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Kansas State Wildcat Sports

Kansas State To Take On No 15 Baylor

MANHATTAN, Kan. - The enthusiasm of Kansas State fans will be on display to the nation prior to this weekend's game against Baylor as the FOX COLLEGE SATURDAY TOUR will originate from Lot 9 of Bill Snyder Family Stadium Saturday morning.

The 80-by-100 foot area will give the FOX Sports production team an opportunity to interact with Wildcat fans during Saturday morning's pregame show on FOX Sports 1 with on-site hosts and game commentators Craig Bolerjack, Joey Harrington and Ryan Nece.

Features of the FOX COLLEGE SATURDAY TOUR include: a 16-by-10 foot elevated wide-screen TV; the FORD Tailgate Zone featuring tailgating games; Academy Sports + Outdoors Skills Challenge where fans can line up and test their skill and agility in the battle against the clock; Pizza Hut Ultimate Fan Lounge that includes a comfortable fan viewing area; as well as other activities.

Parking lots on Saturday open at 9:30 a.m., while the live broadcast will originate from Bill Snyder Family Stadium and focus on K-State's matchup against the Bears beginning at 10:30 a.m. The area will be open until kickoff at 2:30 p.m.

Notes From Last Week Head Coach Bill Snyder On Baylor's opportunistic defense...

"I think they have just gotten better year in and year out and are getting acclimated to Phil's (Bennett) defense, and he is a tremendously talented football coach. They are playing awfully well on defense and that is what goes unnoticed. They have been pretty decent, also, on special teams, but they have really been very talented on defense. You think in terms of turnovers and of their interceptions that have been returned for touchdowns. They have



Coach Bill Snyder takes a time out to talk to the team at Oklahoma State.

picked a fumble and returned it 92 yards or something like that for a touchdown. They have this massive number of long-yardage plays. I think there are like 55 plays that are 25 yards or more and five or six of them belong to the defense. They are opportunistic to say the least."

On K-State's recent turnover struggles...

"As I have said, I think we have to be a more disciplined football team and that encompasses the penalties and the turnovers. It is just a matter of doing things the appropriate way. There is a way to prevent most turnovers, maybe not all, but most. There is a way to prevent penalties, maybe not all as true in this ballgame, but for the most part there is a way to do that and it takes a great deal of focus. It is not that the youngsters are not trying, that is not the issue. It is just being able to, like all of us have to do - whatever it is that we have to

do - we do it right or we do it wrong, it takes a great deal of discipline to do it right all the time. Discipline, focus, concentration, whatever the case may be, the right decision making that you have to make - all that goes into play. Certainly we are not, as I have said, not that they are not trying, but we are just not as disciplined right now as we need to be."

On the importance of time of possession against Baylor...

"Well, I do not know. We had the ball for 21 minutes in the second half of the ballgame last week and turned the ball over five times, so those two numbers do not go together. You would like to say yes, you need to sit on the ball and have a major amount of possession time but other things enter into it as well. If we have the discipline not to have the turnovers and not to have the penalties, then that possession time

would have won us the ballgame. This week, you know, a lot of teams have had possession time on (Baylor). It does not take them a long time to score. The point being, we have to play defense as well because every time we get it, they are going to get it regardless of how long we have it."

On trying to stop Baylor's potent offense...

"You just have to do the things that you do the best and try to figure out what they do the best, and what is the best way within our system to be able to slow it down or stop it, one of the two. I do not mean to make it sound easy. What are they getting, 1,000 yards a game or something like that? Obviously it is not easy no matter who you line up and play against."

On seeing lesser-experienced wide receivers step up against Oklahoma State...

"They are good young guys. They are conscientious and they work extremely hard. There is a reason why the other two were starters. These young guys just have not had the experience and all of a sudden they are on the field. We had five receivers on the field at one time last week and I am not sure I knew all of them. We have just kind of been hitting down in the depth chart, but they are good young guys and they work hard and do things the right way."

On how to compete against a Baylor team that puts up huge numbers...

"Score more points, but that is true no matter who you play. Some people talk about goals and a major goal that we have outside of our 16 goals is for our offense to score more points than the opponents' offense and for our defense to hold the opponent to less points than our offense scores. I know that is rather simplistic, but at

the end of the day that is the statistic on the board that makes a difference."

On the time of possession helping the defense against Oklahoma State...

"Yes, I think it always does, particularly against teams like Oklahoma State or like Baylor that go so fast. There is either the need to be extremely well conditioned or have some rest time that comes along with it. I like to think that our young guys are well conditioned, but you can always use some time on the sideline talking about it, too."

On if Daniel Sams' errors against Oklahoma State can be corrected...

"I think they can. I was telling our players the other day you go back and you look, the turnovers were a major difference in the ballgame, including the penalties, but we made other mistakes well. We are not a totally polished football team aside from the penalties or the turnovers. I think as you look back on it, most every coach would say they are all correctable and we are trying to correct them, and I said it exactly that way to our players yesterday. It is just common-coaches jargon or coach speak, whatever it is that you call it, to address it that way. In reality, and they always know that I am going to be very forthright with them, the mistakes that we made, whether it was the turnovers or the penalties that we had in the ballgame, they are very manageable in terms of being able to correct them - to go to practice and make the corrections and sustain the corrections. That is the ultimate definition of being able to correct a mistake is that they stay corrected over a period of time. But, it all is very, very manageable, yes."

On Baylor's rushing attack...

"I think the balance that they have within their offense is really what allows them to do so many things so well. I say so many things, it is not that they have a plethora. They are somewhat basic. Their running backs - (Lache) Seastrunk, and there are two or three running backs that are pretty decent, but obviously Seastrunk is a very, very talented fellow. They run the option - or zone read is what most people call it - and they run that very well. They run a power play very well. The passing game - they have some very fine wide receivers. Their quarterback makes good decision. They have played four games, and they have had 55 plays that have gone for 25-plus yards. Now as I have said, five of those have been on the defensive side of the ball and one was in the kicking game, but there is a substantial number somewhere in the vicinity of 12 or so offensive plays each week that are 25 or more yards. They had 11 against West Virginia, and West Virginia is

not that bad of a football team."

