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GYMNASTICS

2017 UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
GYMNASTICS MEET NOTES

MEET
7

📍 Columbia, Mo.
🕒 7p.m. CT
🏟️ Hearnes Center (13,611)

📅 Friday, Feb. 10
📺 SEC Network +
📡 Mizzou.StatBroadcast.com

2017 SCHEDULE

OVERALL: 5-3 HOME: 2-1 AWAY: 2-2 NEUTRAL: 1-0

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	SCORE/TIME (CT)
J 6	No. 24 Illinois		W, 196.225-194.200
	Ball State		W, 196.225-193.625
J 13	at No. 12 Arkansas *		W, 195.850-193.950
J 15	at Lindenwood !		W, 196.225-193.400
	vs. SEMO !		W, 196.225-190.650
J 20	No. 4 Alabama *		L, 197.225-195.500
J 27	at 12 Georgia *		L, 197.075-196.075
F 3	at 2 LSU*		L, 197.425-195.425
F 10	No. 14 George Wash.	SECN+	7:00 p.m.
	No. 25 Iowa State		
	Lindenwood		
F 17	vs. Georgia #	FloGymnastics	6:30 p.m.
	vs. LSU #		
	vs. Oklahoma #		
F 24	at Florida *	SECN	6:00 p.m.
M 3	Auburn *	SECN+	7:00 p.m.
M 10	Kentucky *	SECN+	7:00 p.m.
M 18	at SEC Championships^	SECN	TBA
A 1	at NCAA Regional	-	TBA
A 14-15	at NCAA Championships%	ESPNU	TBA

Bold denotes home

* denotes SEC meet

! - State of Missouri Meet (St. Charles, Mo.)

- GymQuarters Invitational (St. Charles, Mo.)

^ - SEC Championships (Jacksonville, Fla.)

% - NCAA Championships (St. Louis, Mo.)

MIZZOU COACHING STAFF

Head Coach Shannon Welker (4th season)
Assistant Coach John Carney (4th season)
Assistant Coach Casey Jo MacPherson (4th season)
Director of Operations Briana Conkle (2nd season)
Home Arena Hearnes Center (13,611)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Tia ALLBRITTEN all-BRIT-in
Alyson HEIMSATH HIME-sath
Madeleine HUBER HYU-ber
XARRIA Lewis zaria
MICHAEL Turner mick-A-lee

TEAM COMPARISON

MIZZOU
OVERALL (RANKING) 195.883 (13)
VAULT (RANKING) 49.150 (9)
BARS (RANKING) 48.795 (29)
BEAM (RANKING) 48.954 (17)
FLOOR (RANKING) 49.058 (12)
OVERALL TEAM HIGH 196.225
VAULT HIGH 49.425
BARS HIGH 49.200
BEAM HIGH 49.175
FLOOR HIGH 49.225

GEORGE WASHINGTON
OVERALL (RANKING) 195.865 (14)
VAULT (RANKING) 48.935 (18)
BARS (RANKING) 48.760 (25)
BEAM (RANKING) 49.190 (7)
FLOOR (RANKING) 48.980 (15)
OVERALL TEAM HIGH 196.400
VAULT HIGH 49.100
BARS HIGH 49.150
BEAM HIGH 49.375
FLOOR HIGH 49.225

IOWA STATE
OVERALL (RANKING) 194.938 (25)
VAULT (RANKING) 48.646 (37)
BARS (RANKING) 48.796 (23)
BEAM (RANKING) 48.658 (24)
FLOOR (RANKING) 48.838 (30)
OVERALL TEAM HIGH 196.125
VAULT HIGH 48.800
BARS HIGH 49.125
BEAM HIGH 49.425
FLOOR HIGH 49.200

LINDENWOOD
OVERALL (RANKING) 192.930 (53)
VAULT (RANKING) 48.310 (53)
BARS (RANKING) 48.040 (57)
BEAM (RANKING) 48.215 (47)
FLOOR (RANKING) 48.365 (51)
OVERALL TEAM HIGH 194.125
VAULT HIGH 48.800
BARS HIGH 48.700
BEAM HIGH 48.775
FLOOR HIGH 48.775

MIZZOU GYMNASTICS

#13 MIZZOU TIGERS

5-3 (1-3 SEC)

Head Coach: Shannon Welker (4th season)
MIZ Record: 29-51
Overall Record: Same



#14 GW COLONIALS

11-0 (3-0 EAGL)

Head Coach: Margie Foster-Cunningham (32nd season)
GW Record: 577-473
Overall Record: Same



VS

#25 IOWA STATE CYCLONES

6-2 (0-2 BIG 12)

Head Coach: Jay Ronayne (11th season)
ISU Record: 86-133-5
Overall Record: Same



LINDENWOOD LIONS

5-4 (2-0 MIC)

Head Coach: Jen Kesler (4th season)
LU Record: 52-43
Overall Record: Same



MISSOURI RETURNS HOME TO HOST QUAD MEET

► The No. 13 Missouri returns to the Hearnes Center to host No. 14 George Washington, No. 25 Iowa State and Lindenwood in a quad meet on Friday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. CT. The meet will be broadcast live on SEC Network + with Ben Arnet and Blair Elmore on the call.

- Mizzou is ranked No. 13 in this week's RoadToNational's rankings
- The Tigers are 50-40-1 all-time against the Cyclones, 8-0 against the Lions, while the Colonials own a 3-1 mark against the Tigers
- Last time out, Missouri suffered a 197.425-195.425 loss at No. 2 LSU on Feb. 3
- Sophomore **Britney Ward** scored team-highs of 9.925 on vault and 9.900 on beam against LSU
- Ward currently ranks tied for 14th nationally on vault with an average of 9.885
- Against then-No. 12 Georgia on Jan. 27, Missouri reached the 196 mark for the third time in the first five meets in the team's 197.075-196.075 loss.
- Missouri had three scores of 196 or higher in its first five meets of the season for only the second time in program history. The 2004 squad is the only other team to accomplish the feat
- Freshman **Aspen Tucker** claimed her second all-around title of the season after a career-best total of 39.225 against the Crimson Tide on Jan. 20
- Mizzou earned a 195.850-193.950 win over then-No. 12 Arkansas on Jan. 13 and scored a 196.225 in wins over Lindenwood and Southeast Missouri on Jan. 15
- The Tigers' win over the Razorbacks marked the team's first SEC road victory in program history
- Mizzou broke the program vault record against Lindenwood and Southeast Missouri with a team total of 49.425, besting the old high of 49.375 set in 2004
- The Tigers opened the 2017 season with a score of 196.225 and wins over then-No. 24 Illinois (194.200) and Ball State (193.625) on Jan. 6. Missouri's score stands as the highest opening-meet score in Tiger history, besting the old high of 195.350 set in 2016 and 2004
- Mizzou's 2017 slate was ranked the fourth-toughest in the country entering the season, behind only SEC foes Georgia, Auburn and Alabama

