



MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL REPORT

Jan. 23, 2008

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Lions go for fourth straight MIAA victory by hosting No. 16 Emporia State

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 * W, 58-55 | |
| 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 (12-3, 3-3 MIAA) vs. #16 Emporia State (11-4, 4-2 MIAA)

Wed. Jan. 23, 2008 • Joplin, Mo.

Tipoff: 5:30 p.m.

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

Last Meeting: 2/7/07: ESU defeated MSSU, 72-49 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 (12-3, 3-3 MIAA) | | Pos. | Yr. | Ht. | PPG | RPG | APG |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|
| 5 | India Wood (Decatur, Ala.) | G | Jr. | 5-7 | 9.1 | 3.5 | 4.1 |
| 21 | Ela Zawadka (Torun, Poland) | G | Sr. | 5-11 | 6.3 | 3.9 | 0.8 |
| 22 | Danielle DeVader (Holton, Kan.) | G | Jr. | 5-9 | 4.1 | 2.3 | 1.9 |
| 23 | Lindsey Davis (Wellington, Kan.) | G | Jr. | 5-8 | 5.3 | 1.4 | 2.1 |
| 42 | Tynesha Pierce (Houston, Texas) | F | Sr. | 6-0 | 10.3 | 6.3 | 0.7 |
| #16 Emporia State (11-4, 4-2 MIAA) | | Pos. | Yr. | Ht. | PPG | RPG | APG |
| 1 | Cassandra Boston (Des Moines, Iowa) | G | So. | 5-6 | 9.6 | 1.4 | 3.0 |
| 5 | Andrea Leiker (Lyons, Kan.) | G | Jr. | 5-6 | 11.3 | 2.6 | 2.7 |
| 22 | Bree Kisner (Independence, Mo.) | G | Fr. | 5-9 | 4.0 | 2.9 | 2.1 |
| 31 | Michelle Stueve (Olpe, Kan.) | F | Sr. | 6-2 | 21.7 | 8.7 | 2.4 |
| 45 | Allie Renberg (Sleepy Eye, Minn.) | F | Jr. | 6-1 | 11.3 | 7.9 | 0.9 |

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 110-74 (.598) record in her seventh season with the Lions. She holds a 193-130 (.598) mark now in her 12th year as a collegiate head coach. Mitts is 5-10 vs. ESU during her career with the Lions.

Brandon Schneider, ESU's all-time coaching leader in winning percentage (.823), is entering his 10th year as the head coach of the Lady Hornets. He has guided the Lady Hornets to five MIAA regular-season titles during his tenure and is a three-time MIAA coach of the year. Schneider is 17-3 all-time vs. Missouri Southern.



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2007-08 MIAA STANDINGS

| | MIAA | | All Games | |
|--------------------------|------|------|-----------|------|
| | W-L | Pct. | W-L | Pct. |
| Northwest Missouri State | 5-1 | .833 | 10-5 | .667 |
| Southwest Baptist | 5-2 | .714 | 13-3 | .813 |
| Washburn (8) | 5-2 | .714 | 13-3 | .813 |
| Emporia State (16) | 4-2 | .667 | 11-4 | .733 |
| Missouri Southern | 3-3 | .500 | 12-3 | .800 |
| Truman State | 3-3 | .500 | 11-4 | .733 |
| Missouri Western | 3-3 | .500 | 8-6 | .571 |
| Pittsburg State | 2-4 | .333 | 8-7 | .533 |
| Fort Hays State | 1-5 | .167 | 7-8 | .467 |
| Central Missouri | 0-6 | .000 | 5-10 | .333 |

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

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

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

- *ESU 73 @ UCM 63 FINAL
- *NWMSU 95 @ PSU 65 FINAL
- *TSU 60 @ WU 83 FINAL
- *FHSU 66 @ MWSU 88 FINAL
- *SBU 55 @ MSSU 58 FINAL

