



## MIAA ANNOUNCES 2012-13 MIAA MEN'S BASKETBALL PRESEASON POLLS

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – At the end of the 2011-12 season three teams shared the top spot in the MIAA regular season, and those three teams find themselves at the top of this year's preseason poll.

Washburn, who won last season's conference tournament, has been picked by both the media and coaches to finish first again this year. The Ichabods represented the MIAA in the NCAA Tournament along with Northwest Missouri and Missouri Southern. Central Missouri, who finished tied for the conference regular season crown, has been picked second in both polls picking up three first place votes from the coaches. Northwest Missouri, who also took home a piece of the regular season crown, has been picked to finish third this season in both polls, picking up a first place vote from the coaches.

The coaches poll picked Fort Hays State and Pittsburg State in a tie for the fourth spot while the media picked PSU #5 and FHSU tied for #6. Missouri Southern picked up one first place vote in the media poll where they sit #4 and are #6 in the coaches poll. Lindenwood is tied for #6 in the media poll and #8 in the coaches poll. Central Oklahoma is projected to finish #7 by the coaches and #9 by the media.

In the #8 spot in the media poll is Southwest Baptist who earned the #9 slot in the coaches poll. Emporia State normalizes things once again by getting picked #10 and are followed by #11 Nebraska-Kearney in both polls. Missouri Western occupies the #12 spot in the coaches poll and sits in the #13 spot for the media. Truman flip-flops with the Griffons sitting at #12 in the media poll and #13 for the coaches.

The poll normalizes once again at the bottom as Northeastern State is picked to finish #14 and Lincoln is picked to finish #15 this season by both the coaches and the media.

Many MIAA teams will tip-off on Nov. 9 and MIAA play is set to get underway on Dec. 5 around the league.

### **2012-13 MIAA Preseason Coaches Poll**

1. Washburn (11)	188
2. Central Missouri (3)	180
3. Northwest Missouri (1)	170
T4. Fort Hays State	137
T4. Pittsburg State	137
6. Missouri Southern	131
7. Central Oklahoma	119
8. Lindenwood	107
9. Southwest Baptist	89
10. Emporia State	73
11. Nebraska-Kearney	70
12. Missouri Western	65
13. Truman	54
14. Northeastern State	39
15. Lincoln	16

### **2012-13 MIAA Preseason Media Poll**

1. Washburn (17)	267
2. Central Missouri	243
3. Northwest Missouri	236
4. Missouri Southern (1)	204
5. Pittsburg State	173
T6. Fort Hays State	171
T6. Lindenwood	171
8. Southwest Baptist	146
9. Central Oklahoma	132
10. Emporia State	96
11. Nebraska-Kearney	94
12. Truman	89
13. Missouri Western	74
14. Northeastern State	43
15. Lincoln	21