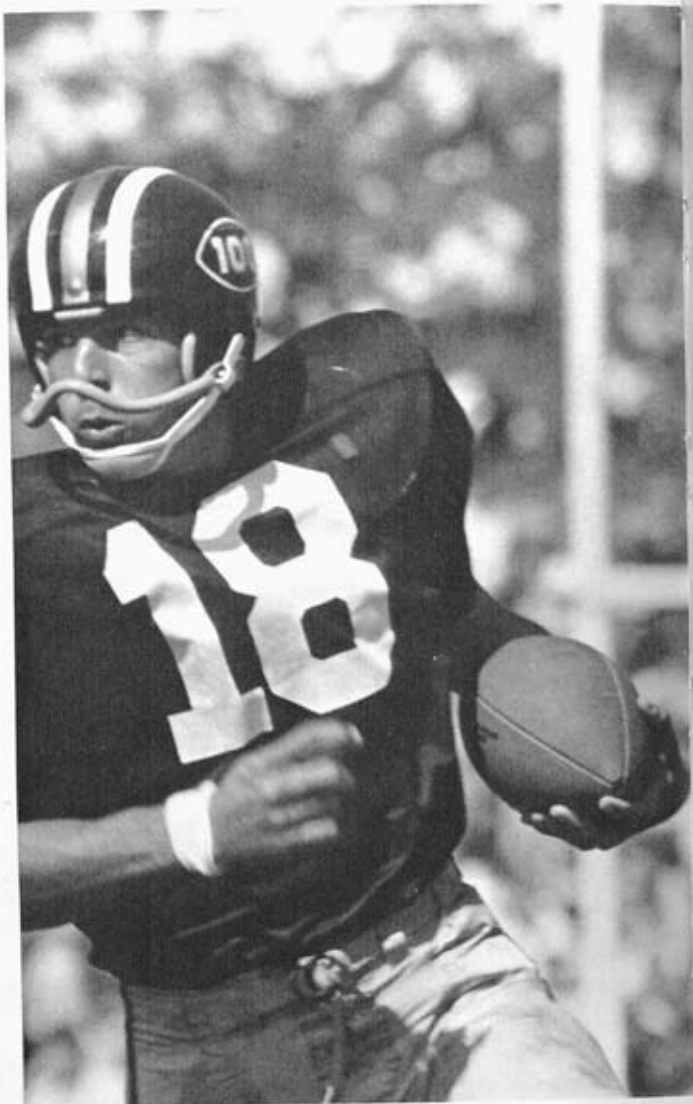




Henry Brown, Missouri's premier extra point man and field goal kicker, established five records in the 1969 football campaign. The 203-pound senior from Middleton, Pa., shattered two Mizzou season records, one game record, tied a single game standard, and tied a season Big Eight conference mark. Brown's 12 field goals and 71 total points broke previous Missouri season records. The one game mark for most field goals was established in the season's opener against Air Force as Henry booted field goals of 42, 29, 37, and 30 yards, the last providing the margin of victory, 19-17. His 7 conversions against Kansas tied a mark previously established by Bob Dawson in 1948. The big kicker's four field goals against Air Force was also a Big Eight record for the most field goals in a single game. Oh Henry—what a year!



Terry McMillan, selected as quarterback on all Big Eight second teams, was number one in the hearts of Missouri football fans. He was also number one in the Missouri record book seven times, eclipsing most of Pitchin' Paul Christman's passing and total offense records in his senior year. Terry McMillan's name is inked in the school record books for most yards passing, 1,963; most passes attempted, 233; most complete passes, 105; most touchdown passes, 18; most total offense, 2,157; and most TD passes in a game with four against Kansas in the season's finale. His 18 touchdown passes also eclipsed the Big Eight season record. In addition to his personal records, Terry led the Tigers to the most points of any Missouri team with 362 points in ten games. Mizzou's 2,048 yards passing was a record as was the total offense figure of 4,507. The team total of 20 touchdowns through the air was a Big Eight team record as well as a new high for a University of Missouri.



Jefferson City's **Jon Staggars** was a second team pick for UPI Big Eight. The senior halfback scored seven touchdowns for the Tigers, but his real value was his versatility. Jon did a variety of things well—he led the league returning punts and kickoffs, ran for 273 yards and caught 14 passes for 292 yards and 3 TD's. The halfback option pass produced a touchdown to Mel Gray. In addition he served as offensive co-captain and tied a team touchdown reception record with three in the Kansas game in the season's finale.

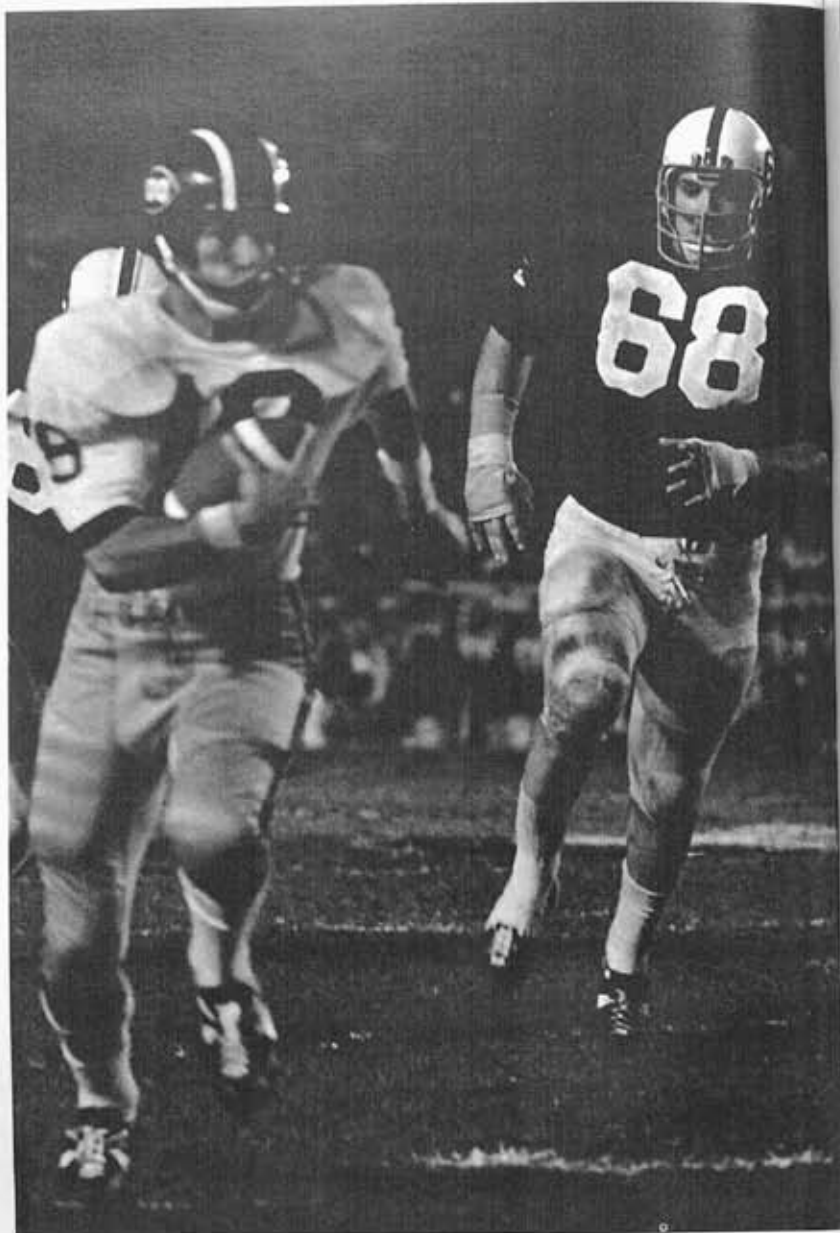
“Never was
so much
owed to
so few
by so many.”



