

WEEK THIRTEEN
KANSAS at IOWA ST

Iowa State rallies to top Kansas 41-31

AMES, Iowa -- With a chance to finish off the surprisingly tough Jayhawks, Iowa State coach Matt Campbell put the game in sophomore quarterback Brock Purdy's hands.

Purdy made Campbell look like a genius, closing the door on Kansas with a fourth-down touchdown pass with 1:09 left.

Purdy threw for 372 yards and four TDs -- including the game-clinching one on fourth-and-goal from the 4 -- and Iowa State rallied to beat Kansas 41-31 on Saturday and clinch its third straight winning season.

"Like I told our seniors, it was fitting that guts, toughness (and) heart was the way we were able to win," Campbell said. "We didn't play great. I'm not going to sugarcoat that in any way, shape or form."

La'Michael Pettway had 96 yards receiving and two touchdowns for the Cyclones (7-4, 5-3 Big 12), who've now compiled three consecutive winning years just twice in the modern era. Iowa State, under coach Earle Bruce, won eight games each in 1976, 1977 and 1978 before Bruce bolted for Ohio State.

But the Cyclones nearly blew it against the league's last-place team.

Kansas (3-8, 1-7) scored two touchdowns in just 77 seconds late in the third quarter, the second coming after Purdy threw an interception, to jump ahead 24-21.

Purdy responded with a 24-yard TD pass to Breece Hall, and he ran for a five-yard touchdown with 5:10 left to put Iowa State back on top 34-31.

After stopping Kansas on fourth down at the Iowa State 37, the Cyclones could have either kicked the chip-shot field goal and made it a six-point game -- with Kansas out of timeouts -- or go for it all.

Campbell went for the kill, and Purdy scrambled away from danger until Shaw could get open for the score that sealed Iowa State's fifth straight win over Kansas, a 24-point underdog entering play.

"They made one more play than we did, certainly at the end," Kansas coach Les Miles said.

Carter Stanley threw for 328 yards and three TDs for Kansas, and Pooka Williams ran for 154 yards.

"Sick, frustrated," Williams said of the vibe in the KU locker room. "But I feel like we have a chance...against every team we play."

THE BIG PICTURE

Iowa State: The Cyclones' defense, which has been really good for most of the season, had one of its worst games in years. Iowa State allowed 493 yards and nine third-down conversions. But the Cyclones had Purdy, who has blossomed into one of the nation's best this season. "When this team has needed him the most, he's been his best," Campbell said.

Kansas: The Jayhawks also went for a huge gamble late, going for it on 4th-down-and-5 with 4:18 left down by three. It didn't work, as Stanley threw a ball over the middle and behind the sticks that Anthony Johnson swatted away. Still, Kansas can take solace in knowing it threw the ultimate scare into a program whose ascent the Jayhawks will look to emulate in the years ahead. "I would rather have had the ball in our hands than in their hands. So the opportunity to go for it on fourth down when your quarterback is hot and the opportunity to keep that possession, keep the ball in our hands was just what I wanted to do," Miles said of his decision to go for it.

PIVOTAL MOMENT

The Cyclones let Kansas drive 85 yards on its final possession of the first half, which was reminiscent of the 75-yard, 30-second TD drive Texas had to close out the second quarter last week. But Iowa State held KU to a field goal and then a three-and-out to open the third quarter, and Purdy's 4-yard TD toss to Pettway less than three minutes later made it 21-9. That sequence got lost in the madness that ensued, but the Cyclones likely don't win the game without such a response.

THE NUMBERS

Breece Hall ran for 97 yards. ...Andrew Parchment caught eight passes for 86 yards, and Stephon Robinson had 75 yards receiving -- including a 40-yard TD with 10:42 to go that put Kansas back on top 31-27. ...Iowa State finished with 489 yards and scored on all four of its trips to the red zone. ...The Cyclones were 10 of 16 on third down. ...Liam Jones hit field goals of 36, 37 and 30 yards for Kansas. But the result might have been different in the Jayhawks could have punched it in instead on any of those drives.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
KU	6	3	15	7	31
ISU	7	7	7	20	41

