

SPORT

Tomorrow afternoon, on seven football gridirons in the Missouri Valley Conference will begin the annual autumn struggle—the struggle for football supremacy. The same lineup of schools will be in the fight—the Jayhawkers, the Tigers, Ames, Washington, Drake, and—they are always remembered when the season is over—the Kansas Aggies and the Cornsuckers of Nebraska. War apparently will not affect the race for the valley championship. The same old fight will be waged and the same schools, with somewhere near the same number of old veterans back as in past years, will be battling through September, October and up until the first day of December.

Preliminary forecasts have already made their appearance in the valley. Preliminary reports sent out on the number of players who will return show that Ames and Washington will be the heaviest losers by the call to arms and the numerous other reasons which cause good players to sever their connections with the schools. Washington ranks lowest in the list, as far as number of old veterans is concerned, having only four old letter men, while the Kansas Aggies with nine and the University of Kansas with eight, lead the list in so far as old material is concerned.

The Missourian yesterday compiled a list of men who would return, the comparative strengths of the players and a general lineup on the condition of football in the Missouri Valley.

Coach H. F. Schulte, leader of the Tigers, expressed the opinion recently that the lack of veteran material would make competition for team places all the stronger throughout the Valley. Competition naturally will make the men who qualify better prepared to do their work and will, it is believed, make such schools as Washington University of St. Louis and Ames, the two lowest ranking ones in number of old men, come to the front with a better showing than the early season forecast would indicate. The Tigers have always had reason to look to Ames for a regular football game and it is only in the last few years that the old Ames hoodoo has been lifted by the Tigers.

Nebraska Will Have A Strong Team.

The two most promising teams in the valley according to the Missourian report are the Kansas Aggies, strongest in number of veterans, and Nebraska, perhaps just as strong in material. The Aggie eleven will be led by Randels, captain elect and all valley end, and the men on the team, E. Ptacek, Rhoda, Clark, Dodrill, Whedon, L. Ptacek, Sullivan and Slatery, are known to be men who will figure prominently in the games of the valley through the season. The Aggies are weak in the backfield. The Tigers are strongest in this part of the lineup, while Kansas has eight men who are nearly evenly divided between the line and the backfield. At Kansas there is Neilson, fullback, Robert Martin and Austin Frost, tackles, Warren Woody, guard, Tom Pringle, half, Ed. Todd, quarter, F. I. Wilson, end and Jean Minor, center. They are eight men who played at Kansas last season and it occurs to most football followers that if all these men return there will be as good a number of veteran men at the University of Kansas as there have been in many seasons of the past. Coach Olcott's assistant has resigned, thus leaving a vacancy on the Lawrence coaching staff, but it is likely that the Kansas aggregation will be whipped into pretty fair shape by the single coach.

The University of Missouri has learned to consider carefully the material at Kansas before conceding that school's defeat and thus far the Tiger followers are highly interested in the excellent team that seems to be returning to Lawrence. With the big Thanksgiving Day game scheduled for Columbia this year the University of Missouri is interested perhaps as much in the defeat of Kansas as in the winning of a Valley championship. So Rider, fullback, Viner and Collins, halves, Hamilton, captain and center, and Slusher and Bass, linemen, who are already back are already being pointed to the big day when the University must defend itself on its own ground. The Tiger chances for victory in the valley race are also strengthened by the fact that Wilson, another all-round good football man, whose work on the freshmen team last year seemed to assure him a place this season, has returned, and that each day the old veterans of the freshmen squad in 1916 continue to come in. Washington And Ames Will Furnish Hard Games.

Missouri cannot put Washington or Ames out of the reckoning, for Washington played Missouri on Francis Field in 1915, and Missouri cannot forget for three or four seasons at least. Tiger supporters walked home or borrowed money in St. Louis that year and this year the struggle is to be on Francis Field again. So the University of Missouri is not taking anything for granted. At least, it will surely take a good number of new men on the Washington team to put that school in the running for a valley championship. The veteran men of the Pikeaway school are Kling, Benway, Grossman and Foelsch.

