



INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

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MVC Men's Track Athlete of the Week

Anderson Devonish, R-Sr., Illinois State (Bridgetown, Barbados)

On Day Two of the Iowa State Classic in Ames, Iowa, Devonish tied the Illinois State 400-meter school record that has not been touched in over forty years. Devonish's event-winning time of 46.50 at Saturday's meet ties Bruce Ijirigho's school record that was set in 1975. With the mark, Devonish currently ranks first in the Valley and 23rd in all of Division I.



MVC Women's Track Athlete of the Week

Brittany Neeley, Sr., Indiana State (Greentown, Ind.)

Brittany Neeley competed in the 800-meter run at the Music City Challenge where she earned a new personal-best time of 2:07.25 while finishing second overall, just .13 behind first place. Her time improves her fifth-best time in school history by two seconds and she is now first in the Valley and 46th in the country. Neeley was also a member of the DMR team that broke the school record with a time of 11:36.24, which is first in the Valley and 27th nationally.



MVC Men's Field Athlete of the Week

Ricky Hurley, Jr., Southern Illinois (Fox River Grove, Ill.)

Ricky Hurley set lifetime-bests in both the shot put and the weight throw at the Music City Challenge. Hurley began the weekend with a sixth place finish in the weight throw after he uncorked the ninth-longest throw in school history at 64'-7.50" (19.69m). In doing so, he became just the second Saluki thrower with top-10 marks in both the indoor shot put and the weight throw. The Fox River Grove, Ill. native followed with a lifetime-best toss of 59'-7" (18.16m) in the shot put to take seventh. Hurley now ranks second in the MVC, and 40th nationally, in the shot put and is currently fourth in the Valley in the weight throw.



MVC Women's Field Athlete of the Week

Sarah Pate, Sr., Northern Iowa (Epworth, Iowa)

Sarah Pate earned a runner-up finish in the weight throw on Saturday, after a mark of 63-8.75 in the event. Pate's 63-8.75 at the SDSU Indoor Classic in Brookings, South Dakota ranks as the 45th best mark in the nation and third in the MVC. Pate's throw ranks third all-time at UNI.

Upcoming Schedule/Recent Results

Friday, February 9 - Saturday, February 10

Iowa State Classic (BU/ILS/UNI)NTS
Music City Challenge (INS/SIU)NTS
Missouri St at Gorilla ClassicNTS

SDSU Indoor Classic
DU W 11th/21 teams, M 8th/25 teams;
UNI W 4th/21 teams, M 2nd/25 teams

GVSU Big Meet
ILS W 2nd/15 teams, M 2nd/14 teams;
BU M 10th/14 teams;
LUC W 11th/14 teams, M 11th/14 teams

Friday, February 16

EIU Friday Night Special (BU/UE/INS/SIU)TBA
Drake at Nebraska Tune UpTBA
Missouri State at Arkansas QualifierAll day

Saturday, February 17

Alex Wilson Invite (BU/ILS/INS/LUC/Valpo)TBA
Orange and Blue Invite (ILS)TBA
UNI at Wisconsin InviteTBA



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► Noteworthy

In addition to the league's Track & Field Athlete of the Week selections, several other notable performances are recognized, and they include:

MEN'S TRACK

Kevin Kelly, Drake - Took fourth in the mile at the SDSU Indoor Classic with a time of 4:12.64...also ran on Drake's winning distance medley relay helping compile a time of 10:03.73, the third fastest in the Valley this season.

Akis Medrano, Indiana State - Akis Medrano made sure to leave his mark at the Music City Challenge for the Sycamores, winning his heat and the unseeded section of the men's 3K in impressive fashion by crossing the finish line at 8:13.39. He managed to hold off his challenger from Miami (Ohio) by .02. His time moves him into fifth all-time at ISU and he now has the second-best time in the MVC.

Octavian Wells, Loyola - Loyola sophomore Octavian Wells placed seventh in the 200m dash with a time of 21.94 at the SPIRE D1 Invitational. He went on to team up with LeRon Norton and Elijah Oligue and Michael Edwards as the quartet clocked in at 3:12.84, the seventh fastest time in school history, to take third in the 4x400m relay, finishing behind only Rutgers and Penn State. That time currently ranks third overall in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Jacob Smith, UNI - Jacob Smith earned three Top-2 finishes at Saturday's SDSU Indoor Classic in Brookings, South Dakota, including a win in the 400-meter. Smith's time of 47.69 in the 400-meter is a personal best for the sophomore. Smith finished runner-up in the 200-meter and 4x400.

