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The UMKC Edition

Games 55 • April 18, 2002 • Lawrence, Kan.

University of Missouri (26-28 overall, 2-11 in the Big 12)

Opponent:	Kansas (29-18 overall, 5-6 in the Big 12
Start Times:	**Thurs., April 18**
	Missouri vs. Kansas, 5 pm
Radio Info:	**All Tiger Softball games can be heard on 1580 KTGR AM or at www.mutigers.com**
Series Info:	MU vs. KU-MU leads 45-37
For More Info:	MU-www.mutigers.com
	Kansas-www.kuathletics.com
Coaches:	
Missouri:	**Jay Miller (Illinois State '78) 553-303 at MU (15th year) 706-409 overall (20th year).**
UMKC:	Tracy Bunge (Kansas '86) 156-137 at KU (5th year) 248-205overall (8th year).

And Now, Your Lawrence, Kan., Forecast (Apr. 18)

Thurs., April 18
Hi: 88
Low: 53

Tigers Look to Extend Three Game Win Streak Against KU

The University of Missouri softball team travels to Lawrence, Kan., on Thursday to take on the Jayhawks with first pitch set for 5 pm. The game can be heard on 1580 KTGR in Columbia or at www.mutigers.com. The Tigers are in the midst of a three-game winning streak with their latest triumphs coming over UMKC on Wednesday, 1-0 and 11-6.

Mizzou enters the contest with a 26-28 overall mark and a 2-11 conference record. They faced the Jayhawks one other time this season in an Easter thriller taking the game 2-1

This Week in Big 12 Softball

Tues., April 16
Oklahoma City 4, Texas Tech 0
Oklahoma City 7, Texas Tech 3
Iowa 10, Iowa State 4
Missouri 1, UMKC 0
Missouri 11, UMKC 6
Fresno State 4, Oklahoma 0
Nebraska 5, Creighton 4
Arizona 4, Oklahoma State 2

Wed., April 17
Texas 3, Texas Tech 2 (8)
Texas 2, Texas Tech 0
Nebraska 8, Iowa State 3
Fresno State 3, Oklahoma St. 1
Baylor 3, Texas A & M 0
Arizona 1, Oklahoma 0 (9)
Kansas 6, UMKC 0
UMKC 2, Kansas 1

Thurs., April 18
Western Illinois at Iowa State
Missouri at Kansas

Missouri Softball
26-28 overall
2-11 in the Big 12

Date	Opponent	Time/ Result
Feb. 8-9	**San Diego State Tour.**	
Feb. 8	No. 23 San Diego State	W, 4-2
Feb. 8	Hawaii	L, 3-1
Feb. 9	No. 23 San Diego State	L, 4-3
Feb. 9	Hawaii	L, 5-1
Feb. 16-17	**Mizzou Round Robin**	
Feb. 16	**$ W. Illinois**	**L, 2-1**
Feb. 16	**$ Illinois-Chicago**	**W, 11-8**
Feb. 17	**$ Rhode Island**	**L, 6-5**
Feb. 17	**$ Rhode Island (3rd Place)**	**W, 9-0 (5)**
Feb. 22-24	**Leadoff Classic**	
Feb. 22	No. 25 UMASS	W, 1-0
Feb. 22	No. 2 Stanford	L, 4-1
Feb. 23	No. 14 Cal State Fullerton	L, 6-0
Feb. 23	Southern Mississippi	L, 2-1
Feb. 24	UCONN	W, 2-0
Feb. 24	New Mexico	W, 4-0
Mar. 1-3	**Strawberry Cup**	**All Day**
Mar. 1	Central Michigan	L, 5-4
Mar. 1	Central Michigan	L, 2-1
Mar. 2	South Carolina	L, 6-0
Mar. 2	Michigan	W, 2-1
Mar. 3	Michigan State	L, 8-6
Mar. 3	Ohio	L, 5-3
Mar. 8-10	**Missouri Classic**	**All Day**
Mar. 8	**$ Columbia Univ.**	**W, 1-0**
Mar. 8	**$ Louisville**	**L, 3-2**
Mar. 9	**$ Drake**	**L, 3-0**
Mar. 9	**$ Columbia Univ.**	**W, 5-0**
Mar. 10	**$ Louisville**	**L, 3-2**
Mar. 10	**$ Drake**	**W, 10-2**
Mar. 14	Evansville	W, 3-1
Mar. 14	Evansville	W, 8-0
Mar. 15-17	**Missouri Invitational**	**All Day**
Mar. 15	**$ Connecticut**	**W, 9-2**
Mar. 15	**$ Loyola**	**W, 7-1**
Mar. 16	**$ Iowa State**	**W, 6-4**
Mar. 16	**$ Connecticut**	**W, 2-0**
Mar. 17	**$ Loyola**	**W, 4-2**
Mar. 17	**$ Iowa State**	**W, 5-3**
Mar. 19	**% Connecticut**	**W, 9-0 (5)**
Mar. 23	% Texas	L, 9-2
Mar. 24	% Texas	L, 5-4
Mar. 27	% Iowa State	L, 10-2 (6)
Mar. 27	% Iowa State	L, 4-1
Mar. 29	**% Oklahoma State**	**L, 5-2**
Mar. 30	**% Oklahoma State**	**L, 3-1**
Mar. 31	**% Kansas**	**W, 2-1**
April 2	% St. Louis	L, 5-4
April 2	% St. Louis	W, 5-2
April 3	**%SEMO**	**W, 10-2 (5)**
April 3	**%SEMO**	**W, 12-0 (5)**
April 6	**% Baylor**	**L, 5-4**
April 7	**% Baylor**	**L, 4-1**
April 10	**% Oklahoma**	**L, 8-1**
Apirl 10	**% Oklahoma**	**L, 3-1**
April 13	% Nebraska	L, 4-3 (9)
April 14	% Nebraska	W, 4-2
April 16	% UMKC	W, 1-0
April 16	% UMKC	W, 11-6
April 18	% Kansas	5:00 pm
April 20	**% Texas Tech**	**7:00 pm**
April 21	**% Texas Tech**	**1:00 pm**
April 23	**% St. Louis (2)**	**5:00 pm**
April 27	% Texas A&M	2:00 pm
April 28	% Texas A&M	1:00 pm
May 2-5	% Big XII Tourney	TBA
May 16-19	% NCAA Regional	TBA
May 22-27	% WCWS	TBA

