

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI SPORTS NEWS SERVICE

ROTHWELL GYMNASIUM, COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

NOTE TO EDITORS: Here is complete information about the 1942-43 University of Missouri basketball squad. Keep this information for your future reference. This information is as of the date of the first game and will probably be supplemented during the season as changes in the personnel of the team demand. If you desire any additional information we will be glad to supply it.

GENERAL FACTS

Location -- Columbia, Missouri

Population -- 18,339

University Enrollment -- 4,600

Field House Capacity -- 6,000
(Reduced to 3,000 by
U.S. Navy Accommodations)

Colors -- Old Gold and Black

Team Nickname -- Tigers

Captain -- Earl Stark, St. Joseph, Mo.

Member of Big Six Conference

BASKETBALL COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH -- GEORGE R. EDWARDS

FRESHMAN COACH -- HERBERT GREGG

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Executive Secretary -- V. L. Spurling

Chairman of Coaching Staff -- Don Faurot

Director of Sports Publicity -- George R. Edwards

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Columbia

Varsity Basketball Schedule - 1942-1943

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Wed. Dec. 9 Varsity vs Freshmen at Columbia
Sat. Dec. 12 Missouri Valley College at Columbia
Mon. Dec. 14 Illinois at Champaign
Tues. Dec. 29 Olathe Air Base at Columbia
Sat. Jan. 2 Fort Leonard Wood at Columbia
Wed. Jan. 6 *Kansas at Lawrence
Thur. Jan. 7 Olathe Air Base at Kansas City
Sat. Jan. 16 *Nebraska at Columbia
Fri. Jan. 22 *Iowa State at Columbia
Fri. Jan. 29 Great Lakes at Kansas City
Sat. Jan. 30 Olathe Air Base at Kansas City
Sat. Feb. 6 *Kansas State at Columbia
Mon. Feb. 13 *Oklahoma at Columbia
Sat. Feb. 20 *Nebraska at Lincoln
Mon. Feb. 22 *Iowa State at Ames
Sat. Feb. 27 *Kansas State at Manhattan
Tues. Mar. 2 *Kansas at Columbia
Thur. Mar. 4 Varsity vs Freshmen at Columbia
Sat. Mar. 6 *Oklahoma at Norman

*Indicates Big Six Conference games.

1941-42 LETTERMEN LOST (6)

Co-Captain Loren Mills, guard; co-captain Herb Gregg, forward; George Evans, guard; Keith Bangert, forward; Don Harvey, forward; Ross Burns, center.

1941-42 LETTERMEN RETURNING (4)

Capt. Earl Stark, guard; Lee Roy Storm, center; Ralph Carter, forward; Edward Matheny, forward.

1941-42 BIG SIX CONFERENCE RESULTS

TEAM	CONFERENCE			F.G.	F.T.	SCORING		FULL SEASON			SCORING	
	W	L	PCT.			FOR	AGT.	W	L	PCT	FOR	AGT
Kansas	8	2	.800	212	97	521	394	17	5	.773	1058	868
Oklahoma	8	2	.800	174	98	446	390	11	7	.611	732	689
Iowa State	5	5	.500	154	87	395	411	10	7	.588	722	637
Nebraska	4	6	.400	138	99	375	423	6	13	.316	699	814
Kansas State	3	7	.300	145	78	368	400	8	10	.444	676	703
Missouri	2	8	.200	154	71	379	466	6	12	.333	678	788

MISSOURI ALL-TIME RECORDS WITH OPPONENTS

KANSAS	OKLAHOMA	IOWA STATE
Missouri	Missouri	Missouri
Won 37	Won 22	Won 47
Lost 65	Lost 27	Lost 21
NEBRASKA	KANSAS STATE	ILLINOIS
Missouri	Missouri	Missouri
Won 32	Won 40	Won 0
Lost 21	Lost 29	Lost 2

Missouri is meeting Missouri Valley College and the various service teams for the first time.

PROSPECTUS

Lack of material, both in size and quality, the past two seasons found Missouri finishing up in the Big Six cellar for the only times in Coach George R. Edwards' sixteen years as Headman. This year the material which Edwards is working with, as he prepares for the seventeenth campaign, is definitely top grade, both in size and quality. But there is one qualifying factor to consider before tabbing Missouri as a potential championship-contender. That factor is spelled inexperience.