He was the greatest tailback in the history of Missouri football. Need we say **Joe Moore**? Hard-hitting Joe ran for 1,312 yards to rank as the number three runner in the nation at the end of Mizzou's regular season. For this the junior running-back made the second team in the all Big Eight selections. Moore averaged 5 yards per carry on plays which more often than not were directed at the interior of the line. Joe had to rank as a prime candidate for all-American honors in his senior year if he could match his 1969 marks.



Mel Gray, Missouri's fleet-footed receiving machine, joined fellow Tigers Larron Jackson, Mark Kuhlman, and Denny Poppe on the UPI Big Eight first team. The junior speedster put his name on five receiving records, including one Big Eight mark. The Gray Ghost broke three single season reception records with most pass reception yardage, 705; most yardage per reception, 27.1; and most touchdowns by a Mizzou non-running back with 10. His 6 receptions for 171 yards against Oklahoma earned him a single game Missouri record for the most pass-reception yardage, and his three TD catches tied Staggars for the most touchdown receptions caught in a single game. Also eclipsed during the year was the Big Eight record for most yards per reception with Mel's 27.1.



“Tomorrow I’ll feel bad because we lost.
But we didn’t quit.” **Jon Stagers**

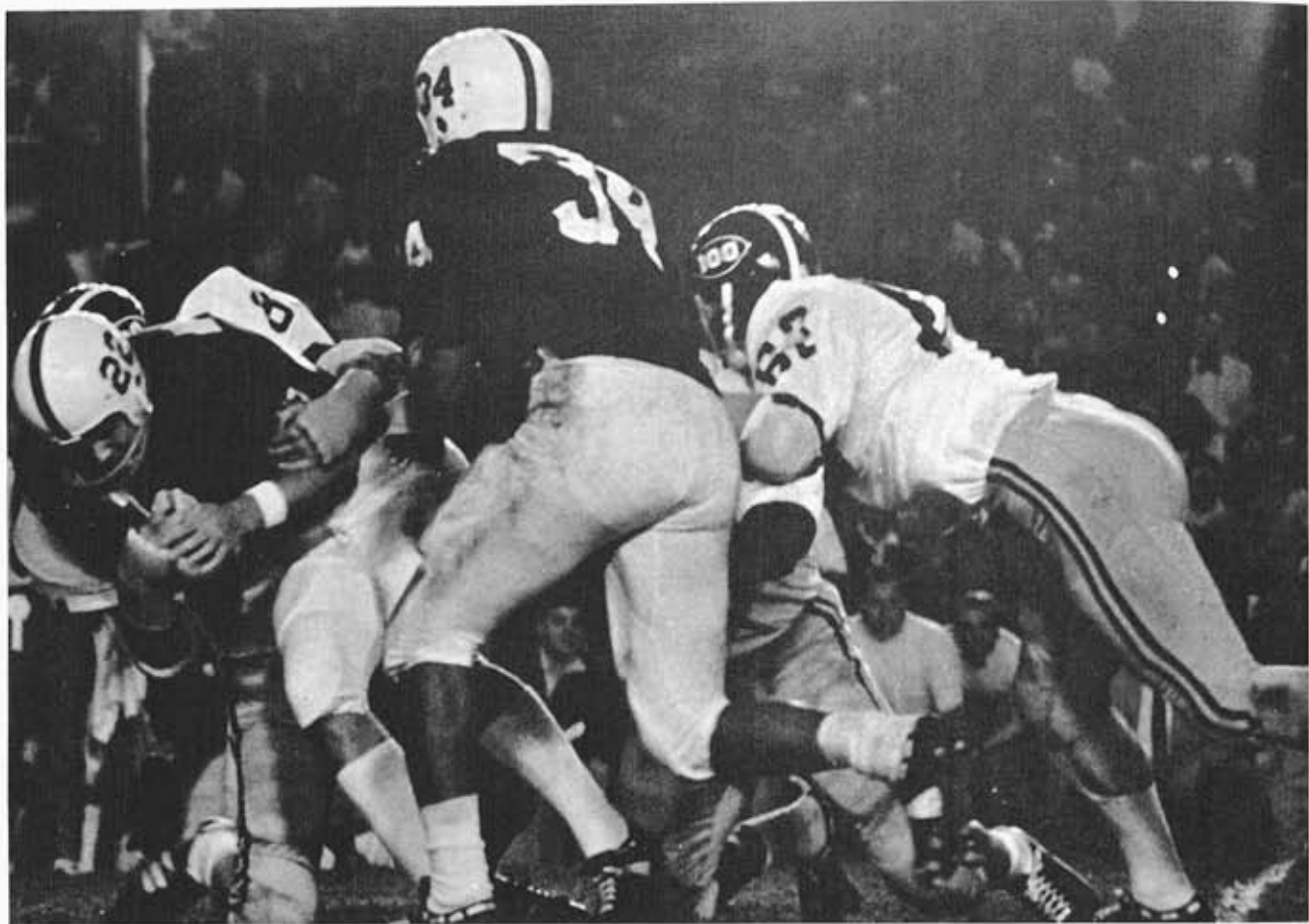
On a 28-yard gain in the second quarter, Terry McMillan injured his knee (above), bringing equal pain to Coach Dan Devine (left). Jon Stagers' punt returns (right) were one of the bright spots in the game.



