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Mizzou Men's Basketball Announces 2004-05 Basketball Schedule

Slate features 13 teams that advanced to post-season play in 03-04

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Columbia, Mo. – The University of Missouri Men's Basketball Team will definitely get to know its new home court (the Paige Sports Arena) during the 2004-05 season. The Tigers' upcoming schedule was released today and includes a record 20 possible home contests and 13 opponents who reached post-season play in 2003-04. Mizzou will begin playing in the new 15,000-seat, $75 million facility after spending their last 32 seasons at the hallowed halls of the Hearnes Center. The Paige is sold out of season tickets and Mizzou has sold 26 percent more season tickets for this season than they did in 2003.

After exhibition contests with in-state schools Central Missouri State (Nov. 4) and Northwest Missouri State (Nov. 10), Head Coach Quin Snyder's Tigers will begin the regular season with a first round match-up with Brown University in the Guardians Classic in Columbia. Other schools that will play in the Tigers' regional include Sam Houston State and Houston.

If Missouri is able to advance through the regional, they will play the final two rounds of the tournament at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, MO (Nov. 23-24). The Tigers have not played in the Guardians event since 2001-02 when they took the title in a thrilling championship contest against Iowa.

Following the Guardians Classic, Mizzou will make its longest home stand since 1999-00 when they play five straight games at the Paige Sports Arena. The home stand will begin on Nov. 28 when MU welcomes NCAA Tournament qualifier Murray State and will include contests against Oakland (Dec. 4), border rival Arkansas (Dec. 7), Montana (Dec. 19) and will conclude against Big 10 basketball power Indiana on Dec. 19.

The Tigers will stay with that Big 10 theme on Dec. 22 when the annual Busch Braggin' Rights game tips off at the Savvis Center in St. Louis, MO. The Tigers hope to celebrate during an eight-day hiatus over the holidays and will face Washington's finest in the Gonzaga Bulldogs on Dec. 30. This contest should be an exciting one as the two squads battled into overtime last year in the "Battle in Seattle" at the Key Arena.

Mizzou will then celebrate the New Year in a truly patriotic manner when they welcome the Patriot League's own American Eagles on Jan. 4. Then, for the second straight season, Mizzou will open play in the gauntlet that is the Big 12 Conference against Iowa State in the Paige.

After playing 13 home games to that point, the Tigers will have a mini two game road swing with trips to Final Four qualifier Oklahoma State (Jan. 11) and a stop in Manhattan to take on Kansas State (Jan. 15) at Bramlage. The Tigers will then return home for two contests against Bob Knight's Texas Tech Red Raiders and NIT qualifier Nebraska on Jan. 19 and Jan. 22 respectively. Following a trip to Boulder to face Colorado and a visit from Kansas State, Mizzou will make a trek to vaunted rival Kansas for an ESPN Big Monday matchup with the Hawkers on Jan. 31.

MU will open the month of February with a trip to College Station, TX, to take on Texas A&M (Feb. 5) before winging off to Vegas to take on the Runnin' Rebels of UNLV. Visits from Oklahoma (Feb. 12), whom the Tigers have taken two of their last three meetings, and Baylor (Feb. 16) will welcome the Tigers back from Nevada. They will finish up the month of February with a trip to Nebraska (Feb. 19) , a home contest against Colorado (Feb. 22) and a visit to Sweet 16 qualifier Texas (Feb. 26).

The Tigers will wrap on the road portion of their Big 12 regular season at Iowa State (Mar. 2) before welcoming Kansas (Mar. 6) to town for the final regular season game of the year. Following the regular season, the Tigers will compete in the Big 12 Tournament, which will be played Mar. 10-13 in Kansas City, MO for the first time since 2002 at Kemper Arena.

For more information on Missouri Basketball, log on to www.mutigers.com. Following is a complete schedule for the 2004-05 season.

MISSOURI BASKETBALL

Men's 2004-05 Season Schedule

Exhibition Season

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Television	Tipoff
Saturday	Oct. 23	Black and Gold Game	Columbia, Mo.	NA	TBA
Thursday	Nov. 4	CENTRAL MISSOURI	Columbia, Mo.	MSN	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Nov. 10	NW MISSOURI STATE	Columbia, Mo.	MSN	7:00 p.m.

