



# MISSOURI BASKETBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

This is an exciting time of year for all basketball coaches, and I hope your season has been a successful one, regardless of wins and losses. As members of the MBCA, I know you are promoting basketball in your part of the state.

That is the purpose of our organization. We want to see basketball continue to grow in popularity in our state. One way to do that is to be active in the Coaches Association. Please nominate players and coaches for any awards they deserve.

Another way is to attend the MBCA Convention June 28 and 29 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia. There are many activities planned, highlighted by the Missouri Basketball Hall of Fame Enshrinement Luncheon and the Boys and Girls All-Star Games. Mark your calendar, bring your spouse, and have a great time. We would love to improve attendance for the games. Of last year's 40 participants, approximately 30 are presently playing college basketball.

One of our cornerstones is the Missouri Basketball Hall of Fame. We continue to work to fund this project and hope all coaches will support this work when called upon. I hope to see all of you on Convention weekend. Let's keep working to make basketball in Missouri even better.

--Steve Burk

## ACADEMIC ALL-STATE BANQUET APRIL 21

The Missouri Basketball Coaches Association is getting ready to choose the eighth annual boys' and girls' Academic All-State teams, Mr. and Miss Show-Me Basketball and the Coach of the Year. Selections will be chosen from members' nominations.

Nominations were due by March 1. The MBCA board will vote on the nominees during the March 16 meeting held in conjunction with the Class 3A-4A tournament in Springfield.

To be nominated for Academic All-State, each player must meet several scholarship requirements. Players must be in the upper 20 percent of their class and have at least a 3.0 grade-point average out of a possible 4.0 or the equivalent. Players must also achieve a minimum 25 composite score on the American College Testing assessment or an 1100 composite score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

Nominees must have started in 90 percent of their team's games and must be of outstanding moral character. Once nominations meeting these requirements have been made, 10 boys and 10 girls will be chosen based on basketball statistics and abilities.

The Academic All-State Banquet will be held Sunday, April 21 at 1 p.m. in the Missouri Basketball Hall of Fame (Dorsey Gym) on the campus of Columbia College. Dr. Gordon Kingsley, President of William Jewell College and a Columbia native, will be the featured speaker.

A \$500 scholarship will be given to the male player considered to be best among boys' Academic All-State honorees. Missouri Coach Norm Stewart provides the scholarship in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stewart.

The best male and female high school basketball players in Missouri will be honored as Mr. and Miss Show-Me Basketball. The candidates, nominated by high school coaches, must have started in 90 percent of all games, must be high school seniors and must be of outstanding moral character. The athletes chosen must be considered the best basketball players in Missouri.

After nominations are compiled, 10 boys and 10 girls will be selected as finalists. A special committee of assistant college coaches in Missouri will choose the winners.

Men who have been selected Mr. Show-Me Basketball include: 1990 winner University of Missouri freshman Jevon Crudup of Raytown South H.S., 1989 winner M.U. sophomore Chris Heller of

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## **ACADEMIC ALL-STATE (cont.)**

Kansas City Rockhurst H.S., 1988 winner M.U. junior Anthony Peeler of Kansas City Paseo H.S., 1987 winner Wichita State University senior John Cooper from Kansas City Rockhurst H.S., 1986 winner Sacramento Kings (NBA) rookie Anthony Bonner from Saint Louis University and St. Louis Vashon H.S., and 1985 winner Monroe Douglas from SLU, who now plays in the CBA.

Women who have been selected Miss Show-Me Basketball include 1990 winner Melody Howard from Marshfield H.S., 1989 winner Oklahoma State University sophomore Kim Mahn from Desoto H.S., 1988 winner M.U. junior Rhonda Moore from St. Louis Hazelwood East H.S., 1987 winner M.U. senior Lisa Sandbothe from Washington H.S., 1986 winner Lori Sandbothe from M.U. and Washington H.S., and 1985 winner Janet Clark from St. Joseph Lafayette H.S.

