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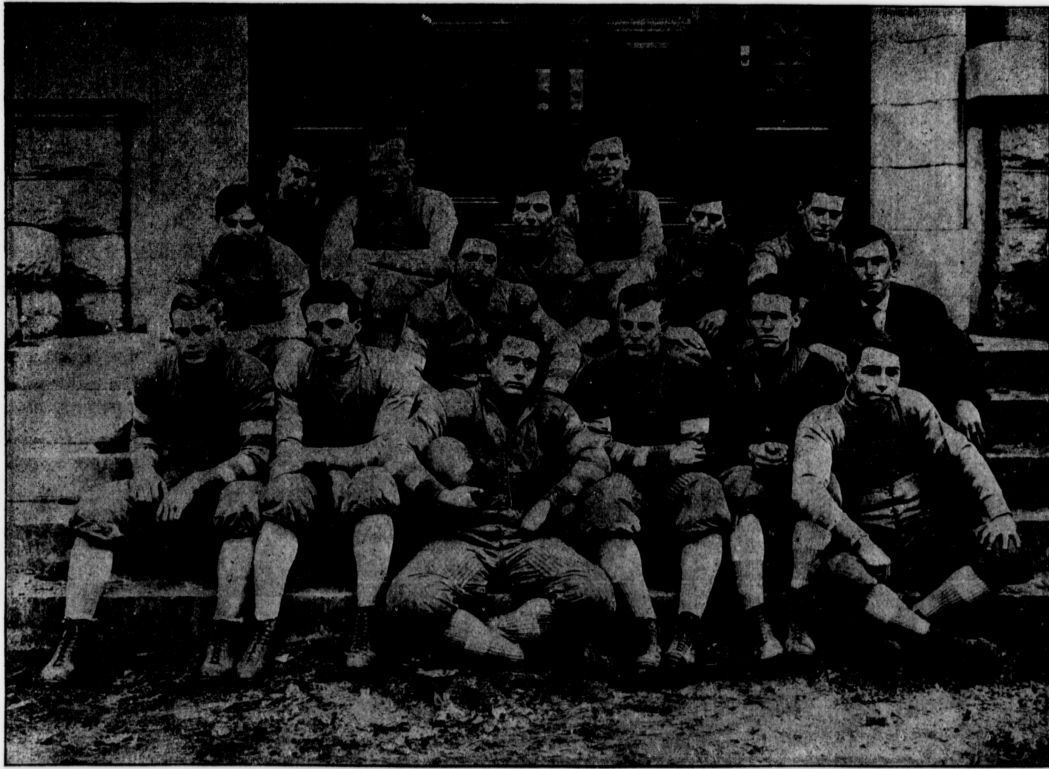


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A FEW REMARKS CONCERNING FOOTBALL AND OTHER THINGS.

As in every other phase of life, the rules to which we should conform, in our attitudes towards athletics, are comparatively simple. The difficulty, in this as in many other things, lies in the fact that we are all prone to neglect many things that we know should be done. It may be worth while to consider what the football season and this period of the college year require of us.

This being a free country, no student should pretend to possess an interest in athletics, if he does not feel it. If he has no interest in athletics, and does not care to support it, his attitude should be respected. The trouble seems to be that we are all prone to intolerance; and there seems to be a tendency for even older people to impose their opinions upon others. But no one who fails to give his support to athletics should be allowed to criticize the team when it loses. If he does, it should be impressed upon him in such a way that the impression may be visible, that any fool can criticize the results which others work hard to obtain. This is a free country; but there are reasonable limits, even to freedom.

It should be borne in mind that college athletic sports are a perfectly natural development. Whenever any considerable number of young men are brought together, one of the important features developed is athletics. As far back as history goes there are records of competition in athletic sports. We know that so long as men have kept their bodies in subjection to their minds, and have observed the ordinary rules of training, they have advanced in civilization and in happiness. We also know that, just as soon as they allowed their bodies to become soft by indulgence and lack of exercise, and their minds to become slaves to their appetites, individuals as well as races have deteriorated. And it is a fact known to everyone who has given much thought to the training of young people, and especially young men, that athletics tends to keep the mind clean. It really seems to be worth the cost of even an occasional accident, pro-

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This Paper is Given to Every Student This Week. Show Your Appreciation by Reading It From Front to Back. If You Become the Least Bit More Interested in the Team We Will Feel More Than Repaid for Any Work This Has Caused.

