

## **Brown Mackie College - Salina**

### **Q&A with Head Women's Basketball Coach, Troy Thrasher**



**Q: What were some of the expectations coming into the season?**

A: Returning six sophomores and one of them, Kenyona Simmons, an All-American (only the second one in BMC history), our expectations were high. Add in ten freshmen, we felt our overall talent level and sophomore experience were going to lead to something special.

**Q: Your pre-Christmas schedule was very aggressive. Was that the intention?**

A: Yes. Coming off a 20-win season and the fact that we were pre-season ranked #11 in the country, we felt that whoever we played we could compete with. The state of Kansas plays host to some of the toughest women's basketball programs in the nation. Playing teams like Hutchinson CC, Independence CC, Johnson County CC, and Barton County CC were only going to make us better.

**Q: Do you feel like your team met the challenge?**

A: Every season is different. We beat Kansas City Kansas CC early in the season and were very competitive in several contests against nationally ranked teams. We were hit hard with injuries early on, at one point losing four starters. A lot of the younger players had to step in earlier than expected. With all that being said, I feel our team grew from these experiences.

**Q: You are currently 9-9. How do you see the rest of the season playing out?**

A: We are improving daily. There isn't a game these last two months that I don't feel like we can't win. We would love to hit the 20-win mark again and be the first team in BMC history to have back-to-back winning seasons. Sometimes personnel changes and injuries happen; a lot of things are out of your control. You just have to adapt and make the best of the situation. A lot of our goals are still achievable.

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