



MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL REPORT

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Lions look for 3rd straight MIAA victory by hosting Southwest Baptist

2007-08 LIONS SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Nov. 4	@ Arkansas (EX)	L, 47-52
NOV. 10	LIVIN' THE DREAM (EX)	W, 74-49
Nov. 16	@ St. Edwards	W, 60-39
Nov. 17	vs. Incarnate Word	W, 52-43
Nov. 23	vs. St. Mary's	W, 66-29
Nov. 24	vs. Quincy	W, 83-51
NOV. 28	WEBSTER UNIVERSITY	W, 86-36
DEC. 1	ST. EDWARDS	W, 60-42
Dec. 7	@ OK Panhandle State	W, 59-44
Dec. 17	@ Northeastern State	W, 70-62
DEC. 19	EVANGEL	W, 79-62
Jan. 2	@ Truman State *	L, 55-68
JAN. 5	MISSOURI WESTERN * ..L, 72-74	
JAN. 9	PITTSBURG STATE * ..L, 44-54	
Jan. 12	@ Central Missouri *	W, 85-82
Jan. 16	@ Northwest Missouri *	W, 65-64
JAN. 19	SOUTHWEST BAPTIST * .. 5:30 PM	
JAN. 23	EMPORIA STATE * .. 5:30 PM	
Jan. 26	@ Fort Hays State *	3 pm
Jan. 30	@ Washburn *	5:30 pm
FEB. 2	TRUMAN STATE * .. 1 PM	
FEB. 6	WASHBURN * .. 5:30 PM	
FEB. 9	FORT HAYS STATE * .. 5:30 PM	
Feb. 13	@ Emporia State *	5:30 pm
Feb. 16	@ Southwest Baptist *	5:30 pm
FEB. 20	CENTRAL MISSOURI * ... 5:30 PM	
FEB. 23	NORTHWEST MISSOURI * .. 1 PM	
Feb. 27	@ Pittsburg State *	5:30 pm
Mar. 1	@ Missouri Western *	5:30 pm
Mar. 6-9	@ MIAA Tournament	TBA (Kansas City, Mo.)

Bold Indicates Home Game

* Indicates MIAA Game

Missouri Southern (11-3, 2-3 MIAA) vs. Southwest Baptist (12-2, 4-1 MIAA)

Sat. Jan. 19, 2008 • Joplin, Mo.

Tipoff: 5:30 p.m.

Arena: Leggett & Platt Athletic Center (3,200)

Last Meeting: 2/10/07: MSSU defeated SBU, 65-48 in Joplin, Mo.

Radio: KHST 101.7 FM Tall Grass Country; Kevin Greim (play-by-play)

TV: www.themiasa.tv

Internet Audio: www.mssu.edu/athletics

Live Internet Stats: <http://www.mssu.edu/athletics/mensbasketball/live/xlive.htm>

PROBABLE STARTERS

LIONS (11-3, 2-3 MIAA)		Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	PPG	RPG	APG
5	India Wood (Decatur, Ala.)	G	Jr.	5-7	9.4	3.4	4.4
21	Ela Zawadka (Torun, Poland)	G	Sr.	5-11	6.6	4.0	0.9
22	Danielle DeVader (Holton, Kan.)	G	Jr.	5-9	4.4	2.2	1.9
23	Lindsey Davis (Wellington, Kan.)	G	Jr.	5-8	3.9	1.4	2.0
42	Tynesha Pierce (Houston, Texas)	F	Sr.	6-0	10.1	6.3	0.8
Southwest Baptist (12-2, 4-1 MIAA)		Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	PPG	RPG	APG
15	Cortney Shewmaker (Buffalo, Mo.)	G	Jr.	5-6	9.9	2.8	4.1
20	Erika Souza (Sao Paulo, Brazil)	G	Sr.	5-6	20.7	3.1	4.8
22	Courtney Creed (Walnut Grove, Mo.)	G/F	Jr.	5-8	12.1	4.1	3.3
32	Rachel Graves (Springfield, Mo.)	F	So.	5-9	9.4	5.2	3.2
54	Kelly Reinkemeyer (Linn, Mo.)	F	Sr.	6-3	6.8	5.8	0.6

THE COACHES

After six straight winning seasons, Maryann Mitts is quickly closing in on becoming the winningest coach in Missouri Southern history. With 108 career victories, Mitts is now the second all-time winningest coach at MSSU and trails Jim Phillips by just 22 games. Under Mitts' guidance, the Lions have put together 15 or more wins in five of Mitts' six years at the helm and have moved back into the upper echelon of the highly competitive Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association. Last year, Mitts helped the Lions overcome an injury-riddled season to post their sixth straight winning record at 14-13, including a tie for fifth place in the MIAA and a sixth consecutive appearance in the MIAA Postseason Tournament. Overall, Mitts has compiled a 109-74 (.596) record in her seventh season with the Lions. She holds a 192-130 (.596) mark now in her 12th year as a collegiate head coach. Mitts is 9-3 vs. SBU as the Lions' mentor.

Jim Middleton is in his 14th year as head coach at Southwest Baptist, where he has compiled a record of 230-150 (.605) and is the winningest coach in the school's history. He has led the Lady Bearcats to NCAA tournament play six times in his tenure, highlighted by a trip to the Sweet 16 in 2000. Middleton is 12-14 vs. MSSU in his SBU career.



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2007-08 MIAA STANDINGS

	MIAA		All Games	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Southwest Baptist	4-1	.800	12-2	.857
Washburn (8)	4-1	.800	12-2	.857
Northwest Missouri State	4-1	.800	9-5	.643
Truman State	3-2	.600	11-3	.786
Emporia State (19)	3-2	.600	10-4	.714
Missouri Southern	2-3	.400	11-3	.786
Pittsburg State	2-3	.400	8-6	.571
Missouri Western	2-3	.400	7-6	.538
Fort Hays State	1-4	.200	7-7	.500
Central Missouri	0-5	.000	5-9	.357

WBCA/USA Today/ESPN Division II Coaches Poll ranking in parenthesis

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

- *ESU @ UCM, 1:30 PM
- *NWMSU @ PSU, 1:30 PM
- *TSU @ WU, 1:30 PM
- *FHSU @ MWSU, 5:30 PM
- *SBU @ MSSU, 5:30 PM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

- *WU @ SBU, 5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

- *ESU @ MSSU, 5:30 PM
- *NWMSU @ TSU, 5:30 PM
- *PSU @ MWSU, 5:30 PM
- *UCM @ FHSU, 5:30 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

- *SBU @ TSU, 1:00 PM
- *UCM @ NWMSU, 1:30 PM
- *MSSU @ FHSU, 3:00 PM
- *WU @ PSU, 5:30 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

- *MWSU @ ESU, 1:30 PM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

- *MWSU @ SBU, 5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

- *ESU @ NWMSU, 5:30 PM
- *MSSU @ WU, 5:30 PM
- *PSU @ FHSU, 5:30 PM
- *TSU @ UCM, 5:30 PM

RECENT RESULTS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

- *NWMSU 78 @ MWSU 74 FINAL
- *PSU 54 @ MSSU 44 FINAL
- *SBU 90 @ UCM 70 FINAL
- *TSU 72 @ FHSU 91 FINAL
- *WU 61 @ ESU 54 FINAL

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

- *MSSU 85 @ UCM 82 FINAL
- *FHSU 67 @ SBU 81 FINAL
- *MWSU 80 @ TSU 84 FINAL
- *PSU 62 @ ESU 92 FINAL
- *WU 45 @ NWMSU 50 FINAL

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

- *MSSU 65 @ NWMSU 64 FINAL
- *SBU 86 @ PSU 80 FINAL
- *TSU 61 @ ESU 98 FINAL
- *UCM 63 @ MWSU 89 FINAL
- *WU 70 @ FHSU 53 FINAL

ALL-TIME SERIES VS. SOUTHWEST BAPTIST

1/21/76 Southern .. 77-72	2/3/98 SBU.....64-76
2/23/76 Southern.....84-48	1/7/98 SBU..... 58-72
12/14/76 Southern .. 60-49	1/7/99 SBU.....48-87
2/15/77 Southern.....55-53	2/3/99 SBU..... 58-70
12/12/77 Southern.....77-48	1/11/00 SBU.....76-84
1/9/79 Southern.....85-48	2/9/00 SBU..... 66-85
1/31/79 Southern .. 69-63	1/10/01 Southern .. 62-58
2/9/82 Southern.....72-61	2/8/01 SBU.....69-59
1/10/84 Southern .. 88-56	1/5/02 Southern .. 70-62
12/6/84 Southern.....96-52	2/2/02 Southern.....69-64
2/11/86 Southern.....78-48	1/4/03 SBU.....68-72
1/11/88 Southern .. 87-63	2/1/03 Southern .. 68-63
11/25/88 Southern.....79-63	1/17/04 Southern .. 64-52
2/13/89 Southern .. 82-63	2/14/04 Southern.....68-66
2/21/90 SBU..... 65-68	1/15/05 Southern.....69-67
2/3/90 SBU.....82-85*	2/12/05 Southern .. 61-60
2/2/91 SBU..... 57-58	1/24/06 SBU.....62-69
2/21/91 SBU.....53-56	2/1/06 Southern .. 72-62
2/19/92 Southern .. 82-63	1/22/07 SBU.....75-80
2/1/92 SBU.....52-62	2/10/07 Southern .. 65-48
1/30/93 Southern .. 78-56	
2/16/93 Southern.....59-57	
2/8/94 Southern.....58-52	
2/8/95 Southern .. 88-72	
2/7/96 Southern .. 81-68	
3/1/96 Southern.....68-61	
12/4/96 SBU.....61-84	
2/5/97 Southern .. 67-58	

INSIDE THE SERIES
 Lions lead 32-16
 Lions at home: 18-5
 Lions on the road: 14-11
 Most points, MSSU: 96 (96-52), 12/6/84 at Bolivar
 Most points, SBU: 87 (87-48), 1/7/99 at Bolivar
 Largest victory margin, MSSU: +44 (96-52), 12/6/84 at Bolivar
 Largest victory margin, SBU: +39 (87-48), 1/7/99 at Bolivar
 Last road win, MSSU: 69-67, 1/15/05
 Last road win, SBU: 85-66, 2/9/00
 Most consecutive wins, MSSU: 14, Jan. 21, 1976-Feb. 13, 1989
 Most consecutive wins, SBU: 6, Feb. 3, 1998-Feb. 9, 2000, 2/28/04

USA TODAY/ESPN TOP 25

DATE: 1/15/08

1. University of North Dakota - 17-0
2. Delta State University (Miss.) - 13-0
3. Concordia University, St. Paul (Minn.) - 16-0
4. Seattle Pacific University (Wash.) - 13-0
5. Valdosta State University (Ga.) - 14-1
6. Indiana University Of Pennsylvania - 15-1
7. Drury University (Mo.) - 12-2
8. Washburn University (Kan.) - 11-2
9. University Of Alaska Anchorage - 14-2
10. University Of South Dakota - 15-1
11. Holy Family University (Penn.) - 12-0
12. Stonehill College (Mass.) - 13-2
13. Minnesota State University, Mankato - 14-2
14. Northern Kentucky University - 11-3
15. Franklin Pierce University (N.H.) - 13-2
16. California State University, Chico - 12-3
17. Southern Connecticut State University - 12-4
18. Fairmont State University (W. Va.) - 11-1
19. Emporia State University (Kan.) - 9-4
20. University Of California-San Diego - 12-4
21. Fort Lewis College (Colo.) - 13-1
22. West Texas A&M University - 10-3
23. North Georgia College & State University - 10-2
24. Francis Marion University (S.C.) - 10-1
25. University of West Georgia - Carrollton - 15-2

Receiving Votes: Missouri Southern State University, 19

MIAA PRESEASON POLL

	Pts
1. Emporia State (6)	78
2. Washburn (4)	76
3. Northwest Missouri State	58
4. Central Missouri	51
5. Missouri Southern	50
6. Missouri Western	42
7. Pittsburg State	34
8. Fort Hays State	22
Southwest Baptist	22
10. Truman	17

**Last Time vs. Southwest Baptist
(Game 22) Feb. 10, 2007
Lions 65, Southwest Baptist 48**

Joplin, Mo. - Danielle DeVader (Holton, Kan.) returned from a one-game absence to score a game-high 15 points on 5-of-7 shooting from three-point distance and Missouri Southern held the Southwest Baptist Lady Bearcats to only 28.6 percent shooting in a 65-48 Lions victory Saturday night (Feb. 10) at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

MSSU maintained a double-digit lead for much of the first half and led by 10 at halftime.

