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TRANSOUTH CONFERENCE WEEKLY UPDATE - JANUARY 26, 2005 Vol. I; Issue 16

TRANSOUTH NEWS

The TranSouth Athletic Conference's Executive Committee, E.L. Hutton, Commissioner of the TranSouth, and Dr. Ted Brown of Martin Methodist College, the TranSouth's representative on the council of Presidents, are pleased to announce the acceptance of Crichton College of Memphis, Tennessee for full membership into the conference. The presidents of the TranSouth voted to accept Crichton College for membership effective for the 2005-06 school year.

"The Presidents Council voted unanimously to admit Crichton College beginning with the 2005-2006 school year. This followed nearly a year of investigation, including a campus visit to Crichton," said Dr. Ted Brown. "We are excited about what is happening at Crichton College, with the growth of their enrollment and introduction of new programs, especially in athletics. We believe Crichton College will be an excellent member of the TranSouth Athletic Conference and we look forward to competing with them."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

All TranSouth women's basketball teams are well into the 2005 conference season. Out of the gate, Freed-Hardeman is leading the way with a 3-0 conference record followed by Cumberland with a 3-1 league mark. Four TranSouth teams are still ranked in the NAIA Top 25. Union (19-1) dropped one spot to No. 2 after falling to conference foe Trevecca Nazarene. Freed-Hardeman (18-5) remained steady at No. 8 while Cumberland (19-4) held at No. 13. Trevecca Nazarene (11-7) moved up two spots in this week's rankings to the No. 19 position.

Ashlee Robertson, of Freed-Hardeman University, was named the TranSouth Conference women's basketball Player of the Week for the week ending January 23.

UPCOMING GAMES: (Thursday, January 27) MARTIN METHODIST @ CUMBERLAND, 6:00 pm;
FREED-HARDEMAN vs. BLUE MOUNTAIN, 7:00 pm; UNION @ LYON, 6:00 pm.
(Saturday, January 29) CUMBERLAND @ UNION, 2:00 pm; LYON @ TREVECCA NAZARENE, 2:00 pm .

Women's BKB Standings	
Overall	Conf. (NAIA Rank)
1. Freed-Hardeman	18-5, 3-0 (#8)
2. Cumberland	19-4, 3-1 (#13)
3. Trevecca Naz.	11-7, 2-2 (#19)
3. Blue Mountain	7-7, 2-2
5. Union	19-1, 1-1 (#2)
6. Lyon	11-7, 0-2
7. Martin Methodist	5-15, 0-3

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The TranSouth Conference men's season is underway with all teams playing at least one game in conference play. Trevecca Nazarene is off to the hot start with 3-0 conference record with Cumberland right behind them at 2-0 in the league. This past week some changes in the conference's representation in the NAIA National Rankings. Trevecca Nazarene (18-4) moved up two spots to the No. 6 position. Cumberland (13-6) jumped into the polls at No. 19 after not being ranked last week. Union (12-7) tumbled from the No. 11 spot to receiving votes at the No. 26 position.

Eric Price, of Trevecca Nazarene University, was named the TranSouth Conference men's basketball Player of the week for the week ending January 23.

UPCOMING GAMES: (Thursday, January 27) MARTIN METHODIST @ CUMBERLAND, 8:00 pm; UNION @ LYON, 8:00 pm;
(Saturday, January 29) Martin Methodist vs. Logan, 2:00 pm; Freed-Hardeman @ Crichton, 2:00 pm; CUMBERLAND @ UNION, 4:00 pm; LYON @ TREVECCA NAZARENE, 4:00 pm.

Men's BKB Standings	
Overall	Conf. (NAIA Rank)
1. Trevecca Naz.	18-4, 3-0 (#6)
2. Cumberland	13-6, 2-0 (#19)
3. Freed-Hardeman	8-14, 1-2
4. Union	12-7, 0-1 (RV)
4. Lyon	8-6, 0-1
6. Martin Methodist	8-12, 0-2

SOFTBALL

The softball coaches of the TranSouth Conference release the 2005 Preseason Softball Poll. Union University earned all six first place votes by the coaches as the pick to win the league. The 2005 softball season kicks off with the first TranSouth team in action on February 15 when Martin Methodist travels to North Alabama. The remainder of the TranSouth teams will get underway at some point during that next week. To view a composite softball schedule, visit the TranSouth Website link (<http://www.transouth.org/w-softball/schedules.htm>). The NAIA National Softball Preseason Polls will be released on Wednesday, February 16 at www.naia.org.

Preseason Poll (1st Place)	
1. Union	(6)
2. Martin Methodist	
3. Freed-Hardeman	
4. Trevecca Nazarene	
5. Cumberland	

BASEBALL

Baseball season is just around the corner with Lyon College leading things off with a game on February 1. Most everyone else will begin play on the weekend of February 4th and 5th. The composite schedule has been posted on the conference website at <http://transouth.org/m-baseball/schedules.htm>.

Cumberland has been picked to win the league this year by the coaches. Cumberland finished the 2004 season with 19 straight wins, including the NAIA World Series Title.

Preseason Poll (NAIA Rank)	
1. Cumberland	(5) (#1)
2. Trevecca Nazarene	(1) (#26)
3. Union	(RV)
4. Martin Methodist	
5. Lyon	
6. Freed-Hardeman	

GOLF

The NAIA Preseason Golf Rankings are out with two TranSouth teams finding themselves in the women's rankings. Lyon College is ranked No. 22 and Trevecca Nazarene University received votes. On the men's side, Union University is receiving votes in the national polls.