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Senior Terez Hall came to Columbia in 2015 focused on himself. Since his arrival, he has changed his mindset and hopes to leave a selfless culture behind.

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1. Pregame on Saturday, what will be playing through your headphones?
   “I listen to all types of music, but my sister has turned me onto Lil Boosie. He gets me going. I think of my family when I listen to him.”

2. What’s your favorite food spot in Columbia?
   “This one might get me into trouble because I just lost 15-20 pounds, but I love the quesadillas at Las Margaritas.”

3. Do you have a default Netflix show you like to watch?
   “I love SpongeBob SquarePants, but actually I’m a huge ‘Looney Tunes’ fan. I feel like my inner beast is the Tasmanian Devil. I have a huge drawing that I drew of him in my room. It’s like 48 by 60.”

4. What’s your go-to gas station snack?
   “I always go with Cheetos. The Cheddar Jalapeno Cheetos are my favorite for sure.”

5. What is your favorite memory from the season opener last year?
   “I remember going into the game and just telling the coaches, ‘Thank you for taking a chance on me. I’m so thankful to be here.’ That first college football game, it meant the world and I was just ready to go.”
Locked in: Drew Lock focused on final season amid NFL interest

Austyn Carta-Samuels has been many things to Drew Lock over the course of the Lee’s Summit native’s college career. A friend, a coach, a confidant. Carta-Samuels has been a teacher, a big brother and a sounding board for Lock, too. Some days, he’s a spiritual guide. Others, he is Lock’s motivator in chief.

When Missouri’s 21-year-old starting quarterback needs something, anything, the 27-year-old offensive analyst on the Tigers’ coaching staff is there to fill the role.

“He’s the heart and soul guy for me,” Lock says of Carta-Samuels, who spent his college days playing quarterback at Vanderbilt. “He’s been there for me through a lot.”

And so on the first weekend of March last winter, a little under eight weeks after Lock made his decision to put off the NFL for one more year and return to Missouri for a senior season, when Lock needed a road-trip buddy, Carta-Samuels was there.

Lock had received an invitation to watch the 2018 NFL Draft Combine in Indianapolis along with three dozen or so other elite college prospects, all of them at least a year away from leaving school for the pros. The trip was to give him a chance to see some of the top young quarterbacks in the nation prepare for the NFL Draft, a window into a reality Lock will likely experience just six months from now as one of the top talents in the Class of 2019.

He didn’t want to make the trek alone so he asked Carta-Samuels to come along for the ride. He needed his mentor there with him.

The five-and-a-half-hour journey from Columbia to Lucas Oil Stadium left ample time for the two to dive into the familiar, well-worn topics of conversation they almost always fall into: life and football.

They delved into the challenges Lock had faced during his turbulent freshman year when he was thrust into action as an 18-year-old, struggling at times just to keep his weight above 200 pounds and his body from being battered by Southeastern Conference defenses. They discussed how he had grown, both as a player and as a person, in the time since. And they talked about Lock’s future, too. Was he prepared for what lies ahead? Did he think he can handle it all? What fears did he have?

“They wanted me to make sure he knew that everything that he’s been through — all the adversity and all the experiences — all of that morphed and shaped him for this opportunity. Coming back was the right step for him. It was his destiny. He needed to know that.”

Once again, Carta-Samuels was there to fill an important role in Lock’s life.

Staying present

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Lock relies on support system to stay grounded

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downs a year ago, he’s been named to five separate preseason award watchlists this summer, and Missouri’s marketing department already has his Heisman Trophy campaign up and running.

ESPN senior NFL draft analyst Mel Kiper Jr. has Lock ranked as the top pro quarterback prospect in the nation.

But proving himself as an NFL-caliber quarterback will not be Lock’s biggest challenge this fall. That, he’s already done, and a strong senior season in Derek Dooley’s new, more complex offense will only bolster his stock.

