

THE KANSAS COACHES

Adrian H. (Ad) Lindsey
Head Football Coach

Ad Lindsey has been head coach of football at the University of Kansas since 1932. Ad was born Aug. 15, 1895 at Benton, Ky. His family later moved to Oklahoma and he had his high school education at Kingfisher, Okla., graduating from high school in 1913.

Ad then entered the University of Kansas, where he had a brilliant athletic career. He played on Jayhawk gridiron teams in 1914, 1915 and 1916. A whirlwind on the attack, he could punt and pass well and played an excellent defensive game. In 1916, his senior year, Ad was captain of the Kansas team and his outstanding play resulted in his being chosen all-Missouri Valley halfback. The Jayhawks defeated Nebraska that year, 7-3, a feat they have not duplicated since.

The United States entered the World War in 1917 and Ad Lindsey volunteered and was sent to the first American training camp, at Camp Funston. He became a second lieutenant in the 342nd division and played football and baseball on army teams. Ad went overseas in 1918 and after the war was in the Army of Occupation six months.

In Europe he was a member of the 89th division football team and played sensationally. When the all-A.E.F. team was chosen Ad Lindsey was named at fullback, with his teammates on the all-star backfield being Eddie Mahan, Harvard's immortal, Gerhardt of Army and Potsy Clark of Illinois. The all-A.E.F. team was the equivalent of all-American that year, which made Ad's achievement the greater.

Lindsey played in the A.E.F. under a coaching staff made up almost entirely of Harvard men and the system of football he has coached since is the type of football which he learned from these men and which had been taught them by the great Percy Haughton of Harvard. This system features the single wingback.

After the war Ad served as an assistant coach in baseball, basketball and freshman football at Kansas until 1922 when he became coach of all sports at Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kan. He built up football at Bethany until the Swedes were feared and in 1927 he was called to the University of Oklahoma as head football coach.

Ad coached at Oklahoma until 1932 when he came to Kansas. He is the dean of football coaches in the Big Six from the point of service in the conference.

Micheal J. (Mike) Getto
Line Coach

Mike Getto has been coach of Kansas linemen since 1929. Mike was born Sept. 18, 1905 at Irwin, Pa. He attended high school at Jeanette, Pa., lettering four years there in football as a guard and fullback. He also lettered three years in basketball and in track.

After his graduation from Jeanette high school in 1925 Mike enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh. There he played on a freshman team which lost only one game and that start of only one loss a season continued through his three years of varsity competition.

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