“I’m proud of this team. I wouldn’t want to play with any other team in the country.” Spoken like the true Tiger he was, Jon Stagers uttered those few quiet words in the aftermath of Mizzou’s 10-7 loss to the Nittany Lions New Year’s night in the Orange Bowl.

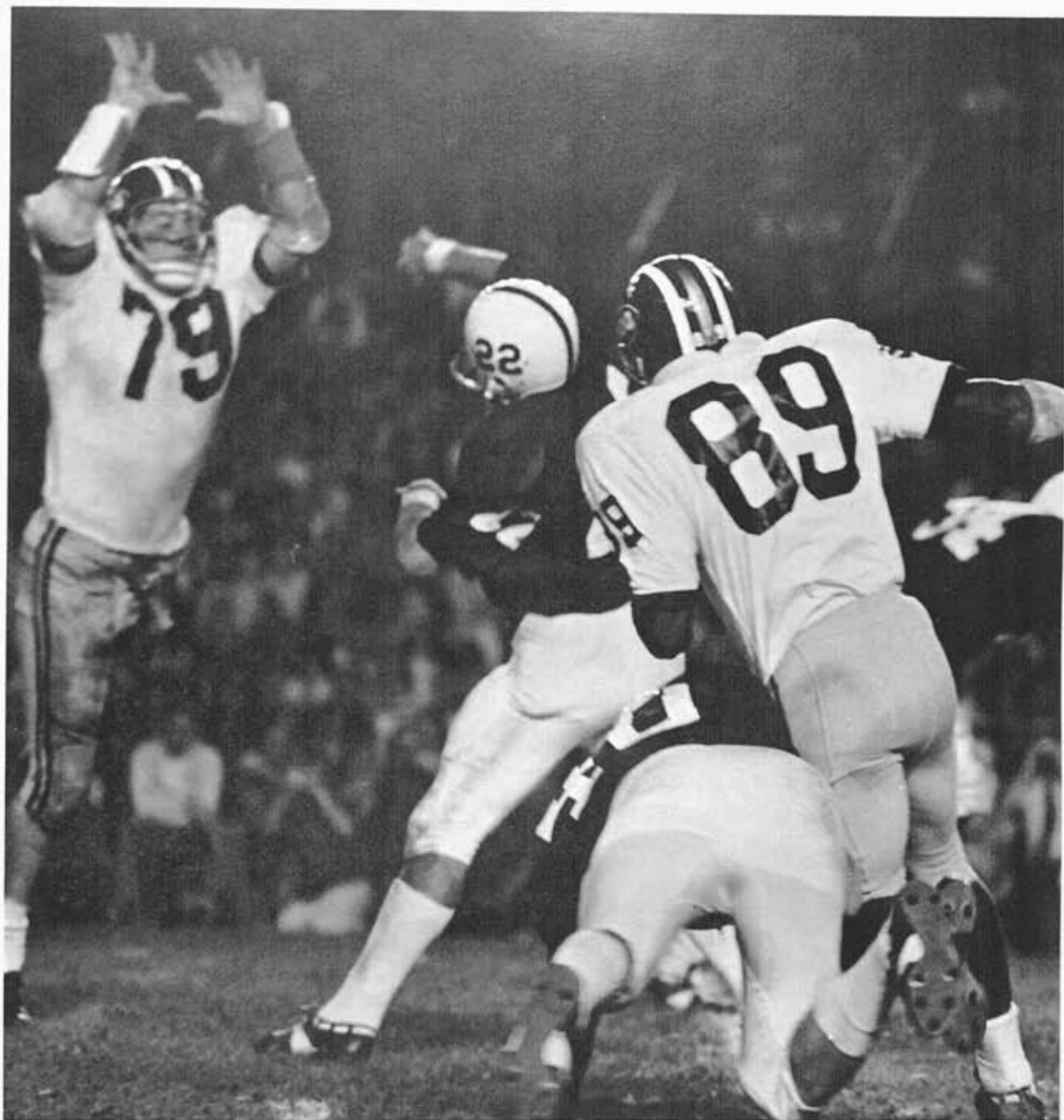
Henry Brown’s game opening kick-off carried to the Penn State 3-yard line. Following Charley Pittman’s 23 yard return, the Lions set up shop on their own 26. The Tiger defenders then held on downs and the punt rolled dead at the Missouri 16. With McMillan and Stagers clicking, MU moved the ball to the Lion 29 where Brown’s 47-yard field goal fell short. Fourteen plays later, Penn State had a 3-0 lead on Ramich’s 29-yard field goal. Twenty-one seconds later, Lydell Mitchell grabbed a flat pass from Chuck Burkhardt and romped 28 yards for the Lion’s only touchdown and a 10-0 lead with 3:23 left in the first period. Further in that same quarter, Jon Stagers sprang loose on the first of his three breath-taking punt returns.

Parsons booted a driving spiral to the Mizzou 15, Stagers threw a hip fake at a defender then flew up the middle to the PSU 38. Later Penn State’s defensive end stopped the drive with a pass interception at the PSU 25, returning it 24 yards. Missouri and Penn State exchange punts before the Tigers got going again when McMillan ran the option to perfection for a first down on the Penn State 28. But three plays later Mel Gray saw an end-around pitchback bounce off his thigh at the 7-yard line. The Lion’s Ebersole recovered on his 22-yard line. With 9:49 left in the half, Stagers fielded a punt on the Missouri 33 and brought the screaming thousands to their feet with his return. Breaking clear at the PSU 30, the fleet flanker cut back to his left, but Mitchell saved it with a shoe-string tackle. The Tiger attack bogged down and they had to settle for a field goal. The second half was scoreless. Frustration ended in defeat as the Lions picked off seven passes and recovered two Tiger fumbles. Mizzou, defeated but never beaten.