After the Lady Bearcats trimmed the Lions lead to seven in the opening minutes of the second half, DeVader hit three treys to key a 17-6 run that pulled the Lions to a 54-36 cushion with 7:34 left in the contest.

The closest SBU could get was 15 from that point.

The Lions led throughout and Fatai Hala'Api'Api (Lahaina, Hawaii) scored six early points as Southern built a 19-6 lead with 9:37 left in the first half.

Southern then went on a 6-2 spurt to gain their largest lead of the half at 25-8 with 6:54 remaining in the opening stanza.

SBU battled back by out-scoring the Lions 14-7 to close out the first half to come within 32-22 at the half.

The Lions' defense forced the Lady Bearcats to only 16-of-56 shooting overall and only 2-of-22 (9.1 percent) from the perimeter. SBU missed their first 18 shots from three-point distance.

Missouri Southern (12-10, 5-9 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Hala'Api'Api	6-15	0-0	0-2	12	4	0	12
Kantin *	4-5	1-2	4-4	7	1	4	13
Zawadka *	4-10	1-2	0-2	5	4	1	9
Kuczynski *	2-3	0-0	0-1	5	2	3	4
Pierce *	2-7	0-0	4-4	11	3	1	8
Henderson	0-1	0-0	2-2	2	1	2	2
Wood	0-3	0-0	2-3	4	2	4	2
DeVader	5-8	5-7	0-0	3	1	0	15
TOTALS	23-52	7-11	12-18	51	18	15	65
	.442	.636	.667				

Southwest Baptist (12-11, 4-10 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Bybee *	1-4	0-3	0-0	0	0	0	2
Shewmaker *	4-8	1-3	1-1	1	1	1	10
Graves *	2-7	0-4	0-0	8	3	1	4
Brito *	1-4	0-2	5-8	6	2	0	7
Hanchey *	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0
Salscheider	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Souza	5-10	0-4	2-5	4	2	3	12
Creed	1-9	0-3	4-6	3	2	0	6
Wheeler	1-8	1-3	2-2	0	2	0	5
Reeves	1-5	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	2
Reinkemeyer	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
TOTALS	16-56	2-22	14-22	27	15	5	48
	.286	.091	.636				

Halftime: MSSU 32, SBU 22; Turnovers: MSSU 21, SBU 12; Steals: MSSU 7 (Hala'Api'Api, Pierce 2), SBU 6 (Creed 2); Blocked Shots: MSSU 7 (Hala'Api'Api 3), SBU 2 (Souza, Reinkemeyer).

TALE OF THE TAPE

MSSU	CATEGORY	SBU
9th, 66.9	Scoring Offense	1st, 83.9
2nd, 53.6	Scoring Defense	9th, 70.4
4th, +13.3	Scoring Margin	3rd, +13.5
5th, .438	Field Goal Percentage	1st, .468
3rd, .354	Three-Point FG Percentage	2nd, .375
7th, 6.50	Three-Point FG Made/Game	2nd, 8.21
10th, .642	Free Throw Percentage	2nd, .734
1st, .321	Field Goal Pct. Defense	9th, .432
1st, .267	Three-Point FG Pct. Defense	5th, .312
7th, 39.2	Rebounding Offense	T-8th, 37.8
3rd, 34.9	Rebounding Defense	6th, 36.6
3rd, +4.4	Rebounding Margin	T-6th, +1.1
5th, 15.79	Assists per Game	1st, 19.14
9th, 7.79	Steals per Game	4th, 10.07
1st, 4.43	Blocked Shots per Game	10th, 1.21
6th, +1.43	Turnover Margin	2nd, +5.00
4th, 0.94	Assist-Turnover Ratio	1st, 1.22
4th, 14.00	Offensive Rebounds	7th, 12.86
6th, 25.21	Defensive Rebounds	7th, 24.93

MIAA rankings through games of Jan. 16

2007-08 STARTING FIVES

Pierce, Hala'api'api, Wood, Kantin, DeVader	3-0
Marquez, Hala'api'api, Wood, Kantin, Zawadka	2-0
Marquez, Pierce, Wood, Kantin, Zawadka	2-0
Wood, Kantin, DeVader, Helfrich, Pierce	1-0
Wood, Marquez, DeVader, Helfrich, Pierce	1-0
Henderson, Marquez, Zawadka, DeVader, Pierce	0-1
Wood, DeVader, Davis, Helfrich, Pierce	1-2
Zawadka, Pierce, Wood, DeVader, Davis	1-0

THE LIONS RECORD WHEN ...

	2007-08	Under Mitts
Scoring 59 points or less	2-2	12-44
Scoring 60-69 points	4-0	40-24
Scoring 70-79 points	2-1	29-5
Scoring 80+ points	3-0	28-1
Allowing 59 points or less	7-1	62-8
Allowing 60-69 points	3-1	35-26
Allowing 70-79 points	0-1	9-29
Allowing 80+ points	1-0	3-11
Game decided by 3 pts. or less	2-1	19-10
Game decided by 4-9 pts.	2-0	29-24
Game decided by 10-19 pts.	3-2	29-25
Game decided by 20 or more	4-0	32-16
Lead in rebounding	8-1	80-28
Trail in rebounding	3-1	27-38
Tie in rebounding	0-1	2-8
Have more turnovers	5-1	39-53
Have fewer turnovers	5-2	58-20
Tie in turnovers	1-0	12-1
Lead at halftime	9-0	83-14
Trail at halftime	1-3	21-54
Tied at halftime	1-0	5-6
Outshoot opponents (pct.)	11-1	88-15
Opponent outshoots (pct.)	0-2	20-58
Tie in shooting (pct.)	0-0	1-1
Make more free throws	1-0	61-15
Make less free throws	10-3	47-55
Tie in free throws	0-0	2-5
Make more threes	9-1	75-26
Make less threes	2-1	30-39
Tie in threes	0-1	5-9
Have more assists	10-2	79-16
Have fewer assists	1-0	26-54
Tie in assists	0-1	3-5
Have more steals	6-2	76-26
Have fewer steals	4-0	25-39
Tie in steals	1-1	8-10
Get more bench points	9-2	59-32
Get fewer bench points	1-0	44-39
Tie in bench points	1-1	6-3
Game goes into overtime	0-0	4-2
In November	5-0	29-5
In December	4-0	26-8
In January	2-3	27-31
In February	0-0	23-23
In March	0-0	0-6
vs. Nationally-Ranked Foes	0-0	7-24

THE 2007-08 LIONS AT-A-GLANCE

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
2	Randi Henderson	G	5-4	So.	Urbana, Mo./Skyline HS
5	India Wood	G	5-7	Jr.	Decatur, Ala./Eastern Kentucky University
10	Trice Bonner	G/F	5-11	So.	Mobile, Ala./Okaloosa Walton CC
11	Ivaney Marquez	G	5-11	Jr.	Valencia, Venezuela/Grayson CC
13	Misti Johnson	G	5-6	Jr.	Gainsville, Mo./Mo Valley
15	Fatai Hala'Api'Api	C	6-1	Sr.	Maui, Hi./Eastern Kentucky University
20	Robin Kantin	G	5-8	Sr.	Silver Spring, Md./Radford (Va.) University
21	Ela Zawadka	G	5-11	Sr.	Torun, Poland/Frank Phillips
22	Danielle DeVader	G	5-9	Jr.	Holton, Kan./Holton HS
23	Lindsey Davis	G	5-8	Jr.	Wellington, Kan./Cowley CC
33	Nichole Helfrich	F	6-0	Jr.	Beech Grove, Ind./Missouri-St. Louis
42	Tynesha Pierce	F/C	6-0	Sr.	Houston, Texas/UT-Pan American
53	Brittany Vavao-Huggins	F	5-11	Fr.	Fayetteville, Ark./Fayetteville HS

Head Coach: Maryann Mitts

Assistant Coaches: Ronda Hubbard, Chris Kendrick, Tyrone Jones

THE DISH ON SOUTHERN (11-3, 2-3 MIAA)

The Missouri Southern Lions won a critical road game Wednesday night (Jan. 16) in dramatic fashion as Ivaney Marquez hit a layup with four seconds left to propel the Lions to a 65-64 win over MIAA-leading Northwest Missouri State in Maryville, Mo. Marquez also sealed the victory by blocking a last-second jumper by Northwest's Jessica Burton. India Wood led five Lions in double-figures with 13 points. The Lions fell behind 15-0 early, but battled back and took a 35-33 lead into the half by out-scoring the Bearcats 11-1 to end the first half.

Fatai is the Lions' leading scorer, averaging 12.5 ppg. She has also shot a team-best 59.8 percent from the field. Tynesha Pierce averages 10.1 ppg and leads the team with 6.3 rebounds a game. Robin Kantin is the Lions' second leading scorer with 10.5 ppg, but has been unable to play the past six contests due to a leg injury. India Wood has dished out a team-high 61 assists this season.

THE DISH ON SBU (12-2, 4-1 MIAA)

The Southwest Baptist Lady Bearcats won their fourth straight MIAA contest by winning 86-80 on Wednesday night (Jan. 16) at Pittsburg State. Erika Souza scored a game-high 29 points to lead five Bearcats in double-figures. SBU's lone conference defeat was a narrow, 101-97 loss at Northwest Missouri State on Jan. 2. The Lady Bearcats had won six straight heading into the conference season.

Souza leads the Lady Bearcats with 20.7 ppg, including 24.2 ppg in MIAA contests. Souza has also recorded a team-best and conference-leading 67 assists on the season. Courtney Creed is second with 12.1 ppg, while Kelly Reinkemeyer averages a team-high 5.8 rebounds a game.

THE SERIES

Missouri Southern holds a 32-16 edge in the all-time series with Southwest Baptist after each school won on its home floor last season. The Lions are 18-5 vs. SBU at home and have won seven straight meetings in Joplin.

HALFWAY WILL GET YOU THERE

Even though the game does not officially end at halftime, Missouri Southern has shown that if it can get the lead at the break, they know how to protect it and finish on top. The Lions are a sparkling 83-14 under Maryann Mitts when they have the edge at the half, including a perfect 9-0 this season.