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

- *WU 61 @ SBU 66 FINAL

ALL-TIME SERIES VS. EMPORIA STATE

| | |
|---|---|
| 1/22/77 ESU..... 77-80 | 1/20/96 Lions 75-61 |
| 2/4/77 ESU..... 63-71 | 2/24/96 Lions 78-66 |
| 1/28/78 ESU..... 63-72 | 1/8/97 ESU 68-74 |
| 2/10/78 ESU..... 62-70 | 2/1/97 Lions 63-60 |
| 1/19/79 ESU..... 56-72 | 1/24/98 ESU54-103 |
| 2/3/79 ESU..... 65-80 | 1/31/98 ESU 59-92 |
| 1/12/80 ESU..... 61-79 | 1/23/99 ESU 77-95 |
| 1/25/80 ESU..... 59-65 | 1/30/99 ESU 47-88 |
| 1/4/81 ESU (N)..... 75-78 | 1/15/00 ESU 71-89 |
| 1/17/81 ESU..... 69-77 | 2/12/00 ESU.....60-102 |
| 2/13/81 Lions..... 68-67 | 1/31/01 ESU..... 53-80 |
| 1/29/82 ESU..... 76-94 | 2/10/01 ESU 41-80 |
| 2/13/82 ESU..... 68-81 | 2/27/01 ESU..... 41-87 |
| 1/15/83 ESU..... 74-79 | 1/19/02 Lions..... 62-60 |
| 2/11/83 ESU..... 75-89 | 2/16/02 ESU..... 58-84 |
| 1/28/84 Lions..... 82-76 | 1/18/03 Lions..... 67-56 |
| 2/17/84 ESU..... 83-84 | 2/15/03 ESU..... 80-91 |
| 1/25/85 Lions..... 77-66 | 3/6/03 ESU (N)..... 62-74 |
| 2/9/85 Lions..... 67-62 | 1/21/04 ESU..... 57-78 |
| 1/18/86 Lions..... 82-79 | 2/11/04 Lions..... 52-45 |
| 2/14/86 Lions..... 87-63 | 1/19/05 ESU 71-80 |
| 1/31/87 Lions..... 77-73* | 2/9/05 ESU..... 58-80 |
| 2/20/87 Lions 71-69 | 12/10/05 ESU 61-75 |
| 1/15/88 ESU..... 63-71 | 2/25/06 ESU.....L, 75-65 |
| 2/13/88 ESU..... 75-77 | 1/17/07 ESU.....L, 61-82 |
| 1/27/89 Lions..... 93-48 | 2/7/07 ESU L, 49-72 |
| 2/11/89 ESU 83-91 | |
| 1/11/92 Lions 75-63 | |
| 1/9/93 Lions 79-68 | |
| 1/22/94 Lions 77-62 | |
| 2/26/94 Lions 81-70 | |
| 1/21/95 Lions 91-59 | |
| 2/25/95 Lions 73-71 | |

INSIDE THE SERIES

- Lions trail: 21-38
- Lions at home: 14-14
- Lions on the road: 7-22
- Lions at neutral site: 0-2
- Most points, MSSU: 93 (93-48), 1/27/89 at Joplin
- Most points, ESU: 103 (103-54), 1/24/98 at Emporia, Kan.
- Largest victory margin, MSSU: +45 (93-48), 1/27/89 at Joplin
- Largest victory margin, ESU: +49 (103-54), 1/24/98 at Emporia, Kan.
- Last road win, MSSU: 78-66, 2/24/96
- Last road win, ESU: 72-49, 2/7/07
- Most consecutive wins, MSSU: 8, Jan. 11, 1992-Feb. 24, 1996
- Most consecutive wins, ESU: 10, Jan. 22, 1997-Jan. 17, 1981

USA TODAY/ESPN TOP 25 DATE: 1/22/08

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

Receiving Votes: Missouri Southern State University, 2

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. Emporia State
(Game 21) Feb. 7, 2007
No. 10 Emporia State 72, Lions 49**

Joplin, Mo. - Playing without their leading scorer (Dana-Mae Robbs) and top perimeter shooter (Danielle DeVader), the Missouri Southern Lions couldn't muster enough offense in falling to the No. 10-ranked Emporia State Lady Hornets 72-49 on Wednesday night (Feb. 7) at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

The Lions (11-10, 4-9 MIAA) fell behind early in shooting only 20 percent (5-of-25) from the floor in the first half and trailed 33-15 at the half.

The Lady Hornets (17-4, 10-2 MIAA) jumped out to an early 8-3 lead, but the Lions went on a 6-1 run as Fatai Hala'Api'Api (Lahaina, Hawaii) hit a layup and a pair of free throws to pull Southern even at 9-9 with 9:56 left in the first half.