*** Home Games are in Bold**

% Games can be heard on 1580 KTGR AM

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Numerical Roster and Notes

#	Name	Pos.	Yr.	B/T	Hometown (Previous School)	Notes of Note
2	Erin Kalka	P	Fr.	R/R	Chandler, Okla. (Chandler)	Has given up only 7 hits and 1 run in last 10.0 inn. (2-0)
3	Sabrina Padgett	C/UT	Fr.	R/R	Chesterfield, Mo. (Lafayette)	Recorded her first hit as a Tiger against SEMO (4/3/02).
4	Heather Kunkel	INF	Fr.	R/R	Oak Forest, Ill. (Oak Forest)	Has recorded a hit in 10 of last 12 contests.
5	Kristen Burke	OF	Jr.	R/R	Oklahoma City, Okla. (West Moore)	Hit first home run of the season against Rhode Island (2/17).
6	Morgan LeCluyse	INF	So.	R/R	Shawnee, Kan. (Iowa State Univ.)	Slated a hit in 8 of last 9 games; team-best 13 RBIs in Big 12 games.
7	Daisy Mettlach	C/OF	So.	R/R	Kerrville, Texas (Tivy)	Recorded a hit in 3 of last 4 games she has played in.
8	Heather Allister	OF	Sr.	L/R	Nacogdoches, Texas (Palomar JC)	Hitting a team-best .278 in Big 12 competition.
9	Jeni Schellert	INF	So.	R/R	St. Peter's, Mo. (St. Dominic)	Started 44 games in 2001 at 2b; will redshirt in 2002.
10	Sara Vassmer	OF	Jr.	L/R	Excelsior Springs, Mo. (Excelsior Springs)	Leads team in stolen bases (16) and is 2nd in hits (53).
11	Melanie Fisher	1B/C	Jr..	R/R	St. Louis, Mo. (Principia)	Has hit 2 home runs in the last 3 games
12	Lindsey Jacoby	INF	Sr.	R/R	Huntsville, Mo. (Westran)	Leads squad in 3B (5); hit her 2nd homerun on Tues.
15	Mary McGrane	C/1B	Sr.	R/R	Downers Grove, Ill. (Downers Grove N.)	2nd in RBIs with 21; has thrown out 15 baserunners.
16	Ashley Hays	UT	Fr.	L/R	Monroe City, Mo. (Monroe City)	Has stole 3 bases and earned 1st career start at MC.
18	Veronica Flournoy	P	Fr.	R/R	Queen Creek, Ariz. (Highland)	Earned huge win over Michigan, 5.2 IP, 4 hits, 1 run, 4 SO.
20	Ingrid Werner	P	Jr.	R/R	Fremont, Calif. (Mission San Jose)	8.2 IP, 8 hits, 1ER against Nebraska (4/13)
24	Rachael McGinnis	3B	So.	R/R	Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley N.W.)	Team leader in BA (.387), HR (6), 2B (9), 3B (5) and RBI (40).
25	Erin Erickson	1B/3B	Sr.	R/R	Perry, Kan. (Perry LeCompton)	Hit a 2-run home run to give Mizzou a 4-1 lead against NU.