Regular Season

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Television	Tipoff
Mon.-Tues.	Nov. 15-16	Guardians Classic	Columbia, MO		
Monday	Nov. 15	Sam Houston State vs. Houston			5:30 p.m.
		Brown vs. Missouri			8:00 p.m.
Friday	Nov. 19	DAVIDSON	Columbia, MO	MSN	7:00 p.m.
Tues.-Wed.	Nov. 23-24	& Guardians Classic	Kansas City, MO	MSN	TBA
Sunday	Nov. 28	MURRAY STATE	Columbia, MO	MSN	1:00 p.m.
Saturday	Dec. 4	OAKLAND	Columbia, MO	MSN	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Dec. 7	ARKANSAS	Columbia, MO	MSN	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Dec. 11	MONTANA	Columbia, MO	MSN	2:00 p.m.
Sunday	Dec. 19	INDIANA	Columbia, MO	MSN	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Dec. 22	% vs. Illinois	St. Louis, MO	TBA	TBA
Thursday	Dec. 30	GONZAGA	Columbia, MO	TBA	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Jan. 4	AMERICAN	Columbia, MO	MSN	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Jan. 8	* IOWA STATE	Columbia, MO	ESPN+	12:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Jan. 11	* at Oklahoma State	Stillwater, OK	ESPN+	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	Jan. 15	* at Kansas State	Manhattan, KS	MSN	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Jan. 19	* TEXAS TECH	Columbia, MO	MSN	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Jan. 22	* NEBRASKA	Columbia, MO	ESPN+	12:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Jan. 26	* at Colorado	Boulder, CO	MSN	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	Jan. 29	* KANSAS STATE	Columbia, MO	MSN	8:00 p.m.
Monday	Jan. 31	* at Kansas	Lawrence, KS	ESPN	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	Feb. 5	* at Texas A&M	College Station, TX	MSN	TBA
Wednesday	Feb. 9	at UNLV	Las Vegas, NV	TBA	9:30 p.m.
Saturday	Feb. 12	* OKLAHOMA	Columbia, MO	ABC	12:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Feb. 16	* BAYLOR	Columbia, MO	MSN	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Feb. 19	* at Nebraska	Lincoln, NE	ESPN+	12:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Feb. 22	* COLORADO	Columbia, MO	ESPN+	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	Feb. 26	* at Texas	Austin, TX	TBA	TBA.
Wednesday	Mar. 2	* at Iowa State	Ames, IA	MSN	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	Mar. 6	* KANSAS	Columbia, MO	CBS	1:00 p.m.
Thurs.-Sun.	Mar. 10-13	Big 12 Tournament	Kansas City, MO	TBA	TBA

& - Guardians Classic semi-final and championship games will be played in Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, MO
% – Busch Bragging Rights Game
* -- Denotes Big 12 Conference Game
ALL CAPS – Denotes Home Game (Paige Sports Arena)
ESPN+ - Big 12 Regional Network
MSN – Mizzou Sports Network
All times are Central and all dates and times are subject to change

2004-05 Schedule Facts You May or May Not Care About

- 13 of the Tigers opponents advanced to post-season play last year

NCAA Tournament	National Invitation Tournament
Murray State	Nebraska
Illinois	Iowa State
Gonzaga	Colorado
Oklahoma State	Oklahoma
Texas Tech	UNLV
Kansas	Creighton
Texas	

- Mizzou will open its first season at the Paige Sports Arena after calling Hearnes home for 32 years.
- The Tigers will continue to play on Norm Stewart Court. The name of the court will carry over into the new building after adorning the Hearnes Center floor for the past four seasons.
- Every regular season Missouri basketball game will be televised in some fashion during 2004-05. Last season, 29 of the Tigers' 30 games were on the tube and all 33 of Mizzou's contests were televised in 2002-03.
- Head Coach Quin Snyder goes for win number 101 in the Tigers' season opener against Brown. He 100-63 (.613) in his five years at Mizzou.
- Former Mizzou assistant Kim Anderson leads the Mules of CMSU to Columbia for the Tigers' exhibition opener.