



# 2014 MIAA Football

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## CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Through Aug. 27, 2012

|                    | MIAA GAMES |      |    |    | OVERALL |      |    |    | Home | Road | Neutral | Streak | Top 25 |
|--------------------|------------|------|----|----|---------|------|----|----|------|------|---------|--------|--------|
|                    | W-L        | Pct. | PF | PA | W-L     | Pct. | PF | PA |      |      |         |        |        |
| Central Missouri   | 0-0        | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0     | W0     | 0-0    |
| Central Oklahoma   | 0-0        | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0     | W0     | 0-0    |
| Emporia State      | 0-0        | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0     | W0     | 0-0    |
| Fort Hays State    | 0-0        | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0     | W0     | 0-0    |
| Lindenwood         | 0-0        | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0     | W0     | 0-0    |
| Missouri Southern  | 0-0        | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0     | W0     | 0-0    |
| Missouri Western   | 0-0        | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0     | W0     | 0-0    |
| Nebraska-Kearney   | 0-0        | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0     | W0     | 0-0    |
| Northeastern State | 0-0        | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0     | W0     | 0-0    |
| Northwest Missouri | 0-0        | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0     | W0     | 0-0    |
| Pittsburg State    | 0-0        | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0     | W0     | 0-0    |
| Washburn           | 0-0        | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0     | W0     | 0-0    |

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

### Week One

#### Thursday, September 4

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| LWU @ WU .....                               | 6 p.m. |
| UNK @ NWMSU (MIAA TV Game of the Week) ..... | 7 p.m. |
| UCM @ MWSU .....                             | 7 p.m. |
| UCO @ FHSU .....                             | 7 p.m. |
| MSSU @ ESU .....                             | 7 p.m. |

#### Saturday, September 6

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| NSU @ PSU ..... | 7 p.m. |
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### Week Two

#### Thursday, September 11

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| PSU @ LWU .....    | 6 p.m.    |
| NWMSU @ MSSU ..... | 6:30 p.m. |
| ESU @ UCM .....    | 7 p.m.    |
| WU @ UNK .....     | 7 p.m.    |

#### Saturday, September 13

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| FHSU @ NSU (MIAA TV Game of the Week) ..... | 2 p.m. |
| MWSU @ UCO .....                            | 6 p.m. |

## A CLOSER LOOK AT THIS WEEK'S GAMES



### Lindenwood (0-0) at Washburn (0-0)

Thursday, Sept. 4 • 6 p.m. CT • Topeka, Kan.



Washburn and Lindenwood will open the 2014 campaign as the two teams face off in Topeka, Kan. Washburn led the league last season in rushing defense allowing just 109 yards per game and only 14 touchdowns on the ground. Defensively Calvin Kenney had 63 tackles and broke up 10 passes as well as adding a tackle for a loss. On offense Mitch Buhler averaged 251 yards per game passing with 23 touchdowns and Vershon Moore scored eight TD's on the ground. Lindenwood sported the league's third best passing offense averaging 295 yards per game. Dillon Miller averaged 259 yards per game passing with 13 touchdowns while Jaron Alexander caught 44 passes for 638 yards and three touchdowns. Defensively Clint Koons had 52 total tackles including 3.5 for a loss as well as adding a sack.



### Nebraska-Kearney (0-0) at #1 Northwest Missouri (0-0)

Thursday, Sept. 4 • 7 p.m. CT • Maryville, Mo.



Defending National Champion Northwest Missouri will begin the year at home as they play host to Nebraska-Kearney. The Bearcats led the league in scoring defense during 2013 allowing their opponents just 17.3 points per game. On the line they return Matt Longacre who have 57 tackles, 20.5 of which were for a loss and 12 sacks. Brady Bolles returns at quarterback after rushed for 607 yards and 12 touchdowns and passing for seven scores. The Lopers were fifth in the league last season in rushing offense averaging 203.7 yards per game. Romero Cotton led a stable of running backs with 801 total yards and five touchdowns. On defense linebacker Tyke Kozeal led the way with 119 total tackles and 8.5 tackles for a loss while also picking off two passes.



### Central Missouri (0-0) at Missouri Western (0-0)

Thursday, Sept. 4 • 7 p.m. CT • St. Joseph, Mo.



