

SPORT

NEWS and COMMENT

Three teams, Washington, Kansas and the Kansas Aggies, were eliminated from the race for the Missouri Valley football championship because of Saturday's results. In the three conference battles the score—ever deceptive—was practically the same, two touchdowns to nothing. The contests also showed remarkable similarity in another respect—while the winners made ground almost at will during the greater part of the game, they all lacked the final punch, due to the strong defense of the losers.

Nebraska hardly lived up to its promise of last week when the team overran Drake by a 53-0 score. The Cornhusker offense was much like that of the Tigers, strong until within the shadow of the goal posts. Coach Stewart must whip up his team considerably if he hopes to defeat the Oregon Aggies at Portland next Saturday. The Beaver team showed unexpected strength Saturday by defeating Washington State by a score of 13 to 10.

Kansas Aggies Show Well Against the Cornhuskers.

Coach Clevenger, from all reports, has a much better team at Manhattan than last year. Holding the Nebraska team to two touchdowns is a feat that has not been accomplished by a Valley team for two or three years, and the Kansas Aggies and their coaches are entitled to all kinds of credit. The team had little chance to display its defensive strength.

Washington was far below expectations in its appearance on Rollins Field. The weakness of the line prevented the backfield from showing any organized offense, and it was only by great work in the pinches that the team was able to hold down the Tiger score. The Pikers should beat Drake in their only other conference game.

In the Southwest, Oklahoma and Texas both showed a let-down in scoring ability, though both were up against strong teams. Henry Kendall College beat the Sooners at their own game, scoring both touchdowns by clever open-field work and making one field goal after a forward pass. Bennie Owens must have overlooked his defense in the task of developing so many new players, though injuries were the alibi put forth by one correspondent. Texas had trouble winning from the Oklahoma Aggies, but the latter are reported unusually strong this season.

Stiehm Has Jarred Luck in Big Nine Company.

Coach Stiehm, formerly of Nebraska, made a poor showing with his first entry into faster company. His Indiana team was crushed by Chicago with a 22-to-0 score and was the first to be eliminated from the Big Nine race. The loss hurts all the more when it is recalled that Stagg's men lost last week to Carleton College, a small Minnesota school.

Bill Roper, coach at Missouri in 1909, sprang a surprise on Pennsylvania, one of the Big Four, with his Swarthmore eleven, beating the Quakers by one touchdown. Tufts continued to show well by holding Princeton to three points, scored on a field goal in the last two minutes of play.

Colgate surprised Illinois by walking over Zuppke's men in the first important inter-sectional clash of the year. Other middle western and east-

pleasant aspects of the battle, the game showed that Schulte was a splendid, light backfield to go with his heavy, smashing line. Groves and Haines were distinct disappointments in their first real test behind the line, but the work of Rider, Pittam, Collins, McMillan and Rutledge more than compensated for the others.

Rider, during his forty minutes in the game made nearly a third of the 509 yards of Tiger gain, showing

Austin the same day that the Missouri-Kansas game is played in Lawrence. Mr. Grover will referee.

Mr. Grover has done much to place football on a higher plane in the valley by his excellent work as an official. His work was so satisfactory at the Texas-Texas A. & M. game last year that they spared no efforts to secure his services again this year.

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Deaconess Henrietta Goodwin to Talk Thursday in M. U. Auditorium. Deaconess Henrietta R. Goodwin, secretary of student work on the New York Board of Missions of the Episcopal Church, will talk at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon in the University Auditorium. She comes here under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian Association of the University. The association invites both town and University women to hear her speak.

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COMPARISON OF THE 1915-1916 MISSOURI-WASHINGTON GAMES

The following table shows how the Tigers, outplayed by the Washington Pikers in 1915, came back and completely outclassed their rivals Saturday.

	First Half 1915		Second Half 1915		Totals 1915		1916					
	W. M.	M. M.	W. M.	M. M.	W. M.	M. M.	W. M.	M. M.				
Ground gained by rushes	94	18	18	156	11	60	10	175	167	78	28	329
First downs	4	2	1	11	0	3	1	13	4	5	2	21
Forward passes attempted	5	0	0	6	0	3	2	2	5	3	2	8
Yards gained on forward passes	0	0	0	9	0	17	27	15	39	17	27	25
Forward passes intercepted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of punts	1	4	7	4	6	6	7	3	7	10	14	7
Average yards on punts	31	28	26	33	31	33	37	23	30	10	126	122
Running back kicks (yards)	20	15	8	11	29	25	3	8	50	50	11	19
Penalties	2	1	1	6	2	2	2	4	3	3	3	10
Ground lost on penalties	10	15	5	65	10	15	20	45	20	30	25	110
Fumbles	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	2	3	0	0	5
Fumbles recovered	1	0	0	3	1	1	0	2	2	1	0	5

ern elevens performed true to predictions.

