



2006-07 UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI MULES BASKETBALL GAME NOTES

2006-07 UCM Mules Basketball Schedule

November

5	at Oklahoma (Exhibition).....	L 74-69
18	Monmouth (Ill.)	W 81-53
21	Central Methodist.....	W 89-58
24-25	Holiday Inn Express/KOKO/MIKE FM Thanksgiving Classic	
24	Bacone (Okla.) College.....	W 82-48
25	Eastern New Mexico.....	W 92-65
29	at Lincoln (Mo.).....	W 88-60

December

5	Westminster (Mo.)	W 77-40
9	Pittsburg State *	W 87-67
15-17	Las Vegas High Desert Classic	
15	Seattle-Pacific	W 71-60
17	Rollins (Fla.)	W 81-74
20	Sterling (Kan.)	W 103-67
27	Livin the Dream (Exhibition)....	W 97-71
30	Washburn *.....	W 67-50

January

2	at Southwest Baptist *.....	W 77-66
6	at Missouri Southern *.....	W 86-70
10	Missouri Western *	W 90-70
18	Fort Hays State *	W 80-63
20	Northwest Missouri State *.....	W 69-55
24	at Truman State *.....	W 77-64
27	at Pittsburg State *.....	W 81-59
31	Truman State *.....	W 66-47

February

3	at Northwest Missouri State *	L 82-64
7	at Fort Hays State *	L 87-77
10	Emporia State *	W 88-79
14	Missouri Southern *	W 94-66
17	at Missouri Western *	W 84-73
19	at Emporia State *	L 78-71
21	Southwest Baptist *	W 69-59
24	at Washburn *	W 78-62

March

1	vs. Fort Hays State !	W 78-64
3	Truman State !	W 72-68
4	Pittsburg State !	W 59-56
10	St. Edward's	W 76-39
11	Northwest Missouri	W 72-61
13	Southeastern Oklahoma.....	7:00 p.m.

Home games in bold. All times are Central time.
* MIAA Game ! MIAA Tournament Game

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No. 11 Southeast Oklahoma Savage Storm (27-4) at No. 6 Central Missouri Mules (29-3)

Tuesday, March 13, 2007 - 7:00 p.m.

Warrensburg, Mo. * UCM Multipurpose Building (6,500)

Officials: (TBD) Announced Prior to Game

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2006-07 MIAA Regular Season and Tournament Champions

No. 1 seeded University of Central Missouri Mules

Probable Starters

P	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Year	PPG	RPG	Assists	Steals	Hometown
G	1	Theo Jones	6-3	195	Sr-2L	11.8	2.2	55	33	Bowling Green, Fla.
G	3	Zack Wright	6-2	185	Sr-Tr	18.7	6.1	115	75	Austin, Texas
G	5	Wadale Williams	5-11	182	Sr-1L	105	3.3	136	69	Columbia, Tenn.
F	00	Charles Stoker	6-4	200	Sr.-1L	4.4	3.6	26	17	DeSoto, Texas
F	33	Darryl Sommerset	6-9	205	Sr-1L	12.8	7.5	43	58	Memphis, Tenn.

No. 2 seeded Southeastern Oklahoma State Savage Storm

Probable Starters

P	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Year	PPG	RPG	Assists	Steals	Hometown
G	3	Jason Stampley	6-0	175	Sr.	17.9	3.6	44	28	Baton Rouge, La.
G	24	Steve Harrell	6-1	180	Sr.	10.4	4.5	173	69	Baton Rouge, La.
G	33	Josh Talley	6-2	185	So.	7.5	2.3	21	24	Jay, Okla.
F	5	Eric Babers	6-8	195	Sr.	19.6	11.0	130	32	Coushatta, La.
F	40	Matt White	6-3	225	Sr.	12.6	7.4	80	31	Alief, Texas

The Game:

The top-seeded Mules (29-3) advance to play in the regional title game on Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. against the second-seeded Southeastern Oklahoma Savage Storm (27-4). The Mules won their 22nd game in a row at home while SOSU got revenge from the LSC final by defeating MSU in overtime, 88-77.

Mules tie school record, advance to title game over Bearcats, 72-61

(WARRENSBURG, Mo.) – The top seeded University of Central Missouri Mules tied the school record for wins (29-3) in dramatic fashion as they advanced to the NCAA-II South Central Region title game with a 72-61 victory over rival and fourth seeded Northwest Missouri on Sunday night at the Multi.

The win was the 22nd in a row in Warrensburg for UCM. The Mules advanced to their first regional final since 1995 and the eighth in school history.

