



Missouri Valley Conference Men's Basketball

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POST-SEASON NOTEBOOK

2011-12 Standings (thru March 12)

	Missouri Valley				Overall Records			
	W-L	Pct.	PF	PA	W-L	Pct.	PF	PA
Wichita State	16-2	.889	76.9	62.9	27-5	.844	77.7	62.4
Creighton	14-4	.778	75.7	69.2	28-5	.848	80.0	69.5
Illinois State	9-9	.500	67.7	68.7	20-13	.606	68.3	64.4
Northern Iowa	9-9	.500	63.9	63.2	19-13	.594	65.2	61.8
Drake	9-9	.500	67.0	67.8	17-15	.531	66.9	66.7
Evansville	9-9	.500	74.2	71.5	16-15	.516	73.1	72.0
Missouri State	9-9	.500	64.6	63.2	16-16	.500	65.9	63.0
Indiana State	8-10	.444	65.7	68.2	18-14	.563	64.4	64.8
Southern Illinois	5-13	.278	63.7	71.4	8-23	.258	62.7	69.2
Bradley	2-16	.111	60.3	73.6	7-25	.219	61.1	70.5

MVC (Home): 57-33 **Non-MVC:** 77-45 • Home: 53-13 • Away: 16-19 • Neut: 8-13 • Top 25: 2-5

MVC Schedule & Results

State Farm MVC Tournament St. Louis • Scottrade Center • 18,592

Thurs., March 1 -- Opening Round [7,782]

G1 -- #8 Indiana St. vs. #9 S. Illinois INS, 66-51
G2 -- #7 Drake vs. #10 Bradley DU, 65-49

Friday, March 2 -- Quarterfinals [14,412]

G3 -- #1 Wichita St. vs. Indiana St. WSU, 72-48
G4 -- #4 Illinois State vs. #5 UNI ILS, 54-42
G5 -- #2 Creighton vs. Drake CU, 68-61
G6 -- #3 Evansville vs. #6 Missouri State UE, 72-64

Saturday, March 3 -- Semifinals [16,271]

G7 -- Wichita State vs. Illinois State ILS, 65-64
G8 -- Creighton vs. Evansville CU, 99-71

Sunday, March 4 -- Championship [12,380]

G9 -- Creighton vs. Illinois State [OT] CU, 83-79

The total attendance from 2012 (62,283) marked the fourth-best total for the State Farm MVC Tournament, now in its 36th season.

All-Tournament Team: Doug McDermott, Creighton (Most Outstanding Player); Gregory Echenique, Creighton; Antoine Young, Creighton; Tyler Brown, Illinois State; Jackie Carmichael, Illinois State.

Video Highlights



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►► NCAA Tournament ◀◀

Thursday, March 15 (Portland, Ore.) [CBS]
#5 Wichita St. (27-5) vs. #12 VCU (28-6), 6:15 ct
#4 Indiana vs. #13 New Mexico St., 30 min. after

Friday, March 16 (Greensboro, N.C.) [TBS]
#8 CU (28-5) vs. #9 Alabama (21-11), 12:40 ct
#1 N. Carolina vs. Lamar/Vermont, 30 min. after

►► NIT Tournament ◀◀

Wednesday, March 14 (campus sites)
#7 UNI (19-13) at #2 Saint Joseph's (20-13)
6:15 ct [ESPN3]

#7 Illinois State (20-13) at #2 Ole Miss (20-13)
8:30 ct [ESPNU]

►► CBI Tournament ◀◀

Tuesday, March 13 (Evansville, Ind.)
Princeton (19-11) at Evansville (16-15), 7 ct

►► CIT Tournament ◀◀

Tuesday, March 13 (Terre Haute, Ind.)
Robert Morris (24-10) at ISU (18-14), 6 ct

Wednesday, March 14 (Des Moines, Iowa)
North Dakota (17-15) at Drake (17-15), 7 ct

2 in the NCAAs Again

For the first time since 2007, the MVC has two teams competing in the NCAA Tournament as Creighton (AQ) and Wichita State (at-large) will represent the league. Creighton won the 2012 State Farm MVC Tournament, and Wichita State was the 2012 MVC regular-season champion. Notably, the MVC had received two or more NCAA Tournament bids in 12 of 14 seasons from 1994-2007 (including nine-straight seasons from 1999-2007).

NCAA Tourney Drought

Since the NCAAs expanded beyond 48 teams (in 1985), the MVC has received two or more berths 17 times (out of 28 possible opportunities). Prior to this season, though, the MVC had only one bid in each of the past four years (2008-2011), its longest multi-bid drought since a five-year span of just one bid from 1989-1993.

7 MVC Teams Ties Mark

Including 2012, The Valley has sent at least three teams to postseason in 17 of the last 19 years, and has four or more teams in each of the past nine seasons.

- 4: 1995, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2004, 2007
- 5: 2005, 2008
- 6: 2006, 2010, 2011
- 7: 2009, 2012

Year	NCAA	NIT	Other
1994	SIU, Tulsa	Bradley	---
1995	SIU, Tulsa	Bradley, ILS	---
1996	BU, Tulsa	Illinois State	---
1997	Illinois State	BU, MSU	---
1998	Illinois State	Creighton	---
1999	CU, UE, MSU	Bradley	---
2000	CU, Indiana State	SIU, MSU	---
2001	CU, Indiana State	BU, Illinois St.	---
2002	CU, S. Illinois	----	---
2003	CU, S. Illinois	Wichita State	---
2004	UNI, S. Illinois	CU, Wichita St.	---
2005	UNI, SIU, CU	MSU, WSU	---
2006	BU, UNI, SIU, WSU	CU, MSU	---
2007	CU, S. Illinois	BU, MSU	---
2008	Drake	CU, ILS, SIU	BU
2009	UNI	CU, ILS	4*
2010	UNI	ILS, WSU	3*
2011	Indiana State	MSU, WSU	3*
2012	Creighton, WSU	Illinois St., UNI	3*

TOT: 36 Teams 32 14

*The College Basketball Invitational (CBI) had its inaugural tournament in 2008; while the CollegeInsider.com Tournament (CIT) began in 2009. Eight of the league's 10 teams have competed in either the CBI or CIT at one point since 2008.

