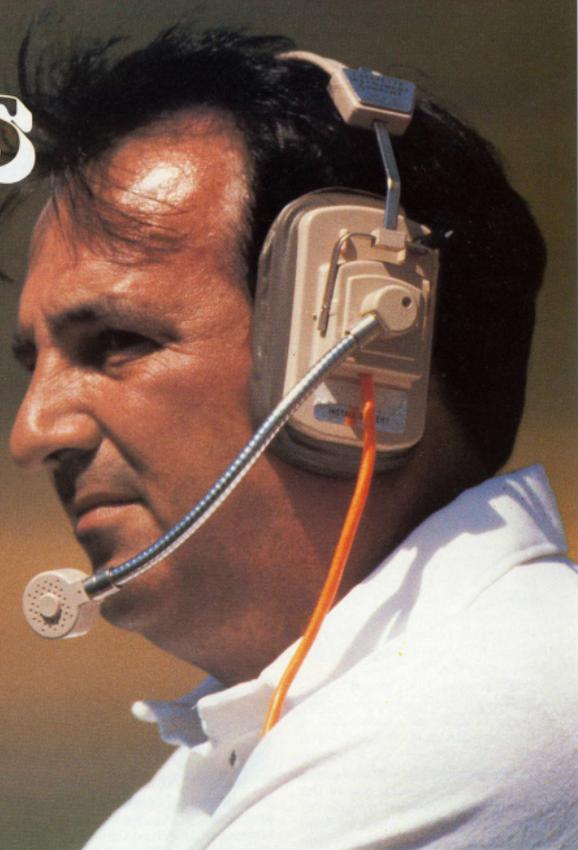


'85 TIGERS ARE HUNGRY AND HUMBLE



By JAMES K. GENTRY

YOU REMEMBER the frenzied buildup that greeted Woody Widenhofer's return to Mizzou as its 28th football coach.

Listen to George Perles, head coach at Michigan State: "There isn't a better coach available. I think Missouri got a plum."

And Frank Novak, an assistant with the USFL's Birmingham Stallions: "He's a salesman. He has believability. I'd want my son to be there for four years."

And Pittsburgh Steeler Coach Chuck Noll: "Woody Widenhofer is the best assistant coach I've ever had."

Since that effusive beginning, not a discouraging word has been heard in Tiger-land.

"There's no question he's renewed enthusiasm about the program," says Missouri alumnus Joe Moseley, Boone County prosecutor and president of the Columbia Quarterback Club.

Alumnus Jean Madden explains: "It's his

willingness to go out there across the state and meet with people, anywhere, anytime." Madden travels around Missouri in his job as vice president of communication for Shelter Insurance. "Every place I go, they're talking about him."

Woody was the hit of a reunion of former Tigers in May, says alumnus John Moseley, a defensive back in 1971-73. "From the comments that he made and that some of those there made that he was 'one of our own,' he had made it very clear to alumni

that they were an important part of the program. He went over very well."

Widenhofer's impact on his team has been equally dramatic. He quickly put the emphasis on developing a winning attitude and establishing his brand of discipline—"It's my way or the highway."

"Kids want discipline in life," adds offensive coordinator Bill Meyers. "They want to know what the results of them and what are the consequences. Then, give them the responsibility." The list of disciplinary casualties includes Eric Drain, last season's starting fullback.

On the field, the Widenhofer-led Tigers will be much changed from Warren Powers' teams. Offensively, the goal will be to open things up. "We'll throw it, then run it, and we'll throw in some momentum-changing plays like reverses and halfback passes," Meyers says.

"Fans will see a multifaceted offense with the I, the split backs, the pro set, lots of movement and three wide receivers."

After spring practice, Widenhofer assessed the Tigers' progress: "I think we have improved in some areas. There are some strengths on this team, but I don't know how good the other people (teams) are. I haven't seen any teams in the conference play. Let's be humble and hungry."

The strength of the offense is in the line, excluding center. The right side will be a powerhouse with sophomore Phil Petzey at guard and junior John Clay, an All-America, at tackle. Widenhofer compares Clay to former University of Pittsburgh All-America lineman Bill Fralic. "I saw Fralic a lot when he was at Pittsburgh. If John Clay wants it bad enough, he has a chance to be better than Fralic. He is as good as anyone I've seen."

On the left side, the Tigers will go with sophomore Jeff Rigman at guard and senior Dave Knipdash or redshirt freshman Chuck Tabor at tackle. Tabor got plenty of work in the spring with Knipdash out with an injured knee.

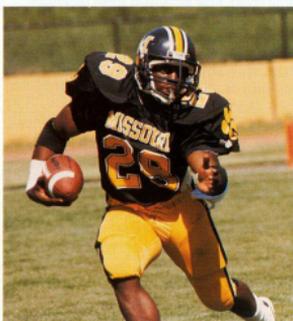
Center, where "we have no idea who

will start," Meyers says, poses a problem. Fifth-year senior Mike Penny had a good spring game after only one week's work at the position. Dave Blackburn is Penny's primary competition with Craig Suntrup uncertain after back surgery.

