



MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL REPORT

Mar. 6, 2008

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Lions face Northwest Missouri State for second straight year in 4-5 matchup at MIAA Tournament

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	#16 EMPORIA STATE * W, 90-71	
Jan. 26	@ Fort Hays State *	L, 59-70
Jan 30	@ #12 Washburn *	W, 69-61
FEB. 2	TRUMAN STATE * W, 77-71 OT	
FEB. 6	#19 WASHBURN * ..L, 59-72	
FEB. 9	FORT HAYS STATE * W, 76-75	
Feb. 13	@ #20 Emporia State *	L, 46-79
Feb. 16	@ Southwest Baptist *	L, 53-62
FEB. 20	CENTRAL MISSOURI * . W, 64-53	
FEB. 23	NW MISSOURI * ..L, 62-73	
Feb. 27	@ Pittsburg State *	W, 70-53
Mar. 1	@ Missouri Western *	L, 58-70
Mar. 6-9	@ MIAA Tournament	TBA

Bold Indicates Home Game
* Indicates MIAA Game

**No. 4 Missouri Southern (18-9, 9-9 MIAA)
vs. No. 5 Northwest Missouri St. (14-13, 9-9 MIAA)**
Thu., Mar. 6 • Kansas City, Mo.

Tipoff: (Appx.) 2:15 p.m.
Arena: Municipal Auditorium (9,827)
Last Meeting: 2/23/08: NWMSU defeated MSSU, 73-62 in Joplin, Mo.
Radio: KHST 101.7 FM Tall Grass Country; Kevin Greim (play-by-play)
TV: www.themiaa.tv
Internet Audio: www.mssu.edu/athletics
Live Internet Stats: None

PROBABLE STARTERS

LIONS (18-9, 9-9 MIAA)		Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	PPG	RPG	APG
5	India Wood (Decatur, Ala.)	G	Jr.	5-7	10.8	3.3	3.8
22	Danielle DeVader (Holton, Kan.)	G	Jr.	5-9	6.4	3.4	1.6
23	Lindsey Davis (Wellington, Kan.)	G	Jr.	5-8	4.7	2.4	2.0
33	Nichole Helfrich (Beech Grove, Ind.)	F	Jr.	6-0	3.7	3.4	0.8
42	Tynesha Pierce (Houston, Texas)	F	Sr.	6-0	12.1	5.6	0.6

Northwest Missouri (14-13, 9-9 MIAA)		Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	PPG	RPG	APG
21	Meghan Brue (Underwood, Iowa)	G	Jr.	5-11	10.9	4.7	1.6
22	Kelli Nelson (Exira, Iowa)	G	Sr.	5-4	10.6	2.1	2.2
23	April Miller (Grant City, Mo.)	G	Sr.	5-6	2.5	3.2	3.5
34	Lauren Williams (St. Joseph, Mo.)	F	Sr.	5-10	10.0	4.5	1.7
50	Mandi Schumacher (Columbus, Neb.)	C	Sr.	6-0	15.7	7.5	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 116 career victories at Southern, Mitts is now the second all-time winningest coach at MSSU and trails Jim Phillips by just 13 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 116-80 (.592) record in her seventh season with the Lions. She holds a 199-136 (.594) mark now in her 12th year as a collegiate head coach. Mitts is 7-8 vs. the NWMSU as the Lions' head coach.

Gene Steinmeyer is in his ninth season as the Bearcats head coach, and his 23rd year as a college women's basketball mentor. Steinmeyer is 127-126 at Northwest and owns a 487-267 ledger overall. He is 9-10 vs. Missouri Southern with the Bearcats.



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2007-08 MIAA STANDINGS

	MIAA		All Games	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
1 - Washburn (20) [2]	14-4	.778	22-5	.815
2 - Emporia State (21) [5]	14-4	.778	21-6	.778
3- Southwest Baptist [4]	11-7	.611	19-8	.704
4- Missouri Southern [6]	9-9	.500	18-9	.667
5- Northwest Missouri State	9-9	.500	14-13	.519
6- Central Missouri	9-9	.500	14-13	.519
7- Truman State	7-11	.389	15-12	.556
8- Missouri Western	7-11	.389	12-14	.462
Fort Hays State	6-12	.333	12-15	.444
Pittsburg State	4-14	.222	10-17	.370

WBCA/USA Today/ESPN Division II Coaches Poll ranking in parenthesis
NCAA Division II South Central Region ranking in brackets
Seeding for MIAA Championship Tournament at left

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

MWSU VS. WU, NOON, @ MIAA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT, MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM, KANSAS CITY, MO.

NWMSU VS. MSSU, 2:15 P.M., @ MIAA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT, MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM, KANSAS CITY, MO.

TSU VS. ESU, 6 P.M., @ MIAA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT, MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM, KANSAS CITY, MO.

UCM VS. SBU, 8:15 P.M., @ MIAA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT, MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM, KANSAS CITY, MO.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

MSSU/NWMSU WINNER VS. MWSU/WU WINNER, NOON, @ MIAA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT, MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM, KANSAS CITY, MO.

SBU/UCM WINNER VS. ESU/TSU WINNER, 2:15 P.M., @ MIAA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT, MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM, KANSAS CITY, MO.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

2:15 P.M. 3/8 WINNER VS. NOON 3/8 WINNER, 1 P.M., @ MIAA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT, MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM, KANSAS CITY, MO.

RECENT RESULTS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26
 *UCM 74 @ SBU 64 FINAL

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27
 *ESU 80 @ TSU 54 FINAL
 *FHSU 60 @ WU 64 FINAL
 *MSSU 70 @ PSU 53 FINAL
 *MWSU 69 @ NWMSU 66 FINAL

SATURDAY, MARCH 1
 *SBU 83 @ ESU 120 FINAL
 *TSU 79 @ PSU 72 FINAL
 *WU 59 @ UCM 68 FINAL
 *MSSU 58 @ MWSU 70 FINAL
 *NWMSU 59 @ FHSU 69 FINAL

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27
 *ESU 80 @ TSU 54 FINAL
 *FHSU 60 @ WU 64 FINAL
 *MSSU 70 @ PSU 53 FINAL
 *MWSU 69 @ NWMSU 66 FINAL

ALL-TIME SERIES VS. NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE

12/1/78	NWMSU.....	68-84
12/6/80	NWMSU.....	62-95
2/10/90	NWMSU.....	65-72
2/9/91	NWMSU	53-70
2/8/92	Southern	76-48
3/3/92	Southern ...	78-64
2/6/93	Southern ...	79-55
3/2/93	Southern ...	67-64
1/26/94	Southern	83-62
1/25/95	Southern	102-66
1/31/96	NWMSU.....	86-74
12/4/97	NWMSU.....	76-86
2/3/97	NWMSU	55-65
2/8/97	NWMSU	51-57
2/7/98	NWMSU	73-85
2/6/99	NWMSU.....	61-70
1/29/00	Southern.....	88-71
2/26/00	Southern.....	88-71
1/27/01	NWMSU	66-75
2/27/01	Southern.....	83-72
1/12/02	Southern.....	85-72
2/9/02	Southern.....	93-81
1/11/03	NWMSU	68-72
2/8/03	NWMSU.....	37-66
1/10/04	NWMSU.....	51-70

2/21/04	Southern.....	60-59
1/8/05	Southern.....	77-72
2/19/05	Southern.....	64-62
1/14/06	Southern.....	80-71
2/11/06	NWMSU.....	67-70
1/10/07	NWMSU	61-66
2/17/07	NWMSU.....	51-62
3/2/07	NWMSU (n)	54-77
1/16/08	Southern.....	65-64
2/23/08	NWMSU	62-73

At Joplin in bold

INSIDE THE SERIES

NWMSU leads 19-16
 Lions at home: 10-6
 Lions on the road: 6-12
 Lions at Neutral Site: 0-1
 Most points, MSSU: 102 (102-66), 1/25/95 at Joplin
 Most points, NWMSU: 95 (95-62), 12/6/80 at Maryville
 Largest victory margin, MSSU: +36 (102-66), 1/25/95 at Joplin
 Largest victory margin, NWMSU: +33 (95-62), 12/6/80 at Maryville
 Last road win, MSSU: 65-64, 1/16/08
 Last road win, NWMSU: 73-62, 2/23/08
 Most consecutive wins, MSSU: 6, Feb. 8, 1992-Jan. 25, 1995
 Most consecutive wins, NWMSU: 6, Jan. 31, 1996-Feb. 6, 1999

USA TODAY/ESPN TOP 25

DATE: 3/4/08

1.	Delta State University (Miss.)	- 25	26-0
2.	Seattle Pacific University (Wash.)		25-0
3.	University Of South Dakota	- 1	26-1
4.	Holy Family University (Pa.)		28-0
5.	University of North Dakota		25-2
6.	Concordia University, St. Paul (Minn.)		26-2
7.	University of Alaska Anchorage		25-3
8.	Drury University (Mo.)		24-3
9.	Fort Lewis College (Colo.)		26-2
10.	Stonehill College (Mass.)		23-4
11.	University of West Georgia		24-3
12.	Anderson University (S.C.)		26-2
13.	Arkansas Tech University		23-4
14.	Valdosta State University (Ga.)		23-4
15.	West Texas A&M University		23-4
16.	Indiana University Of Pennsylvania		24-4
17.	Franklin Pierce University (N.H.)		23-4
18.	California State University, Chico		24-5
19.	Tusculum College (Tenn.)		24-3
20.	Washburn University (Kan.)		22-5
21.	Emporia State University (Kan.)		21-6
22.	California University Of Pennsylvania		22-5
23.	Hillsdale College (Mich.)		23-4
24.	Saint Mary's University (Texas)		23-4
25.	Michigan Technological University		21-7

