



MISSOURI STATE PICKED TO REPEAT IN VALLEY WOMEN'S HOOPS

ST. LOUIS – Missouri State has been tabbed as the preseason favorite in the MVC women's basketball race in the annual survey of the league's coaches, sports information directors and media.

The Lady Bears will vie for a third-straight regular season title in 2021-22 after securing their second consecutive Valley regular season title and 14th MVC championship since 1990 a year ago. Missouri State finished the season 16-0 in MVC play for the first time in school history.

Missouri State was ranked 14th in the final USA Today/WBCA Coaches Poll, marking the program's highest since finishing fourth in 2001.

Missouri State received 35 of 40 first-place votes and 362 total points, out-distancing Drake (316, 2 1st place votes) and UNI (298, 3 1st place votes).



Missouri State returns seven players and four starters from last season's MVC regular season championship squad that reached the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA tournament for the second-straight season. The Lady Bears enter the 2021-22 season on a 19-game win streak in MVC play. MSU will have the opportunity to break the current program record of 24 (1/9/99-2/3/00) consecutive conference wins this season.

Reigning Jackie Stiles MVC Player of the Year Brice Calip, who led the Lady Bears last season by averaging 13.3 ppg, will lead the way for MSU this season. While the Lady Bears will have six new faces on the roster, it is a roster that will feature experience, including three former conference Defensive Players of the Year in Calip (MVC-2020), Jasmine Franklin (MVC-2021), and Lady Bear newcomer Mariah

White (Horizon League, 2 times).

MSU has a 73-10 overall record since Dec. 20, 2018, which ranks fourth nationally in win percentage (.880) since that date, trailing only Baylor, UConn, and FGCU. The Lady Bears made an appearance in every USA Today Coaches Poll during the 2020-21 season. MSU has appeared in the Coaches Poll for 36 consecutive polls, breaking the previous program record of 19 set by the 2000-01 Final Four team.



Drake returns three starters from last year's group (18-12, 13-5 MVC) that finished second in the Valley standings. Allison Pohlman, longtime associate head coach, was named Head Coach in April of 2021 after Jennie Baranczyk left for Oklahoma. Drake returns eight letterwinners, including the 2021 MVC Newcomer of the Year, Grace Berg and the 2021 Sixth Player of the Year, Maggie Bair along with Hannah Fuller and Maddie (Monahan) Petersen, who each took advantage of the extra year of eligibility awarded by the NCAA due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. Berg provided an immediate impact in her first season averaging 15.9 points and 5.2 rebounds per game while leading the Valley in shooting at 52.6 percent. Her scoring total was the third best in the league. She is just the second Bulldog ever to be named MVC Newcomer of the Year.



UNI finished the season 17-13 overall and 11-7 in MVC action. The Panthers posted its 13th consecutive season at .500 or better in Valley play along with its 12th year in a row with at least 17 victories.

2021-22 PRESEASON POLL

Rank	Team (1st-place votes)	Points
1.	Missouri State (35)	362
2.	Drake (2)	316
3.	UNI (3)	298
4.	Illinois State	268
5.	Bradley	209
6.	Valparaiso	208
7.	Loyola	193
8.	Southern Illinois	161
9.	Indiana State	102
10.	Evansville	83

UNI won the WNIT's Rockford Regional championship and made it all the way to the WNIT semifinals for the first time in program history. UNI returns all but two members of last season's roster along with all but one starter. Highlighted returners include Karli Rucker who averaged 13.3 points and 3.8 assists per game on her way to First-Team All-MVC honors. Kam Finley (WNIT All-Tournament Team, Rockford Region MVP), Emerson Green (MVC All-Freshman Team), and Maya McDermott (MVC All-Freshman Team) also return to the Panther lineup this season and will look to make a big impact.



Missouri State senior guard Brice Calip earned the Jackie Stiles Trophy last season, leading the Lady Bears to a second-straight trip to the NCAA Sweet 16. Calip averaged 13.3 points, 4.9 rebounds and 4.1 assists per game.