Seventy per cent of the Missouri basketball team this season will be made up of men who have never competed in Intercollegiate Athletics before. Only one member of the Tiger squad has had two years of college varsity experience, that player being center Lee Roy Storm. Only two other members of the team have had one year of varsity play behind them, Capt. Earl Stark, a guard; and Ed Matheny, a forward. The rest of the first ten men Coach Edwards believes will carry the brunt of the seasonal play are comparatively untried sophomores in eligibility.

There is gold, however, in those hills. For the last year Missouri was blessed with what probably was the greatest freshman basketball team in the school's history. As a matter of fact, the yearling cagemen twice played the Varsity and both times walked off the court victoriously. The way these newcomers go, so will go Missouri.

Naturally, Coach Edwards is hopeful of the squad developing into a powerful aggregation. He believes there is every possibility that such will be the case. But he cautions against over-optimism, especially in the early season contests, when the players will be orientating themselves to the Missouri style of play and to big-time competition.

The Tigers of 1942-'43 will be big and fast, bigger than they have been in a good many years and perhaps as fast as the championship teams of 1939 and 1940. If the sophomores come through, the Bengals may again scale the heights. If not, the team still will be stronger than last year's and can be considered a fine choice to wind up in the first division of the Conference.

The Missouri chances for getting off to a good early start are further handicapped by the fact that three good ball players will not be in shape for immediate competition because of football duties. They are Ralph Carter, a two-time letterwinner, and Jim Austin and Wilbur Volz, a pair of sophomores who starred on last winter's great freshman quintet. Austin and Volz, more than Carter, are expected to give the team a decided lift when they are ready for duty.

It is very likely that only one letterman, Capt. Earl Stark, will be in the starting lineup this winter and early spring, unless senior center Roy Storm continues to beat off the challenge of sophomore Orrel Hahn, who has yet to display the outstanding form of his freshman days. At the other guard, Pleasant Smith, a lanky sophomore, appears to have the inside track, although stocky Walter Robinson may make trouble for him. At forward, letterman Ed Matheny will have to beat off the challenge of Thornton Jenkins and Bob Garwitz to land a start-

int position, but his only hope is to head off Garwitz.

If any man on the team is certain of his post it is Jenkins, who may turn out to be the standout player in the conference this year. He has everything, including an uncanny repertoire of under-the-basket shots.

1942-43 MISSOURI BASKETBALL ROSTER

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>POS.</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>HT.</u>	<u>WT.</u>	<u>HOME TOWN</u>
Austin, James	F	1	6'2"	190	Trenton
Bentley, Leon	G	1	5'10"	170	Glasgow
*Carter, Ralph	F	3	5'10"	155	Boonville
Clark, Bill Joe	G	1	5'11"	175	Trenton
Finlayson, Stewart	C	2	6'4"	175	Akron, O.
Garwitz, Robert	F	1	6'2"	158	Houston
Hagedorn, Wayne	F	1	6'3"	187	Rhineland
Hahn, Orrel	C	1	6'3½"	178	Farmington
House, Jackson	G	1	5'11½"	160	DuQuoin, Ill.
Jenkins, Thornton	F	1	6'2"	200	Advance
Kling, Gunard Fred	G	1	6'1"	185	Albany
*Matheny, Edward	F	2	5'11"	167	Kansas City
Robinson, Walter	G	1	5'11"	175	Bonne Terre
Smith, Pleasant	G	1	6'3½"	187	Union
*Stark, Earl (Capt.)	G	2	6'2½"	165	St. Joseph
*Storm, Lee Roy	C	3	6'4"	185	Columbia
Teel, Robert	F	1	6'1½"	168	Webb City
Volz, Wilbur	G	1	6'	185	Edwardsville, Ill.
Zurheide, Charles	C	1	6'6"	215	St. Louis