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL POLL

DATE: 2/27/08

Division II Overall Record	
1. West Texas A&M.....	21-4
2. Washburn.....	18-4
3. Central Oklahoma.....	19-6
4. Southwest Baptist.....	16-6
5. Emporia State.....	17-5
6. Missouri Southern.....	14-8
7. Angelo State.....	21-6
8. Northeastern State.....	15-10
9. St. Mary's (Texas).....	19-3
10. Texas A&M Commerce.....	16-8

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.....	2-2
Zawadka, Pierce, Wood, DeVader, Davis.....	6-3
Marquez, Zawadka, DeVader, Davis, Pierce	0-1
Wood, Hala'Api'Api, DeVader, Davis, Pierce	1-1

**Last Time vs. Northwest Missouri State
(Game 25) Feb. 23, 2008
Northwest Missouri State 73, Lions 62**

Joplin, Mo. - Mandi Schumacher scored a game-high 18 points to lead the Northwest Missouri State Bearcats to a 73-62 win over the Missouri Southern Lions on Senior Day on Saturday afternoon (Feb. 23) at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

The Bearcats win means the two squads have split the season series, with the Lions winning the earlier meeting this season 65-64 (Jan. 16) in Maryville, Mo., however, coupled with a Missouri Western loss, both teams have clinched spots in the 2008 MIAA Tournament.

The Bearcats led 37-33 at the half and never trailed in the second half. They stretched the lead to eight on consecutive layups from Schumacher and Lauren Williams to open the second half.

After Kelli Nelson nailed a three to put the Bearcats up 46-37, the Lions scored eight straight to come within one as India Wood hit a trey that made it 46-45 with 12:22 left in the contest.

The Lions trailed 56-51 when Meghan Brue scored five straight points to essentially put the game away and give the Bearcats a double-digit advantage with just 4:55 remaining. Southern failed to get closer than seven from that point.

The first half was a back-and-forth affair that saw six lead changes. Senior Robin Kantin gave the Lions (17-8, 8-8 MIAA) their last lead with a three-pointer that put Southern ahead 20-19 with 9:43 remaining in the opening half.

With the game knotted at 30, Schumacher hit a layup to give the Bearcats (14-11, 9-7 MIAA) the lead for good with 2:47 left in the first half.

Missouri Southern (17-8, 8-8 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Wood *	3-7	2-5	1-2	1	2	2	9
Hala'Api'Api *	4-5	0-0	0-2	4	4	2	8
DeVader *	3-10	1-4	2-3	5	3	2	9
Davis *	1-5	0-1	0-1	2	1	8	2
Pierce *	5-14	2-3	4-5	5	4	0	16
Henderson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Marquez	1-2	1-1	0-0	2	2	1	3
Kantin	2-4	2-3	2-2	0	0	0	8
Helfrich	2-5	0-0	3-4	4	3	1	7
TOTALS	21-52	8-17	12-19	26	19	16	62
	.404	.471	.632				

NW Missouri State (14-11, 9-7 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Brue *	4-10	1-3	6-7	10	3	1	15
Nelson *	2-4	1-3	2-2	2	1	2	7
Miller *	2-2	1-1	0-1	4	4	4	5
Williams *	2-4	0-2	2-2	4	2	2	6
Schumacher *	6-12	0-0	6-6	12	2	0	18
Uriell	1-4	1-3	0-0	3	0	0	3
Burton	3-6	2-4	2-2	1	3	0	10
Bayer	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0
Dill	3-6	1-2	2-2	1	2	0	9
TOTALS	23-50	7-19	20-22	38	18	10	73
	.460	.368	.909				

Halftime: NWMSU 37, MSSU 33; Turnovers: NWMSU 14, MSSU 11; Steals: MSSU 10 (DeVader 6), NWMSU 5 (Nelson, Miller, Williams, Burton, Dill); Blocked Shots: MSSU 1 (Helfrich), NWMSU 0.

TALE OF THE TAPE

MSSU	CATEGORY	NWMSU
10th, 65.8	Scoring Offense	4th, 74.2
2nd, 59.8	Scoring Defense	7th, 71.2
3rd, +6.0	Scoring Margin	6th, +3.0
5th, .427	Field Goal Percentage	8th, .400
4th, .343	Three-Point FG Percentage	9th, .302
9th, 6.00	Three-Point FG Made/Game	3rd, 7.22
8th, .702	Free Throw Percentage	7th, .713
2nd, .361	Field Goal Pct. Defense	9th, .440
2nd, .299	Three-Point FG Pct. Defense	6th, .337
7th, 38.0	Rebounding Offense	6th, 38.4
3rd, 34.1	Rebounding Defense	6th, 39.0
4th, +3.9	Rebounding Margin	6th, -0.6
8th, 13.78	Assists per Game	5th, 15.70
9th, 7.67	Steals per Game	1st, 11.22
3rd, 3.70	Blocked Shots per Game	7th, 3.04
7th, -0.52	Turnover Margin	1st, +4.85
8th, 0.81	Assist-Turnover Ratio	3rd, 1.00
6th, 12.89	Offensive Rebounds	1st, 15.41
6th, 25.07	Defensive Rebounds	9th, 23.04

MIAA rankings through games of Mar. 2

**Box Score of MSSU vs. NWMSU,
2007 MIAA Tournament**

Missouri Southern (14-13)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Robbs *	3-8	0-1	1-2	3	0	0	7
Pierce *	7-10	0-0	6-7	9	5	0	20
Kantin *	1-7	1-5	2-2	7	1	0	5
DeVader *	3-6	2-4	0-0	2	3	0	8
Kuczynski *	0-3	0-1	0-0	2	1	5	0
Henderson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Wood	1-6	0-4	0-0	0	3	2	2
Hala'Api'Api	3-7	0-0	2-2	8	1	0	8
Zawadka	2-6	0-1	0-1	3	0	3	4
TOTALS	20-53	3-16	11-14	37	14	10	54
	.377	.188	.786				

Northwest Missouri (18-10)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Williams *	3-11	3-9	0-0	1	4	0	9
Schumacher *	1-2	0-0	3-3	2	0	0	5
Brue *	5-11	2-3	0-0	7	3	2	12
Nelson *	5-11	0-4	0-0	2	0	2	10
Miller *	0-2	0-1	4-4	9	0	8	4
Bayer	4-7	2-2	1-2	2	2	3	11
O'Grady	5-11	4-9	0-0	1	0	2	14
Uriell	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	2
Burton	2-4	1-3	0-0	1	2	1	5
Baker	1-5	0-0	3-4	7	3	1	5
TOTALS	27-65	12-31	11-13	36	14	19	77
	.415	.387	.846				

Halftime: NWMSU 46, MSSU 34; Turnovers: MSSU 20, NWMSU 10; Steals: NWMSU 15 (Miller 5), MSSU 6 (Zawadka 2); Blocked Shots: MSSU 3 (Robbs 2), NWMSU 1 (Miller).

**THE LIONS
RECORD WHEN ...**

	2007-08	Under Mitts
Scoring 59 points or less	3-7	13-49
Scoring 60-69 points	6-1	42-25
Scoring 70-79 points	5-1	32-5
Scoring 80+ points	4-0	29-1
Allowing 59 points or less	10-1	65-8
Allowing 60-69 points	4-2	36-27
Allowing 70-79 points	3-6	12-34
Allowing 80+ points	1-0	3-11
Game decided by 3 pts. or less ..	4-1	21-10
Game decided by 4-9 pts.	4-1	31-25
Game decided by 10-19 pts.	6-6	32-29
Game decided by 20 or more	4-1	32-17
Lead in rebounding	14-3	86-30
Trail in rebounding	3-5	27-42
Tie in rebounding	1-1	3-8
Have more turnovers	9-5	43-57
Have fewer turnovers	6-4	59-22
Tie in turnovers	3-0	14-1
Lead at halftime	15-0	89-14
Trail at halftime	2-9	22-60
Tied at halftime	1-0	5-6
Outshoot opponents (pct.)	17-2	94-16
Opponent outshoots (pct.)	1-7	21-63
Tie in shooting (pct.)	0-0	1-1
Make more free throws	2-2	62-17
Make less free throws	15-7	52-59
Tie in free throws	1-0	3-5
Make more threes	13-2	79-27
Make less threes	5-5	33-43
Tie in threes	0-2	5-10
Have more assists	14-3	83-17
Have fewer assists	4-5	29-59
Tie in assists	0-1	3-5
Have more steals	12-6	82-30
Have fewer steals	5-2	26-41
Tie in steals	1-1	8-10
Get more bench points	14-5	64-35
Get fewer bench points	3-2	46-41
Tie in bench points	1-2	6-4
Game goes into overtime	1-0	5-2
In November	5-0	29-5
In December	4-0	26-8
In January	5-4	30-32
In February	4-4	27-27
In March	0-1	0-7
vs. Nationally-Ranked Foes	2-2	8-26

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
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 (18-9, 9-9 MIAA)

The Missouri Southern Lions fell 70-58 in the regular season finale at Missouri Western Saturday night (Mar. 1) in St. Joseph, Mo. The Lions were hurt by 26 turnovers, including seven during a critical 14-0 spurt in the first that gave Western the lead for good. Despite the loss, the Lions clinched the No. 4 seed in the MIAA Tournament and will face Northwest Missouri State for the second straight year.

