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Missouri Valley Conference Announces Softball All-Conference Teams UNI's Bunch Named Most Valuable Player and Packard Named Most Valuable Pitcher

ST. LOUIS – The Missouri Valley Conference has announced the All-Conference Teams and specialty award winners on Wednesday morning ahead of the MVC Softball Championship. No. 2 Seed, UNI, claimed the Most Valuable Player, Most Valuable Pitcher, Newcomer of the Year and Coaching Staff of the Year. Indiana State collected Freshman of the Year and Loyola claimed the final specialty award, Defensive Player of the Year.

UNI's Sammey Bunch won the Missouri Valley Conference Most Valuable Player honor. During Conference play, Bunch ranked in the top-five in the Valley in batting average, hits, runs scored, runs batted in, doubles, home runs and total bases. Of the seven categories, she leads the league in three. Bunch finished league play with a .462 batting average, 33 runs scored, 36 hits, 29 RBIs and 10 doubles. In all NCAA Division I Softball, Sammey is third in slugging percentage, fifth in home runs and total bases, seventh in on base percentage, eighth in RBIs, 13th in batting average and 19th in hits.

Kailyn Packard of UNI was named MVC Most Valuable Pitcher and MVC Newcomer of the Year. Packard is ranked 10th in victories in all of NCAA Division I. Against Conference foes, Kailyn had a 1.68 ERA and held opposing batters to .226. In her 95.2 innings pitched against league teams, she struck out 105 and had 14 wins. During the 2021 season, Packard pitched 16 complete games and struck out 162 batters.

The MVC Defensive Player of the Year was Loyola's Madison Ebeling. Ebeling is tied for sixth in the league in fielding double plays during the Conference season and had 40 assists. Madison had 46 putouts from 90 chances and led the Ramblers in assists with 77.

The Freshman of the Year honors went to Isabella Henning of Indiana State. Henning ranked in the top-15 in the league in batting average, slugging percentage, runs scored, hits, doubles and total bases. She finished the season with having played in every game for the Sycamores and second on the team in runs scored and doubles.

Ryan Jacobs and his assistant Monica Wright won this year's Coaching Staff of the Year award. The duo led the Panthers to a 30-17 overall record and a 20-7 mark in the MVC, earning the No. 2 Seed for the 2021 MVC Softball Championship. This season marks the 16th time in program history that the Panthers have won 30 games. It is the fourth time that Coach Jacobs and his staff have earned Coaching Staff of the Year honors.

League awards are voted on by the head softball coaches.



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2021 MVC Softball All-Conference Team

Pos.	Name, School	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
C	Emmy Wells, UNI	Fr.	Valparaiso, Ind./Morgan Township
1B	Allyson Ivey, Loyola	Sr.	Hamilton, Ohio/Ross
2B	Maddy Vermejan, Southern Illinois% @ ~*~	Grad.	Lemont, Ill./Lemont
3B	Olivia Krehbiel, Missouri State	Soph.	Lee's Summit, Mo./Lee's Summit North
SS	Sammey Bunch, UNI>+% -^	R-Sr.	Frankenstein, Mo./Fatima
OF	Eryn Gould, Evansville>%/	Sr.	Mt. Carmel, Ill./Mt. Carmel
OF	Bella Peterson, Indiana State%	Sr.	Plainfield, Ill./Plainfield Central
OF	Macy Johnson, Drake>\$	Sr.	Winterset, Iowa/Winterset
P	Kailyn Packard, UNI	R-Soph.	Beloit, Wis./Beloit Turner
P	Morgan Day, Illinois State!	Sr.	Tuscola, Ill./Tuscola
DP/UT-NP	Andrea Coursey, Illinois State	Sr.	St. Joseph, Ill./St. Joseph-Ogden
UT/P	Mack Leonard, Illinois State	Jr.	Normal, Ill./Normal Community
OF	Kamryn Shaffer, UNI	R-Soph.	Ottawa, Kan./Ottawa
OF	Emily Valtman, Drake	Soph.	Newton, Iowa/Newton
3B	Lexie Siwek, Indiana State	Jr.	Plainfield, Ill./Plainfield North
DP/UT-NP	Adara Opiola, UNI	R-Sr.	Iowa City, Iowa/Iowa City West
C	Darian Frost, Missouri State%	Sr.	Lee's Summit, Mo./Blue Springs