ESU answered as Lacy Corker nailed a three-pointer and a layup to fuel a 9-0 Lady Hornets run that put the Lions in an 18-9 deficit with 8:03 left in the opening half.

The Lions shot the ball better in the second half, but could only come as close as 14 on two occasions, the last being on a three-point play from Robin Kantin (Silver Spring, Md.) that pulled Southern to within 40-26 with 14:06 left in the contest.

Missouri Southern (11-10, 4-9 MIAA)

| | FG | 3-PT | FT | R | PF | A | TP |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Hala'Api'Api | 6-11 | 0-0 | 5-6 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 17 |
| Kantin * | 4-9 | 0-2 | 3-4 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 11 |
| Zawadka * | 0-7 | 0-3 | 0-0 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Kuczynski * | 2-4 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| Pierce * | 5-13 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 12 |
| Henderson | 1-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Wood | 1-7 | 1-4 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| TOTALS | 19-53 | 1-11 | 10-12 | 31 | 17 | 9 | 49 |
| | .358 | .091 | .833 | | | | |

#10 Emporia State (17-4, 10-2 MIAA)

| | FG | 3-PT | FT | R | PF | A | TP |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Boston * | 3-7 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Stuart * | 1-7 | 1-5 | 2-4 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 5 |
| Stueve * | 4-6 | 2-2 | 1-2 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 11 |
| Glasper * | 2-5 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Henningsen * | 1-5 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Leiker | 2-2 | 2-2 | 1-2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| Corker | 4-7 | 3-3 | 0-0 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 11 |
| Dorsey | 3-7 | 2-3 | 4-6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 12 |
| Commons | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Svarova | 4-9 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 10 |
| Chilson | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 25-57 | 11-17 | 11-19 | 40 | 13 | 17 | 72 |
| | .439 | .647 | .579 | | | | |

Halftime: ESU 33, MSSU 15; Turnovers: MSSU 20, ESU 15; Steals: ESU 9 (Stuart 3), MSSU 5 (Kuczynski 2); Blocked Shots: MSSU 4 (Hala'Api'Api 3), ESU 2 (Stueve, Henningsen).

TALE OF THE TAPE

| MSSU | CATEGORY | ESU |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| 9th, 66.3 | Scoring Offense | 2nd, 79.0 |
| 2nd, 53.7 | Scoring Defense | 3rd, 63.6 |
| 3rd, +12.6 | Scoring Margin | 1st, +15.4 |
| 4th, .439 | Field Goal Percentage | 1st, .469 |
| 4th, .341 | Three-Point FG Percentage | 1st, .447 |
| T-8th, 6.20 | Three-Point FG Made/Game | 1st, 8.80 |
| 10th, .645 | Free Throw Percentage | 2nd, .734 |
| 1st, .325 | Field Goal Pct. Defense | 3rd, .368 |
| 1st, .263 | Three-Point FG Pct. Defense | 2nd, .275 |
| 6th, 39.3 | Rebounding Offense | 1st, 42.5 |
| 3rd, 34.3 | Rebounding Defense | 1st, 31.3 |
| 3rd, +5.0 | Rebounding Margin | 1st, +11.3 |
| 6th, 15.40 | Assists per Game | 2nd, 18.47 |
| 9th, 7.60 | Steals per Game | 10th, 7.47 |
| 1st, 4.27 | Blocked Shots per Game | 3rd, 3.93 |
| 6th, +0.80 | Turnover Margin | 10th, -4.40 |
| 5th, 0.92 | Assist-Turnover Ratio | 8th, 0.84 |
| T-4th, 13.93 | Offensive Rebounds | 6th, 13.07 |
| 6th, 25.40 | Defensive Rebounds | 1st, 29.47 |

MIAA rankings through games of Jan. 19

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 | 2-0 |

THE LIONS RECORD WHEN ...