Warren Hazel, Southern Illinois - Warren Hazel ran his fastest 400m time of the season at the Music City Challenge and helped Southern post a season-best time in the 4x400. Hazel finished second in the 400m with a time of 46.79, which is the second-best time in the MVC and ranks 32nd nationally. He later ran the anchor leg of the 4x400 that clocked a season-best time of 3:14.34 to place fifth, ahead of squads from Cincinnati, Indiana State, Virginia Tech and Georgia Tech.

MEN'S FIELD

Anthony McRoberts, Illinois State - At Friday's GVSU Big Meet in Allendale, Michigan, McRoberts finished second in the long jump and high jump, also recording season-bests in both events. In the long jump, McRoberts leaped into fifth in the MVC rankings with a distance of 7.05m (23-01.75). He then followed this performance by clearing a Valley-best 2.12m (6-11.50) in the high jump.

Jaime Murtagh, Indiana State - Jaime Murtagh had a strong performance at the Music City Challenge for the Sycamores, as Murtagh took home the victory in the men's high jump, posting a mark of 2.08m (6-09.75) which matched his season best and kept him in third in the MVC.

Gift Chinda, Loyola - Loyola freshman Gift Chinda placed fifth overall in the triple jump at the GVSU Big Meet in Allendale, Mich. this past Friday, recording a top leap of 45-11.75 (14.01m). Chinda also saw action in the 60m dash (17th; 7.25) and the 4x400m relay (7th; 3:25.76). He currently sits at seventh on the MVC leaderboard in the triple jump.

Isaac Holtz, UNI - Isaac Holtz earned a personal record in the shot put on Saturday, after a throw of 59-8.25 to win the event at the SDSU Indoor Classic in Brookings, South Dakota. The throw ranks third overall in the MVC, while tied for 37th in the nation. Holtz' throw ranks third all-time at UNI.

WOMEN'S TRACK

Mary Young, Drake - Finished second in the 60-Meter Hurdles with a time of 8.56...Her time was the second fastest in the Valley this season...Young has finished in the top-3 in the 60-meter hurdles in every meet this season.

D'Jenne Egharevba, Illinois State - At last weekend's Iowa State Classic in Ames, Iowa, Egharevba finished second in the 200-meter dash in a personal-best 24.03. Her Valley-

leading mark ranks second all-time in Redbird track & field history and trails the ISU school record by only 0.03 seconds. Egharevba then turned around and produced a solid performance in the 60-meter dash on Saturday, placing second with a time of 7.52. Her previous mark of 7.39, which she posted at the EIU Early Bird Meet on Dec. 8, 2017, still ranks first in the Valley.

Lindsey Brewis, Loyola - Loyola redshirt junior Lindsey Brewis continued her assault on the program's all-time record books this past weekend at the GVSU Big Meet in Allendale, Mich. Brewis rolled to victory in the 5,000m run with an MVC-best time of 16:26.01, the second fastest mark in school history. She went on to run alongside senior Cassie Bloch, junior Natajah Simmons and sophomore Rita Maurais as the quartet turned in the eighth fastest distance medley relay time in school history, coming across in 11:58.89, en route to an eighth-place finish.

Divina Henry, Missouri State - Henry competed in three rounds of the 60-meter dash and marked personal records each time at the Third Annual Indoor Gorilla Classic at Pittsburg State. Henry's best mark was in the finals, where she ran a 7.64 sprint to finish in third place. Her time in the 60m finals is tied for eight fastest in the conference this season. She ran the second leg of the Bears runner-up 4x400m relay. MSU marked a season best time of 3:46.01 and are ranks fourth best in the conference this season. Capping off her performance this weekend, Henry ran a 24.84 second 200-meter dash to finish in ninth place. Her 200m time sits as the ninth fastest in the conference this season.

Brette Correy, UNI - Brette Correy placed 10th overall in the 800-meter on Saturday. Correy posted a time of 2:07.54 in the event to claim a Top-10 finish.