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## HIGH SCHOOL HOOPS

The 1A/2A high school championships were determined in Springfield March 8-9. The Scott County Central boys 1A team won their seventh straight title, beating Springfield Greenwood in the first place game. Scott County finished the season with a perfect 33-0 record while Springfield Greenwood ended with a record of 23-6. New Bloomfield (24-6) won the third place matchup with Wellington-Napolean (24-7).

After a second place finish in 1989, Scott County Central won the girls 1A class championship and ended the season with a 28-1 record. They did it by defeating Princeton who concluded with a 31-1 season and a second-place finish. The New Bloomfield girls equalled the boys with their own third place finish and a 24-5 record. Malta Bend finished fourth with a 27-3 record.

The class 2A boys had undefeated Portageville (31-0) taking the championship over Bishop-Hogan (25-6). Forsythe (28-4) took third beating Palmyra (28-4). Marionville (30-3) won the 2A girls title with Palmyra finishing second at (25-6). Third place went to Eskridge (21-1) over Plattsburg (20-10).

The 3A/4A titles will be contested on March 15-16 at the Springfield Hammons Student Center. The girls' 3A matchups feature St. Joseph Benton (22-4) against Visitation (19-11) and Perryville (25-6) takes on Marshfield as the Bluejays try for their fourth title in a row. In boys' 3A action, Osage (24-5) will play Festus (28-1) and Mexico (27-2) meets undefeated Nevada (29-0). Nevada, Festus, Mexico and Osage finished as the top four in the sportswriters poll at the end of the regular season.

4A action will see the Jefferson City girls (26-3) face De Soto (29-1) and Blue Springs (21-9) will meet St. Joseph's Academy (26-4). On the boys' side, Columbia Rock Bridge (25-4) takes on Parkway West (28-2) and Hickman Mills plays Parkway Central (26-4).

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## PREVIOUS WINNERS

### MR. SHOW-ME BASKETBALL

<u>Year/Player</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>College</u>
1990-Jevon Crudup	Raytown South	Missouri
1989-Chris Heller	Kansas City Rockhurst	Missouri
1988-Anthony Peeler	Kansas City Paseo	Missouri
1987-John Cooper	Kansas City Rockhurst	Wichita State
1986-Anthony Bonner <sup>1</sup>	St. Louis Vashon	Saint Louis
1985-Monroe Douglas <sup>2</sup>	St. Louis Roosevelt	Saint Louis

### MISS SHOW-ME BASKETBALL

<u>Year/Player</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>College</u>
1990-Melody Howard	Marshfield	Southwest Missouri State
1989-Kim Mahn	DeSoto	Oklahoma State
1988-Rhonda Moore	St. Louis Hazelwood East	Missouri
1987-Lisa Sandbothe	Washington	Missouri
1986-Lori Sandbothe	Washington	Missouri
1985-Janet Clark	St. Joseph Lafayette	Northwest Missouri State

<sup>1</sup>Anthony Bonner now plays for the NBA's Sacramento Kings.

<sup>2</sup>Monroe Douglas now plays in the CBA.

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## DIVISION I UPDATE

As is the case every year, the state of Missouri has witnessed another exciting season of Division I college basketball. Here's how things stand as of March 11.

The Missouri Tigers posted a solid 20-10 record this season. After getting off to a slow 3-4 start, coach Norm Stewart's Tigers won seven games in a row to take the lead in the Big Eight Conference. During that time the Tigers posted tough conference wins over Oklahoma State, Kansas State, and Oklahoma. After that, however, the Tigers lost four of seven (including two losses to Kansas) to fall out of the lead in the Big Eight.

The Tigers ended up finishing fourth in the conference race, behind co-champions Kansas and Oklahoma State and third-place Nebraska. The Tigers went out with a bang, though, by winning the Big Eight Conference tournament in Kansas City. Tournament MVP Doug Smith averaged over 30 points a game as Mizzou posted impressive wins over Iowa State, Oklahoma State, and Nebraska to win the school's fifth tournament title.