Scoring Summary -----

	KU	ISU
FIRST QUARTER		
KU FG 6:25 Liam Jones 36 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 40 yards, 3:19	3	0
ISU TD 3:44 La'Michael Pettway 25 Yd pass from Brock Purdy (Connor Assalley Kick)		
5 plays, 75 yards, 2:41	3	7
KU FG 0:49 Liam Jones 37 Yd Field Goal		
8 plays, 49 yards, 2:49	6	7
SECOND QUARTER		
ISU TD 3:44 Breece Hall 1 Yd Run (Connor Assalley Kick)		
15 plays, 80 yards, 6:04	6	14
KU FG 0:10 Liam Jones 30 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 85 yards, 1:26	9	14
THIRD QUARTER		
ISU TD 11:12 La'Michael Pettway 4 Yd pass from Brock Purdy (Connor Assalley Kick)		
8 plays, 59 yards, 2:46	9	21
KU TD 1:30 Pooka Williams Jr. 27 Yd pass from Carter Stanley (Liam Jones Kick)		
10 plays, 62 yards, 2:59	16	21
KU TD 0:13 Spencer Roe 2 Yd pass from Carter Stanley (Carter Stanley Pass to Andrew Parchment for Two-Point Conversion)		
4 plays, 38 yards, 1:10	24	21
FOURTH QUARTER		
ISU TD 13:42 Breece Hall 24 Yd pass from Brock Purdy (Connor Assalley PAT failed)		
4 plays, 57 yards, 1:21	24	27
KU TD 10:42 Stephon Robinson Jr. 40 Yd pass from Carter Stanley (Liam Jones Kick)		
7 plays, 73 yards, 2:54	31	27
ISU TD 5:10 Brock Purdy 5 Yd Run (Connor Assalley Kick)		
9 plays, 71 yards, 5:27	31	34
ISU TD 1:09 Sean Shaw Jr. 4 Yd pass from Brock Purdy (Connor Assalley Kick)		
7 plays, 37 yards, 3:05	31	41

Team Stats	KU	ISU
First Downs	22	24
Passes for First	12	18
Rushes for First	10	5
Penalties for First	0	1
Third Down Efficiency	9-19	10-16
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-2	1-2
Total Yards	493	489
Total Plays	76	77
Avg Gain Per Play	6.5	6.4
Net Yards Rushing	165	117
Rushes	32	35
Yards Per Rush	5.2	3.3
Net Yards Passing	328	372
Comp-Att	23-44	29-42
Yards Per Pass	7.5	8.9
Times Sacked	0	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-15
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	4	4
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	6	6
Penalty Yards	55	50
Fumbles	0	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Time of Poss	25:43	34:17

Individual Stats

RUSHING

KANSAS	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Pooka Williams Jr.	19	154	8.1	0	48
Stephon Robinson Jr.	1	6	6.0	0	6
Velton Gardner	5	4	0.8	0	3
Torry Locklin	1	2	2.0	0	2
Ben Miles	1	0	0.0	0	0
Carter Stanley	5	-1	-0.2	0	9
IOWA ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Breece Hall	28	97	3.5	1	14
Brock Purdy	3	9	3.0	1	5
Johnnie Lang	2	7	3.5	0	4
Sheldon Croney Jr.	1	5	5.0	0	5
Team	1	-1	-1.0	0	0

PASSING

KANSAS	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Carter Stanley	23	44	328	7.5	3	0	55.9
IOWA ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Brock Purdy	29	42	372	8.9	4	1	90.4

RECEIVING

KANSAS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Andrew Parchment	8	86	10.8	0	25
Stephon Robinson Jr.	5	75	15.0	1	40
Kwamie Lassiter II	5	61	12.2	0	31
Pooka Williams Jr.	2	52	26.0	1	27
Daylon Charlot	2	52	26.0	0	31
Spencer Roe	1	2	2.0	1	2
IOWA ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Charlie Kolar	6	100	16.7	0	30
La'Michael Pettway	6	96	16.0	2	25
Deshaunte Jones	7	74	10.6	0	19
Breece Hall	2	40	20.0	1	24
Sean Shaw Jr.	3	29	9.7	1	14
Chase Allen	2	16	8.0	0	10
Landen Akers	2	10	5.0	0	6
Johnnie Lang	1	7	7.0	0	7