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2012 All-Missouri Valley Conference Men's Basketball Team

First Team

	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown
Doug McDermott, Creighton	So.	F	6-7	Ames (Iowa) High
Joe Ragland, Wichita State	Sr.	G	6-0	W. Springfield (Mass.) North Platte (Neb.) JC
Colt Ryan, Evansville	Jr.	G/F	6-5	Batesville (Ind.) High
Garrett Stutz, Wichita State	Sr.	C	7-0	Kansas City (Mo.) North Kansas City High
Kyle Weems, Missouri State	Sr.	F	6-6	Topeka (Kan.) Highland Park High

Second Team

Jackie Carmichael, Illinois State	Jr.	F	6-9	Manhattan (Kan.) South Kent Prep
Jake Odum, Indiana State	So.	G	6-4	Terre Haute (Ind.) South Vigo High
Rayvonte Rice, Drake	So.	G	6-4	Champaign (Ill.) Centennial High
Ben Simons, Drake	Jr.	F	6-8	Cadillac (Mich.) High
Antoine Young, Creighton	Sr.	G	6-0	Bellevue (Neb.) West High

Honorable-Mention Selections

Taylor Brown, Bradley	Sr.	F	6-6	Atlanta (Ga.) Dunwoody High
Denver Holmes, Evansville	Sr.	F/G	6-4	Olathe (Kan.) Olathe South High
Anthony James, UNI	Jr.	G	6-0	St. Louis (Mo.) Normandy High
Toure' Murry, Wichita State	Sr.	G	6-5	Houston (Texas) Klein Forest High
Mamadou Seck, S. Illinois	Sr.	F	6-7	Dakar (Senegal) UCAD / Southeastern Ill.

All-Newcomer Team

Tyler Brown, Illinois State	Jr.	G	6-4	Owensboro (Ky.) Apollo / Marshalltown C.C.
Anthony Downing, Missouri St.	Jr.	G	6-0	Atchison (Kan.) High / Independence CC
Grant Gibbs, Creighton	Jr.	G	6-4	Marion (Iowa) Linn-Mar High / Gonzaga
Carl Hall, Wichita State	Jr.	F	6-8	Cochran (Ga.) Northwest Florida State
Seth Tuttle, UNI	Fr.	F	6-8	Sheffield (Iowa) West Fork High

All-Freshman Team

Daniel Daniels, S. Illinois	F		6-6	Wentzville (Mo.) High
Deon Mitchell, UNI	G		6-1	Pflugerville (Texas) High
Nic Moore, Illinois State	G		5-9	Winona Lake (Ind.) Warsaw High
Ryan Sawvell, Evansville	F/C		6-8	Mundelein (Ill.) High
Seth Tuttle, UNI	F		6-8	Sheffield (Iowa) West Fork High

All-Defensive Team

Jackie Carmichael, Illinois State	Jr.	F	6-9	Manhattan (Kan.) South Kent Prep
Gregory Echenique, Creighton	Jr.	C	6-9	Guatire (Venezuela) St. Benedict's (N.J.) HS
Toure' Murry, Wichita State	Sr.	G	6-5	Houston (Texas) Klein Forest High
Ben Smith, Wichita State	Sr.	F	6-5	Oklahoma City (Okla.) Northern Okla. - Enid
Troy Taylor, Evansville	Jr.	G	6-0	Anderson (Ind.) High

All-Bench Team (selected by beat writers)

*Ned Cox, Evansville	Jr.	G	6-1	San Antonio (Texas) Judson High
Kurt Alexander, Drake	Sr.	G	6-0	Toronto (Ontario) Pine Ridge High
Bryant Allen, Illinois State	Jr.	G	6-0	Maplewood (Mo.) Maplewood-Richmond Hts.
Chip Rank, UNI	So.	F	6-6	Cedarburg (Wis.) High
Ethan Wragge, Creighton	So.	F	6-7	Eden Prairie (Minn.) High

Most-Improved Team (selected by beat writers)

*Ben Simons, Drake	Jr.	F	6-8	Cadillac (Mich.) High
Jackie Carmichael, Illinois State	Jr.	F	6-9	Manhattan (Kan.) South Kent Prep
Walt Lemon, Jr., Bradley	So.	G	6-3	Chicago (Ill.) Julian High
Caleb Patterson, Missouri State	Sr.	C	6-11	Ames (Okla.) Ringwood High
Joe Ragland, Wichita State	Sr.	G	6-0	W. Springfield (Mass.) North Platte (Neb.) JC
Garrett Stutz, Wichita State	Sr.	C	7-0	Kansas City (Mo.) North Kansas City High

*denotes team "captain" as designated by the league's 10 beat writers

**LARRY BIRD MVC
PLAYER OF THE YEAR**
Doug McDermott, Creighton

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR
Carl Hall, Wichita State

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR
Seth Tuttle, UNI

DEFENSIVE MVP
Gregory Echenique, Creighton

SIXTH-MAN OF THE YEAR
Ned Cox, Evansville

**ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
DEFENSIVE TEAM OF THE YEAR**
Wichita State

**PRAIRIE FARMS SCHOLAR-
ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**
Colt Ryan, Evansville

MOST IMPROVED TEAM CAPTAIN
Ben Simons, Drake

MVC TOURNAMENT MOP
Doug McDermott, Creighton

MVC COACH OF THE YEAR
Gregg Marshall, Wichita State

Scholar-Athlete (1st Tm.)

