

FOOTBALL COACHING STAFF

Head Coach — Gwinn Henry

Assistant Coach — Vic Hurt

Freshman Coach — Wayne "Bill" Replogle

Trainer — Dean Nesmith

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Gwinn Henry
Head Football Coach

This fall Henry begins his fourth year as head football coach at K.U. and his sixth year as director of athletics. Born at Eden, Texas, August 5, 1887. Took his high school work at the Academy of Howard Payne College in Brownwood, Texas. Played two years of football there.

Following this, Henry entered the college and played two years of football for Howard Payne. He then moved over to Southwestern College and played a year there. This was followed by two more years on the gridiron at Howard Payne. In addition to playing football, Gwinn also competed in baseball and track. Although he was an all-star end at Howard Payne, Henry was more of a national figure in track.

At Howard Payne he ran the 100 yard dash in 9.6 seconds, the 220 yard dash in 21.2 seconds, threw the discus 145 feet and the shot put 42 feet, all of these marks being Texas records at the time.

In 1910 and 1911 Henry ran for the Irish-American Athletic Club of New York of which Lawson Robertson was coach. Gwinn set a world record for the 125 yard dash at 12.2 seconds. In addition, he equalled the world record of 10.8 seconds for 110 yards and the mark of 7.4 seconds for 75 yards indoors. He was selected on the All-American track team in the 100 yard dash by Robertson and James E. Sullivan. After winning all of his races in 1911, Henry was named for the 1912 American Olympic team without competition, but was unable to run in the Olympics because of illness.

In 1911 Henry coached at Oklahoma Baptist University, which was located at Blackwell at that time. It now is at Shawnee. In 1913-14-15 he coached at his alma mater, Howard Payne. The 1916-17 school year found Henry at the Georgia Military School as track coach. He returned to Howard Payne the summer of 1917 and got his degree.

Henry first came into the coaching limelight in this section at the College of Emporia. He went to Emporia in the fall of 1918 and immediately began turning out sensational teams. In five years his Emporia teams lost only three games.

From Emporia Henry went to the University of Missouri in the fall of 1923. After a mediocre year in which he built the foundations for great teams, Henry got the Tigers rolling in 1924. That year and during the following three, Missouri won 25 games, lost only 6 and tied 3. The Tigers won the conference championship three of those four years. Outside the conference they defeated Northwestern, Chicago, and West Virginia, among others, in addition to tying Tulane and Southern Methodist. Henry's championship teams were in 1924, 1925, and 1927.

Nebraska had been the bane of the Tigers' existence before Henry went to Columbia, but Gwinn ended that in a hurry. His first year at M. U. the Tigers tied Nebraska, and three of the next four years they beat the Huskers. The Cornhuskers beat the Notre Dame Team which boasted the "Four Horsemen" and they downed Illinois when "Red" Grange was playing, but those Nebraskans could not beat Henry's Missouri teams.

After winning the conference title in 1927, the Tigers tied for second with Oklahoma in 1928 and took undisputed runnerup honors in 1929. The following two seasons, 1930 and 1931, Henry was struck down by illness and could be with his team only part of the time. The Tigers lost as many games in those two years as they had