Shafiqua Maloney, Southern Illinois - Shafiqua Maloney set personal-bests in both the 200m and 400m dashes at the Music City Challenge. Maloney ran a lifetime-best 24.55 in the 200m to finish 10th. She followed with an indoor personal-best 54.89 in the 400m dash to finish 13th. It was the third-fastest 400m time in program history and is the fastest in the Missouri Valley Conference this season.

WOMEN'S FIELD

Taryn Rolle, Drake - Won the triple jump at the SDSU Indoor Classic...bested her nearest competition by more than a foot with a jump of 39-9.25.

Amanda McClain, Illinois State - At Friday's GVSU Big Meet in Allendale, Michigan, McClain won the Invite Section of the long jump with a leap of 5.78m (18-11.75). Her previous mark of 5.95m (19-06.25), which she posted at the EIU Early Bird Meet on Dec. 8, 2017, still ranks first in the Valley.

Erin Reese, Indiana State - In the field for the Sycamore women at the Music City Challenge, Erin Reese led the way with a 10th-place finish in the shot put. She had a powerful throw that recorded a mark of 14.81m (48-07.25), the eight-best mark in ISU history. She now sits at third in the MVC in the shot put and second in the weight throw. She is 43rd nationally in the weight throw.

Kiera Washpun, Loyola - Loyola senior Kiera Washpun turned in a season-best performance in the long jump this past Friday at the Tyson Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark. Washpun recorded a top leap of 19-01.25 (5.82m) to earn an eighth-place finish in a stacked field. That mark places her third on the MVC leaderboard in the event.

Daija Heron, Missouri State - Heron earned an indoor personal record in the triple jump on Friday at the Third Annual Indoor Gorilla Classic at Pittsburg State. Heron's jump went for 12.28m earning sixth place at the meet and is the third best in the Missouri Valley Conference this season. Heron also competed in long jump marking a 5.5m jump.

Alexis Roberson, Southern Illinois - Alexis Roberson was SIU's top finisher in the weight throw at the Music City Challenge. She threw 57'-7" (17.55m) to finish 19th Saturday. Roberson is ranked 25th in the weight nationally and has the top mark in the MVC this season.

► Athletes of the Week

Men's Track

DATE	NAME	SCHOOL
D5	Jaylan McConico	Illinois State
J16	Jaylan McConico	Illinois State
J23	Taylor Floyd Mews	Bradley
J30	Michael Ward	Bradley
F6	Alec Hartman	Bradley
F13	Anderson Devonish	Illinois State

Men's Field

DATE	NAME	SCHOOL
D5	Jared Kern	Southern Illinois
J16	Isaac Ingram	Southern Illinois
J23	Luke Nelson	Illinois State
J30	Isaac Ingram	Southern Illinois
F6	Jared Kern	Southern Illinois
F13	Ricky Hurley	Southern Illinois

Women's Track

DATE	NAME	SCHOOL
D5	Shafiqua Maloney	Southern Illinois
J16	Taylor Austin	Indiana State
J23	Taylor Austin	Indiana State
J30	Tyjuana Eason	Southern Illinois
F6	Brette Correy	Northern Iowa
F13	Brittany Neeley	Indiana State

Women's Field

DATE	NAME	SCHOOL
D5	Kezia Martin	Southern Illinois
J16	Alexis Roberson	Southern Illinois
J23	Julia Bourke	Illinois State
J30	Lauren Frederick	Northern Iowa
F6	Alexis Roberson	Southern Illinois
F13	Sarah Pate	Northern Iowa

MVC Track & Field Athletes of the Week are selected each week during the Indoor Track & Field season. The athletes are announced on Tuesday afternoon and appear in a weekly press release. Nominees are provided by each school's sports information contact and voted on by a panel appointed by the league office.

► Scholar-Athlete of the Week

Male Scholar-Athlete

DATE	NAME	SCHOOL
D13	Derrius Rodgers	Illinois State
J28	Michael Ward	Bradley

To qualify for Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete of the Week laurels, student-athletes must carry a cumulative grade-point average of 3.20, completed at least one academic year at a Valley institution and must be at least a sophomore in academic standing.

► Valley Information



February 24-25, 2018

Cedar Falls, Iowa

Hosted by UNI