



2021 Standings -- As of Mon., Sept. 7

STANDINGS	--- CONFERENCE ---			--- OVERALL ---			Streak
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Evansville	0	0	.000	6	0	1.000	W6
Valparaiso	0	0	.000	5	1	.833	W4
Loyola Chicago	0	0	.000	4	2	.667	W3
Missouri State	0	0	.000	4	2	.667	W2
Indiana State	0	0	.000	3	2	.600	W2
Southern Illinois	0	0	.000	3	3	.500	L1
Illinois State	0	0	.000	2	4	.333	L1
UNI	0	0	.000	2	4	.333	L3
Bradley	0	0	.000	1	4	.200	W1
Drake	0	0	.000	0	2	.000	L2

• • Non-Conference: 30-24 • Home: 7-5 • Away: 9-7 • Neutral: 14-12 • Top-25: 0-4 • •

Recent Results/ Upcoming Schedule

Friday, September 3

UNI vs. USC	L, 3-0
Evansville at Morehead State	W, 3-1
Missouri State vs. Memphis	L, 3-0
Drake vs. UNC Wilmington	Cancelled
Alabama A&M at Southern Illinois	W, 3-0
Eastern Kentucky at Loyola	W, 3-0
Valparaiso vs. UNC Asheville	W, 3-0
Indiana State vs. Alcorn State	W, 3-0
Evansville vs. Radford	W, 3-0
Ohio at Illinois State	W, 3-2
Bradley at Oakland	L, 3-2
Drake at Jacksonville	Cancelled
Missouri State at Central Arkansas	W, 3-1
UNI at #3 Kentucky	L, 3-0
Valparaiso at Tennessee Tech	W, 3-2
UT Martin at Southern Illinois	W, 3-2
SIUE at Loyola	W, 3-1

Saturday, September 4

Evansville vs. Cleveland State	W, 3-0
Drake vs. New Orleans	Cancelled
Valparaiso vs. South Alabama	W, 3-2
UIC at Illinois State	W, 3-1
Missouri State vs. Little Rock	W, 3-0
Oral Roberts at Southern Illinois	L, 3-1
Bradley vs. Eastern Michigan	W, 3-0
Xavier at Loyola	W, 3-2
UNI vs. Creighton	L, 3-0
Indiana State at Belmont	W, 3-1

Sunday, September 5

#25 Marquette at Illinois State	L, 3-0
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Tuesday, September 7

Saint Louis at Southern Illinois (ESPN3)	6 PM
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Thursday, September 9

Loyola vs. Ohio	10 AM
IUPUI at Indiana State (ESPN+)	5 PM
Loyola vs. Fresno State	5 PM
UNI vs. Gonzaga (Pac12+)	6 PM
Bradley at South Dakota (Go Yotes Live)	6 PM

Friday, September 10

Bradley vs. Milwaukee	10 AM
Eastern Illinois at Southern Illinois (ESPN+)	12 PM
Drake vs. Green Bay	12 PM
UNI at Washington State (Pac12+)	2:30 PM
Evansville vs. Northern Kentucky	3 PM
Valparaiso vs. Youngstown State	3:30 PM
Bradley vs. Central Arkansas	4:30 PM
Western Michigan at Indiana State (ESPN+)	5 PM
Illinois State vs. Central Michigan	5 PM
Louisiana Monroe at Missouri State (ESPN+)	6 PM
Loyola at Kansas State	6:30 PM
Drake at North Dakota	7 PM
SC-UPstate at Southern Illinois (ESPN+)	7 PM
UNI vs. Long Beach State (Pac12+)	8 PM

Saturday, September 11

Evansville vs. Middle Tennessee	9:30 AM
Valparaiso at Toledo	11 AM
Illinois State vs. Dayton	11 AM
Tulane at Missouri State	12 PM
Austin Peay at Indiana State (ESPN3)	1 PM
Drake vs. Montana	1:30 PM
Alabama State at Southern Illinois (ESPN3)	1:30 PM
Valparaiso vs. South Dakota State	3:30 PM
Evansville at Miami (OH)	6 PM
Illinois State at Wright State (ESPN+)	6 PM

Sunday, September 12

Saint Louis at Missouri State (ESPN3)	1 PM
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ALL TIMES CENTRAL

*MVC Match



MVC Player of the Week

Peyton McCarthy, 5th, MH, Valparaiso

McCarthy was named Tournament MVP of the Golden Eagle Invitational last weekend after a tremendous trio of matches on both sides of the ball. McCarthy opened the week by putting down a match-high eight kills on just 12 swings, hitting .667, and adding a match-best four blocks in Valpo's sweep of UNC Asheville. That night, she continued her tremendous offensive efficiency, leading Valpo with 18 kills on .607 hitting to go with four blocks as the Beacons took down Tennessee Tech. Her .607 hitting percentage was the second-best in program history in a five-set match and the best in a five-setter in the 25-point era. McCarthy closed the weekend with 11 kills and a match-high five blocks in Valpo's come-from-behind win over South Alabama. For the weekend, McCarthy hit .471 with 2.85 kills/set and 1.00 blocks/set.

Other Notable Performances: Karagan Coggin (BU); Alondra Vazquez (UE); Tamara Otene (ILS); Kaitlyn Hamilton (INS); Taylor Venuto (LUC); Amelia Flynn (MSU); Tatum Tornatta (SIU)



MVC Defensive Player of the Week

Grace Hinchman, So., L, Loyola Chicago

Hinchman continues to cement her case as one of the top liberos not only in The Valley, but also the country. In three matches last weekend at the Hampton Inn Chicago North/Loyola Station Rambler Challenge, the sophomore averaged 5.42 digs per set and added 1.08 assists per set to help Loyola earn the tournament title. A member of the Rambler Challenge All-Tournament Team, Hinchman, who ranked 16th in the nation in digs per set in 2020-21, totaled 29 digs in a five-set victory over Xavier in the tournament championship match on September 4. She also contributed 17 digs in a win over Eastern Kentucky and 19 digs in a victory against SIU Edwardsville on September 3. This fall, she is accounting for 5.73 digs per set and 1.13 assists per set.

