



The Mizzou Tigers' student section and Truman the mascot cheer on the football team during a 2024 college football game at Faurot Field at Memorial Stadium in Columbia, Missouri.

Missouri Tigers issue fans a warning as SEC increases field-storm fine to \$500K

BY THE KANSAS CITY STAR

University of Missouri leadership has a message for Tigers fans who might think about storming the field following a big MU win this season: Don't do it. The Southeastern Conference in May imple-

mented a new policy and fine for such incidents, and it's a hefty one. Starting this year, a school will be fined \$500,000 if its fans storm the field following a big victory. On Tuesday, MU System President Mun Choi and Mizzou athletic director Laird Veatch issued a joint message to Missouri

fans discouraging them from any sort of field-storming — or court-storming. The new SEC guidelines also apply to other sports, such as basketball. "To put it simply," says the note, which was shared by Mizzou on social media, "entering the field after a game is

dangerous for players, coaches and spectators — and it's also costly. If we rush the field, we will be fined \$500,000 by the SEC, and that money goes directly to our opponent. In this era of revenue sharing, we cannot afford — literally or figuratively — to give our opponents a large sum of money."

The message continues: "We understand that the excitement of victory can make it tempting to rush the field, but protecting our team, our fans, and our University requires all of us to do our part. Should a field incursion occur, we will be using cameras in the stadium to record and identify perpetrators. Perpetrators will be held to account. They may be trespassed from campus, fined, suspended or expelled."

Mizzou opens its 2025 college football season on Thursday with a game against Central Arkansas at Faurot Field at Memorial Stadium in Columbia. You can read the full statement here. Last season, South Carolina, like Missouri a member of the SEC, was fined \$250,000 by the league for a second offense of field-storming. This year, the fine incurred by a team like the Gamecocks would be even greater.

Another KU visitor? Top-50 big man, also considering Kentucky, will see Jayhawks

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Josh Irving, a 6-foot-11, 200-pound senior center from Pasadena (California) High School, will take an official recruiting visit to Kansas on Sept. 12-14, his agent, Harrison Gaines of SLASH Sports and Entertainment, confirmed to The Star this week. Irving, who is currently ranked No. 40 in the recruiting class of 2026 by Rivals and No. 101 by 247Sports, will visit SMU this weekend followed by trips to KU, Louisville (Sept. 19-21), Texas A&M

(Sept. 27-29), Kentucky (Oct. 10-12) and USC (Oct. 17-19), Gaines indicated in a direct message. The Kentucky visit coincides with the Wildcats' season-opening "Big Blue Madness" event. Irving, who recently took a visit to San Diego State, also has received scholarship offers from Cincinnati, Arizona State, TCU, Cal, Washington and others. "The tradition stands out right away," Irving said of KU in an interview with Jayhawk Slant. "They've had so many great players come through there and the fan

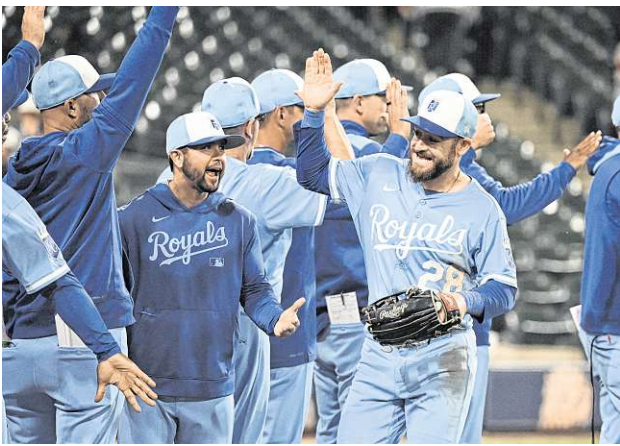
support is crazy. I really like how consistent they are every year and the way they develop players to reach the next level." Irving said he's "talked to coach (Kurtis) Townsend a little bit, but I've talked to coach (Jacque) Vaughn a whole lot more than anyone." New KU assistant coach Vaughn is a graduate of Muir High in Pasadena. Irving said being recruited by a blue blood such as KU "definitely means a lot. It motivates me to keep working hard and shows me that what I'm doing is paying off." In July, Irving helped

Clint Parks Skills Academy win the Puma PRO16/NXTPRO 17-and-under tournament in Texas. "In the frontcourt, Irving has emerged as one of the standout performers of the weekend," 247Sports analyst Brandon Jenkins wrote after watching the Puma 17-and-under event. "Irving's blend of size and athleticism has made him a major X-factor, impacting games as both a lob threat and a rim protector. He's also shown touch from behind the arc, knocking down a few shots from 3-point range. Over the past 10 months, his game has taken major strides, though his biggest asset remains his long-term upside." On3.com's Jamie Shaw has said Texas A&M and Kentucky may currently be leading for Irving.