Tynesha Pierce leads the Lions this season with 12.1 ppg, along with 5.6 rpg and also has a team-high 44 steals. Fatai Hala'Api'Api averages 11.7 ppg and paces the Lions with 5.8 rpg and 32 blocked shots. India Wood also averages in double-figures with 10.8 ppg and has dished out a team-high 103 assists. Danielle DeVader leads the Lions with 42 three-pointers on the season.

THE DISH ON THE BEARCATS (14-13, 9-9 MIAA)

The Northwest Missouri State Bearcats dropped their second straight to conclude the regular season with a 69-59 loss at Fort Hays State on Saturday night (Mar. 1). Kelli Nelson put the Bearcats up 16-14 with a three in the first half, but FHSU went on a 16-6 run to go up by eight and never trailed the rest of the way.

Mandi Schumacher leads Northwest with 15.7 ppg and 7.5 rpg. Meghan Brue is second with 10.9 ppg, while Kelli Nelson scores 10.6 ppg and has hit a team-best 68 three-pointers. April Miller leads the Bearcats with 95 assists.

THE SERIES

The Lions trail the all-time series against NWMSU 19-16 after splitting the regular season series with the Bearcats. Last season's MIAA Tournament matchup is the only meeting in the series history on a neutral floor, with Northwest prevailing 77-54.

DEJA VU

Missouri Southern and Northwest Missouri State once again will face off in the 4-5 matchup at the MIAA Tournament, with the only difference being the Lions will be wearing the home jerseys as the fourth seed this season. Southern will hope for a much better result this time around, as they were defeated 77-54 last season as the fifth-seed to the fourth-seeded Bearcats.

REGIONAL POSITION

The Missouri Southern Lions are currently the No. 6-ranked squad in the latest South Central Regional Rankings. The top eight teams in the region at the conclusion of the regular season advance to the Regional Postseason Tournament. It would be the first appearance by Missouri Southern in NCAA Postseason play since 1996.

CLOSING IN ON #200

If Missouri Southern defeats Northwest Missouri State on Thursday, it will be career win #200 for head coach Maryann Mitts. Mitts is in her 12th season as a collegiate head coach and has an overall record of 199-136. She is 116-80 as the Lions' head coach.

JUST TAKE ME HALF THE WAY

Even though the game does not officially end at halftime, the Missouri Southern Lions have done a great job of making halftime leads stand after the break. The Lions are a perfect 15-0 this year when leading at the half, compared to a 2-9 mark when trailing. The Lions are also a sparkling 89-14 overall under head coach Maryann Mitts when leading at halftime.

STATISTICAL PACE-SETTERS

The Missouri Southern Lions are a force to be reckoned with, particularly on defense. The Lions are currently second in the MIAA in field-goal percentage defense (.361), scoring defense (59.8 ppg) and three-point field-goal percentage defense (.299). The Lions are also third in blocked shots (3.70 bpg), rebounding defense (34.1 rpg) and scoring margin (+6.0 ppg), while ranking fourth in rebounding margin (+3.9 rpg) and three-point percentage (.343).

Individually, India Wood is fifth in assists (3.81 apg) and eighth in assist-turnover ratio (1.30). Fatai Hala'Api'Api is tied for fourth in blocked shots (1.19 bpg) and Danielle DeVader ranks 10th in the league in three-point field-goal percentage (.347). Also, Tynesha Pierce is fifth in offensive rebounds (2.78 rpg).

Through games of Mar. 2, the Lions currently rank 31st in all of NCAA Division II in field-goal percentage defense.

UP NEXT

With a win over Northwest Missouri, the Lions would play the winner between No. 1 seed Washburn and No. 8 seed Missouri Western on Saturday in the MIAA Tournament semifinals at noon.

Missouri Southern Basketball

Missouri Southern Season Box Score (as of Mar 01, 2008)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(18-9)	(8-4)	(7-5)	(3-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(9-9)	(5-4)	(4-5)	(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								
42	Pierce, Tynesha.....	27-25	543 20.1	131-271	.483	10-22	.455	56-83	.675	75	77	152	5.6	90	5	15	40	20	44	328	12.1
	Conference-Only..	18-18	384 21.3	91-189	.481	6-15	.400	49-71	.690	47	52	99	5.5	58	3	7	29	16	35	237	13.2
15	Hala'Api'Api, Fatai..	27-7	528 19.6	129-227	.568	0-0	.000	58-93	.624	65	92	157	5.8	80	4	17	56	32	10	316	11.7
	Conference-Only..	18-2	354 19.7	85-154	.552	0-0	.000	37-59	.627	44	60	104	5.8	59	3	13	38	13	6	207	11.5
05	Wood, India.....	27-25	899 33.3	99-235	.421	39-103	.379	54-80	.675	4	86	90	3.3	48	0	103	79	1	27	291	10.8
	Conference-Only..	18-16	640 35.6	73-171	.427	32-77	.416	41-57	.719	3	55	58	3.2	38	0	64	62	1	19	219	12.2
20	Kantin, Robin.....	14-8	296 21.1	35-87	.402	15-43	.349	20-27	.741	15	26	41	2.9	11	0	24	18	1	8	105	7.5
	Conference-Only..	6-0	91 15.2	7-20	.350	5-15	.333	2-3	.667	3	8	11	1.8	1	0	2	2	0	3	21	3.5
21	Zawadka, Ela.....	25-15	642 25.7	57-152	.375	26-81	.321	24-31	.774	24	71	95	3.8	34	0	33	48	5	11	164	6.6
	Conference-Only..	16-11	455 28.4	34-109	.312	18-59	.305	21-25	.840	17	51	68	4.3	23	0	28	31	5	9	107	6.7
22	DeVader, Danielle...	27-23	728 27.0	49-143	.343	42-121	.347	33-37	.892	18	74	92	3.4	60	0	44	38	6	24	173	6.4
	Conference-Only..	18-18	571 31.7	42-116	.362	35-95	.368	31-34	.912	14	62	76	4.2	43	0	26	28	6	17	150	8.3
10	Bonner, Trice.....	15-0	219 14.6	29-81	.358	15-35	.429	19-23	.826	14	31	45	3.0	31	0	12	27	6	17	92	6.1
	Conference-Only..	6-0	65 10.8	4-24	.167	2-10	.200	2-2	1.000	2	11	13	2.2	6	0	1	4	1	1	12	2.0
23	Davis, Lindsey.....	20-17	421 21.1	32-90	.356	2-10	.200	28-38	.737	15	33	48	2.4	56	4	39	56	2	16	94	4.7
	Conference-Only..	18-17	407 22.6	32-89	.360	2-10	.200	26-34	.765	15	33	48	2.7	52	4	37	53	2	16	92	5.1
33	Helfrich, Nichole...	25-7	417 16.7	30-68	.441	0-0	.000	33-43	.767	40	45	85	3.4	68	1	19	31	12	24	93	3.7
	Conference-Only..	16-5	247 15.4	21-47	.447	0-0	.000	26-34	.765	25	27	52	3.3	40	1	11	19	7	16	68	4.3
11	Marquez, Ivaney.....	26-7	410 15.8	33-108	.306	12-49	.245	12-21	.571	44	42	86	3.3	30	0	39	36	12	16	90	3.5
	Conference-Only..	17-2	260 15.3	16-60	.267	4-26	.154	6-10	.600	26	28	54	3.2	18	0	21	24	10	8	42	2.5
13	Johnson, Misti.....	7-0	29 4.1	5-9	.556	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	0.4	4	0	1	4	0	3	10	1.4
	Conference-Only..	4-0	6 1.5	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	0.5	0	0	1	2	0	1	2	0.5
53	Vavao-Huggins, Britt	7-0	41 5.9	3-8	.375	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	1	7	8	1.1	5	0	3	2	1	2	6	0.9
	Conference-Only..	3-0	9 3.0	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0.0
02	Henderson, Randi....	26-1	252 9.7	7-19	.368	1-6	.167	0-2	.000	2	19	21	0.8	26	0	23	21	2	5	15	0.6
	Conference-Only..	17-1	136 8.0	2-8	.250	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	0	11	11	0.6	16	0	7	14	0	0	5	0.3
	TEAM.....									30	72	102	3.8	0							
	Conference-Only..									22	49	71	3.9	0							
Total.....		27	5425	639-1498	.427	162-472	.343	337-480	.702	348	677	1025	38.0	543	14	372	461	100	207	1777	65.8
Conference-Only..		18	3625	408-989	.413	105-310	.339	241-330	.730	219	449	668	37.1	354	11	219	311	61	132	1162	64.6
Opponents.....		27	5425	515-1428	.361	152-508	.299	433-611	.709	331	590	921	34.1	450	6	298	447	48	147	1615	59.8
Conference-Only..		18	3625	396-991	.400	122-364	.335	293-402	.729	210	411	621	34.5	294	4	231	264	40	108	1207	67.1