Other Notable Performances: Serena Sparks (BU); Hannah Watkins (UE); Kaity Weimerskirch (ILS); Melina Tedrow (INS); Maddy Bushnell (MSU); Katy Kluge (SIU); Rylee Cookerly (VU)



MVC Freshman of the Week

Katelyn Lefler, Fr., S, Illinois State

In ISU's home-opening weekend at Redbird Arena, freshman Katelyn Lefler totaled 132 assists to average 11.0 per set, helping the Redbirds to their first wins of the season. The freshman also added 32 digs (2.67/set) on the weekend, earning a spot on the Red & White Invitational All-Tournament Team. After posting 48 helpers in ISU's five-set win over Ohio on Friday, Lefler recorded 56 assists in Saturday's four-set victory over UIC, the most in a four-set match since former Redbird Stef Jankiewicz had 57 back on Nov. 11, 2017 at Bradley. She concluded the weekend with 28 assists versus No. 25 Marquette, also blasting five kills and hitting .357 in that match.

Through the first six games of her career, the freshman ranks third in the MVC, averaging 9.32 assists per set on the year.

Other Notable Performances: Giulia Cardona (UE); Emma Kaelin (INS); Lane Jenkins (LUC); Maddy Bushnell (MSU); Anna Jaworski (SIU); Elise Swistek (VU)



NOTEWORTHY

In addition to the league's player and freshman of the week selections, several conference players had notable performances, including:

Karagan Coggin (BU) - Coggin earned a spot on the Golden Grizzlies All-Tournament team after hitting a team-best .440 in the two matches while averaging 3.25 kills per set. Coggin also collected 0.62 digs and a team-high 0.88 blocks per set in the two outings. She opened the weekend with a career-best 18 kills and also had four digs and three blocks in a five-set contest at Oakland. Coggin returns to the floor the next day to highlight Bradley's first non-conference road sweep of a match since 2016 by hitting .538 and tallying eight kills and four blocks at Eastern Michigan. She is averaging a career-best 2.74 kills per set on the year.

Alondra Vazquez (UE) - Alondra Vazquez paced the Purple Aces with 3.50 kills and 3.40 digs per set to lead the squad to the Eagle Challenge Championship and its first 6-0 start since 1981. Vazquez hit .227 in the three matches while adding four service aces and three double-doubles. Facing defending OVC Champion Morehead State, Vazquez recorded 12 kills and 12 digs while picking up a pair of assists. Friday's finale versus Radford saw her pick up 12 kills and 10 digs in three sets of work. On Saturday, she helped UE clinch its second consecutive perfect weekend with an 11-kill, 12-dig effort versus Cleveland State. She recorded two service aces in each of the final two matches.

Tamara Otene (ILS) - Sophomore Tamara Otene 47 kills, averaging 3.92 per set in ISU's home-opening weekend at Redbird Arena, leading the team in kills in all three matches while hitting .223. Also recording 20 digs, four block assists and two service aces on the weekend, Otene was named to the Red & White Invitational All-Tournament Team (her second appearance on an all-tournament team this year). Otene had 16 kills in ISU's victory over Ohio on Friday before blasting a career-high 21 in Saturday's four-set win over UIC. The sophomore concluded the weekend with 10 kills versus No. 25 Marquette, hitting a weekend-best .227 in that match. Otene is ranked sixth in the Valley in kills through six games, averaging 3.65 per set on the season.

Kaitlyn Hamilton (INS) - Kaitlyn Hamilton had a big offensive weekend for the Blue & White, collecting 27 total kills on the weekend for 3.86 kills per set in addition to six blocks and five digs. Against Alcorn State on Friday evening, Hamilton got up for 13 kills while hitting .258, also recording three digs and a block. She saved her best performance for last, tallying 14 kills on .313 hitting paired with her five block assists and one dig. Her performances earned her a place on the Music City Invitational All-Tournament Team.

Taylor Venuto (LUC) - Venuto had a big weekend in helping Loyola capture the title at its own Hampton Inn Chicago North/Loyola Station Rambler Challenge last weekend by going 3-0. The junior middle hitter hit a whopping .507 (40-6-67), averaging 3.33 kills, 0.50 blocks and 0.50 digs per set as the Ramblers picked up wins over Eastern Kentucky, SIUE and Xavier. Venuto picked up MVP honors at the Rambler Challenge. After totaling six kills on 10 swings, with no errors, and adding two blocks in a win over Eastern Kentucky on September 3, the 2019 First Team All-MVC pick had one of the most impressive performances by a middle in Loyola history, cracking 17 kills, while not committing an error, on 26 swings (.654) in a four-set victory over SIUE. She closed out the tournament by posting 17 kills and three rejections in a thrilling, come-from-behind, five-set decision over Xavier on September 4. For the season, Venuto is producing 3.04 kills and 0.70 blocks per set and is hitting at a scorching .398 (70-19-128) clip.

Amelia Flynn (MSU) - Amelia Flynn averaged 3.50 kills, 2.70 digs and 4.05 points per set in three matches, hitting .247 and serving three aces. Flynn hit .265 with 12 kills, 10 digs and three blocks on Friday against Memphis, then added 15 kills on .256 hitting with 11 digs and two aces at Central Arkansas later that day. In Saturday's sweep of Little Rock, she had eight kills, six digs and an ace, hitting above .200 for the third consecutive match.

