
Yearlings Play Prominent Role in Spring Football Practice at K. U.

Freshmen gridgers are playing a prominent rôle in spring football practice at the University of Kansas as the Jayhawks go into their fifth week of workouts.

Three yearling backfield stand-outs have been working in the same combination in most of the spring sessions. This trio consists of Ray Niblo, of Dallas, Tex., Ray Evans of Kansas City, Kan., and Don Ettinger of Independence, Mo. Evans is a former Wyandotte high school star, while Ettinger played for William Chrisman high.

Teaming with them recently has been Marvin Vandaveer of Wellington, first string quarterback a good part of the time last fall. Vandaveer is bigger this spring, having gone over the 185-pound mark, and has been playing fine ball.

The freshman backfield aces, Niblo, Evans and Ettinger, all are outstanding ball carriers. Evans is the shortest of the three at six feet one inch and the lightest at 180 pounds.

Three other yearling backs who have shown considerable promise are Ralph Childs, fullback from Kansas City, Kan.; Ed Vandaveer, a small, elusive back from Wellington, and Frank Vratil, blocker from Larned.

Bolstering the line at the vital tackle spots are a pair of 215-pounders for whom the coaches have high hopes, Warren Hodges of Lawrence and Jack Tenenbaum of Dayton, O.

At guard, where two crack varsity men were lost to the army, Coach Gwinn Henry has good looking replacements from the freshman team in Gene Long of Pleasanton; Joe Crawford of Kansas City, Kan., and Jack Brownell from Wichita.

Right in the middle of the fight for the center berth left by Don Pierce are a pair of new men, Bob Githens of Fredonia and Dale Lowery of Dodge City. Githens was an all-state junior college selection at Independence JuCo.

Freshman ends looking good include Al Hecht of Coldwater, who was shifted from the backfield this spring; Paul Turner of Kansas City, Kan., a member of the Jayhawks' great freshman basketball team; George Dick of McLouth and Dave Doleshal of Kansas City, Kan.
