

Sports

Blackhawks out front against Kansas

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Two summers ago, Iowa wrestled the American Professional Football League trophy away from the six-time champion Kansas Koyotes at the Mid-America Center.

Saturday, the Blackhawks settled for just taking away the ball.

Defensive back Burton Bosan's three first-half interceptions allowed Iowa to build a two-touchdown lead. The Blackhawks went on to hold off Kansas 41-28 at the MAC in the first of two meetings between the longtime APFL rivals during the regular season.

Two of Bosan's picks came with the Koyotes inside the red zone. One led to the second of three scoring passes from Chuck Wright to Robert Kirvin.

"We've got a little cover-three defense that we're perfecting right now," Bosan said. "Our D-line is getting a lot of pressure on the quarterback, where he's going to throw some lob balls. I was just making some plays on the ball today."

The three early turnovers gave a confidence boost to an Iowa defense that gave up 62 points in a win over Mid-Missouri a week ago. Blackhawk coach Mike Wolff said he still saw too many missed tackles, but liked the performance better than in the previous outing.

"There was a definite improvement on the defensive part," he said. "The three turnovers were big because it allowed our offense to have three more possessions. The more possessions you have in indoor football, the more chances you have to score."

Wright finished the night with 201 passing yards and four touchdowns. Running back Kaylon Price also ran for two scores as Iowa improved to 4-2 on the season.

After falling behind early, Kansas (1-5) was never closer than seven the rest of the way.

Kansas (1-5) 0 13 8 7 - 28

Iowa (4-2) 7 14 14 6 - 41

I: Robert Kirvin 6 pass from Chuck Wright (Jerry Lakin kick)

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K: Naji Shinskia 41 pass from Carlos Kelly (John Cox kick)

I: Kaylon Price 2 run (Lakin kick)

K: Mike Williams 2 pass from Kelly (kick failed)

I: Price 4 run (Lakin kick)

K: Mike Steen 7 run (Steen run)

I: Tavaris Capers 37 pass from Wright (Lakin kick)

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Courtesy photo/Jenna Hunter - Iowa's Steve Rush hauls in a Chuck Wright pass against Kansas on Saturday at the MAC.

I: Kirvin 5 pass from Wright (kick failed)

K: Kelly 1 run (Cox kick)

Individual Statistics

RUSHING: K, Steen 10-21, Kelly 7-15, Dipman 1-(-3). I, Holliday 8-36, Price 7-29, Rush 1-9, Wright 1-(-1), Stuart 1-(-4).

PASSING: K, Kelly 11-20-3 151, Dipman 0-1-0. I, Wright 21-28-0 201.

RECEIVING: K, Shinskia 4-72, Lowe 3-55, Williams 3-15, Steen 1-9. I, Kirvin 7-77, Rush 6-32, Seymour 3-26, Holliday 2-5, Stuart 2-4, Capers 1-37.

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