

Banks dominates for Wildcat football team

By ARNE GREEN
Special to The Herald

By the time his Oklahoma Sooners finally finished off Kansas State on Saturday night, Bob Stoops had seen enough of Brandon Banks to last him a lifetime.

"I put my arm around him and said, 'You're a senior, aren't you,' and he said, 'Yeah,' and I said, 'I'm glad. I'm tired of watching you return kicks,'" Stoops said during the Big 12 coaches' conference call Monday. "I held my breath every time last week and we did a great job up until the last one."

"We kind of went to the well one too many times, and with his speed, he'll get you. He does a great job with it."

Banks, K-State's 5-foot-7, 150-pound receiver, was named Big 12 special teams player of the week for the third time this year and second time in the past three weeks after returning a kickoff 98 yards for a touchdown against the Sooners.

The fourth-quarter return against OU cut the Sooners' lead to 35-30. They eventually hung on for a 42-30 victory.

Banks also caught nine passes for 156

yards and finished with 351 all-purpose yards in the game, the most in the Big 12 and the nation this season. The kickoff return touchdown was his fourth of the season, extending his school and Big 12 records and pulling him within one of the NCAA mark. His five career returns also are one short of the national record.

K-State coach Bill Snyder, asked again if Banks now tops the list of outstanding return men for the Wildcats, said, "That's quite conceivable."

"To this point in time, he's certainly the fastest that we've had back there, I believe anyway," Snyder added. "He really does a nice job, and all of the people who work on those return units, they certainly have a share of it as well."

"But the answer is he very likely is (the best)."

Snyder said he has never been concerned about lack of physical stature.

"Before I met him, I knew he wasn't a large young man, though I really had no reflection on his size after we had a chance to visit," Snyder said of his initial meeting with Banks, whom he had seen as a spectator last year before return-

ing to the K-State sideline this season. "Speed and athletic movement normally preclude guys from being as subject to injury as others might."

"I remember that was the rap on Darren (Sproles, former Wildcat All-America running back) when he was here. He was just one of those guys that had the ability to change direction so well that it was very hard to get real solid hits on him."

Mangino defends decision

While Snyder fielded questions about Banks, Kansas coach Mark Mangino was asked repeatedly Monday about his decision to bench quarterback Todd Reesing at the end of the Jayhawks' 42-21 loss to Texas Tech.

"I don't think it was difficult at all," he said. "I think it was the appropriate thing to do."

"Number one, he wasn't getting great protection from the offensive line, and I didn't want him taking any more shots. Number two, things just weren't in sync for our whole offense, not just him but our whole offense, so I thought it was in

his best interest and the team's best interest to take him out of there for the last couple of series."

Mangino made no mention of an injury, though Reesing reportedly said after the game that he was nursing a groin injury. Redshirt freshman Kale Pick relieved Reesing and remains No. 2 on the depth chart, with former quarterback and current starting receiver Kerry Meier at No. 3.

Asked if Reesing would be the starter for Saturday's 11:30 a.m. game at Kansas State, Mangino didn't hesitate. "Of course," he said.

TV games

The Big 12 announced Monday that Kansas State's Nov. 14 home finale against Missouri will be televised at 11:30 a.m. by Versus, which can be seen in Salina on digital cable channel 257.

ABC picked Kansas' home game with Nebraska for its 2:30 p.m. slot.

This week's Sunflower Showdown between KU and K-State also will be on Versus at 11:30 a.m.

Jewell downs Lady Braves

By GREG MAST
Herald Sports Editor

The Ottawa University women's basketball team was not deep enough in the post to stay close to a seasoned William Jewell squad Tuesday in the season opener at Wilson Field House.

The Lady Braves had just two post players available, and William Jewell attacked that weakness to hand Ottawa a 91-61 loss.

Ottawa was outscored 56-28 in the paint and lost the board battle 42-26.

The Lady Braves got thinner inside as freshman Stacy Post and junior guard Kylie Covey missed the game with injuries.

"It was a learning game for us," third-year Ottawa coach Bruce Tate said. "I wanted us to learn how to compete."

Ottawa started off slow in that area. Tate said Ottawa competed hard for about seven minutes in the first half.

William Jewell broke open the game midway through the first half with a 21-2 spurt to open a 39-13 bulge.

Tate said Jewell showed its experience and talent.

"They have experienced go-to people," Tate said. "They know how to score in certain situations."

Ottawa's troubles early on the offensive end was turnovers and missed

shots, especially inside.

The Lady Braves came alive offensively late in the first half to come within 47-28 at halftime.

Ottawa opened the second half with a nice burst offensively to draw within 15.

The Lady Cardinals used a 16-0 run late in the game to increase the lead back to 30 points.

"We gave up too many easy baskets," Tate said. "We could not match up with them [inside]."

Tate said there were positives in the game.

"We have to build on those," he said.

Junior Emma Hartzler paced Ottawa with 12 points. Maggie Hasenkamp hit three treys en route to 11 points. Park University transfer KiKi Smith had 11 points and four assists.

Ottawa (0-1) plays Friday and Saturday in the Friends Classic in Wichita. The Lady Braves play 5 p.m. Friday against Hillsdale and 2 p.m. Saturday versus Central Methodist.

Scoring

William Jewell (91) — Adams 18, Ferguson 24, Bond 13, Roberts 12, Colby 2, Harrington 3, Switzer 4, Patton 4, Stockton 3, Akins 8.

Ottawa (61) — Gibson 8, Stone 8, Morris 7, Hartzler 12, Mueller 2, Hasenkamp 11, Smith 11, Sprew 2.