Looking at the 10-3 loss to Penn State was hard for Missouri football fans. Never was there a more frustrating game for Dan Devine or his proud Bengal battlers. But in the words of Jon Stagers, "I'm holding my head up high." The offense was at best sputtering, but in the many words written of the Orange Bowl clash, the Mizzou defense was overlooked. The eleven forgotten men of the Tiger defensive unit were lost in the wake of adjectives describing the defense of the Nittany Lions. But even in the vain attempt to stave off defeat, the Missouri Tiger defensive platoon displayed the poise and the courage characteristic of a Devine-coached team. Missouri rooters knew that if the defense could hold just one more time, it would be enough for Mel or Jon or Terry or somebody to score that go-ahead point. Mizzou's defensive spartans did not allow a Penn State first down in the fourth quarter and after holding at the Missouri 1-yard line, did not allow the Lions past their own 35 until Landis intercepted Chuck Roper's pass late in the fourth period. "We didn't quit!"

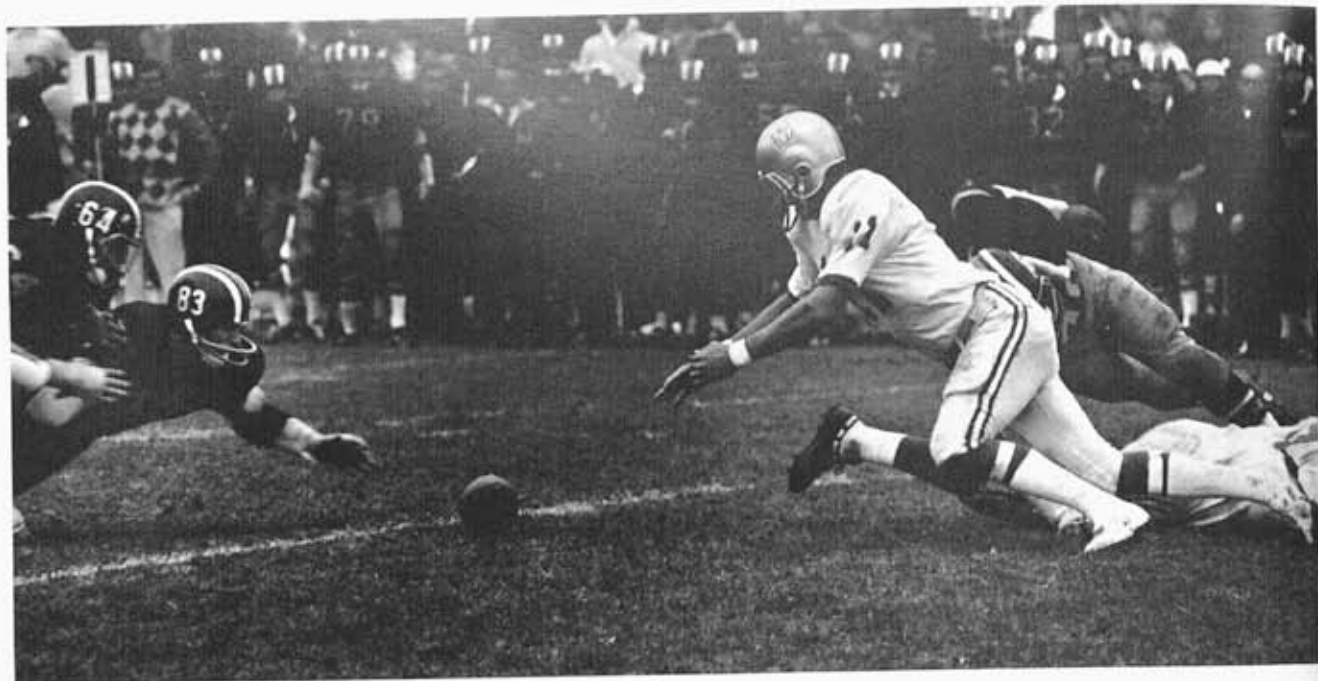




“You don’t play a good game unless you win.

Nothing tastes good in defeat.”

Dennis Poppe

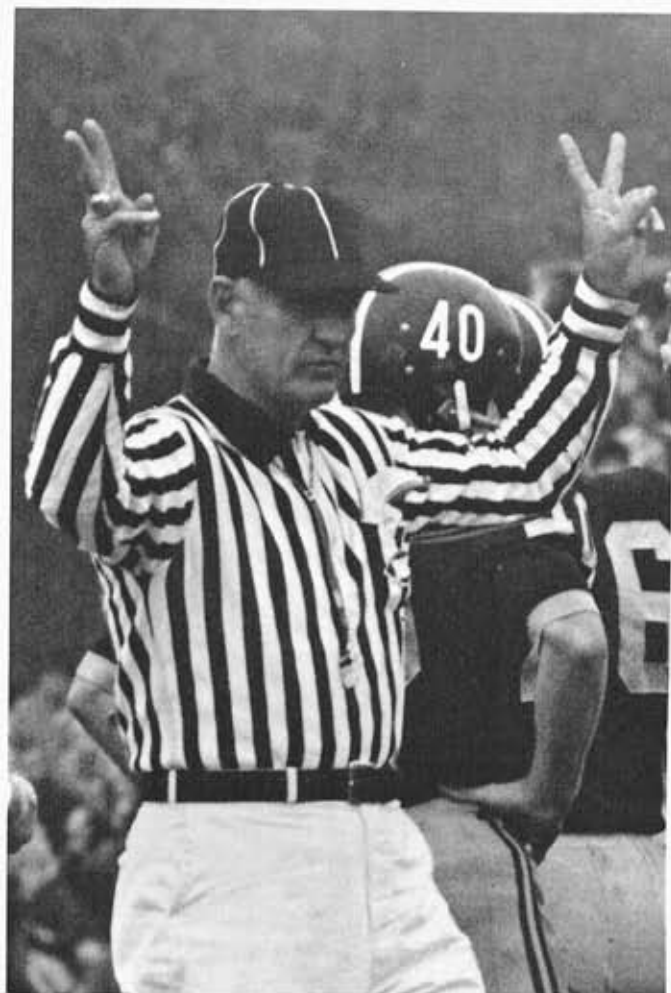


Joe Namath of the plains, K-State's Lynn Dickey, led his team to five conference wins before Missouri beat them, 41-28.