TO UNDER-CLASS MEN—ALSO OTHERS.

With the football season of 1909 well under way, and a game only a few days off, each student and every member of the faculty, should begin to feel a keen interest in the warriors, that are to represent them on the field of battle. The prospects for a winning team are flattering to say

men and Sophomores who should take advantage of an early start and report for practice regularly every afternoon, for possibly just such men who feel they cannot play football, would with some experience make just such men as you will see play on Saturday, September 25. A large per cent of the present team, are men who were inexperienced in football, when they came to college. I hope

COACH SWEETLAND TALKS.

Football practice to date has consisted of work with the players individually and no team work has been developed. Even in the short time the team has been at work it has been impressed upon the writer that only the hardest kind of work will give in a championship team (except on paper).

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To meet the teams with whom we have scheduled games and have our share of success this season we need



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FOOTBALL SQUAD OF 1909

the least, and since my connection with the University which began as a member of the scrub team in 1900, there has never been on the field a squad of players as good, well equipped, more healthful, gentlemanly and strong as today.

The number of men composing the squad is not as large as it should be. During the first weeks of practice in 1908 there were at times as many as 40 and sometimes 45 on the field an afternoon. There are many Fresh-

men and Sophomore classes come out, for it will be from among them, the members of the varsity must come in the years to follow. A fast speedy Freshman of today may regret when he becomes an upper classman, that he did not gain the experience necessary to make the class of a football player, that should always represent the University of Kentucky. Under the able coaching of E. R. Sweetland who comes to us from the East, with

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many things. There is a need of more interest and better support from the student body.

Now supporting a team means something more than the mere crowding out on the field of play and getting in the way of an end run or forward pass.

We would be glad to have the entire student body and members of the faculty out to watch the practice and encourage the men in this work.

It seems to me that it would be a

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To all readers of this week's issue of The Idea we wish to say that the paper is entirely in the hands of the Football management. This edition is due to the efforts of the Manager, Mr. Robt. Lowry, and any success it may have is the result of his labor. The student body owe their thanks to him for trying to do ten men's work in "boosting" the team, and a good way to show the proper appreciation would be to attend the game next Saturday afternoon en masse.

STOLL FIELD.

For many years the students of the University of Kentucky have witnessed athletic contests on the beautiful, level, spot at the northeast corner of the campus called Stoll Field, where once the Red Skin stalked the deer, where the folk of the country later met to have their famous burgoo picnics and where now the warriors of the gridiron and diamond fight and win battles which are no less

vigorous than the more bloodier battles of an earlier date.

Situated near the famous and historic Maxwell Spring it is indeed beautiful. The graceful willow trees bordering the lake on one side, the rolling campus with its luxuriant grass and foliage on another, the old and handsome place of Judge Mulligan's on another, and picturesque Winslow street on the other, it is remembered by the alumnus long after other scenes are forgotten.

The field is being made ready for the football game Saturday. The goal posts are being renewed, the lines marked, and everything being put in first class condition. The playing field has been moved fifty feet east of the original position to give it a better sod.

The latest addition to Stoll Field is the Mulligan lot just east of it. This is a level four-acre field which will be used for class games and for practice. A gate will be put in the southeast corner of Stoll Field affording easy access to the new one. This is a much needed improvement for the field will now be kept in better condition for inter-collegiate games.



MANAGER LOWRY.

No team can ever hope to win any success without a first class manager. Our team, every man of it, expects and hopes, to be successful as never a Kentucky team has been before. And why not? They have a manager without an equal. Bob Lowry never says much, he saves all spare energy for work. He works for the team all day and plans for it most of the night. He secured one of the best schedules that State has ever had, and more games on her own field than State has had for a long time. Bob is a Senior miner, a S. A. E., Lamp and Cross, and Mystic Thirteen. All of his friends are proud of his success so far, and we all congratulate State and her team on the manager.

SCHEDULE FOR 1909.

The season opens on September 25 with Kentucky Wesleyan. The game will be played on Stoll Field and called at 3.00 p. m.

Next comes Berea on October 2, and from all indications this should be a good game for very favorable reports are being received from Berea.