| | 2007-08 | Under Mitts |
|--------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| Scoring 59 points or less | 3-2 | 13-44 |
| 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 | 8-1 | 63-8 |
| 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 | 3-1 | 20-10 |
| 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 | 9-1 | 81-28 |
| Trail in rebounding | 3-1 | 27-38 |
| Tie in rebounding | 0-1 | 2-8 |
| Have more turnovers | 6-1 | 40-53 |
| Have fewer turnovers | 5-2 | 58-20 |
| Tie in turnovers | 1-0 | 12-1 |
| Lead at halftime | 10-0 | 84-14 |
| Trail at halftime | 1-3 | 21-54 |
| Tied at halftime | 1-0 | 5-6 |
| Outshoot opponents (pct.) | 12-1 | 89-15 |
| 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 | 11-3 | 48-55 |
| Tie in free throws | 0-0 | 2-5 |
| Make more threes | 9-1 | 75-26 |
| Make less threes | 3-1 | 31-39 |
| Tie in threes | 0-1 | 5-9 |
| Have more assists | 10-2 | 79-16 |
| Have fewer assists | 2-0 | 27-54 |
| Tie in assists | 0-1 | 3-5 |
| Have more steals | 6-2 | 76-26 |
| Have fewer steals | 5-0 | 26-39 |
| Tie in steals | 1-1 | 8-10 |
| Get more bench points | 10-2 | 60-32 |
| 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 | 3-3 | 28-31 |
| 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 |
| 22 | 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 (12-3, 3-3 MIAA)

Fatai Hala'Api'Api led the Missouri Southern Lions to their third straight conference victory with a double-double of 16 points and 12 rebounds as the Lions defeated the Southwest Baptist Lady Bearcats 58-55 on Saturday night (Jan. 19). The Lions trailed 55-54, but Ela Zawadka stepped up and hit two big free throws that gave Southern the lead and Fatai then nailed a jumper that put the Lions up by three. The Lions then forced four SBU misses from three-point range in the final seconds to seal the win.

Fatai currently leads the Lions with 12.7 ppg and 6.4 rpg. She has also shot a team-best 61.4 percent from the field and has blocked a team-high 26 shots. Tynesha Pierce averages 10.3 ppg and 6.3 rpg and leads the Lions with 19 steals. Robin Kantin is second with 10.5 ppg but has sat out the past seven contests with a leg injury. India Wood has dished out a team-high 62 assists this season.

THE DISH ON THE #16 LADY HORNETS (11-4, 4-2 MIAA)

The current No. 16-ranked Emporia State Lady Hornets have also won three straight MIAA games after winning 73-63 over the Central Missouri Jennies Saturday (Jan. 19) in Warrensburg, Mo. Michelle Stueve hit a three-pointer that put the Lady Hornets up 34-31 going into the half and ESU never looked back. Stueve led ESU with 18 points and hit 6-of-14 from the floor.

Stueve ranks second in the MIAA with 21.7 ppg and third with 8.7 rpg. She has also made a team-best 52-of-115 from three-point distance and leads ESU with 19 steals. Lacy Corker has recorded a team-high 62 assists on the year.

THE SERIES

Emporia State leads the series 38-21. The Lions are 14-14 at home and 7-22 at Emporia. The Lady Hornets have won the last five in a row. Southern's last win came at home in 2004 with a 52-45 win over then fourth-ranked ESU.

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 84-14 under Maryann Mitts when they have the edge at the half, including a perfect 10-0 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 10.8 ppg and leads the Lions with 3.8 assists per game. She has also become quite the threat from beyond the arc, knocking down 47.6 percent (10-of-21) of her three-point attempts in MIAA outings. Wood was the Lions' leading scorer in their first two conference victories, including producing 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 (.325), three-point field-goal percentage defense (.263) and blocks (4.27 bpg). The Lions also rank second in the league in scoring defense (53.7 ppg) and are third in scoring margin (+12.6 ppg), rebounding defense (34.3 rpg) and rebounding margin (+5.0 rpg).

Individually, Fatai Hala'Api'Api is second in the league in field-goal percentage (.614) and blocks (1.73 bpg). Tynesha Pierce is second in offensive rebounds (3.27 rpg), while India Wood is tied for third in assists (4.13 apg) and is sixth in assist/turnover ratio (1.59).

Through games of Jan. 20, the Lions currently rank seventh in all of NCAA Division II in field-goal percentage defense and 12th in scoring defense. The Lions are 28th as a team in blocked shots.

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 26.6 percent from the field down the stretch and only 18.5 percent from three-point distance. The Lions held Southwest Baptist to only 2-of-9 from the field in the final minutes on Saturday (Jan. 19), including forcing four straight SBU misses from beyond the arc that sealed the Lions' 58-55 victory.

