

Mercer's Michaelis Scores Career-High Ten Points In MU Win

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Columbia, Mo.- Hot shooting from beyond the arc propelled the Missouri Women's basketball team to a 78-43 win over the Evansville Purple Aces on Thursday at Mizzou Arena.



The victory is the Tigers third straight to start the season.

A heavy dose of Bri Kulas in the opening minutes helped Missouri grab an early 11-7 lead. The senior captain scored nine of the team's first 11 points. After drilling a contested three-pointer, she blocked a shot on the ensuing defensive possession. From then on, Evansville began double-teaming Kulas, allowing her to dish to fellow forward Jordan Frericks for an easy lay-up.

With so much attention being focused on the post, Missouri's sharpshooters found open looks from long range. Morgan Stock buried two quick three-pointers off the bench and Tania Jackson nailed her first trey ball of the season to give the Tigers a 21-9 advantage with 12 minutes left in the first half.

Mizzou poured in 15 total three-pointers and rode 45-percent shooting from the field to sustain its lead throughout the game. Seven different Tigers made a shot from beyond the arc. Freshman Sierra Michaelis got in on the action in the second half. Her back-to-back long balls with 11 minutes to go handed Missouri a 27-point lead. She finished with a career-high 10 points.

Stock tallied 15 points behind five three-pointers, matching her performance from Sunday's win over SIUE. Missouri's bench contributed 43 points, good for more than half of the team's total.

Despite the efficient shooting from the Tiger guards, the post players led the way in scoring. Frericks earned her first career double-double with 11 points and 13 rebounds. Kulas added a team-high 16 points.

Missouri remains undefeated, moving to 3-0 on the season. The Tigers will get a week off before hosting SEMO at 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 21st.

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