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Men's basketball: Hawkeyes fall to Wichita State

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Kansas City, Mo. — Cully Payne made a lob pass for a 3-pointer Tuesday against Wichita State.

"I planned that," Iowa's freshman point guard said, sarcastically, as he threw away a bag of ice and put a new one on his bruised right hand.

A night earlier, Payne made a 70-footer at the end of the first half against No. 3 Texas.

"Pretty good tournament," Payne said, a smile masking the harsh reality that Iowa is now 1-4 for the first time since the 1929-30 season after a 74-57 loss to Wichita State in the consolation game of the CBE Classic at the Sprint Center.

Payne, who scored a career-high 18 points, said his hand is "just a little bruised" and he'll be fine. The Hawkeyes' bruised pride may take longer to heal. Iowa's five-game, 10-day start to the season hasn't been easy, or pleasant.

"Let's face it," Iowa coach Todd Lickliter said. "This is the best schedule we're played since I've been here starting off. This has been a very demanding opening schedule. With that said, I don't think there's a kid who has made an excuse, or accepted it, or whatever. Maybe we'll be better off in the long run for the lessons we've learned."

Wichita State coach Gregg Marshall acknowledged that Iowa isn't the Iowa of old.

"But in the history books this will go down as a win for us against Iowa and the Big Ten," Marshall said.

Another freshman, Brennan Cougill, was Iowa's only other double figure scorer with 11 points. Freshman Eric May added nine points. The rookies played 88 of a possible 200 minutes.

"One of the things I liked about them is that they were like me," Lickliter said. "They didn't like where we're at and they're going to do something about it. They could see we're going to fight through this thing."

<http://desmoinesregister.stats.com/cbk/boxscore.asp?gamecode=200911240276&home=276&vis=648> > **Box score:** Wichita State 74, Iowa 57

Iowa trailed at halftime, 44-30.

"We were a step behind all night," Lickliter said.

Wichita State got 18 points from Toure Murry and Garrett Stutz, a 7-foot sophomore playing in his home town. Averaging 5.2 points a game, Stutz scored 10 straight Shocker points in less than 4 minutes of the first half including a pair of 3-pointers.

Wichita State shot 60.7 from the field in the opening half, including eight 3-pointers in 12 attempts.

"We allowed them to get comfortable," Lickliter said.

Stutz had scored in double figures just twice in his previous 37 career games.

Iowa cut a 16-point deficit to seven on several occasions, and had possessions to get closer.

Down, 51-44, Iowa turned it over on consecutive possessions. And facing a 55-48 deficit, Payne missed the front end of a one-and-one with 10 minutes 32 seconds to play. The Hawkeyes scored 15 points over the final 15 minutes of the game.

"We just keep learning new lessons," Lickliter said. "Hopefully, eventually, we'll be able to apply all of them."
