

New breed of cat poised and ready to pounce on foes

By Shawn Barnes, BJ '92

When MU football Coach Larry Smith was hired last fall, he offered no predictions for the 1994 season. He did promise, however, a team that will be well-prepared, play to the best of its ability and have a chance to beat any team it plays.

As the season closes in, Smith is not thinking differently. But last spring's practices and the summer conditioning program serve as reinforcement of the idea that the 1994 Tigers hold their fates in their own hands.

"We're not a team that will walk onto the field and beat anybody we play. We're going to have to work our butts off," Smith says. "On the other hand, we're not a team that's going to walk on the field and get blown out, either, and be at the bottom of the barrel. I think we're right in between, and we will decide our own destiny."

This season's destiny lies with a cast of veterans and young players on both offense and defense. About 80 percent of the players stayed in Columbia over the summer and worked out at the Dutton-Brookfield training complex.

"It's a commitment," Smith says. "They want to do well, and they're hungry. This team has worked very hard to prepare itself for this season."

Perhaps the biggest change the Tigers have undergone is in Smith's offensive philosophy. MU was known for a high-flying offensive attack that boasted a potent passing game. Smith and new offensive coordinator Jerry Berndt have installed a more balanced attack that relies on running and passing plays. It's a system that fits the talents of many Tigers, including quarterback Jeff Handy. "Jeff has done very well," Smith says. "He's an excellent play-action passer. We'll be using a lot of audibles, and he's very good at using them, too."

The 1994 Tigers arguably have more depth at running back than any team in recent years, and Smith is looking to seniors Joe Freeman, tailback, and Michael Washington, fullback, to provide leadership. Freeman gained more than 100 yards in three of the last four games last season and finished with a team-high 675 yards. Washington had rambled for 407 yards and four touchdowns in six games before suffering a season-ending knee injury against Oklahoma State.

Throw into the mixture returners Tiger

Boyd, Ron Janes, Antwan Johnson, Ryan Lyons, Felix Lindsey and Greg Smith, and the Tigers have ample numbers, Coach Smith says. Freshman Ernest Blackwell from Eureka, Mo., also might get some playing time.

The backs will run behind a largely untested line. Senior Trey O'Neil returns at left tackle as the only starter, but fellow senior Rafe Parsons has experience on the line.

Open spots left by the departure of All-Big Eight guard Mike Bedosky, tackle Tim Alvarado, guard Matt Pearce and center Matt Burgess, will be contended for by several returners who have seen some action. Juniors Tim Keith, Chris Barrows, Reagan Allen, and sophomores Russ Appel and Travis Biebel will vie for spots, as will junior college transfer Chris Buck.

Tight end is a position that figured most prominently as a receiver in the old system, but blocking will become more important this season.

Sophomore Billy Lingerfelt figures to be the starter after A.J. Ofodile left MU after his junior season and was drafted by the Buffalo Bills.

One of the greatest transitions to the new offensive style has been on the offensive line, Smith says. "A big part of our development on offense will depend on how the offensive line molds itself together.

"It's been a good transition; they've jumped right on top of it. I felt good after spring practice with that group."

Receivers Mike Jadlot and Kenny Holly have completed their eligibility, leaving senior Brian Sallee — who ranked third on the team last season with 34 catches for 406 yards and a touchdown — as the only returning receiver who started a game last season. But Smith says sophomores Rahsetnu Jenkins and Lou Shepherd will see time.

Senior Kyle Pooler returns at placekicker. Though it will be similar in scheme, this

year's defense will undergo subtle changes. "Last year they were pretty much of an eight-man blitzing front, and we will be more of a seven-man attacking front," Smith says. "We want to be sound in what we're doing and try to force some things. But we want to attack, we don't just want to sit back and read things."

Eight of 11 players who started the first game of 1993 return to the defense, on which Smith says he will rely heavily at the beginning of the season.

"I expect a lot out of our defense," he says. "I expect a lot of improvement over a year ago. I think that early in the season our defense will give our offense a chance to mature.