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an hurler Martin Perez. Perez outduelled Royals right-hander Michael Lorenzen on Tuesday. He allowed one hit while striking out five batters in seven innings. Perez mixed in his sinker and changeup to keep the Royals off balance. Other times, he utilized his cutter to get ahead in favorable counts. "You have to give Perez credit," Royals manager Matt Quatraro said. "It seemed like everything we were trying to do, he was doing the opposite." The Royals didn't log a hit until the fourth inning. Bobby Witt Jr. extended his hitting streak to 15 games with a leadoff single in the frame. Perez remained unfazed. He was able to get Royals first baseman Vinnie Pasquantino to ground into a double play the next at-bat. Salvador Perez would fly out to end the inning and keep the deficit at a run. "I'm sure we chased a little bit, too, you know, some of the change-ups," Quatraro said. "But he knows how to pitch." The White Sox (48-84) got to Lorenzen early. Rookie shortstop Colson Montgomery belted a solo home run off the left-field foul pole in the second inning. Chicago scored three runs in the sixth to

chase Lorenzen. "I feel like I'm throwing the ball really well," Lorenzen said. "It's just the game of baseball can be frustrating at times." Lorenzen allowed four earned runs in five innings. In the sixth, he ran into trouble and left the bases loaded for incoming reliever John Schreiber. The White Sox were able to score twice with Schreiber on the mound. He surrendered an RBI single to Lenyn Sosa and threw a wild pitch as another run scored. Both runs were charged to Lorenzen. The Royals fell behind 4-0. But then the offense began its comeback while showing a resiliency that has characterized the team this season. With the win, the Royals gained ground in the AL Wild Card standings. KC currently sits at 3 1/2 games behind the Seattle Mariners, and the deficit could shrink Tuesday night. "I mean, that's why we're in it that late into the season," Lorenzen said. "It's games like that. If we don't win games like that, we are a few more back and in a different position. So those are huge wins to be able to come back late. Exciting and momentum-building." The Mariners have won



Royals outfielder Kyle Isbel (28) celebrates with teammates after Tuesday's come-from-behind win against the White Sox at Rate Field in Chicago.

two consecutive games and host the San Diego Padres at T-Mobile Park this week. **A FIERY ENDING** The Royals' offense was humming in recent weeks. Prior to Monday's game, the Royals had homered in 14 consecutive games. And they entered averaging 5.09 runs per game since the All-Star Break. Pasquantino had homered in six of his last eight games. He also was recently named AL Player of the Week for his red-hot stretch. Overall, the Royals had scored at least five runs in 20 of their last 35 games. They also ranked eighth in the majors with 1.51 homers per game since the Midsummer Classic. The numbers favored the Royals. Still, the White Sox found a way to stymie

their offensive outburst with quality pitching. And yet, the Royals worked together to rekindle their offensive spark. The lineup finally broke through with a consistent approach at the plate. The Royals recorded nine hits on Tuesday — and all were singles. "I think it's just a lot of belief," Massey said. "You know, this team has done that a lot of times, so we are never out of it." This season, the Royals are 9-3 against the White Sox. **What's next:** The Royals conclude their series against the White Sox on Wednesday. Rookie right-hander Ryan Bergert (1-1, 2.79 ERA) will start opposite right-hander Aaron Civala (3-8, 5.02 ERA). First pitch is set for 6:40 p.m. Central.

K-State running back Dylan Edwards to miss at least 1 more game with ankle injury

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The Kansas State football team will have to play at least one more game without its starting running back. Dylan Edwards is not expected to be active when the Wildcats host North Dakota in their second game of the season at 6 p.m. on Saturday at Bill Snyder Family Stadium, according to a team source.

ESPN college football reporter Pete Thamel shared on social media that Edwards is also considered "doubtful" to play for K-State when it hosts Army on Sept. 6. Edwards is recovering from an ankle injury that he suffered early on in the season-opener against Iowa State in Dublin.

This new injury update comes two days after K-State football coach Chris Klieman said it was too early to know when Edwards would be healthy enough to return to the lineup. But Edwards is not expected to remain out long term, as Klieman said X-rays on his injury came back negative. He deemed that as a "positive."

Edwards was only able to stay on the field for one play over the weekend when K-State suffered a 24-21 loss to Iowa State at Aviva Stadium in Dublin. The Derby product muffed a punt return on the opening drive, which led to a fumble recovery for the Cyclones. It appeared as though Edwards hurt his ankle on the play when an Iowa State defender rolled over him as both teams scrambled for the loose ball.

Edwards trotted off the field under his own power, but spent the rest of the game watching from the sideline with a towel over his head instead of a helmet. Klieman said Edwards was ruled out early on in the first quarter. All signs point to Edwards being healthy enough to play in the near future. But he may need a few weeks to fully recover. One thing is clear: The Wildcats struggled to run the ball without their starting running back against Iowa State. K-State rushed for just 110 yards against Iowa State. Joe Jackson led the way with 51 yards on 12 carries.

"Obviously, it was a big impact, because we had so many designed plays for Dylan," Klieman said, "getting him the ball in space. So the next guy has got to step up and perform. I didn't expect Joe Jackson to play almost 55 plays. We were expecting him to play about 25 or 30 and Dylan maybe 35 or 40. We put a huge load on Joe."

Much is expected of Edwards this season as he looks to build off a sophomore campaign in which he averaged an impressive 7.4 yards per carry and closed out the year with a MVP performance against Rutgers at the Rate Bowl. Without him, K-State will likely continue to use Jackson as a starter. DeVon Rice could also be called upon as a valuable reserve option. He rushed for nine yards on five carries against the Cyclones. Other running back options include JB Price, Antonio Martin and Monterrio Elston.

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