

OPPONENTS OF KANSAS IN TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONTEST



SPORT

Dusk on Rollins Field one night last week saw Coach H. F. Schulte in a "running-walk" up and down the field, following a straggling looking bunch of light football players. His big, commanding voice every now and then rang out in calls of "Get that man, Kirk. What are you doing there, Ham?" as he followed the different practice plays.

Coach Schulte was fighting for next Thursday afternoon. He was preparing for Missouri's final effort of the 1917 season. He stopped now and then to talk with a group of men who stood on the sidelines with Athletic Director Meanwell. Despite the "fight" that has always been present in the makeup of the coach, the men who watched knew that Schulte realized the uneven odds that have piled up against Missouri.

Weight has always been against Missouri, except perhaps in a few years when for some strange reason the heavy men came to Columbia. The Tigers with swift fighting elevens in 1913, 1914 and 1916, overcame the attack of the Jayhawkers and were the victors of the annual event. But that was before the day of 1917, when Schulte's men, handicapped perhaps more than any other valley team by war losses, is, in addition, outweighed by the Kansas team about twenty pounds to the man. Of course, right here it might be well for a Missourian to admit that there is a slight conflict of opinion between the coach from Lawrence and the one from Missouri. Schulte maintains that the team he saw in action against the Cornhuskers last Saturday weighs 182 pound and Hamilton just as stoutly gives his figures on average weights of the Kansans as 173 1-2 pounds. Now Schulte has given the statement out that he will leave his conclusion to a court of arbitration, a court of justice or any other legal means of settlement. And he cites the case of Prindell, the big Kansas half, as "the biggest half I've ever seen." "And what do you think this man Foster weighs," asks Schulte. "Well, if he doesn't weigh 175 pounds I'm way off," maintains the big Tiger mentor.

Other men called before the jury of the Missouri Valley by Schulte on this charge of too much weight on the part of the Kansas team are Mandeville, 165 pounder; Ruble, who the coach puts in the 173-pound class, not to mention Neilson, who is suspected as having once tipped the scales around 180. Everyone who has seen the Tiger football team knows that they average no more than 163 pounds and Schulte goes so far as to say this is two or three pounds too heavy, for a just estimate, considering the fact that his men must lose weight right up to the time of the whistle next Thursday afternoon.

Victory Not Conceded To Kansas Yet.
Gloomy! But at that Missouri does not concede Kansas a victory in football next Thanksgiving afternoon. There is a feeling here that the Tigers, after a season of defeats, one or two which were close, but a final one by Nebraska which was so distinct as to cut deep, will turn next Thursday on the bird from Lawrence, and send it back sorry and repentant for its early season confidence. Missouri has done that before. If there is one team to which Missouri will concede nothing it is the ancient enemy from Mount Oread. Missouri will have passed into history when the spirit of fight, the spirit of confidence of victory against the Jayhawker, is lacking. In evidence of the fact one might give reasons why the Tigers this year feel they have a good fighting chance against the invaders.

Missouri has a backfield—and a line, more or less. There must enter into any discussion of the Tigers a knowledge that the Tiger regulars are resting for ten days before the Kansas game; that Captain Paul Hamilton, Bass, Rider, Morris, all first string men, have not been up to their best forms all year, partly due to injuries and that these injuries are gradually healing up. The first part of last week was a bad time for Tiger practice. Injuries at Nebraska, and some that dated back as far as the Ames game, made the football men who were on the athletic field look like a real hospital squad. Bass and Schroeder still had their arms in slings; Pittam, who has only recently entered the Tiger squad was not in uniform but suffered from a sprained ankle; Viner limped from an injured ankle; Morris suffered from

a "charleyhorse" and even Captain Hamilton, despite the fact that he was able to get around with his men, showed signs of a battering that he has gotten in many different practices. These injuries have kept the veteran players from previous games but they will be in the contest against the Jayhawkers.

Missouri Strength In the Backfield.