Central Missouri, ranked No. 6 in the nation, scored the first bucket of the game, but the Bearcats (24-7) pressure defense made them hard to come by in the early part of the half. The two squads traded leads for the first 12-plus minutes before someone could grab control. The 17th ranked Bearcats were the first to do it with a 7-0 run to break a 17-17 tie with just more than five minutes on the clock. The Mules climbed back in it though, and had it tied a couple minutes later. The rally would turn into a 10-0 sprint to close the half, giving UCM a 31-26 lead at the break. **Theo Jones** hit a couple big threes and led all scorers with 10 in the period.

The Mules out-rebounded the Bearcats by an 18-9 margin in the half but were out-shot by a 48-to-40 percent margin. The half-closing run would prove to be the beginning of the end as Central Missouri never relinquished its advantage.

The closest Northwest would get the rest of the way was three, and that was in the early going of the second frame. At the 9:52 mark a **Wadale Williams** three-pointer helped the Mules claim their largest lead of the night at 12. **Zack Wright** also came alive in the half, tallying 15 points. UCM would get its advantage to 17 by the 2:51 mark and coasted to the win from there. The Bearcats last breath showed they still had fight, but they could only get it to a nine point margin by the final buzzer.

Wright led all scorers with 21 while Jones finished with 12 on the night. **Darryl Sommerset** chipped in with 11 and added eight rebounds to help Central Missouri grab a 35-20 advantage on the glass. The UCM defense also held Northwest to only 34 percent in the second frame. Also impressive, the Mules nailed a season-high 95.7 percent (22-of-23) from the line.

2006-07 University of Central Missouri Mules Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Position	Ht.	Wt.	Year -exp	Hometown	Previous School
00	Charles Stoker	Forward	6-4	200	Sr.-1L	DeSoto, Texas	Paris (Texas) JC
<i>Has upped his playing time in the last six games, now averaging 18.7 minutes per game.</i>							
1	Theo Jones	Guard	6-3	195	Sr.-2L	Bowling Green, Fla.	St. Johns River (Fla.) C.C.
<i>Leads the team with 60 three pointers. MIAA Defensive Player of the Year.</i>							
3	Zack Wright	Guard	6-2	182	Sr.-Tr.	Austin, Texas	Univ. of Arkansas-Little Rock
<i>Leads the team in scoring, steals and second in assists and rebounds. Named National Player of the Month for November and MIAA POW twice. Unanimous First-team All-MIAA.</i>							
5	Wadale Williams	Guard	5-11	182	Sr.-1L	Columbia, Tenn.	Walters State (Tenn.) J.C.
<i>Averaging a team-high 4.4 assists per game this season. Named MIAA Player of the Week after Las Vegas tournament. Honorable mention All-MIAA pick.</i>							
11	Victor Lee	Guard	6-1	177	So.-1L	Lee's Summit, Mo.	Raymore-Peculiar H.S.
<i>Went 2-of-2 from the line against Missouri Southern.</i>							
12	Kevin Wollbrinck	Forward	6-4	210	Jr.-Tr	St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis C.C. at Mermac
<i>Has seen action in 25 games.</i>							
15	Fred Dudley	Forward	6-4	187	Jr.-Tr	Chandler, Ariz.	Kirkwood (Iowa) C.C.
<i>Hit 27 of his 33 three pointers in MIAA play.</i>							
21	Paul Banister	Forward	6-8	225	Jr.-2L	Wildwood, Mo.	Lafayette H.S.
<i>Drove the lane for a lay-up against Missouri Southern.</i>							
22	Kyle Weymuth	Forward	6-4	190	Jr.-Tr	Cole Camp, Mo.	State Fair C.C.
<i>Has seen action in four MIAA games.</i>							
24	Michael Taylor	Center	6-9	240	Jr.-Tr	Baltimore, Md.	Sheridan (Wyom.) College
<i>Pulled down four rebounds against Emporia in five minutes on Feb 10.</i>							
33	Darryl Sommerset	Forward	6-9	205	Sr.-1L	Memphis, Tenn.	Walters State (Tenn.) C.C.
<i>Leads the team with 7.1 rebounds per game. Named MIAA Player of the Week once and earned honorable mention All-MIAA.</i>							
52	Tyler DeClue	Center	6-9	230	Fr.-Rs	Bolivar, Mo.	Naval Preparatory Academy
<i>Has played in four MIAA games this season.</i>							
54	Alonzo Brooks	Center	6-7	230	Sr.-1L	Greenville, NC	Hartnell (Calif.) C.C.
<i>Leads the team in shooting percentage at .571, also recorded his fourth double-double of the year against MWSU. Out for the rest of the season with a broken foot.</i>							
Pronunciation Guide:							
Kevin Wollbrinck - WALL-brink		Wadale Williams - wah-DELL		Kyle Weymuth - WHY-muth		Tyler DeClue - De-CLOO	