Other questions remain at wide receiver, running back depth and starting quarterback.

"Adrian McBride is a class receiver."

Leading rusher Jon Redd ran from both running back spots.



says Meyers, "but I don't know where we'll go from there." McBride, the only experienced receiver returning from the '84 Tigers, was a spring standout. The other wide receiver will be selected from sophomore David Peyton, who had a good spring game, sophomore Clifford Mundy, sophomore Victor Moore and junior Herbert "Junebug" Johnson.

Tight end looks good with senior Pat Theftford, junior Joe Close and sophomore Phil Schreiber.

Despite the return of last season's leading rusher, junior Jon Redd, the offensive backfield is uncertain. Redd will be back at tailback, and junior Eddie Esson will be at fullback. A slim chance exists that Drain could return, however, as could Santio Barbosa, who sat out the spring because of academic problems.

Redd also worked at fullback in the spring. Tailback support will come from sophomore Darrell Wallace and junior Vernon Boyd. "I think we can win with what we have," Widenhofer says.

The uncertainty at quarterback with seniors Marlon Adler and Warren Seitz continues for yet another year. Adler, who ranks second in passing yardage and total offense in Missouri record books, had a disappointing spring game while Seitz passed for two touchdowns and ran 24 yards for another. Widenhofer and Meyers insist they will decide on one quarterback and will stay with him.

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Given Widenhofer's professional experience as defensive coach, it would seem natural for him to put the emphasis there, noting, "You entertain on offense but you win on defense." Mizzou's defensive strength appears to be in the line, the most improvement seems to be in the backfield and uncertainty marks the linebacking.

"We've got lots of competition in the defensive line," Widenhofer says. Starting ends Michael Scott, a junior, and Rick Klohsman, a senior, and nose tackle Steve Leshe, a senior, were pushed by the rapid development of ends Scott Vollett and Dick Chapura and nose tackle Cory Cathcart, all juniors.

The biggest improvement should be in a backfield that was the Big Eight's worst in 1984. One key to the turnaround is the move of sophomore Erik McMillan from defensive end to free safety. He will be joined by junior Cameron Riley at strong safety and sophomore Pat Ray and junior Ron Floyd at the corners. "I really like the job [secondary coach] Billy McConnell has done with those players," Widenhofer says.

Junior Bo Sherrill, the Tigers' No. 2 tackler in '84, will start at one inside linebacking post with Mike Vestweber and Vince Keil fighting for the other position. At outside linebacker—which formerly was called defensive end—Eric Troy is coming off a solid spring and has one job. The other will be Gary Justis or Kirk Ekern, with redshirt freshman Steve Vandergrift also having a shot. Widenhofer thinks incoming freshmen Lee Johnson, Darren McDonald or Jay Snodgrass also might play.

Overall, "our biggest concern is a lack of depth, period," says defensive coordinator Jim McKinley.

Placekicking appears solid with enthusiastic sophomore Tom Whelihan returning. Punting candidates include Adler, Whelihan and senior Todd Richmond.

Close observers of past Tiger teams will notice another change this season—less beef per bengal. Tabor weighed in at 310 pounds at one time last year; he was 265 in June. Knipstach went from 300 to 283, and Scott from 300 to 281. Even the bulkiest of linemen must return for fall work at 270 pounds.

It's all part of the philosophy that bigger isn't better. Meyers says, "We want quick people who have endurance and are in shape for the fourth quarter. The biggest thing I learned working with Coach Woody and Coach Noll is that you've got to be mentally alert at all times, and if you're tired, you can't do it."

The Tigers were given a detailed conditioning program for the summer and will be expected to return in top shape. Widenhofer frequently has said Mizzou was the worst conditioned team he had ever seen.

A new attitude among Missouri fans was reflected in the stands at the spring game. A crowd estimated at 10,000, a record, watched the unveiling of Woody's Tigers.

Athletic department officials hope that enthusiasm translates into improved ticket sales for 1985. Mizzou's average attendance

slid to a 13-year low of 47,789 for home games in 1984, contributing to Powers' ouster. Season ticket sales are roughly comparable with last year, but officials are optimistic.

Joe Castiglione, director of sports marketing, expects a new group sales effort to pay off. The program is designed to persuade more corporate, business or other groups to buy season tickets or blocks for a single game. "We can't say for sure how many sales we'll have," Castiglione says, "but I know the enthusiasm Woody has generated has had a lot to do with our success so far."

A few other new features will be evident in the fall. For one thing, the Tigers will be playing on an Omni-Turf surface costing \$1.1 million. Mizzou was the last team in the Big Eight to install an artificial surface.

