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WHERE ARE THEY NOW? // LUKE LAMBERT

Former Missouri linebacker finds happiness in coaching

When Luke Lambert looks onto the field, he doesn’t focus on what has changed.

The lights aren’t quite as bright now. Thousands of people aren’t cheering, and video boards don’t replay each big hit or deep pass.

The players are shorter and lighter. Their uniforms are cheap, passed-down gifts from whomever wore them last.

The formations are more basic, the strategy condensed. The rosters are smaller, and many players appear on both sides of the ball.

Here, practice ends when it gets dark.

Despite the differences, though, Lambert looks out and sees familiarity. He smiles, takes a deep breath and soaks it all in. This feels right.

This is football.

Lambert, who played linebacker for Missouri from 2007 through 2011, hasn’t left Columbia. After earning an undergraduate degree in agriculture business management in 2010, he received a medical redshirt and played one more season, while beginning to work toward a graduate degree.

A year later, Lambert is no longer on the team, but he is still working toward that degree. He attends classes at MU and works at the Landmark Bank on Broadway as a credit analyst.

His life is simple now, more boring. No more rivalry games against Kansas to end a long season. No more film sessions, replaying specific plays over and over to highlight a player’s tendencies. No more Missouri football.

While he left the team, though, he couldn’t leave the game entirely. Lambert has attended all of Missouri’s home games, but the sight of his teammates struggling without him is often more frustrating than rewarding.

He wanted a more hands-on involvement with the game. And with the Columbia Colts, that’s exactly what he found.

Mike Morris, Lambert’s long-time friend and an offensive lineman for Missouri in the late ’90s, has served as head coach of the Colts, a youth football team made up of seventh graders, for the past five seasons.

Knowing Lambert was still in town, Morris asked him to volunteer his time and serve as the team’s defensive coordinator.

Morris knew also that for a former football player, the love affair with this game doesn’t end when your eligibility runs out.

“After all the accolades with football are done, you’re kind of left there, hanging dry. ‘Hey, you’ve got a degree. Go get a job,’” Morris said. “So this is a way to hold on to the football feel a little bit, and I think he really drew into that and is really having a good time with it.”

Lambert accepted the position, and once again football was part of his routine. There were practices three times a week and a game on Sunday. It was football, but then again, it wasn’t exactly the same as how he remembered it.

Here, a coach’s job doesn’t hang in the balance from game to game. Players don’t feel overwhelmed by the pressure of the moment, as thousands of ruthless fans in a visiting stadium boo their entrance to the field. Here, the game is simpler, more pure.

“It’s a game again.”

Luke Lambert experienced a lot of big games, a lot of big moments and a lot of wins during his time at Missouri.

To read more about his look back at where it all began and where he ended up, go to bit.ly/tigerkickoff.

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FAST FIVE // KONY EALY

BY CAITLIN SWIECA

1. What’s your major?
Agriculture of business. I’m looking to go into business and try to manage my own business one day. One of my favorite classes is supposed to be economics, so I’m looking forward to experiencing more of the work we do in there and just learning more about it.

2. What’s your favorite place to eat in Columbia?
Applebee’s or T.G.I. Friday’s. If I’m at T.G.I. Friday’s, I order the appetizer with the bacon and the cheese melted on it. If I’m at Applebee’s, I order boneless wings, mild.

3. What’s your favorite movie?
I really don’t have a favorite movie. I’m just a movie type person. I’ll go and watch almost anything and get a feel for it. If I had to say, I would probably say “A Thin Line Between Love and Hate.”

4. What’s your favorite video game?
NCAA ’13. I play with the whole team. We’re competitive when it comes to that game. I wanna say either Kip Edwards, Zaviar (Gooden) or Marcus Murphy is the best at it. I always play as Missouri. I bleed black and gold.

5. What’s something people might not know about you?
When we’re not playing football, I love basketball. (I like) the Heat — LeBron James, D-Wade. I’m not a bandwagon fan. I’ve actually liked the Heat since D-Wade and Shaquille O’Neal won their first NBA title.

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He hasn’t made a splash yet at Missouri. Some might have hoped to see more of Dorial Green-Beckham by now, but he has had a relatively quiet first season

BY RICHARD FERNANDEZ // PHOTO BY NICK AGRO
As senior day approaches for the Missouri football team, wide receiver coach Andy Hill reflected on what it’s like to see players leave the program.