Weak Point of Tigers Shown Up by Game.

Although Saturday's game showed that Missouri had a greatly underrated eleven, it also served to show up at least three very weak points of the team, all of which must be remedied if the Bengals hope to win from Ames, Oklahoma and Texas in the next three weeks. These weaknesses are the lack of punch in the pinches, poor use of the forward pass and a tendency to illegal play on the offensive, particularly on end runs.

Whether the inability of the Tigers to put the ball across the goal line Saturday was due to poor head work, inefficient coaching or simply lack of the proper punch is not clearly known, but the fact remains that they couldn't make consistent gains inside the ten-yard line, and it is up to the coaches and the team to find where the trouble lies.

The matter of illegal offensive play is not so serious, though more ground was lost by the team Saturday because of penalties than appears from a perusal of the figures. At least three long end runs resulted in a loss because of holding, and several other gains were of no use because of penalties, so that, in addition to the 140 yards of penalty Missouri probably lost 100 yards of gained ground. This amounts in all to more than twice the length of the field, and a clean record in this respect would have given the Tigers at least one more touchdown, something that will probably be badly needed in one of the coming contests.

The strength of the line and the splendid interference on end runs left little to be desired in the way of offensive work, but, even at that, the forward passing in Saturday's game was of a low order. Only one of the eight passes resulted in a good gain, though Wilder made an extremely hard catch of another for a nine-yard advance. Both the passers and the receivers were at fault; sev-

eral of the throws were made without any aim, and the men on the other end were prone to be in the wrong place.

Light Tiger Backfield Makes Consistent Gains.

But, to get back to some of the more himself both a consistent line plunger and a good man to run the ends. Collins, who played the first half, gained a fifth of the yardage, his specialty being wide swings around the end. McMillan was only a few yards behind the man for whom he was submitted. His plunges off tackle and his scrappy work were the strong points of his game.

Pittam gained about seventy yards during his twenty minutes in the game. He was forced back by the weakened Tiger interference at times, but usually got away for good gains. His open field running was even above his usual standard, and he showed wonderful improvement in hanging to the ball and keeping behind his interference. Rutledge was in the game only for the last ten minutes but made some consistent gains. Stankowski, who played through the game at quarter, got away only once for a run, though he scored both touchdowns by plunges through center. He made a few nice returns of Washington punts. Van Dyne was good for about five yards whenever his signal was called and was in the game every minute. The rest of the forwards had no chance to advance the pigskin, though they did wonderful work in tearing holes through the opposing line.

Ames Not Exceptionally Strong, Says M. U. Man.

"The Ames-Kansas game with a score of 13-0 last Saturday can in no way be taken as a barometer to measure the relative strength of the two teams. Ames outplayed Kansas at every stage of the game with the possible exception of the last quarter. But that doesn't mean that Ames has a championship team, for Kansas played a poor game," writes J. D. Rosenfelder, graduate of the University School of Journalism.

"Kansas played a slow, uncertain game from start to finish and the teamwork can be truthfully characterized as lacking aggressiveness, fight and speed. In view of the poor game the Jayhawkers played, Ames really appeared stronger than the facts would justify. Ames broke through the line at will. But the Jayhawkers did nothing to prevent them from breaking through except stand there and wave their arms in true Yale style.

"Ames has an aggregation that will later in the season develop into a winning team. Davis, halfback, is a splendid and shifty open field runner, who will in many ways recall to the minds of Tiger rooters, Ted Hackney. Packer, left end is fast and is quite frequently called back to carry the ball. The interference of the Ames team is good. Neither side seems to be very familiar with open field work. Ames tried several forward passes but only a small percentage were successful."

Grover Won't Referee Tiger-Jayhawk Game.

J. C. Grover, who has refereed the last three Missouri-Kansas games, will not officiate at the annual contest this year. Mr. Grover, in company with three other Kansas City attorneys, will officiate in the Texas-Texas A. & M. game to be played in

STAR TIGER TACKLES PART COMPANY.



With the departure of C. E. Van Dyne, for his home in Sedalia the unity of a veteran Tiger line, perhaps the strongest in years, is broken. Van Dyne on the right wing and Muir on the left of the center presented an attack and a defense that has featured Missouri's football victories so far this fall. Van Dyne's departure is the first serious loss to the 1916 Tigers. Although Groves, another three-year veteran, can replace him, the Dover plant has been working to advantage in Schulte's backfield, and to give him a steady job in the line means a weakness in Missouri's light backfield.

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