Instead, he will face the sternest test of remaining in the moment, keeping thoughts of his future at bay in order to fulfill the goals of his senior season. Ignoring the noise is difficult, especially when Lock’s name pops up on the very ESPN and NFL Network programs he spends his time off the field watching.

“You can really get distracted when you start thinking about those other things. That’s not going to help us win football games,” Lock says. “It’s all about being in the moment this year. Staying present is going to be huge for me.”

Doing so will be imperative for Lock; and as he prepares to embark on his final season in Columbia, which begins Saturday with the Tigers’ opener against UT Martin, he is turning to his friend and coach for help one more time.

When Lock called on Carta-Samuels back in March, he was in search of someone to guide him on his journey toward the future. This fall, Lock needs him to be there for the opposite reason: to keep him from looking too far ahead.

As always, “ACS” (as Lock calls him), is happy to be at his side.

“I’m there to keep things in perspective for him,” Carta-Samuels says. “If he’s worried about what happened yesterday or what’s going to happen tomorrow, he’s going to have a difficult time enjoying and mastering and executing what’s in front of him.”

He often tells Lock, “The future is a mystery, the past is history. So I need you to be here right now.”

Reflecting on the past

There was another time in Lock’s life when staying in the moment didn’t come easy. Andy Lock, Drew’s father, remembers it well.

In April 2014, Andy Lock watched his son, then a high school junior, commit to play football at Missouri, Andy’s alma mater. That day, dreams simultaneously came true for a father and son, both of whom had bled black and gold for as long as each of them could remember. But just as fast as that rush of joy arrived, so came a pressure that immediately washed over the younger Lock.

That pressure remained and weighed on him all the way into his senior year at Lee’s Summit High School.

Lock’s play on the football field didn’t suffer from the burden of what lay ahead of him. He won the Simone Award, given to the top player in Kansas City metro area, and earned invitations to the U.S. Army All-American Bowl and Elite Quarterback Camp his senior year. But those close to him saw the difference. Normally relaxed and easygoing, he became more serious and guarded. By the time that his senior season and all the national passing camps were over, and Lock had attended all the games he’d been invited to, he’d fallen into something of a funk.

“It felt like there were some expectations on him from his peers, his family, and the state of Missouri to perform well and to be the leader of the football team before he even got there,” Andy Lock, who played offensive line at Missouri in the late 1980s, says. “I think automatically with that commitment, he felt like a little bit of a different person.”

Blake Little noticed it, too.

Little coaches Lee’s Summit’s varsity basketball team and has been a fixture in the life of the 6-foot-4 shooting guard-turned-quarterback since his sophomore year of high school.

When Lock came home from the All-American Game just before the start of basketball season that year, Little saw a kid who had changed. Lock was tired, burned out; his mind was elsewhere.

“There was a lot going on for him,” Little says. “I think it took him a while to come back down to earth and get focused again.”

With Lock’s mind in Columbia rather than on his final few months at Lee’s Summit, Little sought to bring back his team leader, and more importantly, help a bewildered 18-year-old cherish the time he had left in high school. There was plenty of time to worry about his future later.

Before Lock rejoined the team after a trip to yet another passing academy, Little sat him down for a conversation. He wanted to his star guard to remember the things that had fueled his passion for the game. He challenged Lock to simply go out and have fun on the basketball court again.

Little knew once Lock got to Missouri, things would be different for him.

“One he got to college, it was going to be more of a job,” Little says. “That last season was one more chance to go out with his guys and just play ball.”

Lock did just that — he balled. Reinvigorated by Little’s advice, he led Lee’s Summit to 16 wins in its final 17 games, the only loss coming to the eventual state champions. During that stretch, Little saw Lock return to form, on the court and off it.

The tension about his future had dissipated, and Lock was finally back in the moment, relishing just playing the game.

“I think that was as relaxed and happy as he’d been in a while,” Little says. “I finally got to see Drew be Drew again.”

