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CU report: Educational fright flick

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BOULDER — Roll the video after a 58-0 mauling?

Some football coaches prefer not to review and dissect such a rout for their players, instead quickly moving ahead to the next week's opponent.

But Colorado coach **Dan Hawkins** on Monday said he and his coaches replayed the Missouri game - for educational purposes only.

"You learn from everything," Hawkins said on the Big 12 coaches teleconference, adding the main purpose in reviewing such a hard-to-digest video is "about improving."

Hawkins said Missouri's defense did "everything" well against the punchless Buffaloes: "They've got great personnel, a good command of what they're doing and they play at full speed. They're a great football team, really."

Asked how his team responded Sunday (there were meetings but no practice then or Monday), Hawkins answered, "Good."

Firing blanks

Saturday's shutout loss was CU's first since Nov.

12, 1988 (242 games). Hawkins' 10 teams at Willamette and Boise State (five seasons at each) never were shut out.

His first CU team (2006) was limited to three points in losses to Arizona State and Oklahoma, his second to six points in a loss to Florida State.

After averaging only 16.3 points a game in 2006, the Buffs climbed to 27.6 last season. This season, they've dipped to 18.6, but they are averaging only 10.2 points in four Big 12 games.

Is 'I' the answer?

CU remains last in the conference in scoring offense, total offense and pass offense, and the Buffs are next-to-last in the league in rushing offense (122.1 yards) a game, leading only its next opponent - Texas A&M (112.8).

The Buffs occasionally have used an I-formation instead of trying to run from the shotgun.

On using the "I" - several players say they're more comfortable running out of it instead of the shotgun - Hawkins said, "A lot of that has to do with the plays we believe we can run against the teams we're going against."

Hawkins' remedy to rejuvenate the offense: "We've got to keep going, keep polishing."

He indicated the use of two quarterbacks would continue but was noncommittal about using two punters, as was done at Missouri for the first time this season.

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Kickoff on hold

Kickoff for the CU-Iowa State game on Nov. 8 at Folsom Field will be at 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. School officials are awaiting a decision by noon Sunday from the Big 12 Conference as to whether the game will be televised.

If the game is picked up for TV, kickoff will be at 11:30 a.m.; otherwise, it'll start at 12:30.

McGee could play

Texas A&M coach **Mike Sherman** said senior **Stephen McGee**, a two-year starter at quarterback, could have played Saturday in the Aggies' win at Iowa State and is "possible" to see duty this week.

Sherman said after his team's loss the previous week to now-No. 6 Texas Tech, beating Iowa State on the road provided a big lift for the Aggies.

"We'd lost a tough one against Tech, after we were winning at halftime," he said. "It was hard emotionally to do that in back-to-back games, but we bounced back at practice. . . . It was a great win, but every one is at this point."

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CU: QB parade up against Buffs, again

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Texas A&M quarterback Jerrod Johnson. (AP | Charlie Neibergall)

Another week, another gifted Big 12 quarterback taking aim at Colorado.

This time it's Jerrod Johnson of Texas A&M, a 6-foot-5, 229-pound sophomore who seemingly came out of nowhere. Johnson even worked some at wide receiver early in the season but has flourished at quarterback after taking over for three-year starter Stephen McGee, who injured his throwing shoulder.

In a 49-35 Aggies victory last weekend at Iowa State, Johnson completed 31-of-39 passes for 381

yards and a career-best four touchdowns. He also ran for a score.

Johnson has combined for 1,083 yards and six TD passes in his past three games. That included a school-record 419 yards passing against Kansas State on Oct. 11.

Colorado (4-4, 1-3 Big 12) plays at

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Texas A&M (3-5, 1-3) at noon Saturday.

"Jerrod, particularly in the last couple of weeks, has made some strides toward being a more dependable quarterback," first-year Aggies coach Mike Sherman said Monday on the Big 12 teleconference. "He takes less chances than he did earlier. He's more protective of the football when he's running around.

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"He's making better decisions as a quarterback, which is the ultimate measuring stick."

Johnson, from the Houston suburb of Humble, redshirted in 2006 and then attempted just seven passes last fall as McGee's backup. He appears to be gaining a greater comfort level with the offense, Iowa State coach Gene Chizik said.

"You could see him getting better every week," Chizik said. "I thought he threw the ball great against us Saturday night. It didn't matter where there was pressure on him and and scrambled out, or if he just set and hit a target. He made some really good throws.

"I think it was a result of him playing (for several weeks) and improving his game. He was very impressive. He made some throws when the coverage was pretty tight."

