

August 9, 1939.

Mr. F. W. Parrott,
Clay Center, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Parrott:

In reply to your letter of the 7th, I am very happy to send the following information on to you.

I imagine that the saddest of all football experiences - making a long run for a touchdown and then having it nullified by the officials - was the experience of L. D. Silver, University of Kansas fullback, in the traditional Kansas-Missouri game of 1898. The Jayhawks handed the Tigers a 12 to 0 defeat that day, but only a technicality kept the score from being 18 to 0. Silver raced 80 yards on a criss-cross for a touchdown, only to have the play called back.

The student paper, the University Weekly, for Nov. 24, 1898, had the following to say about Silver: "Words of too high praise cannot be spoken for Silver who made a very brilliant run of 80 yards without interference amid deafening cheers from University friends, but was called back because the referee had not blown his whistle to put the ball in play."

Besides making this spectacular play, Silver also played an important part in the two touchdowns which counted. The Kansas records show Silver lettering in football only that one year, 1898. The Jayhawk team lost only one game that year, Nebraska having a jinx on the Kansans even then.

Trusting this gives you the information you desire,
I am

Very sincerely yours,

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