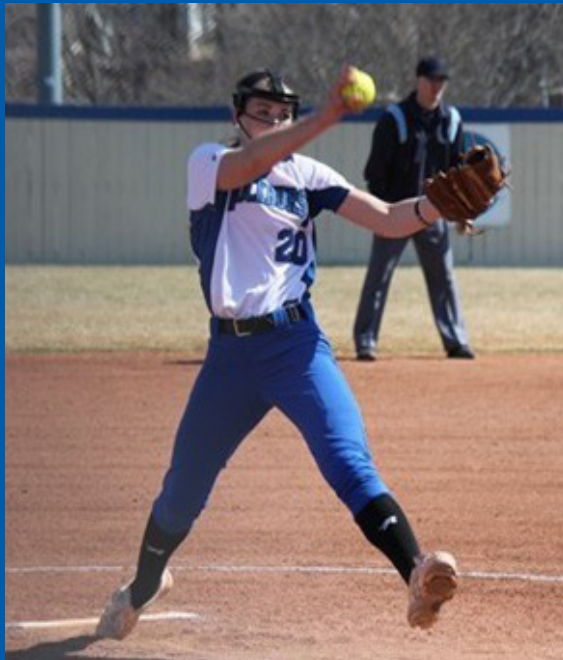




Rockhurst University Softball

Loyola Park Softball Field
March 28



UMSL Tritons

vs.



Rockhurst Hawks

Saturday
12 PM — 7 innings
2 PM — 7 innings



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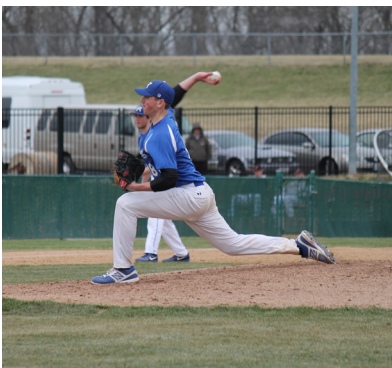
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Entering the Series

Rockhurst 13-9 Overall, 4-4 GLVC

The Hawks enter the weekend series coming off a 2-2 split in the previous week, where they swept Saint Joseph's but fell twice to the 12th-ranked team in the nation, Indianapolis at Loyola Park Softball Field on the campus of Rockhurst University.

Sophomore catcher Lexie Zuniga led the Hawks in the Saint Joseph's series, going 3-6 and batting .500. Zuniga combined for two home runs and four RBI to lead Rockhurst to 4-0 and 4-1 wins. She currently is batting .375 on the season.

Right handed pitchers Bridgette Sappington and Demi Plathe each earned wins, as they were both able to go the distance, earning complete games. Sappington gave up one run on six hits, walking two and striking out one. Plathe gave up zero runs on four hits, walking one and striking out three.

The Hawks are hitting .274 as a team and are led by freshman outfielder Madison Wagner. Wagner comes into the series hitting .408 on the year. She leads the team with four doubles and 17 runs scored. She also has a team-high 18 stolen bases.

Probable Starters:

Demi Plathe, Bridgette Sappington

UMSL 21-3 Overall, 6-2 GLVC

The Tritons enter the weekend series coming off a 3-1 record in the previous week, where they split with Lewis on Saturday and then came back strong and swept UW-Parkside on Sunday.

UMSL also moved one spot in the National Fast-pitch Coaches Associate (NFCA) Division II Poll as they are now ranked No. 3 in the nation. The Tritons are hitting .335 as a team and are led by senior infielder Brianna Butler and sophomore infielder Alex Stupek.

Butler comes into the series hitting .423 on the year while starting in all 24 games. She leads the team in homeruns with 10 and also has driven in a team high 30 RBI. Stupek trails Butler by just one point with a .422 batting average. She also carries a big stick as she has smashed eight homeruns and driven in 23.

