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MIAA Preseason Poll

Team	2001 MIAA	Overall
1. Pittsburg State (8)	8-1	11-2
2. Central Missouri (1)	7-2	10-2
Northwest Missouri (1)	6-3	7-4
4. Missouri Western	6-3	8-3
Truman	6-3	8-3
6. Emporia State	3-6	5-6
7. Southwest Baptist	4-5	6-5
8. Missouri Southern	3-6	4-6
9. Washburn	2-7	3-8
10. Missouri-Rolla	0-9	2-9

Points awarded on a 9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis. Coaches could not vote for their own school. ()=first place votes

Thursday, August 29

Winona State at Missouri Western . . . 6:00 pm
Southwest Baptist at TN-Martin. . . . 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 31

Central Missouri State at Lincoln . . 7:00 pm
Langston at Pittsburg State 7:00 pm
Missouri-Rolla at Harding. 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 5

Fort Hays State at Emporia State. . . . 7:00 pm

Saturday, September 7

NE-Omaha at Northwest Missouri . . . 1:00 pm
Truman at Drake 1:00 pm
Greenville at Missouri Southern. . . . 6:00 pm
Missouri Western at South Dakota. . . 6:30 pm
Ky Wesleyan at Southwest Baptist. . . 7:00 pm
Wisconsin-LaCrosse at Washburn . . . 7:00 pm

Saturday, September 14

Northwest Missouri at MSU-Mankato . 1:00 pm
Quincy at Truman 1:30 pm
Missouri Southern at N'eastern State . 6:00 pm
Drake at Missouri-Rolla. 6:30 pm
Bacone at Pittsburg State 7:00 pm
Emporia State at East Central. 7:00 pm
Sterling at Central Missouri State . . 7:00 pm
Washburn at Fort Hays State 7:00 pm



Central Missouri State University Mules vs. Lincoln University Blue Tigers

2002 Season Opener - August 31, 2002 - 7:00 p.m.

Jefferson City, Missouri - Dwight T. Reed Stadium (cap: 5,500)

Tonight's Officials

Referee: Dwight Neibling; Umpire: John Schindler; Linesman: Jerry Rauschelbach;
Line Judge: Phil Griffin; Field Judge: Phil Stompolo; Side Judge: Doug Simpson

Mules ready to make run at 2002 MIAA Crown

Central Missouri State finished the 2001 campaign with a school-record 10 wins (10-2, 7-2 and second in the MIAA). In the Mineral Water Bowl in Excelsior Springs, Mo., and dismantled the Minnesota-Duluth, 48-17. With eight offensive and six defensive starters returning, and an All-MIAA placekicker back, Central is thinking NCAA-II playoffs.

Offensively, the Mules will feature a balanced attack that boasts a first-team All-MIAA wide receiver and running back. Senior **Todd Devoe** hauled in 40 passes for 926 yards (second-best in school single-season history) and nine touchdowns. He and classmates **Don Robinson**, **Nate Thomas**, and **Mike Carter** will give senior quarterback **Dennis Gile** a crew of quality targets. Gile threw for 2,208 yard in 2001, the fourth-best season in Mules history.

When Central decides to go to the ground attack, it can hand the ball to All-MIAA tailback **Lee Thompson**. A junior, he and sophomore **Kegan Coleman** give the Mules perhaps the best tandem of running backs in the league. Thompson had the second-highest rushing total in the MIAA last season when he racked up 1,016 yards and scored 16 touchdowns. Coleman, who finished second in the MIAA in kickoff returns, added 532 yards and eight scores.

The one area hit hard by graduation was the offensive line, where three All-MIAA performers are not back this fall. Central does, however, return a three-year starter in **Andy Minford**, who moves to center from guard this fall, and senior **Dan Joiner** at left tackle (he started at left guard in 2001). And to be sure, the replacements are no slouches, as sophomore **Jay Fleeman** at right tackle, senior **Chris Munsterman** at right guard, and junior **Josh Weakly** at left guard all have talent and college experience. The Mules front five also have size, as they average 6-foot-3 and 294 pounds.