"We've got some very fine players on defense, and we've got experience. At this point, the defense is very solid."

Senior leadership will be vital. Linebackers Darryl Major, a second-team All-Big Eight selection last season, and Travis McDonald and free safety Andre White racked up 342 combined total tackles last season. Senior Marc Pedrotti, defensive end/linebacker, returns from an injury-shortened season, and senior defensive backs Detrick Wells, Jerome Madison and cornerback Kevin McIntosh have extensive experience.

Junior defensive lineman Steve Martin returns in the middle. Open spots include defensive end, where Rick Lyle started last year, and the other cornerback, where Jason Oliver started for two seasons.

Senior linemen Damon Simon and Matt Murray return and will vie for positions. Pooler also figures to punt.

A strong start in the preseason would put the Tigers in good position entering Big Eight Conference play.

"Playing games," Smith says, "will be the only sure way to measure the potential of the 1994 Tigers."

'94 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

SEPT. 3	TULSA 6:30 P.M.
SEPT. 10	ILLINOIS
SEPT. 17	HOUSTON
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OCT. 8	COLORADO (HOMECOMING)
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Expecting the best

By Phil Gottschalk, AB '41



"Better!"

That is the most frequent word used by Missouri fans, players and coaches to describe the 1994 Tiger football team.

Except for Woody Widenhofer's five wins in 1987 and Bob Stull's four wins in 1990, the Tigers have not won more than three games in any year of the past 10 years — only 30 victories in 110 games. Even worse, Widenhofer had three blowout losses of 40 points or more in his four years, while Stull had nine such blowouts in his five years. That is why nearly everyone expects the 1994 team to be "better" because four wins would equal Stull's best year, and five wins would equal Woody's best year.

I believe Mizzou has begun its long struggle back to respectability by hiring head Coach Larry Smith. And I backed my belief by more than doubling my modest annual contribution to the Tiger Scholarship Fund. Like most residents of the Show-Me State, I am not giddily optimistic, but I am waiting to see concrete results on Faurot Field and on the road, where victories have been nearly non-existent.

Only players win or lose games, but the quality of their coaching is a major factor in

how well or how poorly they utilize their talents. Three of Smith's top assistants have 25 years' combined experience as head coaches. They learned their jobs at big-time schools such as Michigan, Washington, Southern California, Pennsylvania, Arizona, Dartmouth and Tulane. Mizzou will not lack for experienced and cool heads to develop game plans and, more important, to adjust their plan to changing circumstances during the game. They know how to teach solid football techniques.

Youthful enthusiasm will mix with experience in the hiring of five younger coaches who also bring solid credentials. They played or coached with professional teams such as the Denver Broncos, Chicago Bears, Los Angeles Raiders, Phoenix Suns, Kansas City Chiefs, San Diego Chargers, Green Bay Packers and San Francisco 49ers.

"These coaches are relentless and will settle for nothing less but high intensity," free safety Andre White says. "We have not been a disciplined team before. Coach Smith doesn't want you if you are not giving your all on every play."

Adds linebacker Darryl Major: "There's no messing around. It's an entirely different mentality. There's a lot more enthusiasm, and practices are a lot more physical."

This Old Fan attended every spring prac-

tice conducted in full pads and saw great emphasis on the fundamentals of blocking and tackling. Fewer plays were used, but were run again and again to work out the smallest details. The discipline that results from hard practices and demanding coaches leads to the physical toughness that breeds the mental toughness that is the great difference between winners and losers. Football will always be a game of emotion as well as skill, and toughening player attitudes is a key ingredient well-recognized by Coach Smith and his staff.

Expect to see the Tiger running game come to life. "That will take a lot of pressure off me," says quarterback Jeff Handy. "We are going to be able to keep defenses on their heels."

The Tigers will face many teams that have more returning starters and perhaps are deeper in quality reserves, so miracles cannot be expected. You can expect to see a well-prepared team that will play hard for the full 60 minutes. You will not see embarrassing defeats of 40 points or more.

