

JAYHAWK REBOUNDS

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Dear Fellow Jayhawkers:

I have been gold-bricking on you. They elected me president of the Country Club this fall and we have been trying to rejuvenate the place out there. We have personally supervised the sanding of the floors, installation of a new ceiling, painting and general repair work. And besides handling the various drives for the University, such as the National War Fund and Community Chest in October, and now the Sixth War Loan, as well as the general administration of the Physical Education Department, I have been incidentally attempting to coach a basketball team.

I looked at the date of the last Jayhawk Rebounds, No. 11, and find that it is dated September 12, 1944, and this morning is November 20, - more than two months since I have written you boys on the many fronts. But alibis are never any good when a fellow has to get the job done of Jayhawk Rebounding. So just prior to the football game with the Missouri Tigers on Thursday, Nov. 23, in Kansas City at Association Park, I will try to give you a review of the past football season up to the present time. Coach Henry Shenk has had a dickens of a time. On November 1, just at the time when the team should be hitting its stride, many of his stellar performers were called to the other fronts for further servicing by the Navy. This is a fair and modest appraisal of the efforts of the fighting Jayhawkers. We have not overdone it either by too much praise or too much alibiing.

Old-timers rubbed their eyes the 21st of October when Kansas administered the first licking to a Nebraska football team in 48 years on the Kansas field. Only once in all that time had they even been tied - the famous 20-20 tie of 1920. It was the first time in 26 years that any Kansas football team had beaten a Nebraska team on Jayhawker soil!

To make the victory even more outstanding, Nebraska walloped a Missouri team that was rated 30 points better by a score of 24 to 20 in Lincoln a week before, which was the major upset of the Big Six season to date.

To the Kansas team should go the credit for smashing this 48-year-old jinx. The first K.U. score came in the first half when Charles Keller blocked a Nebraska punt which was recovered by Warren Rieglo in the end zone for a touch-down. In the third quarter the Kansas team drove 60 yards and scored with a screen pass only to have the play called back because of an offside. But Kansas was not to be denied. Later, big Don Barrington after alternating with Charles Moffett in carrying the ball down to the Nebraska 5-yard line, threw a quick pass to Charlie across the goal line for the second counter. Bill Chestnut, drop-kicker de luxe, kicked both extra points.

In the fourth stanza Dwight Sutherland and Charlie Moffett took turns passing and carrying the ball down to the Nebraska 30-yard line where Charlie Moffett flipped a pass to Warren Rieglo who made a sensational catch in the end zone for the third score. The game ended Kansas 20, Nebraska 0.