CASTING A SHADOW
Expectations loom overhead, but the new Henry Josey doesn’t care what you think
STARTING LINEUPS

MU OFFENSE

WIDE RECEIVER
Marcus Lucas
85
TIGHT END
Sean Culkin
2
RIGHT TACKLE
Mitch Morse
65
CENTER
Evan Boehm
77
LEFT TACKLE
Justin Britt
68
QUARTERBACK
James Franklin
1
RUNNING BACK
Henry Josey
20
WIDE RECEIVER
Justin Britt
21
WIDE RECEIVER
Dorial Green-Beckham
15
CORNERBACK
Cadarious Sanders
28
LINEBACKER
Travis Taylor
35
LINEBACKER
Chris Daniely
52
LINEBACKER
Anthony Hayes
16
LINEBACKER
Evan Boehm
8

MU DEFENSE

WIDE RECEIVER
Jacinowski Davis
81
RIGHT TACKLE
Kamale Matthews
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RIGHT GUARD
Hunter Hogan
57
CENTER
Harris Blin
61
LEFT GUARD
Robert Olive
77
QUARTERBACK
Maikhiail Miller
13
FULLBACK
Jaamal Berry
36
RUNNING BACK
Pakey Harris
1
WIDE RECEIVER
Walter Powell
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WIDE RECEIVER
Sam Small
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CORNERBACK
E.J. Gaines
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LINEBACKER
Andrew Wilson
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LINEBACKER
Kontrell Brothers
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LINEBACKER
Darian Yahyavi
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CORNERBACK
Brandon Wicks
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LINEBACKER
Anthony Gatti
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LINEBACKER
Robert Olive
47
CORNERBACK
Randy Ponder
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OFFENSE

1ST STRING | 2ND STRING
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QB | James Franklin | Maty Mauk
RB | Henry Josey | Russell Hansbrough
WR1 | Marcus Lucas | Levi Copelin
WR2 | Dorial Green-Beckham | Jaleel Clark
WR3 | Bud Sasser | Jimmie Hunt
TE | Sean Culkin | Eric Waters
LT | Justin Britt | Anthony Gatti
LG | Max Copeland | Mitch Hall
C | Evan Boehm | Brad McNulty
RG | Connor McGovern | Jordan Williams
RT | Mitch Morse | Taylor Chappell

DEFENSE

1ST STRING | 2ND STRING
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DE | Michael Sam | Shane Ray
DT | Matt Hoch | Marvin Foster
DT | Lucas Vincent | Harold Brantley
DE | Kony Ealy | Brayden Burnett
SLB | Donovan Bonner | Clarence Green
MLB | Andrew Wilson | Michael Scherer
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THE ROAD TO RECOVERY ENDS
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My craft is punching people in their chest, driving my legs and trying to knock them down. It’s funny because it’s such a primitive kind of thing, but it’s actually very overcomplicated, and we’re trained very specifically. It’s all I do during the day. I’m not out chasing girls and doing cool stuff, man. I eat chicken breasts and I listen to heavy metal and I drink creatine and I work on my craft. The government is probably out to get me. One day, you’re just not going to see me anymore. A white van is going to pull up, they’ll throw me in there, and you’re never going to see me again. They’ll cut my hair. It’ll be like “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest.”

How weird of an idea is it to have (twitter) followers? Is that not bizarre? I started to hate Twitter because it was kind of egomaniacal, you know? I don’t care what they have to say, but they should listen to me. I’m not into social media. There’s no connection.

I started to think of the Internet as an entity. It’s creating a virtual reality. When you’re walking around, you don’t get to see how people perceive you. But when you look at your profile page, you’re seeing what everyone else is seeing. You have complete control of how people see you. It’s centered around approval, and that’s something I’ve never really been into, if I haven’t made that blatantly obvious by now.

I don’t have any plans or aspirations. The way I look at it, this is what I’ve dreamed of doing since I was like 4 or 5. It was set in my mind. Kids would make fun of me in class when I said I wanted to play for Missouri after high school. It seems silly to me: If you’re living the dream, why would you start thinking about another dream? Live that one out. Then once that’s over, figure it out. This is kind of over-romanticizing it, but I feel like this is my pilgrimage. This is where everything is shut out, and you just have your quest. That’s how I’ve very much looked at my journey here.

I hate watching ESPN. Except for the “Not Top 10.” But I hate it because there are so many football scientists that are saying there’s this secret formula. It’s like, “No, dude, this is an art, man.” When they compare athletes like LeBron (James) and Kobe (Bryant), they’re comparing artists.