Probable Starters:

Brittini Chapman and Hannah Perryman

2015 Rockhurst Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
2/13	Southwest Baptist	L, 8-9
2/13	Illinois Springfield	L, 5-6
2/14	Missouri Southern	W, 6-5
2/14	Southern Nazarene	L, 1-11
2/15	Lindenwood	Canceled
2/15	Ouachita Baptist	Canceled
2/21	Pittsburg State	Canceled
2/21	Northwest Missouri State	Canceled
2/22	Pittsburg State	Canceled
2/22	Northwest Missouri State	Canceled
2/24	Northwest Missouri State	L, 0-5; W, 6-4
2/28	Southwest Baptist	Postponed
3/4	Washburn	Postponed
3/8	Benedictine	W, 2-1; W, 6-2
3/10	Southwest Baptist	W, 5-2; W, 4-3
3/11	Saint Mary	L, 1-6; W, 5-3
3/15	@Bellarmine*	L, 0-8; L, 1-3
3/16	@Southern Indiana*	W, 7-3; W, 6-0
3/17	@Trevecca Nazarene	Canceled
3/18	@Cumberland	W, 5-3; W, 3-2
3/21	Saint Joseph's*	W, 4-0; W, 4-1
3/22	Indianapolis*	L, 1-5; L, 3-5
3/28	Missouri St. Louis*	12 PM
3/29	Maryville*	12 PM
3/31	William Jewell*	3 PM
4/3	Drury*	12 PM
4/4	Missouri S&T*	12 PM
4/7	@Washburn	2 PM
4/8	@Pittsburg State	2 PM
4/11	@Quincy*	12 PM
4/12	@Truman State*	3 PM
4/14	Fort Hays State	3 PM
4/18	Wisconsin Parkside*	12 PM
4/19	Lewis*	12 PM
4/25	@McKendree*	12 PM
4/26	@Illinois Springfield*	12 PM

All times are central and subject to change

* Great Lakes Valley Conference game



Rockhurst Softball

Getting to know Pitcher Bridgette Sappington

By: Josh Baker

Bridgette Sappington is halfway through her sophomore season and continues to be Rockhurst's ace of the pitching rotation. She has a career record of 26-21 and off to a hot start in 2015 at 9-4. I got a chance to sit down with her and talk about her freshman year and what she learned and improved on.



What drove your decision to come to Rockhurst?

Sappington: I wanted to be a part of a program that was going to challenge me in all aspects of life, not just academically and athletically, and I knew that Rockhurst would provide me with that. Originally, I wanted to attend a college that was far away from home but the moment I stepped on our campus I knew that this is where God intended for me to be. Also, as I got older I realized that I did not want to miss my two little brothers growing up so it was important to me that Rockhurst was only 35 miles from home. It has been such a blessing to get to attend all of their sporting events and support them throughout all of their endeavors, just as my three older siblings did and still do for me!

You had a very successful freshman season even though your record didn't show it. What did you take away from your freshman year?

Sappington: Freshman year was a huge learning experience for me. The most important thing I took away from it is that it doesn't matter how

young/old or experienced/inexperienced you are, you can always get better but it is up to you to make yourself and your team better. It's all about how bad you want it and finding what it's going to take to be the best possible person and teammate you can be.

You have pitched in 307 career innings. Does that take a toll on your body?

Sappington: Yes, I am currently going through sciatica and lower back problems but up until a month ago, my body felt great. I threw a lot of innings last year but Coach Struve

always made sure that my body was taken care of and that my pitching mechanics were correct. I am definitely looking forward to feeling 100% again!

The Hawks are currently 13-9 overall and have a 4-4 GLVC record. What are the expectations as we continue forward through the 2015 campaign?

Sappington: We are looking forward to making it to the conference tournament again and finishing our season above .500, but most importantly growing as a team since we are so young. We have no seniors and 11 underclassmen so we are constantly learning and working on perfecting the little things. Because we have no seniors on the team, we will have everyone back next year and I am ecstatic to see what we will bring to the table next year.

Rockhurst is three games away from the mid-point of the season. So far you have given up 22 earned runs. At this point last year, you gave up 47 earned runs. What do you contribute your success to?



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Sappington: There is so much more to pitching than just pitching and I learned that throughout the 220 innings I pitched last year. Along with my older brother, my pitching coach from travel softball, Steve Shifflett, has made the biggest impact on my life as a pitcher and as an individual. I never knew how important the mental side of pitching was until I found myself as a freshman starting pitcher with really only one pitch to throw and finding success with establishing hitters and not just throwing a pitch to pitch it.

