



OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

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MVC Men's Track Athlete of the Week

Jack Anstey, So., Illinois State (Newtown Toowoomba, Australia)
Anstey had a spectacular weekend at the Black & Gold Invite, hosted by Vanderbilt, in Nashville, Tennessee. In his outdoor debut on Friday, Anstey captured a tremendous early-season mark in the 1,500-meter, finishing second with a personal-best time of 3:45.93. He then turned around on Saturday and ran a 1:51.98 in the 800-meter, placing second. Anstey currently ranks first in the Valley in both events, as well as 15th nationally in the 1,500-meter and 40th nationally in the 800-meter. His 1,500-meter time also ranks fifth all-time in Illinois State history.

Upcoming Schedule/Recent Results

Saturday, March 10

McNeese Cowboy Relays (Valpo)..... 12th/15

Saturday, March 17

Stan Lyons Invite (UE/LUC).....
UE - Women: 8th/10 teams; Men: 4th/8 teams
LUC - Women: 4th/10 teams; Men: 2nd/8 teams

Friday, March 23

Bill Cornell Classic (INS/SIU) NTS
Arkansas Spring Invitational (DU)..... NTS
Vanderbilt Invitational (ILS) NTS
Bulldog Relays (MSU)..... NTS

Saturday, March 24

Bill Cornell Classic (BU/INS/LUC/SIU)..... NTS
Arkansas Spring Invitational (DU)..... NTS
Vanderbilt Invitational (ILS) NTS

Upcoming Schedule/Recent Results

Thursday, March 29

Pepsi Florida Relays (LUC)
Wartburg College (UNI)
Sacramento State (SIU)
Texas Relays (Valpo)
Bobcat Invitational (Valpo)
Indiana Wesleyan Easter Twilight Invite (Valpo)

Friday, March 30

Stanford Invitational (BU/ILS/INS/UNI)
San Francisco St. Distance Carnival (BU)
EIU Big Blue Classic (BU/ILS)
Pepsi Florida Relays (LUC)
Raleigh Relays (LUC)
Wartburg College (UNI)
Sacramento State (SIU)
Texas Relays (Valpo)
Bobcat Invitational (Valpo)

Saturday, March 31

EIU Big Blue Classic (BU/ILS)
Stanford Invitational (ILS/INS/UNI)
Ole Miss Classic (INS)
Pepsi Florida Relays (LUC)
Raleigh Relays (LUC)
ORU Invitational (MSU)
Sacramento State (SIU)
Texas Relays (Valpo)
Bobcat Invitational (Valpo)



MVC Men's Field Athlete of the Week

Jared Kern, Sr., Southern Illinois (Machesney Park, Ill.)
Jared Kern cruised to a win in the shot put at the Bill Cornell Spring Classic over the weekend. The two-time national qualifier threw 64'-2.5" (19.57m) on his final attempt Saturday to win the event by more than six feet. The Machesney Park, Ill. native currently ranks third in the west region, and fourth in the NCAA, in the event.



MVC Women's Track Athlete of the Week

Jordyn Capra, So., Missouri State (Carl Junction, Mo.)
In the opening meet of the outdoor season, Capra ran an 11:19.48 3,000-meter steeple chase to finish third at the Bulldog Relays. Capra holds the fastest steeple chase time in the Missouri Valley Conference, 24th in the west qualifying list and 44th in the nation. Capra also holds the fourth fastest 5,000-meter time (17:50.95) in the conference and 40th fastest in the west region. Her 5K time was good enough for sixth place and a new personal best.



MVC Women's Field Athlete of the Week

Erin Reese, RS-Jr., Indiana State (Mt. Prospect, Ill.)
Erin Reese was dominant in the field at the Bill Cornell Classic for the Sycamore women, finishing second in the discus throw on Friday night and also second in the hammer throw on Saturday. Reese, who owns the school-records in both events at Dayton, entered the Indiana State top-10 in the discus throw at seventh with an impressive mark of 50.99m (167-03.75) which is currently the best in the MVC, 14th in the NCAA East Region and 40th nationally. She followed that performance up with an even stronger performance in the hammer throw, unleashing a powerful throw of 61.85m (202-11.25) which is second in school history just behind Kelsey Hanley from 2011. That mark currently sits at first in the MVC, fourth in the East Region and 14th nationally.