Junior Offensive Lineman B.J. Finney

On what goes through his mind when he thinks of Baylor's high-powered offense...

"We have to play as a family. We are going to have to come together. We are going to have to play better than we have been playing. We are going to have to do it together."

On what the offensive line struggled with most against Baylor's front seven last year...

"They ran a lot of blitzes, a lot of looks that we did not game plan for. They ran a little bit differently than we had prepared for. Obviously, that is good for their defense."

Sophomore Wide Receiver Kyle Klein

On being 0-2 in Big 12 play and not panicking...

"Panic has never entered his (Bill Snyder) vocabulary, which is a good thing. It is more just keep working, keep improving, minimizing our mistakes and improve on them. It is definitely not a time to panic. We just need to go back to work and get better every day. One of these days, if it is this week or next week, we are going to come out on top. Once we do, we will just keep doing what we have been doing."

On the play calling without Tramaine Thompson and Tyler Lockett...

"Honestly, that is more of a question for the coaches, but just from the experience we had against Oklahoma State, we did not call the game any differently. We ran the game plan we had prepared and that was it."

On turnovers last year vs. this year...

"It is kind of crazy to think about. Considering we were 5-0 last year and now we are 2-3, it is not hard to see where the train left the tracks."

Sophomore Defensive Back Dante Barnett

On if there is a fine line between keeping the plays in front of you and not getting beat deep...

"Yes, it is all about reading your keys and being patient. You always have to be disciplined playing defensive back because the moment you are not disciplined, the receivers are going to get behind you."

On the numbers the Baylor offense is producing...

"They put up numbers like this every year. Baylor has always had a high-tempo offense like this every year."

On how it feels to be back at home...

"It is always nice to be at home and play in front of your home crowd. It is always nice to have their support for the team."



Kansas State scores, you can see the ball over the line. (Photo by Jon A Brake)

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Riley County Commission Minutes

The Board of County Commissioners

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building October 3, 2013 with the following members present: Dave Lewis, Chair; Robert Boyd, Vice Chair; Ron Wells, Member; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Pledge of Allegiance
Public Comment, Commission Comments, & Business Meeting

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Mel Van Der Stelt; Kristina Jackson, Manhattan Mercury; and Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer, attended.

No action was taken on the request for the support of the U.S. Constitutional Amendment requiring a balanced federal budget.

Boyd moved to approve a Construction Engineering Services Proposal for 81 C 0027-01 (W. 40th bridge replacement project) with KDOT. Riley County will be reimbursed up to \$53,329.60 for these services. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve the Renewal of Online Access Agreements with the following: AT&T, CoreLogic Information Solution, First National Bank of Wamego,

Wendy Pletz c/o Speed Search, LLC, and Kansas Secured Title. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Michael Larkin, an Engineering Technician, in the Public Works Department, for Separation from County Service, effective October 11, 2013.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Position Action Form for an Engineering Technician, in the Public Works Department, at a grade N.

Boyd moved to approve the payroll vouchers in the amount of \$271,728.81 and the following warrant vouchers for October 4, 2013:

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| 2013 Budget | County General | \$277,436.89 |
| Health Depart | | 51,866.54 |
| County Auction | | 443.35 |
| Riley Co Juvenile Service | | 6,756.70 |
| Motor Vehicle Operations | | 6,469.73 |
| 21st Jud Dist Teen Court | | 1,328.22 |
| Riley Co Adult Services | | 8,042.86 |
| Capital Improvements Fund | | 2,950.00 |
| Solid Waste | | 180,720.18 |
| County Building | | 69,374.07 |
| Road & Bridge Cap Project | | 36,298.09 |
| RCPD Levy/Op | | 11,532.55 |
| Landfill Closure | | 514.19 |
| Riley Co Fire Dist #1 | | 4,489.55 |
| University Park W&S | | 2,194.59 |
| Hunters Island Water Dist | | |

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| 742.90 | |
| Deep Creek Sewer | 75.00 |
| Moehlman Bottoms | 376.90 |
| Valleywood Operations | 63.60 |
| Konza Water Operations | 2,488.70 |
| Univ Park W&S Cap Reserve | 196.04 |
| TOTAL | \$664,360.65 |

Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.
Boyd moved to approve the minutes of September 30, 2013 as amended. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Shelly Williams, Community Corrections Director

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Kristina Jackson, Manhattan Mercury; and Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer, attended.

Williams presented the Community Corrections monthly update.

9:12 Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Kristina Jackson, Manhattan Mercury; and Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer, attended.

Peterson presented the Noxious Weed/Household Hazardous Waste Department staff report.

Peterson presented the Purchase Authorization for a wood chipper for the Public Works/Noxious Weed/Parks Departments in the amount of \$60,000.

Boyd expressed concern with funding the request due to limited cash availability in CIP.

Hobson asked if all the CIP projects are frozen.

The Board of County Commissioners agreed to review the CIP.

Peterson said the next HHW collection at Howie's Recycling is Saturday, October 12, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 (noon).

9:36 Greg McHenry, Appraiser

Trent Armbrust, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Kristina Jackson, Manhattan Mercury; and Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer, attended.

McHenry presented the Appraiser's Office staff report.

9:48 Lori Muir, Website Committee Member

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Kristina Jackson, Manhattan Mercury; Greg McHenry, Appraiser; Shilo, Heger, Tax & Accounting Supervisor/Deputy Treasurer; and Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer, attended.

Muir presented the revisions to the new design for Riley County's website.

Boyd moved to accept the new website design drafted by the website design committee and CivicPlus. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:10 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services
Administrative Work Session

Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Kristina Jackson, Manhattan Mercury; Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director; Eileen King, Treasurer; and Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer, attended.

Holeman presented a review of the draft Public Building Commission (PBC) bylaws.

