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## “No Child Left Behind” left behind

By Gene Meyer  
Kansas Reporter

TOPEKA — A new, highly critical evaluation of the U.S. education system turned up an unexpected bright spot in Kansas.

Math students in the tiny Weskan High School, at the south end of a small, five-block long, four-block wide unincorporated farming community, outscored more than four-fifths of fellow students in the United States and 25 other countries, according to a new Global Report Card put online last week by the George W. Bush Institute in Dallas.

That puts the school in 40th place among the nation's 60 top performing high schools among 14,000 in the nation, according to the institute, which is affiliated with the George W. Bush Presidential Center. The institute advocates for education reform, global health, freedom and economic growth.

"Several years ago, we wouldn't have made that list," said Dave Hale, Weskan's superintendent, who learned of the results Wednesday, about the school only five miles from the Colorado-Kansas state line.

"But we've got a terrific math teacher, Kristen Tupps, and a good percentage of some very sharp math students in our 40 student high school," Hale said. "Plus, we tweaked the curriculum a bit awhile ago. That all bumps up our percentage."

Only one other Kansas high school, Hoisington, made the institute's list, coming in 54th on the new Global Report Card. The institute researchers designed the website to compare every school district's results in the United States with other

### Manhattan Score:

Math 50%, Reading 60%



Bluemont Grade School before the \$90 Million District building program.

ers nationwide as well as 25 countries where students take similar

assessment tests.

The numbers are based on results

of the U.S. Education Department's standardized National Assessment of Educational Progress, or NAEP, tests given between between 2004 and 2007, the latest available. NAEP tests are one of the department's primary tools for comparing widely diverse school systems across the United States.

Those results are not pretty, said Jay Greene, a Bush Institute fellow in educational policy.

"Even our most elite suburban school districts often produce results that are mediocre when compared with those of our international peers," Greene said.

Only 820 of the nearly 14,000 schools for which results were gathered achieved scores that would place them in the top third of classes globally. More than 9,400, or 68 percent, landed in the bottom half.

Posh suburban schools in places such as Beverly Hills, Calif., Shaker Heights, Ohio, or Evanston, Ill., home to Northwestern University, look good compared to bigger urban schools nearby, Greene said, "but students are increasingly competing with students from outside the U.S. ... and a meaningful assessment of student achievement requires a global comparison."

Kansas scores and comparisons on the website broadly mirror those for the entire United States.

Of the state's 20 largest districts, home to 52 percent of all students enrolled in Kansas, only 10 are solidly in the top half of their class globally and only four make the top third.

Wichita Public Schools, the state's largest district, landed near the edge of the bottom third. Kansas City's predominately inner city district, the

state's third largest, and Topeka, the state capitol's district, also fell in or near the bottom third for math scores, reading scores or both.

"Only six of the 20 districts had math numbers above 50 percent, and one, Manhattan, was at 50," said John LaPlante, a public policy specialist and education fellow at the Kansas Policy Institute in Wichita. The not-for-profit research organization advocates low taxes and free market solutions for policy issues.

Kansas' best performing schools tend to be concentrated in the Johnson County suburbs and office parks southwest of Kansas City, Mo., LaPlante said.

Kansas education officials, meanwhile, are considering changing how they measure classroom success to standards different from the ones Bush Institute researchers used.

The Bush researchers said many results on the global report card partly reflect schools' performance under the Bush administration's No Child Left Behind Act programs, according to the report card website.

Kansas, like many states, had pledged under the No Child Left Behind Act that all of its students' reading and math scores would meet those federally required 100 percent proficiency levels this year.

Now the Kansas State Board of Education is considering whether to seek a waiver from hitting those promised targets, said Kathy Toelkes, communications director for the board and the Kansas State Department of Education. Kansas applied once and was rejected.

View the tests results at [www.globalreportcard.org](http://www.globalreportcard.org).

## Most area school districts compare well with State and National

The GRC score indicates the level of math or reading achievement by the average student in a public school district compared to student achievement in a set of 25 developed countries. The score represents the percentage of students in the international group who would have a lower level of achievement. For example, a percentile of 60 means the average student in a school district would perform better than 60% of the students in the international group.

### Riley County

#### Manhattan-ogden 2007

Manhattan vs. the world: Math 50% Reading 60%  
Manhattan Vs the State of Kansas: Math 51% Reading 56%  
Manhattan Vs National: Math 63% Reading 62%

#### Riley County 2007

Riley County vs. the world: Math 55% Reading 65%  
Riley County Vs the State of Kansas: Math 56% Reading 61%  
Riley County Vs National: Math 67% Reading 67%

#### Blue Valley 2007

Blue Valley vs. the world: Math 28% Reading 58%  
Blue Valley Vs the State of Kansas: Math 29% Reading 53%  
Blue Valley Vs National: Math 40% Reading 60%

### Marshall County

#### Valley Heights 2007

Valley Heights vs. the world: Math 57% Reading 73%  
Valley Heights Vs the State of Kansas: Math 58% Reading 69%  
Valley Heights Vs National: Math 69% Reading 75%

#### Axtell 2007

Axtell vs. the world: Math 57% Reading 48%  
Axtell Vs the State of Kansas: Math 58% Reading 44%  
Axtell Vs National: Math 69% Reading 50%

#### Marysville 2007

Marysville vs. the world: Math 62% Reading 71%  
Marysville Vs the State of Kansas: Math 63% Reading 67%  
Marysville Vs National: Math 73% Reading 73%

#### Vermillion 2007

Vermillion vs. the world: Math 77% Reading 78%  
Vermillion Vs the State of Kansas: Math 78% Reading 75%  
Vermillion Vs National: Math 85% Reading 80%

### Washington County

#### Barnes 2007

Barnes vs. the world: Math 69% Reading 59%  
Barnes Vs the State of Kansas: Math 70% Reading 55%  
Barnes Vs National: Math 79%

Reading 61%

#### Clifton-clyde 2007

Clifton-Clyde vs. the world: Math 81% Reading 77%  
Clifton-Clyde Vs the State of Kansas: Math 81% Reading 73%  
Clifton-Clyde Vs National: Math 88% Reading 78%

#### Washington County 2007

Washington County vs. the world: Math 49% Reading 65%  
Washington County Vs the State of Kansas: Math 50% Reading 61%  
Washington County Vs National: Math 61% Reading 67%

### Nemaha County

#### B And B 2007

B And B vs. the world Math 86% Reading 85%  
B And B Vs the State of Kansas: Math 87% Reading 83%  
B And B Vs National: Math 92% Reading 87%