On Thursday, October 7, the team leaves for Urbana, Ill. to play Illinois.

This will be a very hard game and much depends on the result.

Although it is true that Illinois and Michigan did not meet on the football field last year, yet it is generally conceded that Illinois had a stronger team. Illinois plays such teams this year as Purdue, Indiana, University of Chicago and Syracuse.

On October 16 comes one of the best games of the year, when we meet University of Tennessee on Stoll Field. Tennessee expects a good team this year; but so do we, so let us predict a victory for State.

Tennessee is in the S. I. A. A. and meets all the best teams in the association; so, the result of this game will give us a good line on the Southern Championship.

In a very few days after we play Tennessee then we shall start for North Carolina and although we shall be handicapped by a long and tiresome trip, yet we shall return with another victory to our credit.

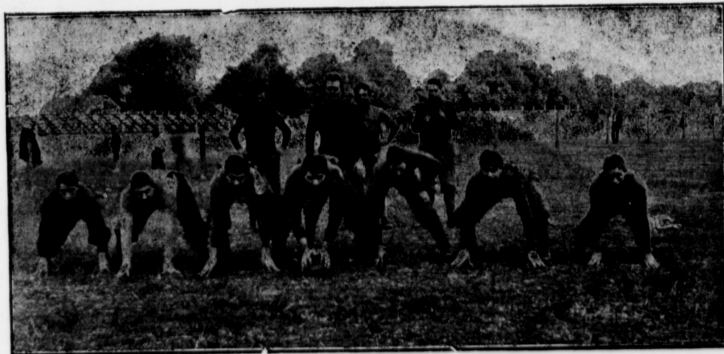
North Carolina is a very strong team and has on her schedule such teams as University of Virginia, U. P. I., Washington and Lee and Georgetown.

On October 30 we shall meet Rose on Stoll Field. It will be remembered that one of the best games of '08 was furnished by Rose, when we met them on November 14. This was a 12 to 10 victory and every spectator, surely left with value received. The team was badly disappointed when they failed to beat State last year, so you can look for a good game on October 30.

Then, following in rapid succession, comes Georgetown, at Georgetown on November 3.

St. Mary's at Lexington on November 6, and please remember that St. Mary's disputed our claim for the State Championship last season.

Next comes T. U. on November 13, and they say they are going to bring a real football team over to see us. Of course, they say, they are going to win, but don't worry for it will be



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We shall end the season on Thanksgiving by playing Central on Stoll Field. You will remember that it was a walkover for State last year but then we shall not beat them 40 to 0 this year. No! Allow me to predict a 50 to 0 victory and the close of the most successful and harmonious year that State has ever seen.

R. LOWRY.

**ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.
WHILE.**

The S. U. A. A. met on last Monday and elected a football and baseball manager for the season of 1910 and 1911. Mr. H. B. Creal, a Junior civil, from Buffalo, Ky., was chosen assistant manager of the football team for this year, and will be manager for the 1910 team. Mr. Creal is a good man for the place, and the students expect a heavy schedule next year. Mr. W. C. Duncan, from Springfield, Ky., a Junior mechanical, will be assistant manager in baseball this year and manager next year. Every one who knows Duncan knows him to be capable of filling the position, and knows that hardly a better man for the place could be found.

Mr. A. F. Baker, a Senior law student, and one of the most promising line men out for the football team, while going through a light scrimmage practice last Saturday, had both bones in his right leg, above the ankle, fractured. Baker was playing tackle and breaking up interference, and in some manner got his leg twisted under a bunch of players in one of the scrimmages. Coach Sweetland dressed the member as well as possible and they had Baker carried to the gymnasium, where a doctor was called. The doctor pronounced it a



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fracture of both bones above the ankle, but said that Baker could be out in a few weeks.

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A FEW REMARKS.

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vided the occasions are far enough apart, to foster an interest in athletics among students.

While frequently a student may be found who does not derive any benefit from athletics, and who will become an efficient man without its safeguarding influence, the majority need an interest in it, and it is their duty to go out and get such interest, either by taking part personally—and that is the best way—or by enthusiastically boosting the teams. To the proper type of student, the scrubs are just as good as the varsity. The chief honor lies in doing one's best as a sportsman, no matter who makes the team. The other day a student said: "Of course, there is no use in my going out there every day and working my head off, if there isn't going to be something in it for me."