Tatum Tornatta (SIU) - Tatum Tornatta averaged 2.92 kills and .75 blocks per set in SIU's 2-1 weekend at the Saluki Bash. The Evansville, Ind. native hit .356 for the weekend, which included a career-best .556 in Southern's win over UT Martin on Friday. Tornatta opened her weekend with six kills and three blocks to help SIU sweep Alabama A&M, and then set career-highs in both kills (16) and hitting percentage (.556) in the win over the Skyhawks in the nightcap. The sophomore outside hitter followed with 13 kills, five digs and three blocks against Oral Roberts, which marked the third time already this season that she has put down double-digit kills in a match.

Serena Sparks (BU) - Sparks averaged a team-best 5.00 digs per set in Bradley's two outings at the Golden Grizzlies Invitational, helping the Braves hold their two opponents to a combined .161 hitting percentage. She also boasted a 97 percent serve receive percentage, with just one reception error in her 33 attempts. Sparks opened the weekend with a season-best 29 digs in a five-set contest at Oakland, also serving up an ace and dishing out three assists. She tallied a team-best 11 digs, to go with two assists and career-best three aces in a sweep of Eastern Michigan, helping the Braves to their first non-conference road sweep since 2016.

Hannah Watkins (UE) - In her first action of the 2021 fall season, Hannah Watkins burst onto the scene with a defensive performance that saw her rise all the way to second in the MVC in blocks. Watkins picked up 1.30 blocks per game while adding a total of four digs on the defensive side. She was at her best against some top competition as she recorded seven block assists and one solo block in the 3-1 win over Morehead State. She also added two digs and five kills in six attempts, hitting .833. In the 3-0 win over Radford, Watkins added four more block assists and her second solo of the weekend. The weekend finale versus Cleveland State saw her pick up another dig and her 7th kill of the weekend.

Kaity Weimerskirch (ILS) - Kaity Weimerskirch led the Redbirds' defensive charge in the back row, helping Illinois State to its first wins of the season in the home-opening weekend at Redbird Arena. Weimerskirch scooped up 51 digs over the weekend to average 4.25 per set, turning in her second and third 20-dig performances of the year in ISU's wins over Ohio (21) and UIC (20).

Melina Tedrow (INS) - Melina Tedrow once again served as the defensive anchor for the Sycamores in their 2-0 weekend effort. The senior tallied 35 total digs for the weekend (5.0 per set), pushing her to the sixth-most digs in Indiana State history with 1,277, passing Megan Mers. Against Alcorn State, Tedrow got down for 18 digs and five assists before adding 17 digs and three assists in a victory over Belmont on Saturday.

Maddy Bushnell (MSU) - Maddy Bushnell earned all-tournament honors at the UCA Invitational, averaging 2.25 kills and 1.38 blocks per set with a .400 attack efficiency. Bushnell hit .409 with 12 kills and four blocks in Friday's win at Central Arkansas and hit .600 with six kills on 10 swings in the Saturday sweep of Little Rock, adding five blocks. Friday against Memphis, she had two blocks in one set.

Katy Kluge (SIU) - Katy Kluge averaged 3.92 digs and .5 assists per set to help SIU go 2-1 at the Saluki Bash over the weekend. The senior libero opened her weekend with six digs and two aces in a three-set sweep of Alabama A&M and followed with a season-high 29 digs to go along with four assists and two aces in Southern's win over UT Martin. Kluge closed out her weekend with 12 digs and two assists against Oral Roberts on Saturday.

Rylee Cookerly (VU) - Cookerly moved into the top-10 in NCAA history in career digs as she led Valpo on the back line last weekend. She started the weekend with 12 digs in the sweep of UNC Asheville, and then posted a match-high 25 digs in the win over Tennessee Tech. In the fourth set of that match, Cookerly posted her 2,606th career dig, moving into the top-10 in NCAA history in the category. She closed the weekend with 25 more digs to lead the Beacons in their come-from-behind win over South Alabama. For the weekend, Cookerly averaged 4.77 digs/set.

Giulia Cardona (UE) - Evansville freshman Giulia Cardona recorded 3.10 kills and 3.90 points per set to help the Purple Aces sweep the Eagle Challenge and improve to 6-0 for the first time since 1981. Cardona's efforts were pivotal in the weekend opener against defending OVC Champion Morehead State. Her 16-kill performance helped the Aces to a 3-1 win. She added four block assists and hit an efficient .250 in the win. Cardona picked up 7 digs, 5 kills and 3 service aces in a win over Radford before closing the weekend with 10 kills against Cleveland State. Her weekend efforts saw her move to second in the MVC in points and third in kills.

Emma Kaelin (INS) - In the passing game, Emma Kaelin once again had an impressive weekend, beginning with a 33-assist, 10-dig, five-kill performance against Alcorn State and followed that with a 42-assist, 13-dig, three-kill, one-block performance in a victory against Belmont on Saturday. For the weekend, Kaelin averaged 10.71 assists per set on 75 total assists in addition to 3.29 digs per set and eight total kills, giving her a spot on the Music City Invitational All-Tournament Team. She now has three double-doubles on the season and is fifth in the Missouri Valley Conference with 8.32 assists per set on the year.

Lane Jenkins (LUC) - In three matches at the Hampton Inn Chicago North/Loyola Station Rambler Challenge last weekend, Jenkins averaged 7.00 assists and 2.33 digs per set, leading Loyola to an unblemished 3-0 record and the tournament crown. The rookie setter posted a double-double in each of her team's final two outings of the tournament, notching 29 assists and 10 digs in a four-set win against SIU Edwardsville on September 3 and season highs of 30 assists and 14 digs in a five-set thriller over Xavier. Jenkins is recording 6.62 assists and 2.14 digs per set this season and is hitting .357 (6-1-14).

