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TRANSOUTH CONFERENCE WEEKLY UPDATE - FEBRUARY 2, 2005 *Vol. I; Issue 17*

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The TranSouth women's basketball season is approaching the midway point and at least four teams can still win the league. Freed-Hardeman (4-0) continues to lead the pack with Cumberland (4-2), Trevecca Nazarene (3-2), and Union (2-2) close behind. Four women's team from the TranSouth Conference remain in the NAIA Top 25. Freed-Hardeman is up two spots to No. 6, Union dropped five spots to No. 7, Cumberland fell one spot to No. 14, and Trevecca Nazarene remained at No. 19.

Andrea Sublett, of Lyon College, was named this week's TranSouth Player of the Week.

UPCOMING GAMES:

Thursday, February 3: Union at MMC, 2:00 pm; FHU at Lyon, 2:00 pm; Oakwood at BMC, 6:00 pm; TNU @ Brescia, 6:00.
Saturday, February 5: Lyon at MMC, 2:00 pm; FHU at Union, 2:00 pm; BMC @ TNU, 2:00 pm.

Women's BKB Standings Overall, Conf. (NAIA Rank)

1. Freed-Hardeman 19-5, 4-0 (#6)
2. Cumberland 20-5, 4-2 (#14)
3. Trevecca Naz. 12-7, 3-2 (#19)
4. Union 20-2, 2-2 (#7)
5. Blue Mountain 8-8, 2-3
6. Lyon 12-8, 1-3
7. Martin Methodist 6-17, 0-4

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The men's TranSouth race is also approaching the midway point as three teams sit with just one loss in conference play. Trevecca Nazarene (3-1) and Cumberland (3-1) both sit at the top with Union (2-1) in a very close second. Those three teams continues to be the ones in the NAIA rankings, however, all three failed to improve their standing this week. Trevecca Nazarene fell four spots to No. 10 with their conference loss to Lyon. Cumberland fell three spots to No. 19 with their loss to Union, and Union stayed at the No. 26 spot receiving votes in the polls.

Lyon College standout, Norris Weintz, was named the TranSouth Conference Player of the Week.

UPCOMING GAMES:

Thursday, February 3: Union at MMC, 8:00 pm; FHU @ Lyon, 8:00 pm; Mt. State at Cumberland 7:30 pm.
Saturday, February 5: Lyon at MMC, 4:00 pm; FHU @ Union, 4:00 pm.

Men's BKB Standings Overall, Conf. (NAIA Rank)

1. Trevecca Naz. 19-5, 3-1 (#10)
1. Cumberland 14-7, 3-1 (#22)
3. Union 14-7, 2-1 (RV)
4. Lyon 10-7, 1-2
4. Freed-Hardeman 8-14, 1-2
6. Martin Methodist 10-14, 0-3

BASEBALL

Baseball season is officially here at Lyon College started with a 7-0 win over NCAA Div. II opponent Central Arkansas on February 1. Most everyone else will begin play this weekend (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 Rankings (Records) (NAIA Rank)

1. Cumberland (0-0) (#1)
2. Trevecca Nazarene (0-0) (#26)
3. Union (0-0) (RV)
4. Martin Methodist (0-0)
5. Lyon (1-0)
6. Freed-Hardeman (0-0)

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

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.

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."