WOOD TRENDING UP IN MIAA PLAY

Junior India Wood has certainly stepped up her play in nearly all facets for the MIAA Conference season. Wood is currently the Lions' second-leading scorer in conference action with 12.0 ppg and leads the Lions with 4.4 assists per game. She has also become quite the threat from beyond the arc, knocking down 55.6 percent (10-of-18) of her three-point attempts in MIAA outings. Wood has been the Lions' leading scorer in the past two conference victories, including scoring a career-high 22 points and hitting 6-of-7 from beyond the arc in the Lions' critical win at Central Missouri (Jan. 12).

STATISTICAL PACE-SETTERS

The Missouri Southern Lions are a force to be reckoned with, particularly on defense. The Lions currently lead the MIAA in field-goal percentage defense (.321), three-point field-goal percentage defense (.267) and blocks (4.43 bpg). The Lions also rank second in the league in scoring defense (53.6 ppg).

Individually, Fatai Hala'Api'Api is second in the league in field-goal percentage (.598) and ranks second in blocks (1.79 bpg). India Wood is tied for third in assists (4.36 apg) and is fifth in assist/turnover ratio (+1.74). Tynesha Pierce is tied for third in offensive rebounds (3.29 rpg).

Through games of Jan. 13, the Lions currently rank second in all of NCAA Division II in field-goal percentage defense and 10th in scoring defense. The Lions are 28th as a team in blocks and Fatai Hala'api'api is 25th in the nation in individual blocks.

GIVE ME FIVE MINUTES

Missouri Southern's defense has been stifling this season, but has become even more stingier in the last five minutes of the game. The Lions have allowed their opponents to shoot only 26.8 percent from the field down the stretch and only 18.8 percent from three-point distance. The Lions allowed Northwest Missouri to shoot only 2-of-6 from the field in the final minutes of a 65-64 MSSU win last Wednesday (Jan. 16) in Maryville, Mo.

UP NEXT

The Lions remain at home for a showdown with current No. 19-ranked Emporia State on Saturday night (Jan. 19) at 5:30 p.m. at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center. The Lions lost both meetings to the Lady Hornets last year and have dropped six straight to ESU overall.

Missouri Southern Basketball

Missouri Southern Season Box Score (as of Jan 16, 2008)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(11-3)	(3-2)	(5-1)	(3-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(2-3)	(0-2)	(2-1)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(9-0)	(3-0)	(3-0)	(3-0)

##	Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		FT-FTA	Pct	---REBOUNDS---				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
				FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct			Off	Def	Tot	Avg								
15	Hala'Api'Api, Fatai	14-5	276 19.7	73-122	.598	0-0	.000	29-53	.547	33	51	84	6.0	40	3	7	29	25	5	175	12.5
	Conference-Only..	5-0	102 20.4	29-49	.592	0-0	.000	8-19	.421	12	19	31	6.2	19	2	3	11	6	1	66	13.2
20	Kantin, Robin	8-8	205 25.6	28-67	.418	10-28	.357	18-24	.750	12	18	30	3.8	10	0	22	16	1	5	84	10.5
	Conference-Only..	0-0	0 0.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
42	Pierce, Tynesha	14-12	265 18.9	63-132	.477	5-10	.500	10-19	.526	46	42	88	6.3	48	3	11	21	9	18	141	10.1
	Conference-Only..	5-5	106 21.2	23-50	.460	1-3	.333	3-7	.429	18	17	35	7.0	16	1	3	10	5	9	50	10.0
05	Wood, India	14-13	429 30.6	45-107	.421	17-44	.386	25-42	.595	2	45	47	3.4	21	0	61	35	0	14	132	9.4
	Conference-Only..	5-4	170 34.0	19-43	.442	10-18	.556	12-19	.632	1	14	15	3.0	11	0	22	18	0	6	60	12.0
10	Bonner, Trice	12-0	197 16.4	28-75	.373	15-33	.455	19-23	.826	14	26	40	3.3	27	0	12	26	6	17	90	7.5
	Conference-Only..	3-0	43 14.3	3-18	.167	2-8	.250	2-2	1.000	2	6	8	2.7	2	0	1	3	1	1	10	3.3
21	Zawadka, Ela	14-6	343 24.5	35-84	.417	15-44	.341	7-10	.700	13	43	56	4.0	18	0	12	27	2	5	92	6.6
	Conference-Only..	5-2	156 31.2	12-41	.293	7-22	.318	4-4	1.000	6	23	29	5.8	7	0	7	10	2	3	35	7.0
22	DeVader, Danielle	14-10	284 20.3	20-57	.351	19-54	.352	2-3	.667	8	23	31	2.2	27	0	27	17	1	8	61	4.4
	Conference-Only..	5-5	127 25.4	13-30	.433	12-28	.429	0-0	.000	4	11	15	3.0	10	0	9	7	1	1	38	7.6
11	Marquez, Ivaney	14-6	245 17.5	23-75	.307	9-37	.243	6-12	.500	31	24	55	3.9	17	0	23	18	6	11	61	4.4
	Conference-Only..	5-1	95 19.0	6-27	.222	1-14	.071	0-1	.000	13	10	23	4.6	5	0	5	6	4	3	13	2.6
23	Davis, Lindsey	7-4	115 16.4	8-21	.381	0-1	.000	11-14	.786	3	7	10	1.4	15	0	14	13	2	4	27	3.9
	Conference-Only..	5-4	101 20.2	8-20	.400	0-1	.000	9-10	.900	3	7	10	2.0	11	0	12	10	2	4	25	5.0
33	Helfrich, Nichole	13-5	223 17.2	13-29	.448	0-0	.000	18-22	.818	20	23	43	3.3	39	0	11	14	7	14	44	3.4
	Conference-Only..	4-3	53 13.3	4-8	.500	0-0	.000	11-13	.846	5	5	10	2.5	11	0	3	2	2	6	19	4.8
13	Johnson, Misti	3-0	23 7.7	4-8	.500	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	4	0	0	2	0	2	8	2.7
	Conference-Only..	0-0	0 0.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
02	Henderson, Randi	14-1	156 11.1	7-15	.467	1-4	.250	0-2	.000	2	12	14	1.0	14	0	18	12	2	5	15	1.1
	Conference-Only..	5-1	40 8.0	2-4	.500	1-1	1.000	0-1	.000	0	4	4	0.8	4	0	2	5	0	0	5	1.0
53	Vavao-Huggins, Britt	6-0	39 6.5	3-8	.375	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	1	6	7	1.2	5	0	3	2	1	1	6	1.0
	Conference-Only..	2-0	7 3.5	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.0
	TEAM.....									11	32	43	3.1	0							
	Conference-Only..									3	9	12	2.4	0							
Total.....		14	2800	350-800	.438	91-257	.354	145-226	.642	196	353	549	39.2	285	6	221	234	62	109	936	66.9
Conference-Only..		5	1000	119-291	.409	34-95	.358	49-76	.645	67	125	192	38.4	96	3	68	84	23	34	321	64.2
Opponents.....		14	2800	231-719	.321	66-247	.267	222-326	.681	184	304	488	34.9	230	3	126	254	18	74	750	53.6
Conference-Only..		5	1000	112-282	.397	36-103	.350	82-117	.701	63	125	188	37.6	74	1	59	71	10	35	342	68.4

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTEND	HIGH POINTS	HIGH REBOUNDS
11/16/07	5:30 p.m.	at St. Edward's	W <u>60-39</u>	297	(18)Kantin,Robin	(8)Kantin,Robin
11/17/07	1:00 p.m.	vs Incarnate Word	W <u>52-43</u>	128	(12)Bonner,Trice	(7)Pierce,Tynesha
11/23/07	5:30 pm CST	vs Saint Mary (Kan.)	W <u>66-29</u>	100	(19)Hala'Api'Api,Fatai	(12)Hala'Api'Api,Fatai
11/24/07	5:30 pm CST	vs Quincy	W <u>83-51</u>	110	(19)Hala'Api'Api,Fatai	(12)Hala'Api'Api,Fatai
11/28/07	6 PM	WEBSTER UNIVERSITY	W <u>86-36</u>	1125	(17)Bonner,Trice	(9)Pierce,Tynesha
12/1/07	1 PM	ST. EDWARD'S	W <u>60-42</u>	225	(16)Marquez,Ivaney	(7)Marquez,Ivaney
12/7/07	7 PM	at Okla. Panhandle State	W <u>59-44</u>		(18)Kantin,Robin	(10)Pierce,Tynesha
12/17/07	6:00 pm	at Northeastern State	W <u>70-62</u>	400	(13)Zawadka,Ela	(8)Hala'Api'Api,Fatai
12/19/07	7 PM	EVANGEL	W <u>79-62</u>	406	(27)Hala'Api'Api,Fatai	(10)Pierce,Tynesha
1/2/08	5:30 pm	* at Truman State Univ.	<u>55-68</u> L	285	(12)Helfrich,Nichole	(11)Zawadka,Ela
1/5/08	5:30 PM	* MISSOURI WESTERN	<u>72-74</u> L	1137	(26)Hala'Api'Api,Fatai	(9)Pierce,Tynesha
1/9/08	5:30 PM	* PITTSBURG STATE	<u>44-54</u> L	1642	(13)Wood,India	(9)Hala'Api'Api,Fatai
01/12/08	1:30 p.m.	* at Central Missouri	W <u>85-82</u>	1300	(22)Wood,India	(7)Hala'Api'Api,Fatai
01/16/08	5:30 p.m.	* at NW Missouri State	W <u>65-64</u>	1008	(13)Wood,India	(6)Hala'Api'Api,Fatai

* - Conference game

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY	GAMES	TOTALS	AVG/GAME
HOME.....	5	4535	907
AWAY.....	6	3290	548
NEUTRAL.....	3	338	113
TOTAL.....	14	8163	583

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2007-08 SEASON HIGHS

Points: 15, at Central Missouri, 1-12-08
 Rebounds: 5, two times, last vs. Missouri Western, 1-5-08
 Field Goals: 5, at Central Missouri, 1-12-08
 3-Point FG: 5, at Central Missouri, 1-12-08
 Free Throws Made: 2, vs. St. Edward's, 12-1-07
 Assists: 6, vs. Missouri Western, 1-5-08
 Steals: 2, three times, last vs. Evangel, 12-19-07

22-Danielle DeVader
 5-9 • Jr. •
 Guard
 Holton, Kan.