#### Sabetha 2007

Sabetha vs. the world Math 71% Reading 70%  
Sabetha Vs the State of Kansas: Math 72% Reading 66%  
Sabetha Vs National: Math 81% Reading 82%

### Potawatomic County

#### Kaw Valley 2007

Kaw Valley vs. the world Math 62% Reading 64%

Kaw Valley Vs the State of Kansas: Math 63% Reading 60%  
Kaw Valley Vs National: Math 73% Reading 66%

#### Onaga-havensville 2007

Onaga vs. the world Math 60% Reading 67%  
Onaga Vs the State of Kansas: Math 61% Reading 63%  
Onaga Vs National: Math 71% Reading 69%

#### Rock Creek 2007

Rock Creek vs. the world Math 72% Reading 78%  
Rock Creek Vs the State of Kansas: Math 73% Reading 75%  
Rock Creek Vs National: Math 82% Reading 80%

#### Wamego 2007

Wamego vs. the world Math 55% Reading 65%  
Wamego Vs the State of Kansas: Math 57% Reading 51%  
Wamego Vs National: Math 68% Reading 67%

### Clay County

#### Clay Center 2007

Clay Center vs. the world Math 58% Reading 64%  
Clay Center Vs the State of Kansas: Math 59% Reading 60%  
Clay Center Vs National: Math 70% Reading 66%

### Cloud County

#### Concordia 2007

Concordia vs. the world Math 48% Reading 56%  
Concordia Vs the State of Kansas: Math 50% Reading 52%  
Concordia Vs National: Math 61% Reading 59%

### Larger Schools In Kansas

#### Topeka 2007

Topeka vs. the world Math 34% Reading 38%  
Topeka Vs the State of Kansas: Math 35% Reading 34%  
Topeka Vs National: Math 46% Reading 40%

#### Lawrence 2007

Lawrence vs. the world Math 45% Reading 57%  
Lawrence Vs the State of Kansas: Math 46% Reading 53%  
Lawrence Vs National: Math 58% Reading 59%

#### Salina 2007

Salina vs. the world Math 52% Reading 50%  
Salina Vs the State of Kansas: Math 54% Reading 45%  
Salina Vs National: Math 65% Reading 52%

#### Kansas City 2007

Kansas City vs. the world Math 21% Reading 23%  
Kansas City Vs the State of Kansas: Math 22% Reading 20%  
Kansas City Vs National: Math 31% Reading 25%

## Kansans find transparency in government elusive

By Gene Meyer  
Kansas Reporter

TOPEKA — Kansas taxpayers now have better chances, but not great ones, of finding out what state government is doing with their tax money, an online organization that advocates open government said this week.

Sunshinereview.org, which checks more than 6,000 state and local governments, raised its rating of the state's official [www.kansas.gov](http://www.kansas.gov) website to a B from a B-minus, because of improvements Gov. Sam Brownback's administration made in June.

Sunshine Review rates governments' openness by awarding points for how clearly and thoroughly they provide access to public officials, budget and tax information, contracts and other public records, and other public business in 10 specific categories.

Kansas gained one point, because its redesigned website is easier to use than the previous version, said Kirstin

McMurray, Sunshine Review's managing editor.

That one-point increase raised the website's score to eight out of a possible 10 points, or to a B from a B-minus, which still is not a stellar rating, McMurray said.

Most states achieve a B rating and while Kansas' redesigned site is easier for taxpayers to use, "we still don't see some additional information that would have raised its score further," she said.

Kansas' website, for example, doesn't disclose any lobbying that state-funded organizations do to secure federal help for the state. And contact information for someone that the public can call directly for help isn't uniformly available, she said.

Kansas' track record for openness and transparency in government is a spotty one.

One national study conducted in 2008 by the Better Government Association, or BGA, ranked Kansas' overall openness 18th in the nation, with an overall average of 56 percent.

The Chicago-based association is a nonpartisan, nonprofit watchdog group that advocates for greater transparency and accountability in government.

Two earlier studies in which BGA was involved ranked the state's handling of Freedom of Information Act and similar public records requests even lower.

Kansas ranked 25th poorest in the nation in a 2007 survey conducted by BGA and the National Freedom of Information Coalition, a nonprofit Columbia, Mo., association of attorneys, academics and journalists advocating for more open government. The state came in 34th worst in 2002 in a study by BGA and Investigative Reporters and Editors, a journalists association also in Columbia, Mo., that seeks to raise investigative reporting standards.

Mike Merriam, a Topeka First Amendment lawyer who works on the Kansas Press Association hotline dedicated to open government questions, said he gets calls nearly every day

from journalists and others seeking access to local government information.

"We are the government. We need to know what we are doing and how our money is being spent," he said.

The state has an appointed 15-member Public Finance Transparency Board, formed in 2008 to advise state leaders on opening government financial records to more taxpayers.

But Doug Anstaett, the press association's executive director and one of the panel's 15 members, said, "We haven't met in two, maybe three years."

Kansas also has a specific website, [www.kansas.gov/kanview](http://www.kansas.gov/kanview), created by state legislators and the transparency panel to help taxpayers track \$14 billion in total state revenue. But its records are stuck in 2010, because its format doesn't work with new state computers, said Lisa Jones, general manager of the official Kansas state portal, [www.kansas.gov](http://www.kansas.gov).

Much of the information originally planned for Kanview is also reported

on [www.kansasopengov.org](http://www.kansasopengov.org), a site created by the Kansas Policy Institute that was designated as an official site earlier this year. The institute is a Wichita think tank that advocates lower taxes and free market solutions in public affairs.

Legislators in 2007 who voted to set up the Kanview website and the transparency panel also voted, at the last minute, to end both in 2014, said state Rep. Kasha Kelley, R-Arkansas City.

Kelley said she and others who opposed shutting down Kanview originally planned trying to reverse that decision when legislators returned in 2008. But a budget crisis hit the state as income losses in the Great Recession caused state tax revenue to plummet for two years.

"We've been so busy dealing with the budget that no one's pushed transparency issues," Kelley said. "I think budget issues and open government issues go hand in hand. The less you have to spend, the more you have to account for it."