UP NEXT

The Lions will play at Fort Hays State on Saturday (Jan. 26) at 3 p.m. in Hays, Kan. The Lions and FHSU split the two meetings last year, with the road team winning each contest.

Missouri Southern Basketball

Missouri Southern Season Box Score (as of Jan 19, 2008)
All games

| | | | | |
|---------------------|---------|-------|-------|---------|
| RECORD: | OVERALL | HOME | AWAY | NEUTRAL |
| ALL GAMES..... | (12-3) | (4-2) | (5-1) | (3-0) |
| CONFERENCE..... | (3-3) | (1-2) | (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 | 15-5 | 302 20.1 | 81-132 | .614 | 0-0 | .000 | 29-53 | .547 | 38 | 58 | 96 | 6.4 | 44 | 3 | 7 | 32 | 26 | 7 | 191 | 12.7 |
| 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 |
| 42 | Pierce,Tynesha | 15-13 | 279 18.6 | 69-139 | .496 | 5-10 | .500 | 11-21 | .524 | 49 | 45 | 94 | 6.3 | 51 | 3 | 11 | 23 | 9 | 19 | 154 | 10.3 |
| 05 | Wood,India | 15-14 | 466 31.1 | 47-113 | .416 | 17-47 | .362 | 26-43 | .605 | 2 | 50 | 52 | 3.5 | 24 | 0 | 62 | 39 | 0 | 14 | 137 | 9.1 |
| 10 | Bonner,Trice | 13-0 | 209 16.1 | 29-78 | .372 | 15-33 | .455 | 19-23 | .826 | 14 | 29 | 43 | 3.3 | 27 | 0 | 12 | 27 | 6 | 17 | 92 | 7.1 |
| 21 | Zawadka,Ela | 15-7 | 368 24.5 | 35-90 | .389 | 15-47 | .319 | 9-12 | .750 | 13 | 45 | 58 | 3.9 | 18 | 0 | 12 | 30 | 2 | 5 | 94 | 6.3 |
| 23 | Davis,Lindsey | 8-5 | 142 17.8 | 14-29 | .483 | 1-2 | .500 | 13-16 | .813 | 3 | 8 | 11 | 1.4 | 17 | 0 | 17 | 16 | 2 | 4 | 42 | 5.3 |
| 11 | Marquez,Ivaney | 15-6 | 276 18.4 | 25-83 | .301 | 10-41 | .244 | 6-12 | .500 | 33 | 27 | 60 | 4.0 | 19 | 0 | 27 | 19 | 6 | 12 | 66 | 4.4 |
| 22 | DeVader,Danielle | 15-11 | 303 20.2 | 20-63 | .317 | 19-59 | .322 | 2-4 | .500 | 10 | 25 | 35 | 2.3 | 28 | 0 | 29 | 18 | 2 | 9 | 61 | 4.1 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 02 | Henderson,Randi | 15-1 | 165 11.0 | 7-15 | .467 | 1-4 | .250 | 0-2 | .000 | 2 | 12 | 14 | 0.9 | 14 | 0 | 18 | 12 | 2 | 5 | 15 | 1.0 |
| TEAM..... | | | | | | | | | | | 12 | 34 | 46 | 3.1 | 0 | | | | | | |
| Total..... | | 15 | 3000 | 375-854 | .439 | 93-273 | .341 | 151-234 | .645 | 209 | 381 | 590 | 39.3 | 300 | 6 | 231 | 252 | 64 | 114 | 994 | 66.3 |
| Opponents..... | | 15 | 3000 | 252-776 | .325 | 72-274 | .263 | 229-338 | .678 | 194 | 321 | 515 | 34.3 | 242 | 3 | 138 | 264 | 18 | 82 | 805 | 53.7 |

| 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)Pierce,Tynesha |
| 1/19/08 | 5:30 PM | * SOUTHWEST BAPTIST | W <u>58-55</u> | 1979 | (16)Hala'Api'Api,Fatai | (6)Hala'Api'Api,Fatai |

* - Conference game

| ATTENDANCE SUMMARY | GAMES | TOTALS | AVG/GAME |
|--------------------|-------|--------|----------|
| HOME..... | 6 | 6514 | 1086 |
| AWAY..... | 6 | 3290 | 548 |
| NEUTRAL..... | 3 | 338 | 113 |
| TOTAL..... | 15 | 10142 | 676 |