He compared them to pebbles thrown into a lake.

“They ripple through,” Hill said.

Then he spoke of Chase Daniel, Brad Smith and Justin Smith. All three, in Hill’s mind, had a tremendous impact on the Missouri program.

They were more like boulders thrown in the lake, he said. They made a “huge difference.”

Dorial Green-Beckham has all the makings of a boulder.

The top recruit last year on Rivals.com is a sturdy 6-foot-6-inch 220 pounds, runs a 40-yard dash in 4.37 seconds and is only 19 years old. Green-Beckham destroyed national records in his four years at Hillcrest High School, amassing more than 6,000 receiving yards and 75 touchdowns.

He hasn’t made his ripple yet at Missouri. Some might have hoped to see more of Green-Beckham by now, but he has had a relatively quiet first season.

The quiet was hard to imagine on Feb. 1. Green-Beckham made a lot of noise. Missouri quarterback James Franklin felt the pressure immediately.

While the coaching staff was jumping for joy at Green-Beckham’s commitment to Missouri, Franklin already heard the voices telling him to get the ball to the new weapon.

Franklin couldn’t avoid the pressure. It was coming from reporters in the media. It came from people on Twitter. It came from people who approached him in parking lots.

It still hasn’t let up, but the quarterback blocked it out as soon as training camp started. For the new receiver, Franklin said, it wasn’t so easy.

“No matter how good of a recruit you are, you still have to be ready to play at the college level,” Franklin said. “It’s not something that anybody can do.”

At the beginning of Missouri’s training camp, Green-Beckham did not look like a great wide receiver. He looked human, freshman even.

“It’s gonna take some time,” Hill said. “You don’t just show up and it all works out great first game.”

Just as most first-year players do, Green-Beckham struggled. He dropped passes daily. He missed blocks on running plays. He had to repeat drills because he did them incorrectly.

He had 119 catches for 2,233 yards and 24 touchdowns as a senior at Hillcrest High School. A week into camp in August, it was already clear he would not approach any of those numbers in his freshman season at Missouri.

Despite his great size and skill, Hill said, Green-Beckham needed time to settle in.

The team saw him progressing, though. All of Green-Beckham’s teammates and coaches spoke well of him throughout camp as the receiver steadily reduced his mistakes and increased his production. Hill saw him learning to study tape. Franklin didn’t see him making excuses.

“I don’t know what it’s like to be the top recruit in the country,” Franklin said. “I know there’s a lot of pressure that comes with it. What he has done to overcome that is make plays.”

In Missouri’s second scrimmage, he led the team in receiving. In the third, Green-Beckham glided to the end zone for a 65-yard touchdown after catching a short pass and breaking a tackle.

His coaches say he is a completely different player now than he was then, a better one. Green-Beckham says he felt comfortable as soon as the games started. His first touchdown came on an 80-yard reception against Central Florida.

The team’s quarterback and offensive line struggles have prevented any of the Tigers receivers from putting up big numbers, but Green-Beckham has been relatively productive.

Despite being suspended for a game, Green-Beckham is tied for the team lead with three receiving touchdowns, and so far, he has more receptions (22) than red-shirt junior L’Damian Washington (16), who calls Green-Beckham his little brother.

Washington roomed with Green-Beckham during the summer and mentored him after Green-Beckham was arrested for marijuana possession in October.

The receivers also have shared the frustration of the team’s poor passing game.

The Missouri offense is still a work in progress, but Green-Beckham is back in the flow of things.

“I think he’s a guy who’s just starting to turn it on,” Washington said. “Things are starting to click and slow down for him. It’s becoming just like high school football for him.”

It showed Saturday against Tennessee. Green-Beckham was wide open on the biggest play of the game.

Before the play, Green-Beckham looked at Franklin. Green-Beckham drew something with his hands, showing Franklin what he would do after running the called route.

Missouri trailed Tennessee by seven and it was fourth-and-12. The true freshman wide receiver called “D.G.B.” escaped the defense down the left sideline.

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After rolling left out of the pocket, Franklin moved left, saw Green-Beckham and let it fly.

Missouri’s hopes of a bowl eligibility rode on this play. Drop it, and the game is over. Tennessee could run out the clock and close out the 28-21 win.

There was a lot of pressure on him, but Green-Beckham didn’t seem fazed. He planted his feet in bounds calmly and made a clean catch. It was his first catch of the game.