Holeman said Riley County will need to appoint members to the Emergency Services Facilities Task Force.

The Board agreed by consensus that Pat Collins, Larry Couchman, and Dave Lewis will represent Riley County on the Emergency Services Facilities Task Force.

Boyd moved that the County Commission recess into executive session on potential litigation for the purpose of consultation with an attorney for the commission which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, an exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 10:30 a.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:28 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

10:30 Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Kristina Jackson, Manhattan Mercury; Shilo, Heger, Tax & Accounting Supervisor/Deputy Treasurer; Lisa Daily, Administrative Assistant; Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Shelly Williams, Community Corrections Director; and Debbie Register, Register of Deeds, attended.

Volanti reviewed the Riley County Policy - Article O: Shared Leave.

11:00 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Greg Lund, Park Manager; and Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk, attended.

Hobson discussed the request to add a Parks Facility

& Grounds Tech I.

Hobson said staff is recommending the County Commission utilize the budget for three 9-month seasonal employees in the Public Works Department budget to fund a full time Facility and Grounds Tech I. This action will have a zero affect on the 2014 and future budgets.

The Board discussed the request.

Wells moved to approve the addition of the Facility and Grounds Technician I position within the Parks Division and eliminate three 9-month seasonal positions from the 2014 and future budgets. Lewis seconded. Carried 2-1. Boyd opposed.

Hobson discussed how Riley County should utilize the recently purchased parking lot on Humboldt.

Hobson said he was in error when he mentioned last time all of the department heads in the

plaza area have an assigned parking spot except the County Appraiser. The department head for the Extension Office also does not have an assigned parking stall. The purchase of this lot provides an opportunity to assign both spots. Hobson said he would recommend the County Commission do so.

Hobson said he would further recommend the remainder of the parking lot be opened up to public parking.

Boyd moved to assign two of the parking spots for the department head of the Appraisers and Extension Offices and the remaining parking to be open to the public. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Board agreed by consensus to have the walnut tree removed by a private contractor.

11:42 Wells moved to adjourn. Boyd seconded. Carried 3-0.

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Obituaries...

Norma Lawrence

Norma M. Lawrence, age 86, of Manhattan, died Monday September 30, 2013 at the Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan.

She was born on January 20, 1927 on a farm near Graymont, Illinois the daughter of Clarence "CW" and Stephana "Fannie" (Kalkwarf) Spaniol. She attended schools in Flanagan, Illinois and graduated from Flanagan High school in 1945. Norma attended Illinois State University for two years. She then taught at a small country school in the Gridley Township near Dana, Illinois for a year.

She was married to Kenneth Lawrence on August 30, 1947. After marriage she moved to Lincoln, Nebraska and worked for State Farm Insurance. In May of 1950 they moved to Manhattan. Norma and Kenneth divorced in 1966.

Norma started to work for the Kansas State University in the athletic department as an administrative assistant in 1967. She retired in 2006 but continued to work with the sports information department for several years after that doing various tasks. Norma was an avid KSU sports fan.

In 1977 Norma became "Mom" to members of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. While there two of her sons, Rick and Rog were active

members. She retired from there in 1991 but continues to keep in touch with several of the "sons" she gained while there.

She was charter member of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority. Also she was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Manhattan and the Order of the Eastern Star, where she earned her 50 year member pin.

Norma is survived by her children: Lynn Steenbarger, Randal Lawrence and his wife Sara, of Manhattan, Kansas, Richard Lawrence of Wichita, Kansas and Roger Lawrence of El Dorado, Kansas. Also she is survived by her brother Lyle Spaniol and his friend Betty Ewen, of Bloomington, Illinois and her sister Arlene Crichton of Flanagan, Illinois; her grandchildren: Kristopher Kleiner and his wife Michelle, Kyrie Padgett, Keary Steenbarger, Kyle Lawrence and his fiancé

Jeryka Lobner, and Kevin Lawrence; and her great-grandchildren: Emily Kleiner, Brooke Lawrence, Jordan Lawrence and Kalib Padgett.

Memorial services for Norma was held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday October 5, 2013 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel, with Pastor Melanie Martin officiating. Private inurnment will be held at a later date in Illinois.

The family greeted friends during a visitation from 7:00 until 8:00p.m. Friday October 4, 2013 at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com

Memorial contributions are suggested to the FIJI Run for Leukemia. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.



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Sunset Zoo to Host Family-Friendly, Trick-or-Treat Even

Manhattan's Sunset Zoo will welcome community members of all ages for their annual SPOOKtacular event on Saturday, October 19 and Sunday, October 20. The Zoo's five candy trails will open from Noon to 4:30pm each day; guests are encouraged to wear costumes as they visit over 20 candy stations sponsored by local businesses and not-for-profit organizations.

A Zoo-full of activities will occur all weekend long including a Pumpkin PlayZone inside the Nature Exploration Center located at the Zoo's entryway. The PlayZone will feature a straw bale maze, pumpkin-themed games and live animal encounters with the Zoo's education animal ambassadors.

Additionally, family-friendly activity stations will be located Zoo-wide and Zoo Ambassador Programs featuring live animal encounters will occur in Chautauqua Amphitheater each afternoon. Live entertainment will also be found throughout the park



A family friendly day can be spent at the Sunset Zoo getting to know new friends.

including performances from the KSU Tap Dance Ensemble and Manhattan High School's

Thespian Mime Troop.

The SPOOKtacular carving skills of KSU's College of

Architecture, Planning & Design students will once again be on display in the Zoo's

pavilion. This is the fourth year for the Zoo to partner with the College, providing second year Interior Architecture & Product Design students practice with their rendering skills. SPOOKtacular guests can vote for their favorite jack-o-lantern art throughout the weekend.

Special admission prices apply to SPOOKtacular: \$5 per trick-or-treating child; two adults admitted free with each paid child's admission. A regular admission rate of \$4 applies to any additional adults. Children two and under are free; Friends of Sunset Zoo members receive \$1 off each trick-or-treating child's admission.