# Cole named Social Worker of the year

Robbin Waldner Cole, Executive Director of Pawnee Mental Health Services, has been named the 2011 Social Worker of the Year by the Kansas Chapter of The National Association of Social Workers. Ms. Cole was presented the award on September 29, 2011 at the Annual Conference for Behavioral Health sponsored by the Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas, Kansas Health Solutions and the Kansas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

Ms. Cole graduated from Kansas State University with a B.A. in Social Work in 1983. She began her career in social work at Wharton Manor Nursing Home in Manhattan. She was a founding member of the Manhattan Emergency Shelter, Inc., a volunteer for the Crisis Center, Inc. and worked part-time for the social work department of St. Mary's Hospital.

Ms. Cole received her Masters in Social Work (MSW) from the University of Kansas in 1987. She worked as a therapist for Pawnee Mental Health Services until 1992 when she went to work for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Wichita, as the Director Counseling and Adoption Services. Ms. Cole worked for two years as Clinical Director for Mental Health Network

(MHNNet), a managed behavioral health care subcontractor of Preferred Health Systems (PHS). She returned to Pawnee Mental Health Services in 2002 as Clinical/Deputy Director and was named Executive Director in 2006.

Ms. Cole is actively involved with educating the public regarding issues related to mental health and substance use disorders. She works to engage stakeholders, local policy makers and the general public with state and national policy makers regarding funding and other policy issues related to the treatment of mental illness and substance use disorders.

Ms. Cole is actively involved in the Manhattan Helping International Students (HIS) organization. She and her family are in their third year of hosting high school exchange students through AFS Intercultural Programs.

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22	\$1,877.68	51	\$428.06
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# There's No Place Like Home



By Eunice Boeve  
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## Chapter 8

### Camp Concordia

*Last Chapter: Jack and Mollie have a fun adventure when they arrive in Chanute and meet Osa Johnson and Snowball, a baby gorilla from Africa. Osa Johnson and her husband, Martin, have traveled extensively in Africa and the Solomon Islands and her tales of their adventures keep the twins enthralled.*

A red-winged blackbird clung to a stalk of the green corn bordering both sides of the dusty road. Cheerily it sang its song, sounding to the twins like "kong-ka-ree, kong-ka-ree." It flew away as the twins approached.

"Do you want to guess where we are now?" Jack asked, grinning at his sister. "Well, not home, that's for sure." Since they had talked about adding e-mail to the computer on the time machine, Mollie had been mentally e-mailing their parents. Now in her head, she imagined this message:

*Dear Mom and Dad,*

*We are on a dusty, country road. We have no idea where, but we don't worry so much now for we know the time machine will take care of us. At least we hope so. Oh, oh, there's an old truck pulling up beside us. Love, Mollie*

The man in the driver's seat leaned over and called through the open window on the passenger's side. "Need a lift?"

"That'd be great," Jack said.

"When the twins were settled inside the cab, Mollie in the middle, the man introduced himself as Dave Strait, and working the gearshift, sent the truck on down the road. "You youngsters going out to see the POW camp?"

Jack was sure he'd never heard of a POW camp, but the right words came out of his mouth. "You mean the prisoner of war camp?"

"One and the same."

"We heard there are German prisoners there," Mollie said, although she'd heard no such thing.

"You heard right," Mr. Strait said.

"Are they mean?" Mollie asked.

"None that I've met and I've been working there since the first batch came over here from Germany. As a whole,

they're good fellas. Oh, a rotten one turns up now and again, but his comrades pretty well set him straight."

"Why do they do that?" Jack said. "What difference does it make?"

"Oh, it makes a lot of difference, son. They want to be trusted so they can go out and work. No farmer's going to want to have a troublemaker helping him."

"They help the farmers here?" Jack said. "Aren't they afraid those men will kill them? They are the enemy, aren't they?"

"Well, yes and no. That enemy business gets toned down once they get over here. We treat them fair and feed them decent. I sure wish I could say the same for our boys being held in POW camps overseas."

A grim look settled over his face and they rode in silence a few minutes, before

have him over for Sunday dinner."

"Sunday dinner!" Mollie had almost fallen asleep and hearing those words she blinked her eyes and sat up straight. "Why would you have a German for dinner, a man who has just been fighting and killing American soldiers overseas?"

Before answering Mollie, Mr. Strait shifted his truck to a lower gear and slowed for a quail hen crossing the road, her brood of babies scurrying along after her.

"They're just young men, like our boys overseas. Soldiers go to war because their country calls them to. None of them is likely too keen on killing, and awful relieved when they don't have to anymore."

"So can they just walk away whenever someone wants them to do some work, or," Jack grinned at Mr. Strait, "they're invited to Sunday dinner?"

Mr. Strait chuckled. "No. Only a guard comes along with them and we feed him too."

A few minutes later, the camp came into view and the twins got their first look at the camp and its prisoners. They were both shocked to see how big it was. A high wire fence surrounded the entire compound of row after row of buildings all painted alike.

"That's a lot of buildings," Jack said. "How many prisoners do you have here?"

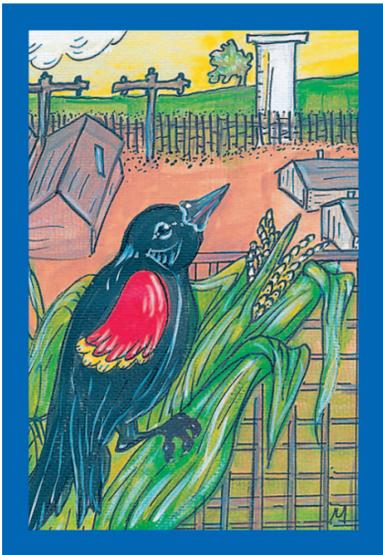
"About 5,000 and of course we have the guards who are American soldiers stationed here." Mr. Strait shook his head. "This is good duty. No one shooting at you or you having to shoot some poor fella caught up in the war same as you."

Mr. Strait pointed out the camp's water tower, the hospital, and the fire department. "Those," he said, pointing toward rows of long, low buildings, "are the barracks where the men sleep."

Mr. Strait parked his truck in the parking area and as they got out he said, "Come meet Walter, the fella we have over for Sunday dinner. He's there by the fence with that little dog."

Although they knew Walter was behind the fence and couldn't get out, and a soldier stood in the guard tower holding a weapon, and Walter looked just like any other man, his eyes and his smile friendly, the twins stepped back as he approached.

After the introductions that included Walter's little dog, a stray he'd named Mary Sunshine, Mr. Strait told them he had to go to work, but one of his friends getting off work now would take them back to Concordia.