Unfortunately, the Tigers' season comes to an end just as they are playing their best basketball of the season. Mizzou is banned from postseason play in '91 due to NCAA probation.

For Smith, winning the tournament was a perfect finish to a perfect season. He led Mizzou in just about every offensive category,

including scoring (23.9) and rebounding (11.0), and was named Big Eight Co-Player of the Year. He snared player of the week honors from both Sports Illustrated and the Big Eight this season for his play against Memphis State and Oklahoma State.

The Tigers were also sparked by junior Anthony Peeler. Despite being academically ineligible for the first seven games, Peeler put together another solid season, scoring 19.6 points and grabbing 6.6 rebounds per game.

The Southwest Missouri State Bears, with a 21-11 record, are having their usual fine season. 1990-91 is the Bears' first season in the Missouri Valley Conference, and they have adjusted to their new league quite nicely. SMSU enjoyed a three-week run in sole possession of first place in the MVC before losing in double overtime at Creighton on February 10.

The Bears never recovered the conference lead after that, however, and ended up finishing second to the Bluejays in the conference race. Charlie Spoonhour's club got another shot at Creighton in the title game of the MVC tournament, but the Bluejays won that one, too. The loss cost the Bears a spot in the NCAA tournament, but they did make the NIT field. They host Coppin State in a first round game March 14.

The Bears are led by Darryl Reid (17.0 ppg, 3.8 rpg) and Ryan Thornton (14.9, 7.3). Reid became the fourth SMSU player to score

1,000 points in a two-year career earlier this season.

The Saint Louis Billikens had a very up-and-down season in 1990-91. SLU's 19-14 record is slightly disappointing compared to last year's 21-12 NIT runner-up squad. However, take into account the fact that the Billikens' career scoring leader, Anthony Bonner, is now with the NBA's Sacramento Kings, and this year's record isn't so surprising. Coach Rich Grawer's team ended up finishing third in their last season in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference. Next season, the Bills become a charter member of the new Great Midwest Conference.

SLU's season ended on a down note when they lost the MCC tournament title game to Xavier. The loss didn't just cost the Bills a spot in the NCAA tournament; the NIT also refused to give them a spot in their field.

The Bills were led by seniors Jeff Leuchtefeld (13.5 ppg, 5.6 rpg) and Kevin Footes (13.8, 4.7) and by junior Quitman Dillard (13.4, 5.8).

The Missouri-Kansas City Kangaroos, who finished with a 15-14 record, set a school record for wins in a season. Coach Lee Hunt's squad also made a little bit of history when they beat U.S. International in their last game of the season. It was USIU's last game ever; the school recently declared bankruptcy and disbanded what was possibly the worst Division I basketball team in history.

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## IN OTHER HOOPS NEWS...

The Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association is enjoying one of its finest seasons. Three teams earned spots in the NCAA Division II tournament. Southwest Baptist (27-2) plays Kentucky Wesleyan (21-7) and Central Missouri State (26-4) plays West Texas State (25-5) in the South Central Regional, and Missouri Western State (23-6) takes on Ashland (24-4) in the Great Lakes Regional. All games are on March 15.

In the NAIA, Park College defeated Columbia College to advance to the NAIA National Tournament in Kansas City. Bob Burchard's Cougars finished the season at 30-7.

The Washington University women's team have made it to the NCAA Division III Final Four this year. The Bears (24-5) play Muskingum College (27-4) March 15.

The Southwest Missouri State women's team will play in the NCAA Division I tournament. SMSU (25-4) will play Tennessee Tech (22-7) in a first round game March 13.

The Southeast Missouri State women have made it to the round of eight in the Division II tournament. SEMO (29-3) will play Cal Poly-Pomona (22-8) March 15.