Last year, Sunset Zoo welcomed nearly 5,000 guests over the two-day event. To help avoid long ticket lines, community members should pre-purchase their event tickets by visiting SunsetZoo.com and selecting the "Buy Tickets"

button, or by visiting the Zoo's ticket booth open 9:30am to 5:00pm daily.

Sunset Zoo's SPOOKtacular 2013 is presented by Manhattan Broadcasting and their radio stations - B104.7, K-ROCK 101.5, Z 96.3 and 1350 KMAN - as well as Murdock Manhattan. Candy stations sponsored by Big Poppi Bicycle Company, Blueville Nursery, Columbian Theatre, Firestone Complete Auto, Flint Hills Discovery Center, Flint Hills Pony Club, Friends of Konza Prairie, Friends of Sunset Zoo, HealthSource Chiropractic, Howie's Trash & Recycling, KSU Insect Zoo, Manhattan Arts Center, Manhattan Town Center, Sunflower Pet Supply, Swan Dentistry, United Bank & Trust, United Way and US Cellular.

SPOOKtacular is held rain or shine. For more information visit SunsetZoo.com or call 785.587.APES.

Fort Civilians Return To Duty

FORT RILEY, Kan. - A majority of Fort Riley civilian employees returned to duty Oct. 7, following an Oct. 5 announcement by Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel recalling most of the Department of Defense civilians who were placed on emergency furlough as a result of the federal government shutdown that began Oct. 1.

"Fort Riley is very pleased with the news from the secretary of defense. It is the right thing to do - to bring back our civilian workers who are a part of Team Riley and who serve our Soldiers, veterans, retirees and their Family members daily," said Garrison Commander Col. Andrew Cole.

The announcement comes after a DoD review of the Pay Our Military Act.

"Immediately after President (Barack) Obama signed the Pay Our Military Act into law (Sept. 30), I directed DoD's acting general counsel to determine whether we could reduce the number of civilian personnel furloughed due to the shutdown," Hagel said in an Oct. 5 DoD press release.

In consultation with the

Department of Justice, it was determined the law does permit the return of some civilians, although it does not necessarily permit for the blanket return of all civilians.

"However, DoD and DOJ attorneys concluded that the law does allow the (DoD) to eliminate furloughs for employees whose responsibilities contribute to the morale, well-being, capabilities and readiness of service members," Hagel said in the release.

Fort Riley employees in offices across the installation who have direct contact with Soldiers and Soldier services were among those to return Oct. 7. The Fort Riley Commissary also resumed regular business hours Oct. 7. A few services remain affected by the emergency furloughs.

* Fort Riley Museums, including the Cavalry Museum, 1st Infantry Division Museum and Custer House, will be closed to the public. They will open for Soldier training only.

* The Leisure Travel Center will operate under reduced hours: Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

* Eyster Pool will operate under reduced hours: For lap swim: 6:30 to 9 a.m. Monday,

Wednesday and Friday and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday to Friday; for open swim: 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; closed weekends and Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings.

* Some community support activities have ceased.

"The professionalism our civilian employees - those excepted and those furloughed - have shown despite personal hardships during this shutdown is admirable," Cole said. "They have been on point for Fort Riley and the nation. Each member of Team Riley is crucial in ensuring our continued success.

"Most importantly, we appreciate the patience and understanding of our visitors and customers as we continue to navigate through the federal government shutdown."

The defense secretary said in the news release the department has tried to "exempt as many DOD civilian personnel as possible" from emergency furloughs, and will continue to try to bring all civilian employees back to work as soon as possible.

Family Doctor: I Want To Take Care of My Patients

Dr. Tim Shepherd

Heritage Foundation Special

As a family doctor, I have always believed in treating the whole person.

Every person is a unique individual, and you can't cookie-cutter medical care; it's individualized. I am concerned about health care under the new law, and my patients are very concerned.

Medicine has changed so much in my lifetime. My father had two kinds of patients in the 1950s and 1960s: those who paid in cash, and those he did charity work for. Back in those days, hospitals were not run by huge consolidated corporations - they were run by churches and charity organizations.

We can't go back to those long-gone days of charity hospitals. And today, one part of living well often involves private health insurance—as long as government regulators don't interfere with the individualized care that other doctors and I are providing. People having choices is a very important part of medical care.

In the past three decades, I have seen health care become more and more regulated by government. Of the 15 employ-

ees I hire, five of their jobs are completely devoted to filling out insurance forms and government paperwork. All that administrative work can detract from time spent on patient care.

It makes it difficult to take care of the whole person—body, mind, and spirit—if you don't have an environment where you are free to do that. The biggest problem with Obamacare is that there are going to be layers and layers of government bureaucracy that will try to tell me how to treat patients I've helped for over 25 years. More federal control is the foundation of it.

And the federal health care programs already have problems. In my experience, Medicare will decide to suddenly shut down for a month. "We're just not going to pay you for a month," they say - that can grind our entire medical practice to a slow crawl. There's no 1-800 number or customer service we can appeal to; we just have to get by.

These new boards and commissions to be established under Obamacare will tell doctors: "These are the procedures you will do, and these are the ones you will not do."

Treatment will be restricted, reimbursement will be further decreased, and more doctors will retire early, as I have already seen with many colleagues.

People need to think carefully when they say "Obamacare will offer health care to those who have none." It promises to offer health insurance, but what sort of health care results when Obamacare adds even more government busywork and approvals to an already highly regulated system?

It's not good news for individualized care. It means less time for me to get to know my patients. Caring for my patients is more to me than simply writing a prescription; it's getting to the root of the problem. I will fight for my patients to get the care they need.

That's why I became a doctor, and my patients should not settle for anything less.

Dr. Tim Shepherd, a family practice physician for over three decades, helps thousands of families live well in Lewisville, Texas. He and his wife have 11 children and five grandchildren, and their son Josh is a marketing associate at The Heritage Foundation.