Jay Miller ..... Head Coach
Mindy Johnson ..... Assistant Coach
Annie Smith ..... Assistant Coach
Chad Schatz ..... Volunteer Assistant Coach

A Look at Kansas

The Jayhawks enter action on Thursday with a 29-18 overall mark and a 5-6 record in the Big 12. KU split a doubleheader with UMKC last night at Adair Park in Kansas City, dropping Game 1, 2-1 and taking Game 2, 6-0.

Kansas is led offensively by Christi Musser, who is batting .371 with seven doubles, seven home runs, 27 RBI and 81 total bases. The Jayhawks have a very balanced pitching staff checking in with a staff ERA of 1.73. All four pitchers have winning records and all four have ERA's between 1.50 and 2.00. Serena Settlemier has been the workhorse of the staff with 24 appearances and nine complete game efforts while ringing up 92 strikeouts.

Tracy Bunge is in her fifth year as head coach of the Jayhawks weighing with a 156-137 mark at KU. MU leads the all-time series, 45-37.

Earlier This Season Against the Jayhawks

Mar. 31, 2002 in Columbia
MU 2, KU 1

Who's En Fuego

* After going 0-for-3 in Game 1 against the Kangaroos on Tuesday, Allister went wild in Game 2 going 4-for-5 with an RBI while scoring two runs.

* Freshman Erin Kalka has given up only seven hits and no earned runs in 10.0 innings of work in her last two outings. She is now 12-11 on the year.

* Senior Erin Erickson has had a hit in four of the Tiger's last six contests and hit her team-leading 10th double of the season on Tuesday.

* Junior Melanie Fisher has recorded a home run in two of the Tigers last three games including the game-winner in Mizzou's 1-0 win over UMKC on Tues.

* Freshman Heather Kunkel has a four game hit streak going and has blasted a hit in 12 of the last 14 games.

* Junior Sara Vassmer has scored a hit in four straight contests.

A Black and Golden Opportunity Continues

The Tigers are currently in 9th place in the Big 12 with a 2-11 league mark after splitting last weekends series with Nebraska and sweeping the series with UMKC. However, the Tigers are only five games back in the loss column behind the fifth place team in the league, the No. 24 Texas A & M Aggies, whom the Tigers face in the final weekend of the season. Mizzou also has a weekend home series on April 20-21 with the Texas Tech Red Raiders, who are in 10th place in the conference and a road game with Kansas on Thursday, who the Tigers beat earlier this season in Columbia and who currently are in eighth place.

If Mizzou wants to make a run at improving its seed in the Big 12 Conference Tournament next month, now is definitely the time.

Spinning Your Favorite Records Every Season, Your Listening to the Missouri Softball Network

Several Tigers are making major moves in the Mizzou softball record books. Here is a breakdown of some of the movers and shakers.

Rachael McGinnis ranks...
-7th on the single season RBI charts (40).
-would rank second on the Mizzou charts in single season slugging percentage if the season were to end today (.626)
- 6th on the single season home run charts (6).
-tied for 10th on the Mizzou career homerun charts (8).
Ingrid Werner ranks...
-9th on the career appearance chart (92).
-10th on the career innings pitched (397.1).
-8th on the career strike outs charts (211).
Erin Erickson ranks...
-6th on the career doubles charts (33)
-5th on the career homerun charts (14)
-5th on the career put outs charts (950)
Mary McGrane ranks
-8th on the career put outs charts (737)
-1st on the career fielding percentage charts (.995)

The Hits Just Keep on Coming

Sophomore Rachael McGinnis, who currently ranks sixth in single season home runs at MU with six, has slowed down some during the Big 12 portion of the Tigers season. Trying telling that to opposing Big 12 pitchers. She is second in the league in hitting (.387), and leads the league in hits (60), triples (5, tied with senior teammate Lindsey Jacoby) and total bases (97).

McGinnis has recorded two or more hits in 17 games this season and recorded a 13-game hit streak earlier in the year. If the season were to end today, McGinnis' .387 batting average would rank third on the MU single season charts.