Jon Ekey, Illinois State
Walt Lemon, Jr., Bradley
Jordan Printy, Indiana State
Chip Rank, UNI
Colt Ryan, Evansville
Charonn Woods, Bradley

Scholar-Athlete (2nd Tm.)

Jordan Clarke, Drake
Jake Eastman, Bradley
Lucas Eitel, Indiana State
Isaiah Rhine, Missouri State
Nathan Scheer, Missouri State

Scholar-Athlete (HM)

Ehimen Orukpe, Wichita State
Austin Pehl, UNI

All-Tournament

Doug McDermott, Creighton
Antoine Young, Creighton
Gregory Echenique, Creighton
Jackie Carmichael, Illinois State
Tyler Brown, Illinois State

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Two Top-25 Teams

For the third-straight week (3/12/12), two Missouri Valley men's basketball teams are ranked in the Associated Press Top 25. It marks the first time since Jan. 5-12, 1982, that two league teams were ranked in the Associated Press Top 25 in successive weeks (Tulsa and Wichita State both represented the MVC in the AP top-25 in eight-straight weeks that season.)

M12 - Wichita St. -- ESPN/USA Today (19); AP (16)
M12 - Creighton -- ESPN/USA Today (20); AP (19)

First Time Since 2007

This season marks the first time since 2007 that two league teams will enter the NCAA Tournament as ranked teams. That year, Southern Illinois (No. 14 writers, No. 15 coaches) and Creighton (NR, No. 24 coaches) both earned spots in the NCAA Tournament field as ranked teams. SIU reached the Sweet 16 in 2007.

First Time Since 1972

The last time two MVC teams were ranked in the Associated Press Top-25 on NCAA Tournament Selection Day was in 1972 when No. 4 Louisville and No. 11 Memphis State were both ranked in the AP. Louisville played in the NCAA Tournament and reached the Final Four; Memphis State participated in the NIT.

Ranked in Arch Madness

In 2012, the league had two ranked teams in the State Farm MVC Tournament. Twelve of the league's 36 tournaments have had a ranked team, but none of the previous 35 events have had two teams ranked entering the tournament.

Rank and File

Prior to this season, the last time two MVC teams were in the same AP poll was Feb. 8, 1983: Wichita State (16) and Illinois State (17). Notably, though, Creighton (24) and siu (14) represented the league in the 3/12/07 coaches poll.

The last time two MVC teams ranked in the top-25 of the Associated Press poll played one another was on Jan. 16, 1982, when #18 Tulsa beat #16 Wichita State, 99-88, in Tulsa, Okla.

In MVC history, only three ESPN/USA Today Coaches regular-season polls have had two MVC teams ranked (3/12/07 and two polls this year - 3/5 & 3/12). Bradley (24) & Wichita State (21) did, however, appear in the season-ending coaches poll in 2006.

Nobody Better Than WSU

In the past two years, Wichita State is the nation's best road team.

Best Road Teams - past two years (thru 3/7)

1. Wichita State (19-3) .864
2. Kansas (17-3) .850
3. Murray State (22-4) .846
4. Brigham Young (18-4) .818
5. Syracuse (16-4) .800

Every Team in

During Creighton's 15-year post-season run, every league team has appeared in the NCAA Tournament. In that span, CU's eight NCAA bids are the most, and only five MVC teams have had multi-NCAA bids.

Postseason Bids, MVC Teams Since 1998

Team	NCAA	NIT	CBI	CIT	Total
Creighton	8	5	1	1	15
S. Illinois	6	2	0	0	8
Wichita St.	2	5	1	0	8
Missouri St.	1	5	0	1	7
UNI	5	1	0	1	7
Bradley	1	3	1	1	6
Illinois St.	1	5	0	0	6
Indiana St.	3	0	1	1	5
Evansville	1	0	2	1	4
Drake	1	0	0	2	3

Two Approach 30 Wins

Creighton (28) and Wichita State (27) are both approaching 30-win seasons. The league record is 33 (Indiana State was 33-1 when the Sycamores went to the NCAA Title Game in 1979). Never before, in the league's 104-year history, had two teams reached 27 or more victories in the same season.

Two Teams, 26+ Wins in a Season

2012 -- Wichita State (27), Creighton (28)
2011 -- Missouri State (26), Wichita State (29)

Title Town

The league has had six different regular-season champs in the past six seasons (Southern Illinois-2007, Drake-2008, UNI/Creighton-2009, UNI-2010, Missouri State-2011, and Wichita State-2012). Here's a look at titles by current MVC members (most recent in parentheses):

	Regular-Season*	Tourney
Bradley	6 (1996)	2 (1988)
Creighton	14 (2009)	11 (2012)
Drake	7 (2008)	1 (2008)
Evansville	1 (1999)	none
Illinois State	5 (1998)	4 (1998)
Indiana State	2 (2000)	2 (2001)
Missouri State	1 (2011)	1 (1992)
UNI	2 (2010)	3 (2010)
Southern Illinois	8 (2007)	5 (2006)
Wichita State	7 (2012)	2 (1987)

*includes outright and shared championships

Spreading the Wealth

Since 1995-96, every MVC member has won the regular-season title, and every member has qualified for the NCAA Tournament. **No other conference in the nation has had every member accomplish both feats in that span.**

MVC Statistics

<http://www.mvc.org/mbb/stats/confstat.htm>



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MVC Post-Season Info: Records & History

<http://www.mvc.org/mbb/postseason.pdf>



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Jam Session

Only one game separated third place from eighth place in the MVC race, and five MVC teams tied for third with 9-9 conference records. Only once in league history (1926-27) have the league standings been fewer than three games (*let alone one*) from third to eighth at season's end, when eighth-place Iowa State (7-8) trailed third-place Oklahoma (8-4) by 2^{1/2} games. (*Teams played an unequal number of league games that year.*)

WSU: 16-2 & 30 Wins

Wichita State (16-2) has won 30 league games the past two years, as the Shockers were 14-4 in league play in 2010-11. The last team to win 30 MVC games in a two-year span was Southern Illinois in 2003-04 & 2004-05. SIU won 32 (17-1, 15-3). Only 12 teams in the MVC's 105-year history, counting Wichita State this year, have won 16 league games in a single season.