CAREER HIGHS

Points: 18, two times, last vs. Ozark Christian, 12-06-05
 Rebounds: 9, two times, last vs. Washburn, 1-24-07
 Field Goals: 6, three times, last vs. Panhandle State, 11-29-06
 3-Point FG: 6, vs. Ozark Christian, 12-06-05
 Free Throws Made: 6, two times, last vs. Mo. Western, 2-24-07
 Assists: 6, vs. Missouri Western, 1-5-08
 Steals: 4, vs. Newman, 11-25-06

SEASON STATS								
GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
14/10	61-4.4	20-57	19-54	2-3	31-2.2	27	1	8
		.351	.352	.667				

CAREER STATS								
GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
53/34	392-7.4	124-308	98-250	46-51	167-3.2	82	13	41
		.403	.392	.902				



2007-08 SEASON HIGHS

Points: 17, vs. Evangel, 12-19-07
 Rebounds: 10, two times, last vs. Evangel, 12-19-07
 Field Goals Made: 7, two times, last vs. Evangel, 12-19-07
 3-Point FG Made: 2, vs. St. Edward's, 12-1-07
 Free Throws Made: 3, vs. Evangel, 12-19-07
 Assists: 2, four times, last vs. Missouri Western, 1-5-08
 Steals: 4, at Northwest Missouri State, 1-16-08

42-TYNESHA PIERCE
 6-0, Sr., Forward/
 Center
 Houston, Texas

CAREER HIGHS

Points: 26, vs. Evangel, 11-24-06
 Rebounds: 13, vs. Pittsburg State, 2-21-07
 Field Goals Made: 11, vs. Evangel, 11-24-06
 3-Point FG Made: 2, vs. St. Edward's, 12-1-07
 Free Throws Made: 6, two times, last vs. Mo. Western, 2-24-07
 Assists: 2, four times, last vs. Missouri Western, 1-5-08
 Steals: 4, two times, last at Northwest Missouri State, 1-16-08

SEASON STATS								
GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
14/12	141-10.1	63-132	5-10	10-19	88-6.3	11	9	18
		.477	.500	.526				

CAREER STATS								
GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
41/34	478-11.7	199-413	5-10	75-94	254-6.2	26	49	57
		.482	.500	.798				



2007-08 SEASON HIGHS

Points: 18, two times, last vs. Panhandle State, 12-7-07
 Rebounds: 8, two times, last vs. St. Mary's (Kan.), 11-23-07
 Field Goals: 7, vs. St. Edward's, 11-16-07
 3-Point FG: 3, vs. Panhandle State, 12-7-07
 Free Throws Made: 4, two times, last vs. Quincy, 11-24-07
 Assists: 5, two times, last vs. St. Mary's (Kan.), 11-23-07
 Steals: 2, vs. St. Edward's, 12-1-07

20-Robin Kantin
 5-8 • Sr. •
 Guard
 Silver Spring, Md.

CAREER HIGHS

Points: 20, two times, last vs. Central Methodist, 11-21-06
 Rebounds: 12, two times, last vs. Mo. Western, 1-28-06
 Field Goals: 10, vs. Newman (Kan.), 11-30-05
 3-Point FG: 5, at Fort Hays State, 2-3-07
 Free Throws Made: 9, vs. Missouri Western, 1-28-06
 Assists: 6, at Truman State, 1-7-06
 Steals: 6, at East Central, 12-20-05

SEASON STATS								
GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
8/8	84-10.5	28-67	10-28	18-24	30-3.8	22	1	5
		.418	.357	.750				

CAREER STATS								
GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
63/61	695-11.0	227-546	39-122	200-274	331-5.3	165	9	76
		.416	.320	.730				



2007-08 SEASON HIGHS

Points: 27, vs. Evangel, 12-19-07
 Field Goals 12, vs. Missouri Western, 1-5-08
 3-Point FG Made: None
 Free Throws Made: 9, vs. Evangel, 12-19-07
 Rebounds: 12, two times, last vs. Quincy, 11-24-07
 Assists: 1, seven times, last at Northwest Missouri State, 1-16-08
 Steals: 2, vs. St. Edward's, 11-16-07

15-FATAI HALA'API'API
 6-1, Sr., Center
 Lahaina, Hawaii

CAREER HIGHS

Points: 27, vs. Evangel, 12-19-07
 Field Goals 12, vs. Missouri Western, 1-5-08
 3-Point FG Made: None
 Free Throws Made: 9, vs. Evangel, 12-19-07
 Rebounds: 14, vs. Central Missouri, 1-6-07
 Assists: 3, vs. Emporia State, 2-7-07
 Steals: 2, five times, last vs. St. Edward's, 11-16-07

SEASON STATS								
GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
14/5	175-12.5	73-122	0-0	29-53	84-6.0	7	25	5
		.598	.000	.547				

CAREER STATS								
GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
33/17	379-11.5	160-286	0-0	59-104	192-5.8	17	55	22
		.559	.000	.567				



2007-08 SEASON HIGHS

Points: 5, at Truman, 1-2-08
 Field Goals 2, two times, last at Truman, 1-2-08
 3-Point FG Made: 1, at Truman, 1-2-08
 Free Throws Made: None
 Rebounds: 4, vs. Quincy, 11-24-07
 Assists: 4, vs. St. Mary's (Kan.), 11-23-07
 Steals: 3, vs. St. Edward's, 12-1-07

2-RANDI HENDERSON
 5-4, So., Guard
 Urbana, Mo

CAREER HIGHS

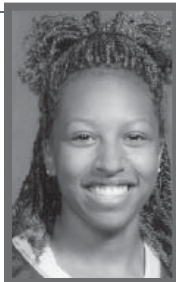
Points: 5, at Truman, 1-2-08
 Field Goals 2, two times, last at Truman, 1-2-08
 3-Point FG Made: 1, two times, last at Truman, 1-2-08
 Free Throws Made: 2, two times, last vs. Southwest Baptist, 2-10-07
 Rebounds: 4, vs. Quincy, 11-24-07
 Assists: 4, two times, last vs. St. Mary's (Kan.), 11-23-07
 Steals: 3, vs. St. Edward's, 12-1-07

SEASON STATS

GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
14/1	15-1.1	7-15	1-4	0-2	14-1.0	18	2	5
		.467	.250	.000				

CAREER STATS

GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
36/1	24-0.7	9-28	2-14	4-6	24-0.7	34	5	14
		.321	.143	.667				



2007-08 SEASON HIGHS

Points: 22, at Central Missouri, 1-12-08
 Field Goals 7, at Central Missouri, 1-12-08
 3-Point FG Made: 6, at Central Missouri, 1-12-08
 Free Throws Made: 7, vs. Pittsburg State, 1-9-08
 Rebounds: 9, vs. Panhandle State, 12-7-07
 Assists: 9, vs. Evangel, 12-19-07
 Steals: 4, at Central Missouri, 1-12-08

5- INDIA WOOD
 5-7, Jr., Guard
 Decatur, Ala.

CAREER HIGHS

Points: 22, at Central Missouri, 1-12-08
 Field Goals 7, at Central Missouri, 1-12-08
 3-Point FG Made: 6, at Central Missouri, 1-12-08
 Free Throws Made: 7, vs. Pittsburg State, 1-9-08
 Rebounds: 9, vs. Panhandle State, 12-7-07
 Assists: 9, vs. Evangel, 12-19-07
 Steals: 4, at Central Missouri, 1-12-08

SEASON STATS

GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
14/13	132-9.4	45-107	17-44	25-42	47-3.4	61	0	14
		.421	.386	.595				

CAREER STATS

GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
33/14	196-5.9	68-182	28-81	32-55	80-2.4	110	2	25
		.374	.346	.582				



2007-08 SEASON HIGHS

Points: 14, vs. Missouri Western, 1-5-08
 Rebounds: 11, at Truman, 1-2-08
 Field Goals Made: 5, four times, last vs. Missouri Western, 1-5-08
 3-Point FG Made: 4, vs. Missouri Western, 1-5-08
 Free Throws Made: 4, at Central Missouri, 1-12-08
 Assists: 3, two times, last at Truman, 1-2-08
 Steals: 2, at Truman, 1-2-08

21-ELA ZAWADKA
 5-11, Sr.,
 Guard
 Torun, Poland

CAREER HIGHS

Points: 15, at Central Missouri, 2-14-07
 Rebounds: 11, at Truman, 1-2-08
 Field Goals Made: 6, at Central Missouri, 2-14-07
 3-Point FG Made: 4, vs. Missouri Western, 1-5-08
 Free Throws Made: 4, at Central Missouri, 1-12-08
 Assists: 3, three times, last at Truman, 1-2-08
 Steals: 3, vs. Truman, 12-9-06

SEASON STATS

GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
14/6	92-6.6	35-84	15-44	7-10	56-4.0	12	2	5
		.417	.341	.700				

CAREER STATS

GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
41/10	241-5.9	90-223	37-115	20-33	133-3.2	36	7	21
		.404	.322	.606				



2007-08 SEASON HIGHS

Points: 17, vs. Webster, 11-28-07
 Field Goals Made: 7, vs. Webster, 11-28-07
 3-Point FG Made: 3, two times, last vs. Webster, 11-28-07
 Free Throws Made: 6, vs. Incarnate Word, 11-17-07
 Rebounds: 6, vs. Webster, 11-28-07
 Assists: 3, vs. Webster, 11-28-07
 Steals: 3, three times, last vs. Northeastern State, 12-17-07

10-TRICE BONNER
 5-11, So. Guard/
 Forward
 Mobile, Ala.

SEASON STATS								
GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
12/0	90-7.5	28-75	15-33	19-23	40-3.3	12	6	17
		.375	.455	.826				



2007-08 SEASON HIGHS

Points: 16, vs. St. Edward's, 12-1-07
 Field Goals Made: 7, vs. St. Edward's, 12-1-07
 3-Point FG Made: 2, two times, last vs. St. Mary's (Kan.), 11-23-07
 Free Throws Made: 3, vs. St. Edward's, 11-16-07
 Rebounds: 10, at Northwest Missouri State, 1-16-08
 Assists: 4, vs. Quincy, 11-24-07
 Steals: 2, two times, last vs. St. Edward's, 12-1-07

11-IVANEY MARQUEZ
 5-11, Jr., Guard
 Valencia, Venezuela

SEASON STATS								
GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
14/6	61-4.4	23-75	9-37	6-12	55-3.9	23	6	11
		.307	.243	.500				



2007-08 SEASON HIGHS

Points: 4, vs. St. Mary's (Kan.), 11-23-07
 Field Goals Made: 2, vs. St. Mary's (Kan.), 11-23-07
 3-Point FG Made: N/A
 Free Throws Made: N/A
 Rebounds: 1, vs. Webster, 11-28-07
 Assists: N/A
 Steals: 2, vs. Webster, 11-28-07

13-MISTI JOHNSON
 5-6, Jr., Guard
 Gainesville, Mo.

SEASON STATS								
GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
3/0	8-2.7	4-8	0-2	0-0	1-0.3	0	0	2
		.500	.000	.000				



2007-08 SEASON HIGHS

Points: 11, at Northwest Missouri State, 1-16-08
 Field Goals Made: 4, at Northwest Missouri State, 1-16-08
 3-Point FG Made: None
 Free Throws Made: 4, at Central Missouri, 1-12-08
 Rebounds: 5, at Northwest Missouri State, 1-16-08
 Assists: 5, at Northwest Missouri State, 1-16-08
 Steals: 3, at Northwest Missouri State, 1-16-08

23-LINDSAY DAVIS
 5-8, Jr., Guard
 Wellington, Kan.

SEASON STATS								
GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
7/4	27-3.9	8-21	0-1	11-14	10-1.4	14	2	4
		.381	.000	.786				



2007-08 SEASON HIGHS

Points: 12, at Truman, 1-2-08
 Field Goals Made: 3, at Truman, 1-2-08
 3-Point FG Made: None
 Free Throws Made: 6, at Truman, 1-2-08
 Rebounds: 8, vs. Webster, 11-28-07
 Assists: 2, four times, last at Central Missouri, 1-12-08
 Steals: 2, four times, last vs. Pittsburg State, 1-9-08

33-NICHOLE HELFRICH
 6-0, Jr., Forward
 Beech Grove, Ind.