Mr. Strait looked over at the twins and grinned. "Besides, where would they run to? The middle of Kansas to Germany is some distance. Just getting from here to the coast would be a major feat on foot and then they have an ocean to swim."

Jack grinned. "Do you have any of them helping you?"

"Well, I don't do much farming, but sometimes we have a fella name of Walter who comes out and gives us a hand around the place, doing odd jobs and we usually

This is an original serial story that is written and illustrated by two Kansas women. To learn more about them, go to their websites: [www.euniceboeve.net](http://www.euniceboeve.net) and [www.michellemeade.weebly.com](http://www.michellemeade.weebly.com)

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## Riley/Pottawatomie 4-H Straight Shooters

Nine youth from the Riley/Pottawatomie 4-H Straight Shooters participated in the Kansas 4-H Fall Shooting Match for the disciplines of Archery, Muzzleloading, Small Bore Pistol and Small Bore Rifle October 1, 2011 at the Capitol City Gun Club, Topeka.

Youth participating in Archery shot 24 arrows in FITA for 240 points, 20 shots 3D for 200 points and a total aggregate of 440 points. Dylan Anderson, Leonardville, placed 6th in the FITA event with 120 points on two targets shot at 20 and 30 meters in the junior division of Recurve Archery. Anderson placed 5th in 3D with 66 points and 4th aggregate with 186 points.

Tyler Beckman, Manhattan, placed 13th in FITA with 191 points in the junior division of Compound Archery. Beckman placed 8th in 3D with 112 points and 9th aggregate with 303 points. Carlie Henderson, St. George, placed 24th in FITA with 175 points, 22nd in 3D with 62 points and 27th

aggregate with 237 points also in the junior division of Compound Archery.

Katherine Sundgren, Leonardville, placed 28th in FITA with 181 points in the senior division of Compound Archery shooting at the distances of 30 and 40 meters. Sundgren placed 39th in 3D with 8 points and 35th aggregate with 189 points. Michaela Marstall, St. Marys, placed 34th with 140 points in FITA, 38th with 16 points in 3D and 37th aggregate with 156 points in the senior division of Compound Archery.

The Compound Archery team of Beckman, Henderson, Marstall and Sundgren placed 9th with 546 points.

The Muzzleloading youth shot the 6-bull target, Novelty bottle target, and Hafner critter target for their paper portion of the match with a possible aggregate of 300. They also shot 20 shots in silhouette for 200 possible points and a total aggregate of 500 point. Jacob Stroda, Manhattan, placed 5th on paper with 118 points, 1st

in silhouette with 150 points and 2nd aggregate with 268 points in the senior division of Muzzleloading. Wade Stroda, Manhattan, placed 2nd on paper with 160 points, 5th in silhouette with 90 points and 5th aggregate with 250 points.

Small Bore Pistol shooters shot 20 shots slow fire, 20 shots timed fire and 40 shots in silhouette for possible points of 200, 200 and 400 for a total aggregate of 800 points in pistol. Austin Becker, Manhattan, placed 5th in slow fire with 136 points, 13th in timed fire with 147 points, 5th in silhouettes with 230 points and 6th aggregate with 513 points.

Small Bore Rifle shooters shot 10 shots prone, 10 shots standing, 10 shots kneeling and 40 shots in silhouette for 100, 100, 100 and 400 possible and a total aggregate of 700 possible. Senior shooter Wade Stroda placed 5th in prone with 96 points, 2nd in standing with 88 points, 7th in kneeling with 91 points, 2nd in silhouettes with 260 points and six

rams and 1st aggregate with 535 points. Jacob Stroda placed 10th in prone with 94 points, 3rd in standing with 87 points, 8th in kneeling with 89 points, 1st in silhouettes with 260 points and seven rams and 2nd aggregate with 530 points. Matthew Plummer, Wamego, placed 19th in prone with 81 points, 9th in standing with 76 points, 5th in kneeling with 92 points, 12th in silhouettes with 180 points and 12th aggregate with 429 points. Austin Becker placed 20th in prone with 77 points, 19th in standing with 53 points, 21st in kneeling with 66 points, 16th in silhouettes with 140 points and 19th aggregate with 336 points.

The Small Bore Rifle Team of Jacob and Wade Stroda were the State Champion Team for the third year in a row with 1065 points ahead of Bourbon County's 2nd with 1027 points and Wyandotte County's 3rd with 983 points.

The Straight Shooters will participate in the Kansas 4-H State Hunting Skills and Shotgun Match October 8, 2011 at the Ark Valley Gun Club, Valley Center, Kansas.



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# The "Occupy" Groups shield Obama

In recent days there have been a number of groups popping up across the nation going by the moniker "Occupy." Whether it is Occupy Wall Street or Occupy Kansas City in Kansas, these protest groups claim that they represent the majority of U.S. citizens. They are worthy of examination and analysis for their motives.

At a cursory first glance, many of the Occupy groups present nominal Tea Party-like characteristics, such as having members who reject the Federal Reserve, speak about the value of the Constitution, and present a general citizen's concern for the future of the country. However, that is about the extent of any observable similarities. The differences are many. While a majority of the Tea Party organization tends to come from the working class, and seniors, the Occupy groups are mostly comprised of younger, often college age individuals.

Even more drastic differences between these two groups can be seen in the ideological viewpoints that motivate their activism and the more physical ways in which they voice their concerns. The Tea Party groups in America meet in private or public areas and strictly follow the ordinances of city and state. The Occupy groups as defined by their very title of "Occupy" invade "spaces" whether those spaces are city parks or other locales and hold these spaces "hostage" for extended periods of time until their differing demands are met. What



**Paul A. Ibbetson** demands do these "Occupiers" have? They differ from Occupy invasion point to invasion point but, commonly their demands reflect a disdain for corporate America and the free market, environmental concerns, and a general desire for more of their version of tolerance and compassion on the planet.

The Tea Party events are void of such a hostage standoff element; however, Tea Party attendees of course have their demands as well. They wish for limited government, personal freedom, controlled spending, and an adherence to the Constitution. The Occupy groups are getting noticed as much for their bodily stink as their demands. They refuse to stop occupying public areas of city across the country until their need for revenge against rich Americans can be satiated. Tea Party events, on the other hand, end within a few hours, and the attendees then try to make their changes at the ballot box. There is a much more peaceful and certainly a less

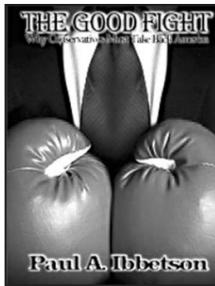
stinky approach to protest and activism.

