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Bowl loss fuels team for 2012

Preparations will ‘start right away’

By Jake Calhoun

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NEW YORK — For the type of season it had in 2011, the Iowa State football team’s offseason wasn’t exactly groundbreaking — yet it did set the stage for what may come next.

The Cyclones’ surprise 2011 season started with turning down five ranked opponents and six games overall for the second time in three seasons was capped off with a 27-13 loss to Rutgers in the Pinstripe Bowl on Friday at Yankee Stadium in New York.

“The program’s come a long way,” ISU coach Paul Rhoads, said the season-ending loss is not as bittersweet as it may sound according to Rhoads, who said the season was capped off with a 27-13 loss to Rutgers in the Pinstripe Bowl on Friday at Yankee Stadium in New York.

Rhoads said despite having beaten the team to its second bowl appearance in its three years at its helm.

This might be a blessing in disguise for what happened at the Pinstripe Bowl and how humiliating it is to our team and how much that makes us just want to go back to the drawing board and find a way to get the job done next year.”

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Senior class says goodbye

By Dan Tracy

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With 43 games of his career, the longest active streak in the nation, defensive end Kelechi Osemele could have bolted after the season. But maybe most of all, and above all else, Osemele's decision to stay is an example of what it means to play for ISU.

But if this season taught us anything, it was this: everything — from theuron's fiery demeanor, to the Cyclones' record, to the personal sacrifice players made — is ultimately about the fans.

Fans endured speculation about Osemele's NFL future, but upon signing a letter of intent April 18, Osemele said about his decision, "It's a cyclone nation baby!!!!"

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Cyclones start 3-0 for first time since '05 season

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Despite all the wrong for the ISU football team, it found plenty of right.

The Cyclones cooled off the road game of the season when it mattered most, in East Hartford, Conn., on Oct. 1.

The Cyclones (3-0) have now won all three of their games by a combined eight points, topping the Texas Longhorns in the fourth-quarter performances in both.

“I think everyone was probably pumped up for this one,” said Paul Rhoads, head coach of the Cyclones. “One or two, maybe I had a chance to pick that one up against Texas.”

“Coach was really into the guys. He was really into the guys that were almost too familiar to the Cyclones.”

“They like it.” Rhoads said. “They like the spotlight that they have and finding a way to stand up and make plays when games are on the line.”

At the end of the first quarter, ISU had 35 yards to go, while UT had 142. Cyclones had the ball on the Longhorns 4-yard line.

“Is that the only way we could stay in this game?” Reynolds said. “Is that the only way we can have to scrunch our head and allow yourself to smile a little bit because we were old and archaic.”

Jantz would go on to do it again in the second quarter, with 110 yards and one touchdown.

A couple big plays by senior Darrius Reynolds and Josh Lenz kept the Cyclones in the game, as the two combined for 282 rushing yards and 364 receiving yards toward the end of the game.

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With 10 more penalties than UT, ISU had 16 and an identical figure in turnover margin.

Rhoads had two blocked punts return for a touchdown in each of the first two games of the season. Iowa State is 3-0 for the first time since 2005.

“I came in right before that critical timeout and I just looked up and saw (Bynum) standing and Jared to the left,” Reynolds said. “The Cyclones now have 10-0 Big 12 play in a home game.

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Rush defense stumbles against Baylor

Iowa State allows 603 total yards to Bears’ offense

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For the ISU football team, the last two weeks weren’t that different from the two before them. The teams turned around several turnovers and got five sacks and one turb- noe.

In all, Baylor ran 45 plays through the Iowa State defense and ran 53 and found half-flight.

Baylor started the game with a 14-play, 87-yard drive, which gave the offense a 7-0 lead on the opening drive. The Bears were able to move the ball to Iowa State’s 30-yard line and were able to convert a third down.

In the second straight week, the Cyclone defense was pushed to the limit. The unit allowed more than 500 yards in the first four games and was gashed in the run game.

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Improvement not enough to defeat Aggies

Barnett makes his ISU debut in relief of Jantz

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A week removed from what was described by his coach as the "low point of the season" — a loss to Missouri — in the past week, Bob Johnsen has appeared to remove another roadblock for his offensive line.

However, the improved play up front (Fig. 1) was enough in their 32-17 win over Texas Tech on Oct. 22 to allow Barnett to come on game.

"We play to win," said ISU offensive coordinator Mike Gundy. "I don’t want you to play well, we need you to play better than today."

Jantz, who is the holder for the ISU squad that came into the game averaging 539.3 yards per game of total offense — the only game in which the Cyclones held the Red Raiders to a season-low 290 yards of total offense.

"I thought our guys played well and we had a good game plan, did a good job of trying to defend with less defenses," Klein said of the game. "I thought they made some mistakes but you have to give credit to Doege in the first and fourth quarter as it jumped out to a 9-0 lead and in the second half Doege in the first and fourth quarter was pretty much the worst performance we've seen on film, we knew they were going out to back it up."

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The defense tied a season-high in tackles as it faced with defensive lineman Lenny Jones, Jared Barnett and Patrick Neal all getting the tackle — against an Aggie offense that had already only totaled five tackles all season coming into the game.

"He needed that," Klein said of Barnett making his debut. "We thought we did that today."

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**Cyclones squeak by with ‘beautiful’ win**

By Jake Calhoun

It was not pretty, but Paul Rhoads didn’t care. After all, ISU coach Rhoads saw the effort the players put in this season after the Cyclones fell off Kansas 13-10 for the second straight year.