On defense, Central employs a 4-4 defense, with two "enforcers"--outside linebacker/strong safety types. The Mules return two starting linemen (and a third who missed 2001 with an injury but started in 2000) and four players from the secondary. They will, however, be replacing both inside linebackers.

Up front, Central returns junior **Jeremy Wooden** at defensive end and senior **Tom Flick** at tackle. Wooden had 30 tackles and led the Mules with four sacks, while Flick tacked on 21 stops, seven for losses. Senior **Tim Ulrich** also returns at defensive end. He earned All-MIAA kudos in 2000, but missed last fall with a broken wrist. Perhaps the deepest position on the team, the Mules also have top transfer **Roderick Green** at defensive end and junior **Dan Spencer** (14 tackles, one sack in 2001) at tackle to give Central a solid up front rotation.

At inside linebacker, sophomore **Joe Brown** distinguished himself as a special teams standout and reserve linebacker, and will hold down one position. He had eight tackles, two for losses, a sack, and a

Central Missouri

A 31	@ Lincoln.	7 pm
S 14	STERLING	7 pm
S 21	@ Missouri Western-TV	6 pm
S 28	EMPORIA STATE.	2 pm
O 3	MISSOURI-ROLLA - TV	7 pm
O 12	@ Southwest Baptist	2 pm
O 19	WASHBURN.	1 pm
O 26	MISSOURI SOUTHERN-HC	2 pm
N 2	@ Northwest Missouri.	1 pm
N 9	TRUMAN	1 pm
N 16	@ Pittsburg State.	1 pm

* - MIAA Contest

Lincoln

A 31	CENTRALMISSOURI.	7 pm
S 7	Clark-Atlanta	1:30 pm
S 14	ST. JOSEPH'S.	2 pm
S 21	Kentucky Wesleyan.	1:30 pm
S 28	OK PANHANDLE STATE.	2 pm
O 5	Tuskegee	1 pm
O 12	STILLMAN - HC	2 pm
O 19	NORTHWESTERN OKLA	2 pm
O 26	Langston	2 pm
N 2	AUGUSTANA.	12 pm
N 9	LANE	2 pm
N 16	St. Paul's	TBA

Central Missouri State Mules

- General Information -

School Location Warrensburg, Mo.
 Enrollment 11,000
 Affiliation NCAA-II
 Conference MIAA
 Nickname Mules
 Colors Cardinal & Black
 Stadium (Capacity) Walton Stadium / Vernon Kennedy Field (10,000)
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 President Dr. Bobby Patton

- Coaching Staff -

Head Coach (Alma Mater) Willie Fritz (Pittsburg State, '83)
 Record at CMSU 37-19 (27-18 MIAA, sixth year)
 Career Record Same
 Phone / Best Time to Call 660-543-4252 / Mornings
 Assistant Coaches Scott Baumgartner, Chuck Clemens, Scott Grinde,
 Jeff Hecklinski, Charlie Lee, Andy Ball,
 Bill Brechue, David Brown, Ed Morse

- Team Information -

Returning Starters (offense / defense / specialists) 8 / 6 / 3
 Base Offense / Defense Pro-I / 4-4
 Series Record Central leads 17-7-0
 2001 Record (Conference Record) 10-2 (7-2-0 MIAA, 2nd)

Lincoln Blue Tigers

- General Information -

School Location Jefferson City, Mo.
 Enrollment 3,500
 Affiliation NCAA-II
 Conference Independent
 Nickname Lincoln
 Colors Navy Blue and White
 Stadium (Capacity) Dwight T. Reed Stadium
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- Coaching Staff -