SKETCHES OF SQUAD MEMBERS

- AUSTIN, JAMES --Trenton, Mo., plays forward, sophomore in College of Arts and Science. Age 20. Weight 190. Height 6'2". Prep record: Lettered in football and basketball at Trenton High School. Missouri record: was numeral winner in football and basketball his freshman year, and won a varsity letter in football this year. Large rugged player, particularly effective under the basket. Member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.
- BENTLEY, LEON --Glasgow, Mo., plays guard, sophomore in the College of Agriculture. Age 19. Weight 170. Height 5'10". Prep record: Lettered three years in basketball at Glasgow High School. Missouri record: Did not compete in freshman ball. Member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.
- CARTER, RALPH --Boonville, Mo., plays forward, senior in College of Arts and Science. Age 21. Weight 155. Height 5'10". Prep record: Lettered four years in basketball and three years in football during three years of competition at Senior High School of Springfield. Picked up extra basketball award by enough last semester of first year and first semester of last season. Missouri record: Freshman numeral in football, 1939; varsity letters in football, 1940, 1941, 1942. Varsity letters in basketball past two seasons. Very fast and great ball-handler. Member of Sigma Nu.
- CLARK, BILL JOE --Trenton, Mo., plays guard, Junior in School of Business and Public Administration. Age 20. Weight 175. Height 5'10". Prep record: Lettered two years in basketball at Trenton High School and two years at Trenton Jr. College. Missouri record: numeral winner in basketball last year. Steady player. Good passer and has good long shot.
- FINLAYSON, STEWART--Akron, O., plays center, junior in College of Education. Age 19. Weight 175. Height 6'4". Prep record: did not play basketball in high school but earned letters in baseball. Missouri record: Received numeral in basketball and baseball freshman year. Won varsity letter in baseball last year. Was member of varsity basketball team, but did not play enough to letter. Has strong possibilities, but still lacks experience. Member of Beta Theta Pi.
- GARWITZ, ROBERT --Houston, Mo., plays forward, sophomore in College of Agriculture. Age 19. Weight 158. Height 6'2". Prep record: Lettered three years in basketball, three years in baseball, three years in tennis and two years in track at Houston High School.

Missouri record: Numeraled in basketball and track last year. Uncanny ability to be at right place at right time. Versatile. Excellent shot.

- HAGEDORN, WAYNE --Rhineland, Mo., plays forward, sophomore in College of Engineering. Age 18. Weight 187. Height 6'3".
Prep record: Lettered one year in basketball at Hermann High School, Hermann, Mo.
Missouri record: Numeraled in basketball last year. Tall. Good prospect.
- HAHN, ORREL --Farmington, Mo., Junior in School of Business and Public Administration. Age 21. Weight 178. Height 6'3½".
Prep record: Lettered three years in basketball at Farmington H. S., two years at Flat River Junior College.
Missouri record: Numeraled in basketball and baseball last year. Great feed-off man on double post system and fine rebounder.
- HOUSE, JACKSON --DuQuoin, Ill., plays guard, sophomore in College of Arts and Science. Age 19. Weight 160. Height 5'11½".
Prep record: Lettered two years at DuQuoin High School in basketball.
Missouri record: Numeraled in basketball last year.
- JENKINS, THORNTON--Advance, Mo., plays forward, sophomore in College of Arts and Science. Age 19. Weight 200. Height 6'2".
Prep record: Lettered three years in basketball, baseball, and track at Advance High School.
Missouri record: numeraled in basketball and baseball last year. Was high scoring star of great freshman team. Brilliant rebounder with uncanny repertoire of one-handed shots around the basket. Will be heard from this winter.
- KLING, GUNARD FRED--Albany, Mo., plays guard, sophomore in College of Arts and Science. Age 19. Weight 185. Height 6'1".
Prep record: Lettered three years in football and basketball at Albany High School.
Missouri record: Numeraled in football and basketball last year. Shows fine possibilities and is very fast.
- MATHENY, EDWARD --Kansas City, Mo., plays forward, junior in College of Arts and Science. Age 19. Weight 167. Height 5'11".
Prep record: Lettered two years in basketball, one in football and track at Southwest High School.
Missouri record: Freshman numeral in basketball in 1941. Varsity letter in basketball last year. Southpaw forward, with fine one-handed shot. Good student and is Editor-in-Chief of Savitar, University Yearbook. Member of Sigma Chi.