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	(7)Hala'Api'Api, Fatai
01/12/08	1:30 p.m.	* at Central Missouri	W <u>85-82</u>	1300	(22)Wood, India	(6)Pierce, Tynesha
01/16/08	5:30 p.m.	* at NW Missouri State	W <u>65-64</u>	1008	(13)Wood, India	(10)Marquez, Ivaney
1/19/08	5:30 PM	* SOUTHWEST BAPTIST	W <u>58-55</u>	1979	(16)Hala'Api'Api, Fatai	(12)Hala'Api'Api, Fatai
1/23/08	5:30 PM	* EMPORIA STATE	W <u>90-71</u>	1176	(24)Wood, India	(8)Pierce, Tynesha
01/26/08	3:00 p.m.	* at Fort Hays State	<u>59-70</u> L	1375	(18)Pierce, Tynesha	(8)Pierce, Tynesha
01/30/08	5:30 p.m.	* at Washburn	W <u>69-61</u>	2003	(17)Pierce, Tynesha	(7)Davis, Lindsey
2/2/08	1:00 PM	* TRUMAN STATE UNIV.	WOT <u>77-71</u>	1100	(17)Wood, India	(9)DeVader, Danielle
2/6/08	5:30 PM	* WASHBURN	<u>59-72</u> L	1100	(19)Hala'Api'Api, Fatai	(7)DeVader, Danielle
2/9/08	5:30 PM	* FORT HAYS STATE	W <u>76-75</u>	1456	(28)Pierce, Tynesha	(5)DeVader, Danielle
02/13/08	5:30 pm	* at Emporia State	<u>46-79</u> L	1750	(10)Wood, India	(6)Marquez, Ivaney
2/16/08	5:30	* at Southwest Baptist University	<u>53-62</u> L	1265	(20)Pierce, Tynesha	(10)Hala'Api'Api, Fatai
2/20/08	5:30 PM	* CENTRAL MISSOURI	W <u>64-53</u>	1395	(14)Wood, India	(7)Hala'Api'Api, Fatai
2/23/08	1:00 PM	* NW MISSOURI STATE	<u>62-73</u> L	1622	(16)Pierce, Tynesha	(7)Helfrich, Nichole
2/27/08	5:30 pm CST	* at Pittsburg State	W <u>70-53</u>	1776	(14)Wood, India	(5)DeVader, Danielle
03/01/08	5:30 pm	* at Missouri Western	<u>58-70</u> L	2719	(15)Wood, India	(9)Hala'Api'Api, Fatai

* = Conference game

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY	GAMES	TOTALS	AVG/GAME
HOME.....	12	14363	1197
AWAY.....	12	14178	1182
NEUTRAL.....	3	338	113
TOTAL.....	27	28879	1070

THE 2007-08 LIONS



2007-08 SEASON HIGHS

Points: 15, two times, last vs. Washburn, 2-6-08
 Rebounds: 9, vs. Truman State, 2-2-08
 Field Goals: 5, two times, last at Fort Hays State, 1-26-08
 3-Point FG: 5, at Central Missouri, 1-12-08
 Free Throws Made: 10, vs. Emporia State, 1-23-08
 Assists: 6, vs. Missouri Western, 1-5-08
 Steals: 6, vs. Northwest Missouri State, 2-23-08

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

CAREER HIGHS

Points: 18, two times, last vs. Ozark Christian, 12-06-05
 Rebounds: 9, three times, last vs. Truman State, 2-2-08
 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: 10, vs. Emporia State, 1-23-08
 Assists: 6, vs. Missouri Western, 1-5-08
 Steals: 6, vs. Northwest Missouri State, 2-23-08

SEASON STATS								
GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
27/23	173-6.4	49-143	42-121	33-37	92-3.4	44	6	24
		.343	.347	.892				

CAREER STATS								
GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
66/47	504-7.6	153-394	121-317	77-85	228-3.5	99	18	57
		.388	.382	.906				



2007-08 SEASON HIGHS

Points: 28, vs. Fort Hays State, 2-9-08
 Rebounds: 10, two times, last vs. Evangel, 12-19-07
 Field Goals Made: 11, vs. Fort Hays State, 2-9-08
 3-Point FG Made: 2, two times, last vs. Northwest Missouri State, 2-23-08
 Free Throws Made: 8, two times, last at Southwest Baptist, 2-16-08
 Assists: 2, six times, last at Missouri Western, 3-1-08
 Steals: 6, at Missouri Western, 3-1-08

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

CAREER HIGHS

Points: 28, vs. Fort Hays State, 2-9-08
 Rebounds: 13, vs. Pittsburg State, 2-21-07
 Field Goals Made: 11, two times, last vs. Fort Hays State, 2-9-08
 3-Point FG Made: 2, vs. St. Edward's, 12-1-07
 Free Throws Made: 8, two times, last at Southwest Baptist, 2-16-08
 Assists: 2, six times, last at Missouri Western, 3-1-08
 Steals: 6, at Missouri Western, 3-1-08

SEASON STATS								
GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
27/25	328-12.1	131-271	10-22	56-83	152-5.6	15	20	44
		.483	.455	.675				

CAREER STATS								
GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
54/47	665-12.3	267-549	10-22	121-158	318-5.9	30	60	85
		.486	.455	.766				



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, two times, last at Pittsburg State, 2-27-08

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.
14/8	105-7.5	35-87	15-43	20-27	41-2.9	24	1	8
		.402	.349	.741				

CAREER STATS								
GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
69/61	716-10.4	234-566	44-137	202-277	342-5.0	167	9	79
		.413	.321	.729				



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: 11, vs. Washburn, 2-6-08
 Rebounds: 12, three times, last vs. Southwest Baptist, 1-19-08
 Assists: 2, four times, last at Pittsburg State, 2-27-08
 Steals: 2, three times, last at Fort Hays State, 1-26-08

15-FATALA 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: 11, vs. Washburn, 2-6-08
 Rebounds: 14, vs. Central Missouri, 1-6-07
 Assists: 3, vs. Emporia State, 2-7-07
 Steals: 2, seven times, last at Fort Hays State, 1-26-08

SEASON STATS								
GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
27/7	316-11.7	129-227	0-0	58-93	157-5.8	17	32	10
		.568	.000	.624				

CAREER STATS								
GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
46/19	520-11.3	216-391	0-0	88-144	265-5.8	27	62	27
		.552	.000	.611				



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.
26/1	15-0.6	7-19	1-6	0-2	21-0.8	23	2	5
		.368	.167	.000				

CAREER STATS

GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
48/1	24-0.5	9-32	2-16	4-6	31-0.6	39	5	14
		.281	.125	.667				



2007-08 SEASON HIGHS

Points: 24, vs. Emporia State, 1-23-08
 Field Goals 8, vs. Emporia State, 1-23-08
 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: 5, vs. Truman State, 2-2-08

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

CAREER HIGHS

Points: 24, vs. Emporia State, 1-24-08
 Field Goals 8, vs. Emporia State, 1-24-08
 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: 5, vs. Truman State, 2-2-08

SEASON STATS

GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
27/25	291-10.8	99-235	39-103	54-80	90-3.3	103	1	27
		.421	.379	.675				

CAREER STATS

GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
46/27	355-7.7	122-310	50-140	61-93	123-2.7	152	3	38
		.394	.357	.656				



2007-08 SEASON HIGHS

Points: 16, vs. Fort Hays State, 2-9-08
 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: 5, vs. Fort Hays State, 2-9-08
 Assists: 4, three times, last at Pittsburg State, 2-27-08
 Steals: 3, at Southwest Baptist, 2-16-08

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

CAREER HIGHS

Points: 16, vs. Fort Hays State, 2-9-08
 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: 5, vs. Fort Hays State, 2-9-08
 Assists: 4, three times, last at Pittsburg State, 2-27-08
 Steals: 3, two times, last at Southwest Baptist, 2-16-08

SEASON STATS

GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
25/15	164-6.6	57-152	26-81	24-31	95-3.8	33	5	11
		.375	.321	.774				

CAREER STATS

GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
52/19	313-6.0	112-291	48-152	36-54	172-3.3	57	10	27
		.385	.316	.667				



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, three times, last vs. Fort Hays State, 2-9-08
 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.
26/7	90-3.5	33-108	12-49	12-21	86-3.3	39	12	16
		.306	.245	.571				



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: None
 Free Throws Made: None
 Rebounds: 1, three times, last at Pittsburg State, 2-27-08
 Assists: 1, at Emporia State, 2-13-08
 Steals: 2, vs. Webster, 11-28-07

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

SEASON STATS

GP/S	Pts.-Avg.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	Reb.-Avg.	Ast.	Blk.	Stl.
7/0	10-1.4	5-9	0-2	0-0	3-0.4	1	0	3
		.556	.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, two times, last at Washburn, 1-30-08
 Free Throws Made: 5, at Washburn, 1-30-08
 Rebounds: 7, at Washburn, 1-30-08
 Assists: 8, vs. Northwest Missouri State, 2-23-08
 Steals: 3, two times, last vs. Fort Hays State, 2-9-08

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.
20/17	94-4.7	32-90	2-10	28-38	48-2.4	39	2	16
		.356	.200	.737				



2007-08 SEASON HIGHS

Points: 12, at Truman, 1-2-08
 Field Goals Made: 3, three times, last at Emporia State, 2-13-08
 3-Point FG Made: None
 Free Throws Made: 6, at Truman, 1-2-08
 Rebounds: 8, vs. Webster, 11-28-07
 Assists: 2, six times, last vs. Central Missouri, 2-20-08
 Steals: 4, at Emporia State, 2-13-08

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.
25/7	93-3.7	30-68	0-0	33-43	85-3.4	19	12	24
		.441	.000	.767				



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, two times, last vs. Truman State, 2-2-08

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.
7/0	6-0.9	3-8	0-0	0-2	8-1.1	3	1	2
		.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 Tills, 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. -Ivane 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.