On the Big 12 teleconference, Colorado coach Dan Hawkins said of Johnson: "Their whole team has really gotten better as the year's gone on. (Johnson) is doing a really nice job. He's another guy that can hurt you running the football. He has a real quick release. He's a good player."

McGee, who has thrown for more than 5,000 career yards, banged up his shoulder in the second game against New Mexico and later re-aggravated it. Sherman said McGee also could play Saturday against CU. But expect Johnson to be the starter.

HORROR FLICK? Some college coaches may have found a trash can for tape of a 58-0 loss. But CU coach Dan Hawkins said the team reviewed video on Sunday of the mauling by Missouri.

"I just think you have to learn from everything," Hawkins said Monday on the teleconference. "It's not about what the score was, win or lose you have to

learn from it and move on."

FOOTNOTES Dan Hawkins said Monday that he expects to use both quarterbacks, sophomore Cody Hawkins and freshman Tyler Hansen, again this weekend.

... As for whether both punters will play, Dan Hawkins was noncommittal.

... The coach said his offense has not scrapped the I-formation. CU tailbacks had some success running out of the I-formation against Kansas State but Hawkins said that alignment did not fit into the game plan against Missouri (presumably because of unfavorable matchups).

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CU's Hawkins is mum on solutions

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BOULDER — Colorado's Dan Hawkins had little to say Monday during the Big 12 coaches teleconference about his team's recovery.

The Buffaloes are coming off Saturday's 58-0 loss at Missouri, CU's worst defeat since losing 70-3 in the 2005 Big 12 title game. It was the most-lopsided loss of Hawkins' head coaching career. The Buffs (4-4, 1-3 Big 12) face Texas A&M on Saturday in College Station in a game that's pivotal to their bowl hopes.

Hawkins received predictable questions regarding his team's plight, especially its offense, the league's worst. His answers shed little light.

He answered with "good" when asked how players responded during Sunday's meeting.

When asked what can be done to get the offense moving, Hawkins would only say, "We just have to keep going. You have to keep going, keep polishing."

CU is last in the Big 12 in yards and scoring. CU hasn't had a 400-yard day this season.

When asked why the offense on Saturday used few plays out of the I-formation, which freshmen running backs Rodney Stewart and Darrell Scott say they prefer, the coach said, "A lot of that has to do with plays you can run versus teams you're going against."

Hawkins did say coaches showed players the tape. He would not say if it revealed anything beyond the obvious.

"I think you have to learn from everything," Hawkins said.

"It's not about what the score was, win or lose. You have to be able to learn from it and move on. That was what we tried to do."

The Buffs will have to find an answer for Aggies quarterback Jerrod Johnson, who set a Texas A&M record by completing 79.5 percent of his passes in Saturday's 49-35 win at Iowa State. Johnson hit 31 of 39 throws for 381 yards, a career high and the most by an Aggie since 1996. He threw for four touchdowns and ran for another.

"He had a breakout game against us," Iowa State coach Gene Chizik said.

"He was very impressive. He got out of trouble; he threw the ball on the run. He made some throws into some coverages that were really tight."

Johnson entered the season second-string behind Stephen McGee, who hurt his shoulder in September and appears to have lost the job. Texas A&M coach Mike Sherman said McGee was ready to play last week, and it's possible he could play Saturday.

Sherman said Johnson is taking fewer chances with the football. He hasn't thrown an interception in his past three games.

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"He's making better decisions, which is the ultimate measuring stick of a quarterback," Sherman said.

Texas A&M snapped a three-game losing streak Saturday.

"Their whole team has gotten better as the year has gone along," Hawkins said. "You can see that in everything they do."

The 35 points Texas A&M allowed were its fewest in a Big 12 game this season.

IOWA STATE GAME: ABC will exercise its option to use a six-day selection process for Big 12 games on Nov. 8, including CU's home date with Iowa State. Schools will know no later than noon Sunday what the TV selections are, and game times.

CU reported it does not know if its game will be chosen for TV. Its kickoff Nov. 8 will either be at 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.

EXTRA POINTS: Hawkins said the mindset entering this week is that the Buffs will rotate quarterbacks again Saturday. Freshman Tyler Hansen made his first start at Missouri. He went 12-for-16 for 72 yards, and rushed 16 times for 30 yards. ... Hawkins said "we'll see" on whether he'll rotate punters again. ... Receiver Patrick Williams moved into 12th all-time at CU in receptions Saturday. He has 95.

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