Four years later, now a man a matter of months away from the NFL, Lock often reflects back to that time in his life. The lessons he learned from it, he feels, apply to his situation now.
So he's been here before, playing out his final months in one place with a budding future on the horizon in another. But this time around, Lock says he knows he must stay focused on the now. He knows, he says, he can't let the future get in the way of that.

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“I’m really trying to enjoy the moment,” Lock says. “You can look at it like, ‘Dang, I should be somewhere else, doing other things.’ But there’s a lot for me to accomplish here, and still plenty for me to enjoy here, too. I’m trying to make the most out of every moment while I’m here.”

Remaining in the moment

In the moments when Carta-Samuels senses Lock’s mind is wandering away from Missouri’s football complex and toward the future and what might be, he asks the quarterback a simple question to put things back in perspective: If 10-year-old Drew Lock saw him right now, the starting quarterback and captain at the University of Missouri, would his life goal be accomplished?

“His answer is always, ‘Absolutely, yes,’” Carta-Samuels says. “I know he wants to tackle more and do more, but it’s all for nothing if he doesn’t appreciate the moment and what he’s going through right now, too.”

Inside Lucas Oil Stadium that March afternoon, Lock watched players such as Baker Mayfield, Josh Rosen and a slew of other highly touted quarterback prospects. He knew some from passing camps he’d attended in the past; others were strangers.

He met them all in Indianapolis, and he watched as they tossed deep balls, practiced footwork and meticulously executed combine drills. Lock watched intently at how they went about their business, too, taking mental notes to store away for the future.

When the event ended that night, Carta-Samuels walked out of the stadium with a Drew Lock who was more confident and emboldened than the one who’d gone in with him that morning.

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AUSTYN CARTA-SAMUELS
Missouri offensive analyst

“Getting to go sit there and watch guys like Lamar Jackson, Josh Allen and Sam Darnold in person, it immediately struck us both,” Carta-Samuels says.

“We realized that Drew is as good as anybody out there.”

Lock, whom Carta-Samuels says has always been too humble, wasn’t as quick to acknowledge that realization. But during the return drive to Columbia, as the two discussed everything they’d seen, Carta-Samuels could see the quiet self-assurance the experience had given him.

The day at the NFL Combine gave Lock a newfound confidence.

He’d gotten to watch quarterbacks who later became first-round draft picks, and he truly felt like he was on their level. That realization has helped calm some of Lock’s fears about this final season — that maybe he wasn’t good enough, for example — and in
Everything that’s involved in my life right now has a relaxed feel,” Lock says. “I think that experience was a big key to that. I’ve always been confident; you can tell that. But I’m a lot more relaxed now.”

As far as truly needing to focus on staying in the present this fall, the days Lock really has to worry about are Sunday through Friday. During those days, he’ll have a lot of time to read the headlines and think about the future.

But come game time on Saturdays, all that will go away. Lock returned this season to win football games for the University of Missouri, something he feels he hasn’t done enough of during his time in Columbia. He wants to close out his college career on a strong note. Focusing on anything past the next play or the next drive won’t help him do that.

“Nothing matters more to him than today. And tomorrow, nothing will matter more than tomorrow,” Andy Lock says. “If he starts looking down the road too far, it can certainly unravel pretty quick.

“He knows how important it is to remain in the moment.”

Drew Lock has 12, maybe 13 games left in his college career, and he intends to make the most of them. When his final home opener kicks off Saturday, he’ll be focused on nothing else but being the best captain, the best teammate and the best quarterback he can be for the Missouri Tigers.

That’s why he’s still here. That’s where his mind needs to be. The future can wait.

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ANDY LOCK
Drew’s father
THE MATURATION OF TEREZ HALL: BUILDING A CULTURE

BY BRENDAN LAVELL
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The first time Terez Hall took the field with the Missouri Tigers, they were the defending SEC East champions. Although Hall was a true freshman at the time, he had the bravado to match his team's stature.

But on his very first play, in the 2015 opener against Southeast Missouri State, Hall's world flipped upside down — literally.