Head Coach (Alma Mater) Fred Manuel (Oregon, '73)
 Record at LU First Season
 Career Record First Season
 Phone / Best Time to Call 573-681-5904 / Mornings
 Assistant Coaches David Mitchell, Lemar Parrish,
 Marcus Graham, Dan Bitson, Darryl Simmons, Adrian Cole

- Team Information -

Returning Starters (offense / defense / specialists) 6 / 4 / 1
 Base Offense / Defense Multiple Set / 4-4

fumble recovery last fall. The other spot will be manned by junior transfer **Teon Wilson**. Wilson is not only a grinder for Central, but also is involved with the ROTC. Junior University of Missouri transfer **Jason Vanloo** and redshirt freshmen **Dan Stookey** and **Danny Tuttle** also will see time.

Honorable mention All-MIAAfree safety **Brian Riley** was second on the team in tackles as a junior last season with 80, and also added four interceptions. He will move to the bandit position this fall. At the other enforcer position will be either **Casey Blackstun** or junior transfer **Trevor Rubly**. Cornerbacks **Julius Allen** and **Joey Robinson** combined for 59 stops, six interceptions, and 15 pass breakups. The free safety position will be manned by **Chris Hooper**, junior transfer from East Central (Miss.) Community College, and senior **Dan Moon**.

In the kicking game, Central returns junior **Pat Wilson** who earned honorable mention all-league honors after hitting 13-of-20 field goals (long of 45 yards) and 49-of-54 extra points. While he handles the field goal and extra point duties, senior **Ryan Ashcraft (6-3, 184, senior)**.

Punting chores will fall to junior **Jason Brown**. He earned all-state honors as a senior for Ash Grove High School in Bois D'arc, Mo., and has bided his time behind All-MIAApunter Kenny Zordani the past two seasons.

Blue Tigers seeking continued improvement under first-year head coach

Under first-year head coach Fred Manuel, the Lincoln University Blue Tigers will be seeking to improve on their 4-5 record in 2001.

With six offensive and four defensive starters returning (plus a returning starter at placekicker), the Blue Tigers will be counting on a host of newcomers this fall.

Offensively, Lincoln averaged 28.4 points and 362.6 yards per game last season. Sophomore running backs **Earnest Tucker** (546 yards), **Dodie Wilson** (367), and **Tabvy Williams** (354) led the offensive charge, and are all back this season. Also returning is junior quarterback **Brian Young**, who completed 44.4 percent of his passes for 945 yards, including 31 passes for 470 yards to junior wideout **Toranza Every**. Fullback **Deion Grubbs** and wide receiver **Ali Thompson** also return.

Up front, Lincoln will call on senior returnees **Brian Sanfillipo** and **Dan Green** to plow the road. Sanfillipo returns at left guard, while Green comes back at left tackle.

On defense, the Blue Tigers return from a unit that ranked 12th in NCAA Division II in pass efficiency defense last fall. In the secondary, sophomore **Odreakus Lewis** and senior **Tracy Jamison** both return. Lewis will move to free safety after starting at cornerback last fall. He had 16 tackles and an interception. Jamison, who had 20 tackles and five pass breakups, and 2001 letterwinner **Butch Powell** will likely man the corners.

Like Central, Lincoln will have brand new linebackers in 2002, but they do return two starters from the front line. There, sophomore defensive tackle **Brandon Beard** (36 tackles) and sophomore defensive end **Darrell Lewis** (38 stops, two sacks) return.

In the kicking game, placekicker **Alexander Tate** is back after hitting five-of-eight field goal attempts, with a long of 36 yards, and 17-of-20 PATs.

The Series

This is the 24th meeting between the Mules of Central Missouri State and the Lincoln University Blue Tigers. Central holds a 17-7 lead in the series, and has won 12 in a row, and 14 of the last 15 meetings.

The two teams annually squared off from 1970-89 when Lincoln was a member with Central of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association. Last year's meeting, won by the Mules, 24-10, was the first meeting between the two teams since Lincoln left the MIAA following the 1989-90 athletic season.