Who was your sports idol growing up?

Sappington: Growing up, my sports idols were definitely my older brother, Mark, and younger brother, James. With all five of my siblings being homeschooled until high school, that made it extremely easy to find time to go outside and play catch or kick a ball around and I am so blessed to have been able to surround myself with such motivated and driven people. The work ethic that I saw from my brothers drove and still drive me to work as hard as I can every single day.

What is your favorite softball memory?

Sappington: My favorite softball memory is unquestionably the 13 inning game against Indy in con-



ference last year. It was such a fun experience to get to pitch in front of so many people as a freshman and play with such a great and supportive team. I will never forget it!

Your brother Mark played at Rockhurst from '09-12' before he was drafted by the Los Angeles Angels as a right-handed pitcher. He has topped out at 98 mph. It seems like power pitching runs in the family.

Sappington: We both thank our father for that one! Growing up, my dad was the first person to ask us if we wanted to play catch and he was always a supportive coach. We knew that the minute he came home from work he would love to catch us or just toss the ball around and it was in our back yard that both my brother and I really became pitchers. To this day, I can still hear my dad at my games, and I know it's the same for Mark, telling me to keep my eye on the target and to follow through. Whether he knows what he's talking about or not, he is someone I know I can always count on for taunting the umpires

on a missed strike or just supporting me in general.

How has he influenced your athletic/softball career?

Sappington: Mark's attitude and love for the game has influenced me the most. We both struggle with walking batters. In fact, we probably hold the

record for most walks given up at Rockhurst haha. But last year at one of his minor league games at least 60 people from Rockhurst, our neighbors, and family came out to watch him and I think he walked like 8 people in one inning. As a pitcher there is nothing more frustrating than not finding control so I know he was frustrated beyond belief. Yet, when we saw him after the game he was the happiest person and you never would have guessed that he didn't perform his best. He is the best example of someone who takes advantage of every minute in the day to make not only himself better but the people around him by exuding love and positivity in all that he does.

Have you ever tried playing burnout with him? Explain.

Sappington: We sure have! When he came home for a couple months at the end of last year we played out on the turf and we established that I throw harder. Just don't ask him about it because he's still pretty bitter and hasn't accepted it yet.



UMSL Tritons Roster

NO.	NAME	POS	HT	YR	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL
3	Katie Schultz	C	5-4	Jr.	Minonk, Ill.	Fieldcrest
4	Jannah Perryman	3B/P	5-6	Fr.	Streamwood, Ill.	Elgin
5	Jena Boudreau	OF	5-2	Sr.	Bolingbrook, Ill.	Neuqua Valley
6	Kaitlin Fraser	INF	5-6	Fr.	Delta, BC, Canada	Burnsview Secondary
7	Katie Wood	INF	5-4	Sr.	Oakley, Cali.	Freedom
8	Rachel Matthies	INF	5-6	R-Fr.	Morton Grove, Ill.	Niles North
9	Brianna Butler	INF	5-10	Sr.	Troy, Ill.	Triad
10	Brittini Chapman	P	5-6	Sr.	O'Fallon, Ill.	Belleville East
11	Ryan Logan	INF	5-5	So.	Palatine, Ill.	Palatine
12	Sara Kern	OF	5-7	So.	Prospect Heights, Ill.	Wheeling
14	Madison Zbaraschuk	C	5-10	Sr.	Sequim, Wash.	Sequim
15	Alex Stupek	INF	5-7	So.	Oreana, Ill.	Argenta-Oreana
18	Kelsey Bailey	P	5-5	So.	Troy, Ill.	Triad
21	Hannah Wessels	INF	5-4	Sr.	Hillsboro, Mo.	Hillsboro
22	Katie Rutledge	OF	5-5	Sr.	Broadlands, Ill.	Heritage
23	Hannah Perryman	P	5-5	Jr.	Streamwood, Ill.	Elgin
24	Brandi Kiel	INF	5-1	Jr.	St. Peters, Mo.	Francis Howell North
25	Katlyn Thomas	INF	5-3	Fr.	Lake St. Louis, Mo.	Timberland

