

# K-State Offense Falters After Forging 44-31 Gap

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DES MOINES, IOWA—Kansas State lost to Drake University, 70-64, here Monday night in a wild, scrambling cage display that saw the Wildcats blow a 13-point lead in the second half.

After building to a 42-31 advantage at intermission, and pulling out 44-31 as the second half opened, the Cats fought off a determined set of Bulldogs for five minutes of the second period and led 55-45.

Then K-State lost its scoring punch—netting only nine points in those last 15 hectic minutes.

Drake threw up a tight defense that allowed the Wildcats no certain shots. In attempting to make a scrap of it the Cats were charged with eight fouls in the late stages which the Bulldogs cashed in for 13 free throws and the ball game.

It was a fairly simple matter for Drake to keep the lid on Wildcat scoring through the second-half melee. The Bulldogs played a tight man-for-man defense and effectively kept big Jack Parr, 6-9 Wildcat center, from shooting.

With K-State long shots going wild, the Wildcats limped out the time. The K-State shooting percentage fell from 46 per cent for the first half to a meager 35 per cent for the game as the 'Cats hit only 27 per cent in the final 20 minutes.

Biggest statistical difference in the two teams came in rebounding where the Bulldogs towered far above K-State, ending with 43 recoveries to the Wildcats' 23.

Leading K-State scorer was 5-8 guard Pachin Vicens who had six baskets and three free throws for 15 points. That tied Drake's Red Murrell for scoring honors. Parr had 14 on five baskets and four charity throws, but the big sophomore got only five rebounds. Willie Cerf, 6-6, Bulldog senior center, led with 10 rebounds.

Drake stepped out first, scoring as Dave Hutchins, 6-2, senior forward, dropped in a free throw in the first minute, and the two teams swapped leads until Parr hit a pair of free throws with three minutes gone to pull out 6-5.

Building on that, the Cats shook off the stubborn Bulldogs slowly, until putting on a scoring spurt in the last four minutes of the first half to get the halftime margin of 11 points.

While Drake could hit but 29 percent of its 69 field goal attempts, the Bulldogs dropped in 30 of 39 free throws to outdistance K-State by 28 points at the line.

Part of the rash of Wildcat fouls in the final minutes came as they pressed Drake for the ball. The Bulldogs went into a semi-freeze with four minutes remaining.

The win gives Drake a 3-1 record for the season, the only loss coming by 62-63 to Tulsa here Saturday. The Bulldogs lost after leading by 18 with 15 minutes to play. Tonight's action was almost an exact reverse of that.

## Box Score

KANSAS STATE (64)				
	G-Ga	F-Fa	Pf	Tp
Wilson .....	3-11	4-6	2	10
DeWitz .....	0-1	0-1	1	0
Wallace .....	0-0	0-0	0	0
Stone .....	3-12	4-5	3	10
Schneider .....	0-4	0-0	2	0
Vicens .....	6-17	3-4	3	15
Fischer .....	3-5	1-2	1	7
Hutchins .....	0-0	0-0	0	0
Powell .....	4-6	0-2	3	8
Parr .....	5-11	4-6	4	14
Totals .....	24-68	16-26	21	64

DRAKE (70)				
	G-Ga	F-Fa	Pf	Tp
Funk .....	0-8	5-7	4	5
Cerf .....	3-17	5-7	3	11
Hutchins .....	2-12	10-13	1	14
Murrell .....	5-13	5-6	3	11
Peter .....	7-13	0-0	1	14
Schmidt .....	0-1	0-0	1	0
Carey .....	3-6	5-6	3	11
Totals .....	20-70	30-39	17	70

Halftime Score—42-31, K-State.  
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