QUICK FACTS

Location _____ Columbia, Mo.
 Founded _____ 1839
 Enrollment _____ 35,441
 Nickname _____ Tigers
 Colors _____ Old Gold and Black
 Arena (Capacity) _____ Hearnes Center (13,611)
 Conference _____ Southeastern
 2016 Record _____ 10-21
 SEC Record (Finish) _____ 1-6
 Lettermen Returning / Lost _____ 13/0

THE MIZZOU TIGERS

Head Coach _____ Shannon Welker (4th season)
 Alma Mater _____ Illinois-Chicago, 1998
 Missouri Record (RS) _____ 23-26 (4th season)
 Overall Record _____ Same
 Assistant Coach _____ John Carney (4th season)
 Assistant Coach _____ Casey Jo MacPherson (4th season)

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SEC STANDINGS

TEAM	RECORD (SEC)	AVG	HIGH
LSU	5-0 (4-0)	197.555	197.825
Georgia	5-1 (4-1)	196.179	197.075
Florida	4-1 (2-1)	197.430	197.700
Alabama	3-3 (2-2)	196.671	197.825
Arkansas	2-3 (2-2)	195.305	196.375
Kentucky	2-3 (1-3)	196.054	197.100
Missouri	5-3 (1-3)	195.883	196.225
Auburn	0-6 (0-4)	195.717	196.400



HEAD COACH SHANNON WELKER

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Fourth Season at Mizzou

In his fourth season at the helm of the Mizzou gymnastics program, Head Coach **Shannon Welker** continues to make the Tigers a force to be reckoned with in college gymnastics.

During the 2016 season, Welker led Mizzou to its highest NCAA Regional (third) finish since 2010. Overall, the Tigers finished the year ranked 19th in the national rankings, the team's highest since 2010, and ahead of Southeastern Conference foes Arkansas and Kentucky. Missouri recorded three scores of at least 196.625 or higher during the year in 2016, only the second time Mizzou accomplished that in the 37 year history of the program. Additionally, the Tigers defeated No. 9 Georgia 195.800-195.350 for the team's first top-10 win since 2012. Under Welker's tutelage, freshmen Morgan Porter earned SEC Freshman of the Year honors and was the first Tiger gymnast to qualify for the NCAA Championships since 2012.

Under Welker's direction, the Tigers were the nation's most improved program in 2015. Mizzou finished the season ranked 21st, a full 20-spot increase from the previous year and the biggest jump in the country. The 2015 Tigers also qualified for their first NCAA Regional since 2012, where they scored a 196.100, the second-best Regional score in program history.

Additionally, Mizzou entered the top-25 for the first time since 2012 and scored at least 195 10 times in 13 meets. The Tigers also topped 196 twice during the season for the first time since 2012 as well.

In his first year in Columbia in 2014, Welker quickly installed his Championship Culture to the squad. Over the season, the Tigers went 6-7 in the regular season and scored the sixth-best bars score (49.300) in program history against George Washington.

Welker, the third head coach in Mizzou Gymnastics history, brought a wealth of experience to Columbia after five years as an assistant coach under Bev Plocki at the University of Michigan and nine years as the head coach and program director at the St. Louis Gymnastic Center.

A four-year competitor on the University of Illinois at Chicago men's gymnastics team, Welker served as a team captain for three years and earned NCAA All-American honors in 1996. He was also awarded UIC Athlete of the Year honors that season. Welker spent a year as an assistant men's gymnastics coach for UIC, and was also inducted into the University of Illinois at Chicago Athletics Hall of Fame in 2005.

Welker earned his undergraduate degree in kinesiology from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1998, and also received his master's degree in sports management from Eastern Michigan University in 2012.

Welker and his wife, Molly, have two sons, Ian and Brendan.

HEAD COACH SHANNON WELKER YEAR-BY-YEAR

MIZZOU HEAD COACH (4th Season)		
YEAR	RECORD (RS)	POSTSEASON
2017	5-3	--
2016	6-9	NCAA Regional (3rd)
2015	6-7	NCAA Regional (4th)
2014	6-7	--
4 YEARS	23-26	

2017 MISSOURI TIGERS

Name	Yr.	Ht.	Pos.	Hometown / Last School
Tia Allbritten	Jr.	5-2	AA	Garland, Texas / Bridgeway Academy
Allison Bower	So.	5-0	AA	Mesa, Ariz. / Basha
Kennedi Harris	Jr.	5-0	AA	Atlanta, Ga. / Milton
Alyson Heimsath	Sr.	5-2	AA	Houston, Texas / Conroe
Madeleine Huber	So.	5-5	AA	St. Louis, Mo. / Seton Home Study School
Alyssa Johnson	Fr.	5-0	AA	Rogers, Minn. / Rogers
Brooke Kelly	So.	5-1	AA	Birmingham, Ala. / Leeds
Angie Kern	Sr.	5-4	AA	Columbia, Mo. / Rock Bridge
Xarria Lewis	So.	5-4	AA	Columbia, Mo. / Hickman
Rachel Ley	Fr.	5-3	AA	Trophy Club, Texas / Byron Nelson
Shauna Miller	Jr.	5-2	AA	Knoxville, Tenn. / Farragut
Mary Nicholson	Fr.	5-4	AA	Richland Hills, Texas / Ritenour
Morgan Porter	So.	5-2	AA	Overland, Mo. / Ritenour
Becca Schugel	Jr.	5-3	AA	Eagan, Minn. / Eagan
Aspen Tucker	Fr.	5-3	AA	Lehigh Acres, Fla. / Fort Myers
Michaellee Turner	So.	5-6	AA	Parkville, Mo. / Parkville
Britney Ward	So.	5-3	AA	Ozark, Mo. / Homeschooled

