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2019 Women's Standings -- As of January 22nd ---CONF---- NON-CONF ------OVERALL --Standings WΙ HOME ROAD **NEUT** Pct. WΙ Pct. W L Pct. .000 1.000 1.000 4-0 Illinois State 0 0 4 0 4 0 0-0 0-0 Missouri State 0 0 .000 1 0 1.000 1.000 0-0 1-0 0-0 1 0 .000 .500 Bradley 0 0 .500 1-1 0-0 0-0 1 1 1 1 LINII .000 .500 .500 0 0 1 1 1 1 1-0 0-10 - 0Drake 0 0 .000 2 3 .400 2 3 .400 2-1 0-2 0-0 <u>Valparaiso</u> 0 0 .000 1 3 .250 .250 1-2 0-1 0-0 Stony Brook 0 0 .000 0 0 .000 0-0 Non-Conf. 9-4 0-0 MVC HOME 0-0 **OVERALL** 0 - 0



MVC Tennis Singles Player of the Week

Daria Walczak, Fr., Drake (Lodz, Poland)

Walczak was undefeated over the weekend with three straight-set matches at No. 3 singles ... also teamed with Carmen Palumbo to win doubles matches in the Bulldogs' wins over South Dakota and Augustana ... Drake claimed the doubles point in both those matches to help earn the team's first two wins of the season ... opened the weekend with a 6-3, 6-0 win against Creighton followed by a hard-fought 7-6, 7-6 win over South Dakota ... closed Sunday with a convincing 6-2, 6-0 win over her foe from Augustana ... in singles action in 2019, she is 3-1 and has also racked up a 3-2 record in doubles.



Anna Alons



Ellie Burger

MVC Doubles Team of the Week

MISSOURI STATE

Anna Alons, Fr. (Salix, Iowa)

Ellie Burger, So. (Chesterfield, Mo.)

In the No. 1 doubles spot for Missouri State, Anna Alons and Ellie Burger dominated to beat their SIUE opponents by a margin of 6-1. The Bears would go on to edge SIUE, 4-3 to earn their first win of the spring season.

Recent Results

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Stony Brook at Fau Owl Cup....... No Team Score

Saturday, January 26

Stony Brook at Fau Owl Cup	
Illinois State vs. Detroit Mercy	W 4-3
Valparaiso at Butler	L 1-6
Bradley vs. UMKC	L 3-4
Drake vs. Creighton	L 3-4

Sunday, January 27

Upcoming Schedule

Friday, February 1

Illinois State vs. Chicago State...... 6 PM

Saturday, February 2

Bradley vs. Omaha	9 AM
Drake vs. SIUE	. 11 AM
Illinois State vs. UIC	
Bradley vs. Eastern Illinois	2 PM

Sunday, February 3

UNI vs. SIUE...... 11 AM









Noteworthy

In addition to the league's Tennis Athlete of the Week selection, several other notbale performances are recognized, and they inlcude:

SINGLES PLAYERS

Sandra Maletin, Bradley After teaming with junior Natalia Barbery
for an extended, 7-6 (11-9) win at No. 1
Doubles in Saturday's dual against defending WAC champion UMKC, Maletin put the
Braves on the board with an impressive 6-3,
6-3 win against Kangaroos star senior Katie
Fries, who entered this season as UMKC's
all-time leader in career singles winning
percentage (.756) ... With Saturday's win,
Maletin (9-3) picked up her team-leading
ninth singles win overall this year.

Jana Kustkova, Illinois State -Senior Jana Kustkova went 2-0 this weekend helping Illinois State win against Detroit Mercy (4-3) and current WAC Champion UMKC (4-0). On Saturday she clinched the fourth team point for the Redbirds at #3 spot against Detroit Mercy's C. Apawti 6-4, 6-4. She picked up her second win on Sunday at #4 spot, beating UMKC's G. Ball 6-4, 6-3. Jana is having a perfect start to her season and is currently undefeated with 3-0 record in singles and 3-0 record in doubles.

Clara Gandara-Gonzalez, Missouri State - Gandara-Gonzalez, in the No. 6 singles spot, played a crucial role in Missouri State's 4-3 come back win over SIU Edwardsville on Sunday. With two Bears' singles points tying up the match 3-3, Gandara-Gonzalez handed her SIUE opponent a 6-1, 6-4 defeat to clinch the Bears first win of the spring season. The victory marked her first collegiate win in a dual.