2021-22 MVC PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

PLAYER, TEAM	POS.	CL.	HT.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL)
Grace Berg, Drake	F	R-Jr.	6-0	Indianola, Iowa (Indianola)
*Brice Calip, Missouri State	G	Sr.	5-8	Sapulpa, Okla. (Sapulpa)
Jasmine Franklin, Missouri State	F	Sr.	6-1	Fayetteville, Ark. (Fayetteville)
Gabi Haack, Bradley	G	5th	5-9	Elk River, Minn. (Elk River)
Karli Rucker, UNI	G	5th.	5-6	Eldridge, Iowa (North Scott)

*Preseason Player of the Year



Illinois State finished the season with a 16-9 overall record and a 12-6 mark in MVC action last season, finishing third in the league standings. Illinois State made its first postseason berth in eight years, earning a spot in WNIT. The Redbirds also earned their first postseason win since the 2012-13 season with a 68-62 victory over Samford to make it to the Memphis Region Consolation Final. The Redbirds return All-MVC selections Juliunn Redmond and Mary Crompton. Redmond, using her extra year of eligibility, was named First-Team All-MVC after leading the team in scoring with 13.9 points per game while also averaging 6.1 rebounds and 2.8 assists. Crompton was voted as the MVC Most Improved Player, finishing the season ranked third in the country in three-point field goal percentage (46.7%), while averaging 11.1 points per game.



Bradley welcomes back two starters from last season's 17-12 (10-8 MVC) team that won the program's first ever Valley tournament title and NCAA berth. The Braves' 72 wins over the last four years equal the most in a four-year stretch in program history. Averaging 13.8 points per game through her first four seasons, super senior guard Gabi Haack already is the second-leading scorer in Bradley history with 1,640 career points, just 39 behind Karen Anderson's 1,679 points from 1979-83. Already the school-record holder with 283 career three-pointers, Haack also is second in Bradley history with 347 career free throws made, just one shy of Raisa Taylor's record 348 charity makes from 2007-11. Haack ranks second on the Valley career three-pointer list, sitting 11 behind Creighton's Dayna Finch (2001-04). Haack will look to lead the way once again for the Braves after earning First-Team All-MVC honors for a third time last season.



Valpo returns most of its squad from last year's team which posted a 12-13 overall record, including two non-conference wins over Big Ten programs and a 7-9 mark in Valley play. The Beacons return 93% of the team's scoring, 91.6% of the rebounding and 96.4% of the assists. Four of the team's five starters from last season return, highlighted by senior point guard Shay Frederick. A First-Team All-MVC honoree last season, Frederick led The Valley in assists and finished the season sixth in scoring. She enters the season less than 100 points shy of becoming the 17th 1,000-point scorer in program history. Carie Weinman returns as well after earning honorable mention All-MVC accolades last year. A two-time member of the MVC All-Defensive Team, Weinman paced the MVC in steals for a second straight season.



Loyola welcomes back four starters and 11 letterwinners from a 2020-21 campaign (12-15, 8-10 MVC) in which the Ramblers advanced to the semifinals of the MVC tournament for the first time en route to earning a berth in the WBI, the first postseason appearance in program history. Allison Day became just the fifth Rambler in program history to earn First-Team All-MVC distinction following a terrific junior year that saw her lead the team in scoring (11.7 ppg) and rebounding (6.9 rpg). The pairing of Maya Chandler (8.7 ppg) and Sitori Tanin (5.4 ppg, 4.4 rpg) both landed on the MVC All-Freshman Team, with Chandler becoming the first Rambler to take home Valley Freshman of the Year honors. Bre Hampton-Bey (7.1 ppg) made an immediate impact during her first season in Rogers Park, receiving an MVC All-Newcomer Team nod.



Southern Illinois returns 10 players, including all five starters, from last season's team that went 9-16, 5-13 MVC. SIU brings back 89% of its scoring and 88% of its rebounding from last season in what will be head coach Cindy Stein's final season as SIU's head coach. Returning First-Team All-MVC selection Makenzie Silvey comes into the 2021-22 season with her sights set on breaking SIU's all-time scoring record. Silvey comes into the season ranked fifth in school history with 1,522 career points and she is 258 points shy of breaking Cartaesha Macklin's school record of 1,779 career points.