SEASON STATS								
GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
13/5	44-3.4	13-29	0-0	18-22	43-3.3	11	7	14
		.448	.000	.818				



2007-08 SEASON HIGHS

Points: 4, vs. Webster, 11-28-07
 Field Goals Made: 2, vs. Webster, 11-28-07
 3-Point FG Made: None
 Free Throws Made: None
 Rebounds: 3, two times, last vs. Webster, 11-28-07
 Assists: 1, three times, last at Truman, 1-2-08
 Steals: 1, vs. Evangel, 12-19-07

53-BRITTANY VAVAO-HUGGINS
 5-11, Fr., Forward
 Fayetteville, Ark.

SEASON STATS								
GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
6/0	6-1.0	3-8	0-0	0-2	7-1.2	3	1	1
		.375	.000	.000				

Game 1 • Nov. 16, 2007
Lions 60, St. Edward's 39

AUSTIN, TEXAS -- The Missouri Southern Lions used a stifling defensive effort and a game-high 18 points from senior Robin Kantin (Silver Spring, Md.) to record a season-opening 60-39 win over the St. Edward's Hilltoppers at the St. Edward's Shootout Friday night (Nov. 16) in Austin, Texas.

MSSU took charge with a 9-0 run to begin the second to expand a seven-point edge into a 16-point cushion with 16:29 remaining in the game.

Whitney Regian sparked an 8-2 run for the Hilltoppers by hitting a pair of free throws and a three-pointer that cut the lead to 10 with 14:09 left.

The Lions responded with a 14-4 burst over the next 6:47 to go up by 20 at 48-28 with just 7:22 left. Trice Bonner (Mobile, Ala.) and India Wood (Decatur, Ala.) each scored five points in that span to key the big run. The Lions maintained at least a 15 point lead the remainder of the contest.

MSSU (1-0) scored the game's first five points and led 9-3 at the 13:38 point of the first half. The Hilltoppers (0-1) then hit six free throws, four by Regian to gain its only lead of the game at 10-9 with 9:56 remaining in the opening half.

The Lions' suffocating defense held St. Edward's to only one field goal in the first half on only 5.6 percent shooting (1-of-18). But turnovers and foul trouble led to the Hilltoppers making 13-of-22 from the charity stripe and trailing only 23-16 at the half.

Missouri Southern (1-0)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Marquez *	2-5	2-3	3-4	2	1	3	9
Hala'api'api *	1-2	0-0	1-2	3	4	1	3
Wood *	3-8	1-3	0-0	5	1	2	7
Kantin *	7-7	2-2	2-2	8	2	4	18
Zawadka *	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	2	0	0
Henderson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	0
Bonner	3-5	1-1	4-4	5	4	0	11
DeVader	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	0
Helfrich	1-2	0-0	0-0	5	4	0	2
Pierce	5-9	0-1	0-1	6	3	1	10
TOTALS	22-47	6-11	10-13	38	25	13	60
	.550	.545	.769				

St. Edward's (0-1)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Bartosh *	1-3	1-2	3-6	3	2	2	6
Sumler *	1-4	0-1	1-6	0	3	0	3
Tidwell *	3-12	0-4	4-4	0	2	1	10
Head *	0-2	0-0	0-0	4	3	0	0
Regian *	1-4	1-2	8-9	5	1	0	11
Lara	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0
Nagel	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	2	0
Etheridge	1-5	0-2	0-1	0	0	1	2
Payton	1-4	0-1	0-0	2	0	0	2
White	0-2	0-0	3-4	0	3	0	3
Starr	0-2	0-0	0-2	0	0	0	0
Rowland	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2
Saathoff	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
TOTALS	9-42	2-13	19-32	18	17	6	39
	.214	.154	.594				

Halftime: MSSU 23, STEU 16; Turnovers: MSSU 28, STEU 19; Steals: MSSU 8 (Bonner 3), STEU 6 (Bartosh, Lara 2); Blocked Shots: MSSU 4 (Marquez, Kantin, Henderson, Helfrich), STEU 0.

Game 2 • Nov. 17, 2007
Lions 52, Incarnate Word 43

Austin, Texas -- The Missouri Southern women's basketball team took a lead just two minutes into the second half on a layup from Tynesha Pierce and wouldn't trail then on out, defeating Incarnate Word today, 52-43 in the team's final game at the St. Edwards University Classic in Austin.

Southern (2-0) scored the game's first points on a bucket from Fatai Hala'Api'Api in the game's first possession.

A layup from UIW's (1-1) Kim Robinson at the 16 minute mark, however, gave the Cardinals a six point lead at 10-4.

The Lions re-took the lead at 21-20 on a layup from Robin Kantin with five minutes left. Three's from Danielle DeVader, first at the three minute mark and another with just over a minute left gave the Lions a one point advantage each time, however, a free throw from UIW's Kava Cinnamon with 22 seconds left, gave the Cardinals a one point lead at the half.

Pierce tied the game at 30 with a free-throw to start the second half and her bucket just two minutes in gave the Lions a lead they wouldn't relinquish. The lead was as big as 11, after a free throw from Trice Bonner with 22 seconds remaining, one of six she made in the final 46 seconds.

Missouri Southern (2-0)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Hala'api'api *	2-2	0-0	1-2	2	5	0	5
Zawadka *	2-4	0-2	1-2	2	0	0	5
Wood *	1-6	1-4	0-0	1	4	6	3
Marquez *	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Kantin *	3-8	1-4	4-4	2	1	5	11
Henderson	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0
Bonner	2-3	2-2	6-6	4	3	0	12
DeVader	2-5	2-5	0-0	5	1	2	6
Helfrich	0-1	0-0	0-0	6	4	0	0
Pierce	4-12	0-0	2-4	7	4	1	10
TOTALS	16-42	6-18	14-18	34	22	14	52
	.381	.333	.778				

Incarnate Word (1-1)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Harvey *	1-6	0-0	4-8	5	5	0	6
Hardy *	4-7	0-1	4-7	6	2	3	12
Robinson *	2-7	0-4	0-0	5	1	2	4
Torru *	4-13	1-7	0-0	4	2	3	9
Kava *	0-4	0-4	3-4	2	1	0	3
Sledge	0-1	0-1	0-0	2	1	1	0
Greenwood	1-3	1-2	1-2	1	1	0	4
Holden	2-2	0-0	1-2	1	3	0	5
TOTALS	14-43	2-19	13-23	28	16	9	43
	.326	.105	.565				

Halftime: UIW 30, MSSU 29; Turnovers: MSSU 18, UIW 13; Steals: UIW 6 (Harvey, Hardy 2), MSSU 5 (Helfrich 2); Blocked Shots: MSSU 2 (Hala'api'api, Pierce), UIW 2 (Harvey 2).

Game 3 • Nov. 23, 2007
Lions 66, St. Mary's (Kan.) 29

Pittsburg, Kan. - The Missouri Southern Lions held the St. Mary's (Kan.) Spires to a four-percent (1-of-25) shooting percentage in the first half and rolled to a 66-29 win in action at the Pittsburg State Pizza Hut/Comfort Inn Classic Friday night (Nov. 23) in Pittsburg, Kan.

The Lions (3-0) roared out of the gate as seniors Fatai Hala'api'api (Maui, Hawaii) and Tynesha Pierce (Houston, Texas) combined for 14 points in a 15-0 MSSU spurt to begin the game.

The Spires' (3-3) followed that with their lone field goal of the first half that came on a jumper by Jamie Mireles at the 9:39 mark.

Southern then went on a 16-3 run that featured a pair of treys by Trice Bonner (Mobile, Ala.) that put the Lions on top 31-5 with 2:34 remaining in the first half.

The Lions went on to lead 38-7 at halftime

A three-pointer by Ivaney Marquez (Valencia, Venezuela) and a free throw from Fatai gave the Lions their largest lead to that point at 42-7 just 3:10 into the second half.

Katie Joens then scored seven points in a 9-4 St. Mary's run to pull the Spires within 30 with 13:47 left, but the Lions gained their biggest lead of the night with a 16-4 burst that was capped by a three-pointer from Bonner to go ahead 62-20 with 3:43 left.

Missouri Southern (3-0)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Marquez *	2-6	2-6	0-0	2	2	2	6
Pierce *	7-15	0-0	0-0	6	3	0	14
Wood *	2-7	0-2	1-1	3	1	1	5
Kantin *	2-11	0-1	1-3	8	0	5	5
Zawadka *	0-1	0-0	0-0	7	2	0	0
Henderson	0-3	0-1	0-0	3	0	4	0
Bonner	3-7	3-4	2-2	2	2	2	11
Johnson	2-3	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	4
Hala'api'api	6-11	0-0	7-8	12	0	0	19
DeVader	0-2	0-2	0-0	1	3	1	0
Helfrich	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	3	2	2
Vavao-Huggins	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0
TOTALS	25-70	5-17	11-14	50	18	18	66
	.357	.294	.786				

St. Mary's (Kan.) (3-3)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Helm *	1-6	0-1	2-4	7	1	0	4
Leonard *	1-11	0-1	6-6	5	4	0	8
Teal *	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Jacobs *	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0
Gillispie *	0-5	0-4	0-0	2	2	0	0
Todd	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0
Joens	2-5	1-2	4-4	1	3	2	9
Mireles	1-10	0-5	2-2	3	0	0	4
Shea	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	1	1	0
Packham	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0
Garcia	2-9	0-0	0-0	7	1	0	4
TOTALS	7-49	1-14	14-16	38	16	3	29
	.326	.105	.565				

Halftime: MSSU 38, St. Mary's 7; Turnovers: St. Mary's 27, MSSU 14; Steals: MSSU 5 (Pierce 3), St. Mary's 3 (Leonard 2); Blocked Shots: MSSU 6 (Hala'api'api 5), St. Mary's 1 (Shea).

Game 4 • Nov. 24, 2007
Lions 83, Quincy 51

Pittsburg, Kan. - Fatai Hala'api'api (Maui, Hawaii) shot a perfect 9-of-9 from the field and scored 19 points and pulled down 12 rebounds to lead the Missouri Southern Lions to a 4-0 start with an 83-51 win over the Quincy Lady Hawks in the final night of the Pittsburg State Pizza Hut/Comfort Inn Classic Saturday night (Nov. 24) in Pittsburg, Kan.

The game was close through much of the first half but the Lions took control with an 18-4 run to snap a 13-13 tie and surge ahead 31-17 with 34 seconds left in the first half.

India Wood (Athens, Ala.) and Danielle DeVader (Holton, Kan.) combined for 14 points during that span, with Wood hitting a trey and converting a three-point play and DeVader knocking in a pair of threes in that stretch. The Lions led 31-18 at the half.

MSSU expanded the lead in the second half behind a 61.3 percent (19-of-31) offensive explosion from the field.

The Lions outscored the Lady Hawks 19-10 to begin the second half and led 50-28 with 14:56 remaining after Fatai converted consecutive field goals.

Southern later went on a 10-0 run to turn a 20-point advantage into a commanding 66-36 lead with 8:52 left in the second half. The Lions then obtained their biggest advantage of the night when Robin Kantin (Silver Spring, Md.) hit from three-point distance to make it 71-37 just 1:51 later.