Green-Beckham added another touchdown catch in the third of four overtimes in the Tigers’ 51-48 win over the Volunteers.

“It’s a glimpse of what he can be,” said Missouri head coach Gary Pinkel. “A glimpse.”

Missouri has two games left. If the Tigers get to a bowl game, there will be a third. Either way, Green-Beckham’s season totals won’t be eye-popping.

This season will probably go down as just a glimpse of the young star.

His ripple will come later.
TIGER TWEETS

HERE ARE A FEW OF THE PLAYERS’ MOST HUMOROUS, THOUGHTFUL AND INTERESTING TWEETS

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BRAD MADISON
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10 THINGS YOU DIDN’T KNOW ABOUT SYRACUSE

The Syracuse Orange are not a familiar opponent for Missouri, residing in the Big East conference in both football and basketball. However, both teams share 5-5 records, and Syracuse’s football team has a lot in common with Missouri’s lastest opponent, Tennessee. Lots of points, very few stops. Similarities and differences aside, though, here are 10 things you might not know about Missouri’s Senior Day opponent.

— MIKE VOREL

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Syracuse University’s Ernest S. Bird Library, the main library on campus, has seven levels that hold 2.3 million books, 11,500 periodicals, 45,000 feet of manuscripts and rare books and a cafe. Because if you’re going to go through all that literature, chances are at some point you’re going to need coffee to stay awake.

Vice President Joe Biden was accused of plagiarism while attending Syracuse University’s College of Law in 1965. In a 15-page law review he wrote, five of the pages were taken directly from another text without citation or attribution. Initially, he received a failing grade in the class. Biden immediately wrote a letter to the faculty defending his actions. In the letter, he said, “If I intended to cheat, would I have been so stupid?” Someone must have agreed with him, because he was allowed to re-take the class. The failing grade was stricken from his records, and he earned a doctorate degree from the university in 1968.

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Syracuse is sometimes called “Salt City” because of the salt reserves that have fueled an industry there for centuries. Salt has been mined in Syracuse since 1784, and throughout the 19th century the majority of the United States’ salt came from Syracuse’s salt mines. Salt potatoes, or potatoes boiled in salt water until crispy, served as a bulk of a Syracuse salt worker’s daily diet and have been a staple in the New York area ever since.

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While its basketball, football and lacrosse teams have gained the most acclaim nationally in recent years, Syracuse’s first athletics team was actually a rowing team. The team had its inaugural season in 1873, three years after the school was founded, and still exists today.

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The Carrier Dome, home to both Syracuse’s basketball and football teams, is the largest on-campus basketball arena in the country, with a capacity of 33,000 seats. Extra seats allow the capacity to be expanded to 49,262 for football games. That means the Carrier Dome holds nearly 18,000 more seats than Mizzou Arena does for basketball games and almost 22,000 fewer than Memorial Stadium does for football games.

While most people remember Donovan McNabb as being Syracuse’s star quarterback from 1995 to 1998, he also played on the basketball team as a walk-on for two seasons. He played only sparingly and averaged 2.8 points per game in his career. Smartly, McNabb decided to stick with football, and he was drafted second overall in the 1999 NFL Draft by the Philadelphia Eagles.

Syracuse’s Onondaga Lake may look pretty from the outside, but in reality it is one of the most polluted lakes in the world. Human waste was needlessly dumped into the lake for years, and runoff from local power plants has left the surface water contaminated with mercury. Ice harvesting in the lake was banned in 1901; swimming was banned in 1940; and fishing was banned in 1970.

While Syracuse’s mascot is now “Otto the Orange,” it has had many faces through the years. The first mascot, “Big Chief Bill Orange,” was a Native American warrior based on the Onondagan tribe that settled in Syracuse in the 16th century. He lasted as the mascot until 1978, when the school ruled he was insulting to Native Americans. The university had a series of short-lived mascots— including a troll, a superhero and a man in an orange tuxedo— before settling on the walking, smiling orange in 1984.

The intersection of Tompkins Street and Milton Avenue in Syracuse is home to the only upside-down traffic light in the United States, where the green light is at the top and the red light is at the bottom. The light was first installed upside down as an accident in 1925, but the mostly Irish neighborhood liked that “Irish green” was above “British red.” Each time the local government turned the light the correct way, people in town would throw rocks at the light and break it, forcing the light to be replaced. Finally, in 1928 the local government relented, and the light has been upside-down ever since.
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