Game 16 • Jan. 23, 2008 Lions 90, No. 16 Emporia State 71

Joplin, Mo. -- The Missouri Southern Lions converted 34-of-38 free throws that led to a convincing, 90-71 victory over the No. 16-ranked Emporia State Lady Hornets Wednesday night (Jan. 23) at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

India Wood continued her stellar play in the MIAA with a career-high 24 points on 8-of-11 from the field. She also made all six of her free-throw attempts and both of her tries from three-point distance. Wood has been the Lions leading scorer in three of their four conference victories this season.

The Lions (13-3, 4-3 MIAA) were led at the stripe by Danielle DeVader, who was a perfect 10-of-10 at the line to account for all of her points.

The closest ESU came in the second half was three as Michelle Stueve converted a three-point play that made it 48-45 Lions with 15:05 remaining.

Wood and Tynesha Pierce then combined for nine points to lead an 11-2 run that gave the Lions a double-digit lead at 59-47.

The Lions maintained at least an eight-point advantage from that point and made 12 free throws over the final 2:09 to pull away for the big win.

After Stueve hit a three to put the Lady Hornets up 5-2 in the early minutes, the Lions went on a 19-2 burst and led 21-7 after Wood made a layup with 13:49 left in the opening half.

The Lions built the lead to 17 at 27-10 before Stueve hit a trey to cap an 11-2 Lady Hornet spurt with 8:34 left in the opening stanza that brought ESU to within eight.

MSSU went on to lead 43-35 at the half.

Missouri Southern (13-3, 4-3 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Wood *	8-11	2-2	6-6	4	4	3	24
Zawadka *	4-9	2-5	2-2	5	3	1	12
DeVader *	0-2	0-0	10-10	5	2	2	10
Davis *	1-2	0-0	0-2	2	2	0	2
Pierce *	7-15	0-0	8-9	8	2	0	22
Henderson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Bonner	0-3	0-2	0-0	2	4	0	0
Marquez	0-2	0-1	0-0	2	0	0	0
Hala'Api'Api	4-8	0-0	5-6	6	3	1	13
Helfrich	2-4	0-0	3-3	4	0	0	7
TOTALS	26-56	4-10	34-38	46	21	7	90
	.464	.400	.895				

#16 Emporia State (11-5, 4-3 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Boston *	5-10	1-5	4-5	0	3	2	15
Leiker *	5-10	2-5	2-2	1	3	3	14
Kisner *	3-7	0-2	0-0	4	4	1	6
Stueve *	6-20	4-9	5-5	8	3	3	21
Renberg *	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	1	0
Augustyn	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	1	1	3
Corker	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0
Zabel	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Edwards	4-7	1-1	0-0	5	4	1	9
Volkens	1-3	0-0	1-3	2	4	1	3
TOTALS	25-60	9-25	12-15	24	26	14	71
	.417	.360	.800				

Halftime: MSSU 43, ESU 35; Turnovers: MSSU 18, ESU 17; Steals: MSSU 7 (Pierce 3), ESU 3 (Boston, Stueve, Volkens); Blocked Shots: MSSU 6 (Pierce 3), ESU 3 (Stueve 2).

Game 17 • Jan. 26, 2008 Fort Hays State 70, Lions 59

Hays, Kan. -- Naomi Bancroft made six three-pointers and scored a game-high 24 points to lead the Fort Hays State Lady Tigers to a 70-59 win over the Missouri Southern Lions in MIAA action Saturday afternoon (Jan. 26) in Hays, Kan.

The loss snaps the Lions' four-game winning streak and puts them at 4-4 in the MIAA and 13-4 overall. FHSU improves to 8-9 and 2-6 in conference play.

Even though the Lions never led in the first half, they managed to stay close and took their first lead of the game on an Ela Zawadka three to go up 39-37 with 16:08 remaining in the game.

The Lions' biggest lead of the day was three after Tynesha Pierce snapped a 39-39 tie with a layup and then converted a free throw to put the Lions ahead 42-39.

Sheena Kuntzsch then tied the score with a trey, but Danielle DeVader immediately answered with a jumper that made it 44-42 Lions with 12:01 left.

But the Lady Tigers gained the lead for good with a 12-2 run that was sparked by eight points from Bancroft that put FHSU up 54-46 with 8:13 remaining.

The Lions hung around though as DeVader knocked in a pair of threes as part of an 11-5 spurt that pulled Southern to within two at 59-57 with exactly two minutes left in the contest.

However, FHSU put the game away with a game-ending 13-2 run to pull away for the victory.

Missouri Southern (13-4, 4-4 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Pierce *	6-11	1-1	5-8	8	3	0	18
Wood *	4-15	3-7	0-0	4	3	4	11
Zawadka *	3-8	2-7	0-0	3	0	4	8
DeVader *	5-10	3-8	0-0	5	4	1	13
Davis *	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0
Bonner	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Marquez	0-3	0-2	1-2	3	2	1	1
Hala'Api'Api	3-10	0-0	2-2	7	2	0	8
Helfrich	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	21-60	9-25	8-12	32	15	11	59
	.350	.360	.667				

Fort Hays State (8-9, 2-6 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Willhite *	6-10	0-0	1-5	7	4	0	13
Kuntzsch *	1-9	1-4	4-4	9	2	4	7
Klug *	5-12	2-6	0-0	5	0	5	12
Bancroft *	7-19	6-17	4-4	3	1	1	24
Mason *	2-3	1-1	0-0	11	1	5	5
Biel	2-5	1-1	0-0	3	2	1	5
Cornett	2-3	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	4
Bessert	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	25-61	11-29	9-13	44	10	18	70
	.410	.379	.692				

Halftime: FHSU 35, MSSU 34; Turnovers: FHSU 13, MSSU 10; Steals: MSSU 7 (Hala'Api'Api 2), FHSU 6 (Bancroft 2); Blocked Shots: MSSU 3 (Pierce, Marquez, Hala'Api'Api), FHSU 2 (Biel 2).

Game 18 • Jan. 30, 2008 Lions 69, #12 Washburn 61

Topeka, Kan. - The Missouri Southern Lions used a solid effort on both ends of the floor to gain an important road MIAA victory, 69-61 at the No. 12-ranked Washburn Lady Blues Wednesday night (Jan. 30) in Topeka, Kan. It is the Lions' first win in Topeka since the 1995 season.

The Lions scored the first five points of the contest and built the lead to double-figures at 19-8 on a jumper from India Wood. Lindsey Davis then knocked in a jumper that gave the Lions their largest lead at 31-19.

Washburn answered with an 8-0 spurt that trimmed the lead to 31-27, but the Lions scored three of the final four points of the half to take a 34-28 lead into the locker room.

With the Lions up 40-33 early in the second half, Fatai Hala'Api'Api hit a shot and then Davis drained a three that gave the Lions a double-digit lead again at 45-33.

Southern extended the lead to 14 with a long three-pointer from Wood that made it 48-34 in favor of the Lions. Nichole Helfrich quickly put Southern up by 18 with back-to-back buckets with 11:32 remaining.

Corkey Stiger helped the Lady Blues get back in the game with a couple of treys as part of a 10-0 run that cut the lead to nine at 53-44.

DeVader gave the Lions control of the game again with eight straight points during a critical stretch on an offensive putback and two threes that gave the Lions a 16-point advantage at 61-45.

WU wouldn't go quietly and climbed to within eight at 64-56 on a layup from Jessica Mainz.

But Tynesha Pierce sealed the victory for Southern by converting a three-point play that put the Lions back up by 11 at 67-56 with 25 seconds left.

Missouri Southern (14-4, 5-4 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Pierce *	7-10	1-2	2-3	0	5	0	17
Wood *	6-10	1-3	0-1	1	1	3	13
Zawadka *	0-2	0-2	1-2	1	1	4	1
DeVader *	3-5	2-3	2-2	6	3	1	10
Davis *	4-8	1-1	5-6	7	3	2	14
Henderson	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0
Marquez	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	1	0
Hala'Api'Api	2-8	0-0	2-4	7	4	2	6
Helfrich	3-3	0-0	2-2	2	4	0	8
TOTALS	25-47	5-11	14-20	30	24	13	69
	.532	.455	.700				

#12 Washburn (14-4, 6-3 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Holmes *	2-5	0-0	6-8	8	2	1	10
Gregory *	1-4	0-2	2-2	2	2	0	4
Mainz *	3-8	0-1	5-7	2	3	3	11
Stiger *	8-19	3-12	4-4	4	2	1	23
Bright *	2-10	0-3	2-2	3	3	0	6
Germano	0-0	0-0	1-2	1	0	0	1
Mullen	1-1	1-1	1-3	2	1	2	4
Tailele	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Silovsky	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	1	0
Araujo	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	1	0	2
TOTALS	18-50	4-20	21-29	28	15	8	61
	.360	.200	.724				

Halftime: MSSU 34, WU 28; Turnovers: MSSU 19, WU 16; Steals: MSSU 7 (DeVader, Davis Helfrich 2), WU 4 (Stiger 3); Blocked Shots: WU 2 (Holmes, Stiger), MSSU 1 (Marquez).