- ROBINSON, WALTER --Bonne Terre, Mo., plays guard, senior in School of Business and Public Administration. Age 20. Weight 175. Height 5'11".
Prep record: Lettered three years in basketball at Bonne Terre High School and one year at Flat River Junior College.
Missouri record: Freshman numeral in basketball last year. Hustling, aggressive ball player. Fine ball retriever. Good defensive player.
- SMITH, PLEASANT --Union, Mo., plays guard, sophomore in College of Arts and Science. Age 19. Weight 187. Height 6'3½".
Prep record: Lettered three years in basketball at Union High School.
Missouri record: Freshman numeral in basketball last year. Rangy, good all-around ball player. Considered one of best prospects on team.
- STARK, EARL --St. Joseph, Mo., plays guard, junior in College of Arts and Science. Age 20. Weight 165. Height 6'2½".
Prep record: Lettered in basketball at Central High School, St. Joseph.
Missouri record: Freshman numeral in basketball in 1941. Varsity letter in basketball in 1942. Elected team captain at end of last season. Best passer on team. Steady ball player. Member of Phi Gamma Delta.
- STORM, LEE ROY --Columbia, Mo., plays center, senior in College of Engineering. Age 21. Weight 185. Height 6'4".
Prep record: Letter in basketball at Hickman High School, Columbia.
Missouri record: Varsity letters in basketball in 1941 and '42. First attracted attention of Coach Edwards by great scoring record in Columbia Recreation Leagues. Tall pivot man and has been improving steadily. This may be his year.
- TEEL, ROBERT --Webb City, Mo., plays forward, sophomore in College of Arts and Science. Age 19. Weight 168. Height 6'½".
Prep record: Lettered three years at Webb City High School and in senior year established new state high school scoring record.
Missouri record: Did not play freshman ball, but was star of Intramural basketball leagues. Good ball handler, with dead shot from any position.
- VOLZ, WILBUR --Edwardsville, Ill., plays guard, sophomore in College of Arts and Science. Age 19. Weight 185. Height 6'.
Prep record: Lettered three years in basketball and two years in football at Edwardsville High School.

Missouri record: Freshman numerals in football, baseball, and basketball last year. Varsity letter in football this season. Great rebounder. Hard driver. Makes up with determination what he lacks in finesse.

ZURHEIDE, CHARLES --St. Louis, Mo., plays center, sophomore in College of Engineering. Age 20. Weight 215. Height 6'6". Prep record: Lettered two years in basketball and football at Beaumont High School, St. Louis. Missouri record: Freshman numeral in basketball last year. A big, rugged youngster, but lacks polish.

SKETCH OF COACH GEORGE EDWARDS

As he begins his seventeenth year as coach of basketball at the University of Missouri, George R. Edwards is attaining nationwide recognition as one of the ablest administrators in the game.

For the past two years he has been director of the Western N.C. A.A. playoffs in Kansas City and also directed the national finals in Kansas City. His work has been so satisfactory in that respect that he has been named to direct the Western and National N.C.A.A. finals again in 1943.

Edwards is also a member of the National Basketball Committee of the United States and Canada, representing the Fifth District. This committee has complete control over the rules under which collegiate basketball is played. He is also a member of the research committee of the National Basketball Coaches Association now working on game administration and game equipment. Coach Edwards was president of the National Basketball Coaches Association in 1938.

At Missouri, Edwards' record has been blighted by periods of poor material, but he has usually kept his club in the first division of the Big Six Conference, which is high in basketball prestige. Last year, the team finished in last place for the second time in Edwards' coaching career. In 1930, Missouri won the Big Six title and finished in first place ties in both 1939 and 1940. Only Kansas, the dominant power in the league since its organization, has won more titles than the Missouri Tigers.

Edwards was a basketball star at Missouri back in 1911, 1912, and 1913, and captained the team in his senior year. He played high school basketball at Central High School in Kansas City, where he also participated in other sports. Upon graduation from Missouri, Edwards immediately went into coaching and has been following it ever since.