Missouri Western will play host to Central Missouri as the two teams open the season under the Thursday night lights. Missouri Western was fourth in the MIAA last season in rushing offense averaging 220.6 yards per game. Raphael Spencer comes back after rushing for 1,312 yards during the 2013 campaign and scoring a team best 12 touchdowns. On defense Michael Jordan returns after recording 49 tackles and picking off three opposition passes. Central Missouri comes in after leading the league in 2013 in pass offense averaging 315.6 yards per game. The Mules offense was led last season by quarterback Hayden Hawk who averaged 303.4 yards per game passing and 29 touchdowns. On the other side of the ball Ricky Spratley had 84 tackles including 6.5 that were for a loss.

**2013 American Football Coaches Association  
Preseason Division II Coaches' Poll**

(Aug. 18, 2014)

|                            |     |    |      |
|----------------------------|-----|----|------|
| 1 Northwest Missouri (31)  | 799 | 1  | 15-0 |
| 2 Grand Valley State       | 725 | 3  | 12-3 |
| 3 Minnesota-Duluth         | 634 | 8  | 11-2 |
| 4 Colorado State-Pueblo    | 619 | 7  | 11-1 |
| 5 North Alabama            | 589 | 10 | 10-3 |
| 6 Lenoir-Rhyne             | 538 | 2  | 13-2 |
| 7 Minnesota St-Mankato     | 530 | 6  | 11-1 |
| 8 Henderson State (1)      | 523 | 13 | 11-1 |
| 9 Pittsburg State          | 522 | 19 | 10-2 |
| 10 West Chester            | 477 | 4  | 13-2 |
| 11 West Texas A&M          | 407 | 11 | 11-3 |
| 12 Shepherd                | 393 | 9  | 11-1 |
| 13 Ohio Dominican          | 390 | 12 | 10-1 |
| 14 Winston-Salem State     | 389 | 14 | 10-2 |
| 15 St. Cloud State         | 350 | 5  | 12-2 |
| 16 Carson-Newman           | 333 | 17 | 10-3 |
| 17 Tarleton State          | 266 | NR | 7-3  |
| 18 Indianapolis            | 229 | 18 | 10-2 |
| 19 Delta State             | 206 | NR | 7-3  |
| 20 Indiana (Pa.)           | 167 | 24 | 9-2  |
| 21 North Carolina-Pembroke | 140 | 15 | 9-2  |
| T22 Azusa Pacific          | 133 | NR | 10-2 |
| T22 Emporia State          | 133 | 20 | 9-2  |
| 24 Bloomsburg              | 103 | 16 | 10-2 |
| 25 Tuskegee                | 98  | 25 | 8-3  |

**Others Receiving Votes:** Saginaw Valley State, 87; Central Missouri, 82; West Alabama, 67; Valdosta State, 59; American International, 51; Ferris State, 41; California (Pa.), 38; Missouri Western State, 38; Albany State, 32; Midwestern State, 31; Harding, 27; Colorado Mines, 20; Newberry, 20; Concord, 19; East Stroudsburg, 19; Slippery Rock 13; Eastern New Mexico, 12; Ouachita Baptist, 9; Winona State, 9; Fayetteville State, 7; Sioux Falls, 7; Truman State, 5; Findlay, 3; Miles, 3; Chadron State, 2; Michigan Tech, 2; Washburn, 2; West Georgia, 2.


**Central Oklahoma (0-0) at Fort Hays State (0-0)**

Thursday, Sept. 4 • 7 p.m. CT • Hays, Kan.



Fort Hays State will open 2014 as they welcome Central Oklahoma to town having won three of their last four games to close out 2013. The Tigers were second in the league in interceptions last year picking off 18 opponent passes and taking two back for scores. Senior defensive back Michael Jordan led the way with five interceptions and 70 total tackles. On the offensive side of the ball Traveon Albert threw for 2,338 yards and 24 touchdowns while rushing for seven scores on the ground. The Broncos were fifth in the league in 2013 in total offense as they averaged 459.9 yards per contest. Marquez Clark is the team's leading offensive returner catching 82 passes for 1,348 yards last season hauling in five touchdowns. Defensively Kenny Allen had 54 tackles and a team best 17.5 tackles for a loss and 9.5 total sacks.


**Missouri Southern (0-0) at #22 Emporia State (0-0)**

Thursday, Sept. 4 • 7 p.m. CT • Emporia, Kan.