THE 2007-08 LIONS



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. |
|-------|-----------|-------|-------|------|-----------|------|------|------|
| 15/11 | 61-4.1 | 20-63 | 19-59 | 2-4 | 35-2.3 | 29 | 2 | 9 |
| | | .317 | .322 | .500 | | | | |

CAREER STATS

| GP/S | Pts.-Avg. | FG-A | 3FG-A | FT-A | Reb.-Avg. | Ast. | Blk. | Stl. |
|-------|-----------|---------|--------|-------|-----------|------|------|------|
| 54/35 | 392-7.3 | 124-314 | 98-255 | 46-52 | 171-3.2 | 84 | 14 | 42 |
| | | .395 | .384 | .885 | | | | |



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

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. |
|-------|-----------|--------|-------|-------|-----------|------|------|------|
| 15/13 | 154-10.3 | 69-139 | 5-10 | 11-21 | 94-6.3 | 11 | 9 | 19 |
| | | .496 | .500 | .524 | | | | |

CAREER STATS

| GP/S | Pts.-Avg. | FG-A | 3FG-A | FT-A | Reb.-Avg. | Ast. | Blk. | Stl. |
|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|------|------|------|
| 42/35 | 491-11.7 | 205-417 | 5-10 | 76-96 | 260-6.2 | 26 | 49 | 58 |
| | | .492 | .500 | .792 | | | | |



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

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

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

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, three times, last vs. Southwest Baptist, 1-19-08
Assists: 1, seven times, last at Northwest Missouri State, 1-16-08
Steals: 2, two times, last vs. Southwest Baptist, 1-19-08

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, six times, last vs. Southwest Baptist, 1-19-08

SEASON STATS

| GP/S | Pts.-Avg. | FG-A | 3FG-A | FT-A | Reb.-Avg. | Ast. | Blk. | Stl. |
|------|-----------|--------|-------|-------|-----------|------|------|------|
| 15/5 | 191-12.7 | 81-132 | 0-0 | 29-53 | 96-6.4 | 7 | 26 | 7 |
| | | .614 | .000 | .547 | | | | |

CAREER STATS

| GP/S | Pts.-Avg. | FG-A | 3FG-A | FT-A | Reb.-Avg. | Ast. | Blk. | Stl. |
|-------|-----------|---------|-------|--------|-----------|------|------|------|
| 34/17 | 395-11.6 | 168-296 | 0-0 | 59-104 | 204-6.0 | 17 | 56 | 24 |
| | | .568 | .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. |
|------|-----------|------|-------|------|-----------|------|------|------|
| 15/1 | 15-1.0 | 7-15 | 1-4 | 0-2 | 14-0.9 | 18 | 2 | 5 |
| | | .467 | .250 | .000 | | | | |

CAREER STATS

| GP/S | Pts.-Avg. | FG-A | 3FG-A | FT-A | Reb.-Avg. | Ast. | Blk. | Stl. |
|------|-----------|------|-------|------|-----------|------|------|------|
| 37/1 | 24-0.6 | 9-28 | 2-14 | 4-6 | 24-0.6 | 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. |
|-------|-----------|--------|-------|-------|-----------|------|------|------|
| 15/14 | 137-9.1 | 47-113 | 17-47 | 26-43 | 52-3.5 | 62 | 0 | 14 |
| | | .416 | .362 | .605 | | | | |

CAREER STATS

| GP/S | Pts.-Avg. | FG-A | 3FG-A | FT-A | Reb.-Avg. | Ast. | Blk. | Stl. |
|-------|-----------|--------|-------|-------|-----------|------|------|------|
| 34/15 | 201-5.9 | 70-188 | 28-84 | 33-56 | 85-2.5 | 111 | 2 | 25 |
| | | .372 | .333 | .589 | | | | |



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. |
|------|-----------|-------|-------|------|-----------|------|------|------|
| 15/7 | 94-6.3 | 35-90 | 15-47 | 9-12 | 58-3.9 | 12 | 2 | 5 |
| | | .389 | .319 | .750 | | | | |

CAREER STATS

| GP/S | Pts.-Avg. | FG-A | 3FG-A | FT-A | Reb.-Avg. | Ast. | Blk. | Stl. |
|-------|-----------|--------|--------|-------|-----------|------|------|------|
| 42/11 | 243-5.8 | 90-229 | 37-118 | 22-35 | 135-3.2 | 36 | 7 | 21 |
| | | .393 | .314 | .629 | | | | |



