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UNI PICKED TO CLAIM TITLE IN VALLEY WOMEN'S HOOPS

ST. LOUIS – For the first time in program history, the University of Northern Iowa 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 Panthers will vie for their first regular season title since the 2015-16 season. UNI finished third in the regular season race a year ago and have appeared in the top five in the final Valley standings every year since 2009-10.

UNI received 33 of 48 first-place votes and 517 total points, out-distancing Drake (482, 12 1st place votes) and Illinois State (433, 2 1st place votes).

Preseason voters have correctly selected the conference's regular-season champion 24 times in 40 seasons, but since the poll was expanded to include sports information directors and media in 1994-95, pollsters have accurately predicted 19 of the 29 champions. Preseason favorites have played in 31 postseasons, including 22 NCAA Tournaments with two Sweet 16 and one Final Four appearance.

The 2023-24 regular season campaign begins Monday, November 6, with conference play starting on December 30.

2023-24 PRESEASON POLL

Rank	Team (1st-place votes)	Points
1.	UNI (33).....	517
2.	Drake (12).....	482
3.	Illinois State (2).....	433
4.	Belmont (1).....	401
5.	Missouri State.....	382
6.	UIC.....	311
7.	Murray State.....	308
8.	Southern Illinois.....	295
9.	Indiana State.....	200
10.	Valparaiso.....	162
11.	Evansville.....	137
12.	Bradley.....	116



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MVC WBB PRESEASON ALL-MVC 1ST TEAM

PLAYER, TEAM	POS.	CL.	HT.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL)
*Grace Boffeli, UNI	F	Jr.	6-1	Eldridge, Iowa (North Scott)
Grace Berg, Drake	F	Gr.	6-0	Indianola, Iowa (Indianola)
Katie Dinnebier, Drake	G	Jr.	5-8	West Des Moines, Iowa (Waukee)
Maya McDermott, UNI	G	Jr.	5-6	Johnston, Iowa (Johnston)
DeAnna Wilson, Illinois State	F	Gr.	6-2	St. Louis, Mo. (Cardinal Ritter College Prep)
Katelyn Young, Murray State	F	Sr.	6-1	Oakwood, Ill. (Oakwood)

*Preseason Player of the Year

MVC WBB PRESEASON ALL-MVC 2ND TEAM

PLAYER, TEAM	POS.	CL.	HT.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL)
Tuti Jones, Belmont	G	R-Jr.	5-7	Troy, Ala. (Charles Henderson)
Jade Masogayo, Missouri State	F	So.	6-3	Fort Worth, Texas (Fossil Ridge)
Jaida McCloud, UIC	F	Sr.	6-3	Peoria, Ill. (Richwoods)
Anna Miller, Drake	F	Jr.	6-3	Rochester, Minn. (Rochester Mayo)
Kennedy Taylor, Missouri State	F	Jr.	6-3	Shawnee Mission, Kan. (Shawnee Mission NW)



UNI junior forward Grace Boffeli will lead the charge for the Panthers in 2023-24. Boffeli averaged 16.1 ppg and 9.2 rpg a year ago. Boffeli was a first-team All-MVC performer a year ago.

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PREVIOUS MVC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PRESEASON POLLS

1983-84	PTS.
1. Southern Illinois (3)	20
2. Drake (4)	22
3. Illinois State (1)	31
4. Wichita State (1)	44
5. Eastern Illinois	48
6. Indiana State	63
7. Missouri State (1)	70
8. Northern Iowa	82
9. Western Illinois	83
10. Bradley	87

1984-85	PTS.
1. Illinois State (9)	99
2. Drake	77
3. Southern Illinois	73
4. Wichita State	67
5. Eastern Illinois	63
6. Missouri State (1)	59
7. Indiana State	38
8. Bradley	36
9. Western Illinois	25
10. Northern Iowa	12

1985-86	PTS.
1. Drake (7.5)	97.5
2. Southern Illinois (2.5)	92.5
3. Illinois State	74
4. Missouri State	65
5. Bradley	51
6. Eastern Illinois	50
7. Indiana State	41
8. Wichita State	38
9. Northern Iowa	31
10. Western Illinois	10

1986-87	PTS.
1. Southern Illinois (10)	100
2. Illinois State	89
3. Bradley	75
4. Drake	64
5. Eastern Illinois	53
6. Missouri State	49
7. Indiana State	37
8. Wichita State	35
9. Northern Iowa	34
10. Western Illinois	14

1987-88	PTS.
1. Southern Illinois (10)	100
2. Eastern Illinois	80
3. Drake	75
4. Bradley	71
5. Illinois State	70
6. Missouri State	48
7. Wichita State	33
8. Western Illinois	29
9. Indiana State	26
10. Northern Iowa	18

1988-89	PTS.
1. Eastern Illinois (5)	74
2. Illinois State (3)	73
3. Drake (2)	69
4. Southern Illinois	59
5. Indiana State	49
6. Missouri State	36
7. Bradley	34
8. Western Illinois	34
9. Wichita State	18
10. Northern Iowa	14

1989-90	PTS.
1. Southern Illinois (5)	77
2. Illinois State (4)	74
3. Eastern Illinois	58
4. Drake	55
5. Missouri State (1)	49
6. Western Illinois	45
7. Indiana State	33
8. Bradley	32
9. Wichita State	16
10. Northern Iowa	11

1990-91	PTS.
1. Southern Illinois (4)	94
2. Missouri State (3)	87
3. Illinois State (2)	83
4. Bradley (1)	72
5. Eastern Illinois	53
6. Western Illinois	45
7. Wichita State	38
8. Drake	33
9. Indiana State	27
10. Northern Iowa	18

