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Eagles to start 2008-09 slate at IU, USI to play 15 home games

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—The University of Southern Indiana women's basketball team announced that it will begin its 2008-09 schedule with an exhibition game against Indiana University in Assembly Hall November 1 in Bloomington, Indiana.

It marks the second straight year that the Screaming Eagles will open their season against a major NCAA Division I opponent from Indiana after opening last year's slate with an exhibition contest against the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana.

The exhibition contest is a primer to a schedule that features 15 home games for the Eagles. USI officially begins the 2008-09 slate November 15-16 when it takes part in a classic-style tournament in Austin, Texas.

USI opens its home schedule November 22 when it hosts Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference opponent Edinboro University. After a battle with Midwest Region foe Hillsdale College (November 28) in the Indianapolis Classic, the Eagles open GLVC play December 4 when they visit Lewis University.

The Eagles begin their longest homestand of the season December 20 against the University of Illinois-Springfield. The six-game home stretch includes the Eagles' GLVC home-opener against the East Division's Saint Joseph's College (January 2) as well as a visit from the University of Indianapolis, which is under the direction of GLVC and USI Hall of Fame member LeAnn Freeland.

Defending national champion Northern Kentucky University visits the Physical Activities Center for the first time in two years January 8 to conclude USI's six-game homestand.

USI wraps up its GLVC East Division slate with a trip to Bellarmine University January 10 and a home game against rival Kentucky Wesleyan College January 15.

The Eagles begin GLVC West Division play a week later when they host the University of Missouri-St. Louis. They finish the three-game homestand with Rockhurst University January 24.

USI travels to Springfield, Missouri, January 22 to take on defending conference champion Drury University. They visit 2008 NCAA II Tournament participant Missouri University of Science and Technology January 31 before facing another 2008 NCAA II Tournament participant in Quincy University February 5 at the PAC.

USI's contest against Quincy is the first of a three-game homestand that features a return bout with Drury (February 7) and a non-conference contest against Lake Erie College (February 11).

The Eagles finish the season with three of their final four contests on the road. Return engagements at Quincy (February 14) and Missouri-St. Louis (February 19) start the final three weeks of the season, while the Eagles host Missouri S&T February 21 to close out their home schedule.



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA 2008-09 Women's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponents
Sat., Nov. 1	at Indiana University (Exhibition)
St. Edwards University Tournament	
Austin, Texas	
Saturday, November 15 -- Sunday, November 16	
Sat., Nov. 15	vs. Abilene Christian
Sun., Nov. 16	vs. SE Oklahoma State
Sat., Nov. 22	Edinboro University
Mon., Nov. 24	Mid-Continent University
Indianapolis Classic	
Indianapolis, Indiana	
Friday, November 28 -- Saturday, November 29	
Fri., Nov. 28	vs. Hillsdale
Sat., Nov. 29	vs. Grace
Thu., Dec. 4	at Lewis*
Sat., Dec. 6	at Wisconsin-Parkside*
Sat., Dec. 20	Illinois-Springfield
Mon., Dec. 22	Truman State
Mon., Dec. 29	Wayne State
Fri., Jan. 2	Saint Joseph's*
Sun., Jan. 4	Indianapolis*
Thu., Jan. 8	Northern Kentucky*
Sat., Jan. 10	at Bellarmine*
Thu., Jan. 15	Kentucky Wesleyan*
Thu., Jan. 22	Missouri-St. Louis*
Sat., Jan. 24	Rockhurst*
Thu., Jan. 29	at Drury*
Sat., Jan. 31	at Missouri S&T*
Thu., Feb. 5	Quincy*
Sat., Feb. 7	Drury*
Wed., Feb. 11	Lake Erie
Sat., Feb. 14	at Quincy*
Thu., Feb. 19	at Missouri-St. Louis*
Sat., Feb. 21	Missouri S&T*^
Sat., Feb. 28	at Rockhurst*
Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament	
Tuesday, March 3 (First Round)	
Saturday, March 7 -- Sunday, March 8 (Semifinals & Championship)	
Sites: To be determined	
NCAA Division II Midwest Regional Tournament	
Friday, March 13 -- Monday, March 16	
Site: To be announced	
NCAA Division II Elite Eight	
Wednesday, March 25 -- Saturday, March 28	
Saint Joseph, Missouri (Saint Joseph Civic Arena)	

All times are Central. **Home Games in BOLD**; *Denotes GLVC contest; #Denotes Homecoming; ^Denotes Senior Day.

USI completes its 2008-09 regular-season slate with a trip to Kansas City, Missouri, February 28 to take on Rockhurst. GLVC Tournament play begins March 3 with first round games slated to be played on campus sites. The final four of the GLVC Tournament is March 7-8 at a site to be determined.

The NCAA II Midwest Region Tournament, formerly the Great Lakes Region, is March 13-16, while the NCAA II Elite Eight is March 25-28 in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Schedule Notes:

*USI will face seven opponents that played in the 2008 NCAA Division II Tournament, including defending NCAA II champion Northern Kentucky.

*A total of 13 teams on the regular-season schedule were in their respective conference tournaments.

*The schedule includes 15 teams with winning records.

*The Great Lakes Region has changed its name to the Midwest Region.

*USI's all-time record against teams on the schedule is 229-217 (.514).

*USI has a home record of 237-155 (.605) since moving into the PAC in 1980-81.

*The Eagles are 159-52 (.754) at the PAC since the 1994-95 season.

*Head Coach **Rick Stein** is just seven wins away from becoming the program's all-time leader in career victories. Former coach Chancellor Dugan is the career leader with 159 wins.

*The Eagles are looking for their sixth GLVC title and their eighth trip to the NCAA II Tournament since 1994-95.

*The 2008-09 season will be the fourth year for the GLVC to be split into divisions. USI was 14-22 versus the West Division and 8-10 against the East Division since the conference split into divisions.

*USI has won 20 or more games seven times since the 1994-95 season.

*The Eagles return seven players from the 2007-08 season and will feature at least six newcomers—four freshman, a junior college transfer, and a Division I transfer.

*In 2007-08, the Eagles were either tied or had the lead in the second half of 22 games. They outshot the opposition 18 times last season.

*Ticket prices for 2008-09: Season Chairbacks-\$135.00; Season Bench-\$80.00.

Team	2007-08 Record	Post -Season	USI series record vs. opp.
Indiana	18-15	NIT Tournament	First meeting
Abilene Christian	18-11	LSC Tournament	0-1
SE Oklahoma State	15-13	LSC Tournament	First meeting
Edinboro	17-10		First meeting
Mid-Continent	9-22		First meeting
Hillsdale	23-5	NCAA II Tournament	2-0
Grace	11-19		1-0
Lewis	13-13		26-25
Wisconsin-Parkside	17-11	GLVC Tournament	19-4
Illinois-Springfield	12-19		5-0
Truman State	16-13	MIAA Tournament	1-1
Wayne State	15-12	GLIAC Tournament	5-0
Saint Joseph's	1-25		28-23
Indianapolis	22-8	NCAA II Tournament	24-30
Northern Kentucky	28-8	NCAA II Champions	17-33
Bellarmine	20-12	NCAA II Tournament	16-37
Kentucky Wesleyan	14-13		39-24
Missouri-St. Louis	7-20		23-10
Rockhurst	8-19		6-1
Drury	28-4	NCAA II Tournament	1-5
Missouri S&T	24-7	NCAA II Tournament	0-8
Quincy	20-10	NCAA II Tournament	16-16
Lake Erie	16-11	NCAA III Tournament	First meeting

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