Game 19 • Feb. 2, 2008 Lions 77, Truman 71, OT

Joplin, Mo. -- The Missouri Southern Lions out-scored the Truman Bulldogs 10-4 in the extra period to defeat the Truman Bulldogs 77-71 in overtime Saturday afternoon (Feb. 2) at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

The victory is the Lions' sixth in seven games in the MIAA and puts them at 15-4 overall and 6-4 in the conference. The Bulldogs fall to 13-6 overall and 5-5 in the MIAA.

Senior India Wood continued her stellar play MIAA games by hitting the go-ahead three-pointer with 2:10 left in the overtime period to put the Lions ahead for good 73-71.

After the Lions forced the Bulldogs into consecutive misses and a turnover, Danielle DeVader and Ela Zawadka each hit a pair of free throws to close out the win.

Things appeared difficult for the Lions late in regulation after Georgia Mueller hit two from the charity stripe to give the Bulldogs a 67-64 advantage with 2:00 remaining in the second half. But DeVader hit a huge trey that tied the score with 59 seconds left for the final points of regulation.

The Lions trailed 32-27 at the half but Tynesha Pierce scored eight points to spark a 15-5 second-half opening run that put the Lions up 42-37 with 14:23 remaining.

Truman answered with a 10-2 run capped off by a three from Carmen McGee that put the Bulldogs up 47-44.

Southern continued the back-and-forth spurts and took a 55-49 lead as DeVader knocked in a pair of threes to lead an 11-2 Lion run over a span of 2:57.

The Bulldogs led throughout the first half and jumped out to a 12-4 early advantage on a layup from Mueller.

Katie Fowler hit two free throws to give Truman their biggest lead of the half at 21-8 with 10:07 left in the first half.

The Lions trailed 26-14 before out-scoring the Bulldogs 13-6 over the final 6:07 of the opening half to cut the lead to five.

Missouri Southern (15-4, 6-4 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Wood *	6-20	4-11	1-2	6	1	5	17
Zawadka *	4-11	0-4	2-2	9	1	3	10
DeVader *	3-8	3-7	2-2	9	3	0	11
Davis *	2-6	0-2	4-4	4	4	1	8
Pierce *	5-9	0-1	2-3	5	5	0	12
Henderson	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0
Marquez	3-7	1-3	1-1	6	0	1	8
Hala'Api'Api	4-8	0-0	1-1	1	5	0	9
Helfrich	1-4	0-0	0-0	6	5	0	2
Vavao-Huggins	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	28-47	8-28	13-15	51	25	11	77
	.378	.286	.867				

Truman (13-6, 5-5 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Fowler *	3-7	1-3	3-4	6	2	1	10
Montebello *	0-8	0-4	0-2	2	2	5	0
McGee, Can. *	2-7	2-5	1-2	5	2	2	7
McGee, Car. *	3-9	3-6	0-0	6	2	0	9
Mueller *	12-16	0-1	5-7	8	4	4	29
Guinn	0-2	0-1	4-4	3	2	2	4
Joya	1-4	1-3	3-4	2	0	1	6
Kiecker	2-7	0-1	2-5	7	2	0	6
TOTALS	23-60	7-24	18-28	43	16	15	71
	.383	.292	.643				

Halftime: TSU 32, MSSU 27; Turnovers: TSU 14, MSSU 12; Steals: MSSU 13 (Wood 5), TSU 2 (Montebello, Guinn); Blocked Shots: MSSU 4 (Marquez 3), TSU 2 (Mueller).

Game 20 • Feb. 6, 2008 #19 Washburn 72, Lions 59

Joplin, Mo. -- Four players scored in double-figures to lead the No. 19-ranked Washburn Lady Blues to a 72-59 win over the Missouri Southern Lions in a matchup of the league's top two defensive squads Wednesday night (Feb. 6) at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

Washburn's win means the two schools split the season series, as the Lions defeated the Lady Blues 69-61 one week ago (Jan. 30) for their first win in Topeka, Kan. since 1995.

The Lions (15-5, 6-5 MIAA) led throughout much of the first half but the Lady Blues took control with a 22-6 run from the 3:14 point of the first half through the 15:09 mark of the second half.

Renata Germano scored five points to lead a first-half ending 9-2 WU spurt that turned a three-point deficit into a 28-24 halftime advantage.

The Lady Blues (16-4, 8-3 MIAA) opened the second-half on a 13-4 run and went ahead 41-28 on a trey by Amanda Holmes.

Danielle DeVader did her best to keep the Lions in it by knocking down four three-pointers in the second half, including a pair that brought Southern to within single-digits. One trey cut the Washburn lead to 43-35 with 10:46 remaining.

But Jessica Mainz hit a three and converted a three-point play as WU out-scored the Lions 8-3 over the next 3:21 to go back up 51-38.

The Lions hit from long-range to come within 10 on three occasions after that, but each time they did the Lady Blues answered with a three of their own to hold off Southern.

Missouri Southern (15-5, 6-5 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Marquez *	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0
Zawadka *	1-3	1-3	1-2	4	4	0	4
DeVader *	4-8	4-8	3-4	7	4	0	15
Davis *	3-10	0-1	0-0	6	5	5	6
Pierce *	3-4	0-0	1-2	4	2	0	7
Henderson	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	1	2	0
Wood	2-7	2-4	0-0	1	2	1	6
Hala'Api'Api	4-7	0-0	11-13	2	3	0	19
Helfrich	0-0	0-0	2-4	3	3	1	2
TOTALS	17-39	7-16	18-25	32	24	10	59
	.436	.438	.720				

#19 Washburn (16-4, 8-3 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Holmes *	3-10	2-3	4-4	8	5	0	12
Mainz *	3-7	1-3	8-9	4	1	7	15
Stiger *	5-15	2-6	5-8	4	2	4	17
Bright *	4-13	3-4	0-3	5	2	2	11
Gregory *	2-5	1-3	0-0	4	1	0	5
Ulsaker	0-1	0-0	1-2	2	0	0	1
Germano	2-4	0-0	3-4	4	4	0	7
Mullen	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Taillele	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	0
Silovsky	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	2
Araujo	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	2
TOTALS	21-62	9-20	21-30	39	20	13	72
	.339	.450	.700				

Halftime: WU 28, MSSU 24; Turnovers: MSSU 20, WU 9; Steals: WU 5 (Mainz 4), MSSU 2 (Marquez, DeVader); Blocked Shots: MSSU 3 (Pierce 2), WU 1 (Mainz).

Game 21 • Feb. 9, 2008 Lions 76, Fort Hays State 75

Senior Tynesha Pierce poured in a career-high 28 points to lead the Missouri Southern Lions to a dramatic, 76-75 win over the Fort Hays State Lady Tigers Saturday night (Feb. 9) at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

The win is the Lions seventh in their last nine outings and put them at 16-5 overall and 7-5 in the MIAA. FHSU goes to 9-12 overall and 3-9 in conference action.

Trailing 70-64 with 5:09 remaining, Pierce scored six points to lead a 10-2 spurt and gave the Lions the lead for good at 74-72 on a layup with 2:08 left.

Lindsey Davis then made one free throw to give Southern a three-point advantage, but Raychel Boling and Meshia Mason each made one freebie to pull the Lady Tigers to within one at 75-74 with 51 seconds left.

Each squad then exchanged free throw makes over the next 17 seconds and the Lions led 76-75 with seven seconds left. The Lady Tigers had possession but failed to get off a shot in the final seconds as the Lions hung on for the victory.

The Lions got off to a hot start as India Wood nailed a three that gave Southern an 11-3 lead early on. Danielle DeVader and Wood then each hit a three-pointer as the Lions extended the lead to 19-7 with 12:21 left in the first half.

Southern led 29-21 when FHSU began their march back into the game. The Lady Tigers out-scored the Lions 11-2 over the next 3:46 to take their first lead of the game at 32-31 on a layup from Sheena Kuntzsch with 26 seconds remaining in the opening half.

Kuntzsch then made a free throw that put Hays up 33-31, but Ela Zawadka knocked home a trey as the clock expired in the first half to give the Lions a 34-33 lead heading into the half.

Missouri Southern (16-5, 7-5 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Wood *	2-7	2-4	3-4	4	1	7	9
Zawadka *	4-4	3-3	5-6	2	4	3	16
DeVader *	1-5	1-5	4-4	5	4	4	7
Davis *	2-4	0-0	1-2	3	5	2	5
Pierce *	11-15	0-1	6-9	3	4	0	28
Henderson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Johnson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Hala'Api'Api	4-6	0-0	0-0	3	4	1	8
Kantin	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Helfrich	0-3	0-0	0-0	3	3	2	0
TOTALS	25-47	6-15	20-27	30	27	23	76
	.532	.400	.741				

Fort Hays State (9-12, 3-9 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Klug *	4-5	2-3	0-0	2	3	1	10
Bancroft *	4-13	3-10	2-4	1	1	0	13
Mason *	2-8	0-0	2-4	4	2	5	6
Willhite *	2-5	0-0	0-0	4	5	0	4
Kuntzsch *	2-5	0-1	5-6	1	0	2	9
Biel	2-5	1-3	9-10	8	2	1	14
Long	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Boling	3-5	1-1	7-8	2	4	0	14
Cornett	0-1	0-0	3-4	4	2	2	3
Huston	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Bessert	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	4	0	2
TOTALS	20-49	7-18	28-36	30	23	11	75
	.408	.389	.778				

Halftime: MSSU 34, FHSU 33; Turnovers: FHSU 19, MSSU 19; Steals: MSSU 8 (Pierce 4), FHSU 6 (Mason 3); Blocked Shots: MSSU 3 (DeVader 2), FHSU 1 (Kuntzsch).

