

Missouri Game Notes

MISSOURI TIGERS (9-3) vs. SOUTHERN METHODIST MUSTANGS (0-7)
Thursday, January 4, 1990 ... Moody Coliseum, Dallas, Texas

PROBABLE MISSOURI STARTERS

F	22	Sharon Bax	.....	5-10	Sr.	Rich Fountain, Mo. (Fatima)	.....	13.0 ppg, 6.1 rpg
F	34	Lisa Sandbothe	...	6-1	Jr.	Washington, Mo.	.....	12.5 ppg, 6.6 rpg
C	25	Ericka Fields	....	6-0	So.	Renton, Wash. (Rainier Beach)	....	12.3 ppg, 4.9 rpg
G	21	Carla Yancey	.....	5-6	Jr.	Athens, Ga. (Jefferson)	.....	7.5 ppg, 3.6 rpg
G	32	Marcia Brooks	....	5-7	Sr.	Milwaukee, Wis. (Bayview)	.....	15.3 ppg, 5.3 rpg

PROBABLE SOUTHERN METHODIST STARTERS

F	24	Missey Parker	....	5-9	Fr.	Charleston, Ark.	.....	11.9 ppg, 4.1 rpg
F	50	Lisa Dark	.....	5-10	Sr.	Tyler, Texas (Lee)	.....	7.1 ppg, 5.1 rpg
C	00	Holly Houser	.....	6-2	So.	Port Neches, Texas (Groves)	.....	5.7 ppg, 3.6 rpg
G	10	Christie Scofield		5-4	Sr.	Moore, Okla.	.....	5.0 ppg, 1.6 rpg
G	14	Suzanne McAnally		5-6	So.	Austin, Texas (Reagan)	.....	10.1 ppg, 2.7 rpg

Missouri Coach Dr. Joann Rutherford: Coach Rutherford is in her 15th season as the Tigers' head coach and her 304-140 career record ranks her 18th among active Division I coaches. On Dec. 16, 1989, the Tigers presented her with her 300th collegiate coaching victory, an 89-57 triumph over Memphis State. Rutherford has guided Missouri to five NCAA championship appearances in eight years, finishing in the top 16 in 1982. In Big Eight play, Coach Rutherford's teams have won more conference games than any other school, posting a 67-31 (.684) record during the seven years of home-and-away play. Her teams have won the Big Eight tournament crown in 1978, 1983, 1985 and 1986, and were the regular-season champs in 1983-84, 1984-85, and 1986-87. Named the Big Eight "Coach-of-the-Year" in 1984 and 1985, Rutherford received the Big Eight "Coach-of-the-Decade" honor for the 1980s.

Series Record: Missouri will be meeting Southern Methodist for the first time.

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Missouri vs. Southwest Conference Foes: The Tigers are 6-4 against Southwest Conference teams. Missouri's most recent SW conference victory came two days ago when the Tigers defeated Baylor 68-56 in Waco to even the series with the Bears at 1-1. Prior to the game against Baylor, Missouri closed the 1989 portion of the schedule with a 67-59 win over Texas Christian, on Dec. 31, in Fort Worth. The Tigers now hold a 1-0 lead in the series with the Lady Frogs. In other Southwest games, Missouri leads the Arkansas series 2-0. The most recent victory over the Lady Razorbacks, 69-66, came on Nov. 30, 1986, in the Western Kentucky tournament. Against the University of Houston, the Tigers post a 2-0 record. Mizzou's most recent meeting with the Lady Cougars came on the road, Jan. 5, 1982, ending with a 67-54 victory for the Tigers. The University of Texas has been a tough opponent against Missouri, as the Longhorns lead the series 3-0. The teams' last meeting came on March 14, 1986 when Texas defeated the Tigers 108-67 during second-round action of the NCAA Championship Tournament.

Bax Boosts Missouri: Senior guard Sharon Bax scored a season-high 23 points, including a perfect 5-5 performance from the free throw line, to lead Missouri past Baylor 68-56. This erased her previous season-high scoring mark of 20 points against Southwest Missouri State on Dec. 5, 1989. Bax, who's started in all 12 games for Missouri, has scored in double figures eight times during the season.

Brooks Bests Theft Total: Senior guard Marcia Brooks recorded a season-high four steals against Baylor. She bested her previous season-high of three steals recorded twice this season. Brooks opened the season with three thefts in Missouri's 99-61 win over Evansville. She posted three steals again in the Tigers' game with Loyola-Chicago, leading Missouri to a 90-71 victory over the Lady Ramblers.

Charting Lisa Sandbothe: Junior forward Lisa Sandbothe, who is in seventh place on Mizzou's career blocked shots chart, needs just seven more rejects to move ahead of Annette Schwander. Currently, Schwander is in sixth place, ending her four-year career (1980-84) at Missouri with 56 total blocked shots. Lisa Sandbothe began the season in eighth place with a total of 51 blocked shots in only two seasons at Missouri. She quickly tied Lorraine Ferret, who was in seventh place, with two blocked shots in the Tigers' season-opener against Evansville in the Lady Kat Invitational tournament in Lexington, Ky. Then in the finals of the tournament against Kentucky, Lisa Sandbothe recorded a season-high three blocked shots to surpass Ferret on the career chart.

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Tigers...Quickly: Junior guard CARLA YANCEY has been one of the Tigers' most consistent defensive performers. Yancey comes into tonight's contest averaging 2.3 steals per game, and has recorded eight steals in Mizzou's two previous games ... sophomore ERICKA FIELDS was the Tigers' second leading scorer against Baylor with 18 points. That performance marked the ninth time this season that Fields has scored in double figures for Missouri ... junior STACEY PRIMUS came off of the bench to grab 10 rebounds and lead the Tigers on the boards in the previous game with Baylor. Primus is Missouri's second leading rebounder, averaging 6.3 boards per game ... SHARON BAX, LISA SANDBOTHE, and CARLA YANCEY each have 2 steals for the season ... LISA SANDBOTHE also leads Missouri on the boards, averaging 6.6 rebounds per game, and is the Tigers' leading shot blocker with a total of nine on the season ... senior MARCIA BROOKS is Missouri's leading scorer, averaging 15.3 points per game.

Injury Report: Senior guard Lori Sandbothe remains sidelined for tonight's contest and is continuing to receive treatment for a sprained left knee. Receiving a starting nod in the Tigers' Dec. 9, 1989 game against Creighton, Lori Sandbothe suffered the injury about midway through the second half. Lori Sandbothe hopes to return to the lineup for Missouri's Big Eight-opener with Oklahoma State, Wed., Jan. 10, 1990.

What's Next: Tonight's contest wraps up a three-game roadswing through Texas. Missouri returns home to prepare for the Big Eight Conference-opener against Oklahoma State on Wed., Jan. 10, 1990, in Columbia, Mo.

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