Anna Jaworski (SIU) - Jaworski averaged 11.58 assists and 1.58 digs per set in SIU's 2-1 weekend at the Saluki Bash. The freshman setter totaled 139 assists, 19 digs, four kills, three aces and two blocks for the weekend, which included the first assist-dig double-double of her collegiate career against Oral Roberts. In Southern's 3-0 win over Alabama A&M, Jaworski finished with 26 assists, two aces and a kill and followed with 71 assists, eight digs and two kills in the five-set win over UT Martin. Jaworski's 71 assists are the most by a Saluki in a match in the rally scoring era (since 2000) and are the second-most in a match by a freshman in Saluki history. The Naperville, Ill. native then followed with 42 assists and a season-high 10 digs against Oral Roberts on Saturday. Jaworski currently leads the Valley in assists per set (11.21).

Elise Swistek (VU) - Swistek made a big impact off the bench as Valpo rallied from two sets down to beat South Alabama Saturday and clinch the Golden Eagle Invitational title. She finished with seven kills in the win - one of which gave Valpo set point in the fourth set to help send the match to the fifth set, and four of which came in the decisive fifth frame, including the match-clinching kill. Swistek also posted a season-best 14 digs in the win over South Alabama as well. For the weekend, Swistek averaged 2.00 digs and 1.10 kills per set.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

DATE	PLAYER	SCHOOL
A30	Alondra Vazquez	Evansville
S7	Peyton McCarthy	Valparaiso
S13		
S20		
S27		
O4		
O11		
O18		
O25		
N1		
N8		
N15		
N22		

DEFENDERS OF THE WEEK

DATE	PLAYER	SCHOOL
A30	Carly Spies	UNI
S7	Grace Hinchman	Loyola Chicago
S13		
S20		
S27		
O4		
O11		
O18		
O25		
N1		
N8		
N15		
N22		

FRESHMEN OF THE WEEK

DATE	PLAYER	SCHOOL
A30	Taya Haffner	Evansville
S7	Katelyn Lefler	Illinois State
S13		
S20		
S27		
O4		
O11		
O18		
O25		
N1		
N8		
N15		
N22		

MVC Players, Defensive Players and Freshmen of the Week are selected each week during the volleyball season. The players are announced on Monday 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.

PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

1	ILLINOIS STATE ⁽³⁾	79
2	DRAKE ⁽³⁾	77
3	LOYOLA ⁽¹⁾	75
4	BRADLEY	71
4	MISSOURI STATE ⁽¹⁾	71
6	UNI ⁽¹⁾	68
7	VALPARAISO	40
8	INDIANA STATE ⁽¹⁾	31
9	EVANSVILLE	26
10	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	12

2021 VOLLEYBALL PRESEASON FIRST TEAM

Missouri Valley Conference vs. Non-Conference Opponents (30-24, .556)

Overall: 30-24 (.556)

Home: 7-5 • Away: 9-7 • Neut: 14-12 • Top-25: 0-4

American Athletic	0-2 (H: 0-0; A: 0-0; N: 0-2)
Memphis.....	0-1
vs. Missouri State.....	L, 3-0
Tulane.....	0-0
at Missouri State.....	\$10
Tulsa.....	0-0
Southern Illinois.....	\$18
Wichita State.....	0-1
vs. Missouri State.....	L, 3-0
America East	0-0 (N: 0-0)
Albany.....	0-0
vs. Missouri State.....	\$17
ACC	0-1 (A: 0-1)
Notre Dame.....	0-1
Loyola.....	L, 3-0
Atlantic-10	0-1 (H: 0-0; N: 0-1)
Dayton.....	0-0
vs. Illinois State.....	\$11
Saint Louis.....	0-0
at Bradley.....	\$18
at Missouri State.....	\$12
at Southern Illinois.....	\$7
VCU.....	0-1
vs. Illinois State.....	L, 3-1
Atlantic Sun	2-1 (H: 1-0; A: 1-0; N: 0-1)
Central Arkansas.....	1-0
vs. Bradley.....	\$10
Missouri State.....	W, 3-1
vs. Southern Illinois.....	\$17
Eastern Kentucky.....	1-0
at Loyola.....	W, 3-0
Kennesaw State.....	0-1
vs. Indiana State.....	L, 3-1
Liberty.....	0-0
at Evansville.....	\$17
Big 12	0-1 (H: 0-0; A: 0-1)
Iowa State.....	0-1
Drake.....	L, 3-1
at UNI.....	\$15
Kansas.....	0-0
Missouri State.....	\$17
Kansas State.....	0-0
Loyola.....	\$10
Big East	1-3 (H: 1-2; A: 0-0; N: 0-1)
Creighton.....	0-1
vs. UNI.....	L, 3-0
DePaul.....	0-1
at Bradley.....	L, 3-0
vs. Loyola.....	\$17
Marquette.....	0-1
at Illinois State.....	L, 3-0
UNI.....	\$18
Xavier.....	1-0
at Loyola.....	W, 3-2
Big Sky	0-0 (H: 0-0; N: 0-0)
Idaho.....	0-0
vs. Drake.....	\$17
Montana.....	0-0
vs. Drake.....	\$11
Northern Colorado.....	0-0
at Bradley.....	\$17
Big South	2-1 (H: 0-0; N: 2-1)
High Point.....	0-1
vs. Illinois State.....	L, 3-0
UNC-Ashville.....	1-0
vs. Valparaiso.....	W, 3-0
Radford.....	1-0
vs. Evansville.....	W, 3-0
USC-Upstate.....	0-0
at Southern Illinois.....	\$10
Big Ten	0-1 (H: 0-0; A: 0-0; N: 0-1)
Illinois.....	0-1
at Illinois State.....	\$17
vs. Valparaiso.....	L, 3-0
Northwestern.....	0-0
Loyola.....	\$18
Big West	1-0 (N: 1-0)
UC Santa Barbara.....	1-0
vs. Valparaiso.....	W, 3-2
Long Beach State.....	0-0
vs. UNI.....	\$10
Colonial	0-2 (A: 0-2; N: 0-0)
Charleston.....	0-1
Indiana State.....	L, 3-1
James Madison.....	0-1
Illinois State.....	L, 3-1
Conference USA	0-2 (H: 0-0; A: 0-1; N: 0-1)
Middle Tennessee.....	0-0
vs. Evansville.....	\$11
North Texas.....	0-0
at Illinois State.....	\$17
UTSA.....	0-0
vs. UNI.....	\$17
Southern Mississippi.....	0-1
Southern Illinois.....	L, 3-1
Western Kentucky.....	0-1
vs. Loyola.....	L, 3-1