Claire Czerwonka, Valparaiso - Czerwonka led the way for a short-handed Valpo squad that played a pair of matches with only four healthy players this weekend. She picked up a three-set win over Butler? Emily Neal on Saturday before losing to IUPUI in two close sets on Sunday. In the victory over Neal, Czerwonka recovered after dropping the first set 6-1 by winning Set 2 6-0 and Set 3 6-3. The sophomore has seven wins this season and 21 for her collegiate career.

> Athletes of the Week

DOUBLES TEAMS

Veronika Golanova/Jana Kustkova, Illinois State Veronika Golanova and Jana Kustkova paired up for a crucial 6-4 win at #1 doubles spot against UMKC's Grechkina/Sharma. That win secured the doubles point for Illinois State, as they went on to beat UMKC 4-0 on Sunday. Golanova paired up with freshman Tara Damnjanovic later that day to get a 6-0 win over Lewis University's Trus/Sredojevic. On Saturday, Kustkova partnered with Laura Fitzgerald and picked up a 6-4 win against Detroit Mercy's Thioux/Torcello. Redbirds went on to beat Detroit Mercy 4-3.

Randi Wind/Jordan Kopfer, Valparaiso Wind and Kopfer did not play doubles together at all during the fall season and had done so just once in each of the last two years, but they were paired together this weekend in the No. 2 slot due to a rash of injuries. The two showed significant progress from Saturday's match against Butler to Sunday's against IUPUI, bouncing back from a Saturday setback with a 6-3 win over an IUPUI duo. That marked a bright spot of a 7-0 defeat on Sunday for a Valpo team that was competing with only four healthy players due to injuries. Sunday's win allowed Kopfer to improve to 5-2 in doubles action this season, while Wind also garnered her fifth doubles victory in 2018-19.

SINGLES PLAYERS

DATE NAME SCHOOL
J22 Bozana Lojpur Bradley
J29 Daria Walczak Drake

DOUBLES TEAMS

DATE NAMES SCHOOL
J22 Golanova/Damnjanovic Illinois State
J29 Alons/Burger Missouri State

MVC Tennis Athletes of the Week are selected each week during the tennis season. The players 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.

► Individual Championship Results

Individual Championship Results (October 5-7, 2018) Springfield, MO (Hosted by Missouri State)

1 Doubles 2 Doubles	Player/Team Champion: Jamie Wei/Nolwenn Cardoso, Stony Brook Champion: Maria Ribeiro/Sasha Bekirova, Stony Brook Champion: Kelsey Neville/Megan Webb, Drake
2 Singles	Champion: Jelena Vujanic, Valparaiso



> 2019 Championship



April 26-28, 2019 Cedar Falls, IA Hosted by UNI

BRADLEY (1-1, 0-0 MVC)

POWER OF THE DOUBLES POINT

The ability to win the doubles point has proved critical in Bradley's first two dual matches of the year ... In the season-opener against Milwaukee, the Braves got off on the right foot by winning two of the three doubles matches, then split the six singles matches



for a 4-3 victory ... In Saturday's 4-3 loss to defending WAC champion UMKC, Bradley went to a tie-breaker at both Nos. 1 and 2 Doubles, but a split in those two matches allowed the Kangaroos to earn the doubles point, two matches to one ... Another split in the six singles matches gave UMKC the 4-3 win.

WIJESINGHE INTO THE TOP FIVE

By pulling out her second 3-set win at No. 3 Singles in as many dual matches this young season, senior Malini Wijesinghe has moved into the top five in Bradley history for combined career victories ... Wijesinghe will enter Saturday's doubleheader versus Omaha and Eastern Illinois tied for fifth in Bradley history with 110 combined career victories, 63-49 in singles and 47-52 in doubles ... Her ascension to number two in school history could happen quickly as Teri Chan (115 career wins), Alexa Brandt (119) and Ashley Thai (120) all are within close range ... Ariel Dechter set a high bar atop the chart, however, with her record 151 career combined wins.

2019 Bradley Braves Schedule

Date	Opponent	Result	Record
J20	Milwaukee	W 4-3	1-0
J26	UMKC	L 3-4	1-1
F2	Omaha	Peoria, IL	9 AM
F2	Eastern Illinois	Peoria, IL	2 PM
F8	at Northern Illinois	Rockford, IL	12 PM
F9	vs. Univ. of North Dakota	Rockford, IL	10 AM
F15	UIC	Peoria, IL	5 PM
F17	SIU Edwardsville	Peoria, IL	10 AM
F23	Western Illinois	Peoria, IL	12 PM
F24	Chicago State	Peoria, IL	2 PM
M1	at Murray State	Murray, KY	12 PM
M2	at SEMO	Cape Girardeau, MO	12 PM
M9	St. Louis	Peoria, IL	1 PM
M19	at Southern Miss	Hattiesburg, MS	2 PM
M20	at Nicholls State	Thibodaux, LA	1 PM
M22	at New Orleans	New Orleans, LA	2 PM
M30	*Illinois State	Peoria, IL	1 PM
A6	*at Valparaiso	Valparaiso, IN	2 PM
A14	*at Missouri State	Springfield, MO	10 AM
A20	*Drake	Peoria, IL	11 AM
A21	*UNI	Peoria, IL	11 AM
A26-28	#MVC Team Tennis Championship	Cedar Falls, IA	TBD