The Wright Stuff

MIAA Tournament MVP and senior guard **Zack Wright** leads the Mules in scoring (18.8 ppg) and steals (77) while ranking second in rebounding (6.1 rpg) and assists (121). He is third in free throw percentage (.812). He has also recorded double-figure points in all 32 games.

Wright leads the MIAA in steals per game with 2.40 and ranks second in scoring. **He is the first person since 1996-97 (Orville Turner, 88) to break the 70 steal barrier at UCM. He needs 11 more to tie Turner's school record. He currently sits in fourth for a single season. He is also ranked 12th in scoring for a single season, becoming only the 12th person to log 600 points (602).**

Large Margins

The Mules lead the MIAA and coming into this week, rank No. 5 in the nation with a 16.1 average margin of victory in their games this season. They have also defeated their MIAA opponents by an average of 11.0 points per game, defeating Pittsburg State by 20 and 22, Washburn by 17 and 16, Southwest Baptist by 11 and 10, Missouri Southern by 16 and 28, Missouri Western by 20 and 11, Fort Hays by 17 and 14, Northwest Missouri by 14 and 11, and Truman by 13 and 19. The closest win of the season was against Pittsburg at three followed by Truman at four in the MIAA Tourney. Those were the only games of the season decided by less than seven points. The Mules three losses came by 18-point, 10-point, and seven-point margins.

Gettin' to the Line

An emphasis for the Mules this season has been getting the ball to the rim on offense. Central Missouri shoots 46 percent from the field and makes more free throws (658) than its opponents even attempt (528). When the Mules have been close to the bucket this season, they either get a high-percentage shot, or get fouled.

In addition, the Mules have made 306 more charities than their opponents.

Balanced Attack

The Mules have one of the most balanced attacks in the MIAA with five players averaging in double figures. They have had four players in double figures 14 times, five players in double figures three times, and six in double figures two times.

National Spotlight

Central Missouri has now been ranked in the NABC poll for 18 consecutive releases, dating back to last season.

Home Court Perfection!

With the win over NWMSU on Sunday, Central Missouri is 43-3 at the Multipurpose Building in the last three seasons under Anderson. They have a 23-0 record against non-conference opponents at home during that span as well. Against MIAA teams, the Mules are 24-3 at home in the last three years.

They have won their last 22 games at the Multi (3rd longest streak in the nation) dating back to a loss to Emporia on January 14 of last season. They have won 15 in a row at home against MIAA teams.

Anderson in the NCAA Tournament

Head Coach Kim Anderson has been to the NCAA Tournament with three different teams as a coach and one as a player. As an assistant coach at Missouri, he helped the Tigers to six NCAA Tournaments and the 1994 Elite Eight. While at Baylor as an assistant, he guided them to an NCAA berth in 1988, their first in 38 years. As a player at Mizzou, he also helped them to a tourey appearance.

In all, this is Anderson's 11th appearance in the NCAA Tournament in one way or another.

Mules Basketball All-Time

Central Missouri Mules basketball is in its 101st season. The Mules have produced an all-time record of 1449-872. The Mules are the second winningest program in NCAA Division II basketball history (trailing only Central Washington).

Central Missouri has won three national titles--the NAIB titles in 1936-37 (the first ever collegiate basketball championship) and 1937-38, and the NCAA-II title in 1984.

The Mules have also claimed 20 regular season conference titles (the most of any modern-day MIAA team), four MIAA tournament crowns, and have advanced to the NCAA Tournament 19 times.

MIAA Champs...Again

Central Missouri tied with Northwest Missouri for the MIAA Regular Season crown two weeks ago, and last Sunday, won the MIAA Tournament title against Pittsburg State.

It was the 20th MIAA Regular Season Championship in school history and the second in the last three seasons. Kim Anderson became the seventh coach in UCM history to record multiple conference titles, joining Phog Allen (2), Tad Reid (3), Tom Scott (4), Earl Keth (2), Norm Short (2), and Lynn Nance (3).

It was the fourth MIAA Tournament Championship and second in the last three seasons. Anderson and Nance are the only two coaches in school history to claim a title as each have two under their belt.