



# OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

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## MVC Men's Track Athlete of the Week

**Jacob Smith, So., UNI (Burlington, Iowa)**  
Jacob Smith continued his stellar outdoor season over the weekend after placing fourth at the Drake Relays 400-meter hurdles. Smith's time of 50.94 is a personal best for the sophomore, while ranking first in the MVC and 12th in the NCAA West region. Smith also placed second in the 4x400 relay preliminaries at the Drake Relays.



## MVC Men's Field Athlete of the Week

**Ricky Hurley, So., Southern Illinois (Fox River Grove, Ill.)**  
Hurley's impressive outdoor season continued at the Lenny Lyles/Clark Wood Invitational, hosted by Louisville. The Fox River Grove, Ill. native won both the shot put and the hammer throw and added a runner-up finish in the discus. Hurley opened Friday with a win in the hammer throw at 203'-6" (62.04m) and added a victory in the shot put with an outdoor PR of 60'-3.75" (18.38m). He later notched a lifetime-best in the discus at 184'-11" (56.37m) to finish second. Hurley currently ranks in the top-25 in the NCAA West Region in the discus (13th), shot put (17th) and hammer throw (23rd) and is one of two male throwers in the NCAA, along with Georgia's Denzel Comenienta, to rank in the top-25 regionally for all three events.



## MVC Women's Track Athlete of the Week

**Tyjuana Eason, So., Southern Illinois (Kankakee, Ill.)**  
Eason took second in the 100m dash and helped SIU to a win in the 4x100 relay this past weekend's Lenny Lyles/Clark Wood Invitational. Eason ran 11.66 in the 100m dash to finish second and later combined with Genesis Ewell, Shafiqua Maloney and Bri'Anna Branch to run the second-fastest 4x100 relay time in school history. The quartet ran 44.94 to best a 12-team field that featured relay squads from Minnesota, Illinois State and Louisville. Not only was Southern's sprint relay time the second-fastest in school history but it again gives the Salukis the fastest relay time in the Missouri Valley Conference this season.



## MVC Women's Field Athlete of the Week

**Sidne' Williamson, Jr., Missouri State (St. Louis, Mo.)**  
Sidne' Williamson set a new personal best long jump record, by marking a 6.18m (20' 3.5") leap at the Memphis Tiger Invite. Williamson's attempt was good enough for the event title, the top mark in the Missouri Valley Conference this season and 24th on the West Region Qualifying list.

## Upcoming Schedule/Recent Results

Thursday, April 26 - Saturday, April 28

Drake Relays (DU/INS/MSU/UNI/Valpo)..... NTS  
Lenny Lyles Invite (UE/ILS/LUC/SIU) ..... NTS

Crusader Open  
Valpo - Men: 1st; Women: 1st  
Bradley - Men: 4th; Women: 3rd

## Upcoming Schedule/Recent Results

Friday, May 4

Wisconsin Invite (ILS/LUC/UNI)  
Bill Hayes Invitational (INS/SIU)

Saturday, May 5

Nebraska Invite (Drake)

## ▶ Championship Information



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



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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

**Taylor Floyd Mews, Bradley**  
Senior Taylor Floyd Mews led the Braves at the Drake Relays last week, recording a pair of top-five times in school history. Floyd Mews opened the meet by running 14:08.92 in the 5,000m run on Thursday. His time is the fastest in the Valley this season -- nearly six seconds ahead of second-place -- and shaved nearly 11 seconds off his previous PR. He now ranks fourth in school history with his time, while also moving to 69th in the NCAA West Region. Floyd Mews then helped the Braves record the second-best 4x1600 relay in school history as Bradley clocked a time of 16:52.26 on Friday.

**Hudson Priebe, Drake**  
Turned in a personal best in the 400-meter hurdles at the Drake Relays presented by Hy-Vee with a time of 51.50 to finish sixth ... his time was the seventh fastest in school history.

**Anderson Devonish, Illinois State**  
At the Lenny Lyles-Clark Wood Invite, hosted by Louisville, Devonish won his 100-meter dash debut. Having never competed in the event before, Devonish posted the fastest qualifying time of 10.63 to advance to finals. However, he was just getting started, as he would come back even stronger in finals, winning the event in 10.46. With the mark, Devonish not only ranks seventh all-time in Redbird history, but is second on the MVC descending-order list and 46th in the NCAA West region. Devonish also ran a leg on the 'Birds 4x100-meter relay team that finished second with a time of 40.98.