Jumping from what is apparently the weakest school in the valley to what appears to many to be the strongest, or one of the two strongest, it seems that Nebraska is the logical, and general favorite. There are Captain Shaw, Rhodes, Riddell, Cook, Outapal-

ik and Dobson back and only two conference games to play, one with the Tigers and one with the Jayhawkers. Only one of these is on the ground foreign to the Nebraska team.

A nucleus of five men will form the first part of the Ames team and will assist in bringing out the new men who always show up at the first of school. Captain Denfield, Barler, Breeden, Schalk and Tucker all have signified their intentions of entering the Iowa Agricultural School this week and will doubtless be there for the first practice of the year.

Missouri is not so strong in old men this year as its easy opponent of past years, Drake. The Des Moines school is returning seven men eligible for veteran places on the team, and may change its long losing streak this year.

It may be the last season of football for several years—certainly it will be the last important season, unless the war ends soon. The followers of the gridiron game in the Valley are determined to see the game supported this year, as never before.

Conference Coaches Meet Their Squads.

By Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 15.—Institutions in the Missouri Valley conference today began official football practice, the coaches for the first time meeting with the squads. At most of

the football camps the same story was to be heard: "Four or five veterans have returned." With such handicaps to work against the coaches have set to the task of developing teams from new material though a number of varsity men are back at most of the institutions.

Prospects at the University of Kansas took a boost this week when the return of Captain Neilson was announced. At the Kansas State Agricultural College, Coaches Clevenger and Schultz met with their squads for the first time today. Indications are that the Aggies will have a strong team on the gridiron, though not as powerful an eleven as the 1916 aggregation.

Shreiber of Boston Nationals To Army.

By Associated Press

BOSTON, Sept. 15.—Henry Shreiber, infielder, recently bought by the Boston Nationals from the Lawrence club of the Eastern League for \$6,000, left today for Cleveland to report for duty at Chillicothe, Ohio, Tuesday with the Ohio draft army.

SOCIETY NOTES

Miss Eleanor Taylor, James Taylor, Henry Taylor and Mrs. John N. Taylor motored to Mexico yesterday, and

visited Mrs. Taylor's daughter, Mrs. L. W. Coleman of Mexico. Mrs. Coleman accompanied her mother to Columbia to spend a few days visiting at the Taylor home on West Broadway.

Miss Eley Arml, who has been spending her vacation at her home in Joplin, returned to Columbia Friday. Miss Arml will continue her work in the School of Journalism this year.

Prof and Mrs. J. W. Ranklin returned yesterday afternoon from their vacation spent in Rockport, Mass., Baltimore, Md., and other eastern cities.

Prof. O. D. Kellogg returned Friday from his vacation spent in Boulder, Colo. Mrs. Kellogg will return to Columbia in a short time.

Mrs. James Garth's mother, Mrs. Carl Barck, and her sister, Miss Anny Barck, came to Columbia Friday to visit for several days.

Mrs. W. H. Guitar has as her guest, Mrs. George Parrish of Salt Lake City.

A number of the members of the Pi Beta Phi sorority have returned to Columbia to enter school. Those who have returned are: Miss Esther Adell Williams, St. Louis; Miss Elizabeth

Williams, St. Louis; Miss Virginia Quarles, Kansas City; Miss Mary Hill, Kansas City; Miss Gladys Wall, Kansas City; Miss Frances Lewis, Kansas City; Miss Hazel Fry, Columbia. Mrs. Harry Prunkett, formerly Miss Elizabeth Herring, has arrived for the rush week. Mrs. G. W. Chaperson, came Friday.

Miss Anna Lee Vernon of Kansas City, who was graduated from the School of Journalism of the University last year, will continue her work in Journalism at Columbia University, New York, this year. Miss Vernon has been in the East for several months now.

Mrs. Victor Jones left Friday for Glasgow, where she will be the guest of relatives for a few days.

Announcement has been received here of the marriage of Miss Alma Mabrey of Kirkwood and Victor Talley of New York, formerly of Columbia. The wedding will take place Tuesday at Kirkwood in the Grace Episcopal Church there. Doctor Wilkinson will conduct the ceremony. Mr. Talley is a former student in the School of Journalism of the University. He was employed for a time on the staff of the Globe-Democrat in St.

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