Missouri Southern (4-0)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Pierce *	0-3	0-0	1-2	2	5	0	1
Hala'api'api	9-9	0-0	1-2	12	1	1	19
Wood *	5-10	1-3	2-3	6	1	3	13
Kantin *	4-11	2-4	4-4	4	2	2	14
DeVader *	3-5	3-5	0-0	1	3	1	9
Henderson	0-1	0-0	0-1	4	1	3	0
Bonner	2-9	1-3	1-2	4	1	2	6
Marquez	1-4	0-2	0-1	4	1	4	2
Johnson	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2
Zawadka	5-10	3-7	0-0	2	0	3	13
Helfrich	1-2	0-0	0-0	5	3	1	2
Vavao-Huggins	1-1	0-0	0-0	3	1	0	2
TOTALS	32-67	10-24	9-15	53	19	20	83
	.478	.417	.600				

Quincy (2-2)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Stellflue *	3-17	1-8	6-8	5	3	3	13
Burgin *	3-9	1-3	2-2	2	3	0	9
Young *	1-4	1-2	1-2	4	2	0	4
Irby *	1-7	0-1	0-0	6	1	3	2
Keller *	3-14	1-3	0-0	5	1	1	7
Gavlick	4-7	0-0	0-1	2	0	1	8
King	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	1
Lumley	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Vaughn	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Shuman	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0
Ballenger	1-1	0-0	2-2	1	1	0	4
Koehler	1-4	0-0	1-4	6	1	0	3
TOTALS	17-67	4-17	13-21	38	12	8	51
	.254	.235	.619				

Halftime: MSSU 31, QU 18; Turnovers: MSSU 17, QU 13; Steals: MSSU 4 (Bonner 2), QU 4 (Keller 2); Blocked Shots: MSSU 4 (Hala'api'api 3), QU 3 (Keller 2).

Game 5 • Nov. 28, 2007
Lions 86, Webster 36

Joplin, Mo. - Missouri Southern head coach Maryann Mitts won her 103rd game to move into second-place on the MSSU all-time wins list as the Lions defeated the Webster Gorloks 86-36 Wednesday night (Nov. 28) at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center. The win moves the Lions to a perfect 5-0 on the season.

The outcome was never in doubt as the Lions scored the first eight points of the game behind five early points from Robin Kantin (Silver Spring, Md.).

MSSU later built the lead to 20 with a 15-2 run over a 5:15 span to lead 27-7 with 10:21 remaining in the first half.

After Julie McGirl made a layup to bring the Gorloks to within 18, the Lions ripped off an 8-0 spurt that was capped by an Ela Zawadka (Torun, Poland) layup to lead 35-9.

The Lions then out-scored Webster 11-5 over the next 4:29 as India Wood (Decatur, Ala.) converted a layup to put the Lions on top 46-14 with 1:11 left in the opening half. Southern would lead 46-16 at the half.

The second half would not be any different as Kantin scored five points to lead a 9-2 Southern run after halftime that made it 55-18 in favor of the Lions with 15:47 remaining.

The largest lead of the night came when Brittany Vavao-Huggins (Fayetteville, Ark.) hit a jumper with 1:57 remaining to give the Lions an 86-35 lead.

Missouri Southern (5-0)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Wood *	4-6	0-1	0-0	2	0	3	8
Hala'api'api *	4-6	0-0	2-4	4	1	0	10
Kantin *	4-6	2-4	1-2	1	2	1	11
DeVader *	0-4	0-3	0-0	2	0	3	0
Pierce *	5-10	0-0	0-0	9	3	2	10
Henderson	1-3	0-2	0-0	0	4	2	2
Bonner	7-11	3-5	0-1	6	4	3	17
Marquez	3-9	2-5	0-1	5	1	1	8
Johnson	1-3	0-1	0-0	1	3	0	2
Zawadka	3-4	1-2	1-2	3	1	0	8
Helfrich	1-4	0-0	4-4	8	1	2	6
Vavao-Huggins	2-3	0-0	0-2	3	2	1	4
TOTALS	35-69	8-23	8-16	46	22	18	86
	.507	.348	.500				

Webster (2-2)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
McQueen *	0-4	0-2	2-2	6	2	6	2
McGill *	3-8	0-0	3-5	1	3	0	9
Goedeker *	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	3	0	0
Chesnek *	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	4	0	0
Meyer *	3-13	1-6	0-0	4	0	0	7
Venegoni	2-4	0-1	2-4	2	1	0	6
Wamser, R.	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Martin	1-4	1-2	2-2	0	1	1	5
Wamser, J.	1-5	1-5	0-0	5	0	0	3
Vahay	0-3	0-0	1-4	5	1	2	1
VanGennip	0-0	0-0	1-4	1	0	2	1
Gellnett	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	2
TOTALS	11-46	3-16	11-21	34	15	9	36
	.239	.188	.524				

Halftime: MSSU 46, WU 16; Turnovers: WU 29, MSSU 14; Steals: MSSU 13 (Bonner 3), WU 2 (McQueen, VanGennip); Blocked Shots: MSSU 5 (Helfrich 2), WU 0.

Game 5 • Nov. 28, 2007
Lions 86, Webster 36

Joplin, Mo. - Ivaney Marquez (Valencia, Venezuela) scored a career-high 16 points and the Missouri Southern Lions used another inspiring defensive performance to improve to 6-0 by defeating the St. Edward's Hilltoppers for the second time this season, 60-42 Saturday afternoon (Dec. 1) at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

The Lions also knocked off the Hilltoppers 60-39 back on Nov. 16 at the St. Edward's Shootout in Austin, Texas in the season-opener for both squads.

Southern came out of the gates a bit sluggish, missing their first seven shots and falling into an early 7-0 hole with 14:01 left in the first half.

But Trice Bonner (Mobile, Ala.) knocked down a three-pointer for the Lions' first field-goal with 13:07 left in the half and that sparked a 7-0 Lions spurt that tied the game.

Tynesha Pierce (Houston, Texas) then hit her first two career three-pointers to lead a 13-5 run as the Lions jumped ahead 20-12 with 7:42 remaining in the first half.

The Lions led by as many as 10 in the opening half before taking a 31-23 advantage at halftime.

After the Hilltoppers trimmed the lead to 37-31, Marquez made three consecutive layups and contributed two steals as the Lions outscored STEU 8-0 over the next 3:06 to lead 45-31 with 10:45 left in the game.

The Hilltoppers (2-5) got no closer than 11 the rest of the way.

Missouri Southern (6-0)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Wood *	0-4	0-2	0-2	0	2	4	0
Hala'api'api *	5-8	0-0	0-1	3	4	1	10
Kantin *	0-3	0-1	0-0	2	0	1	0
DeVader *	1-3	1-3	2-2	2	0	1	5
Pierce *	3-6	2-2	1-2	2	3	0	9
Henderson	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	4
Bonner	1-8	1-2	2-2	5	4	0	5
Marquez	7-10	1-3	1-3	7	2	2	16
Johnson	1-3	0-1	0-0	1	3	0	2
Zawadka	2-4	0-2	0-0	6	2	1	4
Helfrich	2-3	0-0	3-5	1	2	0	7
TOTALS	23-51	5-15	9-17	32	22	13	60
	.451	.333	.529				

St. Edward's (2-5)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Bartosh *	1-7	0-2	4-8	5	2	2	6
Regian *	2-6	2-3	5-6	3	4	1	11
Sumler *	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	4	0	2
Tidwell *	3-11	2-5	6-8	3	1	0	14
Head *	0-4	0-0	5-6	10	5	1	5
Lara	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Nagel	0-1	0-1	0-0	4	1	0	0
Etheridge	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Payton	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0
White	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Starr	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0
Rowland	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Saathoff	2-6	0-0	0-0	3	1	0	4
TOTALS	9-43	4-13	20-28	38	20	4	42
	.209	.308	.714				

Halftime: MSSU 31, STEU 23; Turnovers: STEU 27, MSSU 18; Steals: MSSU 14 (Henderson 3), STEU 4 (Sumler, Tidwell 2); Blocked Shots: MSSU 6 (Hala'api'api 3), STEU 2 (Sumler, Rowland).

Game 7 • Dec. 7, 2007 Lions 59, OPSU 44

Goodwell, Okla. - Robin Kantin went on a 7-0 run of her own in the second half to help vault the Missouri Southern Lions to a pivotal 59-44 regional win tonight at Oklahoma Panhandle State University.

Southern (7-0) fell down 7-0 early to the Lady Aggies, but a jumper from Tynesha Pierce put the Lions on the board.

A layup from OPSU's (4-4) Ro Wilson made the score 9-2, but jumpers from Fatai Hala'Api'Api and India Wood, as well as a three from Robin Kantin tied the game at nine at the 13 minute mark.

A three from Trice Bonner with 10 minutes left gave Southern its first lead of the game at 15-13 and a jumper from Ela Zawadka a minute later pushed the Lions' lead to 17-14 with 9:41 left. The Lady Aggies went on a 7-0 run behind a three from Sarah Polson and a jumper from Alisha Sladek, as well as a layup from Cherrelle Tillis, giving OPSU a 20-17 lead with 4:58 left.

After a Lady Aggie free throw, Kantin and Wood hit back-to-back jumpers to tie the game at 21 heading into the locker room at the half.

Wood put the Lions back on top hitting a jumper right out of the locker room to start the half. Back-to-back scores from Pierce extended the Lions' lead to 29-24 with 17:32 left in the game, but a three from Polson got the Lady Aggies back to within one, (29-28) with 16:37 left.

That would be as close as OPSU would get. A three from Kantin gave the Lions a nine point advantage (45-36) with 8:26 left and a three from Pierce just 26 seconds later made the lead 11. The Lions would lead by as much as 17 after a three from India Wood, her third of the game, made the score 59-42 with three minutes left.

Missouri Southern (7-0)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Wood *	6-11	3-7	0-0	9	0	3	15
Marquez *	0-4	0-0	0-0	5	1	1	0
Kantin *	6-15	3-10	3-6	3	2	4	18
Zawadka *	1-3	0-1	0-0	3	0	0	2
Pierce *	5-8	1-1	0-0	10	3	2	11
Henderson	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2
Bonner	2-3	1-2	0-0	1	3	1	5
Hala'api'api	3-9	0-0	0-4	6	1	1	6
DeVader	0-4	0-4	0-0	2	3	3	0
Helfrich	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	4	1	0
TOTALS	24-60	8-25	3-10	45	18	17	59
	.400	.320	.300				

Okla. Panhandle State (4-4)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Sladek *	3-8	0-2	0-1	2	2	0	6
Polson *	2-10	2-9	0-0	9	4	1	6
Watkins *	1-1	0-0	1-1	1	1	0	3
Maas *	0-1	0-1	0-4	4	2	1	0
Wilson *	5-16	0-0	1-2	12	1	0	11
Terry	0-4	0-4	0-0	1	0	1	0
Cramer	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Tillis	2-11	0-2	6-8	6	3	1	10
Brown	2-10	0-2	4-9	2	1	1	8
Ortega	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Rogic	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
TOTALS	15-61	2-20	12-25	46	16	5	44
	.246	.100	.480				

Halftime: MSSU 21, OPSU 21; Turnovers: MSSU 18, OPSU 16; Steals: OPSU 11 (Polson, Tillis 3), MSSU 8 (Wood, Bonner 2); Blocked Shots: MSSU 7 (Hala'api'api 3), OPSU 0.

