

JENNIES' SOCCER TEAM RANKED THIRD IN REGION

WARRENSBURG, MO (September 5, 2000) -- Fresh from two 1-0 shutouts in Minnesota that have boosted them to their highest regional soccer ranking ever, the Central Missouri State Jennies will stay in the state of Missouri for a pair of matches this weekend (Sept. 9-10). Coach Al Iantorno's squad (3-1) has jumped to third in the Central Region rankings this week by the National Soccer Coaches Association and will play in the Truman State Classic at Kirksville. The Jennies meet SIU-Edwardsville Saturday at 2 p.m. and Missouri-St. Louis Sunday at 12 noon. The Jennies' number three ranking in the region surpasses their previous high regional ranking of eighth in 1998.

Last weekend's shutouts over Winona State (Minn.) and North Dakota State earned Jennies' goalkeeper Carrie Payne the MIAA soccer player of the week award. A junior from Omaha, Nebr., in her third season as the Jennies' goalkeeper, Payne recorded career complete-game shutouts number 17 and 18 with the wins. She had eight saves against Winona State and 12 against North Dakota State. Senior Sabrina Sanders scored the Jennies' goal against Winona State, while freshman April Reyes produced the goal against North Dakota State, which had been ranked 16th in the Division II preseason coaches' poll.

SIU-Edwardsville is 2-2 this season with wins over Missouri Southern and Northwest Missouri and losses to Nebraska-Omaha and Northern Colorado. Missouri-St. Louis is 2-1 after splitting a pair of games in Florida over the weekend, beating Florida Southern 1-0 and losing 4-3 in two overtimes to Tampa. The Jennies dropped a 2-1 decision last year to SIU-Edwardsville in the only previous meeting between the two teams. They have split two previous meetings with Missouri-St. Louis, including a 2-1 win last season.