The last time Central travelled to Jefferson City to face the Blue Tigers was in 1989, when the Mules won 40-12.

All-Time Results -- Central vs. Lincoln Mules lead 17-7-0

1957 LU 46, CMS 7	1975 LU 20, CMS 7	1983 CMS 58, LU 14
1958 LU 41, CMS 0	1976 CMS 16, LU 0	1984 CMS 15, LU 7
1959 LU 6, CMS 0	1977 CMS 23, LU 20	1985 CMS 29, LU 3
1970 CMS 28, LU 27	1978 LU 21, CMS 6	1986 CMS 56, LU 9
1971 CMS 14, LU 0	1979 CMS 29, LU 17	1987 CMS 56, LU 10
1972 LU 14, CMS 7	1980 CMS 33, LU 14	1988 CMS 39, LU 29
1973 LU 23, CMS 13	1981 CMS 9, LU 7	1989 CMS 40, LU 12
1974 CMS 32, LU 19	1982 CMS 33, LU 7	2001 CMS 24, LU 10

Last Year's Game

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Lincoln	0	3	0	7	- 10
Central Missouri State	10	7	7	0	- 24

Scoring Summary:

1st	09:53	CMSU	- Pat Wilson 24 yard field goal, 9 plays, 47 yards, TOP3:10
	6:32	CMSU	- Mike Carter 1 yard pass from Dennis Gile (Wilson kick) 3 plays, 21 yards, TOP1:04
2nd	03:26	LU	- Alex Tate 32 yard field goal, 7 plays, 33 yards, TOP3:01
	00:11	CMSU	- Mike Kline 3 yard run (Wilson kick) 10 plays, 68 yards, TOP3:15
3rd	04:02	CMSU	- Gile 4 yard run (Wilson kick) 10 plays, 55 yards, TOP3:58
4th	14:03	LU	- Tabvyance Williams 9 yard run (Tate kick) 3 plays, 70 yards, TOP0:42

Game Statistics

	LINCOLN	CENTRAL
FIRSTDOWNS	12	22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	24-24	52-258
PASSING YDS (NET)	193	113
Passes Att-Comp-Int	29-10-3	25-11-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	53-217	77-371
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-7	2-9
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-80	3-73
Interception Returns-Yards	1-17	3-35
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-25.8	3-44.7
Fumbles-Lost	3-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	13-97	18-150
Possession Time	26:07	33:53
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-7	2-16

RUSHING (carries-yards-TDs)

Lincoln - Tabvyance Williams 12-39-1, Deion Grubbs 2-7-0
 Central Missouri - Lee Thompson 28-160-0, Kegan Coleman 12-65-0

PASSING (comp-att-int-yards-TDs)

Lincoln - Kevin Cork 10-28-3-193-0
 Central Missouri - Dennis Gile 8-19-1-90-1

RECEIVING (rec-yards-TDs)

Lincoln - Royce Coachman 4-44-0, Jerome Grace 3-78-0, Patrick Mays 3-71-0
 Central Missouri - Todd Devoe 3-65-0, Don Robinson 2-23-0, Mike Carter 2-13-1

INTERCEPTIONS (int-yards)

Lincoln - Ronald Scales 1-17
 Central Missouri - David Ruether 2-28, Greg Zerr 1-7

SACKS (UA-A)

Lincoln - Quincy Dunlap 1-0
 Central Missouri - Rusty Miller 1-0, Casey Blackstun 1-0

TACKLES (UA-A)

Lincoln - Quincy Dunlap 5-5, Brandon Beard 4-4, Levar Stepter 3-5
 Central Missouri - Valentine Ejilika 2-3, Lloyd Thompson 2-3,
 Herman Lyons 2-3, Andy Sims 1-4



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Mules on the Airwaves

The Central Missouri State University Mules can be heard on KLRQ 96.1 FM. The Mules' pregame show with host Shawn Jones begins 30 minutes prior to kickoff. Jones will provide the play-by-play with Bob Jackson and Greg Hassler bringing the color commentary.

