

Athletics





L. U. Tigers—Champions of Missouri Valley, 1923-24

The 1923 Pigskin Season

SOME idea of the football season can be gained from the statement of our victories and our uncrossed goal line. Our team won five and tied two of the seven games played. The team scored 54 points to the two points scored by our opponents. Without a late start rounding into condition, the total score would have been different.

Head Coach Jason, with the aid of Coaches Griffin and Williams, turned out a winning team in spite of the loss of seven letter men of the '22 team. Mr. Jason has proved himself an excellent coach in all branches of sports, and has gained the confidence of every athlete in the school.

GAMES OF THE SEASON

Lincoln 12

Douglas 0 (here)

This was the first game of the season. Playing in mud and water, the team was not at its best, but easily put the ball over for two touchdowns. Douglas fought hard but was unable to resist the onslaught of the locals. Not once was the goal of Lincoln threatened by the visitors. Touchdowns by Gantt and Haley

Lincoln 0

Douglas 0 (Columbia)

This being the second game, and early in the season, Coach Jason substituted mostly high school players of light weight. Each played well. Although they were unable to score, they were determined not to be scored upon.

Lincoln 7

Geo. R. Smith College 2

The week following the Columbia classic the Tigers journeyed to Sedalia. Halfback Bailey displayed his wonderful ability. Nothing can be said of this game other than—"Veni, Vidi, Vici." Touchdown by Bailey.

Lincoln 2

Sumner 0

This game was played in St. Louis. We went into the game over-confident and Fate had its day. Several times during both halves we threatened Sumner's goal. Not once was our goal in danger. A safety through the cleverness of Wells.

Lincoln 34

Kansas 0 (here)

The team went into this game remembering last year's defeat and determined to win. The first few minutes the Tigers were unable to hold the visitors. But soon the team braced and started down the field. We made consistent gains, holding our opponents to small yardage. The spectacular plays by Brooks, Robinson and Bailey, and completed passes by Mason, were the features of the game. That never-to-be-forgotten spirit and enthusiasm that existed in our rooters and the slogan "Beat Topeka" is what helped us. Touchdowns—Gantt (1), Brooks (2), Bailey (1), Mason (1). Goals—Mason and Robinson.

Lincoln 0

Western Univ. 0

The annual Turkey Day game was played in Quindaro, Kans. In a handicap of a few inches of snow both teams were unable to display any real football. For three quarters the ball was played in midfield. Both teams frequently fumbled the slippery ball. Time after time we advanced the ball for our first down in the fourth quarter. The game ended with the Tigers in possession of the ball and one yard to go for a touchdown. The kicking of fullback Robinson was the feature of the game.

"Shorty" Gantt (Capt.) Quarterback Weight, 148 lbs.

"Shorty" played a "heady" game and captained the team in splendid fashion. He also played the safety position. Made All-Conference quarterback. Will be back with us next year.

"Slim" Mason (End) Weight, 170 lbs.

Mace, who is considered one of the best ends in the Conference, played a strong offensive and defensive game, and his ability to handle forward passes and diagnose plays proved to be the mainstay of the team.

"Iron-Jaw" Wells (Tackle) Weight, 185 lbs.

Wells is a big man and held down the position with credit to himself and the team. He was Line Captain, a hard hitter and always in the plays. He is our best tackle. Made the All-Conference Team.

"Billy" Woods (End) Weight, 160 lbs.

Woods came to us early in the season from the state of Kentucky. He always played his best, and blocking out his man was his specialty. Great things are expected of him next year and we sincerely hope he will be here with us.

"Mohick" Aitch (Halfback) Weight, 156 lbs.

"Mohick" was our most versatile man, playing first at half then at center, but showing up best at half. He suffered a badly sprained ankle in the Sedalia game, which prevented his usual star playing for the rest of the season.

"Sweetie" Sweets (Tackle) Weight, 156 lbs.

Sweets is a small man, but a good player and always capable of opening a required hole. His defensive work was very commendable and always accounted for him.

"Pick" Robinson (Fullback) Weight, 170 lbs.

"Pick" is the best fullback that Lincoln has had for a number of years. He was an excellent interference runner, carried the ball for the longest gains of the season and hit hard on the defensive, a plunging fullback, and did most of the kicking. This was his first year in the backfield.