The Old Fan hopes the stands in Faurot Field are bulging with noisy Tiger fans Sept. 3 for the opening night game with Tulsa. I guarantee you will like what you see. — *Phil Gottschalk has written the "Fan in the Stands" column for the Columbia Daily Tribune since 1972.*

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Twins recruited

The men's basketball team added even more firepower to its 1994-95 roster with the recent addition of 7-foot twins and a point guard.

Coach Norm Stewart announced May 24 that Sammie and Simeon Haley of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and 6-1 guard Troy Hudson signed national letters of intent and will play for the Tigers next season.

The Haley twins, will transfer from Connors State Junior College in Warner, Okla., where they led the team to a 31-5 record last season. Though they are twins, the Haleys aren't quite the same.

Sammie shoots left-handed, while Simeon shoots right-handed. Sammie, a 64 percent field goal shooter and Connors State's all-time leading rebounder, scored 13.8 points a game, grabbed 10 rebounds and blocked 102 shots. Simeon shot 56 percent from the floor, scored 14 points and averaged 10.9 rebounds a game last season.

The Haleys make the second and third 7-footers to sign with the Tigers this recruiting season; 7-0 Monte Hargde from Jefferson City signed a letter of intent during the fall signing period. Hargde is the brother of

Missouri defensive tackle Steve Martin, who will be a junior this year.

Carbondale (Ill.) High School guard Troy Hudson also signed. Hudson scored 24 points a game last year while leading Carbondale to a second-place finish in the Illinois High School State Tournament.

The three recent signees give MU seven recruits for next season. In addition to Hargde, 6-7 Scott Combs from Paoli, Ind., 6-2 Kendrick Moore from Hartford, Conn., and 6-4 Corey Tate, a transfer from Mineral Area College, signed earlier.

Basketball festival includes Mizzou

Last season, the men's basketball team placed itself among the nation's elite with an undefeated Big Eight Conference season and an exciting run toward the national championship. This season, the Tigers will get to relive some of that success in a unique college basketball festival.

MU will compete in the inaugural Great Eight event, a matchup of seven of the eight regional finalists in last year's NCAA Tournament; national champion Arkansas declined its invitation to the festival and will be replaced by the University of Connecticut.

The Great Eight, a joint venture of ESPN

and Raycom sports networks, will be held Nov. 29 and 30 at The Palace in Auburn Hills, Mich. Teams play just one game in the event. ESPN will televise Missouri vs. Purdue Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. CST.

Other teams that will compete in the Great Eight include Boston College, Florida, Duke, Purdue, Michigan and Arizona.

Jamieson leads baseball program

A national search to replace former Missouri baseball coach Gene McArtor ended in the Tigers' dugout.

Tim Jamieson, who spent the past six seasons as MU's pitching coach, was picked as the Tigers' new coach on June 11 by Athletic Director Joe Castiglione. Jamieson, 34, replaces McArtor, who retired at the end of the 1994 season after coaching the Tigers for 21 seasons. Jamieson is just the third coach in the history of the program. In 1974, McArtor succeeded John "Hi" Simmons, who coached the Tigers from 1937-73.

"I'm very excited about the opportunity," Jamieson says. "Obviously, Mizzou has a proud baseball tradition, thanks to John Simmons and Gene McArtor, and all the players who have gone through this program. I plan to use that tradition — along with my

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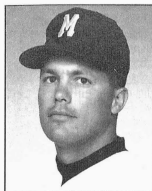
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Tim Jamieson

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average in the Big Eight Conference, and the Tigers' 4.23 ERA in 1993 was the lowest team total since 1981. Fourteen pitchers — including four first-team selections — have earned All-Conference honors under Jamieson's tutelage.

Before joining McArtor's staff, Jamieson spent six seasons as pitching coach at the University of New Orleans, his alma mater. He coached three current major league pitchers at UNO, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and master's degree in business.