Central broadcasts may also be heard on the Internet at www.cmsu.edu/athletic or on KLRQ.com.

Central football can also be heard on TEAMLINE at 1-800-846-4700, code 3946. Calls to listen to Mules games are 50 cents per minute for the first hour and then 20 cents for each additional minute. Additionally a season ticket can be purchased that reduces the per minute cost to 15 cents.

The Coaches

Mules head coach **Willie Fritz** is in his sixth season as head coach at Central Missouri State University. He is 37-19 as the Mules' mentor, 27-18 vs. MIAA opponents. His .655 winning percentage is third best in CMSU football history, while his 37 career wins rank fourth. In 2001, he led the Mules to a 10-2 record, the most wins ever by a CMSU football team in a single season, and to the Mineral Water Bowl, Central's first post-season action since 1970.

Prior to taking the reins at Central, Fritz led Blinn College to back-to-back undefeated junior college national championships in 1995 and 1996. A 1983 graduate of Pittsburg State University, where he was a four-year starter at defensive back, Fritz received his master's degree in kinesiology from Sam Houston State University in 1986.

He is not the first member of his family to coach at Central, either, as his father, the late Harry Fritz, was the Mules' head football coach in 1952 and later became executive director of the NAIA.

Fred Manuel is in his first season as head coach of the Lincoln Blue Tigers. It is his first stint as a college head coach. A 1973 graduate of the University of Oregon, he served three seasons as defensive coordinator, leading the Blue Tigers to a No. 12 ranking in pass efficiency defense in 2001.

Mules moving up in career charts

Two Central Missouri State gridders are working their way up the Mules career charts. Junior running back Lee Thompson ranks eighth on Central's all-time list with 1,673 yards, while senior quarterback Dennis Gile has 2,208 passing yards to his credit, also good for eighth.

Below is a complete top 10 of the Mules rushing and passing charts.

Career Rushing Yards

1. Elliott Eley, 1985-88 3,323
2. Henry Caldwell, 1990-93 2,643
3. Ira Clemons, 1969-73 2,154
4. Mark Brown, 1987-90 2,021
5. Dane Henningsen, 1974-77 1,916
6. Ricardo Patrick, 1973-76 1,775
7. Jason Graham, 1998-99 1,742
8. **Lee Thompson, 2000-Present** **1,673**
9. Dexter Ford, 1998-99 1,427
10. Walter Rhone, 1969-72 1,412

Career Passing Yards

1. Paul Kaiser, 1993-97 7,233
2. Scott Loveland, 1981-84 6,547
3. Jeff Phillips, 1986-88 6,294
4. Bill Foster, 1976-79 4,975
5. Steve Eckinger, 1967-70 4,619
6. Steve Howard, 1971-74 2,890
7. Nick Puhlick, 1987-90 2,609
8. **Dennis Gile, 2001-Present** **2,208**
9. Bill Vining, 1978-80 2,028
10. Ray Miller, 1972-75 1,932