2011 Postseason Recap

Last year, Wichita State won the NIT, defeating Alabama in the title game. It was the league's 15th-ever national post-season championship in men's basketball. The Valley owns seven NIT titles -- Saint Louis (1948), Bradley (1957, 1960, 1964, 1982), Tulsa (1981), and Wichita State (2011). An MVC team has played in a post-season national championship game in each of the past four years: Bradley (2008, 2009), Creighton (2011), Missouri State (2010), and Wichita State (2011).

NCAA Success

Since 1994, The Valley is 21-34 in the NCAAs with eight Sweet 16 trips (1994, 1995, 1999, 2002, two in 2006, 2007, and 2010). 17 of the 21 victories in the NCAA have come against BCS-football schools.

NCAA Giant Killers

Since 1994, The Valley has compiled a solid record against members of BCS football conferences in the NCAA Tournament.

MVC vs. (Valley Record is 17-27)

ACC..... 1-3 Big Ten..... 2-6 Big 12..... 5-6
Big East..... 3-7 Pac-12..... 1-2 SEC..... 5-3

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2011-12 Preseason Poll

(selected by coaches, SIDs and media)

School (First-Place Votes)	Total
1 Creighton (29)	389
2 Wichita State (7)	350
3 Indiana State (4)	331
4 Northern Iowa	245
5 Evansville	234
6 Missouri State	216
7 Drake	159
8 Illinois State	111
9 Southern Illinois	90
10 Bradley	75

Why we are "Back"

Last year, the MVC was No. 11 in the RPI. This year, the MVC is No. 8. Reasons for the league's jump in the RPI can be attributed to

Better Schedules: Five MVC teams rank in the Top 90 in the nation in schedule strength. Last year, only three were in the top 100. The MVC is No. 9 in schedule strength (No. 11 last year.)

Better Results vs. the BCS: The league has an 11-14 record against teams from BCS-football leagues this year. Last year, the MVC was 6-18 in the regular season against BCS members (11-22 overall).

Better Results on the Road: The MVC is 16-19 in non-MVC road games. Last year, the league was 8-31 in non-conference play on the road.

More "Quality" Wins: The league's top-four pre-season picks (Creighton, Wichita State, Indiana State and UNI) were a combined 40-9 in non-league play and are 9-2 against BCS schools. Creighton went 3-0 vs. the Big Ten.

Top 50 Wins: Last year, the MVC was 5-33 against top-50 RPI teams during the regular season. This year, the league has already combined for 14 top-50 wins.

Two at the Top: Only three times in league history have 2 teams represented the MVC in the Top 25 of the RPI in the same season (2006, 2007, and 2012). In each of the 2006 and 2007 seasons, the MVC had at least one Sweet 16 team.

Players of the Week

Player	Newcomer
N14 Colt Ryan, Evansville	Anthony Downing, MSU
N21 Doug McDermott, CU	Michael Bizoukas, MSU
N28 Doug McDermott, CU	Seth Tuttle, UNI
D5 Joe Ragland, WSU	Carl Hall, Wichita State
D12 Jake Koch, UNI	Jarmar Gulley, Missouri St.
D19 RJ Mahurin, Indiana St.	Michael Bizoukas, MSU
D26 Doug McDermott, CU	Grant Gibbs, Creighton
J2 Kyle Weems, MSU	Anthony Downing, MSU
J9 Doug McDermott, CU	Grant Gibbs, Creighton
J16 Ben Simons, Drake	Grant Gibbs, Creighton
J23 Colt Ryan, Evansville	Tyler Brown, Illinois State
J30 Jackie Carmichael, ILS	Anthony Downing, MSU
F6 Garrett Stutz, WSU	Seth Tuttle, UNI
F13 Joe Ragland, WSU	Seth Tuttle, UNI
F20 Doug McDermott, CU	Anthony Downing, MSU
F27 Colt Ryan, Evansville	Jarmar Gulley, Missouri St.

Post-Season Streaks

In 2012, for just the second time in MVC history, seven teams reached post-season play (2009 was the other). Below are the seven that made post-season in the Missouri Valley Conference this year, with prior post-season visit denoted.

Team, Tourney, Post-Season Streak (Previous)

Creighton (NCAA)	*15	CBI (2011)
Drake (CIT)	1	CIT (2009)
Evansville (CBI)	2	CBI (2011)
Illinois State (NIT)	1	NIT (2010)
Indiana State (CIT)	3	NCAA (2011)
UNI (NIT)	4	CIT (2011)
Wichita State (NCAA)	4	NIT (2011)

*league record

How Seed It Is

Here are a listing of MVC teams that received No. 8 or better seeds in the NCAAs, and how they fared. The MVC has had only 11 teams seeded No. 8 or better since the field expanded past 48 teams (in 1985). This marks the first time since 1985 that two MVC teams have been No. 8 or better.

Year	MVC (No. 8 or better)	Seed	Record
1979	Indiana State	1	4-1
1981	Wichita State	6	3-1
	Creighton	8	0-1
1982	Tulsa	3	0-1
1983	Illinois State	6	0-1
1984	Tulsa	4	0-1
	Illinois State	8	1-1
1985	Tulsa	6	0-1
1986	Bradley	7	1-1
1995	Tulsa	6	2-1
1996	Bradley	8	0-1
2003	Creighton	6	0-1
2005	Southern Illinois	7	1-1
2006	Wichita State	7	2-1
2007	Southern Illinois	4	2-1
2008	Drake	5	0-1
2012	Creighton	8	
	Wichita State	5	

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Post-Season Success

From 2006-11, The Valley has combined for 46 post-season wins, including a league-record 12 wins in 2011. The Valley had earned as many as eight post-season wins in a season twice previously (1981 and 2010). The league won four post-season games on March 15, 2011. It marked the most post-season wins on a single date in MVC history. Wichita State (5-0); Creighton (4-2); Missouri State (1-1); UNI (1-1); Evansville (1-1) and Indiana State (0-1) combined to record a 12-6 post-season mark in 2011.