Tea Party events are ideologically conservative, and their attendees place an emphasis on American patriotism and the individual's right to freedom. These citizens place strong emphasis on personal responsibility to make government responsible. The Occupy groups want government to increase entitlements and of course curb greedy corporate Americans to give them what they want. President Barack Obama's campaign to make rich Americans "pay their fair share" in taxes is ideologically very much in step with the Occupy groups. Indeed, many would say, a little too closely in step.

There is little doubt that if the Occupy groups can build momentum, their mantra about the dangers of free market greed is one that will eventually divert the country away from its economic woes as a product of government intervention. In other words, the Occupy groups with their quasi-violent- space-seizing-no-shower-necessary protest activities are potentially a big help to Obama. He needs public scrutiny of his economic policies to be diverted elsewhere, indeed anywhere but at him. Will the Occupy groups accomplish their goal? Time will tell. One thing is for sure; however, there is little similarity between the Tea Party and the Occupy groups and their end goals behind protesting are very different and very distinct. The Tea Party protests

highlight the actions of the Obama administration while the Occupy groups' intent is to shield the President from any and all accountability for his policies.

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# Free Press Big 12 Sports

## No. 17/18 K-State Hits The Road To Texas Tech

Kansas State heads back on the road for the second time this season when it travels to Lubbock, Texas, looking to improve on its 5-0 start to the season. Fresh off a 24-17 win over Missouri last weekend, the Wildcats will begin a two-game road conference swing with Saturday's 6 p.m. showdown with the Red Raiders at Jones AT&T Stadium. The Wildcats sit at 5-0 overall and 2-0 in Big 12 play for the first time since 2000, while the 5-0 start is the sixth in head coach Bill Snyder's 20 years following Saturday's big win.

The Big 12 Conference matchup with Texas Tech can be seen across the nation on Fox Sports Net as Joel Meyers (play-by-play), Joel Klatt (analyst) and Jim Knox (sideline) will have the call. A free live audio broadcast is also available on k-statesports.com and on SIRIUS XM satellite radio channel 117. Wyatt Thompson will call the action with Stan Weber providing color analysis and Matt Walters giving sideline updates.

Live stats will be also available through Gametracker, while Twitter updates - @kstatesports and @kstate\_gameday - will all be a part of k-statesports.com's gameday coverage.

### A QUICK LOOK AT THE WILDCATS

Kansas State held Missouri's

high-powered offense to just 112 yards rushing and opened up a 24-3 fourth-quarter lead last week as the Wildcats improved to 5-0 on the season. John Hubert rushed for 126 yards, while Collin Klein ran for a career-best three scores to lead the offense, while the K-State defense held Mizzou to its lowest offensive output of the season, which included just 173 total yards during the game.

Klein and Hubert continue to lead the Wildcat offense as Klein ranks fourth among FBS quarterbacks in rushing with his 93.6-ypp average. Hubert has added 93.8 yards per game, including two 100-yard performances this season.

But, the Wildcat defense has been the story of the season through five weeks. A remarkably improved unit, K-State heads into this weekend's game ranked in the top 17 nationally in three defensive categories (scoring defense, rushing defense and total defense). Arthur Brown leads the team with 38 tackles, which ranks fourth in the Big 12, while three others have recorded picks, led by Nigel Malone's three, which ranks second in the Big 12. Former walk-on Jordan Voelker leads the team with 5.0 tackles for loss and ranks third in the Big 12 with 4.0 sacks.

### A LOOK AT THE OPPONENT

Texas Tech heads into Saturday's Big 12 Conference matchup with a 4-1 overall record and 1-1 mark in Big 12 play following its first loss of the season last weekend against Texas A&M. The two teams went back and forth before the visiting Aggies came away from Lubbock with a 45-40 win. The Red Raiders boast one of the nation's most prolific offenses, averaging 45.8 point a game, 354.6 yards passing a game and 524.6 total yards per contest. Quarterback Seth Doege ranks third in the league in passing yards per game (341.2), while he has distributed the ball to 17 different receivers, including six who have recorded 15 or more catches this season. Eric Stephens ranks second in the league in rushing (114.0 ypp) and has run for eight scores, while receiver Eric Ward has 30 catches for eight touchdowns. Defensively, Tech is very stout against the pass, ranking first in the Big 12 and 26th nationally after yielding just 196.0 yards a game through the air. Individually, D.J. Johnson and Cody Davis lead the squad as Johnson has recorded 35 total tackles on the year and Davis has chipped in 32. Johnson also has a team-leading two interceptions and has broken up three addi-

tional passes.

### OUT OF THE GATE

Following last week's win over Missouri, K-State - one of only 13 remaining unbeaten teams in the country - will look to become bowl eligible and start the season 6-0 for the first time since 2000, while the Cats' will be out to start Big 12 play 3-0 for the first time since the 1999 season. The 2000 squad opened up 6-0 and went on to finish 11-3, while the 1999 squad opened 9-0 and finished 11-1. Under Bill Snyder, K-State has opened 6-0 a total of four times.

### TEXAS CATS

A total of 17 Wildcat players hail from the state of Texas and will be facing a school from their backyard on Saturday, including Joseph Bonugli (San Antonio), Marquel Bryant (Dallas), Jonathan Coleman (Mesquite), Kip Daily (College Station), Ryan Doerr (Katy), Thomas Ferguson (Grand Prairie), Raphael Guidry (Texas City), Kason Hostrup (Sachse), John Hubert (Waco), Ray Kibble (Houston), Cody Marley (Denton), Destin Mosley (Jefferson), Blake Slaughter (Missouri City), David Smith (Argyle), Kelo Webster (Keller), O'Ryan Wiley (Houston) and Dillon Wilson (Midlothian).

### CONFERENCE ROAD NOTES

K-State will be out to snap a five-game losing skid in the series against Tech this weekend, which also includes a string of three straight losses in Lubbock. However, under head coach Bill Snyder, K-State is 25- 12 in conference road games when the Wildcats are ranked. Snyder is 3-3 all-time against the Red Raiders and will be facing a Tommy Tuberville-coached team for the first time in his career Saturday.

### THE 150 CLUB

Head coach Bill Snyder picked up the 150th victory of his career in the season opener against Eastern Kentucky. He joined Joe Paterno (Penn State), Frank Beamer (Virginia Tech), Steve Spurrier (South Carolina), Mack Brown (Texas) and Gary Pinkel (Missouri) as active coaches with 150 wins at FBS schools.

