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## **BRAGGIN' RIGHTS GAME RETURNS TO GCS CREDIT UNION BALLPARK**

Mizzou, Illinois to face off in Sauget on March 28th in rivalry matchup

**Sauget, IL (January 5, 2023)** – The Gateway Grizzlies announce that the "Braggin' Rights" rivalry baseball game between Missouri and Illinois will return to GCS Credit Union Ballpark on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. This year, Illinois will be the home team and occupy the first base dugout, while Missouri will be on the third base side.

Last season marked the return of the rivalry in Sauget after the teams had not played each other since 2017, with Missouri defeating Illinois 11-7 in a contest that featured four home runs and a whopping eight multi-run half-innings in total. With the victory, the Tigers took a 15-14-1 lead in the all-time series.

Mizzou seeks their first NCAA Tournament appearance under head coach Steve Bieser, and will feature St. Louis-area natives Brock Daniels (St. John Vianney), Luke Mann (St. John Vianney), Derek Williams (Windsor), Ian Lohse (Marquette), Kyle Potthoff (Marquette), and Daniel Wissler (Fort Zumwalt West) on their roster.

The Illini are coming off a 31-win season that saw them tie for second place in the Big 10 in 2022 with a 17-7 conference record under longtime head coach Dan Hartleb, who has guided the program to four NCAA tournament appearances, most-recently in 2019. They will also welcome Louisville transfer and Edwardsville, Illinois native Drake Westcott onto their roster this season.

To purchase tickets, go to gatewaygrizzlies.com or call the Grizzlies box office at (618) 337-3000.

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The Gateway Grizzlies are a professional baseball team, located a mere 10 minutes from downtown St. Louis in Sauget, Illinois. The Grizzlies offer baseball fans affordable, family fun at GCS Credit Union Ballpark with a great view of the St. Louis skyline. They have also won two Frontier League Organization of the Year Awards, three West Division titles, and the 2003 Frontier League Championship. For tickets or general information, please visit gatewaygrizzlies.com or call (618) 337-3000.

The Frontier League debuted in 1993, and is the largest of the Major League Baseball Partner Leagues, featuring teams stretching from the Atlantic Ocean to the Mississippi River, and from the Ohio River to the St. Lawrence Seaway. More information and the complete 2022 schedule can be found at frontierleague.com.