How Sweet (16) it is

The Missouri Valley Conference is the only non-BCS league with more than three different Sweet 16 teams in the past six years (the MVC has had four different teams reach the Sweet 16 in that span: Bradley, UNI, SIU and Wichita State). In 2010, UNI became the eighth MVC team to reach the Sweet 16 since 1994.

Another Sweet 16

In 2010, UNI was the 8th MVC team to reach the Sweet 16 since 1994. Notably, the Valley has received just 34 total bids from 1994-2011, meaning nearly one of every four Valley NCAA berths since 1994 have resulted in a Sweet 16 trip.

MVC Sweet 16 Teams Since 1994 (Wins)

1994 -- #12 Tulsa (UCLA, Oklahoma State)
1995 -- #6 Tulsa (Illinois, Old Dominion)
1999 -- #12 Missouri St. (Wisconsin, Tennessee)
2002 -- #11 S. Illinois (Texas Tech, Georgia)
2006 -- #13 Bradley (Kansas, Pittsburgh)
2006 -- #7 Wichita St. (Seton Hall, Tennessee)
2007 -- #4 S. Illinois (Holy Cross, Va. Tech)
2010 -- #9 UNI (UNLV, Kansas)

Giant Killers

Since 1994, an MVC member has beaten the following teams from BCS-football conferences in the NCAA Tournament: Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas (twice), Louisville, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Pittsburgh, Seton Hall, Tennessee (three times), Texas Tech, UCLA, Virginia Tech, and Wisconsin. MVC teams are a combined 21-34 in the NCAA Tournament since 1994 (with eight Sweet 16 trips). Notably, 17 of the 21 wins in that span have been against BCS-football schools.

WSU .. The Year After

In 2011, Wichita State became the league's 7th NIT champion after defeating Alabama in the 2011 title game in Madison Square Garden. Five of the previous six finished as MVC runners-up the following season, and five of the previous six posted 20-wins seasons the year after. Previous Missouri Valley Conference NIT champions and what they accomplished the year after winning are below:

MVC NIT Champions (Season), and Record Year After

Saint Louis (1948), in 1949 SLU was 22-4 (2nd in MVC)
Bradley (1957), in 1958 BU was 20-7 (2nd in MVC)
Bradley (1960), in 1961 BU was 21-5 (2nd in MVC)
Bradley (1964), in 1965 BU was 18-9 (2nd in MVC)
Tulsa (1981), in 1982 TU was 24-6 (2nd in MVC)
Bradley (1982), in 1983 BU was 16-13 (5th in MVC)
Wichita State (2011), in 2012 WSU is 27-5 (1st in MVC)

Against the BCS

In 2011, MVC teams were a combined 11-22 against BCS schools, but only six of the 33 games were at home (the league was 4-2 in those games.) This year, the MVC is 11-14 against BCS teams. Only six of the 25 games were at home; the MVC was 4-2 in those. The MVC last had a .500 record vs. BCS teams in 2007-08.

1996-97: 7-20	2004-05: 9-13
1997-98: 8-16	2005-06: 12-12
1998-99: 8-16	2006-07: 17-14
1999-00: 9-13	2007-08: 13-13
2000-01: 6-15	2008-09: 5-21
2001-02: 10-11	2009-10: 9-10
2002-03: 2-9	2010-11: 11-22
2003-04: 3-13	2011-12: 11-14

2011-12: ACC (0-3); Big 12 (3-2); Big East (2-1); Big Ten (4-6); Pac-12 (1-0); SEC (1-2)

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NIT Success

The Valley owns seven NIT titles -- Saint Louis (1948), Bradley (1957, 1960, 1964, 1982), Tulsa (1981), and Wichita State (2012). Four others -- Missouri State (1993 and 2006), Bradley (1994) and Illinois State (1996) -- have recently reached the quarterfinals. Including 2012, the MVC has had two or more NIT teams in each of the past nine years.

NIT Success, Part II

Since 2005 (seven years), a total of 15 MVC teams have played in the NIT. The league is 11-4 in the opening games of the tournament, including 2-0 in 2011.

The CBI

The Valley has an all-time record of 14-8 in the history of its participation in the CBI. Bradley reached the title game in the inaugural year of the tournament in 2008, while Creighton reached the title round last year. MVC teams have combined to go 4-1 in opening-round CBI contests, including 2-0 in 2011.

The CIT

A total of six MVC teams have participated in the three-year history of the CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament. Bradley reached the title game in 2009, Missouri State won the title in 2010, and league teams have combined to go 10-5 in the history of the tournament. UNI went 1-1 in the CIT last year.

No. 1 Seed "Success"

Drake and UNI swept the regular-season and tournament titles in 2008, 2009 and 2010, but before that the last No. 1 seed to win the league tourney was Illinois State in 1998. Counting 2012, the top-seeded team has won the tournament 13 times in 36 tournaments, but it has happened only six times in the 20-year history in St. Louis. Wichita State was the No. 1 seed in 2012, and No. 2 seeded Creighton won this year's championship.

Top Seed = NCAA

In 2011, Missouri State became the first No. 1 MVC Tournament seed and regular-season champ in 18 years not selected for the NCAA Tournament. Every top seed for the State Farm MVC Tournament had earned an NCAA bid since 1993 when Illinois State lost to second-seeded Southern Illinois in the finals. Notably, only five top-seeded teams in 36 State Farm MVC tournaments have failed to reach the NCAAs (Missouri State-2011, Illinois State-1993, Southern Illinois-1992, Southern Illinois-1990, Bradley-1982).