~ 2019 All-Defensive Team; >2019 First Team; !2019 Second Team; +2019 Player of the Year; % 2018 First Team; \$ 2018 Second Team; - 2018 All-Defensive Team; # 2018 Pitcher of the Year; @ 2018 Defensive Player of the Year; / 2018 Freshman of the Year; ? 2018 Player of the Year; ^2017 First Team; *2017 Second Team.

Most Valuable Player: Sammey Bunch, UNI

Most Valuable Pitcher: Kailyn Packard, UNI

Defensive Player of the Year: Madison Ebeling, Loyola

Freshman of the Year: Isabella Henning, Indiana State

Newcomer of the Year: Kailyn Packard, UNI

Coaching Staff of the Year: UNI (Ryan Jacobs and Monica Wright)

2021 MVC Softball All-Conference Second Team

Pos.	Name, School	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
C	Katelyn Massa, Southern Illinois>%	Grad.	Wildwood, Mo./Eureka
1B	Spenser Strandgard, Illinois State	Sr.	Sherrard, Ill./Sherrard
2B	Jessica Fehr, Evansville	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Sycamore
3B	Camryn Monteer, Bradley	Soph.	Boonville, Mo./Boonville R-1
SS	Daphne Plummer, Missouri State	Sr.	Lee's Summit, Mo./Lee's Summit West
OF	Bailey Caylor, Southern Illinois	Fr.	Tipton, Ind./Tipton
OF	Kaili Chval, Illinois State	Soph.	Aurora, Ill./Oswego East
OF	Maris Boelens, Southern Illinois	Sr.	Aledo, Ill./Alleman
P	Sarah Harness, Southern Illinois	Soph.	Bowling Green, Mo./Bowling Green
P	Sydney Ruggles, Loyola	Jr.	Carpentersville, Ill./Dundee-Crown
DP/UT-NP	Isabella Henning, Indiana State	Fr.	Owensboro, Ky./Owensboro Catholic
UT/P	Madison Hunsaker, Missouri State	Sr.	Peculiar, Mo./Belton High
2B	Emme Olson, Illinois State	Jr.	Hartsburg, Ill./Hartsburg-Emden & Olympia
2B	Vicki Zaluske, Bradley	Jr.	Pomona, Calif./Diamond Ranch
SS	Madison Ebeling, Loyola	Jr.	Bartlett, Ill./Wheaton Academy
SS	Libby Ryan, Drake!	Sr.	Mount Vernon, Iowa/Mount Vernon
3B	Brooke Snider, UNI	R-Soph.	Rhodes, Iowa/Indian Hills

2021 MVC Softball All-Defensive Team

Pos.	Name, School	Yr.	Hometown/HS
SS	Madison Ebeling, Loyola~	Jr.	Bartlett, Ill./Wheaton Academy
OF	Macy Johnson, Drake	Sr.	Winterset, Iowa/Winterset
C	Emmy Wells, UNI	Fr.	Valparaiso, Ind./Morgan Township
C	Katelyn Massa, Southern Illinois~	Grad.	Grover, Mo./Eureka
2B	Addi Burke, Valparaiso	Sr.	Mesquite, Texas/John Horn
UT/P	Madison Hunsaker, Missouri State	Sr.	Peculiar, Mo./Belton High
2B	Vicki Zaluske, Bradley	Jr.	Pomona, Calif./Diamond Ranch
OF	Olivia Patton, Indiana State	Jr.	Macomb, Mich./Dakota
1B	Spenser Strandgard, Illinois State	Sr.	Sherrard, Ill./Sherrard
OF	Hannah Hood, Evansville	Soph.	Newburgh, Ind./Castle