Harvick Wins The Hollywood Casino 400 In Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (Oct. 6, 2012) - Kevin Harvick took advantage of his first pole since 2006 in Sunday's Hollywood Casino 400 to win his first NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race at Kansas Speedway. The win was his third of the year.

"All in all it was a great weekend and we control our own destiny," said Harvick, who has seven top 10 finishes at Kansas Speedway. "We'll keep doing what we're doing and having fun."

The win moved Harvick up one position, to third, in the championship standings with

six races remaining in the Chase for the Sprint Cup. Two-time Kansas Speedway winner Matt Kenseth continues to lead the point standings by three points over Jimmie Johnson, who has also won two Sprint Cup Series races at Kansas Speedway.

Local favorites Carl Edwards and Clint Bowyer finished sixth and 14th, respectively.

Today's finish for Kurt Busch (second) was his fourth top-10 finish at Kansas Speedway, while two-time Kansas Speedway winner Jeff

Gordon finished third.

Race fans interested in Kansas Speedway's 2014 schedule and tickets should stay tuned to www.kansasspeedway.com for details in the coming weeks.

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Kevin Harvick in the 29 car takes a victory lap. (Photos by Ben Brake)

Over Easy...

By Bob Strawn,
Mayor emeritus

"Americans cannot have a coherent discussion about health care, as many pundits and partisans demonize a system that's just getting started. We putter along with a minimum wage (\$7.25) that condemns to poverty the workers who receive it. And we continue to put up with 31,000 gun fatalities a year, the most of any nation not at war." Condemns to poverty?

So goes the latest liberal diatribe by some Kansas University professor published - where else - in The Manhattan Mercury. Everything is awful in America, but nary a word about our president who has been in office well into his second term. How liberals like this academic can straight-faced decrie what they believe to be so bad about this country while all the time dismissing any responsibility for Barack Obama is mind-numbing.

And right on cue, The Mercury editorializes that what we need to fix this is to "demand compromise" when selecting our next representatives. "That's it. Period." Now, we wonder if they mean "just" compromise the adjective, as in doing what is morally right; or "just" the adverb, meaning compromise totally.

Consider for a moment compromises in our past like the Missouri Compromise of 1820.



Bob Strawn

The agreement made Maine a free state in exchange for Missouri becoming a slave state. An absolute and thorough concession in Congress by both sides, but was it morally right - just?

What about the Compromise of 1850? It made not arresting runaway slaves a federal crime while at the same time forbidding slave trade in Washington D.C. Just or just?

Then there was: "My good friends this is the second time in our history that there has come back from Germany to Downing Street peace with honor. I believe it is peace in our time." Holding the signed agreement in hand surely UK Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain thought this was a just compromise; while Sir Winston Churchill saw it as just appeasement. To their credit though neither said, "That's it. Period."

C.S. Lewis put it like this: "The safest road to Hell is the gradual one--the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts." Another wise guy put it more distinctly: "Compromise is a stall between two fools."

The Conservative Side...



So rather than just compromising, we hope for a robust debate followed by acceptance of majority rule. Republicans presently have neither the ability to intellectually sway the American people nor the representation in Congress to win a vote. After all, ObamaCare is Supreme Court tested law. If Republicans want to change it, then win enough seats in Congress and the White House to do just that. This does not

take compromise. It takes leadership, which is sorely missing in today's GOP. A vacuum sadly filled by the likes of Cruz, Hannity and El Rushbo.

Whatever, we should all stop

bad-mouthing our country. Liberals and conservatives. Get on with the intellectual debate. Be both the loyal but also a thoughtful opposition. But never compromise values. Rather, do what's right and just.



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Kansas State 2013-2014 SCHEDULE

| Date | Opponent / Event | Location | Result/Record |
|----------|---|-------------------|---------------|
| 08/30/13 | Kansas State vs. North Dakota State | | L 21-24 0-1 |
| 09/07/13 | Kansas State vs. Louisiana-Lafayette TV | | W 48-27 1-1 |
| 09/14/13 | Kansas State vs. Massachusetts | Manhattan | W 37-7 2-1 |
| 09/21/13 | Kansas State at Texas * | Austin, Texas | L 21-31 2-2 |
| 10/05/13 | Kansas State at Ok State * | Stillwater, Okla. | L 29-33 2-3 |
| 10/12/13 | Kansas State vs. Baylor * | Manhattan, Kan. | TBA |
| 10/26/13 | Kansas State vs. West Virginia * | Manhattan, Kan. | TBA |
| 11/02/13 | Kansas State vs. Iowa State * | Manhattan, Kan. | TBA |
| 11/09/13 | Kansas State at Texas Tech * | Lubbock, Texas | TBA |
| 11/16/13 | Kansas State vs. TCU * | Manhattan, Kan. | TBA |
| 11/23/13 | Kansas State vs. Oklahoma * | Manhattan, Kan. | TBA |
| 11/30/13 | Kansas State at Kansas * | Lawrence, Kan. | TBA |

Big 12 Standings

| Team | Big 12 Record | Over All Record |
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| Oklahoma | 2-0 | 5-0 |
| Texas Tech | 2-0 | 5-0 |
| Texas | 2-0 | 3-2 |
| Baylor | 1-0 | 4-0 |
| Oklahoma State | 1-1 | 4-1 |
| West Virginia | 1-2 | 3-3 |
| Kansas | 0-1 | 2-2 |
| Iowa State | 0-1 | 1-3 |
| Kansas State | 0-2 | 2-3 |
| TCU | 0-2 | 2-3 |

