

WEEK TWO
BOWLING GREEN at KANSAS ST

Kansas State blanks Bowling Green 52-0

MANHATTAN, Kan. -- Kansas State totaled more than 500 offensive yards in consecutive games for the first time in school history on Saturday after dismantling Bowling Green 52-0.

The Wildcats have dominated to start the season, outscoring Nicholls and Bowling Green 111-14 combined.

"I challenged the guys this week to improve upon week one and in particular this morning to get the fight started quickly and jump on them from the start," head coach Chris Klieman said. "I was so pleased."

The Wildcats did just that, holding their opponent scoreless in the first half for the second straight week.

It was an offensive mismatch as Malik Knowles had 99 receiving yards and two touchdown catches and Skylar Thompson threw for 151 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Knowles missed a few catches last week, but made up for those against the Falcons

"It was relieving, that was my main focus throughout the week to make sure that didn't happen again," Knowles said.

James Gilbert led the Wildcats' ground game for the second straight game with 103 rushing yards and found the end zone twice. Jordan Brown, Harry Trotter and Joe Ervin also provided rushing touchdowns. Kansas State has scored 10 rushing touchdowns in two games. The Wildcats played many freshmen, including Ervin and Jacardia Wright, who combined for 22 carries, 87 yards and a touchdown.

"Our plan all along was to play a bunch of freshman no matter what the score was just to see how they would react under live fire," Klieman said. "We'll look at the film, but I was glad to see some guys playing and we'll see how much they play moving forward."

The Falcons never got their offense going, totaling 140 yards with just five first downs.

Darius Wade threw for 79 yards on eight completions for Bowling Green and Davon Jones had 47 rushing yards. The Kansas State defense stifled the Falcons, whose offense was on the field for just 44 plays and a little over 17 minutes.

"He (Darius) did not play as well as we hoped," head coach Scot Loeffler said. "The way that he was at times his rhythm and tempo were there. We need other people around him to play better."

The Wildcats marched down the field to start the game, but only got a field goal, then scored TDs on their next five possessions.

"They did not do anything we did not prepare for," Loeffler said. "They just did it better and more efficient."

Kansas State was able to rest its starters for most of the second half, which could give the Wildcats fresher legs for their first road game next week at Mississippi State.

The Wildcats will look to get revenge on the Bulldogs after a 31-10 loss last season.

"This is just the beginning, game two, playing good, but we're not where we want to be," KSU defensive end Reggie Walker said. "It just all makes us hungry."

THE TAKEAWAY

Bowling Green: The Falcons were overmatched and couldn't stop the Kansas State offense in the first half.

Kansas State: For the second straight week, the Wildcats looked about as good as they could. Kleiman has found his quarterback in Thompson, but they'll face their first true test against an SEC foe next week.

JUST KEEPS WINNING

Klieman has won 23 consecutive games, dating to when he was head coach at North Dakota State. His last loss came to South Dakota State in 2017.

RENOVATIONS COMING

Kansas State Athletics announced a \$105 million renovation project, in which part will be for Bill Snyder Family Stadium's south end zone. Construction will begin in May 2020 and be completed by the start of the 2021 football season.

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BGSU	0	0	0	0	0
KSU	17	21	7	7	52

Scoring Summary -----

FIRST QUARTER	BGSU	KSU
KSU FG 11:46 Blake Lynch 24 Yd Field Goal		
8 plays, 50 yards, 3:14	0	3
KSU TD 5:57 Jordon Brown 50 Yd Run (Blake Lynch Kick)		
7 plays, 84 yards, 3:56	0	10
KSU TD 0:40 James Gilbert 17 Yd Run (Blake Lynch Kick)		
8 plays, 78 yards, 3:58	0	17
SECOND QUARTER	BGSU	KSU
KSU TD 12:26 Harry Trotter 1 Yd Run (Blake Lynch Kick)		
6 plays, 24 yards, 3:08	0	24
KSU TD 7:42 James Gilbert 5 Yd Run (Blake Lynch Kick)		
6 plays, 74 yards, 3:00	0	31
KSU TD 4:02 Malik Knowles 34 Yd pass from Skylar Thompson (Blake Lynch Kick)		
6 plays, 56 yards, 3:18	0	38
THIRD QUARTER	BGSU	KSU
KSU TD 11:37 Malik Knowles 20 Yd pass from Skylar Thompson (Blake Lynch Kick)		
4 plays, 38 yards, 1:58	0	45
FOURTH QUARTER	BGSU	KSU
KSU TD 9:45 Joe Ervin 6 Yd Run (Blake Lynch Kick)		
14 plays, 68 yards, 8:22	0	52

Team Stats	BGSU	KSU
First Downs	5	25
Passes for First	3	12
Rushes for First	2	11
Penalties for First	0	2
Third Down Efficiency	0-11	9-16
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-2	2-2
Total Yards	140	521
Total Plays	44	77
Avg Gain Per Play	3.2	6.8
Net Yards Rushing	61	333
Rushes	20	58
Yards Per Rush	3.1	5.7
Net Yards Passing	79	188
Comp-Att	11-24	14-19
Yards Per Pass	3.3	9.9
Times Sacked	2	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-9	-11
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	9	3
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	6	4
Penalty Yards	50	35
Fumbles	1	2
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Time of Poss	17:08	42:52

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
BOWLING GREEN	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Davon Jones	8	47	5.9	0	19		
Nigel Sealey	4	10	2.5	0	8		
Bryson Denley	5	4	0.8	0	5		
Darius Wade	3	0	0.0	0	9		
KANSAS ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
James Gilbert	8	103	12.9	2	51		
Jordon Brown	4	64	16.0	1	50		
Jacardia Wright	14	59	4.2	0	17		
Joe Ervin	8	28	3.5	1	6		
Skylar Thompson	3	26	8.7	0	14		
John Holcombe II	8	23	2.9	0	13		
Harry Trotter	9	22	2.4	1	7		
Malik Knowles	1	12	12.0	0	12		
Tyler Burns	1	0	0.0	0	0		
PASSING							
BOWLING GREEN	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Darius Wade	8	19	79	4.2	0	0	2.8
Grant Loy	3	5	0	0.0	0	0	3.8
KANSAS ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Skylar Thompson	10	13	151	11.6	2	0	99.1
Nick Ast	3	3	28	9.3	0	0	100.0
John Holcombe II	1	3	9	3.0	0	0	5.2
RECEIVING							
BOWLING GREEN	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Rodell Rahmaan	1	34	34.0	0	34		
Bryson Denley	3	23	7.7	0	10		
Quintin Morris	1	16	16.0	0	16		
Christian Sims	2	4	2.0	0	3		
Austin Dorris	1	2	2.0	0	2		
Presley Motes	1	2	2.0	0	2		
RB Marlow III	1	1	1.0	0	1		
Nigel Sealey	1	-3	-3.0	0	0		
KANSAS ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Malik Knowles	5	99	19.8	2	34		
Wykeen Gill	1	22	22.0	0	22		
Chabastin Taylor	4	21	5.3	0	9		
Dalton Schoen	1	12	12.0	0	12		
Seth Porter	1	12	12.0	0	12		
Joshua Youngblood	1	12	12.0	0	12		
Jordon Brown	1	10	10.0	0	10		