HEAD COACH: Shannon Welker (4th season)

ASSISTANT COACH: John Carney (4th season)

ASSISTANT COACH: Casey Jo MacPherson (4th season)

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Briana Conkle (2nd season)

VOLUNTEER COACH: Hannah Finnegan (4th season)

STUDENT TEAM MANAGER: Sarah Crayton (2nd season)

STUDENT TEAM MANAGER: Jennifer Royston (1st season)

MIZZOU GYMNASTICS

NOTABLE NOTES

LAST TIME OUT

- ▶ Missouri suffered a 197.425-195.425 loss at No. 2 LSU on Feb. 3
- ▶ Sophomore **Britney Ward** claimed scores of 9.925 on vault, 9.9 on beam and a career-high 9.825 on bars to highlight Mizzou's performance
- ▶ The Tigers scored a 49.125 on vault for the squad's fifth-consecutive team tally of 49.125 or better this season
- ▶ Junior **Kennedi Harris** earned her fourth-straight floor score of at least a 9.9 as she went 9.9 against LSU

UP NEXT

- ▶ The Tigers head to St. Charles, Missouri, to compete in the GymQuarters Marti Gras Invitational at 6:30 p.m. CT on Friday, Feb. 17 at the St. Charles Family Arena. Mizzou will take on No. 1 Oklahoma, No. 2 LSU and No. 9 Georgia in a podium meet.

MISSOURI RANKED 13TH NATIONALLY

- ▶ Missouri is ranked 13th in this week's RoadToNational's national rankings, released on Monday
- ▶ The Tigers have stayed in the top 13 in all five in-season rankings, as they checked in at sixth (Jan. 9), eighth (Jan. 16), 11th (Jan. 23 and Jan. 30) and 13th (Feb. 6)
- ▶ Mizzou entered the season at No. 19 in the preseason rankings
- ▶ In addition to its total team ranking, Missouri also ranks ninth nationally on vault, 12th on floor, 17th on beam and 29th on bars

WARD CONTINUES TO SHINE

- ▶ Sophomore **Britney Ward** continued her strong campaign with a stellar meet at LSU on Feb. 3
- ▶ She tallied her team-leading fifth and sixth 9.9 or better scores of the season at the meet after earning a 9.925 on vault and a 9.9 on beam
- ▶ Ward owns six of Missouri's 13 9.9 scores so far this season
- ▶ Six of her 13 routines on the year have earned at least a 9.9, while 10 have gone 9.8 or better
- ▶ She is also tied for 14th nationally on vault with an average of 9.885
- ▶ In addition to her prowess on vault and beam, Ward entered the bars lineup at Georgia (Jan. 27) for the first time in her career and earned scores of 9.725 and 9.825 on the apparatus the last two weeks

TIGERS VAULTING UP A STORM

- ▶ The Tigers ranks as the nation's ninth-best vault team five weeks into the season
- ▶ So far this year, Missouri has scored at least a 49.125 in five of six meets
- ▶ Mizzou started the trend with a 49.225 at Arkansas on Jan. 13, set a program-record 49.425 in the State of Missouri Meet on Jan. 15, went 49.225 against Alabama on Jan. 20 and scored a 49.125 at both Georgia and LSU
- ▶ Sophomore **Britney Ward** leads the Tigers and is tied for 14th nationally with a vault average 9.885
- ▶ Ward has three scores of 9.925 or better so far this season, as she went 9.950 against Alabama and posts 9.925 at both Arkansas and LSU

NATIONAL RANKINGS (FEB. 6)

Rank	Team	Avg.	High
1	Oklahoma	197.760	198.025
2	LSU	197.555	197.825
3	Florida	197.430	197.700
4	Utah	196.950	197.625
5	UCLA	196.750	197.325
6	Alabama	196.671	197.825
7	Michigan	196.400	197.225
8	Boise State	196.238	197.025
9	Georgia	196.179	197.075
10	Kentucky	196.054	197.100
11	Oregon State	195.980	196.900
12	Denver	195.900	196.875
13	Missouri	195.883	196.225
14	George Wash.	195.865	196.400
15	California	195.785	196.300
16	Auburn	195.717	196.400
17	Washington	195.656	196.300
18	Ohio State	195.585	196.450
19	Nebraska	195.565	196.825
20	Southern Utah	195.425	196.150
21	<i>Illinois-Champaign</i>	<i>195.410</i>	<i>196.025</i>
22	Iowa	195.325	196.175
23	Arkansas	195.305	196.375
24	West Virginia	195.215	196.300
25	Iowa State	194.938	196.125
26	Arizona	194.825	195.850
27	New Hampshire	194.815	196.075
28	Minnesota	194.735	196.800
29	Stanford	194.605	195.925
30	Eastern Michigan	194.530	195.925
31	N.C. State	194.475	194.925
32	Utah State	194.445	195.850
32	Penn State	194.445	195.925
34	Kent State	194.438	195.525
35	BYU	194.395	195.200
36	<i>Ball State</i>	<i>194.190</i>	<i>194.950</i>