Prior to kickoff, a carnival atmosphere will reign in the area of the Dutton Brookfield facility, where several groups of fans will erect colorful tents for their members and guests. One group already set for the season consists of the Columbia, St. Louis and Kansas City quarterback clubs.

"We want to put the fun back into Mizzou football," says Joe Moseley. The clubs have spent about \$1,500 on a 20-by-40-foot gold-and-white tent. "We want to make Mizzou football like it was in the 1960s and '70s when it was THE thing in town and a lot of social activity surrounded the game itself."

Castiglione says as many as 20 groups may have tents for some games.

Defensive standout Michael Scott hits hard in spring game.



The main focus, however, will be back across Providence Road down on Faurot Field. That's where Tiger fans will learn if all the enthusiasm has been merited.

It's not difficult to find those predicting success for Widenhofer. "I really expect him to be extremely successful," says former Pittsburgh Steeler quarterback Terry Bradshaw. "If hard work is what it takes, these guys will be bowl bound." □

1985 DEPTH CHART

(84 starters in ALL CAPS)



OFFENSE

WR	86	David Peyton*	6-1½, 189, So.	84	Tim Clark	5-8, 160, Jr.	OR	1	Clifford Mundy*	5-11, 173, So.
LT	72	DAVE KNIPTASH**	6-5½, 270, Sr.	OR	75	Chuck Tabor	6-5, 270, Fr.	66	Steve Sheehan	6-3½, 267, Fr.
LG	60	Jeff Rigman	6-2, 266, So.	52	Chris Lowe	6-2, 263, Fr.				
C	62	Mike Penny*	6-2½, 247, Sr.	OR	50	Dave Blackburn*	6-3, 260, Sr.	54	Mike Bolioux*	6-2, 235, So.
RG	60	PHIL PETTEY*	6-4, 270, So.	73	Carl Bax	6-5, 233, Fr.				
RT	77	JOHN CLAY**	6-5, 270, Jr.	78	Dal Lockwood*	6-5½, 270, Sr.				
TE	81	Joe Close*	6-4, 238, Jr.	OR	85	Pat Thetford**	6-3, 225, Sr.	87	Phil Schreiber*	6-3, 234, So.
QB	10	MARLON ADLER****	5-11, 180, Sr.	OR	8	Warren Seltz**	6-4½, 224, Sr.	11	Jeff Kelso	6-0, 201, Fr.
FB	45	Ed Esson**	5-11, 232, Jr.	29	JON REDD**	5-9, 207, Jr.		35	Manny Henry*	5-11, 227, Sr.
RB	43	Darrell Wallace*	5-7, 167, So.	OR	29	JON REDD**	5-9, 207, Jr.	41	Vernon Boyd*	5-7½, 187, Jr.
WR	80	Adrian McBride*	6-0, 195, Sr.	28	Victor Moore*	5-10½, 171, So.	OR	12	Herbert Johnson	5-11, 183, Jr.
K	3	Tom Whelihan*	5-10, 188, So.	2	Todd Richmond*	6-2, 195, Sr.				

DEFENSE

LE	99	MICHAEL SCOTT**	6-5, 270, Jr.	74	Dick Chapura**	6-3½, 260, Jr.				
NT	53	STEVE LESHE**	6-3, 255, Sr.	70	Cory Cathcart*	6-1, 230, Jr.	58	Darryl Darling	6-2, 239, Fr.	
RE	91	Rick Klohmann*	6-6, 238, Sr.	OR	98	Scott Vollet	6-7, 259, Jr.	61	Ray Lazalier	6-2, 238, Fr.
L0LB30		Eric Troy***	6-2, 211, Sr.	32	Steve Vandegrift	6-4, 237, Fr.				
LILB	49	BO SHERRILL*	6-2½, 232, Jr.	57	Buck Stinson**	6-4, 232, Sr.				
RILB	34	Mike Vestweber*	6-2, 220, Jr.	38	Vince Kell	6-1, 215, Jr.	68	Chris Jensen	6-2, 229, Fr.	
ROLB94		GARY JUSTIS*	6-1½, 215, Sr.	31	Kirk Ekern	6-0, 205, Jr.	95	Bond Howery	6-1, 243, Sr.	
LC	23	Pat Ray*	5-10, 171, So.	18	Rodney Shepard*	5-9½, 181, So.				
SS	48	Cameron Riley**	6-0½, 196, Jr.	27	Ron Toben	6-1, 184, So.				
WS	96	Erik McMillan*	6-2, 192, So.	19	Ron Mitchell	6-0½, 178, So.				
RC	25	Ron Floyd*	5-8, 181, Jr.	4	TONY FACINELLI*	5-11, 191, Sr.	OR	16	Earl Williams	6-1, 203, Fr.
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