After guiding the Wildcats from 1989 to 2005, and again over the past two seasons, Snyder is also one of the longest-tenured active coaches in the FBS. The Wildcat head coach ranks fifth among active coaches behind Paterno (46th year), Nevada's Chris Ault (27th), Beamer (25th) and Troy's Larry Blakeney (21st). Even more impressive is that Snyder is one of just two active BCS coaches who have served at the same school for at least 19 years and have

never held the same position at another school (Paterno).

Additionally, Snyder has tallied the sixth-most victories among active coaches since 1990 with 153 despite a three-year hiatus from 2006-2008.

### SNYDER IN OCTOBER

Fast starts propelled the Wildcats to winning seasons throughout the Bill Snyder's era at K-State. The Wildcats' success in the month of September under Snyder is well-documented and K-State has also been a solid team in October under Snyder. Since the inception of the Big 12 Conference, K-State is 30-23 (.566) in October under the legendary head coach, including two home wins this season as Snyder moved to 23-1 at home in games where the Wildcats are ranked and facing an unranked opponent.

### CATS HOLD LONGEST SCORING STREAK IN BIG 12

Kansas State extended one of the nation's longest scoring streaks against Missouri as the Wildcats have now tallied points in 182 consecutive games. The 182-game stretch is the 10th-longest in the nation and the longest in the Big 12. The Wildcats have not been kept off the scoreboard since Colorado shut out KState, 12-0, on Nov. 16, 1996.

## Kansas State Wildcats

### 2011-2012 Football SCHEDULE

	Record
Sept. 3 vs. <b>Eastern Kentucky</b>	W 10-7 1-0
Sept. 17 vs. <b>Kent State</b>	W 37-0 2-0
Sept. 24 at <b>Miami Miami</b> ,	W 28-24 3-0
Oct. 1 vs. <b>Baylor</b> * Bill Snyder Family Stadium TBA	W 36-35 4-0
Oct. 8 vs. <b>Missouri</b> * Bill Snyder Family Stadium TBA	W 24-17 5-0
Oct. 15 at <b>Texas Tech</b> * Lubbock, Texas TBA	
Oct. 22 at <b>Kansas</b> * Lawrence, Kan. TBA	
Oct. 29 vs. <b>Oklahoma</b> * Bill Snyder Family Stadium TBA	
Nov. 5 at <b>Oklahoma State</b> * Stillwater, Okla. TBA	
Nov. 12 vs. <b>Texas A&amp;M</b> * Bill Snyder Family Stadium TBA	
Nov. 19 at <b>Texas</b> * Austin, Texas TBA	
Dec. 3 vs. <b>Iowa State</b> * Bill Snyder Family Stadium 11:30 AM	

## Big 12 Football Standings

	Big12	Overall
<b>Kansas State</b>	2-0	5-0
<b>Oklahoma</b>	2-0	5-0
<b>Oklahoma State</b>	2-0	5-0
<b>Texas</b>	1-1	4-1
<b>Baylor</b>	1-1	4-1
<b>Texas Tech</b>	1-1	4-1
<b>Texas A&amp;M</b>	1-1	3-2
<b>Iowa State</b>	0-2	3-2
<b>Kansas</b>	0-2	2-3
<b>Missouri</b>	0-2	2-3

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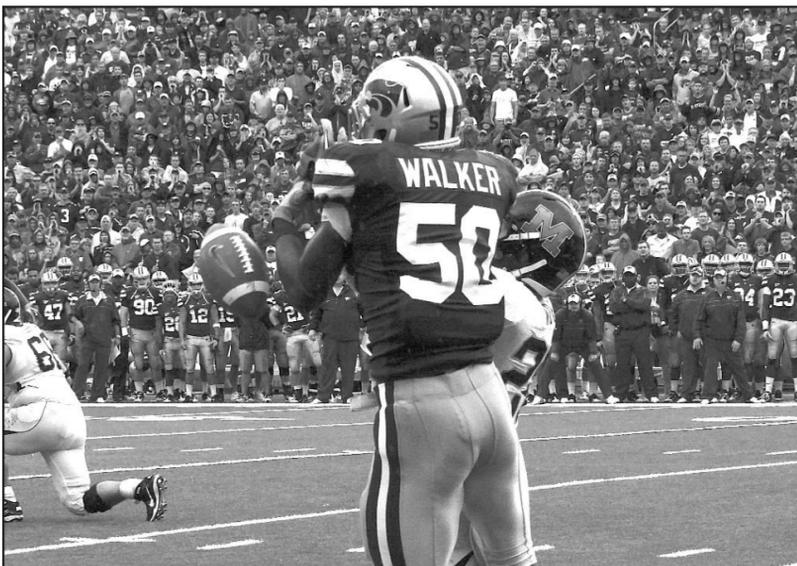
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## KSU Defense: "The Tiger Trap"



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KSU Free Safety Tysyn Hartman (2) and Middle Line Backer Arthur Brown (4) team up to take the air out of Missouri Quarterback James Franklin (1).



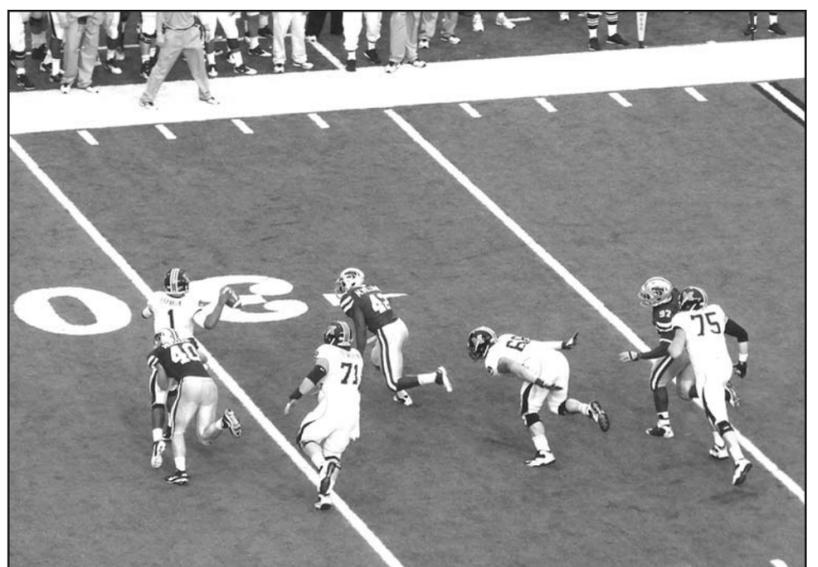
Wildcat Linebacker Tre Walker (50) breaks up another Missouri pass.