Swingin' For the Fences

After not hitting a home run in three straight contests earlier this month, the Tigers have exploded for four crush jobs in the last three games.

Junior Melanie Fisher was the first to break out with her second home run of the season in the top of the first inning last Sunday against Nebraska giving Mizzou a 1-0 lead. Fisher would hit her second in as many games in the Game 1 of Mizzou's series with UMKC, a majestic game-winning shot to center field.

Seniors Erin Erickson and Lindsey Jacoby would also get in on the act. Erickson hit her second of the year in the fourth inning on Sunday against the Huskers which plated two Tiger runs. Jacoby broke out of an 0-16 slump with an opposite way job in Game 2 of the Tigers series against UMKC in Independence. Mizzou has now hit 24 home runs as a team on the season, which ranks sixth in the Big 12 and is already double the number of home runs the Tigers hit in 2001.

The Last Time Out

Mizzou Softball Bounces Kangaroos in Double Header

Tigers have now won three straight

Columbia, Mo. – The University of Missouri softball team swept a double header from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Kangaroos on Tuesday night, 1-0 and 11-6. The contests were played at Adair Park, which is located in Independence, Mo., just off of I-70. The Tigers have now won three straight contests and improve to 26-28 overall and 2-11 in the Big 12 Conference.

In Game 1 of the day, which began in a driving rain, the two squads battled to a scoreless tie after six innings. Starter Ingrid Werner would work the first 2 2/3 innings not allowing a run but would get into trouble in the top of the third when the Roos loaded the bases with two outs. Miller brought in freshman Erin Kalka, who would squelch the UMKC threat striking out UMKC second baseman Lindsay Kendrick to end the third. UMKC starter Lindsey Davis would cruise through the first five innings allowing only three hits.

However, with one out in the top of the sixth inning, junior Melanie Fisher hit her second home run in as many games deep to center field. The shot was a majestic one that bounced off of the stonewall in center field and took pieces of rock off of the steep face giving the Tigers a 1-0 lead which they would not relinquish. Kalka would make the run stand up as she would work 4 1/3 innings scattering three UMKC hits and no runs while striking out four as she and Werner teamed for the seven-hit shutout. The Kangaroos would out-hit the Tigers in the contest, 7-5, but they would strand nine base runners as the Mizzou defense would hold fast.

The Tigers looked as if they would run away with the second game taking a 3-0 lead on back-to-back to doubles by freshman Heather Kunkel and Erin Erickson and a two run home run by senior Lindsey Jacoby to right center field. The Tigers would continue the offensive assault in the fourth scoring five unearned runs on three hits and three Kangaroo er-

Tigers by The Numbers

Home	14-9
Away	7-7
Neutral	4-14
Day Games	21-22
Night Games	5-6
Double Headers	7-7
In Extra Innings	0-2
vs. Left Handed Starting Pitchers	2-3
vs. Right Handed Starting Pitchers	24-25
When Scoring First	21-9
When Opponents Score First	4-19
When Ahead After 3 Innings	18-6
When Trailing After 3 Innings	3-12
When Tied After 3 Innings	5-9
When Ahead After 6 Innings	26-1
When Trailing After 6 Innings	0-24
When Tied after 6 innings	0-3
vs. Ranked Teams	4-9
In 1-Run Games	5-12
In 2-Run Games	8-5
In 3-Run Games	2-6
In 4-Run Games	0-1
In 5-Run Games	1-0
In 5+-Run Games	9-5
When Scoring 0-5 Runs	16-27
When Scoring 6-10 Runs	7-1
When Scoring 10+ Runs	3-0
Longest Winning Streak	10 games
Longest Losing Streak	6 games
In February	6-8
In March	14-14
In April	6-6
Sundays	7-5
Mondays	0-0
Tuesdays	4-1
Wednesdays	2-4
Thursdays	2-0
Fridays	5-6
Saturdays	5-11
vs. Big 12 Conference	3-9
vs. Moutain West	2-1
vs. Western Athletic Conference	0-2
vs. Horizon League	3-1
vs. Mid-Continent	2-1
vs. Atlantic 10	6-1
vs. Big West	0-1
vs. Pac 10	0-1
vs. Conference USA	1-4
vs. Mid American	0-3
vs. SEC	0-1
vs. Big 10	1-1
vs. Ivy League	2-0
vs. Missouri Valley	3-1
vs. Ohio Valley	2-0