Horizon	6-1 (H: 1-0; A: 3-1; N: 2-0)
Cleveland State.....	1-0
vs. Evansville.....	W, 3-0
at Evansville.....	\$17
Green Bay.....	1-0
vs. Drake.....	\$10
UNI.....	W, 3-1
Illinois-Chicago.....	1-0
at Illinois State.....	W, 3-1
vs. Loyola.....	\$18
IUPUI.....	0-0
at Indiana State.....	\$9
Milwaukee.....	1-0
vs. Bradley.....	\$10
Valparaiso.....	W, 3-2
Northern Kentucky.....	0-0
vs. Evansville.....	\$10
Oakland.....	1-1
Bradley.....	L, 3-2
vs. Loyola.....	W, 3-1
Purdue Fort Wayne.....	1-0
Evansville.....	W, 3-0
Wright State.....	0-0
Illinois State.....	\$11
vs. UNI.....	\$17
Youngstown State.....	0-0
vs. Valparaiso.....	\$10
Mid-American	4-2 (H: 1-1; A: 1-0; N: 2-1)
Ball State.....	0-1
vs. UNI.....	L, 3-1
Central Michigan.....	0-1
at Bradley.....	L, 3-1
vs. Illinois State.....	\$10
Eastern Michigan.....	2-0
vs. Bradley.....	W, 3-0
vs. Indiana State.....	W, 3-1
Kent State.....	1-0
vs. Evansville.....	W, 3-0
Miami (OH).....	0-0
Evansville.....	\$11
Ohio.....	1-0
at Illinois State.....	W, 3-2
vs. Loyola.....	\$9
Toledo.....	0-0
Valparaiso.....	\$11
Western Michigan.....	0-0
at Indiana State.....	\$10
Mountain West	0-0 (N: 0-0)
Fresno State.....	0-0
vs. Loyola.....	\$9
Ohio Valley	7-1 (H: 2-1; A: 3-0; N: 2-0)
Austin Peay.....	0-0
at Indiana State.....	\$11
Belmont.....	0-0
Indiana State.....	W, 3-1
Eastern Illinois.....	0-0
at Indiana State.....	\$17
Indiana State.....	\$19
at Southern Illinois.....	\$10
Morehead State.....	1-0
Evansville.....	W, 3-1
Murray State.....	0-0
at Evansville.....	\$18
SEMO.....	0-1
at Bradley.....	L, 3-1
Southern Illinois.....	\$17
SIUE.....	2-0
vs. Evansville.....	W, 3-0
at Loyola.....	W, 3-1
Valparaiso.....	\$17
Tennessee Martin.....	2-0
vs. Missouri State.....	W, 3-0
at Southern Illinois.....	W, 3-2
Tennessee State.....	0-0
Evansville.....	\$14
Tennessee Tech.....	1-0
Valparaiso.....	W, 3-2
Pac-12	0-1 (A: 0-0; N: 0-1)
USC.....	0-1
vs. UNI.....	L, 3-0
Washington State.....	0-0
UNI.....	\$10
SEC	0-1 (H: 0-0; A: 0-1)
Kentucky.....	0-1
UNI.....	L, 3-0
Missouri.....	0-0
at Illinois State.....	\$18
Southland	0-0 (N: 0-0)
New Orleans.....	0-0
vs. Drake.....	\$4
Southeastern Louisiana.....	0-0
vs. Drake.....	\$17
Summit	1-2 (H: 0-1; A: 0-0; N: 1-1)
Kansas City.....	0-0
vs. Missouri State.....	\$18
North Dakota.....	0-0
at Bradley.....	\$17
Drake.....	\$10
North Dakota State.....	1-0
vs. UNI.....	W, 3-1
Omaha.....	0-1
vs. Drake.....	L, 3-0
Oral Roberts.....	0-1
at Southern Illinois.....	L, 3-1
South Dakota.....	0-0
Bradley.....	\$9
South Dakota State.....	0-0
Drake.....	\$18
vs. Valparaiso.....	\$11
Western Illinois.....	0-0
vs. Valparaiso.....	\$17