ASSISTANT COACH GUYN.

White Guyn is an alumnus of State, played full back, and was Captain of the team the last year he was here. He knows football from A to Z, and has been our coach for several years. He coached last year's team and made a great success. He will coach the back field this year, and together with Cronley Elliott, and several other graduates will help the second team. He is a valuable man and will aid Coach Sweetland very much in his work this year. He is for State all the time, and enthusiasm goes a long way towards helping a team.

And right there was where he showed what might be termed his "yellow streak." Nearly all of us have one somewhere, so we need not swell with righteous indignation. But no absolutely first class team will ever be composed of eleven men of that type.

If a student will not exercise his loyalty by giving some of his time and money, or taking some bumps and bruises without thought of reward, except as he may show his worth, he usually has something in his character which needs adjusting. At least ninety-nine per cent of young humanity has a natural love of competitive athletics. Those who cannot take part enjoy watching the sport. One can watch football practice loyally by keeping back and not crowding the team. It may be possible for a student to help a member of the team keep in training by exercising a little self-control himself, and by trying to make periods of study interesting without wasting time in idle talk.

Let us loosen up and get into the game. Let us old chaps who are

teachers realize that looking wise and keeping out of touch with the students won't increase our knowledge or our ability to impart it. And let us show that we are teachers in the true sense of the word, by taking an interest in all those things that interest the students, whether inside or outside of the curriculum.

Let us young fellows who are students—and we should all be—try to increase our efficiency by using our leisure to the best advantage. There is no use bluffing. We all have some leisure. Most of us give up too much of our time to it; but a little is good, even necessary. Let us use this leisure for something better than bumming around town and learning things that destroy our efficiency.

Instead of having idiotic mob fighting, let all the classes demonstrate their relative merits in games of football, baseball and tennis, and in the inter-class track meet. The class football games should be over before the middle of the football season, so that new players who find how much fun there is in the game, may have a chance either for the honor of playing on the varsity, or developing those who do.

We have a chance to start in clean this year, and to keep a clean record that will meet with the approval of the people of the State. It is for us to show how we can use this opportunity. PROF. A. M. WILSON.

COACH SWEETLAND TALKS.

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good plan to try and get every one out to watch the practice on Friday afternoon of this week. Come out and see what the team is doing and encourage them. Come out and get some practice in giving your college yell. You will need some little practice before you can support your team as you should. It is a very little thing to do and it will help the team. It is no disgrace to lose a game when our men are outplayed after they have done their best. It should be a disgrace to have any students anywhere support their team better than we do here.

Cheer your men when they are winning and cheer them still more when things are going against them.

The students have no right to expect a football man to do his best unless they let him know his work is appreciated.

The practice work is a long, hard grind and every man on the squad must take a lot of punishment for the building of "championship teams" always means self-denial on the part of all the squad.

It becomes almost pathetic to see the pluck, gameness exhibited and the heroic efforts of a few men to uphold the honor of the University, and feel that the work is not given either support or appreciation. Won't you all come out Friday at practice and cheer the squad?

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(Continued from Page 1.) many years of experience, U. of K. will stand out prominently in the football season of 1909, and if the authorities take membership in the S. I. A. A., U. of K. should easily stand first, and the Southern pennant should be waving triumphantly with the blue and white at the end of '09 season, also one or more blue and white warriors should see their names recorded on the roster of the all-Southern team, an honor that has never yet come to a U. of K. man. The game with Kentucky Wesleyan on September 25, at 3 p. m., should bring out every student and member of the faculty, all those who have signed over or bought season tickets, will receive them at the gate. Arrangements have also been made for those students who have not yet signed for a ticket to do so at the gate, and also any others who wish to purchase one.

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COACH SWEETLAND.

