

History of 1925 Football Season Is Record of Brilliant Triumphs

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One of the most glorious chapters of the University of Kentucky's football history was written last fall as a result of the successes and achievements of the Wildcat grid team, which, beginning the season on September 26 with a notable triumph over Maryville and ending with a spectacular win over Tennessee on Turkey day, swept through nine battles, winning six and losing three, including victory over Centre for the first time in eight years.

Only one stain blots the brilliancy of Kentucky's record; the 25 to 0 defeat at the hands of the Washington and Lee Generals. The Virginians exhibited such a varied assortment of passes that it made the Wildcats groggy. Bullet-like shots rained to all quarters of the field, always ending their flight by settling into the arms of a waiting General. Kentucky, playing her worst game of the year, was afflicted with a condition from which all teams suffer when they attempt to play football on one of their off days.

30 Wildcats Report

In the opening days of September, 30 Wildcats reported to Coach Murphy. Immediately they donned the moleskins and started their daily practice sessions, which lasted throughout the season. Everything pertaining to football functioned in perfect harmony, and when the student body returned on September 20 they were amazed to find a trained and well-organized squad of Blue and White football players going through their daily grind on Stoll Field.

Although the spirits of the university were somewhat dampened by the loss of the great Sanders, captain of the 1924 eleven, Sauer, and Turner Gregg, they rose to normality when they saw who was to take their places, the members of the preceding year's

freshmen aggregation, Jenkins, Phipps, Mohny, Moloney, Ross, Ellis, Wert, Pence, Hickerson, Edwards, Kirkendall, and Schulte.

Of the veterans, Captain Kirwan, Caveman Rice, VanMeter, Montgomery, Tracy, Hughes, Smith, DeHaven, Bickel, Creech, Portwood, Derrick, Evans, Harbold and Vossmeier were back in their original positions, some of them prepared to make their last year on the varsity contribute to a most successful season.

Maryville Surprises

On September 26, Maryville College, from the mountains of Tennessee, sent their pigskin performers into the Blue Grass to help inaugurate Kentucky's football season. Stoll Field was the scene of the engagement and also the scene of some very ragged playing on the part of both teams, which is usually the procedure of opening games.

The first half of the contest was hotly contested, neither side gaining a decided advantage over the other one. Toward the latter part of the first half Kentucky kicked in her territory and was blocked by a Maryville man, who picked the ball up and ran for a touchdown, the only points they scored during the entire game. In the second half, the Wildcats got

busy and rolled two touchdowns across the goal to win the game, 13 to 7.

October 3, Coach Murphy's charges, accompanied by 1,200 rooters, entered Chicago to play their first game against a Big Ten team, an accomplishment that has not been done before in the history of the institution. The University of Chicago's team, under the able coaching of Alonzo Stagg, met the Wildcats on Stagg field in the presence of the large delegation of Kentucky supporters and approximately 30,000 other spectators, which is the largest crowd that a Kentucky team has ever performed before.

Five Yards McCarty, the most famed of Chicago's gladiators, was downed on every attempt he made to carry the ball but a lesser Maroon satellite, Rouse, exhibited the only real offensive play of the game, scoring the only touchdown, thereby aiding to beat Kentucky by a small score of 9 to 0.

On the following Saturday the Wildcats entertained Clemson and wrenched from them a hard earned victory, 19 to 0. Sewanee was the next victim, being beaten in a tight game, 14 to 0.

After suffering the ignominy of seven consecutive annual defeats, the Wildcats journeyed to Danville to get revenge from their greatest rival, Centre, November 1. Centre did not know in which direction to turn to get away from that snarling, charging horde of Wildcats, who pushed the Colonel far enough to get a 16 to 0 victory.

Following this triumph, the Crimson Tide of Alabama met the Wildcats in Birmingham and administered a severe drubbing of 31 points to Kentucky, who was minus the services of Smith and Hughes. A week later, the 'Cats atoned for their setback at the hands of Alabama by conquering V. M. I. at Charleston, W. Va., by the county of 7 to 0.

In one of the most spectacular

games of the season, Kentucky triumphed over the Tennessee Volunteers, 23 to 20. Leonard Tracy made all of Kentucky's touchdowns, but there were 10 other Wildcats, who displayed the greatest fighting spirit that ever characterized a Kentucky team. It was a fitting end for a successful season.

'CATS HUMILIATE AGGIES TWO TIMES

Mississippi A. and M. Nine Falls Before Kentucky by 9-6 and 12-1 Scores; Smith and Riffe Steal Home

WERT AND BACH HURL

The highly touted Mississippi Aggie baseball team was not able to withstand the concentrated attack of a rejuvenated Wildcat team and went down to defeat in two consecutive games Monday and Tuesday by the scores of 9 to 6 and 12 to 1.

Charley Wert, pitching in brilliant form, held the opposition to six hits in the first game, while his mates backed him up with errorless fielding. Riffe, Smith, Vossmeier, and Crouch contributed two hits apiece, while Ericson slammed a home-run out near the stadium in the sixth inning. The Wildcats set a precedent by having two men steal home in one inning. John Riffe and Frank Smith entered Kentucky's hall of fame when they executed these in the fifth inning.

In the second game Red Bach had everything his own way, striking out seven men and allowing the Aggies only three hits. John Riffe contributed the Wildcat's daily circuit clout, by slamming out one in the fourth inning. Frank Smith led the hitting by getting three singles out of four trips to the plate, while Anderson's sensational catch in the outfield provided the fielding feature.

FROSH TRACKMEN BEST BEREANS

Thomason and Kavanaugh Star as Kentucky Freshmen Win Dual Meet; Former Wins Half and Quarter Mile

BARNHILL FIRST IN JUMP

In a dual track and field meet with Berea College freshmen at Berea Monday afternoon the Kentucky Kitten emerged triumphant by 26 points, the score being 83-47. Taking all

places in the javelin throw, the broad jump, the high jump and first and second in the half mile, and two mile, the Green team scored so great a lead that it was impossible for the opposition to overcome it in the remaining number of events. Roy Kavanaugh and Wayman Thomason of Kentucky tied for first honors, the former capturing first place in the discus throw and shot-put and the latter winning first place in the 440-yard dash, and the half mile run.

Berea got off to an early lead by securing first and second places in the 100-yard dash and first in the 220-

yard dash. But West of Kentucky tied the Berea entry for first in the pole vault by vaulting 10 feet 4 inches, Sam Shipley won the 120-yard high hurdles, and Barnhill leaped 20 feet, 3 inches to capture first honors in the broad jump. Sandifer, Ringo, and King, of Kentucky, tied for first place in the high jump.

Two Berea track records were equalled when Barnhill made his leap and Thomason ran the quarter mile in 52.4 seconds. This was the only freshman track meet of the season and Coach Eklund stated he was well satisfied with the results.



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