School’s important, yada yada yada. But it’s about football. It’s always been about football. I came here for football, even though I damn sure wasn’t invited.

There was this dude I loved, a defensive lineman named Bart Coslet. He was a senior when I was a redshirt freshman. I don’t say this about many people, but he was rock ‘n’ roll. One of the freshmen had just thrown up during conditioning, and Bart slides through his puke and yells, “I eat freshman puke for breakfast!” I thought I would like to do things like that.

CONSPIRACY THEORY

I’m intensely paranoid about the media. I don’t believe anything I hear. Not a single news station. ‘Cause man — all those news stations are in bed with advertising companies. There’s a reason why you tune in to Fox News and you see different commercials than the ones you see on MSNBC. There’s a reason all these news stations are different. They’re attracting different demographics, and they have these multi-billion-dollar corporations that are paying for this ad time.

Of course that’s going to influence the news, man. Who are you going to believe? I don’t think any of us know what’s going on.

They’ve got everybody fooled. They’re all drinking the Kool-Aid, dude. There’s so much money changing hands. You’re just a demographic being bought and sold by advertising companies.

PREGAME PLAYLIST

Copeland’s pregame playlist has 61 songs to match his uniform number. Here is one of the essential tracks:

“STRANGLEHOLD” by TED NUGENT

Sweaty Teddy. The Motor City Madman. He’s one of the coolest damn dudes ever. I’ve got to listen to “Stranglehold” as soon as we get on the bus to the stadium, wherever we are. That is one of the greatest rock ‘n’ roll songs of all-time. It’s got killer bass lines, and the sustain on his Les Paul … he just kills it.

Max Copeland stretches during Missouri football practice Saturday at Faurot Field. Copeland is majoring in physics and was named to the 2012 SEC Academic Honor Roll.
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AN ELEPHANT FOLLOWS THE NEW HENRY JOSEY INTO EVERY ROOM.

Every television camera has captured Josey's rebirth. Every reporter's notebook has been filled with his persistence. He has emptied his soul to everyone who asks. But the elephant is still there.

It does not cast a large shadow. Most people don't even notice it. But that will change if the results don't come. You see, there is a problem with an amazing medical recovery: It raises expectations.

So, although Josey is able to run at full speed again despite the giant earthworm scar on his left knee, and although he has developed a healthier life perspective among a host of other feel-good sidebars, the elephant remains.

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THE OLD HENRY JOSEY WAS GOOD.

That's how most Missouri fans remember his first two years of football in 2010 and 2011. He was so good, in fact, he racked up 1,149 rushing yards in nine games before a fateful date with Texas on Nov. 12, 2011.

That day was already a bad one: The All-Big 12 running back could only muster 21 yards on his first 10 carries of the game, and he was shaken up after a big hit in the first half.

But the toughest blow was yet to come.

Missouri's 17-5 win — its first over the Longhorns since 1997 — was marred by Josey's 11th and final carry.

He motioned left to take a first-down handoff from quarterback James Franklin and then was strung out to the sideline by the Texas defense. As he tried to turn the corner, Longhorns corner-back Carrington Byndom grabbed Josey's right side and tore him down violently.

Josey's left knee bent at an angle that nature never intended and then was mangled even further as he collapsed to the turf. The football — an afterthought — flew into the air as Josey focused on his injured limb, which felt as if it were dangling by a thread.

The damage was a laundry list of destruction: a torn patellar tendon, a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL), a torn medial collateral ligament (MCL), and two meniscal tears.

Dr. Pat Smith, the team physician, called it a “one-in-a-million” occurrence.

“A lot of people thought he wasn’t going to be able to walk right again, let alone run,” says fellow running back Miles Drummond.

The daily rehab between knee surgeries at Missouri's athletic complex was enough to make most kids give up. Most days, Josey was there for 12 hours. Sometimes, he would take a nap in the middle and make it an 18-hour day.

But there was no quit in Josey. Not when he had a young son — Henry Jr., now 2 years old — who would one day understand the sacrifices his father made to repair a destroyed knee.

“Every day I wake up, I have pictures everywhere of him,” Josey says of Henry Jr. “I just look at him, and I’ve got to keep going.”

Drummond is right. Josey's calf muscles are so strong that veins spider-web in every direction. Same with his fore-arms. That strength didn’t just materialize with a little bit of work. It raises expectations.

The old Henry Josey was good. The new Henry Josey watches church on the Internet.

He reevaluated his Christian faith after the injury and now counts God as his biggest ally. When fall practice keeps him from Sunday service, he watches Dallas pastor T.D. Jakes online.