As Missouri booted the ball downfield, he raced after it. Soon enough, he spotted two Redhawks set up to block, side-by-side. He made a beeline for them.

“I ran down there and I don’t know what I tried to do,” Hall said. “I ran at the tight end, and he stepped one way. And I tried to spin out of it. He grabbed my legs, and the other guy grabbed me up high. And they both slammed me. Boom!”

Days later, then-defensive coordinator and linebackers coach Barry Odom snapped at him in a meeting: “You can’t do that!”

Hall started his Missouri career with big expectations for himself, but the young linebacker needed to grow as a person to become the football player he strives to be. His maturation from “selfish” freshman to senior leader mirrors the growth of Missouri’s program since the turbulent year he arrived on campus.

Self-centered start

Hall came into fall camp his freshman year with energy. The linebacker said he was “balling” for the first three days, but the grind of training camp settled in soon enough. On the third or fourth day, he stood in the back of the end zone during practice, fighting through soreness and fatigue.

“Yeah, it’s getting tough now,” Odom jabbed.

“Man, it feels like it’s been three weeks,” Hall replied.

Odom was “extremely hard” on Hall even as he took the latter under his wing, former Tigers linebacker Eric Beisel said. Looking back now, Hall realizes he wasn’t taking proper care of his body.

“I just wanted to go home and go to sleep,” he said. “(Maybe) eat.

“It helped mold who I am. It teaches you to push through a lot of stuff. … My freshman year was tough, especially because I was selfish. I was trying to get the job, trying to be the best on the team.”

As most know, 2015 was a tumultuous year at the University of Missouri. Student protests over alleged administrative inaction regarding the racial climate on campus, which included a brief strike by the football team, made national headlines. The team itself crumbled to a 5-7 record, and head coach Gary Pinkel announced at mid-season that he would retire at the end of the year after being diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma — a kind of blood cancer.

According to Hall, the locker room was a more selfish place back then. There were still
Hall’s final year focused on building relationships

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great leaders such as Kentrell Brothers, Charles Harris and Evan Boehm, but many of the Tigers seemed to be looking out for No. 1. The atmosphere rubbed off on the young Hall.

“Guys were playing for stats,” he said. “They were playing more to go to the NFL. Like, ‘I’m going to win this award and win that award.’”

**Mindset shift**

After playing primarily on special teams as a freshman, the linebacker got off on the right foot during spring camp his sophomore year and, despite injuring his shoulder, briefly overtook Donavin Newsom for a starting position.

Then Hall hit a rut.

“I would think about only me,” Hall said. “I need to be starting, I need to be starting,” and not playing my role. I was going hard on special teams and stuff like that, but I wasn’t going hard for the team. I was going hard for myself.”

A conversation with Beisel helped catalyze Hall’s transformation. Beisel encouraged him to pour everything into the team because he would have limited time to accomplish the pair’s goal of creating a “Mizzou dynasty!”

Hall remembers one particular message Beisel relayed: “You can’t let ‘em take the love out of football for you.”

“That’s when I hit my little phase,” Hall added. “I told ‘em I’m going to do everything right. I said, ‘I’m going to get closer to God. I’m going to put the team first. I’m going to do everything right that I possibly can.’”

Hall’s relationship with God became the driving force in “every role” of his life, including the football field.

“People play for different reasons,” Hall said. “Like playing to help their family out of poverty, (or) just to go to the NFL. Me, I just play for God. That helps run my life. ... Every play I’m thanking him out there. I’m going as hard as I possibly can. I know if I go weak, it means I’m letting him down.”

As the season wore on, Hall improved. He notched a career-high six tackles in the Tigers’ win over Vanderbilt in mid-November, for example. Missouri matched his improvement, winning two of its last three despite finishing 4-8 overall.

**Film findings**

Hall carried his momentum through the offseason and won the starting weakside linebacker job in training camp in 2017. In that role, he needed to better learn opponents’ specific formations and patterns so he could call out plays on the field. Earlier, as a backup outside linebacker, Hall hadn’t focused so much on film because he could usually react on the field to what the offense was doing.