Coach E. R. Sweetland, who came here recommended as one of the best coaches in America, is proving his recommendations to be conservative. This being his first year here, the results of his coaching remain to be seen, but we do know that he took a very unpromising bunch of material for the track team last year, and made State Champions, and more, out of them. He is what very few football coaches are—a perfect gentleman at all times. After his first year at Cornell he was chosen All American right tackle for the three remaining years. He was a fast quarter miler, and made a record at Cornell for 60 yards, which has only recently been equaled. He took charge of football at Syracuse, which up to that time had never been heard of in gridiron circles, and during the first year of his management Syracuse defeated Brown, Williams, Amherst, Colgate, and Columbia. Let us refer you to Collier's Weekly of Nov. 23, 1901:

"Syracuse came down to New York and put up a game that opened the eyes of metropolitan followers of football. It was generally expected that Columbia, while not having an easy game, would be able to hold the game safely with a modest score, and perhaps even use some substitutes in the record half, thus saving some of her best men for the Cornell game the following week. After a quarter of an hour spent on the gridiron with the visitors, these thoughts had completely disappeared. The problem was no longer how to win comfortably, but how in desperation to avoid defeat. And defeat came with deadly certainty. In fact, it was a wonder that Columbia held the visitors down

to two scores and scored once themselves. *****"

"The final score was eleven to five in favor of Syracuse, and Coach Sweetland, the old Cornell player, is to be congratulated on the form of his team."

DOPE.

There has been more real football enthusiasm shown by the student body this fall than ever before and as a result of this enthusiasm we find many more men on the squad than in previous years.

We were very fortunate in retaining all of last year's varsity but one man—McChord Taylor.

For the benefit of those not acquainted with the squad let me introduce—

Hendrickson, height 5 feet 11 inches, weight 185 pounds. He has been on the varsity for the past 3 years having played tackle in '07 and '08 and end in '09. His past record speaks for itself.

Barbee, height 5 feet 9 inches, weight ——. Has played on the varsity for the past two years—in '07 as end and in '08 as half. He was the unanimous choice for all Kentucky hall last year and deserved the honor.

Post, height 5 feet 10 inches, weight 180 pounds. Made his debut last fall as quarter on the varsity. He was the equal of any quarter in the South last season and great things are expected of him this coming fall.

Rout, height 5 feet 10 inches, weight 190 pounds. Has played at full for the last two years. He is extremely fast and has surely showed his worth in the Thanksgiving game in '08.

Clarke, height 6 feet 2 inches, weight 215 pounds. They call him

Tiny but just take another look at his weight. He is a veritable stone wall and has been known even to make open field tackles. He no doubt will make himself noticeable this fall.

Dunlap, height 5 feet 11 inches, weight 205 pounds. Was one of the most valuable defensive line men in the South last year and with every prospect of being the one best this fall. He has a wonderful ability of getting there and blocking punts, and is also somewhat of a tackle around player.

Webb, all-Kentucky center, height 5 feet 11 inches, weight 205 pounds. He, like Post, was a debutante of last season and proved himself a star in all departments of the game. His strongest point was his accurate passing and remarkable staying qualities.

Johnston—Little Johnston—height 5 feet 7 inches, weight 136 pounds. He played end and sub-quarter in '08 and well earned his "K." His slight stature was no handicap to him for he always made his presence felt in any game. His strongest points are his neatness and cleverness.

Earle, height 6 feet, weight 190 pounds. A product of '08. He is truly a "big boy" but with his natural ability he will develop into one of the best men on the squad this fall. His blocking of punts was the feature of many games.

Shelby, sub-half last year, is 6 feet and weighs 155 pounds. He made the

entire back field work hard for their berth last season and no doubt will fill one of these berths himself this season.

Besides these men of last year's varsity, we have such men on our squad as Baker, who will no doubt be a valuable man for he was a prep. school star last season. He is 5 feet 11 1/2 inches, weighs 200 pounds, and is extremely fast for a man of his weight.

Moreover many stars will be developed from these men who are on the field daily: Tevis, Ragan, Raish, Hughes, Babb, Geo. Shanklin, B. Shanklin, Theising, Ellis, Ingels, Gaiser, Plummer, Chambers, Threlkeld, T. M. Clark, Shawhan, Scott, Fox, Rodes, Mayes, Reese, Gower, Seeley, Spradling, Blevins, Galloway and Hillenmeyer.

ANKLE SPRAINED.

Our star quarter-back, Shelby Post, while running signals Monday twisted his ankle so that he will be unable to walk on it for several days. He will not be able to play in the game Saturday but will be in good condition by the Berea game. Post is a good player and State will lose a good part of her team Saturday, but we are glad to hear that he will soon be out again.

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