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LINDENWOOD

Players, staff recovering after accident

Eight Lindenwood students and staff members were injured Thursday in an van accident involving the Lindenwood University men's basketball team.

The men's team was en route to Missouri Valley College in Marshall, MO for a basketball game. Both the men's and women's game have been postponed. The accident occurred near New Florence, MO on Interstate 70.

Two individuals were airlifted to St. John's Mercy Hospital in St. Louis, where they remain in serious condition. Assistant Coach Scott Allen has a punctured lung, head lacerations and an injured shoulder. Junior Dave Soval, from South County, has bruised lungs, an injured shoulder and a laceration above his eye.

Four individuals were transported to University Hospital in Columbia, MO. They were held overnight for observation and released today. They are: Matt Guthman, a senior from Murphysboro, IL, Jasen Best, a senior from Springfield, IL., Travis Brooks, a junior from Marshfield, MO. and athletic trainer Brian Zolner.

Steve Medford, a senior from Jerseyville, IL and Robbie Miller, a junior from Glendale, AZ, were transported to St. Joseph Hospital West in Lake Saint Louis, where they were treated for bumps and bruises, and released.

Head Coach Dale Ribble was in another van ahead of the accident and was flagged down by motorists. He returned to the scene to be with his players.

"I was able to speak to each of them before they went to the hospital," said Ribble, who accompanied one group to Columbia, and later traveled to St. Louis to be with the most seriously injured at St. John's.

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