Both Hall and Missouri stumbled out of the gate again that year. The Tigers started 1-5, and Hall quickly learned his athleticism couldn’t make up for mistakes against good teams.

But his game started to click in Week 4 against Auburn, partly due to a decision to try to focus on running one man from start to finish — Auburn offensive lineman Braden Smith, a senior who finished the season as a first-team All-American.

“I realized they put their clothes on just like me,” Hall said. “They’re all humans. It’s just if you want it more and you believe, and I just kept God in front of me the whole time.”

As the linebacker gained steam, so did the Tigers. Although Missouri lost to Kentucky in its next game, the performance was the team’s best to that point, a hint of Missouri’s six-game winning streak to come. It also gave Hall a perfect opportunity to put his newfound dedication to preparation and film study to use.

On one particular Wildcats’ play, he easily recognized the setup.

“I knew it was going to be a screen,” Hall said. “I told either (Adam) Sparks or (DeMarkus) Acy, ‘It’s gonna be a screen.’

And the receiver looked at me from their side. He said, ‘It ain’t gonna be a screen.’ I said, ‘If you motion, it’s gonna be a screen.’

It was a screen. Hall flew into the flat and found himself in perfect position to intercept the pass — it bounced harmlessly off his hands.

“I’ve been on the JUGS (automated passing machine) recently, so I won’t be dropping picks or anything like that,” Hall said.

**Leaving a legacy**

By now, as he starts his senior season, Hall has emerged from the depths of 2015 to become a model athlete. On the field, inside linebackers coach Vernon Hargreaves said Hall has “all the things you’re looking for” at the position.

Off the field, as a leader, he spends plenty of time teaching younger linebackers such as sophomore Aubrey Miller Jr. the tricks of the trade.

“Terez just makes sure I keep my head steady,” Miller said.

“He’s always bringing energy, too,” Miller added. “It’s contagious. If one person’s hyping everybody up, especially a leader like that, a guy on the Butkus Award watchlist, other people are going to feed into that.”

Given multiple opportunities to address the legacy he wants to leave at Missouri, Hall circled back to one theme every single time: family.

After experiencing the self-centered atmosphere of the 2015 team, Hall wants to ensure a culture of brotherhood will exist in the program long after he leaves. This means upperclassmen visiting freshmen on-campus. It means scheduling team events such as cookouts and trips to the movies. It means starters helping backups at every opportunity, even as the backups are competing for the starters’ jobs.

“I try to make sure everybody knows everybody,” Hall said. “Everybody knows everything about me, so there ain’t no sugarcoating or nothing behind it.

“We’re trying to make something happen. It’s more than just this football season. We’re trying to be brothers. Say, for instance, I get married down the road. I want them to show up at my wedding. That’s what we’re trying to leave here. We’re not just one year and done; we play together and that’s it. I say if we go out together and someone pops off, we’re all going to get in trouble; not just one. That’s how I see it out. ... That’s our legacy. We’re together.”

But that isn’t the only mark he’s looking to leave behind.

“I see a possessed man in Terez Hall,” Beisel said. “And I mean that in a good way. Not only does he want to do it for that team, he wants to do it for the city and the culture. ... I know for a fact that he wants to change the culture of Mizzou football and make it a winning culture for years to come.”

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Missouri linebacker Terez Hall celebrates after a play in a Nov. 4 game against Florida on Faurot Field.

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Terez Hall
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UT Martin aims to upset Odom for a second time

The Skyhawks got the better of Missouri’s head coach when he was the defensive coordinator at Memphis

BY BRENDAN LAVELL

Barry Odom was in his first year as the defensive coordinator at the University of Memphis when his team opened the 2012 season against Football Championship Subdivision team UT Martin.

Memphis was coming off a 2-10 season, but the result in Week 1 was still a surprise: UT Martin 20, Memphis 17. Even worse, the Tigers lost on a 43-yard field goal with four seconds remaining.