Head Coach: Brian Levin

Assistant Coaches: Mark Ginsburg



Rockhurst Hawks Roster

NO.	NAME	POS	HT	YR	B/T	HOMETOWN / HIGH SCHOOL
4	Kelsey Dean	IF / OF	5-4	Jr.	R/R	Blue Springs, Mo. / Blue Springs South
5	Madison Wagner	OF / P	5-4	Fr.	L/R	St. Louis, Mo. / Ursuline Academy
6	Sarah Sebestyen	IF	5-6	Fr.	R/R	O'Fallon, Mo. / Fort Zumwalt North
7	Kelsey Tepen	IF / OF	5-10	Fr.	R/R	Ellisville, Mo. / Eureka
8	Caroline Lipp	IF / OF	5-5	Fr.	R/R	Overland Park, Kan. / St. James Academy
9	Danielle Cross	IB / C	5-9	Fr.	R/R	Topeka, Kan. / Topeka
10	Lauren Cairo	IF	5-4	So.	R/R	Darien, Ill. / Hinsdale South
12	Hannah Pyle	OF	5-7	So.	R/R	Liberty, Mo. / Liberty
14	Demi Plathe	OF / P	5-5	Jr.	R/R	West Des Moines, Iowa / Dowling Catholic
15	Lexie Zuniga	C / UT	5-4	So.	R/R	Shawnee, Kan. / St. Thomas Aquinas
17	Rachel Evans	C	5-7	Jr.	R/R	Stillwell, Kan. / Blue Valley Southwest
20	Bridgette Sappington	P	5-10	So.	R/R	Peculiar, Mo. / Raymore-Peculiar
21	Alex Hill	OF	5-4	Jr.	R/R	Lawrence, Kan. / Lawrence Free State
24	Gabbie Boerema	SS	5-7	So.	R/R	Manhattan, Ill. / Lincoln-Way Central
26	Emily McKee	C / UT	5-5	Fr.	R/R	Pleasant Hill, Mo. / Pleasant Hill

Head Coach: Galen Struve

Assistant Coaches: Suzie Muenz

Graduate Assistants: Lizzy Tucker



UMSL Statistics

UMSL Softball Statistics Summary for Rockhurst (as of Mar 27, 2015) (All games)

Record: 21-3 Home: 5-1 Away: 3-1 Neutral: 13-1 GLVC: 6-2

##	Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	bb	hbp	so	sb-att
9	Butler, Brianna	.423	24-24	71	16	30	5	0	10	30	16	0	15	0-0
15	Stupek, Alex	.422	24-24	83	31	35	5	1	8	23	5	0	10	7-7
14	Zbaraschuk, Madison	.400	22-22	65	8	26	8	0	2	15	6	0	9	0-0
7	Wood, Katie	.360	24-24	75	20	27	4	0	4	16	3	3	10	0-0
22	Rutledge, Katie	.350	24-24	60	20	21	3	0	7	17	11	1	18	0-0
21	Wessels, Hannah	.340	19-18	50	12	17	3	0	3	12	8	0	8	1-1
4	Perryman, Jennah	.313	24-24	64	17	20	3	0	7	18	10	0	28	1-1
5	Boudreau, Jena	.273	21-20	66	15	18	6	1	0	10	4	2	5	0-1
12	Kern, Sara	.200	21-21	50	13	10	4	0	1	4	7	1	16	0-0
3	Schultz, Katie	.150	9-6	20	2	3	0	1	0	1	2	0	5	0-0

6	Fraser, Kaitlin	.429	8-0	7	2	3	0	0	1	2	0	1	2	0-0
24	Kiel, Brandi	.200	13-2	10	4	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0-1
8	Matthies, Rachel	.182	7-5	11	3	2	2	0	0	3	2	0	2	0-0
11	Logan, Ryan	.143	4-2	7	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0-0
25	Thomas, Katlyn	.000	2-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Totals		.335	24-24	641	165	215	43	3	43	151	78	8	133	9-11
Opponents		.204	24-24	587	56	120	21	2	9	50	23	7	174	7-8

LOB - Team (141), Opp (110). DPs turned - Team (1), Opp (6). IBB - Team (3), Perryman, J. 2, Butler, B. 1.

