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The Bearcats had entered the weekend on a 12-year streak of winning games.

Northwest's All-American running back Alphonso Burton had rushed for 1,762 yards and 19 touchdowns in 11 games this year.

"I'm pretty disappointed on a whole," running back coach Pete Kendall said. "Look at all the things we did but not to the end." Kendall has been in charge of the running game for three years, but he said he had his doubts after another bad showing against Washburn University's defense.

"We're concerned about the offense," Kendall said. "I don't think Northw.

Coach Shannon Currier said. "People and coaches and others are some changes in the team's preparation for games against ranked teams. Not only physically but also mentally." The Bulldogs are 2-0, 0-2 in the MIAA and have lost two straight.

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