**Akis Medrano, Indiana State**  
Akis Medrano was determined to leave his mark in the unseeded section of the men's 5K at the Drake Relays on Saturday, which ultimately ended with him winning the race after surging in front of the leader during the last 100-meters. Medrano powered across the finish line with a time of 14:19.30, which is not only a new personal-best time, but also the third-best time in Indiana State history behind only Tristan Selby and John Mascari. His time now sits at third in the Valley. Medrano also ran the 1200-meter leg of the men's distance medley relay team, a team that went on to break the school record at 9:51.57.

**Emmanuel Champagne, Loyola**  
Loyola freshman Emmanuel Champagne earned a runner-up finish in the 3,000m steeplechase at the Lenny Lyles/Clark Wood Invitational on Saturday in Louisville, Ky. The Laval, Quebec, Canada product turned in a personal-best time in the event, coming across in 9:18.87. That mark currently ranks sixth on the Missouri Valley Conference's 3,000m steeplechase leaderboard.

**Warren Hazel, Southern Illinois**  
Warren Hazel ran the second-fastest 400m dash time in the Missouri Valley Conference this season at this past weekend's Lenny Lyles/Clark Wood Invitational. Hazel clocked a season-best time of 46.75, which is not only the second-best time in the conference but also ranks him No. 23 in the NCAA West Region.

### MEN'S FIELD

**Maxwell Harlan, Drake**  
Threw a personal best of 172-3 (52.51m) at the Drake Relays presented by Hy-Vee ... his throw is the second best in the MVC this season.

**Scott Schreiber, Indiana State**  
Jumping to a top-four finish in the long jump at the Drake Relays was Scott Schreiber. Schreiber had a season-best performance against staunch competition at Drake, recording a mark of 7.25m (23-09.50) while on his way to a fourth-place finish. His jump moves him to second in the Missouri Valley.

**Eric Burns, Loyola**  
Loyola sophomore Eric Burns cruised to victory in the long jump at the Lenny Lyles/Clark Wood Invitational on Saturday in Louisville, Ky. The New Carlisle, Ind. native used a season-best leap of 24-05.50 (7.45m) to finish atop the individual leaderboard en route to his third win of the 2017-18 campaign. Burns currently resides atop the MVC's long jump leaderboard and enters the week tied for 52nd in the NCAA West Region.

**Austin Heitland, UNI**  
Austin Heitland placed third overall at the Drake Relays decathlon, while ranking first among collegiate athletes in the event. Heitland posted a personal-best 6,667 points, while winning 100-meter and 400-meter in the decathlon. Heitland's decathlon point total ranks second in the MVC and 32nd in the NCAA West region.

### WOMEN'S TRACK

**Mary Young, Drake**  
Finished fifth in the 100-meter hurdles at the Drake Relays presented by Hy-Vee with a 13.95 finish ... also ran a leg on the Bulldogs 4x400-meter relay.

**Demetria Anderson, Illinois State**  
At the Lenny Lyles-Clark Wood Invite, hosted by Louisville, Anderson made her mark in the 100-meter hurdles. In prelims, Anderson crossed the finish line in 13.57, nearly breaking her own ISU school-record of 13.56. She then placed second in finals with a wind-aided time of 13.42, with the only thing standing between her and a new school-record being a wind-reading of 3.0. Regardless, Anderson set a new personal-best and further solidified her spot atop the Valley, where she currently leads by over 0.3 seconds. Her mark is 21st in the NCAA West region as well. Anderson also helped the women's 4x100-meter relay team to their fastest time of the season. Their mark of 45.29 was not only good for third, but also sits third on the Redbirds' top-10 list and second in the MVC so far this season.

**Taylor Austin, Indiana State**  
Taylor Austin set the track on fire at the Drake Relays in the seeded section of the women's 5K, finishing second overall, falling only to Missouri's NCAA Champion Karissa Schweizer, en route to a 16 second school record time of 16:26.50, overtaking Jessica Crowder's time of 16:42.89 from 2005. Austin pulled away to lead the chase pack for the last 2000-meters of the race and she now holds the second overall time in the MVC and the 48th-best time in the NCAA East Region. Austin also competed as a member of the women's distance medley relay team on Saturday, which broke a school record by over 20 seconds at 11:18.03.