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DRAKE (2-3, 0-0 MVC)



2019 Drake Bulldogs Schedule

Date	Opponent	Result	Record
J18	at Grand Canyon	L 3-4	0-1
J19	at Arizona State	L 0-4	0-2
J26	Creighton	L 3-4	0-3
J27	South Dakota	W 4-2	1-3
J27	Augustana (SD)	W 4-1	2-3
F2	SIU Edwardsville	Des Moines, IA	11 AM
F9	at Nebraska	Lincoln, NE	5 PM
F10	vs. Wyoming	Lincoln, NE	9 AM
F15	at Milwaukee	Milwaukee, WI	11 AM
F15	at Marquette	Milwaukee, WI	5 PM
F24	Omaha	Des Moines, IA	9 AM
F24	lowa	Des Moines, IA	1 PM
M2	at Colorado State	Fort Collins, CO	11 AM
M3	at Air Force	Fort Collins, CO	11 AM
M9	at Minnesota	Minneapolis, MN	10 AM
M9	vs. Gustavus Adolphus	Minneapolis, MN	5:30 PM
M20	at Azusa Pacific	Azusa, CA	2 PM
M22	at Cal State Fullerton	Fullerton, CA	1:30 PM
M30	at UMKC	Kansas City, MO	TBD
M31	vs. Wichita State	Kansas City, MO	2 PM
A5	*at UNI	Cedar Falls, IA	2 PM
A7	*Missouri State	Des Moines, IA	11 AM
A13	*Valparaiso	Des Moines, IA	11 AM
A20	*at Bradley	Peoria, IL	11 AM
A21	*at Illinois State	Normal, IL	10 AM
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ILLINOIS STATE (4-0, 0-0 MVC)



2019 Illinois State Redbirds Schedule

Date	Opponent	Result	Record
J20	IUPUI	W 4-3	1-0
J26	Detroit Mercy	W 4-3	2-0
J27	UMKC	W 4-0	3-0
J27	Lewis University	W 4-0	4-0
F1	Chicago State	Normal, IL	6 PM
F2	UIC	Normal, IL	11 AM
F9	at Marquette	Milwaukee, WI	2 PM
F16	at Lipscomb	Nashville, TN	7 PM
F17	at Murray State	Murray, KY	1 PM
F23	Redbird Invitational	Normal, IL	10 AM
F24	Redbird Invitational	Normal, IL	9 AM
M1	Akron	Normal, IL	1 PM
M2	Western Illinois	Normal, IL	1 PM
M3	at Butler	Indianapolis, IN	12 PM
M8	Depauw	Normal, IL	5 PM
M11	at Westmont College	Santa Barbara, CA	1:30 PM
M13	at UC Riverside	Riverside, CA	1:30 PM
M14	at UC Irvine	Irvine, CA	2 PM
M30	*at Bradley	Peoria, IL	1 PM
A7	*at Valparaiso	Valparaiso, IN	2 PM
A13	*at Missouri State	Springfield, MO	1 PM
A20	*UNI	Normal, IL	1 PM
A21	*Drake	Normal, IL	10 AM
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MISSOURI STATE (1-0, 0-0 MVC)

COMEBACK VICTORY

Missouri State earned its first win of the spring season in a dramatic 4-3 comeback victory at SIUE. After falling behind 3-1, the Bears compiled three straight singles points to clinch the match in the final flight.



STRONG START

Freshman Clara Gandara-Gonzalez garnered her first collegiate win in a 6-1, 6-4 victory over her SIUE opponent to seal the 4-3 win.

DOMINANT DOUBLES

Doubles pair Anna Alons and Ellie Burger picked up their first win of the season with a dominant 6-1 decision in the No. 1 spot.