MVC All-American

Creighton's Doug McDermott has earned All-America awards from the following organizations (USBWA-1st team; ESPN-1st team; Sporting News-2nd team). McDermott, just a sophomore, is the first league player to earn First Team All-America honors since 1988 when Bradley senior Hersey Hawkins was National Player of the Year. McDermott is the first All-American for the MVC since 2003 (Kyle Korver of Creighton earned second-team plaudits).

USBWA All-District

Wichita State's Joe Ragland & Garrett Stutz are joined by Creighton's Doug McDermott on the 2012 USBWA District VI All-America Team.

The Wooden List

Creighton basketball standout Doug McDermott is one of 15 finalists for the John R. Wooden Award. The Ames, Iowa, product is Creighton's first Wooden Award finalist since Kyle Korver in 2002-03.

Youth Movement

None of the league's top four scorers were seniors this year, while three of the league's Top 5 rebounders, three of the Top 5 assist men, and four of the top 5 steals men are all slated for to return.

Two Over 20+ Points

Creighton's Doug McDermott ranks third nationally at 23.2 points per game, while Colt Ryan of Evansville ranked second in the league with his 20.2 average. The MVC had not had a player average more than 20 points per game since 2001 (Illinois State's Tarise Bryson, 22.8).

20-Game Winners

Including 2012, the Valley has had a minimum of two 20-game winners in each of the past 14 seasons. The league has had four or more 20-win teams for eight-straight seasons, setting an all-time record with 6 20-win teams in 2005-06. In league history, four or more teams have won 20 games the same season 10 times.

Active 20-Win Streaks

In the 105-year history of The Valley, only five schools have won 20 games six-straight years, including Creighton (11 in a row from 1998-99 to 2008-09); Cincinnati (1957-58 to 1962-63), Bradley (1956-57 to 1961-62) Oklahoma State (1943-44 to 1948-49), and Southern Illinois (2001-02 to 2006-07). The MVC has had at least four 20-win teams for eight-straight years, including five last season.

Active 20-Win Streaks in The Valley

- 3 - UNI (2008-09 - current) [UNI has 19 wins]
- 3 - Wichita St. (2009-10 - current) [includes 2012]
- 2 - Creighton (2010-11 - current) [includes 2012]
- 1 - Illinois State (2011-12) [includes 2012]
- 1 - Indiana State (2010-11) [ISU has 18 wins]

MVC Ranks No. 8

The Valley is No. 8 among 32 in the Collegiate Basketball News RPI Report. Last year, the MVC was No. 11. Only Missouri State (39) and Wichita State (35) represented the MVC in the Top 80 in 2011.

(thru March 12) MVC RPI Ranking	NCSS Rank	Road Rec.	vs. T100
12 Wichita St. (NCAA)	16	10-1	8-4
24 Creighton (NCAA)	171	10-3	8-3
73 UNI (NIT)	14	4-9	4-8
100 Illinois St. (NIT)	277	3-8	3-7
123 Missouri St.	74	8-6	3-10
129 Indiana St. (CIT)	295	4-9	3-8
131 Evansville (CBI)	176	4-8	4-7
134 Drake (CIT)	213	3-9	3-10
255 Southern Ill.	272	2-11	1-10
265 Bradley	110	1-12	1-12

(only Top 9 listed) Conference	NCAA Bids	SOS Rank	Adj. RPI
1 Big Ten	6	1	.5764
2 Big East	9	2	.5675
3 Southeastern	4	3	.5648
4 Big 12	6	4	.5648
5 Mountain West	4	6	.5636
6 Atlantic Coast	5	5	.5552
7 Atlantic 10	4	7	.5383
8 Missouri Valley	2	9	.5306
9 Conference USA	2	8	.5292

RPI: MVC History

Listed below is the first year the RPI was conducted by Collegiate Basketball News (1992) and the last 10 seasons - including this year:

Year	RPI	Post-Season Teams
1991-92	21	2 (Southern Illinois, Missouri State)
2002-03	14	3 (Creighton, SIU, Wichita State)
2003-04	11	4 (Creighton, UNI, SIU, Wichita St.)
2004-05	8	5 (CU, MSU, UNI, SIU, WSU)
2005-06	*6	6 (BU, CU, MSU, UNI, SIU, WSU)
2006-07	*6	4 (BU, CU, Missouri St., S. Illinois)
2007-08	8	5 (BU, CU, Drake, Illinois St., SIU)
2008-09	9	*7 (BU, CU, DU, UE, ILS, UNI, WSU)
2009-10	7	6 (CU, ILS, INS, MSU, UNI, WSU)
2010-11	11	6 (CU, UE, INS, MSU, UNI, WSU)
2011-12	8	*7 (CU, DU, UE, ILS, INS, UNI, WSU)

*all-time season-ending highs for The Valley

RPI: Top 30, Near Lock

Since 1991-92, 17 MVC schools have recorded a regular-season RPI of 30 or better. Fourteen of the 15 played in the NCAAs. In 2006, Missouri State (21) became the highest-RPI rated team in the history of the NCAA not selected.

