

position. Of course, we will try to develop confidence in the ability of these starting men to do their job well. But games are unpredictable things. The Tigers had the Jayhawks 18 to 7 at the first half in Kansas City, but Kansas overcame the deficit and won 34 to 27. Certainly if Missouri obtains a lead at Columbia of such proportions, Kansas will never catch her because the home crowd is a convincing tonic to a Tiger team.

Let us think of General Douglas MacArthur's words - "Upon the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds which, in other years on other fields will bear the fruits of victory."

And so this intercollegiate contest, described by many as an athletic emotional orgy, has a definite educational value. For an hour these sons of Kansas and Missouri will be in other worlds battling and fighting for an imaginary championship and the toga of victory. But when the smoke of battle is cleared away, and years have passed, these boys who played that game will meet on other fields in friendly strife and will have developed a philosophy and a forbearance that will be worth while. The game will be the halter that will lead this fractious young bronco, the student athlete, into the more durable areas of life. Many people wonder if athletics are worth the candle. They are so long as the boy trains, plays, fights, studies, and makes lasting friendships.