Kansas 2013-2014 SCHEDULE

| Date | Opponent | Location | Time/Result | Result/Record |
|------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| 9/7/2013 | University of South Dakota | Lawrence, Kan. | | <u>W - 31-14</u> 1-0 |
| 9/14/2013 | Rice University | Houston, TX | | <u>L - 14-23</u> 1-1 |
| 9/21/2013 | Louisiana Tech | Lawrence, Kan. | | <u>W - 13-10</u> 2-1 |
| 10/5/2013 | Texas Tech University | Lawrence, Kan. | | L - 16-54 2-2 |
| 10/12/2013 | TCU | Forth Worth, TX | | TBA |
| 10/19/2013 | Oklahoma | Lawrence, Kan. | | TBA |
| 10/26/2013 | Baylor | Lawrence, Kan. | | TBA |
| 11/2/2013 | Texas | Austin, Texas 2:30 p.m. | | TBA |
| 11/9/2013 | Oklahoma State | Stillwater, Okla. | | TBA |
| 11/16/2013 | West Virginia | Lawrence, Kan. | | TBA |
| 11/23/2013 | Iowa State | Ames, Iowa | | TBA |
| 11/30/2013 | Kansas State | Lawrence, Kan. | | TBA |

Big 12 Conference Schedule

| Date | Home Team | Location | Time (CT) | Media |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|-------|
| * Sat, Oct 12 | Texas Tech | Iowa State | | |
| Lubbock, Texas | | | | TBA |
| * Sat, Oct 12 | TCU | Kansas | | |
| Fort Worth, Texas | | | | TBA |
| * Sat, Oct 12 | Texas | Oklahoma | | |
| Dallas, Texas | | | | TBA |
| * Sat, Oct 12 | Kansas State | Baylor | | |
| Manhattan, Kan. | | | | TBA |
| * Sat, Oct 19 | Baylor | Iowa State | | |
| Waco, Texas | | | | TBA |
| * Sat, Oct 19 | Oklahoma State | TCU | | |
| Stillwater, Okla. | | | | TBA |
| * Sat, Oct 19 | West Virginia | Texas Tech | | |
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| * Sat, Oct 19 | Kansas | Oklahoma | | |
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| * Sat, Oct 26 | TCU | Texas | | |
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Wildcats Lose A Close Game In Stillwater

By Tonya Ricklefs
Manhattan Free Press

Saturday in Stillwater a battle emerged that was closer than most people imagined. Kansas State came to town needing their first Big 12 victory. Challenges with Kansas State's offensive game was apparent before things even started, number 86; Tramaine Thompson was on the sidelines without pads. Kansas State dominated the time of possession in the first quarter with their first drive taking over 8 minutes. While Kansas State did not score and had three false starts in that drive alone, it showcased Sams ability to gain yardage through both pass and rush plays. When the Wildcats regained possession Sams completed a pass play to Gronkowski for 67 yards and the first touchdown of the game.

Oklahoma State and Kansas State exchanged the lead again before the end of the half. Two of the Cowboys drives were assisted by Kansas State defensive facemask penalties and OSU's final drive of the half was assisted by a 1st down when Kansas State received an offside penalty. The final Kansas State possession of the half started on a strange illegal forward pass penalty when Kansas State had to find someone to receive the OSU punt because Tyler Lockett had been injured earlier in the 2nd quarter. While that final penalty of the half was the shocking 10th penalty of the half, resulting in



Jordan Kupersmith (41) returned an interception for a Wildcat touchdown.

Kansas State having 81 penalty yards, much of Wildcat fans breathed a sigh of relief that it was not going to be a fumble, turning possession back over to OSU. Kansas State took a knee to just try to get out of the first half and regroup during half-time. Coach Snyder summed up the first half best on his way to the locker room when he described accumulating that many penalty yards as "undisciplined".

In the second half, Kansas State started off with Sams leading the offensive back to

the end zone for Kansas State to take the lead again. On Kansas State's next possession, Sams fumbled on a 1-yard rush play that was recovered by OSU's Ogbah. The fumble was reviewed and in a controversial call, OSU kept possession of the ball. During the 3rd quarter Oklahoma State University regained the lead and Kansas State continued to struggle with Waters coming in for a short series where he fumbled the ball, as well as another fumble by Curry Sexton. During the third quarter Oklahoma State

regained the lead. Kansas State and Oklahoma State continued to battle for the lead until Oklahoma State scored 30 after gaining two first downs off Kansas State penalties. While both Sams and Waters tried to get Kansas State in the end zone to take the lead, Sams ended the game on an interception

Immediate reaction after the game initially would be to question the discipline and organization of a team that had 12 penalties for 92 yards. OSU only had one penalty for seven

yards. Kansas State had 5 turnovers and consistently struggled to maintain their momentum on the offensive line. Most people would also question many coaching decisions throughout the game, such as why to continue to bring Waters in during some high-pressure situations when he was not warmed up or obviously prepared for it. Coaching decisions to put Sams in some long yardage passage situations as well as improved communication among the special teams players really could be some cause for concerns among players and fans.

Reality is this is the first game this season that should show all of us some true reason for hope. While it could be argued that Oklahoma State could be overrated based on this game, I think it is a better argument that Kansas State is starting to show signs that they can begin to come to life. One you look past penalties and turnovers, the game was even. Kansas State had more offensive yards (336 to OSU's 330), both teams had 19 first downs, and Kansas State led with 144 rushing yards. Kansas State dominated the time of possession by controlling the ball 11 more minutes than OSU. All of this even with both starting wide receivers out of the game and the first real opportunity for Sams to show his ability to both pass and run. Sams accounted for 299 of the Wildcats offensive yards. While he made many mistakes,

the team showed teamwork and cooperation and hung in together in an inhospitable environment in Stillwater. The largest task in front of the Wildcats right now it to be able to stay mentally focused and show that they can rebound after adversity, which is what they will face this weekend at home against Baylor. The Baylor Bears accumulated 864 yards of offense this last weekend against West Virginia. Their efficiency will be challenging for Kansas State this weekend. We will learn more about the team this weekend. Home Sweet Home may not be enough of an advantage when Manhattan welcomes Fox Sports this weekend.

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Texas Tech Rolls To A 56 - 16 Win

By DOUG TUCKER
Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Coach Charlie Weis, who's been urging people to attend his Kansas team's games, was left marveling at the ones who decided to stick around.