Best Regular-Season RPIs, MVC History

- 6 - Southern Illinois, 2006-07 (NCAA at large)
- 10 - Drake, 2007-08 (NCAA AQ)
- 12 - Wichita State, 2011-12 (NCAA at large)
- 15 - Tulsa, 1994-95 (NCAA at large)
- 17 - Southern Illinois, 2004-05 (NCAA at large)
- 17 - UNI, 2009-10 (NCAA AQ)
- 20 - Creighton, 2006-07 (NCAA AQ)
- 21 - Missouri State, 2005-06 (NIT)
- 23 - Creighton, 2002-03 (NCAA AQ)
- 24 - Creighton, 2011-12 (NCAA AQ)
- 25 - Bradley, 1995-96 (NCAA at large)
- 25 - UNI, 2005-06 (NCAA at large)
- 26 - Southern Illinois, 2003-04 (NCAA at large)
- 27 - Creighton, 2000-01 (NCAA at large)
- 27 - Wichita State, 2005-06 (NCAA at large)
- 29 - Southern Illinois, 2005-06 (NCAA AQ)
- 30 - Southern Illinois, 1994-95 (NCAA AQ)

MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE 2011-12 Men's Basketball

MVC vs. Non-Conference (77-45, .631)

Overall: 77-45 (.631)

Home: 53-13 • Away: 16-19 • Neut: 8-13 • Top-25: 2-5

Atlantic 10 1-4 (H: 0-1; A: 1-1; N: 0-2)
George Washington (BU-A, W)..... 1-0
Saint Joseph's (CU-A, L)..... 0-1
Saint Louis (SIU-H, L)..... 0-1
Temple (WSU-N, L)..... 0-1
Xavier (SIU-N, L)..... 0-1
ACC 0-3 (H: 0-0; A: 0-1; N: 0-2)
Clemson (SIU-N, L)..... 0-1
North Carolina (UE-A, L)..... 0-1
Virginia (DU-N, L)..... 0-1
Atlantic Sun 2-0 (H: 2-0; A: 0-0; N: 0-0)
Kennesaw State (MSU-H, W)..... 1-0
Lipscomb (ILS-H, W)..... 1-0
Big 12 3-2 (H: 1-1; A: 1-0; N: 1-1)
Iowa State (DU-H, W) (UNI-A, W)..... 2-0
Kansas State (SIU-N, L)..... 0-1
Oklahoma State (MSU-H, L)..... 0-1
Texas Tech (INS-N, W)..... 1-0
Big East 2-1 (H: 0-0; A: 0-0; N: 2-1)
Providence (UNI-N, W)..... 1-0
Rutgers (ILS-N, W)..... 1-0
West Virginia (MSU-N, L)..... 0-1
Big Sky 1-0 (H: 1-0; A: 0-0; N: 0-0)
Northern Colorado (UNI-H, W)..... 1-0
Big South 3-0 (H: 2-0; A: 0-0; N: 1-0)
Campbell (CU-H, W)..... 1-0
Charleston Southern (WSU-H, W)..... 1-0
Winthrop (DU-N, W)..... 1-0
Big Ten 4-6 (H: 3-1; A: 0-2; N: 1-3)
Illinois (ILS-N, L)..... 0-1
Indiana (UE-H, L)..... 0-1
Iowa (CU-N, W) (DU-A, L) (UNI-H, W)..... 2-1
Michigan (BU-A, L)..... 0-1
Minnesota (INS-N, L)..... 0-1
Nebraska (CU-H, W)..... 1-0
Northwestern (CU-H, W)..... 1-0
Wisconsin (BU-N, L)..... 0-1
Big West 3-0 (H: 3-0; A: 0-0; N: 0-0)
Cal State-Fullerton (WSU-H, W)..... 1-0
Cal State-Northridge (DU-H, W)..... 1-0
Long Beach State (CU-H, W)..... 1-0
Colonial 2-5 (H: 1-2; A: 1-3; N: 0-0)
Drexel (BU-A, L)..... 0-1
Northeastern (BU-H, W) (SIU-A, L)..... 1-1
UNC-Wilmington (ILS-H, L)..... 0-1
Old Dominion (UNI-A, W) (MSU-H, L)..... 1-1
VCU (UNI-A, L)..... 0-1

Conference USA 6-0 (H: 2-0; A: 3-0; N: 1-0)
Rice (UNI-N, W)..... 1-0
Tulsa (CU-A, W) (MSU-H, W) (WSU-A, W)..... 3-0
UAB (CU-A, W) (WSU-H, W)..... 2-0
Great West 6-0 (H: 6-0; A: 0-0; N: 0-0)
Chi. St. (CU-H, W) (ILS-H, W) (SIU-H, W) (WSU-H, W)..... 4-0
Houston Baptist (CU-H, W)..... 1-0
North Dakota (BU-H, W)..... 1-0
Horizon 3-3 (H: 3-1; A: 0-2; N: 0-0)
Butler (UE-H, W) (INS-A, L)..... 1-1
Green Bay (INS-H, W)..... 1-0
Milwaukee (UNI-H, W)..... 1-0
UIC (UE-A, L)..... 0-1
Loyola-Chicago (BU-H, L)..... 0-1
MAAC 1-0 (H: 0-0; A: 0-0; N: 1-0)
Fairfield (INS-N, W)..... 1-0
Mid-American 4-3 (H: 2-1; A: 2-2; N: 0-0)
Ball State (INS-H, W) (SIU-A, L)..... 1-1
Eastern Michigan (DU-H, W)..... 1-0
Miami (Ohio) (UE-A, W)..... 1-0
Northern Illinois (SIU-A, W)..... 1-0
Ohio (UNI-H, L)..... 0-1
Western Michigan (SIU-A, L)..... 0-1
MEAC 4-0 (H: 4-0; A: 0-0; N: 0-0)
Bethune-Cookman (ILS-H, W)..... 1-0
Norfolk State (ILS-H, W)..... 1-0
North Carolina A&T (CU-H, W) (UE-H, W)..... 2-0
Mountain West 4-5 (H: 3-1; A: 1-4; N: 0-0)
Air Force (DU-H, W)..... 1-0
Boise State (DU-A, L) (INS-A, L)..... 0-2
Colorado State (UNI-H, W)..... 1-0
UNLV (WSU-H, W)..... 1-0
New Mexico (MSU-A, L)..... 0-1
San Diego State (CU-A, W)..... 1-0
TCU (UE-H, L)..... 0-1
Wyoming (BU-A, L)..... 0-1
Ohio Valley 5-1 (H: 4-1; A: 1-0; N: 0-0)
Eastern Illinois (INS-H, W)..... 1-0
Morehead State (ILS-A, W)..... 1-0
Southeast Missouri State (BU-H, W)..... 1-0
SIU-Edwardsville (ILS-H, W) (SIU-H, W)..... 2-0
Tennessee Tech (UE-H, L)..... 0-1
Pac-12 1-0 (H: 0-0; A: 0-0; N: 1-0)
Colorado (WSU-N, W)..... 1-0