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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

Kundai Maguranyanga, Fr., Drake (Glen Zorah, Zimbabwe)
Won the 200 meters with a time of 21.08 at the Arkansas Spring Invitational...time leads the Valley this season and is the fifth fastest nationally for freshman....Fourth best time in school history and fastest since 1981...also helped set the top Valley time in the 4x100 relay of 40.63 that took third.

Stanley Chepchengi, Evansville
Opening the outdoor season, Stanley Chepchengi put together a strong performance in the men's 800 meters. The Kabarnet, Kenya native earned a 10th-place finish among the 24-runner field. Chepchengi finished less than six seconds behind first place with a time of 2:02.16.

Stephen Griffith, Fr., Indiana State (Bridgetown, Barbados)
Freshman Stephen Griffith also had a strong day in the hurdles for the men. In his first outdoor meet as a Sycamore, Griffith placed fourth in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15.09, fourth in the conference, and then followed that up by taking third in the 400-meter hurdles at 55.47.

Leron Norton, Loyola
Loyola junior Leron Norton picked up a victory in the 400m dash last Saturday at the Bill Cornell Spring Classic in Carbondale, Ill. Norton clocked in at 48.85 to edge out Johnny McGluen (48.98) of host Southern Illinois for the top spot on the leaderboard. The Apple Valley, Minn. native's time currently ranks second overall on the Valley's 400m dash leaderboard.

Luke Horton, Southern Illinois
Horton set a personal-best in the 1500 meter run and helped SIU to a win in the 4x400 relay at the Bill Cornell Spring Classic over the weekend. The Harrisburg, Ill. native ran 3:55.51 to finish fourth in a highly-contested 1500m. He later ran the third leg of the mile relay and helped SIU clock the fastest time in the event in the MVC at 3:17.24.

MEN'S FIELD

Jake Taylor, Drake
Debuted in javelin with the top mark in the Valley of 50.78m (166-7)...took 10th in Javelin at the Arkansas Spring Invitational behind three of the top-100 throws in the nation.

Ian Alberts, Evansville
At the Stan Lyons Invitational in Indianapolis, Ind., Aces' freshman Ian Alberts became the first Evansville track and field student-athlete to win an event since at least 1985. Alberts captured the victory in the men's pole vault competition with a height of 3.55 meters. The Freeburg, Ill. native finished .45 meters higher than his teammate Kevin Yeung.

Ryan Ashenbremer, Fr., Illinois State (Normal, Ill.)
At last weekend's Black & Gold Invite, hosted by Vanderbilt, in Nashville, Tennessee, Ashenbremer won the pole vault competition by a landslide, clearing 5.00m (16-04.75). This height bested the runner-up by over a meter! With the mark, Ashenbremer not only ranks first in the Valley, but is also 47th in the nation. The freshman now sits fifth on ISU's top-10 list as well.

Scott Schreiber, Sr., Indiana State (LaPorte, Ind.)
Senior Scott Schreiber led the way for the Sycamore men in the field at the Bill Cornell Classic in the long jump. He started off the season on the right foot, placing third at 6.90m (22-07.75) which is the top mark in the conference.

WOMEN'S TRACK

Victoria Coombe, Drake
Ran a time of 1:01.27 in the 400-meter hurdles...took third at the Arkansas Spring Invitational in a race won by Olympian Sparkle McKnight...best time in the Valley this season by over a second...just missed her personal best by .02.

Samantha Bittner, Evansville
A native of Haubstadt, Ind., Samantha Bittner was one of five Purple Aces to set a program record on Saturday at the Stan Lyons Invitational in Indianapolis, Ind. Bittner earned a ninth-place finish in the women's 100-meter hurdles with a program-record time of 17.45. The freshman was less than three seconds off the time recorded by the first-place finisher.