| Missouri | Opponent | Score |
|----------|----------------|-------|
| 19 | Air Force | 17 |
| 37 | Illinois | 6 |
| 40 | Michigan | 17 |
| 17 | Nebraska | 7 |
| 31 | Oklahoma State | 21 |
| 24 | Colorado | 31 |
| 41 | Kansas State | 38 |
| 44 | Oklahoma | 10 |
| 40 | Iowa State | 13 |
| 69 | Kansas | 21 |

Compiling the best record for a

Tiger team since 1960, Dan Devine's Missouri Tiger football squad won nine games while losing only once—to the University of Colorado Buffaloes. The Bengals, traditionally strong on defense, led the Big Eight conference in scoring with 362 points. In fact, in its last four games Ole Mizzou averaged 48.5 points per game. The season's average was 36. The Tigers had their hands full with the aerial-minded Falcons of Air Force. Henry Brown kicked a field goal with just 13 seconds left for a 19-17 come-from-behind victory. Big Ten team Illinois was easier and the Tigers triumphed, 37-6, playing in St. Louis. Joe Moore established a personal record for yards-gained-rushing with 191 yards. Rose Bowl bound Michigan held Mizzou close for the first period, but an aroused defense and a potent offense beat the Wolverines in their burrow, 40-17. A 17-7 win over Nebraska opened the Big Eight season at Columbia. Rated 7th in the nation, the Tigers were held to their lowest point total of the season by the Big Eight's top defense. Oklahoma State fell 31-21 in a game dominated by Mizzou's runners. MU dropped their only game of the season to Colorado as the Tigers late rally fell short, 31-24. K-State fell at the Tigers' Homecoming, 41-38—Lynn Dickey was great, but the Tigers were better. Oklahoma caught the full force of the Tiger offense as the snake-bitten Sooners crawled back to Norman with a 44-10 defeat. Iowa State proved no problem as MU disposed of them, 40-13, at Ames. Border-rival KU still doesn't know how Missouri beat them, 69-21, but the Orange Bowl was very happy; so happy that they invited Missouri to play against Penn State in the warm sunshine of Miami.



John Henley caught many-a-pass from his split end position.



Front row: Terry McMillan, Mark Kuhlman, Steve Lundholm, Butch Davis, Tom Shryock, Dennis Poppe, Mike Carroll, Ron McBride, Steve Kenemore, Jon Stagers, Tim Crnko, Jerry Boyd, Ron Stockel, Sam Adams, Ron Sloan. **Row two:** Ty Walls, Nip Weisenfels, Dan Kelley, George Fountain, Chuck Colcasore, Joe Hauptmann, Mike Bennett, Larron Jackson, Henry Brown, Garnett Phelps, Rocky Wallace, Roger Smith, Ed Taylor, Sam Britts. **Row three:** Dan Bergard, Tim Kelley, Adam Vinal, Mel Gray, Bob Luther, Bob Wilson, Rex Brinkman, Mike Farmer, Tom Stephenson, Eric Lowder, Joe Moore, James Harrison, Ed Glosson, Mike Weaver. **Row four:** Ed Manda, Pete Buba, Bob McClean, John Hamilton, John Gillespie, Neil Dawson, John Henley, Bob Dobbs, Ken Swat, John Burns, Mickey Kephart, Lou Caputo,

Bill Mauser, Bob Schmitt, Lorenzo Brinkley. **Row five:** Ricci Stotler, John Brown, Steve Marshall, Sam Brown, John Cowan, Guy Gardocki, Dan Oswald, Craig Gibson, Bob Dudney, Mark Brattie, Scotty Bell, Charlie Barnes, J. L. Doak. **Row six:** Terry Moore, Nick Kanatzer, Pleasant Smith, John Wardell, Mike McKee, Mark Baker, Tom Kamrath, Dave Frieze, John Ventura, Dave Shaw, Mike Fink, Kurt Gebhard. **Row seven:** Fred Wappel, Mel Lewis, Ed Dissinger, Vince Tobin, Clay Cooper, Dan Devine, Al Onofrio, Hank Kuhlman, Prentice Gault, Vic Rapp, John Kadlec, Charley Cowdrey.