He first coached all sports at Salina, Kansas, High School, and after three years there, became a college coach, taking over Kansas Wesleyan at Salina. In 1918, he moved back to his home, Kansas City, Mo., and became coach of all sports at Westport High School. His record there was outstanding, and in 1926 he was made coach of basketball at the University of Missouri.

Edwards has directed both good teams and bad, as is the case with most coaches over a period of years, but always he has commanded the respect of his players. He is a progressive coach, one of the first to acclaim the fan-shaped backboards put into use two years ago. His coaching policy is to give every player a complete chance and then try to develop what ability is shown.

SKETCH OF FRESHMAN COACH HERBERT GREGG

Like Coach Edwards, Herbert Gregg was a former Tiger star in the cage game. Gregg, who will not get his degree in Education until June, and is coaching for the first time, played under Edwards in 1940, 1941, and 1942. Last year Gregg was co-captain of the team, along with Loren Mills.

Gregg is probably one of the smallest men ever to star in college basketball. He stands barely over five feet, eight inches. But he was able to make his lack of size an asset rather than a liability. On a floor with nine other big men, Gregg would scurry about the court to the confusion of the taller men guarding him. He had an effective left-handed shot.

1941 - 1942 RESULTS

GAMES PLAYED

Dec. 9 at St. Louis	Missouri	52	St. Louis U.	29
Dec. 16 at Spokane, Wash.	"	55	Gonzaga U.	46
Dec. 17 at Moscow, Idaho	"	28	Univ. of Idaho	40
Dec. 19 at Seattle, Wash.	"	23	Washington St.	62
Dec. 20 at Seattle, Wash.	"	31	U. of Washington	52
Dec. 22 at Berkeley, Calif.	"	37	U. of California	34
Jan. 6 at Columbia	"	39	St. Louis U.	24
Jan. 10 at Ames, Iowa	"	25	Iowa State	34*
Jan. 12 at Lincoln, Neb.	"	45	Nebraska	51*
Jan. 14 at Columbia	"	34	Kansas	48*
Jan. 19 at Columbia	"	31	Oklahoma	46*
Jan. 29 at Columbia	"	45	Iowa State	41*
Feb. 4 at Columbia	"	34	Washington U.	35
Feb. 7 at Norman, Okla.	"	36	Oklahoma	60*
Feb. 14 at Columbia	"	44	Kansas State	36*
Feb. 21 at Manhattan, Kansas	"	35	Kansas State	42*
Feb. 28 at Columbia	"	40	Nebraska	41*
Mar. 6 at Lawrence, Kan.	"	<u>44</u>	Kansas	<u>67*</u>
	Total Points	678		778
	Average	37.66		42.11

*--Conference Games

Non-League--Missouri won 4, lost 4. Mo. points 299, Opp. 322.
 Conference--Missouri won 2, lost 8. Mo. points 386, Opp. 459.

Games Summaries: Field Goals Free Throws Fouls Total Points
 Missouri 276 126 out of 231 254 678

Individual Records:	Min. of	Field	Free Throws	Fouls	Total	
Player	Games	Play	Goals	Fouls	Points	
Bangert, Keith	6	110	7	0 out of 3	8	17
Burns, Ross	18	362	19	15 out of 26	20	53
Carter, Ralph	7	94	3	2 out of 3	7	8
Constantz, George	12	253	16	7 out of 15	24	39
Evans, George	15	397	25	7 out of 12	24	57
Finlayson, Stewart	7	25	1	1 out of 2	8	3
Gregg, Herbert	6	152	22	11 out of 15	23	55
Harvey, Donald	18	423	58	30 out of 55	31	146
Matheny, Ed	18	457	37	8 out of 14	14	82
Mills, Loren	18	568	48	19 out of 34	27	115
Stabler, John	3	29	0	2 out of 2	3	2
Stark, Earl	18	327	17	10 out of 14	22	44
Stoner, Melvin	2	6	1	0 out of 0	0	2
Storm, Lee Roy	16	310	19	9 out of 25	33	47
Teague, Lynn	9	54	2	3 out of 4	5	7
Vansandt, Lyle	1	3	0	0 out of 1	2	0
Westhoff, Robert	6	30	3	2 out of 7	3	8
	Totals		<u>276</u>	<u>126 out of 231</u>	<u>254</u>	<u>678</u>

Possible individual playing time -- 720 minutes.