Italics denotes 2017 regular season opponent

INDIVIDUAL SEASON AND CAREER HIGHS

SEASON

CAREER

	VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR	AA	VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR	AA
Tia Allbritten	-	9.775	9.850	-	-	-	9.775	9.850	-	-
Allison Bower	-	9.600	9.800	9.800	-	-	9.825	9.825	9.900	-
Kennedi Harris	9.900	-	-	9.925	-	9.900	9.275	-	9.925	-
Alyson Heimsath	-	-	9.825	9.000	-	9.775	-	9.825	9.900	-
Madeleine Huber	9.850	9.925	-	9.850	-	9.850	9.925	-	9.850	-
Brooke Kelly	-	9.775	9.875	-	-	9.775	9.875	9.875	9.825	38.325
Angie Kern	9.850	-	-	9.800	-	9.850	-	-	9.875	-
Xarria Lewis	-	-	-	9.000	-	9.825	-	-	-	-
Shauna Miller	9.825	9.850	-	-	-	9.975	9.900	9.850	9.850	39.325
Morgan Porter	9.950	9.875	9.700	9.875	39.250	9.950	9.925	9.950	9.950	39.675
Becca Schugel	-	9.850	9.850	9.875	-	9.900	9.900	9.875	9.875	39.300
Aspen Tucker	9.875	9.825	9.850	9.850	39.325	9.875	9.825	9.850	9.850	39.325
Michaellee Turner	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.900	-
Britney Ward	9.950	9.825	9.925	-	-	9.950	9.825	9.925	-	-

2017 INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

VAULT	SCORE	DATE
Porter	9.950	Jan. 15
Ward	9.950	Jan. 20
Harris	9.900	Jan. 15
Tucker	9.875	Jan. 15

BARS	SCORE	DATE
Huber	9.925	Jan. 6
Porter	9.875	Jan. 15
Miller	9.850	Jan. 6
Schugel	9.850	Jan. 6

BEAM	SCORE	DATE
Ward	9.925	Jan. 15
Kelly	9.875	Jan. 20
Allbritten	9.850	Jan. 6
Schugel	9.850	Jan. 6
Tucker	9.850	Jan. 6
Heimsath	9.825	Jan. 6

FLOOR	SCORE	DATE
Harris	9.925	Jan. 15
Schugel	9.875	Jan. 27
Porter	9.875	Jan. 13
Huber	9.850	Jan. 27
Tucker	9.850	Jan. 20

ALL-AROUND	SCORE	DATE
Tucker	39.325	Jan. 20
Porter	39.250	Jan. 15

2017 TEAM HIGHS

TEAM	Score	Meet
196.225	2x, MR at Lindenwood/SEMO (Jan. 15)	
196.075	at Georgia (Jan. 27)	

VAULT	Score	Meet
49.425	at Lindenwood/SEMO (Jan. 15)	
49.225	2x, MR vs. Alabama (Jan. 20)	

BARS	Score	Meet
49.200	vs. Illinois/Ball State (Jan. 6)	
49.025	at Lindenwood/SEMO (Jan. 15)	

BEAM	Score	Meet
49.175	vs. Illinois/Ball State (Jan. 6)	
49.150	vs. Alabama (Jan. 20)	

FLOOR	Score	Meet
49.225	at Georgia (Jan. 27)	
49.125	at Lindenwood/SEMO (Jan. 15)	

NOTABLE NOTES

MISSOURI POSTS SEASON-HIGH FLOOR TOTAL AT GEORGIA

- ▶ At Georgia on Jan. 27 Missouri posted a season-high floor score of 49.225
 - ▶ All six Tigers scored at least a 9.8 on the event
 - ▶ Junior **Kennedi Harris** paced the Tigers with a 9.9 on floor
 - ▶ Two other Tigers, junior **Becca Schugel** and sophomore **Madeleine Huber**, set or tied their career highs
- Schugel went 9.875 to tie her personal-best, while Huber set a new career-high with a 9.850

MISSOURI OWNS NATION'S FOURTH-TOUGHEST SCHEDULE

- ▶ Heading into the season, the Tigers' schedule was rated the fourth-toughest in the nation
- ▶ The strength of schedule was calculated by reverse assigning points to each team based on their final 2016 final ranking (example: No. 1 Oklahoma was worth 82 points, No. 2 LSU 81 points, etc.). Additionally, only the highest-ranked team at each meet is used to assign points for that particular meet
- ▶ Every single home meet features at least one opponent ranked in the preseason top 25
- ▶ Missouri's schedule ranks behind only Southeastern Conference foes Georgia, Auburn and Alabama

HARRIS STEADY AS THEY COME

- ▶ Junior **Kennedi Harris** has been solid as a rock so far in 2017
- ▶ In the vault and floor lineups every meet this season, 10 of her 12 routines have gone for at least a 9.8
- ▶ Additionally, Harris ranks second on the team with five scores of 9.9 or higher, including scores of 9.925, 9.9, 9.9 and 9.9 on floor over the last four weeks
- ▶ She also has tallies of 9.875, 9.9, 9.825, 9.875 and 9.8 on vault over the last five meets

MISSOURI TALLIES THIRD 196 SCORE OF THE YEAR AT GEORGIA

- ▶ Mizou's 196.075 at Georgia on Jan. 27 marked the team's third score of 196 or higher in the first five meets of the season
- ▶ The 2004 squad was the only other team in program history to notch three scores of 196 in the first five meets of the year
- ▶ The Tigers also scored totals of 196.225 in the season opener and in the State of Missouri Meet
- ▶ Last season, Missouri reached 196 only once over the first five meets (a 196.025 at Alabama)

WARD ADDS TO HER EVENT TITLE HAUL

- ▶ Sophomore **Britney Ward** won her fifth event title of the season on beam at Georgia on Jan. 27
- ▶ She scored a 9.9 to claim her second crown on the apparatus this season
- ▶ Ward also owns three vault titles in 2017
- ▶ Last season, Ward won a total of 12 titles during her freshman campaign, with six apiece on vault and beam

TUCKER TAKES ALL-AROUND CROWN AGAINST ALABAMA

- ▶ Freshman **Aspen Tucker** claimed her second all-around crown of the young season as she earned the win against the Crimson Tide on Jan. 20
- ▶ Tucker recorded a career-best total of 39.325 thanks to a stellar night on every event
- ▶ She notched individual event personal-bests on floor (9.850) and bars (9.825) and also posted scores of 9.850 on vault and 9.800 on beam
- ▶ Tucker also won the all-around in Mizou's first meet of the season, after she went 39.175 against Illinois and Ball State