**Rita Maurais, Loyola**  
Loyola sophomore Rita Maurais turned in a massive personal best in the 1,500m run on Saturday in Louisville, Ky. at the Lenny Lyles/Clark Wood Invitational. Out of Hopedale, Mass., Maurais checked in at 4:34.31 to finish 10th overall in the event. Maurais' time has her slotted in at 12th on the Valley's 1,500m run leaderboard.

**Jessica Allen, Missouri State**  
Jessica Allen recorded a 5,000-meter personal record time at the prestigious Drake Relays. Allen's fifth place 16:38.55 race was good enough for a program top-five time, third best in the Missouri Valley Conference and 64th in the West Region qualifying list.

**Brette Correy, UNI**  
Brette Correy posted three top-5 finishes at the Drake Relays over the weekend, after placing fourth in the 1500 and 1600 sprint medley relay, while also earning fifth in the 800. The time of 4:27.00 in the 1500 was a personal best for Correy, while the time of 3:52.73 in the 1600 sprint medley relay broke UNI's school record for the event. For the 1500, Correy ranks fourth in the MVC and 84th in the NCAA West region.

### WOMEN'S FIELD

**Julia Bourke, Illinois State**  
On the first day of the Lenny Lyles-Clark Wood Invite, hosted by Louisville, Bourke posted two top-three finishes, winning the open hammer throw and placing second in the open shot put. Bourke shined in the open section of the hammer throw, recording a personal-best heave of 57.88m (189-11) to win the event. With the mark, she improves to third all-time in Redbird track & field history and currently ranks fourth in the Valley and 39th in the NCAA West region. Bourke then turned around and captured a second-place finish in the open shot put with a throw of 14.90m (48-10.75). She currently ranks fifth in the MVC in the event.

**Caitlyn Redmon, Indiana State**  
Caitlyn Redmon battled the winds and looked strong in the women's long jump at the Drake Relays on Friday, which led to her making the final eight for the event. Redmon ended-up with a jump of 5.77m (18-11.25), which gave her an eighth-place finish against some high-level competition. Her jump of 5.89m (19-04.00) is currently fourth in the MVC.

**Kassidy Sharp, UNI**  
Kassidy Sharp placed fifth in the high jump after recording a mark of 5-08.5. Sharp's mark ranks first in the MVC and 47th in the NCAA West region.

**Sian Person, Southern Illinois**  
Person set a lifetime-best in the shot put to win the open section of the event at the Lenny Lyles/Clark Wood Invitational. The Carbondale, Ill. native threw 49-11.25" (15.22m) to win for just the second time in her collegiate career. With her toss, Person now ranks fourth in the MVC, and 42nd regionally, in the event.

## ▶ Athletes of the Week

Men's Track		
DATE	NAME	SCHOOL
M27	Jack Anstey	Illinois State
A3	Jack Anstey	Illinois State
A10	Jaylan McConico	Illinois State
A17	Jacob Smith	UNI
A24	Haran Dunderdale	Bradley
M1	Jacob Smith	UNI

Men's Field		
DATE	NAME	SCHOOL
M27	Jared Kern	Southern Illinois
A3	Ricky Hurley	Southern Illinois
A10	Jaime Murtagh	Indiana State
A17	Jared Kern	Southern Illinois
A24	Ricky Hurley	Southern Illinois
M1	Ricky Hurley	Southern Illinois

Women's Track		
DATE	NAME	SCHOOL
M27	Jordyn Capra	Missouri State
A3	Taylor Austin	Indiana State
A10	Patrycja Dziekonska	Indiana State
A17	Brittany Neeley	Indiana State
A24	Grace Beattie	Illinois State
M1	Tyjuana Eason	Southern Illinois

Women's Field		
DATE	NAME	SCHOOL
M27	Erin Reese	Indiana State
A3	Erin Reese	Indiana State
A10	Anna Bentley	Northern Iowa
A17	Madison Meyer	Southern Illinois
A24	Sarah Pate	UNI
M1	Sidne' Williamson	Missouri St.

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

DATE	NAME	SCHOOL
A4	Jack Anstey	Illinois State
A18	Taryn Rolle	Drake

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.