BIG SIX CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

YEAR	CHAMPION	W	L	PCT.	AVE. PTS.	OPP. AVE.	MARGIN
1929	Oklahoma	10	0	1.000	38.0	28.0	10.
1930	Missouri	8	2	.800	32.6	24.7	7.9
1931	Kansas	7	3	.700	32.6	25.2	7.4
1932	Kansas	7	3	.700	31.6	26.4	7.4
1933	Kansas	8	2	.800	31.3	23.6	7.7
1934	Kansas	9	1	.900	29.1	23.5	5.6
1935	Iowa State	8	2	.800	32.2	27.4	4.8
1936	Kansas	10	0	1.000	42.2	26.8	15.4
1937	Kansas	8	2	.800	35.2	27.0	8.2
	Nebraska (tie)	8	2	.800	37.7	30.4	7.3
1938	Kansas	9	1	.900	40.8	32.9	7.9
1939	Missouri	7	3	.700	45.0	37.2	7.8
	Oklahoma (tie)	7	3	.700	46.2	41.6	4.6
1940	Missouri	8	2	.800	40.6	31.5	9.1
	Oklahoma (tie)	8	2	.800	42.5	35.4	7.1
	Kansas	8	2	.800	39.9	34.9	5.4
1941	Iowa State	7	3	.700	40.7	35.3	5.4
	Kansas (tie)	7	3	.700	41.9	41.1	0.8
1942	Kansas	8	2	.800	52.1	39.4	12.7
	Oklahoma (tie)	8	2	.800	44.6	39.0	5.6

BIG SIX CONFERENCE STATISTICS

YEAR	OFFENSIVE	AVE.	DEFENSIVE	AVE.	LEADING SCORER	FG	FT	TP	AVE.
1929	Oklahoma	38.0	Oklahoma	28.0	Churchill, Ok.	53	18	124	12.4
1930	Nebraska	35.9	Missouri	24.7	Machlay, Neb.	48	16	112	11.2
1931	Kansas	32.6	Missouri	24.4	Roadcap, I.S.	47	5	99	9.9
1932	Kansas	31.6	Missouri	24.4	O'Leary, Kan.	44	22	110	11.0
					Cooper, Mo.	40	30	110	11.0
1933	Oklahoma	32.5	Kansas	23.6	Wagner, Mo.	45	24	114	11.4
1934	Oklahoma	38.1	Kansas	23.5	Ebling, Kan.	44	36	124	12.4
1935	Kansas	34.6	Iowa State	27.4	Ebling, Kan.	67	54	188	13.4
1936	Kansas	42.2	Kansas	26.8	Ebling, Kan.	51	39	141	14.1
1937	Kansas State	38.5	Kansas	27.0	Groves, K.St.	64	26	154	15.4
1938	Oklahoma	45.6	Kansas	32.9	Pralle, Kan.	45	31	121	12.1
1939	Oklahoma	46.2	Missouri	37.2	Wesche, K.St.	52	47	151	15.1
1940	Oklahoma	42.5	Missouri	31.5	McNatt, Okla.	58	10	126	12.6
1941	Kansas	41.9	Iowa State	35.5	Engleman, Kan.	63	39	165	16.5
1942	Kansas	52.1	Oklahoma	39.0	Miller, Kan.	61	44	152	15.2

BIG SIX CONFERENCE RECORDS

Team: Highest total one game, 68, Oklahoma, against Kansas State, 1934. Best offense average one year, 52.1, Kansas, 1942. Best defense average one year, 23.5, Kansas, 1934. Best margin, offense-defense, 15.4, Kansas, 1936. Best free throw percentage one game, 1.000, Oklahoma against Iowa State, 1940, (10-10).

Individual: Highest total one game, 30, Jimmy McNatt, Oklahoma, against Nebraska, 1940. Highest average one season, 16.5, Howard Engleman, Kansas, 1941. Highest average three seasons, 12.5, Ray Ebling, Kansas, 1934-35-36. Highest field goal average one season, 6.7, Ebling, Kansas, 1935. Highest free throw average one season, 5.8, Jack Flemming, Iowa State, 1937.