



MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

Nickname: Frizzbears Enrollment: 20500
 Location: Springfield, MO Team Est: 1999
 2006 Record: 21-9 Ozark Section: 5th South Region: 13th

Key Losses (lost starters in **bold**): Will Dockery, **Zach Irwin**, **Bryce Phillips**, Paul Keagy

RETURNING PLAYERS

(Probable Starters in **Bold**; * indicates captain)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
11	Andrew Elkins	Deep	6'1"	Sr.
19	Thomas Hoyt	Mid.	5'10"	Jr.
90	Patrick Knipe*	Mid.	6'0"	Sr.
28	Josh Morris	Deep	6'2"	So.
85	Alan Scherry	Hnd.	5'10"	Jr.
0	Ryan Rogers	Hnd.	5'4"	Jr.
18	Joseph Seastrom	Mid.	5'9"	Sr.
55	Derek Seevers	Deep	6'0"	So.
6	Brad Walton	Mid.	6'1"	Sr.



Pre-season All-Section pick **Brad Walton** (above), is extremely important to the Frizzbear offense, but occasionally tries to do too much on his own. **Thomas Hoyt** (below), a transfer from Arizona State, was a great pick-up for Missouri State last season. A great athlete, Hoyt is one of MSU's top cutters.

FRESH FACES

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
xx	Kevin Galliers	Hnd.	5'11"	Gr.
2	Alex Gandy	Hnd.	5'9"	Jr.
xx	Dawson Marsh	Deep	6'5"	Fr.
33	Tony Pape	Hnd.	5'11"	So.
21	Lee Stevens	Hnd.	5'5"	So.



Ozark Preview:

Missouri St. Frizzbears

Intro

Three years ago, Southwest Missouri State was a virtual unknown, miring in the basement of the Ozark Section. A few years and a school name change later, and the Missouri State Frizzbears are a greatly improved team.

While the 2005-2006 season ended on a somewhat sour note at South Regionals, the Frizzbears look to be an even bigger threat this year with nearly everyone returning.

Handlers

The Frizzbears lost two solid handlers with the departures of Zach "Sonic" Irwin and Will Dockery, but Missouri State replaces the two with another pair of equally talented veterans.

Alex "Rookie" Gandy returns from his year-long hiatus. An energetic player, Gandy never stops moving during a game, and seems to become almost invisible to opposing handlers on de-

fense, where he comes out of nowhere to pick up handfuls of poach D's.

St. Louis graduate and transfer Kevin Galliers returns to the game of ultimate as well. A veteran of the the seven-man SLU team of 2004 that qualified for Regionals, Galliers is an unshakable handler who can break marks whenever he wants to and will serve as the anchor of the MSU handling corps.

Ryan Rogers and Alan "Razor" Scherry are two salty veterans that will help dictate the flow on offense and are comfortable breaking man or zone defenses. Tony Pape and Lee Stevens, who both played on the Frizzbears' B-team last season, have moved up and will handle in supporting roles.

Cutters

Paul Keagy, who saw playing time as a cutter last season, is gone, but the rest of the Missouri State cutters are back, making the Frizzbear midfield the strongest aspect of the team.

With the depth and skill level of the handlers, Brad Walton, a member of the 2006 All-Ozark First Team and a 2007 Preseason All-Section selection, moves from handler to his natural position as a cutter. "Watson," as he is better known, has what is arguably the most unorthodox throwing motion in the section, but is nevertheless a skilled and accurate thrower who can complete passes from any part of the field. Also, his blatant disregard for his body allows for many spectacular layouts.

Thomas Hoyt, a 2006 Second Team All-Ozark pick, is the team's best all-around athlete. Hoyt isn't the tallest player around, but overcomes his lack of height with blazing speed, fast cuts, and high flying, and is a first-rate deep receiver. Hoyt is more than just an athlete though, and balances his receiving talents with monstrous full-field hucks.

Patrick "P-TAC" Knipe and Joseph "Endzone" Seastrom compliment the exciting duo of Hoyt and Watson. While not as flashy as their better-known counterparts, both Knipe and Seastrom provide leadership for the Frizzbears and possess excellent all-around skills. Knipe in particular also has a knack for getting open in the endzone at crucial times.

Deeps

Bryce Phillips graduated last spring, which for the Frizzbears meant the loss of their best deep receiver and possibly their best all-around player. Even without Phillips, the Missouri State deep game should still excel.

Derek Seevers returns healthy this year after a leg injury prematurely ended his excellent first year. An unreal athlete, MSU's super sophomore is big, fast, has an amazing vertical, and his field sense shows flashes of brilliance and totally confuses defenders. Seevers is also good on defense and frustrates many of the best offensive players in the game.

Teams should also watch out for Josh Morris who has a quick first step and plays aggressive, unrelenting defense. Inconsistent at times last year, Morris has made great strides and is primed for a break-out season.

Andrew "Stick" Elkins is an all-around player who will likely play every position during the season, but will mostly help out in a complimentary deep role.

Several younger players, especially tall freshman Dawson Marsh, will likely be forced to step up during the season to help out in the deep position to give the main players short breaks.

Final Analysis

While the Frizzbears have raised the level of their game considerably over the last couple of years, they still get little respect from the top teams in the section. Look for that to change this year if the team follows up on its promising preseason results.

For Missouri State, the most impressive change from last year is that success and failure on offense is no longer dependent on just one or two players. If MSU utilizes its improved depth and talent, they should be able to hang with just about anyone and should easily qualify for Regionals. However, if they fall into the old habit of relying on just one or two players to win games, they will once again be left out of the top tier of the Ozark Section.