

Koyotes unable to avenge loss

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Ever since the Iowa Blackhawks ended their six-year run at the top of the American Professional Football League last season, the Kansas Koyotes have been aching to get some revenge.

They will have to wait a little longer.

Iowa was again the more dominant team in Saturday's rematch, riding a strong start to earn a 47-20 victory against the Koyotes at Landon Arena.

The Blackhawks scored the first 19 points game and never let the Koyotes get back within striking distance.

"That team brought their A game in here," Koyotes coach Jim Green said. "They're a very solid team all the way around. When they get 19 points ahead of you, it's hard to come back."

The Koyotes struggled to get into a rhythm offensively and came up empty on their first four possessions. After two big games to start the season, former Washburn quarterback Jordan Brill completed just 17 of 33 passes for 133 yards and was sacked six times.

"We got beat up front — plain and simple," Green said. "We're going to have to go back and look at film and see what kind of adjustments we need to make. We just got to give our quarterback more time to make our offense work."

After the Blackhawks dominated the first 25 minutes of the game, the Koyotes finally got on the board with three minutes left in the half when Brill found Justin Wrecke for a 9-yard touchdown to make the score 19-6 going into halftime.

However, the Blackhawks responded with a 14-yard touchdown pass from Chuck Wright to Steve Rush to open the second half and never let the Koyotes get closer than 14 points the rest of the way.

After seeing his team earn back-to-back lop-sided wins against teams from the Central Plains Football League, Green said the transition to playing the defending champions might have thrown his team for a loop.

"That's what we talked about at halftime — I said, 'Guys, these aren't the (Kansas City) Bull Dogs, these aren't the Missouri Mustangs,' " Green said. "Iowa came to play."

"I think a little more competition (prior to Saturday's game) would have definitely helped us. But this game won't hurt us, it'll wake us up and make us realize what we need to do. We can really review this film and from this point on, we'll know exactly what we need to do to be able to compete with these guys."

Wright was 10 of 17 through the air with 149 yards and four touchdowns. Rush caught three touchdowns passes for the Blackhawks while running back Mel Holliday rushed for two TD's. Receiver Brad Triplett also contributed with three receptions for 59 yards, including a 29-yard touchdown grab early in the second quarter.

Donnell Smith scored two of the Koyotes' three touchdowns, rushing for a 1-yard score and scoring on a 7-yard screen pass. Wrecke caught five passes for 39 yards.

The Koyotes will travel to face the Springfield, Mo., Wolfpack next weekend.

Iowa 12 7 14 14 — 47

Kansas 0 6 7 7 — 20

Iowa — Rush 13 pass from Wright (kick failed)

Iowa — Phillips 2 blocked field goal return (run failed)

Iowa — Triplett 29 pass from Wright (Lakin kick)

Kansas — Wrecke 9 pass from Brill (kick failed)

Iowa — Rush 14 pass from Wright (run failed)

Kansas — Smith 1 run (Thompson kick)

Iowa — Holliday 1 run (Stuart from Wright)

Kansas — Smith 7 pass from Brill (Thompson kick)

Iowa — Holliday 1 run (Rush from Wright)

Iowa — Rush 12 pass from Wright (kick failed)