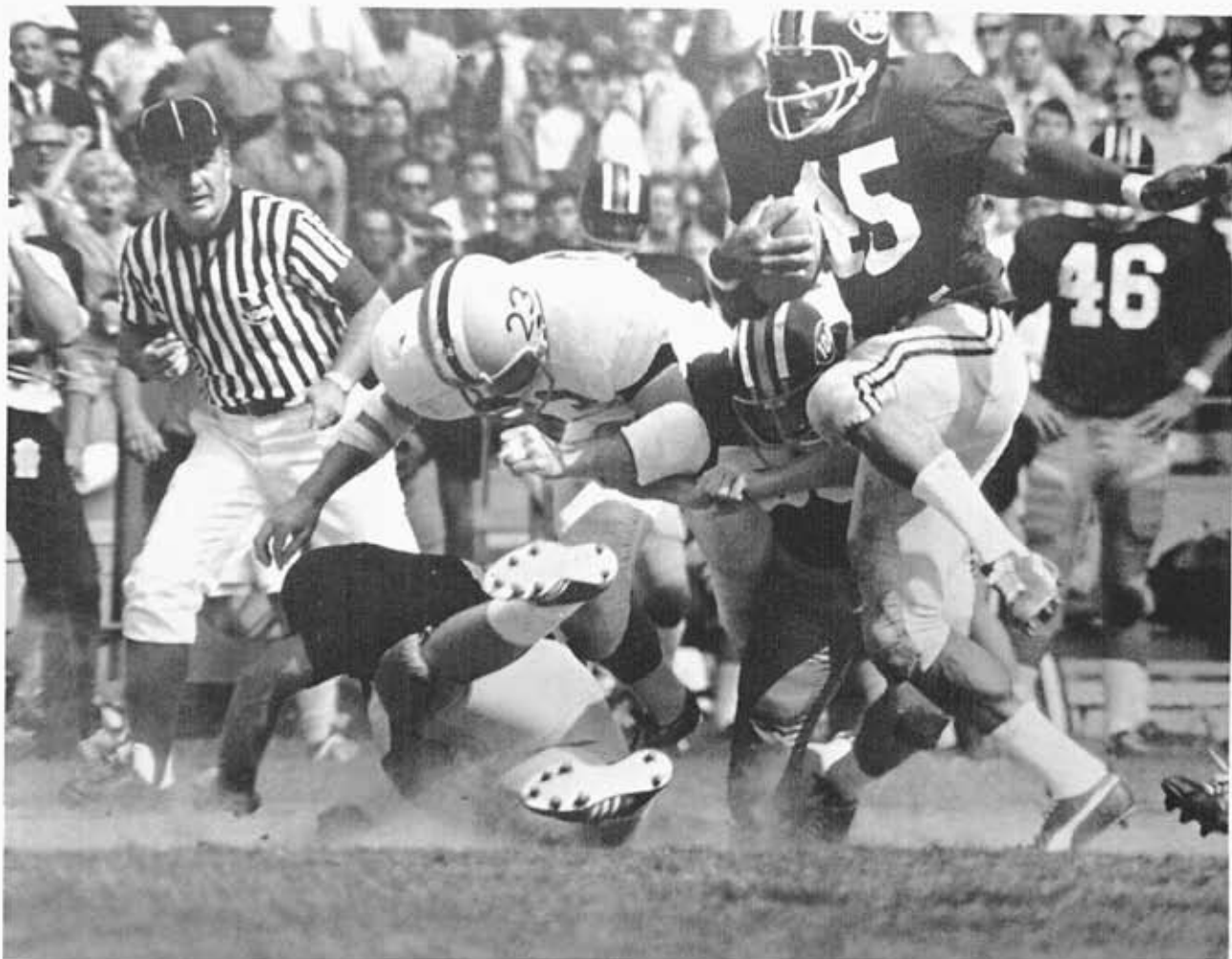


In a game played on the neutral turf of Busch Memorial Stadium, Missouri defenders reeked havoc on border-rival Illinois, as Mizzou won, 37-6.

Big Henry Brown booted four field goals in Missouri's opening game with the Air Force Academy to give the Tigers a last minute 19-17 victory. The split end and kicking specialist accounted for 16 points in establishing a school record for three-pointers. The Falcons and signal caller Gary Baxter seemed certain victors when they traveled 78 yards on two pass plays for a 17-16 lead with 32 seconds remaining. But Mizzou's Terry McMillan countered with a 56-yard aerial of his own as he connected with John Henley for a first down on the Air Force 26 yard line. With 24 seconds left in the game, Brown delivered his game-saving fourth field goal of a season opening victory.

Mizzou humbled Illinois 37-6 at St. Louis. Playing only three quarters, tailback Joe Moore amassed 191 of the Tigers 266 yards rushing. In addition to a potent ground game, Missouri gained 155 yards through the air. The defense limited the Illini to 276 yards total offense, including zero return yards. Jerry Boyd intercepted an aerial late in the game and returned it all the way to paydirt. Michigan became Missouri's third victim, 40-17. The Wolverines scored first on a field goal, but the Tigers took advantage of Michigan mistakes, and defensive end Mike Bennett blocked a punt to give Missouri field position on the twenty-yard line. John Cowan and Steve Lundholm recovered fumbles which the offense converted into fourth quarter scores and a 3-0 record.

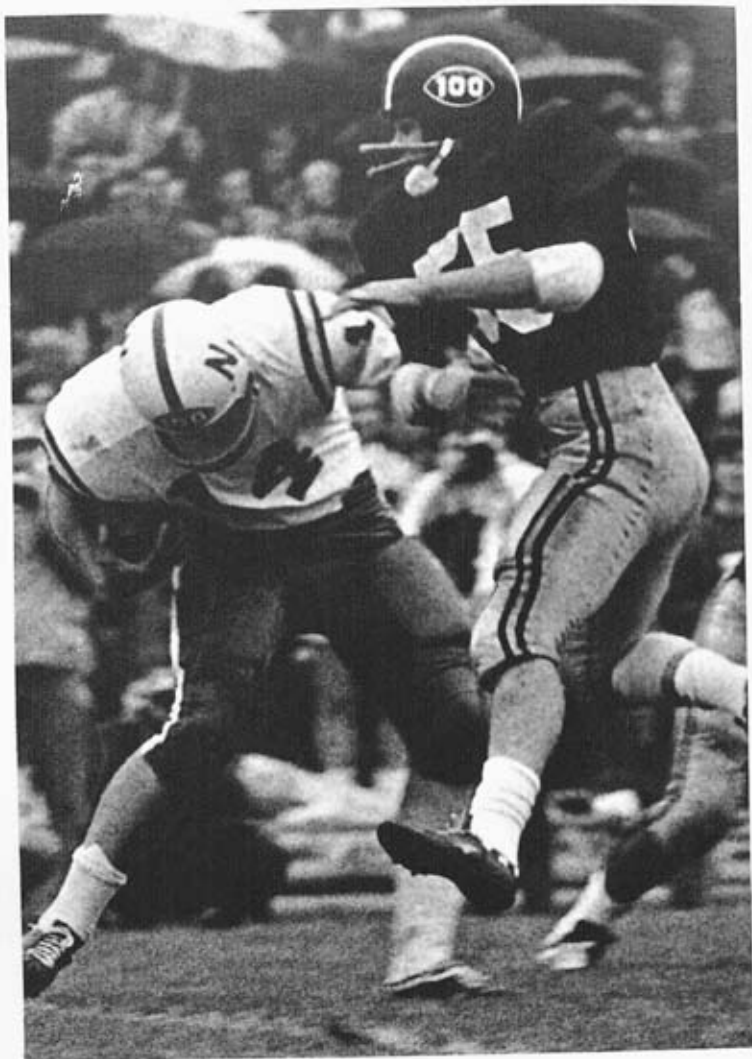
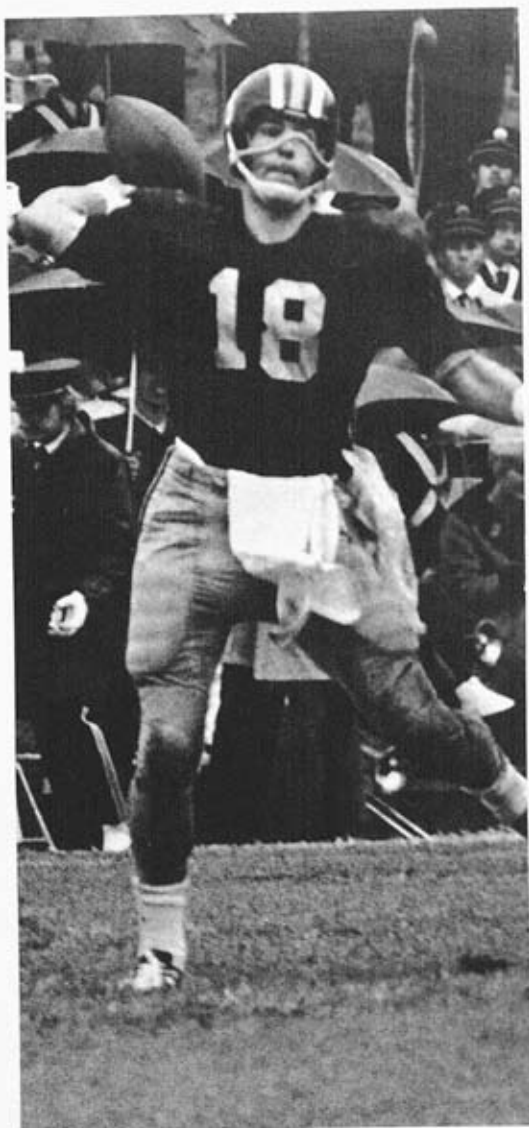




