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MVC MEN’S BASKETBALL DROPS ROAD MATCHUP TO FRIENDS UNIVERSITY

Marshall, Mo. (November 16, 2013)- The Missouri Valley College men’s basketball team went on the road Saturday afternoon and played in Wichita, Kan. against Friends University in a non-conference matchup. The Vikings trailed by just three points at halftime, but fell 92-51.

The Vikings came out and took an early lead against Friends, leading by as many as five points with just under 13-minutes remaining in the first half after a Sophomore Jacob Powell (Marshfield, Mo.) three-point field goal. Friends eventually battled back and took the lead at the nine-minute mark at 19-17, and led by as many as seven points late in the first half. A Sophomore Raviel Burton (St. Johns, Antigua) field goal with just over one minute remaining in the half tied the game up at 28-28, but Friends scored the final three points before halftime, and took a 31-28 lead into the break.

The Vikings shot 42-percent in the first half, and hit all five of their free throw attempts, but Friends shot 50-percent at the half to grab the slim lead.
The second half started off well for Friends, as they scored the first 10 points of the second half, to move what was a three point lead to a 13-point cushion. Friends extended the lead to 20-points at the 16-minute mark, which was as close as the Vikings would be through the remainder of the game. Friends finished the second half shooting 73-percent and came away with a 92-51 win.

Leading the way for MVC was Powell who had 13 points and eight rebounds, finishing as the only Viking in double-digits. Buton, Senior Jim Thomas (St. Louis, Mo.), and Freshman Jacob Fletcher (Springfield, Mo.) all combined for 20-points in the game for MVC.

The loss drops MVC to 4-2 on the season while Friends improves to 2-2 on the season.

Next up for the Vikings is road game at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kan., Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

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