Emporia State comes off a trip to the playoffs by opening the season at home against Missouri Southern who won four of their last six games. The Hornets were second in the league last season in total offense racking up 482.6 yards per game. ESU was led by Brent Wilson who passed for 2,985 yards and 33 touchdowns while rushing for 396 yards and four scores. On the other side of the ball Deshawn Dinwiddie had 69 tackles including 4.5 tackles for a loss and two sacks. The Lions led the league in rushing offense last season compiling 368.4 yards per game on the ground. Jay McDowell rushed for 788 yards and nine touchdowns, throwing for 855 yards and five scores. Defensively Gaige Washington had 53 tackles, 2.0 for a loss and picked off a pass on the year.


**Northeastern State (0-0) at #9 Pittsburg State (0-0)**

Saturday, Sept. 6 • 7 p.m. CT • Pittsburg, Kan.



Pittsburg State, winner of the 2013 Mineral Water Bowl, will host Northeastern State in the only Saturday game of the opening week. The Gorillas led the league in total offense averaging 499 yards per contest. Quarterback Anthony Abenoja passed for 2,954 yards and 30 touchdowns and carried the ball for 340 yards and five touchdowns. Tyler Disney had 101 tackles, 11.0 for a loss with 3.5 sacks and two interceptions. The Riverhawks ranked sixth in the league in interceptions picking off 15 opponent passes on the year. Tyler Harris picked off three of those passes and finished with 107 tackles on the year. Offensively Terrance Dixon carried the ball for 715 yards and scored a team best 10 touchdowns.

**2014 MIAA Preseason Coaches Poll**

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| 1. Northwest Missouri (11) | 121 |
| 2. Pittsburg State (1)     | 106 |
| 3. Central Missouri        | 94  |
| 4. Emporia State           | 88  |
| 5. Missouri Western        | 82  |
| 6. Washburn                | 79  |
| 7. Missouri Southern       | 67  |
| 8. Fort Hays State         | 50  |
| 9. Lindenwood              | 39  |
| 10. Central Oklahoma       | 26  |
| 11. Nebraska-Kearney       | 23  |
| 12. Northeastern State     | 17  |

**2014 MIAA Preseason Media Poll**

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| 1. Northwest Missouri (37) | 466 |
| 2. Pittsburg State (1)     | 422 |
| 3. Emporia State (1)       | 353 |
| 4. Missouri Western        | 348 |
| 5. Washburn                | 306 |
| 6. Central Missouri        | 285 |
| 7. Missouri Southern       | 258 |
| 8. Fort Hays State         | 191 |
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| 10. Nebraska-Kearney       | 109 |
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**BEST OF THE BEST**

Only the MIAA and the Northern Sun Conference have two teams that are ranked in the top ten in the nation. The MIAA has six teams that are either ranked in the polls or are receiving votes. An MIAA team has played for the national championship in eight of the last 11 seasons.

**MIAA BROADCASTING NETWORK**

The MIAA enters year four partnered with Kansas City-based Niles Media Group to showcase the MIAA Broadcasting Network. The schedule for the 2014 season includes the following matchups:

**2013 MIAA Football Television Schedule**

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| September 4: Nebraska-Kearney at Northwest Missouri | 7:00 p.m. |
| September 13: Fort Hays State at Northeastern State | 2:00 p.m. |
| September 20: Pittsburg State at Washburn           | 2:00 p.m. |
| September 27: Fort Hays State at Pittsburg State    | 2:00 p.m. |
| October 4: Central Oklahoma at Nebraska-Kearney     | 2:00 p.m. |
| October 11: Missouri Southern at Central Oklahoma   | 2:00 p.m. |
| October 18: Northeastern State at Missouri Southern | 2:00 p.m. |
| October 25: Emporia State at Missouri Western       | 2:00 p.m. |
| November 1: Lindenwood at Central Missouri          | 2:00 p.m. |
| November 8: Northwest Missouri at Emporia State     | 2:00 p.m. |
| November 15: Flex Game                              | 2:00 p.m. |

The Flex game match-up will be determined in the final weeks of the season and released by the MIAA at that time.

**MIAA FOOTBALL ON STRETCH INTERNET**

All MIAA conference football games can be watched live via stretch internet, the exclusive home for broadband broadcasts of all MIAA athletics.

**MIAA IN 2014 AFCA RANKINGS**

| WEEK    | UCM | UCO | ESU | FHSU | LU | LWU | MSSU | MWSU | UNK | NSU | NWMSU | PSU | SBU | WU |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|------|----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|----|
| Aug. 19 | RV  | NR  | 22  | NR   | NR | NR  | NR   | RV   | NR  | NR  | 1     | 9   | NR  | RV |