"Blue" Bailey (Halfback)

Weight, 167 lbs.

"Missouri Blue," as he is known in football, is both fast and clever and played a whirlwind game at halfback. He is a good broken field runner and handles passes well. He tore off large gains on the offensive and played well on the defense. "Blue" will be with us next year.

"Bill" Hailey (End)

Weight, 140 lbs.

"Bill" always filled the end position like a veteran; good at going down on punts and sure at breaking up plays. Although he was unable to play in several of the games, his presence was always felt when he was there.

"Rookie" Brooks (Halfback)

Weight, 185 lbs.

"Rookie" was our star halfback that made the Conference Team. He was good at tackling and line plunging, also at snagging passes and blocking out plays.

"Big" Poindexter (Guard)

Weight, 187 lbs.

Poindexter entered the realm of football for his first time this year and played like a veteran. He is a good defensive and offensive player, and usually a gain was always sure through the right side of the line.

"Long-shot" Robinson (Center)

Weight, 170 lbs.

"Long-shot" is a player of two years' experience. At center he opened large holes on the offensive and stopped opponents on the defensive, besides passing accurately. An All-Conference Center and a fighter in every sense of the word.

"Bull Dog" Williams (Tackle)

Weight, 180 lbs.

"Bull Dog" really has the tenacity that it takes to fulfill his name. This was his first year with us and he played in most of the games. He is a big man, a hard hitter, a clever player and always in the play.

"Chicken" Lindsey (Halfback)

Weight, 140 lbs.

"Chick" not only played at but often ran the team at quarter.

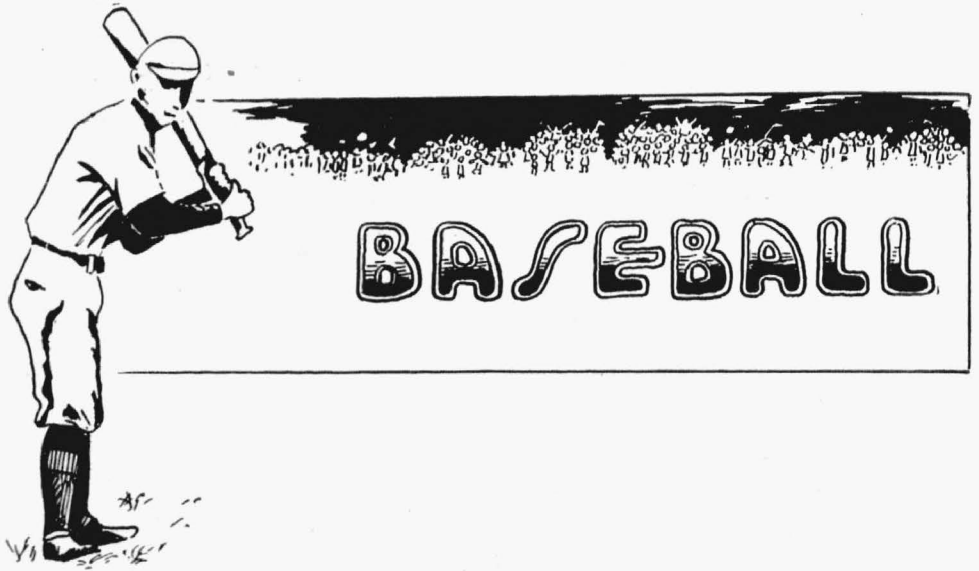
"Pop" Evans (Guard)

Weight, 185 lbs.

"Pop" played a steady game and always took care of his opponents.

As we do not have a second team, these few comments would not be complete unless we said something of each individual player, as all are first-team men who could easily fill any of the players' positions mentioned. Overlin Flemming, (halfback); Ivory Smith, (halfback); "Duck" Mills, (tackle); Weaver Borders, (center); King, (halfback); Hamilton, (quarter); "Fat" Casey, (guard); "Ted" Pugh, (tackle); Goins, (end); Massey, (guard); Baker, (center); "Doc" Griswell, (end); "Thug" Walls, (drop kicker) and E. Hamilton, (end). E. Hamilton was a Varsity end and played in six of the seven games.

—C. E. Gantt.



