

MSSU Athletics Report

1. Sport Program Reports

- a. **Football** – The Missouri Southern football team will be in action this weekend at the University of Central Oklahoma. The Lions are 1-6 and the Bronchos are 1-6. The game will be broadcast on 101.3, 103.5 and 88.7 FM, while also being on AM 1560.
- b. **Women's Soccer** – The Missouri Southern women's soccer team is 3-8-2 on the season and will play at Central Missouri on Friday and Lindenwood on Sunday. The team will host its senior day on Oct. 28 against Southwest Baptist at 6 pm.
- c. **Cross Country** – The MSSU cross country team will be in action this weekend as the Lions will participate in the 2016 MIAA Cross Country Championships, hosted by Lindenwood University. The Southern men are the second-ranked team in the Central Region and are ranked 16th nationally. The men have won every Division II meet they have entered this year, and placed fifth at the University of Arkansas Chile Pepper Invitational. The Men have also had the MIAA Cross Country runner of the week every week they have raced (Vincent Kiprop 3 times, Cody Berry once). Kiprop is the top ranked runner in Division II and has been the national runner of the week twice this year. The women have had the MIAA Runner of the Week once (Emily Harris). The Lions have finished in the top six in every meet they have entered with a win at Missouri S&T and a second-place finish at Southwest Baptist. The women are ranked seventh in the Central Region.
- d. **Golf** – The Missouri Southern golf team ended its fall season this past week at Lindenwood in an MIAA points event. The Lions are in third place in the MIAA standings at the halfway mark of the 2016-17 season. Taylor Lansford shot a career-low 66 to earn a tie for the top MIAA golfer at Lindenwood and shared MIAA Golfer of the Week honors this week. Lansford is sixth, while Tristan Haltom is 11th in the MIAA Individual Standings.
- e. **Volleyball** – The Missouri Southern volleyball team will be on the road this weekend playing at Missouri Western on Friday and Northwest Missouri on Saturday. The Lions are 4-18 overall on the season.
- f. **Basketball** – The Missouri Southern men's and women's basketball teams opened up practice this past weekend. The teams will be up front and center on Tuesday, October 25 as Southern hosts MOSO Madness in the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center. Both teams will have a scrimmage as well as various skills challenges. The MSSU women have an exhibition at home against Livin The Dream on November 8 and open up the regular season on Nov. 12 and 13 participating in the MIAA/GAC Challenge at Emporia State. The Southern men will open up the regular season on Nov. 11 and 12 participating in the MIAA/NSIC Challenge at St. Cloud State University.

2. MIAA News:

- a. **New MIAA Commissioner Visit:** The search committee designated Mike Racy and the new commissioner of the MIAA. He will officially begin in November. He will be coming to MSSU to visit with university officials and athletic department staff on November 29th.
- b. **Lincoln University Violation-MIAA Response:** The MIAA nullified the results of the women's champion in the 200m, 400m and 4X100m due to her performance as an ineligible athlete. This changed the scoring but not the final finish for our women's program.

- c. Future Scheduling Study: The CEO's approved a **Recommendation** from the AAC to study the concept of a basketball schedule utilizing a **Thursday-Saturday-Monday** format. For the **2017-18** season the women would play on Thursday-Saturday and the men would play on Saturday-Monday. The results would be presented for *potential acceptance or rejection* at the December 2016 AAC meeting. The Commissioner was directed to lead this initiative and facilitate this study for AAC review and action.

3. **NCAA News:**

- a. NCAA Reporting: The Equity in Athletics Data Analysis (EADA) is due by Oct. 28th. MSSU Athletics works collaboratively with the Treasurer's office and Foundation office to complete the report.
- b. Potential Division 2 Legislation: The NCAA Division II second publication of proposed legislation has been distributed to the membership. MSSU has worked with our Student-Athlete Advisory Committee to complete their grids for the conference office and is currently in the process of informing our coaches and staff of the proposed legislation. The
- c. NCAA ISSG (Institutional Self Study Guide): The department has begun discussions on committee makeup in order to prepare for the report in 2018. The Athletic Department has begun the preliminary meetings for the ISSG.
- d. Ticketing/Event Management
- i. MSSU Ticket Info
 - 1. Basketball season tickets will be made first available at our "MOSO Madness" event on October 25th
 - 2. If season tickets are not picked up at MOSO Madness, they will be mailed the following day.
 - 3. Single game basketball tickets will go on sale October 26
 - 4. On pace to break a revenue record for football
 - 5. Pre-selling tickets around 49%, which is 4x as many as last year and 25x more than in 2012.
 - ii. Group Sales
 - 1. Many companies are doing their company picnics in conjunction with a football game, so we have created a good niche to sell to larger organizations.
 - 2. Already booking groups for 2017 football season.
 - 3. Looking at selling groups to basketball season as well.
 - iii. Upcoming promotions
 - 1. Senior Day at Soccer – Oct 28th
 - 2. Candy Drop at football – Oct 29th
 - 3. Military Appreciation at volleyball – Nov 11th
 - 4. Military Appreciation and Senior Day at football – Nov 12th
 - iv. Globetrotters
 - 1. Globetrotters tickets go on sale to the general public on November 1st.
 - 2. Performance is February 2nd.
 - a. This will be their 4th performance here in the past 5 years.
- e. NCAA Compliance:
- i. Academic certification for returners, incoming freshmen, and transfers has been completed.
 - ii. Received mid-term grades on this week and in the process of contacting our "at-risk" student-athletes
- f. Departmental Searches:

- i. **Athletic Compliance Assistant (PT Seasonal)** position has been posted and we are currently receiving application materials. We would like to have the position filled within the next two weeks.
 - g. **MOSO Madness:** On October 25th basketball will be hosting their annual kickoff event. The event will have free food, the teams will sign autographs, and there will be two fan contests where people can win money.
 - h. **Mobile Application:** A new athletics mobile application is being developed. In partnership with Arvest Bank the new app will allow fans to purchase tickets, receive promotional offers, purchase apparel, listen to the game, and view stadium maps all from their mobile device. The new app will launch next week.
- 4. **Lionbackers & Annual Campaign(s):**
 - a. **Membership Drive:** The 2016-2017 Lionbacker Campaign is still underway with basketball starting this month. Currently we sit with 229 Lionbackers.
 - b. **Lionbackers Appreciation Night at the MSSU Football Game was on October 15.** Hot Dogs and other refreshments were handed out at the South Tent inside the fence at the football game.
 - c. **MSSU Men's Basketball Fish Fry:** Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 5:30 pm at the KAMO Ranch. This event is a fundraiser for Men's Basketball. It will have fresh fish, chicken annies, Bounce Houses, and a fireworks show. Tickets are \$100.00.
 - d. **"Paint with the Lions" Event:** RSVPaint and MSSU have partnered for a fun evening of painting the lion. November 10, from 6:30- 8:30 pm. Information will be forthcoming.
- 5. **Athletic Facility Updates:**
 - a. **Leggett & Platt:** Physical Plant has two panels on the building left to paint
 - i. Carroll Seating will be coming Dec. 12-23 to replace wheels on bleachers
 - ii. Working with Physical Plant on plans to update training/weight room in L&P
 - b. **Warren Turner Field:** AEG is coming Oct. 25 to replace turf on pitcher's mound and batter's box
- 6. **Upcoming Events:**
 - a. **MSSU Baseball Fall World Series:** Oct. 19-21 (Turner Field)
 - b. **Show Me Gold Morning PT:** Oct. 21, 24, 28, 31, Nov. 2, 4, 7, 11, 14, 16, 18 (Hughes Stadium)
 - c. **High School District XC Meet (sponsored by Carthage/Neosho):** Oct. 22 (XC Course)
 - d. **March of Dimes:** Oct. 22 (Hughes Stadium)
 - e. **Flip Shop Turkey Tumbler:** Oct. 22 (Young Gym)
 - f. **MSSU Baseball Camp:** Oct. 22 (Turner Field)
 - g. **MSSU Band Walk-Through:** Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7 (Hughes Stadium)
 - h. **Federation of Christian Athletes Meeting:** Oct. 24, 31 (NEZ Alumni Room)
 - i. **GGOE Training Athletics:** Oct. 24 (NEZ Alumni Room)
 - j. **MOSO Madness:** Oct. 25 (L&P)
 - k. **LifeChoices Battle of the Sexes:** Oct. 25-28 (Young Gym)
 - l. **Athletic Media Relations Football Press Conference:** Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16
 - m. **Lion Pride Lunch:** Oct. 27 (NEZ Alumni Room)
 - n. **Men's Basketball Scrimmage v Coffeyville:** Oct. 28 (L&P)
 - o. **Baker Davis Roderique/Payroll Vault Symposium:** Oct. 28 (NEZ Alumni Room)
 - p. **MSSU Soccer v SBU:** Oct. 28 (Hal Bodon Field)
 - q. **Men's Basketball Skills Camp:** Oct. 29 (Young Gym)
 - r. **Cheer and Dance Clinic:** Oct. 29 (L&P)
 - s. **Women's Basketball Scrimmage v Crowder:** Oct. 29 (L&P)

- t. Modine Game Day Gathering: Oct. 29 (NEZ Alumni Room)
- u. President's Game Day Gathering: Oct. 29 (NEZ Academic Center)
- v. MSSU Football v Northeastern St: Oct. 29 (Hughes Stadium)
- w. Volleyball v SBU: Nov. 1 (Young Gym)
- x. Nevada DECA Tour of the NEZ: Nov. 3 (NEZ)
- y. Volleyball v UCO: Nov. 4 (Young Gym)
- z. Volleyball v Pitt St: Nov. 5 (Young Gym)
- aa. East Central U v NWMSU Basketball Scrimmage: Nov. 5 (L&P)
- bb. Lionbacker Steering Committee: Nov. 8 (NEZ Alumni Room)
- cc. Women's Basketball v Livin' The Dream: Nov. 8 (L&P)
- dd. Show Me Gold Veteran's Week: Nov. 10 (L&P)
- ee. Painting with the Lions: Nov. 10 (NEZ Academic Center)
- ff. Lion Pride Lunch: Nov. 11 (NEZ Alumni Room)
- gg. Volleyball v Fort Hays: Nov. 11 (Young Gym)
- hh. Volleyball v UNK: Nov. 12 (Young Gym)
- ii. Football v Pitt St: Nov. 12 (Hughes Stadium)
- jj. Faculty/Staff Appreciation Game Day Gathering: Nov. 12 (NEZ)
- kk. Girls World Expo: Nov. 13 (L&P)
- ll. Webster Medallion Presentation: Nov. 15 (NEZ)
- mm. Kinesiology Homemade Health Fair: Nov. 15 (Young Gym)
- nn. Women's Basketball v Harding: Nov. 15 (L&P)
- oo. Kinesiology Couch to 5K: Nov. 18 (Hughes Stadium)
- pp. Men's Basketball v William Jewell: Nov. 19 (L&P)