Sun Belt	3-1 (H: 0-0; A: 1-0; N: 2-1)
Arkansas State.....	1-0
Missouri State.....	W, 3-1
Little Rock.....	1-0
vs. Missouri State.....	W, 3-0
Louisiana Lafayette.....	0-1
vs. Southern Illinois.....	L, 3-0
Louisiana Monroe.....	0-0
at Missouri State.....	\$11
South Alabama.....	1-0
vs. Valparaiso.....	W, 3-2
SWAC	3-0 (H: 1-0; N: 2-0)
Alcorn State.....	1-0
vs. Indiana State.....	W, 3-0
Alabama A&M.....	1-0
at Southern Illinois.....	W, 3-0
Alabama State.....	0-0
at Southern Illinois.....	\$11
Mississippi Valley State.....	1-0
vs. Southern Illinois.....	W, 3-0
West Coast	0-0 (N: 0-0)
Gonzaga.....	0-0
vs. UNI.....	\$11
AVCA Top-25	0-4 (H: 0-1; A: 0-2; N: 0-1)
#3 Kentucky.....	0-1
UNI.....	L, 3-0
#16 Western Kentucky.....	0-1
vs. Loyola.....	L, 3-1
#25 Marquette.....	0-1
at Illinois State.....	L, 3-0
#25 Notre Dame.....	0-1
Loyola.....	L, 3-0
2020-21 NCAA Teams	1-5 (H: 0-0; A: 1-2; N: 0-3)
Creighton.....	0-1
vs. UNI.....	L, 3-0
Dayton.....	0-0
vs. Illinois State.....	\$11
High Point.....	0-1
vs. Illinois State.....	L, 3-0
Kentucky.....	0-1
UNI.....	L, 3-0
Missouri.....	0-0
at Illinois State.....	\$18
Morehead State.....	1-0
Evansville.....	W, 3-1
Notre Dame.....	0-1
Loyola.....	L, 3-0
South Dakota.....	0-0
Bradley.....	\$9
Washington State.....	0-0
UNI.....	\$10
Western Kentucky.....	0-1
vs. Loyola.....	L, 3-1
Wright State.....	0-0
Illinois State.....	\$11
vs. UNI.....	\$17

BU: On the Mark

Junior Karagan Coggin hit a blistering .440 in Bradley's two matches at the Golden Grizzlies Invitational, averaging 3.25 kills and 0.88 blocks per set to take home all-tournament team honors. Coggin collected a career-best 18 kills and hit .405 Friday at Oakland to mark the first time a Brave had 15 or more kills and hit at least .400 in a match since Erica Haslag did so against Omaha on Sept. 14, 2018. Coggin hit .538 and had eight kills in a three-set victory at Eastern Michigan Saturday to help the Braves to their first non-conference road sweep dating back to the 2016 season.

DU: Travel Issues

Drake's scheduled appearance at the JU Invitational canceled due to unforeseen travel issues that prevented the Bulldogs from traveling to Florida. As a result, the Bulldogs have played just two matches and seven total sets this season. The Bulldogs return to action this weekend for three matches at North Dakota where they will face Green Bay, Montana and the host, North Dakota. The Bulldogs are a combined 13-8 all-time against those opponents.

UE: Party Like It's 1981

With a clean sweep at the Eagle Challenge, the Purple Aces improved to 6-0 for the first time since 1981. That season saw UE win its first 10 games. Highlighting the weekend for UE was a huge road win over defending Ohio Valley Conference champion Morehead State. The Eagles were 17-2 last season and defeated Creighton for their first-ever NCAA Tournament win. Evansville also picked up victories over Radford and Cleveland State.

ILS: High-Powered Offense

Illinois State's 319 kills through six games ranks 21st nationally and second in the Valley through the first two weekends of the 2021 fall season. Sophomore Tamara Otene has led the 'Birds in kills in five of six matches this season, totaling 84 on the year and averaging 3.65 per set.

INS: #500

With an undefeated weekend at the Music City Invitational, Sycamore volleyball earned their 500th victory in program history. Indiana State clinched victory 500 on Saturday evening, defeating Belmont, 3-1, on the Bruins home court. The Sycamores' first official year of volleyball was 1977.

LUC: Tourney Champs!

Loyola won the championship of its own Hampton Inn Chicago North/Loyola Station Rambler Challenge last weekend, picking up wins against Eastern Kentucky, SIUE and Xavier to win its own in-season tournament for the second time in the last three seasons it has been played. Under head coach Amanda Berkley, Loyola is now 8-1 in Rambler Challenge contests, winning the title in 2018 and 2021, while placing second in 2019.

MSU: Bears Heading Home

Missouri State will make its home debut this week-end with the annual Dr. Mary Jo Wynn Invitational at Hammons Student Center. The Bears went 9-2 at home last season and have won 79 percent of their matches at HSC over the last 22 seasons, finishing above .500 in each one.

UNI: Challenge Accepted

The Panthers will take on Gonzaga, Washington State, and Long Beach State at the Cougar Challenge in Pullman, Washington. In its last visit to Bohler Gym, UNI went 4-0 to win the 1994 Cougar Challenge championship. UNI opens the Cougar Challenge by playing Thursday versus Gonzaga. The Panthers are 2-0 in the all-time series including a 3-1 win at the 1989 Women's Invitational Volleyball Championship for Bobbi (Becker) Petersen's final victory of her illustrious playing career.

SIU: Putting It Together

The Salukis are winners of three of their last four matches after they went 2-1 at the Saluki Bash over the weekend. In the home opening win over Alabama A&M, the Salukis hit .344 as a team and had 12 aces. SIU's 12 aces in their three-set win were its most in a three-set match since Sept. 5, 2007, when the Salukis served 13 aces in a win over Western Illinois. The following match, the Salukis rallied from a 2-1 deficit to stun UT Martin in five sets and keep their unbeaten home win streak over the Skyhawks intact. Southern is 12-0 all-time at home against UT Martin.

