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Up Next For The Bears

HUSKER INVITATIONAL

FEB. 3-4, University of Nebraska
Missouri State will be in action at the Husker Invitational. The Bears squad will be competing in Lincoln taking on one of the nation's top fields for this weekend of competition.

Missouri State University Indoor Track and Field

Date	Event
Dec. 3	Kickoff Classic (Arkansas State, Jonesboro, Ark.)
Jan. 13	Arkansas Invitational (U. of Arkansas, Fayetteville, 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 (Wichita State U., Wichita, Kansas)
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.)

Bear Jumper Locks Up NCAA Bid



Missouri State's Fabian Florant hit an NCAA qualifying mark in the triple jump as he won the event to lead the Bears' indoor track and field teams at the Jayhawk Invitational last Saturday in Lawrence, Kan. Florant's jump of 51-11 1/4 ranks him fourth nationally in the event he finished 10th in at last year's NCAA Championships.

Teammate Ryan Taylor gave the Bears a one-two finish in the triple jump, jumping 48-2 1/2. Florant was also victorious in the long jump, winning the event with a mark of 23-3 1/2.

Tracy Partain led the women's squad, finishing second in the high jump and third in the long jump. Partain jumped 5-4 1/4 to finish second in the high jump and 18-1 3/4 to come in third in the long jump. Teammate Kim Carter finished one spot ahead of Partain in the long jump, leaping 18-3 3/4. Partain also finished seventh in the finals of the 60m hurdles, after running the second-fastest preliminary time of 8.67.

Danielle Norville and Genna Williams finished fourth and fifth, respectively, in the finals of the 60m dash with times of 7.61 and 7.63. Norville set a personal best in the event with her time. Norville and Williams now rank second and third in the MVC this season in the 60-meter dash.

Several key athletes for Missouri State did not attend the Jayhawk Invitational while they continued their preparations at home for the Bear's next competition. The track and field teams return to action Friday and Saturday, Feb. 3 and 4, at the University of Nebraska Husker Invitational in Lincoln, Neb., beginning at 12:00 p.m. Friday.



Missouri State Sweeps Track Awards



This week's Missouri Valley Conference Indoor Track and Field Athletes of the Week are Fabian Florant and Danielle Norville of Missouri State.

Florant earned the award for his Jayhawk Invitational performances. Florant ranks first in the MVC and fourth nationally in the triple jump. Florant was also victorious in the long jump at Kansas.

Norville ran a personal best time of 7.61 in the 60-meter dash. The time was second-best in the Valley this season and just .01 seconds slower than the top time.