Game 22 • Feb. 13, 2008 #20 Emporia State 79, Lions 46

Emporia, Kan.-- Michelle Stueve and Ida Edwards combined to score 42 points to lead the No. 20-ranked Emporia State Lady Hornets to a 79-46 win over the Missouri Southern Lions Wednesday night (Feb. 13) at White Auditorium in Emporia, Kan.

After Tynesha Pierce scored the first basket of the game for the Lions, the Lady Hornets surged to an 11-2 lead just 3:53 into the contest. Stueve and Edwards combined for eight points during that stretch and Andrea Leiker capped it with a three-pointer.

The Lions fought back with a 9-0 run of their own led by four from Ivaney Marquez as India Wood converted a three-point opportunity to pull Southern even at 11-11 with 13:24 left in the first half.

But it was all downhill from their as ESU (17-5, 10-3 MIAA) held the Lions to only one field-goal and exploded for a 23-4 run over the next 12:34 to surge ahead 34-15 with 2:50 remaining in the opening half.

Stueve and Edwards again were the leaders of the charge, teaming up for 14 of the 23 points during that span.

The Lions (16-6, 7-6 MIAA) were hurt during the deciding first half by 14 turnovers and shot only 25 percent (7-of-28) and 0-of-6 from three-point distance. Meanwhile, the Lady Hornets connected on 53.6 percent (15-of-28) of their field-goal attempts in the opening half.

ESU kept the momentum going in the opening minutes of the second half as Edwards scored four points to lead a 6-0 run that gave the Lady Hornets a 44-17 advantage.

The Lions scored the next four points and then climbed to within 46-24 after a successful three-point attempt by Danielle DeVader with 15:20 left.

But that is as close as the Lions could come in the second half as the Lady Hornets scored seven straight to take a 29-point lead and never allowed the Lions closer than 24 from that point.

Missouri Southern (16-6, 7-6 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Zawadka *	2-11	0-3	1-1	3	0	1	5
Pierce *	2-7	0-0	0-0	4	2	2	4
Wood *	3-6	0-1	4-7	4	0	0	10
DeVader *	1-5	1-5	4-4	1	0	0	7
Davis *	0-9	0-0	0-0	3	5	0	0
Henderson	0-1	0-1	0-0	2	0	0	0
Marquez	2-4	0-0	1-2	6	4	3	5
Johnson	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	2
Hala'Api'Api	2-5	0-0	3-4	0	2	0	7
Helfrich	3-6	0-0	0-0	3	2	0	6
TOTALS	16-55	1-10	13-18	33	15	7	46
	.291	.100	.722				

#20 Emporia State (17-5, 10-3 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Edwards *	9-13	0-0	2-2	6	2	0	20
Stueve *	6-12	2-4	8-8	4	2	3	22
Boston *	2-3	1-2	0-1	4	4	4	5
Leiker *	4-8	1-3	0-0	2	1	0	9
Zabel *	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	4	2
Augustyn	2-3	2-3	0-0	1	2	0	6
Corker	2-4	1-2	0-0	2	1	7	5
Commons	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Kisner	1-3	0-1	0-0	2	2	2	2
Krueger	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Renberg	2-4	0-0	2-2	4	1	2	6
Volkens	1-3	0-0	0-0	3	2	0	2
TOTALS	30-54	7-15	12-13	32	18	22	79
	.556	.467	.923				

Halftime: ESU 38, MSSU 17; Turnovers: MSSU 25, ESU 20; Steals: MSSU 13 (Pierce 5), ESU 9 (Stueve 3); Blocked Shots: MSSU 5 (Hala'Api'Api 2), ESU 8 (Edwards 3).

Game 23 • Feb. 16, 2008 Southwest Baptist 62, Lions 53

Bolivar, Mo.-- The Missouri Southern Lions committed 22 turnovers that led to a 62-53 defeat at the hands of the Southwest Baptist Lady Bearcats Saturday night (Feb. 16) in Bolivar, Mo.

With the win, SBU gained a split in the season series after the Lions bested the Lady Bearcats 58-55 earlier this year (Jan. 19) in Joplin.

The Lions (16-7, 7-7 MIAA) trimmed an early 10-point deficit in the second half down to two by out-scoring SBU 11-3 over a 4:34 stretch. Tynesha Pierce scored seven points, including converting a three-point play that brought the Lions to within 35-33 with 14:57 remaining.

SBU regained the momentum with a quick 6-0 spurt as Kelly Reinkemeyer knocked in a pair of free throws that gave the Lady Bearcats a 41-33 lead.

Southern then trailed 43-35 when Danielle DeVader hit a three and Pierce made a layup that cut the lead to 43-40 with 10:34 left.

After the Lady Bearcats responded with a 10-4 run that increased the lead to nine, the Lions came right back to within three with a 6-0 run and trailed only 53-50 with 4:38 left in the game.

But after the Lions got a defensive stop to gain possession down only three, Courtney Creed came up with a critical steal and went the length of the court for a layup that gave SBU a 55-50 advantage.

The Lady Bearcats (18-5, 10-4 MIAA) then put it away by scoring the next five points to take a double-digit lead at 60-50 with only 40 seconds remaining.

Four turnovers in the game's final 1:57 thwarted any opportunity that the Lions had of getting back into the game.

Missouri Southern (16-7, 7-7 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Zawadka *	0-3	0-1	0-0	5	2	1	0
Pierce *	6-16	0-0	8-10	6	1	0	20
Wood *	3-6	0-2	6-6	3	3	5	12
DeVader *	2-8	2-5	0-0	4	2	3	6
Davis *	0-5	0-2	1-2	4	2	0	1
Henderson	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	4	0	0
Marquez	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	2
Hala'Api'Api	6-8	0-0	0-0	10	3	0	12
Kantin	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Helfrich	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0
TOTALS	18-51	2-10	15-18	36	19	9	53
	.353	.200	.833				

Southwest Baptist (18-5, 10-4 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Graves *	1-8	1-3	1-2	7	2	3	4
Reinkemeyer *	6-10	0-0	4-6	7	4	0	16
Shewmaker *	3-8	3-7	4-6	4	1	2	13
Souza *	3-14	1-8	4-6	4	3	2	11
Creed *	3-7	0-0	1-2	11	3	2	7
Smith	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Heady	2-3	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	5
Gatschenberger	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Cutbirth	3-4	0-0	0-0	1	3	2	6
TOTALS	21-56	6-19	14-22	38	16	12	62
	.556	.467	.923				

Halftime: SBU 30, MSSU 22; Turnovers: MSSU 22, SBU 18; Steals: MSSU 8 (Zawadka, Wood 3), SBU 6 (Creed 3); Blocked Shots: MSSU 3 (Pierce 2), SBU 1 (Reinkemeyer).

Game 24 • Feb. 20, 2008 Lions 64, Central Missouri 53

Joplin, Mo.-- India Wood and Fatai Hala'Api'Api each scored 14 points as the Missouri Southern Lions led from start to finish in a 64-53 win over the Central Missouri Jennies Wednesday night (Feb. 20) at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

The Lions (17-7, 8-7 MIAA) built a double-digit lead in the first half and went on to lead by eight at the half.

The Jennies (11-13, 6-9 MIAA) made things interesting in the early part of the second half by out-scoring the Lions 12-7 in the first 7:30 after halftime.

The Lions would regain command with a 15-0 run to take a 55-40 lead with 9:14 left in the contest. The Lions maintained at least a 12-point advantage from that point.

Danielle DeVader and Fatai combined to score 16 points in the first half to help the Lions take control.

Missouri Southern (17-7, 8-7 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Wood *	5-12	2-5	2-3	3	3	4	14
Hala'Api'Api	7-8	0-0	0-0	7	4	2	14
DeVader *	2-5	2-5	2-2	5	1	2	8
Davis *	1-3	0-0	2-3	4	5	1	4
Pierce *	4-9	1-1	3-5	3	4	0	12
Henderson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0
Marquez	0-2	0-0	2-2	1	0	0	2
Johnson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Kantin	2-9	1-6	0-1	5	1	1	5
Helfrich	2-5	0-0	1-3	7	3	2	5
TOTALS	2-5	0-0	1-3	7	3	2	5
	.434	.353	.632				

Central Missouri (11-13, 6-9 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Cook *	0-2	0-1	0-0	1	1	1	0
Maple *	3-10	1-3	7-8	2	2	0	14
Goebel *	1-5	1-2	7-8	6	1	1	10
Fleming *	1-9	0-2	2-2	2	5	5	4
Jones *	3-5	0-0	2-4	4	3	1	8
Pence	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Hicks	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Dace	3-7	0-1	0-2	3	3	0	6
Blakemore	3-7	3-4	0-0	1	2	0	9
Roberts	1-1	0-0	0-0	3	2	2	2
TOTALS	15-47	5-14	18-24	28	19	10	53
	.319	.357	.750				

Halftime: MSSU 36, UCM 28; Turnovers: MSSU 14, UCM 12; Steals: MSSU 5 (Wood, Pierce, Johnson, Kantin, Helfrich), UCM 2 (Goebel, Fleming); Blocked Shots: MSSU 1 (Pierce), UCM 0.