“Before my injury, it was just football,” Josey says. “I relied on football to do everything, This is my stress relief. This is where I brought all my problems, and then I just solved them out here on the field.”

HENRY JOSEY
Missouri running back

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Some days, Josey does not want to tell his story.

When practice ends, there is inevitably a line of media members waiting to ask about his recovery. Usually, he obliges, smiles for the camera, and then hits the showers. Other days, he is simply a young man tired of talking and treks off alone.

This day, the Missouri football team is shut inside of the Devine Pavilion for practice. Josey makes himself available, and he’s talking about academics.

“I'm in the school of life,” he says, after noting that he will soon switch from Missouri's business school to “whatever excites me, really.”

“I want to own some things,” Josey says. “I want to own some clubs. I want to own a hotel. I feel like I just need to be my own man. I like being my own manager, and I like controlling myself.”

He recently added golf to his list of off-field activities. Former roommate and Missouri linebacker Will Ebner, Josey's best friend post-injury, took him out to the course last year.

“I just always wanted to play it,” Josey says. “I caught on pretty quick, so that was awesome. I’m getting my eagles, getting my pars.”

With that last line, he flashes a wide smile.

“I like to be crazy,” he continues. “I ride go-karts, go play miniature golf, hit baseballs. I’m never sitting down.”

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HENRY JOSEY WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT HE WILL NOT READ THIS STORY.

“You gotta keep a mental focus,” he says. “I don’t let the stories bother me.”

But Missouri fans have read, watched and listened to his progress countless times in the 22 months since the Texas game. They will be the ones screaming his name when he takes the ball for the first time Saturday. They will be full of cautious optimism, not unlike Missouri coach Gary Pinkel.

“I just want the story to continue to be a great story,” Pinkel says.

Yet, if Josey does not return to the level of play that destroyed Big 12 defenses in 2011, the elephant will remain. Weeks of awkward question-and-answer sessions will materialize, with reporters asking him what’s wrong when they know what is wrong: The new Henry Josey is not the old Henry Josey.

And in the game of football, the off-field victories are just temporary placeholders for the things fans remember: yards, touchdowns and victories.

Irrelevance is always waiting around the corner.

“Getting injured is a part of the game,” says Jimmie Hunt, Josey’s good friend and a Missouri receiver. “But you come back, you watch more film, and you get healthy again. You just know that there’s always somebody behind you to take your spot, so you’ve got to be ready.”

The Josey hypothetical has a flip side, and optimism is certainly deserved.

He has worked harder than anyone else in the program for nearly two full years and is stronger than ever. His 40-yard dash time is back under 4.5 seconds, and a year of frustrating scrimmages was quickly forgotten when he ripped off three runs of 10 or more yards on Aug. 22.

The old burst was there. The Josey you remember was there.

And this Saturday is elephant season.

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Henry Josey runs away from defenders for a touchdown with 6:44 left in the fourth quarter Sept. 24, 2011. Prior to injuring his knee, Josey was the leading rusher in the Big 12 with 1,168 yards and nine touchdowns during the 2011 season.
HERE ARE A FEW OF THE PLAYERS’ MOST HUMOROUS, THOUGHTFUL AND INTERESTING TWEETS

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L’DAMIAN WASHINGTON
My entire house sleep and its not even 9:30 lol football got the best of us today.
Aug. 21

@SamoanTaika96
LUCAS VINCENT
Looks like I don’t get to play at bama or lsu in my time here.... But I get to play at A&M 3 bloody times
Aug. 21

@JFrankTank1
JAMES FRANKLIN
If you try to do something yet continue to fail, it’s time to try a new approach! Don’t get negative, be positive
Aug. 23

@BIGboehmTHEORY
EVAN BOEHM
Wow game week already... Gettin a little nervous but still preparing for MS come on tiger fans football is back!!
Aug. 25
10 THINGS YOU DIDN’T KNOW ABOUT
MURRAY STATE

The last time Missouri played Murray State, it was 2006 and Chase Daniel was making his first career start for the Tigers.

Missouri predictably won the game, cruising to a 47-7 win over the Racers.

It’s been quite a while since the Racers visited Columbia, and though the football program has struggled at times, Murray State is steeped in tradition — and some interesting ones at that.

Here are 10 things you might not know about Murray State.

— Matthew Fairburn

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The Murray State football program has churned out successful coaches. Unfortunately for the Racers, those coaches ended up having the most success once they left Murray State. Virginia Tech’s Frank Beamer and Mississippi’s Houston Nutt both got started coaching the Racers and have combined for 319 wins at the Division I level since leaving Murray State. Mike Gottfried, Ron Zook and Ralph Friedgen all got started at Murray State as well, but they didn’t achieve quite the same level of success at the Division I level.