Odom is now tasked with making sure history doesn’t repeat itself Saturday when Missouri squares off with UT Martin to kick off the 2018 season.

While that 2012 Skyhawks team went 8-3, last year’s edition wasn’t quite as strong, finishing 6-5 with a 4-4 record in Ohio Valley Conference play.

This season’s UT Martin team was voted third in the OVC preseason poll, behind four-time defending champion Jacksonville State and Austin Peay, respectively.

Jason Simpson, beginning his 13th season at the helm of the Skyhawks, is the longest-tenured head coach in the OVC. Simpson ranks seventh in conference history with 78 wins, posting at least a .500 conference record in every season along the way.

“I do have a lot of respect for Jason,” Odom said. “And his teams I’ve watched, not just when I played and when I was at Memphis, they’re always very well-coached. They play their tails off. They play with a chip on their shoulder. And schematically, he gets them in position to have advantages.”

Simpson returns 13 starters, seven on offense and six on defense, including 2017 second-team All-OVC selections running back LaDarius Galloway, linebacker James Gilleylen...

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   a. 2005  
   b. 2008  
   c. 2014  
   d. 2009

2. Legendary basketball coach Pat Summit played for and graduated from UT Martin. Which of the following awards, honors or achievements did she NOT earn?
   a. Presidential Medal of Freedom  
   b. Naismith Coach of the Century  
   c. John Wooden Legends of Coaching Award  
   d. Fastest to 1,000 wins

3. Florida State men’s basketball coach Leonard Hamilton, a UT Martin alumnus, has spent 30 seasons as a head coach at the college level. How many wins has he amassed?
   a. 505  
   b. 538  
   c. 523  
   d. 498

4. UT Martin football coach Jason Simpson played football and baseball at what SEC school before transferring to Southern Miss in 1992?
   a. Mississippi  
   b. Mississippi State  
   c. Tennessee  
   d. Kentucky

5. Simpson currently has the second most wins in UT Martin football history behind Bob Carroll. How many wins does Simpson need to become the winningest coach in program history?
   a. 3  
   b. 10  
   c. 5  
   d. 8

6. The UT Martin football program got its start in 1925, the same year as which of the following Tennessee establishments?
   a. Grand Ole Opry  
   b. Tennessee Valley Authority  
   c. Great Smoky Mountains National Park  
   d. Jiffy Steamer

7. UT Martin is one of four Tennessee teams that Missouri faces in 2018. When was the last time the Tigers played four different opponents from the same state?
   a. 2008  
   b. 2004  
   c. 2011  
   d. 2007

8. In what year was the first Tennessee Soybean Festival, an annual celebration dedicated to soybeans that takes place in Martin, held?
   a. 1988  
   b. 1994  
   c. 1996  
   d. 1983

9. Soybeans are the second most grown crop in Tennessee in terms of harvested acres, according to the USDA. What commodity is first?
   a. Tobacco  
   b. Corn  
   c. Hay  
   d. Cotton

10. Weakley County, home to Martin, is also home to Big Cypress Tree State Park, which got its name from an old bald cypress tree. Approximately, how old was the tree when it died after being struck by lightning in 1976?
    a. 1,250 years  
    b. 1,350 years  
    c. 1,500 years  
    d. 1,175 years

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As an FCS team, the Skyhawks on paper will be at a massive talent disadvantage against SEC foe Missouri. Look for them to utilize gadget plays or formations to surprise the Tigers with an unfamiliar look here and there. Simpson has a history with tricks like these. “The next year we played them (2013),” Odom said, “they went and they played an extra offensive lineman the entire game.”

The Skyhawks’ visit to Columbia will be a homecoming for former Tolton High School quarterback Trip Gibson. However, the Quincy University transfer will not play per NCAA rules, as it is his first season in the program.

The UT Martin players who will be on the field are hoping to channel that 2012 magic and upset another team of Tigers. Kickoff is set for 3 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Stadium. The game can be watched on SEC Network Alternate.

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