##	Player	era	w-l	app-gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	b/avg
10	Chapman, Brittni	1.97	11-1	15-10	5	1-1	1	71.0	61	27	20	5	36	.217
23	Perryman, Hannah	2.03	10-2	17-14	8	5-1	2	72.1	49	23	21	13	133	.184
18	Bailey, Kelsey	2.90	0-0	3-0	0	0-0	0	9.2	10	6	4	5	5	.250
Total		2.06	21-3	35-24	13	7	3	153.0	120	56	45	23	174	.204
Opponents		6.77	3-21	38-24	12	1	0	144.2	215	165	140	78	133	.335

PB - Team (2), Zbaraschuk 1, Schultz, K. 1, Opp (13). SBA/ATT - Zbaraschuk (5-6), Chapman, B. (3-3), Perryman, H. (2-3), Schultz, K. (2-2), Bailey, K. (2-2).



Rockhurst Statistics

Rockhurst Softball Statistics Summary for Rockhurst (as of Mar 27, 2015) (All games)

Record: 13-9 Home: 8-4 Away: 4-2 Neutral: 1-3 GLVC: 4-4

##	Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	bb	hbp	so	sb-att
5	Wagner, Madison	.408	22-21	76	17	31	4	1	0	4	1	0	7	18-19
15	Zuniga, Lexie	.375	19-18	48	5	18	3	0	5	10	1	1	2	0-0
14	Plathe, Demi	.316	20-19	57	11	18	5	0	1	9	0	1	4	0-0
24	Boerema, Gabbie	.298	21-19	47	6	14	3	0	1	8	1	0	5	1-1
6	Sebestyen, Sarah	.295	22-17	44	3	13	0	0	0	9	2	2	4	1-1
17	Evans, Rachel	.278	17-11	36	2	10	2	0	0	2	3	0	6	0-0
21	Hill, Alex	.239	22-18	46	10	11	2	0	0	4	4	0	5	2-3
10	Cairo, Lauren	.233	22-17	43	9	10	2	0	2	6	2	1	4	0-0
4	Dean, Kelsey	.229	21-17	48	3	11	1	0	0	6	4	0	3	3-4
7	Tepen, Kelsey	.213	22-19	47	8	10	2	0	0	4	4	0	7	0-0
8	Lipp, Caroline	.180	18-15	50	6	9	1	0	4	8	3	0	6	0-0
9	Cross, Danielle	.148	20-14	27	3	4	1	0	0	2	0	0	9	2-2

20	Sappington, Bridgette	.500	18-14	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0-0
12	Pyle, Hannah	.154	13-1	13	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0-0
26	McKee, Emily	.000	8-0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0-0
Totals		.274	22-22	591	83	162	26	1	13	75	27	5	67	27-30
Opponents		.268	22-22	605	87	162	31	2	10	75	39	10	78	22-25

LOB - Team (131), Opp (135). DPs turned - Team (10), Opp (4). Picked off - Sebestyen, S 1, Boerema, G. 1.

##	Player	era	w-l	app-gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	b/avg
20	Sappington, Bridgette	1.78	9-4	18-13	8	1-0	2	86.1	81	37	22	20	41	.240
14	Plathe, Demi	3.84	4-3	11-9	4	1-0	0	58.1	72	41	32	9	34	.303
5	Wagner, Madison	5.48	0-2	4-0	0	0-0	0	7.2	9	9	6	10	3	.300
Total		2.76	13-9	33-22	12	2	2	152.1	162	87	60	39	78	.268
Opponents		2.83	9-13	37-22	9	2	2	148.1	162	83	60	27	67	.274

PB - Team (1), Zuniga, L. 1, Opp (6). Pickoffs - Team (2), Zuniga, L. 1, Sappington, B 1, Opp (2). SBA/ATT - Sappington, B. (12-14), Zuniga, L. (13-14), Evans, R. (9-10), Plathe, D. (8-9), Wagner, M. (2-2).