The Illini couldn't stop Joe Moore who gained 191 yards rushing.



Gary Baxter filled the air with passes, but Air Force fell, 19-17.



Charging linemen, the dilemma of the quarterback. McMillan had time (above); Nebraska's Tagge had Missouri's Steve Lundholm (above right).



Missouri's Tom Shryock braced himself as the defender tried for a steal.



Neither rain, mud, nor blockers could stop Mizzou's defense.



It was Shryock again, this time in the grasp of Nebraska's Dana Stephenson.

Mizzou rode the arm of Terry McMillan and the leg of Henry Brown as the Tigers defeated Nebraska 17-7 in the season's conference opener at Columbia. The Tigers built a 14-0 halftime lead on the strength of McMillan's passing. Terry hit Mel Grey with a 69-yard aerial with just 2:11 gone in the first quarter. Midway through the second period, McMillan found Tom Shryock in Nebraska's end zone after Brown had unlaced Nebraska signal caller Jerry Tagge and recovered a fumble on the Cornhusker 16-yard line. Brown's talents later earned a field goal for Mizzou in the third quarter. Nebraska's offense got untracked when sophomore quarterback Tagge dumped a pass to Jeff Kinney in the right flat. Kinney wove his way through the Tiger defense in route to a 70-yard touchdown. Joe Moore ground out 134 yards.

Rain fell during the entire game as Mizzou beat Oklahoma State before a Parent's Day crowd at Columbia. Missouri, which had some anxious moments when OSU quarterback Bob Cutburth passed the Cowboys to an early lead, 7-0, came back with a rugged running attack which netted 238 yards, and senior signal caller McMillan hit John Henley for a touchdown and Missouri's first score in the second quarter. McMillan, James Harrison, and Joe Moore ran for paydirt plays, and Henry Brown added a 23-yard field goal with 9:18 gone in the third quarter. OSU, missing three PAT's, couldn't stop Joe Moore, as the big tailback ran for 120 yards. Next came Colorado. The Buffaloes physically beat the Tigers in the first half as they ran up a 24-10 halftime lead. At 1:57 in the third period, McMillan sneaked 1 yard for the TD. He later hit John Henley with a 13-yard scoring pass. But Colorado's Bob Anderson scored on a 3-yard dive and the Buff's intercepted two passes to halt fourth quarter scoring threats by Mizzou. Missouri, the loser at Boulder, 31-24.



“Missouri teams have never lost their poise and they never will.” So spoke Tiger coach Dan Devine after his players whipped the Wildcats of Kansas State in a 41-38 thriller on the floor of Memorial Stadium. Mizzou jumped into an early lead when McMillan hit Jon Stagers for a 19-yard TD. After the Missouri kickoff, the Bengal defense held Lynn Dickey and company to 3 yards, forcing them to punt from the 23-yard line. Moving 56 yards in ten plays, Missouri climaxed the drive with a 5-yard touchdown pass from McMillan to Tom Shryock for a 14-0 bulge over the surprised Kansans. Both teams tallied once in the second quarter, Kansas State’s Mack Herron ran off right tackle for 3 yards and the Wildcat’s only first-half score. Jon Stagers took a handoff from McMillan and connected with Gray in the end zone for Missouri’s final score of the half, and a 21-16 lead. In the third period Mizzou fans were electrified by Stagers’ record 99-yard return of a K-State kickoff. That was Mizzou’s only score of the quarter, but Dickey, the talented Wildcat quarterback, led them to three third quarter scores. Dickey hit for two touchdowns on long passes late in the fourth period. The ‘Cats put 12 points on the board within seven seconds, but their two missed PAT’s proved disastrous. Missouri scored twice in the period and Henry Brown kicked both extra point attempts through the uprights. The final, MU 41, KSU 38.



Jon Stagers caught three passes for 70 yards and a touchdown (top). Dennis Poppe caught two passes . . . both were key interceptions.