No. 20 Texas Tech scored 54 unanswered points and routed the Jayhawks 54-16, extending their winless streak in the Big 12 to 22 games, or, as Weis kept reminding everyone all week, 1,063 days.

"If I were at the game, I probably would have left, too," Weis said. "They should get combat pay for just sticking around to the end."

Two years ago, the last time Kansas hosted Texas Tech, the Jayhawks raced to a 20-0 lead late in the first quarter, only to see the Red Raiders reel off 45 points and put the game out of

reach by the third quarter. This time, Kansas grabbed an early 10-0 lead. Quickly this lead disappeared, too, and really by halftime it felt as though the game had already been decided.

"We're going to have to critically evaluate everything that happened," Weis said. "From the coaching and play calling on one end, to performance on the other end. Then we're going to have to go down to a nucleus of players that we believe will all give us the best chance at competing."

The Jayhawks know exactly how many days have fallen away from the calendar since that last conference win.

"He drummed it in our head," said defensive end Keon Stowers. "We've still got that stat in our head. Obviously, there's going to be more days

added to that. But we're not going to go down the same road we went down last year."

The win may have been costly for Texas Tech. After passing for 368 yards, freshman quarterback sensation Baker Mayfield was helped off the field favoring his right leg.

"I just saw him limping off and he wasn't putting much weight on that (right) leg," said coach Kliff Kingsbury. "I've got to talk to the docs and see."

Mayfield was hurt when tackled while passing. There was no penalty. He hobbled very slowly off the field with someone helping him under each arm.

He was 33 of 51 with one interception.

With Mayfield in command after Kansas took a 10-0 lead, the Red Raiders surged, and went to 14-1 all-time against

the Jayhawks (2-2, 0-1 Big 12). The Red Raiders went to 5-0, 2-0.

Weis said the Red Raiders didn't change anything to ignite their offense.

"No, they didn't. And that's what bothers you the most," Weis said.

Backup Davis Webb threw a 25-yard touchdown pass to Eric Ward and a 4-yard scoring pass to Dylan Cantrell. The Red Raiders also scored twice on short runs by DeAndre Washington while rolling up 518 total yards on an exhausting 100 plays.

The turning point may have come with about 5 minutes left in the second quarter when the score was tied 10-all and Kansas punter Trevor Pardula, facing a fourth-and-12 from the Kansas 17, fielded the snap but took off running. The junior kicker, who two weeks earlier averaged a school-record 57.6 yards on five punts, was tackled on the 16 and a moment later Mayfield scored on a 19-yard quarterback draw.

"It was based on whether something happens, you have to take it," Weis said. "And he kind of got caught in that gray area. In hindsight, he wouldn't do it. But if he had a certain look, he was able to do that."

Eric Ward caught seven balls for 122 yards, tight end Jace Amaro caught nine for 96 and Jakeem Grant added seven catches for 92 yards for Tech.

Tech tied it 10-all on Kenny Williams' 1-yard run midway through the second quarter on a 42-yard drive aided by two key Kansas penalties. A roughing-the-passer infraction on defensive end Kevin Young gave Tech a first down on the 14,ans then Dexter McDonald was flagged for pass interference in the end zone.

Bustin made a 23-yarder to get the Red Raiders going in the second. He also had a 25-yarder as time ran out in the second quarter, giving Texas Tech a 20-10 halftime lead.

The Jayhawks seized a 10-0 homecoming lead in the first quarter on a 36-yard field goal

Former Kansas State Players In The NFL

Arthur Brown, LB - Baltimore Ravens

A second-round selection in the 2013 NFL Draft, Brown played for the first time in three weeks as he carded one tackle in Baltimore's 26-23 victory at Miami. In three games, Brown has two tackles, including a half sack, for the 3-2 Ravens.

Bryce Brown, RB - Philadelphia Eagles

Brown, a seventh-round pick in 2012, had six touches in Philadelphia's 36-21 win at the New York Giants on Sunday. The second-year pro rushed five times for 11 yards and caught one pass for six yards. In five games this year, Brown has carded 75 yards on 28 carries and caught four passes for 48 yards. The Eagles earned their first win since the season opener as they improved to 2-3.

Jeromey Clary, OL - San Diego Chargers

A seventh-year offensive lineman, Clary started at right guard in San Diego's 27-17 loss at Oakland late Sunday night a week after being sidelined due to injury. Clary has played in 92 career games and made 82 starts for the Chargers, who are now 2-3.

Josh Freeman, QB - Minnesota Vikings

After being released by Tampa Bay - the team that drafted him in the first round in 2009 - on Thursday, Freeman signed with the Minnesota Vikings on Monday. The Vikings hold a 1-3 record and host Carolina on Sunday.

Chris Harper, WR - San Francisco 49ers

Harper, a 2013 draft pick by Seattle who was later signed by the 49ers, was inactive for San Francisco's 34-3 Sunday-night victory over Houston. The 49ers are now 3-2.

Rob Jackson, LB - Washington Redskins

A fifth-year linebacker for

the Redskins, Jackson served a four-game suspension to begin the season and will be eligible to play next Sunday after Washington's bye this past week. The 1-3 Redskins travel to Dallas Sunday night.

Emmanuel Lamur, LB - Cincinnati Bengals

An undrafted rookie free agent in 2012, Lamur was placed on injured reserve by the Bengals just prior to the 2013 season. The Bengals improved to 3-2 after defeating New England, 13-6, Sunday.

Jeron Mastrud, TE - Oakland Raiders

Mastrud, a fourth-year tight end who is in his first season with Oakland, played in the Raiders' 27-17 Sunday-night win over San Diego but did not record any statistics. In five games, Mastrud has hauled in two passes for 49 yards. Oakland is now 2-3.

