISU TD 4:59 Brock Purdy 7 Yd Run (Connor Assalley Kick)			ULM	ISU			
6 plays, 69 yards, 2:52			0	7			
ISU TD 2:03 Brock Purdy 7 Yd Run (Connor Assalley Kick)			ULM	ISU			
3 plays, 40 yards, 1:09			0	14			
SECOND QUARTER							
ISU TD 14:49 Tarique Milton 73 Yd pass from Brock Purdy (Connor Assalley Kick)			ULM	ISU			
2 plays, 75 yards, 0:20			0	21			
ULM TD 10:26 Josh Pederson 19 Yd pass from Caleb Evans (Jared Porter Kick)			7	21			
10 plays, 83 yards, 4:17			7	24			
ISU FG 7:46 Connor Assalley 21 Yd Field Goal			7	24			
7 plays, 61 yards, 2:34			13	24			
ULM TD 2:50 Josh Johnson 1 Yd Run (PAT failed)			13	24			
12 plays, 87 yards, 4:56			11 plays, 55 yards, 2:47	27			
ISU FG 0:03 Connor Assalley 37 Yd Field Goal			ULM	ISU			
11 plays, 55 yards, 2:47			13	34			
THIRD QUARTER							
ISU TD 12:40 Brock Purdy 13 Yd Run (Connor Assalley Kick)			20	48			
6 plays, 75 yards, 2:20			ULM	ISU			
ISU TD 8:37 Deshaunte Jones 84 Yd pass from Brock Purdy (Connor Assalley Kick)			20	55			
3 plays, 84 yards, 0:57			13	41			
ULM TD 3:56 Jonathan Hodoh 38 Yd pass from Caleb Evans (Craig Walker Kick)			20	41			
10 plays, 76 yards, 4:35			20	65			
ISU TD 0:19 Sean Shaw Jr. 12 Yd pass from Brock Purdy (Connor Assalley Kick)			20	72			
7 plays, 75 yards, 3:37			20	72			
FOURTH QUARTER							
ISU TD 10:42 Sean Shaw Jr. 9 Yd pass from Re-al Mitchell (Connor Assalley Kick)			20	72			
6 plays, 54 yards, 2:53			20	72			
ISU FG 7:36 Connor Assalley 24 Yd Field Goal			20	72			
6 plays, 30 yards, 2:23			20	72			
ISU TD 7:09 Jake Hummel 48 Yd Interception Return (Connor Assalley Kick)			20	72			
2 plays, 15 yards, 0:27			20	72			
ISU TD 2:32 Re-al Mitchell 29 Yd Run (Connor Assalley Kick)			20	72			
5 plays, 63 yards, 2:27			20	72			
Team Stats							
First Downs			ULM	ISU			
Passes for First			22	31			
Rushes for First			10	16			
Penalties for First			10	15			
Third Down Efficiency			2	0			
Fourth Down Efficiency			8-17	5-8			
Total Yards			0-3	0-0			
Total Plays			425	714			
Avg Gain Per Play			80	67			
Net Yards Rushing			5.3	10.7			
Rushes			228	270			
Yards Per Rush			43	37			
Net Yards Passing			5.3	7.3			
Comp-Att			197	444			
Yards Per Pass			21-37	22-30			
Times Sacked			5.3	14.8			
Yds Lost To Sacks			0	3			
Interceptions			0	-27			
Punts			2	1			
Punt Average			4	0			
Penalties			0.0	0.0			
Penalty Yards			4	4			
Fumbles			22	45			
Fumbles Lost			1	1			
Time of Poss			1	1			
Individual Stats			32:46	27:14			
RUSHING							
ULM	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Caleb Evans	17	93	5.5	0	40		
Josh Johnson	14	87	6.2	1	46		
Isaiah Phillips	10	27	2.7	0	9		
Chandler Whitfield	1	18	18.0	0	18		
Colby Suits	1	3	3.0	0	3		
IOWA ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Brock Purdy	9	75	8.3	3	25		
Re-al Mitchell	4	65	16.3	1	29		
Jirehl Brock	5	40	8.0	0	13		
Breece Hall	5	35	7.0	0	13		
Kene Nwangwu	2	22	11.0	0	19		
Sheldon Croney Jr.	9	20	2.2	0	4		
Johnnie Lang	1	9	9.0	0	9		
Landen Akers	1	8	8.0	0	8		
PASSING							
ULM	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Caleb Evans	19/30	176	5.9	2	1	40.5	
Colby Suits	2/7	21	3.0	0	1	0.3	
IOWA ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Brock Purdy	21/27	435	16.1	3	1	96.0	
Re-al Mitchell	1/2	9	4.5	1	0	98.3	
RECEIVING							
ULM	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Jonathan Hodoh	3	46	15.3	1	38		
Josh Pederson	3	40	13.3	1	19		
Zach Jackson	4	34	8.5	0	11		
Brandius Batiste	2	27	13.5	0	17		
Markis McCray	3	14	4.7	0	6		
Chandler Whitfield	3	11	3.7	0	7		
Perry Carter Jr.	1	10	10.0	0	10		
Isaiah Phillips	1	9	9.0	0	9		
Xavier Brown	1	6	6.0	0	6		
IOWA ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Tarique Milton	3	142	47.3	1	73		
Deshaunte Jones	2	100	50.0	1	84		
Charlie Kolar	5	79	15.8	0	26		
La'Michael Pettway	4	50	12.5	0	21		
Sean Shaw Jr.	2	21	10.5	2	12		
Chase Allen	2	19	9.5	0	11		
Sheldon Croney Jr.	1	15	15.0	0	15		
Dylan Soehner	1	14	14.0	0	14		
Johnnie Lang	2	4	2.0	0	2		