Game 8 • Dec. 17, 2007 Lions 70, NSU 62

Tahlequah, Okla. - The No. 24-ranked Missouri Southern Lions used an inspired second half and held on to defeat the Northeastern State Riverhawks 70-62 to improve to a perfect 8-0 on the season Monday night (Dec. 17) in Tahlequah, Okla.

The first half was a see-saw affair and with Southern trailing 31-28, Trice Bonner knocked in a trey and converted two free-throws to give the Lions a 33-31 advantage at the break.

The Lions opened the second half on a 7-0 run to take a 40-31 lead. Tynesha Pierce hit a three-pointer and a layup and India Wood nailed a jumper in transition to key the spurt.

The Riverhawks' Verressa Gaston then converted a three-point play to cut the lead to 40-34, but Ela Zawadka put in one of her three treys on the night to put the Lions back up by nine at 43-34 with 14:58 left.

Southern later out-scored the Riverhawks (3-7) 10-4 over a stretch of 3:45 as Ivaney Marquez capped it with a three-pointer to give the Lions their largest lead of the night at 64-48 with 5:34 remaining in the game.

After the Riverhawks trimmed the lead down to nine, Bonner rebounded her own missed shot and hit a jumper to give the Lions a 68-57 lead with 1:34 left.

But NSU wasn't through as Katie Beshoner made a layup and Sarah Miller hit from long-range to make it 68-62 with 51 seconds remaining.

Wood then missed the front end of a one-on-one opportunity but Marquez made a critical steal on the defensive end and then knocked down a pair of big free throws that put the Lions up by the final margin of 70-62.

#24 Missouri Southern (8-0)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Wood *	3-6	0-2	5-7	5	0	8	11
Kantin *	2-6	0-2	3-3	2	1	0	7
DeVader *	0-2	0-2	0-1	1	1	5	0
Helfrich *	2-3	0-0	0-0	2	3	0	4
Pierce *	4-5	1-2	0-0	1	5	0	9
Henderson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Bonner	4-7	1-4	2-4	4	3	2	11
Marquez	1-2	1-1	2-2	1	0	1	5
Hala'api'api	5-11	0-0	0-1	8	3	0	10
Zawadka	5-7	3-5	0-0	2	2	1	13
Davis	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	0
TOTALS	26-49	6-18	12-18	28	21	18	70
	.531	.333	.667				

Northeastern State (3-7)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Sams *	1-5	0-3	0-0	4	4	7	2
Quintana *	1-10	0-5	0-0	0	1	1	2
Gaston *	3-7	0-0	6-6	6	3	0	12
White *	1-3	1-2	5-6	1	1	3	8
Gordon *	4-6	0-0	0-0	3	2	0	8
Webb	3-4	0-0	0-0	3	3	1	6
Hunter	2-4	2-3	2-2	2	2	0	8
Barnhill	3-5	1-2	2-4	3	3	2	9
Millar	1-3	1-3	0-0	0	1	0	3
Jent	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	2
Beshoner	1-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	1	2
TOTALS	21-50	5-18	15-19	31	20	15	62
	.420	.278	.789				

Halftime: MSSU 33, NSU 31; Turnovers: NSU 16, MSSU 14; Steals: MSSU 9 (Bonner 3), NSU 3 (Sams, Gordon, Webb); Blocked Shots: MSSU 2 (Bonner, Hala'api'api), NSU 0.

Game 9 • Dec. 19, 2007 Lions 79, Evangel 62

Joplin, Mo. - Fatai Hala'Api'Api and Tynesha Pierce combined for 44 points to lead the No. 23-ranked Missouri Southern Lions to a 79-62 win over the Evangel Lady Crusaders in their non-conference finale Wednesday night (Dec. 19) at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

The 23rd ranked Lions finish the non-conference portion of their schedule at 9-0, including a perfect 6-0 in the South Central Region.

The Lions led throughout and gained their largest lead of the night as India Wood knocked in a three-pointer to put Southern up 54-36 with 14:02 remaining in the game.

Evangel (2-7) fought back and out-scored the Lions 7-0 over the next 2:41 to come within 54-43 on a trey from Katie Burger.

Southern then gained more breathing room with a 16-10 run and jumped back ahead 70-53 after a pair of free throw by Fatai with 4:25 remaining.

The Lady Crusaders would not go away though and went on a 7-1 spurt that was sparked by five points from Megan Jewell to claw back within 71-60 with 2:42 left in the contest.

But Fatai helped Southern put it away with six points over the next 2:11 as the Lions ended the game on an 8-2 run.

The Lions jumped on Evangel early by scoring 13 of the game's first 15 points as Ela Zawadka knocked in a three and made two jumpers in that span that helped the Lions lead 13-2.

Southern led by as many as 17 on two occasions in the first half, with the last coming after two free throws from Fatai put the Lions up 39-22 with 2:17 left in the first half.

The Lions went on to lead 42-28 at the half.

#23 Missouri Southern (9-0)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Wood *	2-6	1-2	5-10	1	1	9	10
Marquez *	1-7	0-2	0-0	6	4	4	2
DeVader *	1-2	1-2	0-0	2	3	2	3
Helfrich *	1-2	0-0	0-0	3	4	2	2
Pierce *	7-14	0-1	3-3	10	3	2	17
Henderson	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	2
Bonner	1-4	0-2	0-0	1	1	1	2
Hala'api'api	9-15	0-0	9-10	3	2	0	27
Zawadka	5-8	1-2	1-2	2	2	0	12
Davis	0-1	0-0	2-4	0	1	2	2
Vavao-Huggins	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0
TOTALS	28-61	3-11	20-29	31	22	22	79
	.459	.273	.690				

Evangel (2-7)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Hargus *	2-8	2-5	2-2	3	1	0	8
Burger *	3-4	1-1	2-2	5	3	0	9
Mingus *	2-6	1-2	2-2	0	1	1	7
Prentice *	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0
Luko *	2-3	0-0	2-2	2	3	2	6
Haraldson	1-1	0-0	2-2	1	2	0	4
Michener	1-1	0-0	1-2	0	2	0	3
Russell	1-3	0-2	2-2	2	2	0	4
Jewell	2-5	2-2	10-10	3	2	3	16
Hogan	2-3	1-2	0-0	3	3	2	5
Pollard	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	4	0	0
TOTALS	16-36	7-14	23-24	29	24	8	62
	.444	.500	.958				

Halftime: MSSU 42, EU 28; Turnovers: EU 23, MSSU 9; Steals: MSSU 9 (Wood, Marquez, DeVader 2), EU 0; Blocked Shots: MSSU 3 (Hala'api'api 2), EU 0.

Game 10 • Jan. 2, 2008 Truman 68, #16 Lions 55

Kirkville, Mo. - Georgia Mueller scored a game-high 27 points as the Truman Bulldogs handed the No. 16-ranked Missouri Southern Lions their first loss of the season, 68-55 in the MIAA opener for both schools Wednesday night (Jan. 2) in Kirkville, Mo.

After Trice Bonner capped a 7-0 Lion run with a layup that gave Southern its first lead of the game at 43-41, the Bulldogs out-scored the Lions 24-5 over the next 8:06 to take a commanding 65-48 lead with 5:09 left in the game.

Nichole Helfrich then scored the next seven points to pull Southern within 65-55 with 2:16 left, but Truman (9-1, 1-0 MIAA) hit three free throws down the stretch to ice the victory.

The Bulldogs led throughout the first half and jumped ahead 9-3 as Mueller scored five quick points in the first four minutes of the game.

Fatai Hala'Api'Api hit a pair of jumpers to bring the Lions to 11-10, but the Bulldogs scored the next six and led 17-10 with 12:37 remaining in the first half.

The Lions (9-1, 0-1 MIAA) battled back and tied the score at 19-19 as Randi Henderson nailed a three-pointer and converted a layup in a 9-2 spurt.

Truman stretched the lead to 32-24 before settling for a 35-29 advantage at the half.

#16 Missouri Southern (9-1, 0-1 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Henderson *	2-4	1-1	0-1	1	2	2	5
Marquez *	0-6	0-4	0-0	3	1	0	0
Zawadka *	0-5	0-3	0-0	11	2	3	0
DeVader *	2-6	2-6	0-0	4	3	1	6
Pierce *	5-13	0-0	1-2	9	5	0	11
Wood	2-9	0-4	3-5	1	0	1	7
Bonner	2-11	1-4	0-0	4	1	1	5
Hala'api'api	3-6	0-0	3-4	1	5	1	9
Davis	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Helfrich	3-5	0-0	6-7	5	4	0	12
Vavao-Huggins	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
TOTALS	19-66	4-22	13-19	42	24	10	55
	.288	.182	.684				

Truman (9-1, 1-0 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Fowler *	1-3	0-1	2-2	6	1	1	4
Montebello *	3-5	0-1	2-3	4	5	2	8
McGee, Can. *	7-16	4-10	1-3	2	2	2	19
McGee, Car. *	0-6	0-4	4-8	8	1	2	4
Mueller *	9-16	0-0	9-10	12	3	1	27
Guinn	1-3	0-2	2-2	1	1	0	4
Joya	0-0	0-0	2-2	1	1	0	2
Kiecker	0-2	0-0	0-0	4	2	2	0
TOTALS	21-51	4-18	22-30	42	16	10	68
	.444	.500	.958				

Halftime: TSU 35, MSSU 29; Turnovers: TSU 15, MSSU 12; Steals: MSSU 8 (Zawadka, Pierce, Helfrich 2), TSU 5 (Montebello, McGee, Can., McGee, Car., Mueller, Guinn); Blocked Shots: TSU 2 (Mueller 2), MSSU 1 (Hala'api'api).

Game 11 • Jan. 5, 2008 Missouri Western 74, #16 Lions 72

Joplin, Mo. - The No. 16-ranked Missouri Southern Lions lost a see-saw affair to the Missouri Western Griffons, 74-72 in their MIAA home opener Saturday night (Jan. 5) at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

The game featured 18 lead changes, including 12 in the deciding second half. With the game tied 57-57, the Griffons (6-4, 1-1 MIAA) took the lead for good on a layup from Chemia Woods with 8:31 remaining.

A pair of threes from Jill Johnson and Tierra Ford helped the Griffons build the advantage to 71-62 when the Lions (9-2, 0-2 MIAA) began making their surge.

The Lions out-scored Western 8-0 over the next 3:25 behind a jumper and a trey from Ela Zawadka. One free throw from Fatai Hala'Api'Api brought Southern to within 71-70 with 1:34 left in the game.

Yanique Javois then split a pair of free throws for the Griffons, but the Lions failed to score on the offensive end and two free throws from Ford sealed the victory for Western.

Things started well for Southern as Zawadka and Danielle DeVader each connected from long-distance as the Lions jumped out to an 11-4 lead just 4:44 into the contest.

Fatai then scored the next seven Lion points over the next 3:09 to stretch the lead to 18-9 with 12:07 left in the first half.

MWSU answered with a 9-0 run and tied the score on a jumper from Colleen Schnieder at 18-18.

Ford gave the Griffons their first lead since the 19:25 mark on a three-pointer that made it 21-20 with 6:14 remaining in the opening half.

