

## Tigers give football season perfect finish

Kansas had been coming on strong, rolling up 167 points to its opponents' 21 in the previous five games; 53 of these points were racked up against California, which held Missouri to a 14-14 tie. And while the Tigers in their ninth game put down Coach Doug Weaver's ever-trying Wildcats 27-9, they saw four of their first stringers severely injured in the fray. The prospect at Lawrence against the Jayhawks on November 25 therefore did not appear promising, but some recalled that a year earlier the Tigers, after their 41-19 shellacking of Oklahoma at Norman, were victimized by the Kansans at Columbia, and they could see a similar situation, in reverse. Besides, the Tigers could not easily forget the drubbing they took from the Jayhawks on that day, tumbling them from top national rating.

Everyone knows the story now. Missouri won 10-7 at Lawrence, winding up in a second place tie with Kansas for the Big Eight title, won by Colorado. This gave the Tigers a 7-2-1 record for the season, bringing on bowl game feelers which were passed up and national ranking just barely outside the top ten. Missouri heroes popped up all over the field that day at Lawrence. It was another clutch game for the Tigers, a come-from-behind job, sparked by tremendous line play. It was a cliff-hanger, too; Missouri's four fumbles lost to Kansas kept the outcome in doubt all the way. The most damage offensively to the Jayhawks was done by Quarterback Ron Taylor, who played 22 minutes on a lame ankle; fullback Paul Underhill, who ripped up the middle for a total of 78 rushing yards; and Bill Tobin, who scored all ten of Missouri's points. Kansas took an early 7-0 lead following a Missouri fumble, and Tobin's field goal from 27 yards out put the Tigers within reach as they trailed 7-3 at the half. Late in the third quarter they began an 80 yard march, with Tobin going over early in the fourth period.

Kansas Coach Jack Mitchell called Vince Turner's 45 yard punt return the turning point in the game. John Hadl and Curtis McClinton were held in check by the hard charging Tiger linemen. Rookie ends George Seals, John Sevcik and Gene Oliver and Junior Jack Palmer never let K.U. go wide with any success. In the secondary, Jim Johnson and Carl Crawford were outstanding.

In his final sports letter, Coach Dan Devine said: "Many of our alumni and fans may be disappointed by our decision not to entertain any bowl bids this year. We appreciate this, but let me say that our staff and administrators considered the matter thoroughly before withdrawing from the bowl picture. As for the Missouri squad, I'd say that most of them are content to call it a season after Saturday's superb job against Kansas—and this is understandable after two straight post-season trips." (By whip-



Six of Missouri's nine senior footballers were chosen to play in post-season bowl games—a record high participation by Bengals in individual classics. Top row: Ed Blaine, Paul Henley, and Bill Wegener; front row: Paul Garvis, Norm Beal and Ron Taylor. Henley, Taylor, Beal and Wegener signed for the Blue-Gray game at Montgomery, Ala.; All-American tackle Blaine for the East-West and Senior bowls; Henley for the Hula bowl as well as the Blue-Gray affair; and Garvis for the North-South Shrine game at Miami and the Optimist bowl at Tucson.

ping Rice 33-7 in the Bluebonnet bowl, Kansas made Missouri and the Big Eight look good).

Although stunned by the unexpected loss to Missouri, the Kansas crowd was the most mannerly imaginable. Not a single untoward incident appeared at any time to mar the proceedings. As ideal hosts, the Kansans have set a high standard for Missourians to shoot at when the Jayhawks play here. Afterward, the Tiger squad chose Kansas as the team exemplifying the best on-the-field sportsmanship—and there was no close second.