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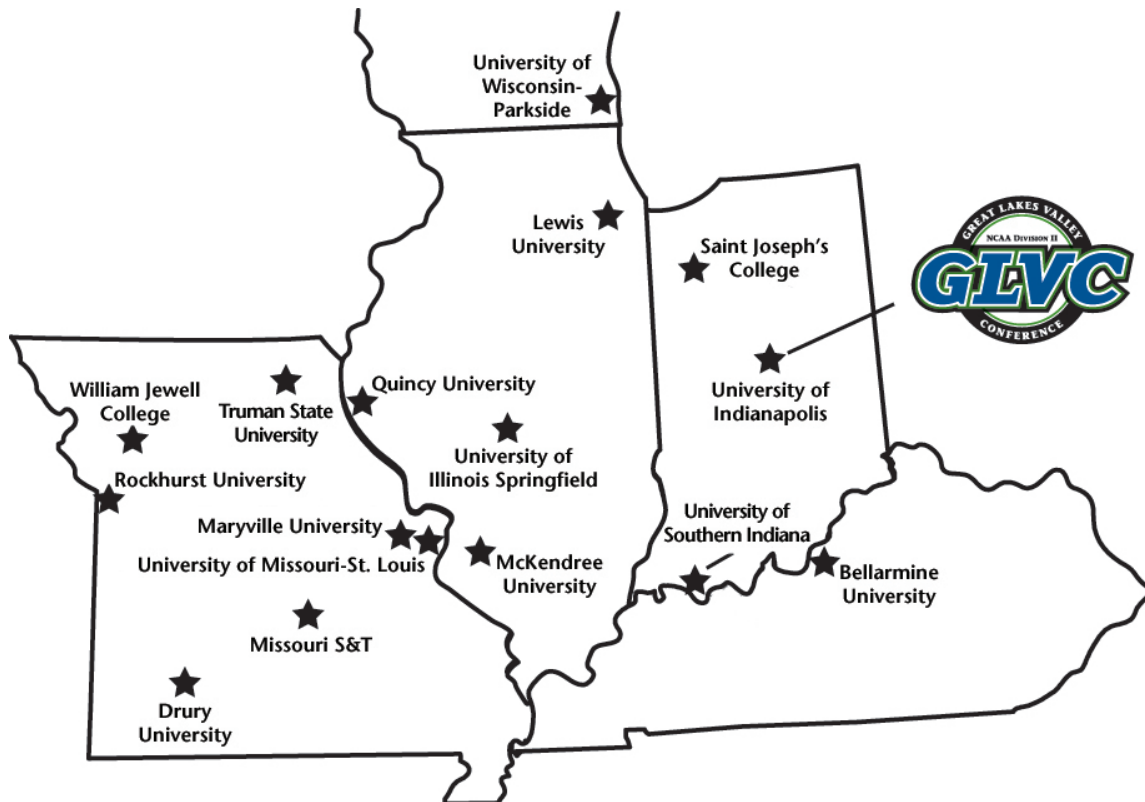


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Rockhurst Hawks Softball



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2015 GLVC CONFERENCE STANDINGS

SCHOOL	CONF	PCT.	OVERALL	PCT.	STREAK
Truman State	7-1	0.875	17-5	0.773	W2
Indianapolis	7-1	0.875	20-6	0.769	W4
Bellarmine	7-1	0.875	19-7	0.731	W6
Missouri-St. Louis	6-2	0.750	21-3	0.875	W3
Southern Indiana	6-2	0.750	19-3	0.864	W4
Illinois Springfield	6-2	0.750	17-6	0.739	W1
Rockhurst	4-4	0.500	13-9	0.591	L2
Lewis	4-4	0.500	13-10	0.565	L1
Saint Joseph's	4-4	0.500	11-11	0.500	W1
Maryville	4-4	0.500	7-14	0.333	W1
William Jewell	3-5	0.375	15-8	0.652	W2
Quincy	3-5	0.375	12-12	0.500	W1
McKendree	2-6	0.250	10-14	0.417	W2
Drury	1-7	0.125	8-14	0.364	L4
UW-Parkside	0-8	0.000	4-17	0.190	L8
Missouri S&T	0-8	0.000	1-14	0.067	L11