VU: In-Season Tourney Win

Valpo posted a perfect 3-0 record this weekend to claim the Golden Eagle Invitational championship, the 26th in-season tournament title for the program under head coach Carin Avery. The tournament title is the program's first since the 2018 squad capped a stretch of three straight titles by defending its home court and winning the Crusader Classic.

Climbing MVC Digs Chart

Valpo's Rylee Cookerly and Drake's Kylee Macke continue to climb The Valley's all-time career digs list. Cookerly sits third on the MVC all-time list. The fifth-year player is the NCAA active leader in career digs, while Macke sits third on the active NCAA list. Cookerly will enter the weekend with 2,640 career digs, 16 shy of 2nd place. Macke is up to 9th on The Valley all-time list.

Individual Career Digs (MVC History)

2,778	Courtney Pence, Illinois State, 2015-18
2,656	Ellie Blankenship, UNI, 2007-10
2,640	Rylee Cookerly, Valparaiso, 2017-pres
2,482	Emily Butters, Missouri State, 2015-18
2,423	Alana Wittenburg, Drake, 2007-10
2,323	Kendyl Sorge, UNI, 2015-18
2,215	Katie Klages, Evansville, 2010-13
2,202	Kelly Broussard, Wichita State, 2005-08
2,099	Kylee Macke, Drake, 2017-pres
2,095	Julie Walroth, Evansville, 2004-07

Non-Con History

Since 2010, the Valley has posted a record above .500 in non-conference play every year except 2014 (.55-57), 2017 (.61-66) and 2019 (.57-69). The MVC currently sits 30-24 (.556) in non-league play so far in 2021.

Year	Record	Win%
2021	30-24	.556
2020	N/A (COVID-19)	
2019	57-69	.452
2018	80-49	.620
2017	61-66	.480
2016	70-57	.551
2015	85-52	.620
2014	55-57	.491
2013	65-54	.546
2012	60-52	.536
2011	73-45	.619
2010	90-29	.756

Against the Field

The MVC holds a winning record against eight leagues in non-conference play following the first two weeks of the season. The Valley is 7-1 vs. the Ohio Valley, 6-1 vs. the Horizon League, 4-2 vs. the MAC, 3-0 vs. the SWAC, 3-1 vs. the Sun Belt, 2-1 vs. the Atlantic Sun and Big South and 1-0 vs. the Big West.



2021 Missouri Valley Conference
Conference Team Leaders as of Sep 07, 2021



Hitting Percentage	S	K	E	TA	Pct.	Opponent Hitting Pct	S	K	E	TA	Pct.
1. Evansville	19	256	86	668	.254	1. Evansville	19	225	119	686	.155
2. Loyola Chicago	23	329	131	821	.241	2. Valparaiso	26	335	163	1002	.172
3. Missouri State	20	262	90	714	.241	3. Indiana State	19	226	106	688	.174
4. Indiana State	19	251	90	676	.238	4. Southern Illinois	22	238	111	698	.182
5. Southern Illinois	22	279	117	737	.220	5. Missouri State	20	265	121	747	.193
6. Illinois State	23	319	134	847	.218	6. Bradley	19	263	101	770	.210
7. Valparaiso	26	301	132	937	.180	7. Loyola Chicago	23	277	96	777	.233
8. Bradley	19	236	125	770	.144	8. Northern Iowa	21	264	104	661	.242
9. Northern Iowa	21	220	133	668	.130	9. Illinois State	23	290	92	763	.260
10. Drake	7	62	42	238	.084	10. Drake	7	103	35	262	.260

Assists	S	No.	Avg / S	Kills	S	No.	Avg / S
1. Loyola Chicago	23	310	13.48	1. Loyola Chicago	23	329	14.30
2. Illinois State	23	294	12.78	2. Illinois State	23	319	13.87
3. Evansville	19	242	12.74	3. Evansville	19	256	13.47
4. Southern Illinois	22	264	12.00	4. Indiana State	19	251	13.21
5. Missouri State	20	237	11.85	5. Missouri State	20	262	13.10
6. Indiana State	19	220	11.58	6. Southern Illinois	22	279	12.68
Bradley	19	220	11.58	7. Bradley	19	236	12.42
8. Valparaiso	26	278	10.69	8. Valparaiso	26	301	11.58
9. Northern Iowa	21	206	9.81	9. Northern Iowa	21	220	10.48
10. Drake	7	60	8.57	10. Drake	7	62	8.86

Blocks	S	BS	BA	Total	Avg / S	Service Aces	S	No.	Avg / S
1. Northern Iowa	21	6	88	50	2.38	1. Evansville	19	41	2.16
2. Missouri State	20	20	46	43	2.15	2. Missouri State	20	39	1.95
3. Loyola Chicago	23	10	68	44	1.91	3. Indiana State	19	31	1.63
4. Evansville	19	8	55	35	1.87	4. Southern Illinois	22	34	1.55
5. Valparaiso	26	9	76	47	1.81	5. Northern Iowa	21	28	1.33
6. Bradley	19	11	44	33	1.74	6. Illinois State	23	29	1.26
7. Illinois State	23	8	63	39	1.72	7. Loyola Chicago	23	27	1.17
8. Southern Illinois	22	4	67	37	1.70	8. Bradley	19	21	1.11
9. Drake	7	0	20	10	1.43	9. Valparaiso	26	22	0.85
10. Indiana State	19	1	52	27	1.42	10. Drake	7	1	0.14

Digs	S	No.	Avg / S
1. Bradley	19	353	18.58
2. Valparaiso	26	418	16.08
3. Indiana State	19	302	15.89
4. Loyola Chicago	23	362	15.74
5. Missouri State	20	309	15.45
6. Illinois State	23	336	14.61
7. Drake	7	102	14.57
8. Evansville	19	276	14.53
9. Southern Illinois	22	319	14.50
10. Northern Iowa	21	235	11.19



2021 Missouri Valley Conference Conference Individual Leaders as of Sep 07, 2021



(Players listed below have played in at least 50.00 percent of their team's games.)