MISSOURI BREAKS SCHOOL VAULT RECORD

- ▶ Missouri's State of Missouri Meet win against host Lindenwood and Southeast Missouri on Jan. 15 was highlighted by a new program record for the Tigers
- ▶ The squad closed the meet with a 49.425 on vault, the highest output on the event in program history
- ▶ Mizou bested the old mark of 49.375, which was set at the Texas Women's Invite on March 12, 2004
- ▶ The Tigers only used five gymnasts to notch the 49.425, led by a career-best 9.950 (out of 9.950) by sophomore

Morgan Porter

- ▶ Other Tiger scores included a 9.900 from junior **Kennedi Harris**, 9.875 from freshman **Aspen Tucker** and 9.850s from senior **Angie Kern** and sophomore **Madeleine Huber**

MISSOURI NOTCHES FIRST SEC ROAD WIN IN TEAM HISTORY

- ▶ Mizou's 195.850-193.950 win over then-No. 12 Arkansas on Jan. 13 marked the program's first-ever Southeastern Conference dual meet road win
- ▶ Last season, the Tigers earned the first SEC dual win in team history when the squad defeated then-No. 9 Georgia, 195.850-195.350
- ▶ This season also marks the first time Missouri started an SEC season 1-0

TIGERS HIT 196 MARK TWICE IN FIRST THREE MEETS

- ▶ The Tigers reached the 196 mark two times in the first three meets of the season for only the second time in program history
- ▶ The only other team to accomplish the feat was the 2004 squad, which tallied scores of 196.050 and 196.500 in the second and third meets of the year
- ▶ Missouri posted identical scores of 196.225 in the first and third meets of 2017, as the team defeated then-No. 24 Illinois and Ball State on Jan. 6 and Lindenwood and Southeast Missouri on Jan. 15

9.9 SCORES STARTING TO PILE UP

- ▶ The Tigers have racked up 13 scores of 9.9 or higher over the first SIX meets of 2017
- ▶ Sophomore **Britney Ward** owns SIX of those seven 9.9s, as she had a 9.950 on vault against Alabama, 9.925 on vault against Arkansas and LSU, a 9.925 on beam in the State of Missouri Meet and 9.900s on beam at Georgia and at LSU
- ▶ Junior **Kennedi Harris** has five of her own, as she went 9.925 on floor and a 9.900 on vault in the State of Missouri Meet and 9.900 on floor in meets against Alabama, Georgia and LSU
- ▶ Additionally, sophomore **Morgan Porter** notched a career-high 9.950 on vault in the State of the Missouri Meet and sophomore **Madeleine Huber** recorded a 9.925 on bars in the season-opener

TIGERS OPEN SEASON IN RECORD-SETTING FASHION

- ▶ Mizzou opened the 2017 season in incredible fashion on Jan. 6 as the Tigers posted a score of 196.225 to earn wins over then-No. 24 Illinois (194.200) and Ball State (193.625)
- ▶ Missouri's score was the highest opening meet score in program history by almost a full point, as the previous best was 195.350, accomplished in both 2016 and 2004
- ▶ The Tigers were one of only six teams nationally to post a score over 196 in the first week of the season
- ▶ On individual events, Mizzou posted tallies of 49.200 on bars, 49.175 on beam, 49.075 on floor and 48.750 on vault

TIGERS RETURN EVERY ROUTINE FROM 2016

- ▶ Being one of the nation's youngest team's in the nation a season ago has its benefits, as the Tigers return every single routine from 2016
- ▶ Last year, the then-freshman class led Missouri with a total of 181 routines, or 58 percent of its lineup
- ▶ The sophomore class contributed 108 routines (34.6 percent) and the junior class had 23 routines (7 percent)

MISSOURI CONTINUED RISE IN 2016

- ▶ The Tigers continued impressive improvements in 2016 in Head Coach Shannon Welker's third year with the program
- ▶ Top highlights during the season included:
 - Finished third at the NCAA Minneapolis Regional, the team's highest finish since 2010
 - **Britney Ward** earned NACGC/W regular season All-America second team honors on beam, the first Tiger to claim regular season honors, which was first awarded in 2013
 - **Morgan Porter** became the first Mizzou gymnast to earn Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Year honors
 - Porter notched one of the top performances in program history on March 4, 2016, when she tallied an 39.675 all-around score, which is tied for second on Mizzou's all-time list
 - Missouri scored a 196.625 at Auburn on Feb. 26, the team's highest away score since 2007
 - A 195.800-165.350 win over No. 9 Georgia on Jan. 22 was the team's first win over a top-10 opponent since 2010 and the team's first-ever SEC dual victory
 - The Tigers recorded three scores of at least 196.625 in a season for only the second time in the 37-year history of the program
 - Porter qualified for the NCAA Championships as an all-around competitor and was the first Mizzou gymnast to qualify for NAAs since 2012

TIGERS ADD THREE FOR 2018

- ▶ Three student-athletes will join the Head Coach Shannon Welker and the Tigers next season
- ▶ Mizzou's incoming class includes Gabrielle Gottula (Spring, Texas), Paige Kovnesky (Achboro, Ohio) and Chelsey Christensen (Rapid City, South Dakota)
- ▶ Kovnesky is a four-time Junior Olympic National qualifier and finished second on bars at the 2014 J.O. National Invitation Tournament
- ▶ Gottula won vault and placed second in the all-around at the 2016 Region 3 Level 10 Championships
- ▶ Christensen is a two-time Junior Olympic National qualifier

2017 EVENT WINS

MORGAN PORTER (6)

All-Around: Arkansas; Lindenwood/SEMO
Vault: Lindenwood/SEMO
Bars: Arkansas; Lindenwood/SEMO
Floor: Arkansas

BRITNEY WARD (5)

Vault: Ball State/Illinois; Arkansas; Alabama
Beam: Lindenwood/SEMO; Georgia

KENNEDI HARRIS (2)

Floor: Ball State/Illinois; Lindenwood/SEMO

ASPEN TUCKER (2)

All-Around: Ball State/Illinois; Alabama

MADELEINE HUBER (1)

Bars: Ball State/Illinois

BECCA SCHUGEL (1)

Floor: Ball State/Illinois

CAREER EVENT WINS

MORGAN PORTER (18)