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. |
| 13/0 | 92-7.1 | 29-78 | 15-33 | 19-23 | 43-3.3 | 12 | 6 | 17 |
| | | .372 | .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, two times, last vs. Southwest Baptist, 1-19-08
 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. |
| 15/6 | 66-4.4 | 25-83 | 10-41 | 6-12 | 60-4.0 | 27 | 6 | 12 |
| | | .301 | .244 | .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: 15, vs. Southwest Baptist, 1-19-08
 Field Goals Made: 6, vs. Southwest Baptist, 1-19-08
 3-Point FG Made: 1, vs. Southwest Baptist, 1-19-08
 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. |
| 8/5 | 42-5.3 | 14-29 | 1-2 | 13-16 | 11-1.4 | 17 | 2 | 4 |
| | | .483 | .500 | .813 | | | | |



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 |
| Vahey | 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).

Game 15 • Jan. 19, 2008 Lions 58, Southwest Baptist 55

Joplin, Mo. -- Fatai Hala'Api'Api recorded a double-double of 16 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Missouri Southern Lions to a thrilling 58-55 win over the Southwest Baptist Lady Bearcats Saturday night (Jan. 19) at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

Trailing 55-54, Ela Zawadka got open underneath and drew a foul and then stepped up and hit two big free throws to give the Lions a one-point advantage with 1:17 remaining.

The Lions then forced a miss on the other end and Fatai rebounded a Lion miss and put in a hook shot that put Southern up 58-55 with just 35 seconds left.

SBU had ample opportunities to draw even, but missed four consecutive three-pointers in the final seconds.

Leading 36-24 at the half, Lindsey Davis drained a trey to give the Lions a 39-24 advantage 19 seconds into the second before the Lady Bearcats made their way back into the contest.

Kelly Reinkemeyer and Erica Souza combined for all 12 points of a 12-3 SBU run that pulled the Lady Bearcats to within 41-38 with 14:58 remaining.

SBU then climbed to within one at 46-45 on a three-pointer from Courtney Creed with 11:16 left.

Southern stayed ahead at that point and jumped back up by eight after a layup by Fatai capped an 8-2 spurt to put the Lions ahead 54-46.

But the Lady Bearcats refused to go away and grabbed the lead for the first time in the second half by out-scoring the Lions 9-0 over the next 5:35 to lead 55-54 on a jumper by Creed with 2:12 left.

Missouri Southern (12-3, 3-3 MIAA)

| | FG | 3-PT | FT | R | PF | A | TP |
|--------------|-------|------|------|----|----|----|----|
| Wood * | 2-6 | 0-3 | 1-1 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Zawadka * | 0-6 | 0-3 | 2-2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| DeVader * | 0-6 | 0-5 | 0-1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Davis * | 6-8 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 15 |
| Pierce * | 6-7 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 13 |
| Henderson | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bonner | 1-3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Marquez | 2-8 | 1-4 | 0-0 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| Hala'Api'Api | 8-10 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 12 | 4 | 0 | 16 |
| TOTALS | 25-54 | 2-16 | 6-8 | 41 | 15 | 10 | 58 |
| | .463 | .125 | .750 | | | | |

Southwest Baptist (12-3, 4-2 MIAA)

| | FG | 3-PT | FT | R | PF | A | TP |
|----------------|-------|------|------|----|----|----|----|
| Shewmaker * | 6-12 | 3-7 | 0-1 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 15 |
| Souza * | 3-11 | 2-6 | 0-2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 8 |
| Creed * | 5-13 | 1-4 | 0-0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 11 |
| Graves * | 0-7 | 0-7 | 0-0 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Reinkemeyer * | 5-7 | 0-0 | 7-9 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 17 |
| Heady | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Gatschenberger | 0-2 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Cutbirth | 2-4 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| TOTALS | 21-57 | 6-27 | 7-12 | 27 | 12 | 12 | 55 |
| | .368 | .222 | .583 | | | | |

Halftime: MSSU 36, SBU 24; Turnovers: MSSU 18, SBU 10; Steals: SBU 8 (Souza 3), MSSU 5 (Hala'Api'Api 2); Blocked Shots: MSSU 2 (DeVader, Hala'Api'Api), SBU 0.