Indiana State will see four starters return from last season's team (5-15, 2-12 MVC). Indiana State will have a new leader at the helm for the 2021-22 season in Chad Killinger. Killinger, the ninth head coach in ISU women's basketball history, comes to ISU after a stint as an assistant coach at Nicholls State. The Sycamores' four returning starters (Sommer Pitzer, Caitlin Anderson, Marie Hunter, and Adrian Folks) account for 83.6% of the starting five scoring output while the nine returners overall make up 76.4% of the overall scoring output from the shortened 2020-21 season. Indiana State added needed depth in the offseason with three Division I transfers. Anna McKendree (Nicholls State), Florence Tshimanga (SMU) and Tonysha Curry (Stetson) will all debut for the Sycamores this season.



Evansville returns four starters from last season's squad (6-18, 2-16 MVC). Robyn Scherr-Wells was named the

new head coach at Evansville in April. Scherr-Wells comes to Evansville after spending the 2020-21 season as assistant coach at Florida International University. Evansville junior Abby Feit has her sights set on multiple spots of the UE record book heading into her third season. The Normal, Ill. native has already entered the top 10 in career blocks with 67 and looks poised to enter the top 10 in rebounds this season, while also approaching the 1,000-point mark. Feit averaged 14.9 points (4th in the MVC) and 7.8 rebounds (2nd in the MVC) per game as a sophomore, earning her honorable mention All-MVC honors.

Preseason voters have correctly selected the conference's regular-season champion 23 times in 38 seasons, but since the poll was expanded to include sports information directors and media in 1994-95, pollsters have accurately predicted 18 of the 27 champions. Preseason favorites have played in 29 postseasons, including 21 NCAA Tournaments with two Sweet 16 and one Final Four appearance.

STARTERS RETURNING/LOST

Team	Returning	Lost
Bradley	2	3
Drake	3	2
Evansville	4	1
Illinois State	3	2
Indiana State	4	1
Loyola	4	1
Missouri State	4	1
UNI	4	1
Southern Illinois	5	0
Valparaiso	4	1
MVC TOTAL	37	13
MVC 2020-21	34	16
MVC 2019-20	30	20



Junior Grace Berg will lead the charge for the Bulldogs in 2021-22. Berg averaged 15.9 ppg and 5.2 rpg a year ago. Berg has been named the MVC Preseason All-MVC Team.

PREVIOUS MVC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PRESEASON POLLS

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Gateway Conference poll until 1991-92 & MVC poll from 1992-93 until present. Number in parentheses is first-place votes. Polls were coaches-only prior to 1994-95. Media panel and sport information directors were added as voters for the 1994-95 poll.

PREVIOUS FAVORITES AND CHAMPIONS

	Preseason Favorite	Champion
1983-84	Southern Illinois	Drake
1984-85	Illinois State	Illinois State
1985-86	Drake	Southern Illinois
1986-87	Southern Illinois	Southern Illinois
1987-88	Southern Illinois	Eastern Ill./Drake
1988-89	Eastern Illinois	Illinois State
1989-90	Southern Illinois	Southern Illinois/Illinois State
1990-91	Southern Illinois	Missouri State
1991-92	Missouri State	Missouri State
1992-93	Southern Illinois	Missouri State
1993-94	Missouri State	Missouri State
1994-95	Creighton	Missouri State
1995-96	Missouri State	Missouri State
1996-97	Missouri State	Drake
1997-98	Drake	Drake
1998-99	Missouri State	Missouri State
1999-00	Drake	Drake
2000-01	Missouri State	Missouri State/Drake
2001-02	Drake	Creighton
2002-03	Creighton	Creighton/Indiana State
2003-04	Missouri State	Missouri State
2004-05	Missouri State	Missouri State
2005-06	Indiana State	Indiana State
2006-07	Drake	Southern Illinois
2007-08	Drake	Drake/Evansville/Illinois State
2008-09	Illinois State	Illinois State
2009-10	Creighton	Illinois State
2010-11	Missouri State	UNI
2011-12	Missouri State	Missouri State
2012-13	Creighton	Wichita State
2013-14	Indiana State	Indiana State/Wichita State
2014-15	Wichita State	Wichita State
2015-16	Missouri State	UNI
2016-17	Drake	Drake
2017-18	Drake	Drake
2018-19	Drake	Drake
2019-20	Drake	Missouri State
2020-21	Missouri State	Missouri State