All-Around: 6
Floor: 4
Bars: 4
Vault: 3
Beam: 1

BRITNEY WARD (17)

Vault: 9
Beam: 8

SHAUNA MILLER (13)

Vault: 4
All-Around: 3
Bars: 3
Beam: 2
Floor: 1

KENNEDI HARRIS (11)

Floor: 8
Vault: 3

BECCA SCHUGEL (9)

All-Around: 3
Bars: 2
Floor: 2
Vault: 1
Beam: 1

ASPEN TUCKER (2)

All-Around: 2

ALYSON HEIMSATH (1)

Beam: 1

ANGIE KERN (1)

Floor: 1

2017 MEET-BY-MEET RESULTS

Overall: 5-3 Season High: 196.225		SEC: 1-3 Vault High: 49.425	Home: 2-1 Bars High: 49.200	Away: 2-2 Beam High: 49.175	Neutral: 1-0 Floor High: 49.225			
DATE	TEAMS	RESULT	TOTAL	VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR	ATT.
Jan. 6	Missouri		196.225	48.775	49.200	49.175	49.075	1,187
	Illinois	W	194.200	48.600	47.575	49.250	48.775	
	Ball State	W	193.625	48.675	48.775	48.150	48.025	
Jan. 13	Missouri		195.850	49.225	48.825	48.925	48.875	3,046
	Arkansas	W	193.950	48.775	47.350	48.775	49.050	
Jan. 15	Missouri		196.225	49.425	49.025	48.650	49.125	869
	Lindenwood	W	193.400	48.800	48.500	47.925	48.175	
	Southeast Missouri	W	190.650	48.300	47.175	47.450	47.725	
Jan. 20	Alabama	L	197.225	49.375	49.150	49.600	49.100	3,007
	Missouri		195.500	49.225	48.050	49.150	49.075	
Jan. 27	Georgia	L	197.075	49.275	49.225	49.075	49.500	7,881
	Missouri		196.075	49.125	48.875	48.850	49.225	
Feb. 3	LSU	L	197.425	49.400	49.250	49.350	49.450	10,002
	Missouri		195.425	49.125	48.350	48.975	48.975	

TIA ALLBRITTEN

Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	AA
Ball State/Illinois	-	9.775	9.850	-	-
at Arkansas	-	-	9.800	-	-
at State of Missouri	-	-	9.550	-	-
Alabama	-	-	9.800	-	-
at Georgia	-	9.475	9.700	-	-
at LSU	-	-	9.825	-	-
Average	-	9.625	9.754	-	-
RQS	-	-	9.735	-	-
Season High	-	9.775	9.850	-	-
Career High	-	9.775	9.850	-	-

ALLISON BOWER

Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	AA
Ball State/Illinois	-	9.600	9.800	9.775	-
at Arkansas	-	-	9.775	9.700	-
at State of Missouri	-	-	-	-	-
Alabama	-	-	-	9.800	-
at Georgia	-	-	9.725	9.800	-
at LSU	-	-	9.775	9.800	-
Average	-	9.600	9.769	9.775	-
RQS	-	-	-	-	-
Season High	-	9.600	9.800	9.800	-
Career High	-	9.825	9.825	9.900	-

KENNEDI HARRIS

Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	AA
Ball State/Illinois	9.775	-	-	9.850	-
at Arkansas	9.875	-	-	9.775	-
at State of Missouri	9.900	-	-	9.925	-
Alabama	9.825	-	-	9.900	-
at Georgia	9.875	-	-	9.900	-
at LSU	9.800	-	-	9.900	-
Average	9.842	-	-	9.875	-
RQS	9.830	-	-	9.865	-
Season High	9.900	-	-	9.925	-
Career High	9.900	-	-	9.925	-

ALYSON HEIMSATH *(out for the season)*

Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	AA
Ball State/Illinois	-	-	9.825	-	-
at Arkansas	-	-	-	-	-
at State of Missouri	-	-	-	9.000	-
Average	-	-	9.825	9.000	-
RQS	-	-	-	-	-
Season High	-	-	9.825	9.000	-
Career High	9.775	-	9.825	9.900	-

MADELEINE HUBER

Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	AA
Ball State/Illinois	9.775	9.925	-	9.775	-
at Arkansas	9.775	9.775	-	9.400	-
at State of Missouri	9.850	9.850	-	-	-
Alabama	9.825	8.925	-	9.750	-
at Georgia	9.800	-	-	9.850	-
at LSU	9.725	9.850	-	9.200	-
Average	9.792	9.665	-	9.595	-
RQS	9.780	-	-	-	-
Season High	9.850	9.925	-	9.850	-
Career High	9.850	9.925	-	9.850	-

BROOKE KELLY

Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	AA
Ball State/Illinois	-	-	-	-	-
at Arkansas	-	9.675	9.825	-	-
at State of Missouri	-	9.750	9.825	-	-
Alabama	-	9.675	9.875	-	-
at Georgia	-	9.775	9.750	-	-
at LSU	-	9.050	9.700	-	-
Average	-	9.585	9.795	-	-
RQS	-	-	-	-	-
Season High	-	9.775	9.875	-	-
Career High	9.775	9.875	9.875	9.825	38.325

ANGIE KERN

Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	AA
Ball State/Illinois	9.700	-	-	-	-
at Arkansas	9.725	-	-	-	-
at State of Missouri	9.850	-	-	9.750	-
Alabama	9.725	-	-	9.775	-
at Georgia	9.825	-	-	9.800	-
at LSU	9.825	-	-	9.800	-
Average	9.760	-	-	9.781	-
RQS	-	-	-	-	-
Season High	9.850	-	-	9.800	-
Career High	9.850	-	-	9.875	-

XARRIA LEWIS

Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	AA
Ball State/Illinois	-	-	-	9.000	-
Average	-	-	-	9.000	-
RQS	-	-	-	-	-
Season High	-	-	-	9.000	-
Career High	9.825	-	-	9.000	-

