

## Koyotes looking for different result

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The Kansas Koyotes were schooled in last year's American Professional Football League championship game, with the Iowa Blackhawks rolling to a lopsided 64-17 victory.

Saturday's 7:05 p.m. rematch at Landon Arena, the first of two Kansas-Iowa regular-season games, will show how well Jim Green's Koyotes learned their lessons.

"This is a big game," said Green, whose team has posted two straight routs to open the year. "Our guys have a debt to pay back and they want to do that, but I told them, 'Don't use all your bullets in one game.' We want to make sure that we play head's up, smart football and Koyote football — control the football, control the game.

"I'm excited coming into this game. You try and forget how bad you got beat last year but then again you don't want to forget it, you want to learn from it."

Green said that last year's championship game taught him he needed to go out and upgrade the Koyotes' roster.

"The biggest thing we found out last year from looking at the film was that our cupboards were bare, and I'll take full responsibility for that," he said. "We just didn't have the depth that Iowa had.

"Now we have the depth back and I think you'll see a whole different ballclub when we play (Saturday)."

The Koyotes are coming off a 61-14 win against the Missouri Mustangs after opening the year by mauling the Kansas City Bulldogs 74-6.

Despite the lopsided scores, Green said the games were good for his team.

"You always wonder if the competition's been enough going into a big game like this," he said, "but I think from those two games we found out the players who could play and we also found out how fast our offense and defense is, especially with some of the new players that were sprinkled in there. That's really helped a lot of questions.

"Physically we can match up with anybody. What I've told them all week is that we can play with anybody now. We have the strength. That's why you play these (early) games, so see where your strengths are and where your weaknesses are. You learn to shore those up and adjust."

Former Washburn quarterback Jordan Brill is off to a hot start for the Koyotes thus far and could be a key in Saturday night's game.

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