

Henry's Men Will Play Nine Games

By Horace Mason

Gwinn Henry's improving Jayhawker football team will tackle a nine-game schedule this fall, starting with the Iowa State game at Ames Oct. 5. Fall practice gets under way Sept. 10.

Fourteen lettermen and four men who won provisional letters last fall will form the nucleus around which Coach Henry will build his team. A number of promising sophomores will bid against the veterans for positions in the lineup.

Lettermen back in action will be Ward Crowell, end; Jake Fry, halfback; Denzel Gibbens, halfback; Jim Holloway, tackle; Ed. Hall, fullback; Herb Hartman, guard; W. F. Jack, tackle; Jay Kern, guard; Quido Massare, guard; Monte Merkel, tackle; Ralph Miller, halfback; Don Pierce, center; Ed. Suagee, quarterback; and Hubert Ulrich, end. In addition, Wayne Wilson, who lettered at center in 1937, will be on hand.

Provisional letter winners who will see action include Dick Brown, tackle; John Burge, end; Chester Gibbens, halfback; and Vincent Graves, end.

Star of last year's freshman team was Don Pollom, former Topeka high school ace. The fleet Topeka youngster scintillated in spring practice, breaking loose for one long run after another. He is expected to contribute materially to the Jayhawk offense. Pollom is the holder of the national high school record in the 200 yard low hurdles.

The opening date will be the latest in recent years, despite the fact that the Jayhawks are playing one more game than they did last season. In 1939 Kansas downed Iowa State 14-0 and Coach Henry's eleven will be striving to duplicate that victory at Ames, Oct. 5.

The Jayhawks then return to the home field for their next two games, meeting Drake at Lawrence Oct. 12 and Nebraska here Oct. 19. Against the Drake Bulldogs, Kansas will be out to avenge the defeat suffered at Des Moines last fall. The Nebraska game will bring up the problem of attempting to put an end to the Cornhusker victories which date clear from 1916.

The "annual Kansas classic", Kansas vs. Kansas State, is on tap for the following weekend, Oct. 26. Last fall this game drew a crowd of nearly 20,000 at Lawrence.

The longest trip of the season takes the Jayhawks to Philadelphia for a game with the tough Villanova team, Nov. 2. Bib Six competition is resumed the following weekend with Oklahoma coming to Lawrence Nov. 9 for a conference game. The Sooners again rate as one of the main contenders for the league crown.

Back to the East go the Kansas gridders the following week for a game with George Washington University at Washington, D.C., Nov. 16. Last year the Colonials' beat the Jayhawks in a real thriller 14-7.

The "Big Game", Kansas vs. Missouri, will be played on Missouri's Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 21. This will give the Jayhawks only a short period of rest between that all-important engagement and the long trip to Washington.

When Thanksgiving is celebrated in Kansas, Nov. 28, the Jayhawks will be playing Colorado State at Lawrence in the final game of the season. The 1939 game resulted in a 7-0 victory for Henry's eleven over the Coloradoans.

Sooners Fear The Name Allen

Howard Engleman, a member of the University's Western N.C.A.A. championship basketball team, has written Dr. F. C. Allen, basketball coach and summer recreation program director, that the gentry around Bartlesville, Okla., where Engleman is employed, "are still wondering what you had up your sleeve at Wichita last winter."

Engleman, referring to the amazing victory of the Jayhawkers over Oklahoma A. & M. for the right to enter the Kansas City tournament, says that the name Allen "strikes fear in their hearts."

An interesting observation made by "Rope", as he is known here, is that there is a decided lack of interest and loss of love for the game of basketball by professional players, "when they're playing for their bread and butter." He also admitted he's already homesick for the next basketball season, more than five months away.

Engleman, it will be remembered, scored the winning basket in the final hectic seconds of the game with the University of Southern California for the right to meet Indiana's Hoosiers for the national championship.