The Lions regained the lead at 27-26 on a trey from Zawadka but Javois answered with a three of her own to put Western back on top and the Griffons went on to lead 33-30 at the half.

#16 Missouri Southern (9-2, 0-2 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Wood *	2-5	1-2	0-0	3	2	8	5
DeVader *	3-9	2-7	0-0	5	1	6	8
Davis *	1-2	0-0	2-2	3	3	3	4
Helfrich *	0-0	0-0	2-3	2	1	1	2
Pierce *	4-7	0-0	0-1	9	2	2	8
Henderson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Bonner	1-3	1-2	2-2	1	0	0	5
Marquez *	0-3	0-2	0-0	1	1	0	0
Hala'Api'Api	12-14	0-0	2-9	9	3	0	26
Zawadka	5-9	4-6	0-0	3	2	2	14
TOTALS	28-52	8-19	8-17	36	16	22	72
	.538	.421	.471				

Missouri Western (6-4, 1-1 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Nolke *	2-9	0-4	0-0	2	3	1	4
Woods *	2-7	0-0	3-5	4	1	8	7
Johnson *	7-13	1-3	4-6	10	3	3	19
Javois *	9-18	3-5	4-7	4	3	1	25
Ford *	6-12	3-7	2-2	6	3	2	17
Gawatz	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Luteyn	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0
Schnieder	1-1	0-0	0-0	3	1	0	2
TOTALS	27-61	7-19	13-20	34	15	15	74
	.443	.368	.650				

Halftime: MWSU 33, MSSU 30; Turnovers: MSSU 19, MWSU 12; Steals: MSSU 5 (Pierce 2), MWSU 5 (Woods 3); Blocked Shots: MSSU 4 (Davis, Pierce, Marquez, Hala'Api'Api), MWSU 0.

Game 12 • Jan. 9, 2008 Pittsburg State 54, #23 Lions 44

Joplin, Mo. - The No. 23-ranked Missouri Southern Lions lost for the first time in five outings to the Pittsburg State Gorillas, 54-44 Wednesday night (Jan. 9) at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

The Lions (9-3, 0-3 MIAA) grabbed the lead in the second half with a 9-0 run sparked by a three-point play by Nichole Helfrich to lead 32-31 with 14:33 left.

But the Gorillas (8-4, 2-1 MIAA) answered with a 9-0 run of their own to regain the lead for good at 40-32 with 11:02 remaining in the game.

MSSU fell behind by as many as 12 on two occasions, but fought back to within eight on a three-pointer from Danielle DeVader that made it 52-44 with 1:03 left.

But that was as close as the Lions could get DePrice Taylor clinched the win by hitting a pair of free throws with 27 seconds left.

The opening minutes of the game started out great for the Lions as they jumped out early on PSU by scoring the first six points of the game that included four quick points from India Wood.

The Lions continued the early surge as consecutive layups from Fatai Hala'Api'Api and Wood gave MSSU a 10-2 lead with 14:28 remaining in the first half.

The quick start was keyed by the Lions forcing the Gorillas to miss nine of their first 10 shot-attempts.

Pitt State carried the momentum into the locker room by out-scoring the Lions 7-0 to end the first half that was capped by a layup by Taylor with 17 seconds left in the half.

#23 Missouri Southern (9-3, 0-3 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Wood *	3-9	0-2	7-10	6	4	3	13
DeVader *	3-10	3-10	0-0	3	2	0	9
Davis *	1-5	0-1	0-0	2	2	3	2
Helfrich *	1-3	0-0	1-1	3	3	0	3
Pierce *	3-7	0-0	0-1	2	3	0	6
Henderson	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0
Bonner	0-4	0-2	0-0	3	1	0	0
Marquez	0-2	0-2	0-0	4	1	2	0
Hala'Api'Api	4-12	0-0	1-3	7	3	0	9
Zawadka	1-8	0-3	0-0	5	0	0	2
TOTALS	16-60	3-20	9-15	41	20	8	44
	.267	.150	.600				

Pittsburg State (8-4, 2-1 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Witte *	1-7	1-6	0-0	1	2	0	3
Buchanan *	7-16	3-5	4-5	10	1	2	21
Taylor *	4-14	0-2	3-7	7	1	0	11
Sloan *	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Glenn *	3-8	0-0	2-3	7	4	0	8
Demarest	1-3	0-1	1-2	5	2	1	3
Waugh	1-3	1-3	0-0	2	0	0	3
Igbinigie	0-1	0-0	0-0	3	1	0	0
Martin	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Hinkin	0-3	0-1	0-0	2	0	3	0
Poppe	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Troutman	0-3	0-0	5-6	15	2	0	5
TOTALS	17-59	5-18	15-23	55	13	6	54
	.288	.278	.652				

Halftime: PSU 23, MSSU 22; Turnovers: PSU 13, MSSU 12; Steals: MSSU 4 (Helfrich 2), PSU 3 (Buchanan 2); Blocked Shots: MSSU 8 (Helfrich, Pierce, Hala'Api'Api 2), PSU 3 (Troutman 2).

Game 13 • Jan. 12, 2008 Lions 85, Central Missouri 82

Warrensburg, Mo. -India Wood scored a career-high 22 points to lead the No. 23-ranked Missouri Southern Lions to a 85-82 win over the Central Missouri Jennies Saturday afternoon (Jan. 12) in Warrensburg, Mo.

The win is the Lions' first in the MIAA and makes them 10-3 overall and 1-3 in conference action.

The first conference victory would not come easily as the Lions had to battle to the very end to pick up the win. Trailing 77-76, Wood hit her sixth three-pointer of the game to give Southern the lead for good with 58 seconds left.

After Wood hit a pair of free throws to give the Lions a four-point lead, Kelce Goebel drove in for a layup to bring UCM to within 81-79 with 12 seconds left.

But Ela Zawadka calmly stepped up to the line and nailed four big free throws to seal the win for the Lions (10-3, 1-3 MIAA).

The Lions fell behind early by six at 14-8, but ripped off a 13-1 run led by nine points from Tynesha Pierce to take a 21-15 lead with 12:23 remaining in the opening half.

Southern went on to lead by 10 at the half, 48-38 behind a combined 24 first-half points from Pierce and Fatai Hala'Api'Api. Wood also hit four treys to help the Lions gain the double-digit halftime lead.

The Jennies (5-8, 0-4 MIAA) took their first lead of the second half at 57-56 on a three by Deidra Dace that capped a 12-2 UCM run with 12:49 left.

With UCM playing mostly zone in the second half, Danielle DeVader stepped up for the Lions and hit four threes, three of which gave the Lions the lead.

#23 Missouri Southern (10-3, 1-3 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Helfrich *	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	3	2	2
Pierce *	5-10	1-2	2-2	6	3	1	13
Wood *	7-9	6-7	2-3	4	3	6	22
DeVader *	5-5	5-5	0-0	3	3	2	15
Davis *	2-3	0-0	4-4	0	4	1	8
Henderson	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Marquez	2-5	0-3	0-1	5	2	1	4
Hala'Api'Api	5-7	0-0	2-3	6	3	1	12
Zawadka	2-8	1-4	4-4	3	2	2	9
Vavao-Huggins	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	28-47	13-21	16-19	32	23	16	85
	.596	.619	.842				

Central Missouri (5-8, 0-4 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Jones *	4-9	0-0	7-10	10	4	1	15
Cook *	1-4	1-4	1-2	4	2	3	4
Maple *	7-15	5-8	6-8	0	1	3	25
Dace *	4-11	3-5	4-4	0	4	1	15
Blakemore *	2-6	0-2	0-1	1	2	1	4
Goebel	6-8	3-5	2-2	2	3	4	17
Roberts	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	1	0	2
TOTALS	24-53	12-24	22-29	21	17	13	82
	.453	.500	.759				

Halftime: MSSU 48, UCM 38; Turnovers: MSSU 22, UCM 12; Steals: UCM 11 (Goebel 4), MSSU 7 (Wood 4); Blocked Shots: MSSU 5 (Hala'Api'Api 2), UCM 0.

Game 14 • Jan. 16, 2008 Lions 65, Northwest Missouri 64

Maryville, Mo. -Ivaney Marquez made two key plays on the offensive and defensive ends in the final moments to lead the Missouri Southern Lions to a 65-64 win over the Northwest Missouri State Bearcats Wednesday night (Jan. 16) in Maryville, Mo.

Trailing 64-63, Marquez missed a pair of shots but coralled the offensive board each time and hit a layup to put the Lions ahead with just four seconds remaining.

Marquez then closed the deal on the other end with a block of a last-second jumper by Jessica Burton as the Lions (11-3, 2-3 MIAA) hung on for the victory.

The see-saw game featured seven lead changes, with six coming in the second half. The Bearcats final lead came after a free throw by Kelli Nelson put Northwest (9-5, 4-1 MIAA) up 64-63 with 48 seconds remaining.

The Lions biggest lead of the evening came when Tynesha Pierce capped off a 9-0 Southern spurt with a jumper that made it 60-56 in favor of the Lions with 6:56 left in the second half.

Northwest then scored five straight to lead by one, but a three-pointer by India Wood put the Lions back on top 63-61 with 4:12 left.

Things could not have started much worse for the Lions as the Bearcats began the game on a 15-0 run that included seven points from Mandi Schumacher during that stretch.

Southern battled back and got the lead under double-digits for the first time on a jumper by Pierce that brought the Lions to within 22-14 with 11:13 remaining in the opening half.

As bad as the Lions began the first half, they ended the first stanza in just as great of fashion. After a bucket by Schumacher gave the Bearcats a 32-24 advantage, the Lions closed the half on an 11-1 run that included scoring the final nine points of the opening half.

Lindsey Davis scored five in that span and Ela Zawadka made a layup with 10 seconds left to give the Lions a 35-33 lead going into halftime.

Missouri Southern (11-3, 2-3 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Zawadka *	4-11	2-6	0-0	7	1	0	10
Pierce *	6-13	0-1	0-1	9	3	0	12
Wood *	5-11	3-3	0-1	1	2	4	13
DeVader *	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Davis *	4-10	0-0	3-4	5	1	5	11
Henderson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Marquez	4-11	1-3	0-0	10	0	2	9
Hala'Api'Api	5-10	0-0	0-0	8	5	1	10
TOTALS	28-66	6-13	3-6	41	13	12	65
	.424	.462	.500				

NW Missouri State (9-5, 4-1 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Brue *	3-11	3-5	0-0	5	1	5	9
Schumacher *	9-11	0-0	3-7	9	2	0	21
Vandevender *	2-7	2-6	0-0	2	1	0	6
Nelson *	3-7	2-6	1-2	5	0	1	9
Miller *	0-1	0-0	0-0	3	1	6	0
Uriell	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Burton	3-6	0-2	0-0	4	3	2	6
Bayer	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	0
Williams	1-6	0-2	2-2	0	3	1	4
Dill	2-8	1-2	4-4	3	1	0	9
TOTALS	23-58	8-24	10-15	36	13	15	64
	.397	.333	.667				

Halftime: MSSU 35, NWMSU 33; Turnovers: MSSU 19, NWMSU 19; Steals: NWMSU 11 (Vandevender, Nelson, Miller 2), MSSU 10 (Pierce 4); Blocked Shots: MSSU 5 (Zawadka 2), NWMSU 5 (Burton, Dill 2).