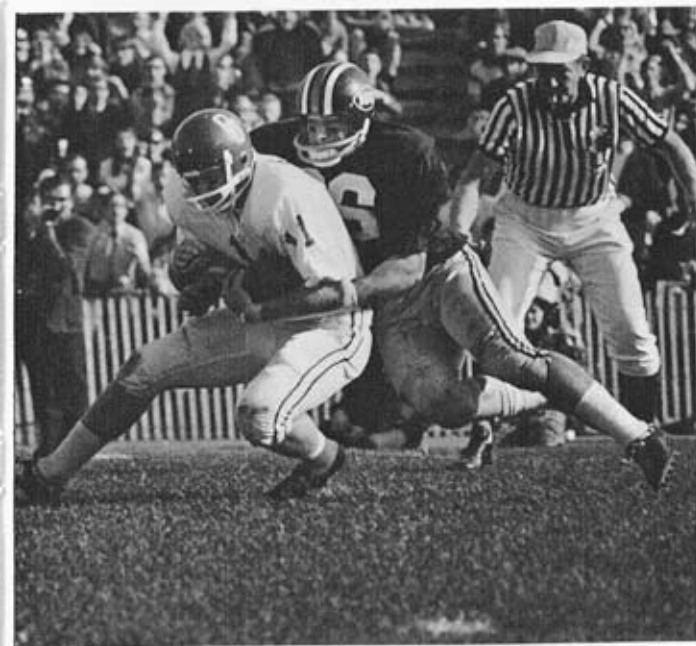
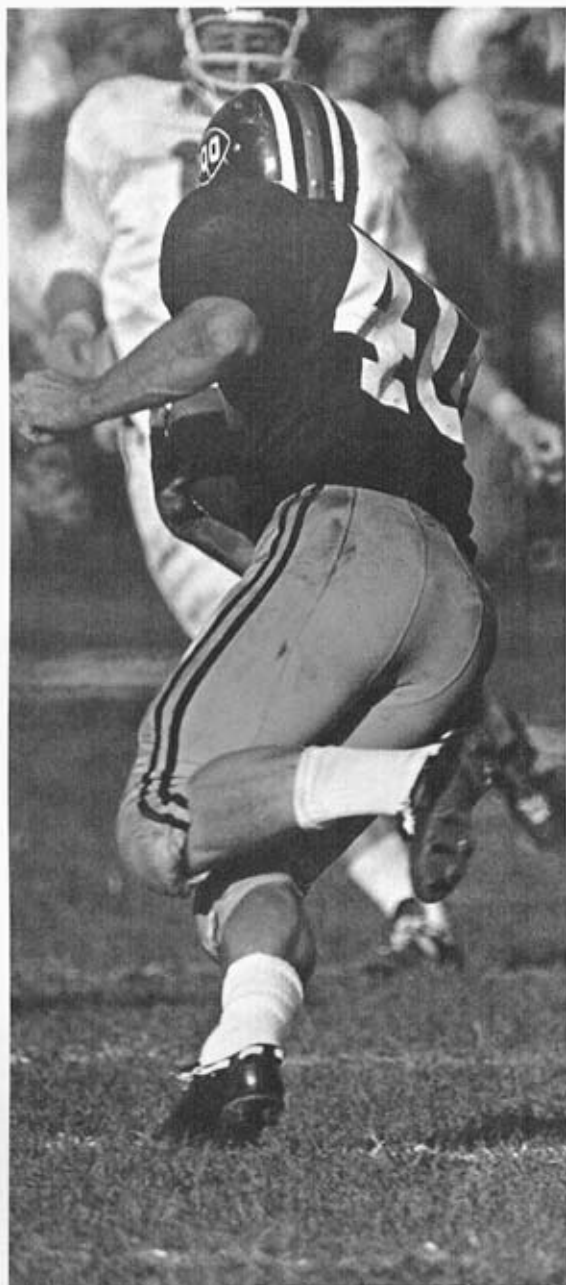
Steve Kenemore was laid low when KSU drew a roughing-the-kicker penalty (above). But penalties didn't stop the pain. Ask Bob Wilson, or Joe Moore (above right), or Lynn Dickey about Sam Adams.



The running machine that Oklahoma called Steve Owens tore into the Missouri defense for 109 yards. For Owens, it wasn't easy sailing.

Orange, Cotton, Sugar, Gator, Liberty and Peach Bowl officials were in the pressbox when Missouri mauled the traditionally-strong Oklahoma Sooners, 44-10. Terry McMillan completed 17 of 37 passes for 312 yards while Mel Gray caught six passes for 167 yards and a Missouri reception record. Joe Moore outrushed Steve Owens 110 yards to 109. Oklahoma scored the first points, netting 3 points on a 36-yard field goal by Derr just as the first period ended. Owens slammed across the end line from five yards out to make it OU, 10-0. From then on it was all Missouri. The blitz came with 8:05 gone in the period. Henry Brown kicked a 21-yard field goal, McMillan passed to Mel Gray for 24 yards and a touchdown, and Joe Moore ran the draw play 22 yards to paydirt to make it 17-10 at halftime. The half only delayed the Missouri onslaught. Henley caught an 8-yard TD pass and Gray was on the end of a 17-yard scoring aerial. Owens fumbled the ensuing kickoff and alert Dan Borgard covered the ball in the end zone for a TD. Mike McKee scored Missouri's final touchdown.

Iowa State could score only once on an enraged MU defense, and that came when linebacker Schroeder caught a fumble in midair and ran 62 yards for a score. It was Missouri the rest of the way as the Tigers rushed for 229 yards and passed for 309 more. Missouri won the cake-walk at Ames, 40-7. Holding an invitation to the Orange Bowl, Missouri crushed border-rival Kansas with an offensive show which produced ten touchdowns and a 69-21 victory. Terry McMillan broke the Big Eight record for TD passes with four in one game and 18 in a season. Gray and Jon Staggers each grabbed two. Terry also ran for two more scores. But it was a team effort, as it had been all year. Finishing 9-1, they shared the Big Eight crown with Nebraska.



The defense—they also served. The Nipper had one (Weisenfels, left). John Brown fell on the fumble after Borgard hit OU's Jack Mildren, (upper left) and Butch Davis intercepted an errant pass.