Dynamic Duo

Wichita State (10-2) and Creighton (11-1) were a combined 21-3 in non-conference play during the regular season. Creighton's 11 wins matches six others (Creighton-2003, 2009; Illinois State-2009; UNI-2006; Missouri State-2011; Wichita State-2011) for the most since Southern Illinois grabbed 14 regular-season non-league victories in 1990. The Valley has had 80+ non-conference wins in each of the past six seasons (currently 77 this year). Wichita State is 24-5 in non-conference play over the past 2 years.

SEC 1-2 (H: 0-0; A: 1-0; N: 0-2)
Alabama (WSU-N, L)..... 0-1
Mississippi (DU-N, L)..... 0-1
Vanderbilt (INS-A, W)..... 1-0
Southern 2-2 (H: 1-2; A: 1-0; N: 0-0)
Davidson (WSU-A, W)..... 1-0
Western Carolina (UNI-H, W) (BU-H, L)..... 1-1
Wofford (BU-H, L)..... 0-1
Southland 2-0 (H: 2-0; A: 0-0; N: 0-0)
Central Arkansas (DU-H, W)..... 1-0
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi (MSU-H, W)..... 1-0
SWAC 1-0 (H: 1-0; A: 0-0; N: 0-0)
Alabama State (UE-H, W)..... 1-0
Summit 3-1 (H: 3-0; A: 0-1; N: 0-0)
Oakland (ILS-H, W)..... 1-0
Oral Roberts (MSU-A, L)..... 0-1
UMKC (BU-H, W)..... 1-0
Western Illinois (UE-H, W)..... 1-0
Sun Belt 5-1 (H: 2-1; A: 3-0; N: 0-0)
Arkansas-Little Rock (ILS-H, W) (MSU-A, W)..... 2-0
Arkansas State (MSU-A, W)..... 1-0
Louisiana-Monroe (INS-A, W) (INS-H, W)..... 2-0
Western Kentucky (SIU-H, L)..... 0-1
West Coast 0-2 (H: 0-0; A: 0-1; N: 0-1)
Saint Mary's (UNI-A, L) (MSU-N, L)..... 0-2
Western Athletic 2-3 (H: 1-0; A: 1-2; N: 0-1)
Fresno State (ILS-A, L)..... 0-1
Nevada (BU-N, L) (MSU-A, W)..... 1-1
New Mexico State (DU-A, L)..... 0-1
Utah State (WSU-H, W)..... 1-0
Non Division I 6-1 (H: 6-1; A: 0-0; N: 0-0)
Emporia State (MSU-H, W)..... 1-0
Loras (UNI-H, W)..... 1-0
Maryville (Mo.) (INS-H, W)..... 1-0
Newman Univ. (WSU-H, W)..... 1-0
Oakland City (UE-H, W)..... 1-0
Ohio Dominican (SIU-H, L)..... 0-1
Upper Iowa (DU-H, W)..... 1-0
Top-25 2-5 (H: 1-0; A: 1-2; N: 0-3)
#15 Alabama (WSU-N, L)..... 0-1
#11 Wisconsin (BU-N, L)..... 0-1
#18 UNLV (WSU-H, W)..... 1-0
#4 North Carolina (UE-A, L)..... 0-1
#25 Vanderbilt (INS-A, W)..... 1-0
#19 Michigan (BU-A, L)..... 0-1
#14 Xavier (SIU-N, L)..... 0-1

Year-By-Year Non-Conference Breakdown

MVC Non-Conference Records Since 1998-99, includes post-season play

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
BU	5-4	4-7	5-5	3-6	4-7	8-4	7-2	9-3	11-4	12-7	10-6	6-5	7-5	5-8
CU	8-2	9-3	9-3	6-5	11-2	8-2	9-4	8-3	6-6	11-2	12-3	8-6	12-7	11-1
DU	5-3	6-3	4-5	5-5	5-6	5-4	5-4	7-5	10-2	10-2	10-4	6-7	6-6	7-5
UE	8-4	9-2	5-6	3-6	4-5	1-8	6-3	4-5	8-4	6-5	9-3	6-5	7-6	6-5
ILS	8-3	5-6	8-2	4-7	2-7	5-4	9-2	5-4	9-3	10-4	11-2	10-3	8-4	9-3
INS	5-3	7-5	9-4	2-7	4-7	4-5	5-6	8-1	7-4	6-5	3-9	8-5	5-8	9-3
MSU	10-3	8-5	4-5	5-7	4-5	8-4	7-4	10-2	9-4	8-5	8-4	14-1	9-5	7-6
UNI	3-5	7-3	3-8	5-4	4-5	6-4	10-3	11-2	9-3	8-4	6-7	12-2	10-5	10-3
SIU	5-3	7-6	6-5	12-3	6-4	7-3	11-4	7-5	12-3	7-7	5-7	9-2	7-5	3-9
WSU	6-4	6-3	5-4	6-5	5-5	8-4	8-3	11-4	9-3	7-5	8-6	11-3	14-3	10-2
TOTAL	63-34	68-43	58-47	51-55	49-53	60-42	78-35	80-34	90-36	85-46	82-51	90-39	85-54	77-45