2019 Missouri State Bears Schedule

Date	Opponent	Result	Record
J27	at SIU Edwardsville	W 4-3	1-0
F8	Western Illinois	Springfield, MO	10 AM
F8	Creighton	Springfield, MO	7 PM
F15	SEMO	Springfield, MO	7 PM
F17	Omaha	Springfield, MO	10 AM
F22	at UMKC	Kansas City, MO	TBD
F23	at Missouri	Columbia, MO	5 PM
F24	vs. Central Arkansas	Columbia, MO	10 AM
M1	at Alabama A&M	Huntsville, AL	TBD
M2	at Murray State	Murray, KY	1 PM
M3	at Tennessee State	Nashville, TN	TBD
M6	Louisiana Tech	Springfield, MO	1 PM
M10	at Texas State	San Marcos, TX	11 AM
M12	at UT San Antonio	San Antonio, TX	10 AM
A6	*at UNI	Cedar Falls, IA	1 PM
A7	*at Drake	Des Moines, IA	11 AM
A10	at Oral Roberts	Tulsa, OK	4 PM
A13	*Illinois State	Springfield, MO	1 PM
A14	*Bradley	Springfield, MO	10 AM
A20	*at Valparaiso	Valparaiso, IN	10 AM
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UNI (1-1, 0-0 MVC)



2019 UNI Panthers Schedule

Date	Opponent	Result	Record
J20	at Omaha	L 3-4	0-1
J27	North Dakota	W 5-2	1-1
F3	SIU Edwardsville	Cedar Falls, IA	11 AM
F8	at Minnesota	Minneapolis, MN	2 PM
F10	Gustavus Adolphus	Cedar Falls, IA	1 PM
M8	at UW Milwaukee	Milwaukee, WI	1 PM
M9	at UW Whitewater	Lake Geneva, WI	12 PM
A5	*Drake	Cedar Falls, IA	2 PM
A6	*Missouri State	Cedar Falls, IA	1 PM
A14	*Valparaiso	Cedar Falls, IA	10 AM
A20	*at Illinois State	Normal, IL	1 PM
A21	*at Bradley	Peoria, IL	11 AM
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STONY BROOK (0-0)



2019 Stony Brook Seawolves Schedule

Date	Opponent	Result	Record
J25	at FAU Owl Cup	No Team Score	
J26	at FAU Owl Cup	No Team Score	
J27	at FAU Owl Cup	No Team Score	
F9	at Army	West Point, NY	8 AM
F15	at NJIT	Newark, NJ	2 PM
F16	at Lehigh	Bethlehem, PA	1 PM
F22	vs. St. Bonaventure	West Point, NY	5 PM
M1	at UConn	Storrs, CT	12 PM
M2	at Fairfield	Fairfield, CT	4 PM
M3	at Scared Heart	Fairfield, CT	4:30 PM
M9	at Cornell	Ithaca, NY	9 AM
M10	vs. Niagara	Ithaca, NY	9 AM
M15	vs. Providence	Providence, RI	4:30 PM
M16	at Brown	Providence, RI	11 AM
A2	Farleigh Dickinson	Stony Brook, NY	1 PM
A5	LIU Brooklyn	Stony Brook, NY	12 PM
A6	Wagner	Stony Brook, NY	12 PM
A7	Marist	Stony Brook, NY	11 AM
A9	at Hofstra	Hempstead, NY	2 PM
A12	at UMass	Amherst, MA	2 PM
A14	Binghamton	Stony Brook, NY	11 AM
A18	at Fordham	Bronx, NY	12 PM
A20	Queens	Stony Brook, NY	1 PM
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VALPARAISO (1-3, 0-0 MVC)



2019 Valparaiso Schedule

Date	Opponent	Result	Record
A30	Grace College	W 7-0	1-0
**fall ma	atch counts towards spring record		
J20	at Toledo	L 0-7	1-1
J26	Butler	L 1-6	1-2
J27	IUPUI	L 0-7	1-3
F9	UIC	Valparaiso, IN	10 AM
F10	Milwaukee	Valparaiso, IN	10 AM
F15	at Bethel	St. Paul, MN	6 PM
F16	at Carleton	Northfield, MN	TBD
F23	vs. Dayton	Kalamazoo, MI	10 AM
F24	at Western Michigan	Kalamazoo, MI	10 AM
M5	at Tampa	Tampa, FL	2 PM
M6	vs. Furman	Fort Myers, FL	2 PM
M30	Wayne State	Valparaiso, IN	1 PM
A6	*Bradley	Valparaiso, IN	2 PM
A6	Ohio Northern	Valparaiso, IN	6 PM
A7	*Illinois State	Valparaiso, IN	2 PM
A13	*at Drake	Des Moines, IA	11 AM
A14	*at UNI	Cedar Falls, IA	10 AM
A17	Chicago State	Valparaiso, IN	3 PM
A20	*Missouri State	Valparaiso, IN	10 AM
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