K-State Free Safety Tysyn Hartman (2) puts a stop on the Tiger running back.



Cat Cornerback Nigel Malone (24) takes his man out after a short gain.



KSU Defensive End Ryan Mueller (40) takes Franklin down for a loss.

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## Quality Individuals The Key To KSU Staff

By Mark Janssen  
K-State Sports Extra

When Bill Snyder recruits Wildcat football players, speed, size, agility, strength all come into play along with being quality individuals.

But what does Snyder look for when recruiting a coaching staff?

"You want individuals who care about young people," said Snyder, who is in his 20th season as Kansas State's head football coach. "You look for people who promote the values that we think are important in our program."

"For the most part, the individuals I hire I'm very familiar

with, or, people that come highly recommended from people I'm familiar with," said Snyder of molding his nine-man coaching staff.

The Wildcat coach went on to detail that he definitely looked for coaches that had a competence level in teaching the game, but also individuals with character.

"They must have the ability to be very receptive to their own value system, but also the '16 Goals' that we stress all the time in our program," said Snyder.

Those 16 goals include: commitment, unity, toughness, effort, never give up, refuse to

allow failing to become a habit, expect to win, leadership, improve every day, self-discipline, eliminate mistakes, no self-limitations, consistency, responsibility, unselfishness, enthusiasm.

No Snyder staff has the experience within this system like this one of 2011. The nine full-time assistants have been with the 72-year-old K-State coach for a total of 90 seasons: Sean Snyder (17), Del Miller (15), Michael Smith (15), Mo Latimore (13), Dana Dimel (11), Joe Bob Clements (10), Chris Cosh (5), Charlie Dickey (3) and Tom Hayes (1).

"Six of the nine have been

with me a considerable period of time, but there's also the other individuals in our program that have experience in our program," said Snyder in reference to graduate and student assistants, quality control, the video department, strength and conditioning, the medical staff and secretarial staff.

Not only does this staff have experience in the Snyder system and intercollegiate football, but also has a collective 457 years of maturity in everyday life—Hayes (62), Latimore (62), Miller (61), Cosh (53), Dickey (51), Dimel (49), Sean Snyder (42), Smith (41) and Clements (36).

"I don't look at it as age just for the experience, and youth just in the form of enthusiasm," said Snyder, whose staff has 111 total appearances in bowl games and 230 years of total

coaching experience. "It has to be the full package with all the values that have been mentioned starting with being quality individuals."

Snyder says he understands why some coaches around the country make hires of assistants primarily to be quality recruiters, but says it's not his philosophy: "I'm not saying that is inappropriate, but I haven't done it because I believe in having it only as part of the package."

Unique to the K-State staff is that five of the nine full-time assistants are graduates of the Wildcat program, with three of those being products of the Snyder-era as players: Clements played in 1995-98 and coached from 2003-05 and 2009-11; Smith played in 1988-91 and coached from 1997-05 and 2009-11; and Sean Snyder

played in 1991-92 and served on the K-State administrative/coaching staff from 1996-11.

Today's Kansas State staff has a mixture in terms of individuals who are coaching the position they played—Joe Bob Clements, d-ends; Michael Smith, receivers; Snyder, special team; Cosh, linebackers; Dickey, offensive line; and Hayes, secondary—while others have switched spots—Latimore from offensive line to defensive line and Dimel from offensive line to running backs.

"I don't think there's anything unusual about that," said Snyder. Smiling, he added, "You have head coaches who have never played, or guys like myself. I played, but was a horrible player. I certainly couldn't rely on anything I did on the field to help in the area of coaching."

## Cowboys Run Past Jayhawks, 70-28

STILLWATER, Okla. - Despite 316 yards passing from sophomore quarterback Jordan Webb, Kansas could not slow down a potent Oklahoma State offense on Saturday at T. Boone Pickens Stadium as the Jayhawks fell, 70-28.

Kansas turned the ball over four times (two fumbles and two interceptions) for the second-straight week, to fall to 2-3 on the year and 0-2 in Big 12 play. No. 6/7 Oklahoma State improved to 5-0 and 2-0 in the Big 12. Saturday's game marked the first of four-straight conference games against a ranked opponent.

"We all know that you can't turn the ball over three or four times against a great football team like they are," Kansas head coach Turner Gill said. "They showed they take advantage of the opportunities. Some of it was misreads, some if it is our offense, as far as things we need to do (better). We had a little bit of miscommunication

on some things, but we have to take care of the football."

Webb finished the game 25-for-36 for a career-best 316 yards and two touchdowns, one of which came on a 68-yard pitch and catch to freshman wide receiver JaCorey Shepherd with 10:52 left in the game. Webb is the first quarterback to surpass 300 yards passing since Todd Rensing threw for 498 versus Missouri in 2009.

The Jayhawks drove down the field on their opening possession of the game, going 80 yards in 10 plays to take a 7-0 lead. Webb found senior tight end Tim Biere crossing through the middle of the end zone from 10 yards out for the senior's first touchdown of the season.

Biere led the Jayhawks with career-highs in catches (six) and yards (81) and hauled in a touchdown reception. For the first time this season Kansas could not get the running game on track as the Jayhawks were

held to only 153 rushing yards.

However, Oklahoma State wasted little time answering with a touchdown of its own. Quarterback Brandon Weeden hit wide receiver Josh Cooper on a 12-yard strike to tie the game at 7-7.

Oklahoma State would score on its first seven offensive possessions of the game, leading 56-7 at the end of the first half. Four of Oklahoma State's first eight scoring drives were 33 yards or less.

"All I can say is in the second half, our guys continued to compete throughout the game," Gill said. "We talked about that - to just keep playing and try to get better, try to improve as a football team, on offense, defense and special teams. There was some of that."

Those were the things I saw the improvement as. That's all you can do, keep playing, and I did see that. Our guys did come out and continue to compete."

