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Racing to Mizzou

Tiger football's first 2013 opponent is Murray State.

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The Tigers kick off the 2013 football season when they host Murray State at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at Memorial Stadium. The game is televised on Fox Sports Pay-Per-View. The Racers make the trip from Murray, Ky., a college town of about 18,000 in the southwest corner of the state.

Mizzou won the only other meeting between the two schools in 2006, a 47–7 romp in Columbia. With such limited history, it's likely Tiger faithful know little about Murray State. Here's a primer to familiarize fans with Saturday's opponent.

— *Marcus Wilkins*

Founded: 1922 (public)

Interim president: Tim Miller



Wells Hall on the Murray State University campus.

Enrollment: 10,832

Undergraduate: 8,891

Graduate: 1,941

Size: 74 buildings (main campus);

111 degree programs in seven

colleges and schools; two libraries;

arboretum horticultural display

and garden; regional campuses in Fort Campbell,

Henderson, Hopkinsville, Madisonville and Paducah

Pride: Murray State was the first U.S. public university to adopt a comprehensive residential college program. Student life, academics and daily living are combined in eight locations, each with a unique identity.

Community: Murray, Ky.; population 17,981; located about 30 miles from Kentucky Lake resort and 100 miles from Cape Girardeau, Mo.; called “Friendliest Small Town in America”



Dunker

Colors: Navy blue and gold

Mascots: Racer One (live thoroughbred) and Dunker (costumed)

Nickname: Racers (Thoroughbreds or 'Breds for varsity baseball team)

Did you know? MSU, known for its solid academics, is a top-10 school where merit aid awards for students are common.

Campus treasure: Opened in 1931, the ornate Pogue Library features Renaissance Revival architecture and massive bronze doors. Today the building houses special collections, university archives and genealogy records.

Traditions: After every home-game touchdown, Racer One runs a celebratory lap on the track at Roy Stewart Stadium.

If a couple marries after meeting at MSU, they will have good luck if each nails a shoe to the campus Shoe Tree near the quadrangle.



The Shoe Tree outside Pogue Library.

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