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Dating to 1938, Murray State’s “Campus Lights” is the longest-running musical in the South that is produced and performed by students. Started by a music fraternity, the production has become a fundraiser for the university’s music department scholarships.

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Only 23 schools in the country have a Division I NCAA rifle team, and Murray State is one of them. In fact, the Racers have one of the most successful programs in the country. They have won two NCAA national titles and produced six individual national champions. Pat Spurgin, the 1984 Summer Olympics gold medalist, was a two-time national champion at Murray State. Lucky for Missouri, Saturday’s game will take place on the football field and not the rifle range.

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Every school takes homecoming seriously, but Murray State puts its own twist on the festivities. Each year, on the east side of Roy Stewart Stadium is a group of nearly 50 tents that represent different student and alumni groups. “Tent City,” as it is appropriately named, is a place for students to mingle with alumni and, of course, tailgate.

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Murray State likes to practice obscure sports. In addition to the nationally recognized rifle team, the Racers have one of the 45 programs in the country competing in college rodeo. Maybe rodeo isn’t a big deal nationally, but Murray State has two working farms on campus and takes quite a bit of pride in its rodeo team.
The Shield is considered the official seal of the university. It is taken from the coat of arms of the Murray family, for which Murray State is named. The Shield has three stars, which represent hope, endeavor and achievement. Considering Murray State opened at 38-point underdogs for Saturday’s game, the team might not have much hope, endeavor or achievement in its trip to Missouri.

He’s no Jon Hamm, but W. Earl Brown, a co-star of “There’s Something About Mary,” is one of the most famous alumni of Murray State. Former NBA star “Jumpin’ ” Joe Fulks, one of the innovators of the modern jump shot, is also a proud former Racer.

What’s a university without a catchphrase, right? Until 2008, Murray State referred to itself as “Kentucky’s Public Ivy,” referring to the Ivy League schools with esteemed academic traditions. While Murray State is a fine institution of higher learning, it’s tough to say what exactly qualified the school as “Kentucky’s Public Ivy.” The change in tag line was probably for the best. The school’s new logo, adopted in 1999, is “Your World to Explore.”

Murray State has a unique tree on its campus. Well, it’s not exactly a tree anymore. It’s more of a stump. The tradition says when a couple meets at Murray State and gets married, they each nail one shoe to the “Shoe Tree” on campus. If they have children, the couple also nails a baby shoe to the tree in some cases.

However, the current tree is the second of its kind on campus. The original shoe tree caught fire after being struck by lightning. The current tree had its branches removed to help lower the risk of another lightning strike, thus taking on a more stump like appearance.

Murray State’s football program might lack the prestige of bigger schools, but it still has traditions, including a unique mascot. Racer One is the name of the Racers’ thoroughbred, and after each Murray State touchdown since 1976, the horse has done a lap around the track surrounding the football field. Violet Cactus was the first horse to play the role of Racer One, and when she died in 1984, she was buried in the football stadium. Now, a different horse fills the role every year, along with a new student jockey each season.
Senior cornerback E.J. Gaines shares some of his thoughts as fall camp comes to a close and Missouri prepares for its first game of the 2013 season against Murray State.

**What’s it like being back in school?**

It’s different. It’s kind of like we’re off vacation. We haven’t been going to class or anything for the last month while we’ve been in two-a-days. Just getting back to it is a little weird, but we just have to get in that routine.

**How nice was it to cut back on the amount of practice time you guys had in camp this year?**

I loved it. I feel like we all did. I think it says a lot about coach Pinkel’s character to come out here and learn from what happened last year.

**Are there any cornerbacks you model your game after?**

I like multiple people in the NFL. I like to practice my game after the smaller corners in the NFL. There’s a lot more tall corners in the league right now. I watch guys like Brandon Flowers, Brandon Carr. I watched a lot of guys. Just watch their technique. You can tell they’re students of the game.

**Do you have any goals for your senior season?**

Every year, I have goals for myself, and I set them pretty high. My goal right now is to make more turnovers for the defense and help get the defense off the field.

**What do you think of the new rules limiting the types of hits you can make on defense?**

I personally don’t like them because it is the game of football. I mean, in the end you do have to play by the rules. As a corner, I feel like it won’t affect me as much as the safeties or linebackers. It’s part of the game now, so we have to adjust. The rules are to protect people, and I feel like it will help the game of football. But it will take a while for us to get adjusted.
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