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Up Next For The Bears

RAZORBACK INVITATIONAL

JAN. 20-21, University of Arkansas

Missouri State will make its second trip in a row to the University of Arkansas this weekend for the Razorback Invitational on Jan. 20-21.

Missouri State University Indoor Track and Field

Date	Event
Dec. 3	Kickoff Classic Invitational (Arkansas State, Jonesboro, Ark.)
Jan. 20-21	Razorback Invitational (U. of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark.)
Jan. 28	Jayhawk Invitational (U. of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas)
Feb. 3-4	Husker / Frank Sevigne Invitational (U. of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska)
Feb. 10-11	Iowa State Classic (Iowa State Univ., Ames, Iowa)
Feb. 24-25	Missouri Valley Championships (U. of N. Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa)
Mar. 4	Iowa State Last Chance (Iowa State Univ., Ames, Iowa)
Mar. 10-11	NCAA National Championships (U. of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark.)

Missouri State University Outdoor Track and Field

Date	Event
Mar. 26	Tulsa Invitational (Tulsa Univ., Tulsa, Oklahoma)
Mar. 31-	Stanford Invitational
Apr. 1	(Stanford Univ., Palo Alto, California)
Apr. 2	Mississippi State Invitational (Miss. St. Univ., Starkville, Miss.)
Apr. 8	MSU Big Bear Invitational (HOME) (MSU, Springfield, Missouri)
Apr. 13-15	Sea Ray Relays (U. of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn.)
Apr. 13-15	Tom Botts Invitational (U. of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri)
Apr. 20-22	Kansas Relays (U. of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas)
Apr. 27-29	Drake Relays (Drake Univ., Des Moines, Iowa)
May 12-14	Missouri Valley Championships (U. of N. Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa)
Mar. 26-27	NCAA Mideast Championships (U. of Indiana, Bloomington, Indiana)
Jun. 7-10	NCAA National Championships (Sacramento State, Sacramento, Ca.)
Jun. 22-25	USA National Championships (Indianapolis, Ind.)

Bears Open New Year In Arkansas

The Missouri State indoor track and field teams held their own against some stiff competition at the Arkansas Invitational, one of the nation's premiere early season competitions, held last Friday in Fayetteville, Ark. Fabian Florant led the way on the men's side, placing third in the triple jump and fifth in the long jump. Tracy Partain led the women's squad, earning three top-10 finishes.



Florant leaped 49' 11 1/2" in the triple jump and 23' 7 1/2" in the long jump to earn the Bears' only top-five finishes on the men's side. His mark in the long jump was nearly a foot longer than his season-opening effort, and is the longest in the MVC this season. Florant leads the conference in both jumping events.

Partain finished sixth in the high jump, eighth in the 60m hurdles, and ninth in the long jump. Her 5'6" effort in the high jump matched her season-opening effort and leave her just one-inch shy of the MVC lead. Partain's time of 8.77 in the prelims of the 60m hurdles ranks her second for the season in the MVC. Her long jump of 17-11 3/4 bettered her season-opening jump by 10 inches, and is the sixth best jump in the conference. Teammate Kim Carter recorded the second longest jump of the season in the MVC on Friday, leaping 18' 9 1/4" to place seventh.

For the meet, the men's squad recorded five top-10 finishes. Freshman Ryan Taylor was the second top-10 finisher in the triple jump for the Bears, jumping 46' 5 1/4" to finish eighth. Kenroy Dixon just missed the finals of the 60m dash, running a time of 6.93 to finish 10th. Senior Justin Alberts finished 10th in the 400m dash in a time of 48.63. Teammate Kevin Cave just missed the top 10, finishing one spot behind Alberts in a time of 48.64.

Several key performers for the Bears and Lady Bears are still waiting to make their season debut. Missouri State's middle and long distance runners are expected to begin their track campaigns by the end of January.

Partain Honored For December Meet

Missouri State senior Tracy Partain was named the Missouri Valley Conference Women's Indoor Track Athlete of the Week in December for her performances at the Arkansas State Kickoff Classic on December 3rd. Partain picked up three individual first-place finishes and was a member of the winning 1,600-meter relay team at the Arkansas State Kickoff Classic, on Dec. 3. Partain won the 55-meter hurdles, the 600-meter dash, and tied for first in the high jump in the Bears' first meet of the indoor season.

Partain, a native of Springfield, Mo., picked up where she left off last where she was the MVC's most valuable field event athlete and an NCAA all-American.



Map to Arkansas Indoor Facility:

The University of Arkansas indoor track and field facility is located on Razorback Road just south of West 6th Street. See map below for directions:



Razorback Invitational Schedule:

Friday:

12:30PM Women Pentathlon (**Broser, Carter, Kristmann**)
6:00PM Women HJ (**Partain**)
6:00PM Men PV
6:00PM Men 1000m (**Mack, Masterson**)
6:05PM Women 1000m
6:10PM Men 200m (**Dixon, Alberts, Slider**)
6:45PM Women 200m (**Cyrus, Williams, Carter, Norville, Partain**)
6:30PM Men SP
7:00PM Men LJ (**Taylor**)
7:00PM Women LJ (**Partain, Carter**)
7:15PM Men 5000m
7:35PM Women 5000m
8:00PM Men DMR (**Rono (1200), Kreissler (800), Born (1600), TBD (400)**)
8:10PM Women DMR

Saturday:

1:15PM Women 60m Hurdle Prelim (**Partain, Broser, Carter, Kristmann**)
1:30PM Men 800m (**Masterson, Mack, T. Sanders, Stewart**)
1:45PM Women 800m
2:00PM Men 400m (**Alberts, Samuel, Cave, Wahlig**)
2:30PM Women 400m (**Porter, Cyrus**)
2:45PM Men 60m Prelim (**Dixon, Slider**)
3:00PM Women PV (**Kristmann**)
3:00PM Men TJ (**Taylor**)
3:00PM Women 60m Prelim (**Carter, Williams, Norville**)
3:15PM Men 60m Hurdle Final (Qualifiers)
3:20PM Women 60m Hurdle Final (Qualifiers)
3:25PM Men 1 Mile (**Tilghman, Kreissler, Breshears**)
3:50PM Women 1 Mile (**Codrington, Barron, Nystrom**)
4:05PM Men 60m Final (Qualifiers)
4:10PM Women 60m Final (Qualifiers)
4:15PM Men 3000m (**Born, Clawson, Rono**)
4:35PM Women 3000m (**Sanders, DeWitt, Vestal, Vest, Wolkey**)
4:55PM Men 4x400m Relay (TBD)
5:10PM Women 4x400m Relay (TBD)