Jordy Nelson, WR - Green Bay Packers

Coming off a bye week, Nelson helped Green Bay earn a 22-9 win over Detroit Sunday to extend the Packers' winning streak over the Lions in the state of Wisconsin to 23 games. Nelson was the Packers' second-leading receiver with five receptions for 82 yards, giving him 371 yards on 23 receptions with three touchdowns. Green Bay evened its record at 2-2. Highlight: 31-yd reception

Terence Newman, CB - Cincinnati Bengals

An 11-year NFL veteran, Newman made two tackles and batted away a pass in Cincinnati's 13-6 victory over New England. Newman led a defensive unit that held Patriots' quarterback Tom Brady without a touchdown pass to snap a 52-game streak, the second longest in NFL history. Newman now has 25 tackles to push his career total to 642, while he also has four

passes defended for the 3-2 Bengals.

Darren Sproles, RB/Returner - New Orleans Saints

The ninth-year running back for New Orleans, Sproles helped the Saints pick up a 26-18 victory at Chicago on Sunday. Sproles carded 81 all-purpose yards, which included 31 yards on three receptions. In five games this season, Sproles has 635 all-purpose yards, including 308 yards on 26 receptions and 8.7 yards per punt return to rank eighth in the NFL among players with 12 or more returns. The Saints are one of just three teams to begin the season with a perfect 5-0 record.

Daniel Thomas, RB - Miami Dolphins

A third-year running back for Miami, Thomas caught two passes out of the backfield for 11 yards and rushed twice for one yard in the Dolphins' 26-23 home loss to Baltimore on Monday. Thomas has 71 yards on 27 carries and 40 yards on four receptions for the 3-2 Dolphins.

Justin Tuggle, LB - Houston Texans

An undrafted rookie free agent for the Texans, Tuggle played in Houston's 34-3 loss Sunday night at San Francisco but did not record any tackles. In four games, the linebacker has three stops for the 2-3 Texans.

Reggie Walker, LB - San Diego Chargers

Walker, a fifth-year linebacker who is in his first season with San Diego, made one tackle in the Chargers' 27-17 loss at Oakland late Sunday night in a game that was pushed back due to playoff baseball at O.co Coliseum. Walker has 15 tackles in four games for the 2-3 Chargers.

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Late TD Helps Cowboys Overcome Wildcats 33-29

By KURT VOIGT
AP Sports Writer

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Mike Gundy has coached some of the top offensive teams in school history at Oklahoma State, including the one two years ago that was a loss to Iowa State away from playing for the national championship.

After a comeback victory over Kansas State on Saturday, the Cowboys' 14th win in their last 15 games at home, Gundy was ready to leave the past behind and focus on what he sees as an improving team this season.

No. 22 Oklahoma State (4-1, 1-1 Big 12 Conference) escaped with a 33-29 victory over the Wildcats (2-3, 0-2) thanks to a six-play, 75-yard touchdown drive late in the fourth quarter, one engineered by quarterback J.W. Walsh.

It was a well-timed bit of offensive output for Walsh and the Cowboys, who had struggled offensively for much of the second half — failing to gain so much as a first down in the third quarter.

Regardless of how they earned the win, Gundy was just relieved that Oklahoma State — the preseason Big 12 favorite — bounced back from a surprising loss a week earlier at West Virginia.

The ninth-year coach was also ready to keep the focus on the expectations for this year's Cowboys, not the offensive juggernauts the school has been known for in recent years.

"I think we're getting better, but the comparison you make for the offense that's been around here for 6-7 years is, at some point, a little unfair," Gundy said. "It's not like you can just continue to do it forever."

Oklahoma State has its second bye this week before returning to action at home against TCU on Oct. 19. The time off will give Gundy extra time to correct an offense that's suddenly gone cold in the red zone.

The Cowboys opened their season 3-0, including a season-opening win over Mississippi State, doing so by scoring on all 15 of their trips inside the red zone. However, in the 30-21 loss to the Mountaineers last week, Oklahoma State advanced inside the 20 just once — coming away with nothing.

On the surface, the red-zone offense was much improved on Saturday, with the Cowboys coming away with points in seven of eight trips inside the Kansas State 20-yard line.

The problem was that four of those trips resulted in field goals, not touchdowns.

Luckily for Oklahoma State, kicker Ben Grogan — who entered the game 1 of 4 this season — bounced back from a pair of misses against West Virginia.

The freshman connected on field goals of 30, 43, 23 and 28 yards, helping the Cowboys overcome a blocked kick in the second quarter that Kip Daily returned 65 yards for a touchdown for the Wildcats.

"He's in a tough situation," Gundy said. "To be a field goal kicker, you're isolated. In today's cyberspace, media and Internet chat rooms ... Tough gig, now, for a guy to miss a couple short field goals. You hear it a lot."

"I told the team that I thought he did a great job of staying focused. It's not easy."

While Oklahoma State has



Kansas State's defensive lineman Travis Britz (95) put the rush on Oklahoma Quarterback JW Walsh.

an extra week to work out its offensive kinks, Kansas State has no such luxury. The Wildcats, who have lost two straight games, host offensive power Baylor this week, and they'll do so with a host of questions about the quarterback position after Daniel Sams emerged as the primary option on Saturday.

Sams had attempted just four passes this season entering the game while sharing time with Jake Waters, but he accounted for 299 yards of total offense while nearly leading Kansas State to the victory.

The sophomore dazzled with both his legs (118 yards rushing on 27 carries) and his arm (15-of-21 passing for 181 yards), and he accounted for three touchdowns — including a 3-yard run in the fourth quarter that put the Wildcats up 29-23.

However, he also threw three interceptions — including a pair on Kansas State's final two drives — as Oklahoma State rallied.

The Wildcats, who entered the game second in the Big 12 in fewest penalties, struggled at the line of scrimmage. They finished with 12 penalties for 92 yards, including a host of false starts that hampered drives.

"In our history, we just have not been that kind of a football team," Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said. "I mean, we haven't always been extremely good, but we haven't always turned the ball over, and we haven't always been penalized."

"We had a chance to win even with it, like you said, but it sure makes it a heck of a lot harder."



KSU's Sophomore Quarterback dazzled with both his legs (118 yards rushing) and 15 of 21 passing.



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