



USI announces 2008-09 men's basketball schedule
Screaming Eagles have 19 home games in upcoming campaign

EVANSVILLE, Ind. – The University of Southern Indiana men's basketball team starts the 2008-09 regular season campaign in search of history as it plays in the Disney Division II Tip-Off Classic for the third time in four seasons. USI will be trying to win a tournament record fourth championship in five appearances at the preseason tournament, which runs November 7-9.

Pairings for the Tip-Off Classic are pre-announced again this year with USI scheduled to play Saint Martin University, Minnesota State University, and Bentley College in the three-day tournament.

Prior to playing in the prestigious preseason tournament, the Screaming Eagles will play an exhibition game against the University of Evansville November 1. The Eagles last played the Aces in 2006 and will be completing a three-games-in-five-seasons contract that began in 2004.

The 2008-09 campaign also features 19 USI home contests, beginning November 15 against Urbana University to start a six-game homestand. The 19-game home schedule includes nine GLVC contests.

Included in the six-game homestand is the second annual Bill Joergens Memorial Tournament November 28-29. The Thanksgiving classic-style tournament features USI, Bellarmine University, Florida Southern College, and King College.

Sandwiched between the opener with Urbana and the Bill Joergens Memorial Tournament, the Eagles host Harris-Stowe State University November 18; the University of Saint Francis on November 22; and Missouri Baptist University November 24. USI finishes the non-conference schedule with Temple Baptist College December 13; Maryville College December 20; Tiffin University December 30; and January 26 against Lake Erie College.

GLVC play begins on the road in 2008-09 when USI goes to Lewis University December 4. The Eagles will ring in the New Year by starting the home-half of the GLVC Schedule against Saint Joseph's College January 2.

A highlight of the conference home schedule is the "Battle for the Bridge" game between USI and Kentucky Wesleyan College January 15. USI has won the last four regular season battles in the rivalry, including last season's 79-77 victory in Owensboro, Kentucky.

The GLVC West Division will be a little different this year with the departure of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville to Division I. USI will host Drury University, which advanced to the NCAA II Great Lakes Regional last year, for the Eagles' homecoming game February 7.

2008-09 USI Men's Basketball Schedule	
Date	Opponents
Sat., Nov. 1	at University of Evansville (Exhibition)
Disney's Division II Men's Tip-Off Classic (East Coast) Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex (Orlando, Florida)	
Fri., Nov. 7	vs. Saint Martin's University
Sat., Nov. 8	vs. Minnesota State University
Sun., Nov. 9	vs. Bentley College
Sat., Nov. 15	Urbana University
Tue., Nov. 18	Harris-Stowe State University
Sat., Nov. 22	University of Saint Francis
Mon., Nov. 24	Missouri Baptist University
Bill Joergens Memorial Tournament Physical Activities Center	
Fri., Nov. 28	Florida Southern College vs. Bellarmine University USI vs. King College
Sat., Nov. 29	King College vs. Bellarmine University USI vs. Florida Southern College
Thu., Dec. 4	at Lewis University*
Sat., Dec. 6	at University of Wisconsin-Parkside*
Sat., Dec. 13	Temple Baptist College
Sat., Dec. 20	Maryville College
Tues., Dec. 30	Tiffin University
Fri., Jan. 2	Saint Joseph's College*
Sun., Jan. 4	University of Indianapolis*
Thu., Jan. 8	Northern Kentucky University*
Sat., Jan. 10	at Bellarmine University*
Thu., Jan. 15	Kentucky Wesleyan College*
Thu., Jan. 22	University of Missouri-St. Louis*
Sat., Jan. 24	Rockhurst University*
Mon., Jan. 26	Lake Erie College
Thu., Jan. 29	at Drury University*
Sat., Jan. 31	at Missouri Science & Technology*
Thu., Feb. 5	Quincy University*
Sat., Feb. 7	Drury University*#
Sat., Feb. 14	at Quincy University*
Thu., Feb. 19	at University of Missouri-St. Louis*
Sat., Feb. 21	Missouri University of Science & Technology*
Sat., Feb. 28	at Rockhurst University*
Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament Tuesday, March 3 (First Round) Saturday, March 7 -- Sunday, March 8	
NCAA Division II Midwest Regional Tournament Saturday, March 14 -- Tuesday, March 17	
NCAA Division II Elite Eight Wednesday, March 25 -- Saturday, March 28 MassMutual Center (Springfield, Massachusetts)	
*GLVC games; #Homecoming	

Schedule Notes:

- USI has won 20-or-more games in 15 of the last 16 seasons and has reached 25-or-more wins six of the last five years.
- USI has scheduled five teams that were in the 2007-08 NCAA Division II Tournament and one from the NCAA Division III Tournament.
- A total of nine teams on the schedule were in their respective conference tournaments.
- The schedule includes 15 teams with winning records.
- USI's all-time record against teams on the schedule is 289-163 (.639).
- The Eagles have opened the last 22 seasons with a victory.
- The Eagles have won each of the last 24 home openers.
- USI has a home record of 412-64 (.866) since moving into the PAC in 1980-81.
- The 2007-08 season will be the fourth year for the GLVC to be split into divisions. USI was 2-5 versus the East Division and 7-5 against the West Division in 2007-08.
- Ticket prices for 2008-09: Season Chairbacks - \$135.00; Season Bench - \$80.00.

Team	2007-08 Record	Post -Season	USI series record vs. opp.
Saint Martin	13-14		0-0
Minnesota State	22-7	NCC Tournament NCAA II Tournament	0-0
Rollins	19-9	Sunshine State Tournament	0-0
Urbana	5-23		0-0
Harris-Stowe St.	6-23		2-0
Saint Francis	10-19		4-1
Missouri-Baptist	6-25		3-1
King	26-8	NAIA Tournament	0-0
Florida Southern	24-9	Sunshine State Tournament Champion; NCAA II Tournament	0-2
Lewis	20-11	GLVC Tournament; NCAA II Tournament	33-22
UW-Parkside	16-11		21-7
Temple Baptist	Not	Available	0-0
Maryville	24-3	NCAA III Tournament	0-0
Tiffin	3-24		3-0
Saint Joseph's	18-12	GLVC Tournament; NCAA II Tournament	42-20
Indianapolis	14-13		43-16
Northern Ky.	21-8	GLVC Tournament; NCAA II Tournament	
Bellarmino	17-11	GLVC Tournament	42-25
Ky. Wesleyan	24-8	GLVC Tournament; NCAA II Tournament	33-43
Missouri-St. Louis	10-17		26-11
Rockhurst	9-18		6-1
Lake Erie	18-9	AMCC Tournament	
Drury	25-6	GLVC Tournament Champion; NCAA II Tournament	3-4
Missouri S&T	3-24		7-2
Quincy	16-13	GLVC Tournament	21-8

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