Hitting % (Min. 3.0 TA/set)	Cl	S	K	E	TA	Pct.
1. Hartfield, Imani-SIU	So	22	43	7	82	.439
2. McCarthy, Peyton-VALPO	Sr	26	70	13	138	.413
3. Venuto, Taylor-LUC	Jr	23	70	19	128	.398
4. Suhre, Storm-INS	Fr	15	33	9	66	.364
5. Bushnell, Maddy-MSU	Fr	13	24	6	53	.340
6. Scheib, McKenna-BRAD	Fr	13	17	4	41	.317
7. Prondzinski, Kaitlyn-ILS	So	20	48	14	110	.309
8. Feldkamp, Anna-LUC	So	23	43	13	99	.303
9. Vazquez, Alondra-UE	Sr	19	85	19	218	.303
10. Tornatta, Tatum-SIU	So	22	58	19	131	.298

Assists	Cl	S	No.	Avg/S
1. Jaworski, Anna-SIU	Fr	22	239	10.86
2. Sprague, Morgan-MSU	Fr	20	205	10.25
3. Lefler, Katelyn-ILS	Fr	22	205	9.32
4. Kauling, Kora-BRAD	Sr	15	129	8.60
5. Kaelin, Emma-INS	Fr	19	158	8.32
6. Thon, Cecilia-UE	Sr	11	87	7.91
7. Jenkins, Lane-LUC	Fr	21	139	6.62
8. Appel, Jenna-LUC	So	23	128	5.57
9. Smith, Caitlyn-DU	Sr	7	37	5.29

Blocks	Cl	S	BS	BA	Total	Avg/S
1. Carly, Spies-UNI	Jr	21	2	26	28	1.33
2. Watkins, Hannah-UE	Jr	10	2	11	13	1.30
3. Giani, Margherita-SIU	So	22	1	25	26	1.18
4. Hart, Haley-VALPO	Sr	26	4	23	27	1.04

Points	Cl	S	K	SA	BS	BA	Points	Avg/S
1. Vazquez, Alondra-UE	Sr	19	85	10	0	9	99.5	5.24
2. Cardona, Giulia-UE	Fr	19	71	8	0	7	82.5	4.34
3. Flynn, Amelia-MSU	Sr	20	74	5	1	6	83.0	4.15
4. Bush, Haley-DU	So	6	24	0	0	1	24.5	4.08
5. Ibarguen, Manuela-MSU	Jr	20	74	3	1	6	81.0	4.05
6. Otene, Tamara-ILS	So	23	84	5	0	8	93.0	4.04
7. Thompson, Hannah-BRAD	Sr	19	64	8	2	2	75.0	3.95
Barnes, Addie-LUC	Jr	19	63	9	1	4	75.0	3.95
9. Garcia, Nataly-SIU	Jr	22	64	8	1	11	78.5	3.57
10. Venuto, Taylor-LUC	Jr	23	70	1	4	12	81.0	3.52

Kills	Cl	S	No.	Avg/S
1. Vazquez, Alondra-UE	Sr	19	85	4.47
2. Bush, Haley-DU	So	6	24	4.00
3. Cardona, Giulia-UE	Fr	19	71	3.74
4. Ibarguen, Manuela-MSU	Jr	20	74	3.70
Flynn, Amelia-MSU	Sr	20	74	3.70
6. Otene, Tamara-ILS	So	23	84	3.65
7. Thompson, Hannah-BRAD	Sr	19	64	3.37
8. Barnes, Addie-LUC	Jr	19	63	3.32
9. Venuto, Taylor-LUC	Jr	23	70	3.04
10. Kushner, Sarah-ILS	Jr	23	67	2.91

Service Aces	Cl	S	No.	Avg/S
1. Williams, Madeline-INS	Sr	19	10	0.53
Vazquez, Alondra-UE	Sr	19	10	0.53
3. Fay, Rylee-MSU	So	20	10	0.50
4. Barnes, Addie-LUC	Jr	19	9	0.47
5. Cardona, Giulia-UE	Fr	19	8	0.42
Thompson, Hannah-BRAD	Sr	19	8	0.42
7. Owen, Kate-MSU	Fr	12	5	0.42
8. Sprague, Morgan-MSU	Fr	20	8	0.40
9. Thon, Cecilia-UE	Sr	11	4	0.36
Payton, Ahrenstorff-UNI	Fr	11	4	0.36

Digs	Cl	S	No.	Avg/S
1. Hinchman, Grace-LUC	Fr	15	86	5.73
2. Sparks, Serena-BRAD	Jr	19	94	4.95
3. Cookerly, Rylee-VALPO	Sr	26	126	4.85
4. Tedrow, Melina-INS	Sr	19	90	4.74
5. Polcovich, Teagan-MSU	So	20	91	4.55
6. Weimerskirch, Kaity-ILS	Jr	23	102	4.43
7. Kluge, Katy-SIU	Sr	22	95	4.32
8. Thompson, Hannah-BRAD	Sr	19	81	4.26
9. Macke, Kylee-DU	Sr	7	24	3.43
10. Kaylee, Donner-UNI	Fr	16	52	3.25

Team Identification	Team ID
Bradley	BRAD
Drake	DU
Evansville	UE
Illinois State	ILS
Indiana State	INS
Loyola Chicago	LUC
Missouri State	MSU
Northern Iowa	UNI
Southern Illinois	SIU
Valparaiso	VALPO