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the Indians' 8-yard line. Osage City's Preston Conner intercepted a ball in the end zone and ran it out to his own 3-yard line.

The Indians needed just eight plays to move the ball 97 yards to extend their lead.

Tice scored from the 1-yard line on a quarterback sneak to make the score 14-0.

The Indians scored again on their next possession, this time taking advantage of a short field using seven plays to move the ball 39 yards.

The Indians' Sultan Cousin got the score this time on a 9-yard run on an option play. The score at the half was 21-0.

Osage City received the second half kickoff and moved the ball 54 yards in three plays to make the score 28-0. Tice got his third touchdown of the game on a 29-yard scramble.

The Vikings finally got on the board on the next possession. They put together an 11-play, 54-yard drive leading to a 14-yard touchdown pass reception by Hoskins from Skye Mills. The score narrowed the gap to 28-6.

The scoring was unchanged until midway through the fourth quarter when an Osage City punt pinned the Vikings at their own 2-yard line.

On the Vikings' first play from scrimmage Osage City's Trevor Frye

broke through the line and tackled the ball carrier in the end zone for a safety.

The free kick that followed gave the Indians great field position, and on the third play of the drive Cousins took a toss 31 yards around the right end for a touchdown.

The final score of the game was another Mills to Hoskins touchdown pass.

Hoskins pulled in a 19-yard pass on a fly pattern with 39 seconds to go in the game.

Mills was 13 of 21 passing for the game for 202 yards.

Tice had 310 yards rushing on 30 carries. He was also six of 13 passing for 75 yards. Cousins had 79 yards rushing on eight carries.

The Vikings' season concluded with a 4-6 record, including the playoff loss. First-year head coach Swendson was proud that his team battled.

"We opened the season with a win. Then we had three straight losses," he said.

"That was a tough time, but we recovered in time to win our district."

Swendson said he learned a lot from his first year running the program.

"We need to step up our preparation of the little details," he said.

"The team needs to be better prepared mentally for some of the situations that occur."

OU falls in 3 games to Tabor

By The Herald Staff

HILLSBORO — The Ottawa University volleyball team fell in three games Tuesday to Tabor (25-23, 25-20, 32-30) in

Hillsboro.

The Lady Braves (13-20, 7-10) play 7 p.m. Thursday in Lindsborg against Bethany College.

Scoreboard

Schedules

Thursday
College volleyball
Ottawa at Bethany, 7 p.m.

Friday
College soccer
TBA at Ottawa (W)

College basketball
Ottawa at Central Methodist (M), 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa vs. Hillsdale, 5 p.m.

Saturday
College football
Bethany at Ottawa, 1:30 p.m.

College soccer
TBA at Ottawa (M)

College cross-country
Ottawa at KCAC Meet, Wichita, 10:30 a.m.

College basketball
Ottawa vs. Baker (M), 1 p.m.

Basketball

Wellsville Middle School Basketball Tournament

Monday

Seventh Grade
Baldwin 25, Wellsville 12
Wellsville — Ashley Sparks
4, Gabrielle Martinez 2, Brittany Kamper 2, Tori Broers 2, Emily Newhouse 2

Eighth Grade
Baldwin 37, Wellsville 5
Wellsville — Moriah Kayhill 2, Allie McCracken 2, Kaylynn Peacock 1.

Seventh: Spring Hill defeated Eudora 39-9
Eighth: Spring Hill defeated Eudora 16-15

Tournament finishes 5 p.m. Thursday.

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Missouri again picked for seventh

By R.B. FALLSTROM
AP Sports Writer

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Missouri is coming off a post-season run that ended one game shy of the Final Four and lost its top two scorers. Expectations are down, right?

Well, not so much.

Coach Mike Anderson is counting on his relentless pressing defense and developing young talent to produce another unexpected big season despite the departures of DeMarre Carroll and Leo Lyons. Top 3-point threat Matt Lawrence also must be re-

placed, and together those three combined for more than half of the 81.5-point scoring average.

"It's a different team," Anderson said. "There's no question about it."

Anderson enters his fourth season at Missouri with nine first- or second-year players. Hence, pre-season predictions by Big 12 coaches for a seventh-place finish.

Jokingly, Anderson said Missouri lost so much that a last-place finish might have been predicted.

Of course, Missouri was picked to finish seventh

last season, too. But the Tigers won a school-record 31 games, ended a five-year postseason drought and earned Anderson a seven-year contract extension. He promises another team that'll force the action and share the load.

"I think we've got some guys who can put it in the hole," Anderson said. "We've got to be that team that is going to be tenacious, scrapping and clawing."

Missouri is deepest at guard, beginning with returning starters J.T. Tiller and Zaire Taylor. Tiller

was the Big 12 defensive player of the year. He averaged only 8.4 points last season and is being counted on for an expanded role.

"Points don't reflect whether he's had a good game," Taylor said.

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Corey Smith scored eight points, mostly late in the game.

"We tried to keep it simple," Carrier said. "The wheels are still turning."

Ottawa (0-1) plays two games Friday and Saturday in the Kansas Colle-

giate Athletic Conference and Heart of America Conference Classic in Fayette, Mo.

Ottawa plays 7:30 p.m. Friday against host Central Missouri and 1 p.m. Saturday against rival Baker.

Scoring

William Jewell (74) — Char-

michael 7, Fisher 12, Benson 14, Larson 24, Sellmeyer 1, Kennedy 2, Johnston 2, Bernskoetter 7, Sisko 3, Bayiha 2.

Ottawa (49) — Carter 10, Schreiner 4, Doucette 2, Tate 10, Dipple 11, McGinnis 2, Corey Smith 8, G. Smith 2.

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