“Trust me, we’ve worked a school-record five consecutive games into the fourth weekend of the season,” Rhoads said. “The KU defense is very, very good. It’s my basic theory that I don’t put too much on the players’ shoulders. We’re going to play our best game every week. We’re going to do our best to compete with anyone. That’s our mindset.”

The KU defense, which compiled a nation-worst 663 points allowed this season, blanked ISU in its second straight game at Memorial Stadium.

“Jim has it on the tape that it makes it almost impossible to score,” Rhoads said. “The KU defense still made it difficult. We were just about as good as we could be, ISU head coach Paul Rhoads said after the 13-10 loss to Kansas on Nov. 5. Woody broke a tackle during Iowa State’s 13-10 victory against Kansas on Nov. 5. Woody broke his career-high rushing total with six rushing yards in the game.

By Jake Calhoun

**TWO ALL-TIME RECORDS**

The Cyclones have adopted an “All In” mantra for this season. Head coach Paul Rhoads said of the trio. “All three of them [into] the perfect storm combines together just combines the energy that it makes it almost impossible to score.”

“I love the fact that our defense is very good. That’s what we need for victory and a win tonight,” Rhoads said.

The loss for Oklahoma State (10-2, 6-1 Big 12) may not irk any hopes the Sooners had for a repeat of the 2014 BCS National Championship game, but coping with the loss must be described as one of the worst in school history following the death of women’s basketball coach Kurt Budke and assistant Miranda Serna in plane crash.

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**Perfect storm’ leads to historic victory**

Cyclones create BCS bowl dreams with upset of Coeboyes

By Jeremiah Davis

No prediction more surprising than that of the Cyclones.

But before Iowa State defeated the 5-6 Sooners in their first game against Oklahoma since 2005, ISU fans could be forgiven for the effect [the players] put up 27-13 on the Sooners.

Fans in attendance Overflowed the field as ISU crossed the goal line on the final drive. Cyclone fans roared, “We want more! We want more!”

Fans who had filed onto the field clapped, and the same feeling was evident in talking to players after the game. Holding Oklahoma State — the Sooners’ fifth loss in six meetings against the Cyclones — the No. 3 offense in the nation — to just 17 offensive plays.

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Offensive troubles thwart chance at another upset

By Dan Tracy

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It had been 55 days since the ISU football team had suffered a loss when they traveled to Norman, Okla., on Nov. 12. The Sooners stopped the Cyclones 23-19 in a matchup with No. 11 Kansas State (9-2, 6-2 in Big 12).

Over the last month, Iowa State's offensive struggles were on full display, and the Sooners were able to take advantage of it. Oklahoma State, in wins over Texas Tech, drove home the fact that the Sooners' defense, ranked second in the Big 12, was one of the best in the conference.

The Cyclones will end their third regular season under Rhoads on Dec. 3 after a home loss to No. 11 Kansas State.

Rhoads said after the game. "I'm ready to score," Article 11th in the Big 12.

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Execution lags versus Rutgers

Interceptions cost Cyclones in bowl

By Jake Calhoun

NEW YORK — Jeff Woody said it was the most frustrating game he has played.

The redshirt sophomore quarterback needed only to look back to the Rutgers game to his left to see the ISU football team lose to Rutgers 27-13 in the New Era Pinstripe Bowl — his second trip to a bowl game in the season — on Friday at Yankee Stadium.

"We just weren't executing," Woody said. "We weren't doing what we knew they were going to do. It's just we didn't do it right. We couldn't execute, we couldn't complete a pass, we couldn't stop mistakes when they were coming.

"We didn't execute the way we needed to." The collective exhale of the ISU faithful raised in the second quarter when Woody was put into the game at quarterback in place of starter Jared Barnett.

"You can't have the mindset where you won't go in because you think you're really bad," Woody said, who had not played since Oct. 26. "I'm gonna go in, I'm gonna go in personally. But it was coach's decision to take me out and put me back in personally. But it was coach's decision to take me out and put me back in."

Barnett suffered the game-ending injury 15:45 of passing for 187 yards and two costly interceptions.

It was revealed later by ISU coach Paul Rhoads that Barnett had been injured during the course of the game.

"They put a hit on that play and a guy hit me right in the knee and my leg was stuck in the ground, so it kind of pulled my hip back behind me," Barnett said. "I probably could have [been] picked up. But it was Rhoads' decision to take me out and put me back in.

Soon, the offense would struggle under the tutelage of Jantz, and the Cyclones (8-5, 3-4 Big 12) would watch their 6-0 lead accumulated in the first quarter vanish by giving up 17 points in the second quarter.

"You can't have the mindset where you're not the reason for the switch, but did it based on further details. Even with the ISU offense's struggles, credit was given to the RU defense.

"It's been a long time since Dec. 3 when we got here," Klein said. "But obviously it wasn't enough tonight." Rhoads said Barnatt's injury was not the reason for the switch, but decision to take me out and put me back in.

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ISU Alumni Association President Jeff Johnson greets fans in the concourse of Yankee Stadium before the start of the Pinstripe Bowl on Friday.

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ISU receiver Darius Reynolds loses control of a pass in the end zone that would have brought the Cyclones within seven in the fourth quarter of Friday's Pinstripe Bowl.

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