D'Jenne Egharevba, So., Illinois State (Naperville, Ill.)
At last weekend's Black & Gold Invite, hosted by Vanderbilt, in Nashville, Tennessee, Egharevba finished second in the 100-meter, posting a time of 11.67. The mark not only ranks first in the MVC, but is also 53rd in the nation so far this season. Egharevba also ran a leg on Illinois State's 4x100-meter relay team that placed second with a Valley-best time of 46.20.

Brittany Neeley, Indiana State
Building off of her strong indoor season, Brittaney Neeley picked up two victories at SIU at the Bill Cornell Classic on Saturday. She started off the day by winning the 1500-meter run at 4:37.19, just two seconds away from her career-best. Neeley followed that performance by winning the 800-meter run with a time of 2:12.18 which is the best in the Valley and 30th in the East Region.

Mimi Reimers, Fr., Loyola (Shaker Heights, OH)
Loyola freshman Mimi Reimers cruised to a first-place finish in the 5,000m run on Saturday at the Bill Cornell Spring Classic in Carbondale, Ill. Reimers, out of Shaker Heights, Ohio, finished nearly 19 seconds ahead of her next closest competitor, crossing in 17:34.39. Her time currently ranks third on the conference's 5,000m leaderboard.

Tyjuana Eason, Jr., Southern Illinois (Kankakee, Ill.)
Eason won the 100 meter dash and helped SIU's "B" team to a runner-up finish in the 4x100 relay at the Bill Cornell Spring Classic over the weekend. The Kankakee, Ill. native won the 100m dash with a time of 11.86, which ranks her second in the Missouri Valley Conference, and 42nd in the west region, in the event.

WOMEN'S FIELD

Taryn Rolle, Drake
Won the Triple Jump at the Arkansas Spring Invitational with a jump of 12.07m (39-7 1/4)...also took 12th in the long jump...holds the third and seventh best mark this season in the Valley for triple jump and long jump.

Brittany Corley, Evansville
Competing at the Stan Lyons Invitational in Indianapolis, Ind., Brittany Corley set a pair of program records. The Portage, Ind. native opened the day with an Evansville record in the women's javelin with a throw of 17.23 meters, earning her a ninth-place finish. In the women's shot put, Corley finished eighth in the event with a throw of 8.68 meters.

Kameesha Smith, Illinois State
At last weekend's Black & Gold Invite, hosted by Vanderbilt, in Nashville, Tennessee, Smith opened the 2018 outdoor campaign with a second-place finish in the high jump, clearing a personal-best 1.71m (5-07.25). The mark sits her atop the Valley and ranks 39th in all of Division I, in addition to ranking 10th all-time in Redbird track & field history.

Jamilah James, Missouri State
James marked a second place finish in the triple jump, recording a 12.25-meter (40'2.25") leap. Her jump sits as the longest in the Missouri Valley, 20th in the west qualifying list and 37th in the nation. James also marked 5.12-meter (16'9.75") long jump at the Bulldog Relays this weekend.

A'Veun Moore, Southern Illinois
A'Veun Moore had a strong outdoor debut at the Bill Cornell Spring Classic, as she set personal-bests in both the shot put and the discus en route to just her second career win in the shot put. The Mount Vernon, Ill. native won the shot put with a PR of 49'-5" (15.06m). She currently ranks 27th in the west region, and first in the Missouri Valley Conference, in the event.

► Athletes of the Week

Men's Track

DATE	NAME	SCHOOL
M27	Jack Anstey	Illinois State

Men's Field

DATE	NAME	SCHOOL
M27	Jared Kern	Southern Illinois

Women's Track

DATE	NAME	SCHOOL
M27	Jordyn Capra	Missouri State

Women's Field

DATE	NAME	SCHOOL
M27	Erin Reese	Indiana State

MVC Track & Field Athletes of the Week are selected each week during the Outdoor 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

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.

► Championship Information



May 11-13, 2018
Terre Haute, Ind.
Hosted by Indiana State