rors giving the Tigers an 8-0 lead. The Tiger's nearly 20-minute offensive half of the fourth inning spelled danger for freshman starter Veronica Flournoy. She had been outstanding heading into the fourth striking out four and giving up only one hit. However, Flournoy would allow the first two batters she faced in the fourth to reach base on a single and a walk and would then give up a home run to left field to clean-up hitter Amanda Rice to cut the Tiger lead to 8-3. She would get the next batter to ground out, but would then give up a double prompting the end of her evening in favor of Werner. Werner would apply the "bend-but-don't-break" philosophy to her outing giving up three runs and six hits in 3 2/3 innings of work, but the Tigers would spring for three more runs of their own in the fifth taking the game, 11-6.

Good Starts...Tough Endings

The Tigers have jumped all over their opponents this season in the early innings of games. However, in mid and late innings of games, their offensive production has diminished immensely. Below is a inning by inning break down of the Tigers scoring so far in 2002.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Tigers	44	31	31	42	29	14	13
Opponents	26	19	14	36	33	38	3

700 and Counting

Head coach Jay Miller is the all-time winningest coach in MU softball history with 553 wins in his 16 years at Mizzou. Coach Miller was honored last season for his 500th win at Mizzou on Feb. 18 when the Tigers grabbed a 2-1 win over Northern Illinois. Miller registered his 700th career victory against Kansas on Sun., Mar. 31 in Columbia.

It Just Keeps on Getting Better Man

The Tigers have faced eight ranked opponents and are 4-9 against those opponents. And the fun has just begun. Mizzou will face one more opponent in 2002 that are currently either ranked in the top 25 or are receiving votes in the latest USA Today/NFCA Coaches Poll.

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Tigers on the Radio

Tiger softball can be heard throughout the rest of season on 1580 KTGR AM.

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USA Today/NFCA Division I Top 25

As of April 17

	School	2002 Record	Pts.	LW
1.	Arizona	38-5	674	1
2.	UCLA	37-6	648	2
3.	Stanford	33-7	599	3
4.	Nebraska	36-8	589	4
5.	LSU	33-8	584	5
6.	Arizona State	35-10	529	6
7.	Cal St. Fullerton	40-9	523	7
8.	California	39-14	487	8
9.	Washington	33-13	432	10
10.	Florida Atlantic	50-7	426	11
11.	Oklahoma	36-10	422	9
12.	Michigan	32-8	362	12
13.	Fresno State	36-13	359	12
14.	Oregon State	32-13	311	14
15.	Alabama	37-13	305	15
16.	Texas	37-10	266	18
17.	DePaul	27-7	246	16
18.	Pacific	33-12	226	17
19.	La. Lafayette	33-10	191	19
20.	Florida State	38-13	143	21
21.	Iowa	27-14	109	20
22.	Ohio State	38-9	105	25
23.	Baylor	41-13	68	22
24.	Texas A&M	33-11	57	24
25.	Georgia	45-11	50	23

Others Receiving Votes: South Carolina 32, UMASS, 10, Oklahoma State 10, Stetson 4, Wisconsin 3.

Big 12 Standings

As of April 19

	Conference					Overall								
School	W	L	Pct.	H	A	W	L	T	Pct.	H	A	N	Last 5	Streak
Texas	12	1	.923	4-1	8-0	39	10	0	.796	22-1	6-0	11-9	5-0	Won 6
Oklahoma	9	2	.818	2-2	7-0	36	12	0	.750	13-2	10-0	13-10	1-4	Lost 4
Nebraska	7	3	.700	3-2	4-1	38	8	0	.826	7-2	6-1	25-5	4-1	Won 2
Baylor	9	5	.643	4-3	5-2	42	13	0	.764	24-4	7-4	11-5	3-2	Won 2
Texas A&M	6	7	.462	3-4	3-3	33	12	0	.733	16-4	9-4	8-4	3-2	Lost 1
Kansas	5	6	.455	3-2	2-4	29	18	0	.617	15-4	5-5	8-9	3-2	Lost 1
Oklahoma State	5	6	.455	1-4	4-2	26	17	0	.605	6-4	6-5	13-8	2-3	Lost 3
Iowa State	5	7	.417	2-5	3-2	15	18	0	.455	3-8	5-5	7-5	2-3	Lost 3
Missouri	2	11	.154	1-6	1-5	26	28	0	.481	15-11	7-7	4-10	3-2	Won 3
Texas Tech	1	13	.071	1-7	0-6	12	36	0	.250	3-10	3-10	6-16	0-5	Lost 9