## Sports update:

Hello Wildcat Fans!  
K-State pulled off another win to go 5-0 for the first time since the 2000 season. The Cats kept the game in hand until the 4th quarter when Missouri started putting plays together and racking up some yards. The final quarter was plagued by the referee coming over the stadium intercom with the word "the previous play is under review". Two fumbles and a incomplete pass were overturned to keep Missouri's drives alive. These were honest mistakes by the officials and the correct call was then ruled in favor of the Missouri football team. These plays that were overturned sure made for a lot of anxiety in the game allowing the Tigers to pull within a touchdown. After the win K-State is now ranked 17th in the AP and 18th in the USA Today polls. The question now is K-State going to maintain their performance and continue to win? The answer is: I hope so but the Wildcats have a lot of bugs that still need to be worked out.

Offense: The Wildcats ended the game with 286 total yards for the game



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against Mizzou, which is 40 yards less than the 326 yards of total offense that Missouri ended with. QB Colon Klein went 11 of 16 for 112 yards passing with no touchdowns and 1 interception. Sophomore RB John Hubert led the rushing attack with 126 yards on 26 carries with no touchdowns. QB Klein was able to punch it in the end zone 3 times on the ground. K-State's offense is methodical, but really needs to find their groove or the Big 12 play will get a lot more difficult in the weeks to come. I'm hoping Coach Snyder is just holding back the play book for the right time to unleash the total fury on an opponent (this weekend would be real nice).

Defense: The Wildcat defense has been real pleasing so far this season; however, they have allowed quite a few passing yards in the secondary. The defense has really stepped up when the game is on the line and prevents opponents from giving the Cats a loss. They seem to have a lot of bend, but they refuse to give up. I don't expect the defense to play any different at Texas Tech this weekend.

Texas Tech Preview: The key to a win in Lubbock will be to pressure one of the best quarterbacks in the Big 12 and not allow a big cushion to the receivers. If the Cats give the receivers a 10 yard cushion, they will take the short pass all night long. K-State's secondary is going to be tested like they were against Baylor. Texas Tech is ranked 6th nationally in passing yards and 8th in scoring. On the positive side, you can expect Klein and Hubert to have a good game running the ball against the Red Raiders. This will be a offensive game, but the best defense is going to be the one to win the game.

Prediction: KSU 37 TTU 34  
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# Sports Second Front

## Kansas State holds off Missouri for a 24-17 Win

By DAVE SKRETTA  
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MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Kansas State was the ranked team, the unbeaten team, the team coming off a confidence-building victory over then-No. 15 Baylor. The Wildcats were hosting an unranked opponent in Missouri that had lost two of its last three games.

Tre Walker couldn't understand why people were picking No. 20 Kansas State to lose.

"We want respect," the sophomore linebacker said. "Anytime someone doesn't give you respect, that makes you want it even more, and you keep fighting for it until you get it."

That might start happening soon.

Collin Klein had three touchdowns rushing Saturday, John Hubert added 126 yards on the ground and the Wildcats' defense made enough plays to prevent a late comeback by the Tigers. The result was a 24-17 victory and K-State's first 5-0 start since 2000.

"That means an awful lot," said coach Bill Snyder, who's in his third year of rebuilding the program after a brief retirement. Snyder said the Wildcats were proud of their start, but he added that he was more proud of the way they took the victory in stride.

"What I'm proud of is it's a day in the life," Snyder said. "Tomorrow is a new day."

James Franklin had 214 yards passing to lead the Tigers (2-3), who came into the game averaging more than 500 yards of total offense. They only managed 326 against the Wildcats, most of

that coming on a pair of long touchdown drives in the fourth quarter.

The first was a 79-yard drive that Henry Josey finished with a 2-yard run to get the Tigers within 24-10. The Wildcats promptly went three-and-out, and Franklin led Missouri on a 74-yard drive that he finished off with a plunge from a yard out with 5:02 left in the game.

Missouri never got another chance with the ball.

"We're just not playing very good football right now," coach Gary Pinkel said. "It starts with me, so I'm not doing a good enough job coaching these guys."

Kansas State's defense set the tone on the first offensive play.

Franklin dropped back to pass, looked over the middle and threw right to Wildcat defensive back Ty Zimmerman, who had deftly stepped in front of the intended receiver. The interception ended a stretch of 108 consecutive passes without throwing a pick for the sophomore quarterback.

It took Kansas State six plays to punch it into the end zone.

"The interception was big, but the most significant thing about that interception was whether we were going to get seven or three out of it," Snyder said. "Getting seven was substantial."

Franklin was sacked for a 13-yard loss on Missouri's ensuing possession, and the Wildcats went 51 yards in 12 plays before Anthony Cantale's field goal made it 10-0.



Kansas State Running back John Hubert (33) had another 100-yard game with 126 yards.

By the time the first quarter drew to a close, the Tigers had exactly zero yards of total offense — 20 yards through the air and minus-20 on the ground.

"They just dropped back and they told us, 'Hey, we're going to make you guys have to make plays,'" Franklin said, "and we just made a bunch of mistakes and they capitalized on that."

Josey finally got things rolling for Missouri in the second quarter, using his quick

feet to spring for a couple of long runs. But a false start inside the 10-yard line on second down pushed the Tigers back and they had to settle for Grant Ressel's 32-yard field goal.

Ressel had a chance to get Missouri within 10-6 at the break, but he pushed a 43-yard attempt wide right on the final play of the half as rain started to fall.

The Wildcats' only big mistake all game happened early in the third quarter, when

Klein was picked off by Kip Edwards. But their defense held and Ressel's 36-yard field goal attempt was wide left.

Missouri cost itself later in the quarter when Darvin Ruise was called for roughing the punter, giving Kansas State the ball back. Hubert went to work, doing his best Darren Sproles imitation after taking a handoff, spinning away from a defender and going all the way down to the 3.

Klein scored seconds later for a 17-3 lead.

He added a short scoring plunge on the Wildcats' next possession, and although Missouri managed to make the game close with a couple late touchdowns, the lead was too much to overcome.

"One game at a time. We'll count the wins at the end of the season," Kansas State defensive back Tysyn Hartman said afterward. "The team mindset hasn't changed. Take it one game at a time."



Kansas State Quarterback Collin Klein (7) scores one of his three TD's of the day.



Look out this Collin Klein (7) pass is coming right at you.

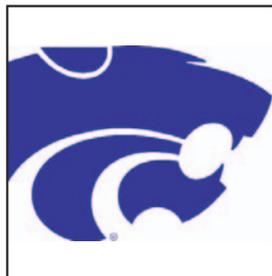


Kansas State Running back John Hubert (33) takes it down to the 2-yard line.



James Franklin (1) takes the ball in for a Missouri touchdown late in the game.

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