SHAUNA MILLER

Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	AA
Ball State/Illinois	9.675	9.850	-	-	-
at Arkansas	-	9.725	-	-	-
at State of Missouri	-	9.800	-	-	-
Alabama	-	9.775	-	-	-
at Georgia	9.825	9.800	-	-	-
at LSU	9.625	8.600	-	-	-
Average	9.708	9.592	-	-	-
RQS	-	9.540	-	-	-
Season High	9.825	9.850	-	-	-
Career High	9.975	9.900	9.850	9.850	39.325

MORGAN PORTER *(out for the season)*

Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	AA
Ball State/Illinois	-	-	-	-	-
at Arkansas	9.825	9.825	9.650	9.875	39.175
at State of Missouri	9.950	9.875	9.575	9.850	39.250
Alabama	9.775	9.850	9.700	-	-
Average	9.850	9.850	9.642	9.886	39.213
RQS	-	-	-	-	-
Season High	9.950	9.875	9.700	9.875	39.250
Career High	9.950	9.925	9.950	9.950	39.675

BECCA SCHUGEL

Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	AA
Ball State/Illinois	-	9.850	9.850	9.850	-
at Arkansas	-	9.725	9.825	9.750	-
at State of Missouri	-	9.750	9.775	9.800	-
Alabama	-	8.525	9.800	9.750	-
at Georgia	-	9.800	9.700	9.875	-
at LSU	-	9.800	9.000	9.825	-
Average	-	9.575	9.658	9.808	-
RQS	-	9.520	9.620	9.795	-
Season High	-	9.850	9.850	9.875	-
Career High	9.900	9.900	9.875	9.875	39.300

ASPEN TUCKER

Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	AA
Ball State/Illinois	9.700	9.800	9.850	9.825	39.175
at Arkansas	9.825	9.775	-	9.775	-
at State of Missouri	9.875	9.100	9.450	9.800	38.225
Alabama	9.850	9.825	9.800	9.850	39.325
at Georgia	9.775	9.775	9.775	9.800	39.125
at LSU	9.850	9.825	9.775	9.650	39.100
Average	9.813	9.683	9.730	9.783	38.990
RQS	9.800	9.655	-	9.770	-
Season High	9.875	9.823	9.850	9.850	39.325
Career High	9.875	9.823	9.850	9.850	39.325

BRITNEY WARD

Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	AA
Ball State/Illinois	9.825	-	9.250	-	-
at Arkansas	9.925	-	9.700	-	-
at State of Missouri	-	-	9.925	-	-
Alabama	9.950	-	9.875	-	-
at Georgia	9.800	9.725	9.900	-	-
at LSU	9.925	9.825	9.900	-	-
Average	9.875	9.725	9.730	-	-
RQS	-	-	9.725	-	-
Season High	9.950	9.825	9.925	-	-
Career High	9.950	9.825	9.925	-	-

TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

TEAM

TOTAL

1.	197.475	at Texas Women's Invite	3/12/04
2.	197.350	at Cat Classic	2/6/04
3.	197.125	at Mizzou Invitational	3/6/04
4.	197.000	vs. Oklahoma	2/29/04
5.	196.875	vs. Illinois State	2/26/10
6.	196.700	at Big 12 Championship	3/29/03
7.	196.675	at Michigan	3/16/07
8.	196.650	vs. Florida	2/19/16
9.	196.625	at Auburn	2/26/16
		vs. Lindenwood/SEMO	2/5/16
		vs. Illinois	2/13/09

VAULT

1.	49.425	at Lindenwood/SEMO	1/15/17
2.	49.375	at Texas Woman's Invite	3/12/04
3.	49.350	at NCAA Northeast Regional	4/3/04
		vs. Arkansas	2/13/04
		at Nebraska	1/31/04
6.	49.300	at Auburn	2/26/16
		at NCAA Columbia Regional	4/10/10
		at Cat Classic	2/6/04
9.	49.275	at Arkansas	3/13/05
10.	49.250	at SEMO	1/30/15
		vs. SEMO	2/6/09
		at Nebraska	1/28/12

UNEVEN BARS

1.	49.400	at Texas Woman's Invite	3/12/04
2.	49.375	vs. Centenary	2/8/08
3.	49.350	at NCAA Northeast Regional	4/4/09
4.	49.325	vs. Illinois	2/11/05
		vs. Arkansas	2/13/04
6.	49.300	vs. George Washington	2/21/14
7.	49.250	vs. Lindenwood/SEMO	2/5/16
		vs. Oklahoma	2/29/04
		at Utah State	2/20/04
		at Cat Classic	2/6/04
		at Pittsburgh	3/3/07

BALANCE BEAM

1.	49.325	vs. Illinois	2/11/05
		at Mizzou Invitational	3/6/04
		vs. Oklahoma	2/29/04
4.	49.275	vs. SEMO	1/25/04
5.	49.250	at Auburn	2/26/16
		vs. Illinois	2/13/09
7.	49.225	vs. Florida	2/19/16
		at Utah State	2/20/04
		at Cat Classic	2/6/04
10.	49.175	vs. Illinois	1/6/17
		at Cat Classic	2/23/07
		at Cat Classic	2/24/06
		at Centenary	1/20/06
		vs. Illinois State	1/20/03

FLOOR EXERCISE

1.	49.575	at Mizzou Invitational	3/6/04
		at Cat Classic	2/6/04
3.	49.550	at Texas Women's Invite	3/12/04
4.	49.500	vs. Illinois State	2/26/10
5.	49.475	vs. Lindenwood/SEMO	2/5/16
6.	49.400	vs. Arkansas	3/16/12
		vs. Iowa State	1/22/10
		vs. SEMO	1/25/04
9.	49.375	vs. Arkansas	3/4/16
		vs. Florida	2/19/16

INDIVIDUAL

ALL-AROUND

1.	39.725	Sarah Shire vs. Illinois State	2/26/10
2.	39.675	Morgan Porter vs. Arkansas	3/4/16
		Sarah Shire at SEMO	3/7/10
4.	39.650	Alisha Robinson at Mizzou Invite	3/6/04
		Alisha Robinson at Cat Classic	2/6/04
6.	39.625	Sarah Shire at Columbia Reg.	4/10/10
		Sarah Shire at Oklahoma	2/19/10
8.	39.600	Sarah Shire vs. Centenary	3/21/10
		Sarah Shire vs. Iowa State	1/22/10

