

MSSU Athletics Report

1. Sport Program Reports

- a. **Football** – The Missouri Southern football team will have its final spring scrimmage this Saturday at 2 pm inside Fred G. Hughes Stadium.
- b. **Track and Field** – The Missouri Southern Men's and women's track and field teams had three out of the four MIAA Men's and Women's Track and Field Athlete of the Week honorees this week. Bryan Burns (Field), Vincent Kiprop (Track) and Emily Presley (Field) all earned conference honors. Kiprop was the National D2 Men's Track and Field Athlete of the Week after his 10k race at the Mt. Sac Relays in California. The time he turned in was a new MSSU record, as well as the 7th-fastest time in D2 history and the 11th-fastest time in the world this year in the event.
- c. **Baseball** – The Missouri Southern baseball team will play at Fort Hays State this weekend and games have been moved back to Saturday, Sunday and Monday due to weather. Senior third basemen Max Hogan currently leads all of D2 in walks, while ranking second in on-base percentage, 13th in total bases, 14th in slugging, 23rd in runs, 27th in doubles, and 33rd in home runs. Senior pitcher Dan Hawk leads D2 in games started.
- d. **Softball** – The Missouri Southern softball team is 12-2 in its last 14 games currently in 4th place in the MIAA. Abi Corbett has set single-season records with 83 hits and 48 runs scored. Myranda Stewart has a single season school record for RBIs with 50. The 83 hits this season is the most by a softball player in the NCAA this season in all divisions. She is 11 hits off of the MIAA record for hits in a season.
- e. **Golf** – The Missouri Southern golf team is in third place in the MIAA standings going into an MIAA points event this week at Fort Hays State. The Lions are tenth in the first NCAA Region Rankings that were released last week.

2. MIAA News: Some limited discussion from some MIAA Schools (on and off the record) about reviewing and evaluating the current conference affiliation to determine if it is the right fit for their institution.

3. NCAA News:

- a. **NCAA Reporting:**
 - i. Several reports are being completed and will be submitted prior to the next month's BOG meeting. These NCAA reports include the NCAA Sport Sponsorship and Demographics Report and the NCAA Academic Success Rate (ASR).
 - ii. **Division II Legislation/Regulations:** There is current review and proposed changes from the Football and the Safety and Standards Committee to implement new rules regarding pre-season and championship season practice regulations based on concussion testing. This includes no longer having two-a-day practices in the preseason, limited tackling opportunities in both pre-season and championship season as well as additional time required off including a proposed bye week.
- b. **Ticketing/Event Management**
 - i. **MSSU Ticket Info**
 1. **Year Recap**
 - a. Since 2013, football walk-up revenue has increased by 60%.

- b. Overall revenue for football and basketball, including season tickets and other packages, has increased 87% since 2013-14.
 - c. Baseball season tickets have more than doubled since 2015-16.
 - 2. Baseball game at Becker
 - a. Will shoot off fireworks after the game
 - b. Alumni department will be hosting a tailgate prior to the game
 - c. All premium seating has been pre-sold
 - i. 6 suites
 - ii. Party Deck
 - iii. 2 Corporate Retreat Sections featuring 50 seats each
 - d. GA tickets are available for purchase online
 - i. Adult: \$7
 - ii. Youth: \$5
 - iii. Children 12 & under: Free
 - e. Season tickets, F/S ID's and student ID's will be recognized for admission at the game
 - f. 278 GA tickets have been sold as of 4/19/17
 - 3. MIAA Baseball Tournament
 - a. Hosted at Warren Turner Field – May 11th through 14th
 - b. Tickets available for purchase online
 - i. Students/Youth: \$6.00
 - ii. Single Day Pass: \$12.00
 - iii. Weekend Pass: \$32.00
 - c. MSSU guaranteed the MIAA \$10,000 for hosting privileges
 - ii. Group Sales
 - 1. Between Group Sales for basketball and baseball, revenue increased from 2015-16 to 2016-17.
 - a. \$5,357.94 in 2015-16
 - b. \$7,744 in 2016-17 so far
 - 2. Overall, between all sports, Group Sales revenue has more than doubled:
 - a. \$10,651.94 in 2015-16
 - b. \$23,220.00 in 2016-17
 - iii. Transition
 - 1. Nathan Bramwell, Director of Ticket Operations & Event Management, has resigned from MSSU to take a position at another University
 - a. Mike Doty has assumed most of Nathan's ticket responsibility duties as well as his duties for game management and concessions
- c. NCAA Compliance:
- i. The NCAA Division II Central Region Compliance Seminar was held in Kansas City earlier this week. We had a variety of personnel there for this important subject including representation from the Financial Aid, Registrar, Academic Services and Compliance attending.
 - ii.
- d. Departmental Searches:

- i. SWA/Associate AD for Administration and Compliance position will not be filled at this time, we have separated out several of her responsibilities including having Paul McMahon taking on the NCAA Compliance responsibilities and Karesa Burr becoming the acting FAR.
 - e. SAAC: The Student Athlete Advisory Committee will be volunteering at two different events on April 29th. Fostering Hope will be conducting a balloon release for foster families which our athletes will help with. Also, Camp Quality kids and families will be coming to Young Gymnasium to be served breakfast and play games with our athletes.
 - f. Southernfest: The Athletics department raised over \$40,000 at Southernfest this year. The day included the Rod Smith Golf Tournament and the Lion Pride Dinner auction that evening.
 - g. Joe Becker Stadium Game: On April 26th the Lions baseball team will take on Pittsburg State for a 6pm game at Joe Becker Stadium. At 4pm the alumni department is hosting a tailgate for area alums. The gates will open at 4:30pm and after the game will be a fireworks show donated by Black Market Fireworks.
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4. **Lionbackers & Annual Campaign(s):**
- a. Membership Drive: The 2017-2018 Lionbacker Campaign will kick off June 1.
 - b. Men's and Women's Basketball Teams are currently having a raffle for a "ground Package" for their Puerto Rico trip in November. Raffle ends with a drawing at the April 26 baseball game at Joe Becker.
 - c. Lionbacker 110% Appreciation day at the baseball game will be held on May 5 at 5pm. The 110% club fund is officially endowed with a little over \$10,000.
5. **Athletic Facility Updates:**
- a. L&P: Bleacher Repair scheduled for June
 - b. Warren Turner Field: Windscreen and yellow capping installed at the stadium
6. **Upcoming Events:**
- a. Walk for Autism Awareness: April 22 @ 7am-1pm (L&P)
 - b. College Heights Worship Service: April 23 @ 5:30pm (NEZ Academic Center)
 - c. Softball v UCO (DH): April 23 @ 3 & 5pm (Senior Day) (Lipira Sports Complex)
 - d. Softball v NSU (DH): April 24 @ 2 & 4pm (Lipira Sports Complex)
 - e. FCA Meetings: April 24, May 1, 8 @ 7pm (NEZ Alumni Room)
 - f. Show Me Gold Morning PT: April 24-31, May 1-5, 8-12, 15-19 @ 6am-7am (Hughes Stadium)
 - g. MSSU Soccer Academy: April 24, 26 @ 5:30pm (Hal Bodon Field)
 - h. Joplin Globe Couponing: April 25 @ 3:30 & 7pm (NEZ Academic Center)
 - i. Joplin Demize Practice: April 25, 27, May 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18 @ 5:30pm (Hughes Stadium)
 - j. Intramural Softball: April 25, 27, May 2, 4 (Lipira Softball Complex)
 - k. Volleyball Camp: April 25 @ 5pm (Young Gym)
 - l. Baseball v Pitt St: April 26 @ 6pm (Joe Becker Stadium)
 - m. Williams Laptad Meet: April 28 @ 8am-5pm (Hughes Stadium)
 - n. SAAC Community Service: April 29 @ 9:30am (Young Gym)

- o. Joplin Area Catholic Schools Auction: April 29 @ 6pm (NEZ)
- p. Run with the Pride 5K: April 30 @ 12pm (Young Gym)
- q. Retiree's Brunch: May 2 @ 9:30am (NEZ Alumni Room)
- r. Annie Baxter Awards: May 3 @ 11am (NEZ Alumni Room)
- s. Arthur Gallagher Risk Management Seminar: May 4 @ 8am-3:30pm (NEZ Alumni Room)
- t. Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet: May 4th @ 4:30pm-10pm (L&P & Young)
- u. Baseball v Northeastern St: May 5-7 @ 6pm, 1pm, & 12pm (Turner Field)
- v. Joplin Crusaders Games: May 6, 20 @ 7pm (Hughes Stadium)
- w. Lionbacker Steering Committee: May 9 @ 6:30pm (Vowels and Stovern Conference Room)
- x. MIAA Baseball Tournament: May 11-14 (Turner Field & NEZ & Lipira Softball Complex)
- y. Last Chance Track Meet: May 12 @ 8am-5pm (Hughes Stadium)
- z. Foundation Strategic Planning Committee: May 12 @ 2pm (Vowels and Stovern Conf. Room)
- aa. MSSU Commencement: May 13 @10am & 2pm (L&P & Young)
- bb. Neosho Graduation: May 18 @ 7pm (L&P & Young)
- cc. Carl Junction Graduation: May 19 @ 7pm (L&P & Young)
- dd. Joplin Graduation: May 21 @ 3pm (L&P & Young)