Game 25 • Feb. 23, 2008
Northwest Missouri State 73, Lions 62

Joplin, Mo. - Mandi Schumacher scored a game-high 18 points to lead the Northwest Missouri State Bearcats to a 73-62 win over the Missouri Southern Lions on Senior Day on Saturday afternoon (Feb. 23) at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

The Bearcats win means the two squads have split the season series, with the Lions winning the earlier meeting this season 65-64 (Jan. 16) in Maryville, Mo., however, coupled with a Missouri Western loss, both teams have clinched spots in the 2008 MIAA Tournament.

The Bearcats led 37-33 at the half and never trailed in the second half. They stretched the lead to eight on consecutive layups from Schumacher and Lauren Williams to open the second half.

After Kelli Nelson nailed a three to put the Bearcats up 46-37, the Lions scored eight straight to come within one as India Wood hit a trey that made it 46-45 with 12:22 left in the contest.

The Lions trailed 56-51 when Meghan Brue scored five straight points to essentially put the game away and give the Bearcats a double-digit advantage with just 4:55 remaining. Southern failed to get closer than seven from that point.

The first half was a back-and-forth affair that saw six lead changes. Senior Robin Kantin gave the Lions (17-8, 8-8 MIAA) their last lead with a three-pointer that put Southern ahead 20-19 with 9:43 remaining in the opening half.

With the game knotted at 30, Schumacher hit a layup to give the Bearcats (14-11, 9-7 MIAA) the lead for good with 2:47 left in the first half.

Missouri Southern (17-8, 8-8 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Wood *	3-7	2-5	1-2	1	2	2	9
Hala'Api'Api *	4-5	0-0	0-2	4	4	2	8
DeVader *	3-10	1-4	2-3	5	3	2	9
Davis *	1-5	0-1	0-1	2	1	8	2
Pierce *	5-14	2-3	4-5	5	4	0	16
Henderson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Marquez	1-2	1-1	0-0	2	2	1	3
Kantin	2-4	2-3	2-2	0	0	0	8
Helfrich	2-5	0-0	3-4	4	3	1	7
TOTALS	21-52	8-17	12-19	26	19	16	62
	.404	.471	.632				

NW Missouri State (14-11, 9-7 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Brue *	4-10	1-3	6-7	10	3	1	15
Nelson *	2-4	1-3	2-2	2	1	2	7
Miller *	2-2	1-1	0-1	4	4	4	5
Williams *	2-4	0-2	2-2	4	2	2	6
Schumacher *	6-12	0-0	6-6	12	2	0	18
Uriell	1-4	1-3	0-0	3	0	0	3
Burton	3-6	2-4	2-2	1	3	0	10
Bayer	0-2	0-1	0-0	1	1	0	0
Dill	3-6	1-2	2-2	1	2	0	9
TOTALS	23-50	7-19	20-22	38	18	10	73
	.460	.368	.909				

Halftime: NWMSU 37, MSSU 33; Turnovers: NWMSU 14, MSSU 11; Steals: MSSU 10 (DeVader 6), NWMSU 5 (Nelson, Miller, Williams, Burton, Dill); Blocked Shots: MSSU 1 (Helfrich), NWMSU 0.

Game 26 • Feb. 27, 2008
Lions 70, Pittsburg State 53

Pittsburg, Kan. - The Missouri Southern Lions made seven three pointers in the first half and picked up a key MIAA road win tonight, 70-53 at John Lance Arena in Pittsburg.

Southern (18-8, 9-8 MIAA) trailed 15-14 at the 12:11 mark of the first half, but four consecutive three's, two from Ella Zawadka and one each from Robin Kantin and India Wood, made the score 26-15, just three minutes later.

Pittsburg State (10-16, 4-13 MIAA) went nearly five minutes without a basket, before a layup from Linda Igbinigie with 7:10 left, cut the Southern lead to 26-17. Another three from Kantin made the score 29-17 and the Lions would go into the locker room, up 34-21 at the half.

Southern hit 7-12 from long range in the half, led by 10 points from Wood.

The Lions pushed their lead to 18 at 39-21 just a minute into the second half, but a 16-4 run by the Gorillas chipped into the Southern lead and made the score 43-37 at 14:55. A three from Danielle DeVader, however, stopped the run and pushed the Lions lead back to nine (46-37).

A basket from PSU's Marissa Poppe at the 11:02 mark cut the Southern lead to just seven (48-41). Four free throws from Fatai Hala'Api'Api and Tynesha Pierce made the score 54-45 and a bucket from Pierce on the next trip down pushed the Lions lead back to double-digits at 56-45 with eight minutes to go.

A three point play from Hala'Api'Api with 4:32 left in the game, gave the Lions a 12 point lead at 64-48. The Lions outscored Pitt 6-5 over the final four minutes to win, 70-53.

Missouri Southern (18-8, 9-8 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Helfrich *	2-3	0-0	2-3	4	1	1	6
Pierce *	3-13	0-1	4-4	3	4	0	10
Wood *	6-11	2-6	0-0	4	1	6	14
DeVader *	3-5	2-3	0-0	1	4	0	8
Davis *	1-3	0-1	0-0	1	4	0	2
Henderson	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0
Johnson	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Hala'Api'Api	4-14	0-0	3-3	9	0	2	11
Kantin	3-4	2-3	0-0	5	0	1	8
Zawadka	3-6	2-2	3-4	2	0	4	11
TOTALS	25-59	8-16	12-14	40	15	14	70
	.424	.500	.857				

Pittsburg State (10-16, 4-13 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Igbinigie *	4-7	0-0	1-2	9	3	0	9
Glenn *	4-8	0-0	5-11	4	4	2	13
Buchanan *	1-5	1-2	4-4	4	1	3	7
Taylor *	3-8	1-1	2-2	4	2	4	9
Poppe *	4-16	1-4	0-1	2	0	2	9
Witte	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Demarest	1-4	0-3	0-0	1	0	0	2
Waugh	2-4	0-1	0-0	4	1	0	4
Sloan	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Hinkin	0-3	0-2	0-0	2	0	0	0
Troutman	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	19-56	3-13	12-20	37	11	11	53
	.339	.231	.600				

Halftime: MSSU 34, PSU 21; Turnovers: MSSU 13, PSU 13; Steals: MSSU 4 (Kantin 2), PSU 2 (Igbinigie, Buchanan); Blocked Shots: MSSU 4 (Helfrich, Wood, DeVader, Zawadka), PSU 9 (Igbinigie 9).

Game 27 • Mar. 1, 2008
Missouri Western 70, Lions 58

St. Joseph, Mo. - Yanique Javois and Jill Johnson combined for 45 points to lead the Missouri Western Griffons to a 70-58 win over the Missouri Southern Lions in the regular season finale Saturday night (Mar. 1) in St. Joseph, Mo.

The Lions were hurt by 26 turnovers on the night, including a handful during a critical stage of the first half.

Southern built a 22-15 advantage, but the Griffons went on a 14-0 spurt to claim a seven-point lead and never trailed again.

The Lions committed seven turnovers during the big Western run.

The Griffons scored 31 points off of the Lions' 26 giveaways.

Missouri Southern (18-9, 9-9 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Helfrich *	2-3	0-0	2-2	6	3	1	6
Pierce *	3-9	0-2	2-4	9	3	2	8
Wood *	4-10	2-6	5-6	3	3	1	15
DeVader *	2-9	2-9	2-2	4	2	0	8
Davis *	3-4	0-0	2-2	1	2	2	8
Henderson	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Marquez	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Hala'Api'Api	4-8	0-0	2-5	5	2	0	10
Kantin	0-2	0-2	0-0	1	0	0	0
Zawadka	1-5	1-4	0-0	3	1	0	3
TOTALS	19-51	5-24	15-21	36	16	6	58
	.373	.208	.714				

Missouri Western (12-14, 7-11 MIAA)

	FG	3-PT	FT	R	PF	A	TP
Luteyn *	1-1	0-0	1-1	2	4	0	3
Johnson *	5-8	1-3	8-8	4	1	0	19
Gawatz *	1-3	1-2	0-1	1	0	1	3
Woods *	2-8	0-1	4-4	7	1	10	8
Javois *	10-14	2-5	4-4	4	2	1	26
Nolke	1-5	0-4	0-1	2	4	2	2
Schnieder	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Ford	3-8	1-3	2-2	4	4	2	9
TOTALS	23-47	5-18	19-21	25	16	16	70
	.489	.278	.905				

Halftime: MWSU 33, MSSU 29; Turnovers: MSSU 26, MWSU 18; Steals: MSSU 9 (Pierce 6), MWSU Javois 5); Blocked Shots: MSSU 2 (Helfrich, Pierce), MWSU 1 (Javois).