VAULT

1.	9.975	Shauna Miller vs. Auburn	2/20/15
		Alisha Robinson at Nebraska	1/31/04
		Alisha Robinson vs. Arkansas	2/13/04
4.	9.950	Britney Ward vs. Alabama	1/20/17
		Morgan Porter at Lindenwood/SEMO	1/15/17
		Shauna Miller vs. Kent State/Towson	1/9/14
		Rachel Updike at Nebraska	1/28/12
		Rachel Updike at Winterfest	3/3/12
		Sarah Shire at Columbia Reg.	4/10/10
		Sarah Shire vs. SEMO	2/6/09
		Adrienne Perry vs. SEMO	2/9/07
		Alisha Robinson at Arkansas	2/13/05
		Alisha Robinson at TWU Invite	3/12/04
		Alisha Robinson at Big 12 Champ.	3/20/04

UNEVEN BARS

1.	9.950	Sarah Shire at Lady Luck Invite	1/15/10
		Alisha Robinson vs. Illinois	2/11/05
		Alisha Robinson at TWU Invite	3/12/04
		Jodie Heinicka at Cat Classic	2/6/04
5.	9.925	Madeleine Huber vs. Ball State/Illinois	1/6/17
		Morgan Porter vs. Arkansas	3/4/16
		Mary Burke at Lady Luck Invite	1/15/10
		Sarah Shire vs. Centenary	3/21/10
		Sarah Shire at Illinois	3/13/10
		Sarah Shire vs. Oklahoma	2/19/10
		Adrienne Perry vs. Centenary	2/8/08
		Jodie Heinicka vs. SEMO	3/17/06
		Jodie Heinick vs. Iowa State	2/3/06
		Jodie Heinicka at Nebraska	1/29/06
		Jodie Heinicka at Centenary	1/20/06
		Jodie Heinicka vs. Arkansas	1/13/06
		Andrea Nervig vs. Iowa State	1/11/04
		Alisha Robinson at Utah State	1/20/04
		Alisha Robinson vs. Ball State	2/17/02
		Shannon Brown at Corvette Cup	3/5/00

BALANCE BEAM

1.	10.000	Lauren Schwartzman at TWU	3/12/04
		Lauren Schwartzman vs. ISU	1/11/04
3.	9.975	Lauren Schwartzman vs. Illinois	2/11/05
4.	9.950	Morgan Porter vs. Arkansas	3/4/16
		Sarah Shire vs. Centenary	3/21/10
		Sarah Shire vs. Illinois State	2/26/10
		Lauren Schwartzman at Cat Classic	2/24/06
		Lauren Schwartzman vs. ISU	2/3/06
		Lauren Schwartzman at Cent.	1/20/06
		Lauren Schwartzman vs. Okla.	2/29/04

FLOOR EXERCISE

1.	9.975	Mary Burke vs. Illinois State	2/26/10
		Sarah Shire vs. Illinois State	2/26/10
		Alisha Robinson at Cat Classic	2/6/04
		Lauren Schwartzman at Cat Classic	2/6/04
5.	9.950	Morgan Porter vs. Arkansas	3/4/16
		Morgan Porter vs. Florida	3/4/16
		Morgan Porter vs. Lindenwood/SEMO	2/5/16
		Sarah Shire at SEMO	3/7/10
		Sarah Shire Iowa State	1/21/10
		Adrienne Perry at Big 12 Champ.	3/21/09
		Lauren Schwartzman vs. SEMO	3/4/05
		Lauren Schwartzman vs. Okla.	2/29/04
		Alisha Robinson vs. Illinois	2/11/05
		Alisha Robinson at Mizzou Invite	3/6/04
		Alisha Robinson at BYU	2/23/04
		Alisha Robinson at Big 12 Champ.	3/29/03
		Alisha Robinson vs. Iowa State	3/17/02
		Andrea Nervig at Mizzou Invite	3/6/04

2017 **MIZZOU** ROSTER



TIA ALLBRITTEN

JR | 5-2 | AA

Garland, Texas
Bridgeway Academy



ALLISON BOWER

SO | 5-0 | AA

Mesa, Ariz.
Basha HS



KENNEDI HARRIS

JR | 5-0 | AA

Atlanta, Ga.
Milton HS



ALYSON HEIMSATH

SR | 5-2 | AA

Houston, Texas
Conroe HS



MADELEINE HUBER

SO | 5-5 | AA

St. Louis, Mo.
Seton Home Study School



ALYSSA JOHNSON

FR | 5-0 | AA

Rogers, Minn.
Rogers HS



BROOKE KELLY

SO | 5-3 | AA

Birmingham, Ala.
Leeds HS



ANGIE KERN

SR | 5-4 | AA

Columbia, Mo.
Rock Bridge HS



XARRIA LEWIS

SO | 5-4 | AA

Columbia, Mo.
Hickman HS



RACHEL LEY

FR | 5-3 | AA

Trophy Club, Texas
Byron Nelson HS



SHAUNA MILLER

JR | 5-2 | AA

Knoxville, Tenn.
Farragut HS



MARY NICHOLSON

FR | 5-4 | AA

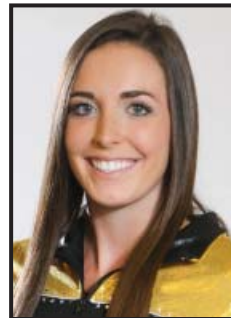
Richland Hills, Texas
Richland HS



MORGAN PORTER

SO | 5-2 | AA

Overland, Mo.
Ritenour HS



BECCA SCHUGEL

JR | 5-3 | AA

Eagan, Minn.
Eagan HS



ASPEN TUCKER

FR | 5-3 | AA

Lehigh Acres, Fla.
Fort Myers HS



MICHAELLEE TURNER

SO | 5-6 | AA

Parkville, Mo.
Parkville HS



BRITNEY WARD

SO | 5-3 | AA

Ozark, Mo.
Homeschooled



SHANNON WELKER

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Fourth Season



JOHN CARNEY

Assistant Coach
Fourth Season



CASEY JO MACPHERSON

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Fourth Season