BASEBALL received more interest this year than ever before. We intend placing baseball on as firm a basis as football. The national sport is being well received and is sure to place in the future Athletics of the School.

At an early meeting of the members, Pinkney Mitchell, a member of the Senior College class, was elected manager for the year '24, and Louis Mills was elected Captain. Mills was a member of the team last year and by his consistent playing and good hitting last season won for himself his present laurels.

Each recruit has had to work hard for his position, in many cases the old being replaced by the new. The pitching staff was so great this year that it was impossible to eliminate anyone until several games had been played.

Last season there was a gap at second base, this year that position was filled by Melvin Lewis and Frank Young, two new promising players. "We are all for you, Lewis and Young."

The schedule included trips to several towns and playing the best High Schools and adjacent Colleges.

The lineup is as follows: Catcher, Harrison, Gantt; pitcher, Taylor, Smith and Benton; first base, Mitchell; second base, Lewis and Young; third base, Douglas; shortstop, Lindsey; field, Mills, Bailey, Thomas and Mason; and other members that are showing up well are—Reese, Massey, Foster, Carter, Frye.

—C. E. G., '27.



Tennis and Track

EARLY this spring certain anxious-looking young men might have been seen going over the hill near Alexander Chinn hall. Upon closer inspection an observer would have found that these men were heavily armed. They were armed and that too in direct violation of rule 7, section AI. These men were armed with picks, hoes, and shovels, and these aforesaid knights went forth in a noble cause, videliet, the cleaning of the tennis courts.

While the courts were being cleaned, various reminiscences were indulged in. Dabner laconically remarked that it reminded him of Joliet; what he meant no one dared ask. It was conceded by Mr. Griffin, upon the earnest solicitation of Kermit Hill, that a stew would be in order after the task was over. And so they worked and worked until at last the job was finished.

Prominent men who have shown up well in the field, beg pardon, court of tennis, are: Lambert, Hill, Dabner, Mason, Renfro, Sweets, Woods and Walls.

Not only have the men gone out for tennis this year in an unusual manner, but track has claimed its annual toll of fans. Such stars as Mason, Fleming and Eden have done much to put Lincoln Park in first-class condition for next year's "grid" games.

When it comes to real red-blooded he-men, who know a horse from a cow, we have them here at Lincoln.

Campbell: "Say, Prof., how long could I live without brains?"

Mr. Savage: "That remains to be seen."



Women's Athletics

TIME was when the athletic type of girl was looked upon as a curiosity. It was the current opinion of that day that girls so inclined were of a domineering nature and not likely to make good wives.

As time has passed a more advanced type of thinking on this subject has come about. What Lincoln young man can view without admiration and a sense of comradeship, our girls as they engage in a game of Volley Ball or Tennis?

In addition to the games of tennis and volley ball, the women students at Lincoln engage in baseball and hikes. The athletic director for women, Miss V. E. Watkins, has taken the students through strenuous physical exercises. The lack of a gym has seriously handicapped us in our intercollegiate activities; however, we are certain that this will not long remain so.

A healthy body in a healthy mind is as essential to the women of the University as it is to the men.

LEAP-YEAR OPTIMIST

I'm tickled to death I'm single,
I'm tickled to death I'm free;
What the wild waves are saying,
Doesn't apply to me.
I'm frightfully proud I'm single,
I'm frightfully glad I'm free,
I've seen the men who've mated,
I've seen the hook being baited,
But I've been quite isolated—
THEY CAN'T CATCH ME!

—Virgil E. Williams.

“Fiat Lux”

Dedicated to Soldier-Founders of Lincoln

1.

Once upon the scroll of hist'ry,
Freedom's men from darkest night,
Eager for the Jewel of wisdom,
‘Stablished Lincoln, School of Light.

Chorus—

L. U., L. U., O, may we ever be
True to our God, our Country, and Thee.
L. U., L. U., On, on to victory;
Thine is the love that saves humanity.

2.

Like the stars, the sky resplendent,
So thy sons and daughters shine.
Like the mighty roar of ocean,
Come the praises that are thine.

Chorus—

3.

There are times when night o'erwhelms us;
When from paths of Truth we stray;
Guide us, Lincoln, thru such darkness;
Lead us back to home and day.

—Anonymous.