Missouri's greatest strength lies in her backfield. There are: Edwards, star of perhaps more games than any other individual Tiger this year, who will play half; Rider, whose ability to Missouri rooters is well known, at half; Harry Viner, to play the full-back position; "Bill" Collins, a member of the famous Collins family of football stars, half; Pittam, track man whose running with the ball might count; Morris, at quarterback. All are slowly getting into shape for their final game of the year. In addition there are "Tiny" Stevens, Wilson and Herschel Collins.

The line has held this year, but not against a team like the one that will come from Lawrence. Kirkpatrick, big right guard, and Tom Berry, who plays on the other side of the line at the same position, may be able to hold their own with the Jayhawkers and Captain Hamilton if he comes into his own by Thursday may make his 180 pounds show up well in the Tiger defense. The majority of Missouri's linemen however, are outweighed badly by the Kansans.

In comparative scores Missouri may find some bit of comfort. In the last five years the score in games has been Missouri three, Kansas two, and two of these Tiger victories have been won on Kansas soil. But comparative scores, of the past, in war times are not always the most reliable. And for this reason Missouri is not counting too much on what "Toby" Graves, "Clint" Collins, "Liz" Clay or

any of the others did way back in the days gone by.

Columbia Ready For the Big Game.

Missouri's tentative lineup includes: Slusher, le; Chittenden, lt; Ewing, lg; Hamilton or Kolb, center; Kirkpatrick, rg; Urie, rt; Marshall, re; Edwards, lb; Rider, rh; Viner, f, and Morris, p.

Missouri is preparing for the big game next Thursday in the same way

she has for two games past. The town and University are ready for a victory. For Missouri takes a victory for granted as far as preparations are concerned. Even the new night-shirt is put away ready for the big parade, scheduled for the hour of darkness which follows the big contest. Greenhouses are taking orders for mums, the advance orders being bigger than ever before. In fact Columbia is prepared for the same sort of crowd that came here two years ago.

Schulte's scrimmage practices this year ended with the one yesterday afternoon. All this coming week he will put the Tigers through a light practice daily. The Tigers are taking long hikes out into the country, forgetting for a time the impending battle. And the other afternoon, when asked what the score would be Coach Schulte, with his customary evasion and enthusiasm said: "You know, I'll bet you a dollar it rains."

Will Play Final Hockey Game Monday.

	Won	Lost
Seniors	1	1
Juniors	2	0
Sophomores	2	1
Freshmen	0	3

The final game in the hockey championship series will be played at 4:15 o'clock Monday afternoon between the juniors and seniors.

The senior-sophomore game Thursday afternoon resulted in a score of 7 to 1 in favor of the sophomores. The splendid team work of the sophomores enabled them to defeat the

heavier and more experienced seniors. Catherine Callahan, at right half, played a good game. There were few fouls.

The juniors defeated the freshmen by a score of 4 to 1 Wednesday. In the second half the score was tied. The juniors made three goals in the last ten minutes of play. The sophomore-freshman game, Friday, was won by the sophomores 4 to 1. The sophomores outplayed the freshmen the entire game.

C. F. LOOMIS BACK FROM HAWAII

Graduate of University Has Been Doing Y. M. C. A. Work on Islands. Charles F. Loomis, a graduate of the University in 1911, will arrive in Columbia today from Hawaii. Mr. Loomis has been associated with the

Hawaiian Y. M. C. A. since he left school. He will remain here for the Thanksgiving game and will then leave for New York and Washington on business connected with the Hawaiian Americanization Campaign.

Mr. Loomis left Hawaii a week ago last Wednesday. A brother, Paul Loomis, is a student in the University this year.

Returned Missionary to Speak.
The Rev. Lewis B. Tate, who recently returned from twenty-five years of missionary work in Korea, will speak to the members of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. H. Baker, 509 South Fifth street. The Reverend Lewis formerly lived at Fulton, Mo.

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