Jamieson's father, Dick, was an assistant coach for former MU football coach Al Onofrio from 1972-77.

Training the Blues

Athletic trainer Ron DuBuque, BS Ed '82, M Ed '87, has traded the hard courts for ice rinks.

DuBuque, who has served as the men's basketball trainer since 1984, accepted a position with the St. Louis Blues' training staff in June.

In addition to his duties with the basketball team, DuBuque served as head athletic trainer for Coach Norm Stewart's basketball camp. He also worked as a sports medicine consultant for the Columbia Orthopaedic Group.

Books for athletes

MBS Textbook Exchange Inc. has made a three-year commitment to the athletic department that will provide textbooks for all student-athletes.

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"MBS, a locally owned company, made this gift for all the right reasons," Athletic Director Joe Castiglione says. "That's the kind of dedication our athletic program needs to help us meet the challenges of the future."

Making fast tracks

Although Natasha Kaiser-Brown's collegiate track career ended in 1989, the former MU star has continued to excel in the sport.

Most recently, Kaiser-Brown, an assistant coach under head track Coach Rick McGuire, has challenged and defeated world champion Jearl Miles in the 400-meter dash.

In July, Kaiser-Brown placed second behind Miles at the Gateshead International meet in Gateshead, England.

On June 18, Kaiser-Brown came from third place in the final stretch to pace Miles and Micel Malone to win the 400-meter race at the USA Mobil Outdoor Track and Field Championship in Knoxville, Tenn.

Kaiser-Brown was extended an invitation to compete in the Goodwill Games July 23-August 7 in St. Petersburg, Russia, for her performance in Knoxville.

A six-time All-American and five-time Big Eight champion, Kaiser-Brown will enter her second season working with Tiger sprinters this fall.

Coach wins tourney

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Van Stone, a native Columbian, was a feature twirler at MU's football and basketball games, pep rallies and with Mini Mizzou from 1988 to 1990. Since then, she's returned each Homecoming to perform at the pre-game shows.

"All my friends come back for the game," says Van Stone, who resides in Kansas City. "We spent a lot of fun times together as students practicing the songs and marches, and going out afterward."

On the field, Van Stone often twirls as many as three batons at a time. And at one pep rally she twirled two fire batons.

"As long as you don't do anything close to your body and you keep it moving, it's not going to catch anything on fire," she says. "But I wouldn't recommend it for a beginning twirler."

Van Stone has continued twirling by starting a team of twirlers and teaching at camps in the South for the past two summers. Last spring, she directed a contest in Columbia that attracted more than 80 twirlers from the Midwest. This year she judged for the National Twirling Contest in South Bend, Ind., at which more than 5,000 competitors vied for various titles.

In the meantime, Van Stone looks forward to returning to campus Oct. 8 for Homecoming '94.

With the spirit of a true Tiger, she says, "Come back to ol' Mizzou! It's always good to be back."



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Speaking of restaurants, The University Club in the Reynolds Alumni Center offers all-you-can-eat buffet brunches and appearances by Truman the Tiger and Mini Mizzou before each home game.

Attractions outside of town include the Winston Churchill Memorial Library and the Breakthrough Berlin Wall sculpture in Fallon. Antiques, Boone Cave and Les Bourgeois Winery can be found in Rocheport.



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According to the Regional Economic Development Inc. office, people flock to Columbia because of an inflation-proof industry anchored by colleges, hospitals and insurance companies. Last year 1,000 new jobs were created.

The number of licensed businesses increased from 2,571 in 1983 to 3,691 in 1993. More businesses locate in mid-Missouri because of the strong work ethic, the livability of the community and a cost of living 8 percent to 10 percent below the national average, says Bill Watkins BS PA '74, MS '76, executive vice president of REDI.

Between 1980 and 1990, the median household income also increased, from \$14,025 to \$22,059 a year.

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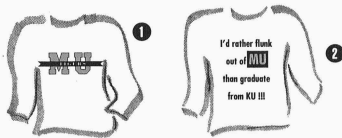
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