Central Missouri State Mules Offense

FLANKER	- 7 TODD DEVOE (6-2, 201, Senior-1L)	85 Jake Winters (5-10, 177, Sophomore-1L)
TIGHT END	- 86 MIKE CARTER (6-3, 230, Senior-3L)	97 Scott Young (6-2, 245, Junior-1L)
		89 Cooper Banks (6-2, 260, Freshman-Rs)
RIGHT TACKLE	- 72 JAY FLEEMAN (6-5, 305, Sopomore-1L)	70 Rich Villigram (6-4, 315, Freshman-Rs)
RIGHT GUARD	- 69 CHRIS MUNSTERMAN (6-3, 290, Senior-2L)	77 Derrick Clark (6-3, 310, Junior-Tr)
CENTER	- 60 ANDY MINFORD (6-2, 275, Senior-3L)	65 Jeff Edwards (6-3, 278, Freshman-Rs)
LEFT GUARD	- 62 JOSH WEAKLY (6-1, 304, Junior-2L)	77 Derrick Clark (6-3, 310, Junior-Tr)
		67 John Lindquist (6-2, 271, Freshman-Rs)
LEFT TACKLE	- 74 DAN JOINER (6-4, 295, Senior-1L)	54 James Walker (6-7, 320, Senior-2L)
SPLIT END	- 81 DON ROBINSON (6-2, 185, Senior-1L)	83 Nate Thomas (5-9, 180, Senior-3L)
QUARTERBACK	- 13 DENNIS GILE (6-1, 200, Senior-1L)	10 Greg Valenzuela (6-0, 200, Junior-Tr)
FULLBACK	- 6 DUSTIN DOLL (6-1, 235, Junior-2L)	
TAILBACK	- 2 LEE THOMPSON (5-7, 191, Junior-2L)	31 Dan Moon (5-10, 185, Senior-2L)
	11 KEGAN COLEMAN (5-8, 190, Sophomore-1L)	

Central Missouri State Mules Defense

DEFENSIVE END	- 95 TIM URICH (6-1, 260, Senior-3L)	55 Jeremy Wooden (6-1, 250, Junior-2L)
DEFENSIVE TACKLE	- 66 DAN SPENCER (6-0, 295, Junior-2L)	45 Adrian Stargell (6-0, 280, Junior-Tr)
NOSE GUARD	- 71 TOM FLICK (6-1, 295, Senior-3L)	94 Aaron Urich (6-0, 275, Sophomore-1L)
HAMMER	- 90 RODERICK GREEN (6-2, 240, Junior-Tr)	92 David Williams (6-2, 240, Sophomore-1L)
STRONG SAFETY	- 16 TREVOR RUBLY (6-1, 208, Senior-Tr)	5 Casey Blackstun (6-0, 211, Senior-3L)
SAM LINEBACKER	- 47 TEON WILSON (6-1, 220, Junior-Tr)	49 Jason VanLoo (6-3, 240, Junior-Tr)
		51 Dan Stookey (6-1, 228, Freshman-Rs)
WILL LINEBACKER	- 53 JOE BROWN (6-2, 230, Sophomore-1L)	46 Danny Tuttle (6-0, 225, Freshman-Rs)
		57 Mike Wright (5-10, 220, Freshman-Rs)
BANDIT	- 4 BRIAN RILEY (6-1, 215, Senior-2L)	9 Billy Jones (6-2, 185, Senior-Tr)
CORNERBACK	- 3 JOEY ROBINSON (5-10, 190, Senior-1L)	20 Chad Bruto (5-8, 165, Sophomore-Sq)
FREE SAFETY	- 8 CHRIS HOOPER (6-4, 220, Junior-Tr)	31 Dan Moon (5-10, 185, Senior-2L)
CORNERBACK	- 22 JULIUS ALLEN (6-0, 196, Senior-1L)	1 John McPherson (5-9, 185, Sophomore-Tr)

Central Missouri State Mules Special Forces

PLACEKICKER	- 96 PAT WILSON (5-8, 190, Junior-2L)	KICK RETURNS	- 11 KEGAN COLEMAN (5-8, 190, So-1L)
KICKOFFS	- 14 RYANASHCRAFT (6-3, 184, Sr-3L)		83 NATE THOMAS (5-9, 180, Senior-3L)
PUNTER	- 98 JASON BROWN (6-0, 218, Jr-Sq)	PUNT RETURNS	- 83 NATE THOMAS (5-9, 180, Sr-3L)
LONG SNAPPER	- 75 CASEYSHADEL (5-11, 205, So-1L)		11 Kegan Coleman (5-8, 190, So-1L)
	52 Joe Potter (6-0, 225, Sophomore-1L)		