1991-92	PTS.
1. Missouri State (8)	98
2. Southern Illinois (2)	91
3. Illinois State	74
4. Bradley	58
5. Wichita State	55
6. Indiana State	53
7. Eastern Illinois	48
8. Western Illinois	29
9. Drake	28
10. Northern Iowa	16

1992-93	PTS.
1. Southern Illinois (6)	77
2. Missouri State (3)	72
3. Illinois State (1)	63
4. Creighton	57
5. Drake	38
6. Bradley	38
7. Indiana State	30
8. Bradley	17
9. Northern Iowa	17

1993-94	PTS.
1. Missouri State (6)	78
2. Creighton (3)	75
3. Drake	58
4. Southern Illinois	44
5. Wichita State	42
6. Bradley	39
7. Illinois State	35
8. Indiana State	18
9. Northern Iowa	16

1994-95	PTS.
1. Creighton (26)	355
2. Missouri State (3)	291
3. Drake (5)	288
4. Southern Illinois (3)	285
5. Wichita State	234
6. Bradley	172
7. Illinois State	149
8. Indiana State	137
9. Northern Iowa	64
10. Evansville	60

1995-96	PTS.
1. Missouri State (20)	344
2. Drake (13)	337
3. Southern Illinois (4)	286
4. Creighton	265
5. Indiana State	199
6. Wichita State	195
7. Illinois State	167
8. Bradley	118
9. Northern Iowa	67
10. Evansville	57

1996-97	PTS.
1. Missouri State (33)	391
2. Drake (6)	311
3. Southern Illinois	301
4. Illinois State (1)	288
5. Creighton	278
6. Bradley	183
7. Northern Iowa	150
8. Wichita State	134
9. Indiana State	111
10. Evansville	53

1997-98	PTS.
1. Drake (29)	385
2. Missouri State (11)	363
3. Illinois State	316
4. Southern Illinois	236
5. Wichita State	226
6. Indiana State	215
7. Bradley	182
8. Creighton	123
9. Northern Iowa	101
10. Evansville	53

1998-99	PTS.
1. Missouri State (26)	368
2. Drake (12)	350
3. Indiana State	284
4. Creighton	245
5. Northern Iowa	199
6. Illinois State	198
7. Wichita State	159
8. Southern Illinois	143
9. Evansville	79
10. Bradley	65

1999-00	PTS.
1. Drake (14)	276
2. Missouri State (14)	269
3. Evansville (2)	243
4. Northern Iowa	226
5. Creighton	161
6. Wichita State	146
7. Indiana State	131
8. Southern Illinois	87
9. Illinois State	77
10. Bradley	34

2000-01	PTS.
1. Missouri State (31)	378
2. Drake (1)	330
3. Evansville (7)	329
4. Northern Iowa	243
5. Wichita State	224
6. Creighton	206
7. Indiana State	177
8. Southern Illinois	102
9. Illinois State	101
10. Bradley	55

2001-02	PTS.
1. Drake (37)	370
2. Missouri State	306
3. Northern Iowa	283
4. Evansville	259
5. Wichita State	233
6. Creighton	195
7. Indiana State	125
8. Bradley	123
9. Illinois State	88
10. Southern Illinois	53

2002-03	PTS.
1. Creighton (31)	390
2. Drake (9)	361
3. Missouri State	271
4. Wichita State	256
5. UNI	244
6. Bradley	216
7. Indiana State	170
8. Evansville	135
9. Illinois State	98
10. Southern Illinois	59

2003-04	PTS.
1. Missouri State (27)	379
2. Creighton (12)	365
3. Indiana State (1)	301
4. UNI	277
5. Wichita State	230
6. Drake	212
7. Bradley	147
8. Evansville	129
9. Illinois State	105
10. Southern Illinois	52

2004-05	PTS.
1. Missouri State (34)	324
2. Creighton (3)	324
3. Illinois State	283
4. Drake (2)	275
5. Indiana State	272
6. UNI	182
7. Bradley	158
8. Wichita State	117
9. Evansville	106
10. Southern Illinois	40

2005-06	PTS.
1. Indiana State (34)	393
2. Missouri State (3)	349
3. Creighton (3)	302
4. Drake	271
5. UNI	241
6. Evansville	207
7. Illinois State	190
8. Bradley	99
9. Wichita State	92
10. Southern Illinois	78

2006-07	PTS.
1. Drake (28)	373
2. Wichita State (10)	345
3. UNI	274
4. Evansville	242
5. Illinois State	237
6. Indiana State (2)	227
7. Missouri State	176
8. Southern Illinois	176
9. Creighton	84
10. Bradley	66

2007-08	PTS.
1. Drake (24)	348
2. Illinois State (12)	342
3. Indiana State	289
4. Evansville (1)	288
5. Southern Illinois (1)	233
6. Creighton (1)	223
7. Missouri State	182
8. UNI	113
9. Wichita State	95
10. Bradley	78

2008-09	PTS.
1. Illinois State (40)	400
2. Creighton	310
3. Drake	297
4. Evansville	251
5. UNI	245
6. Missouri State	215
7. Indiana State	166
8. Bradley	161
9. Southern Illinois	108
10. Wichita State	47

2009-10	PTS.
1. Creighton (34)	393
2. Illinois State (6)	340
3. Drake	296
4. UNI	253
5. Indiana State	250
6. Bradley	214
7. Missouri State	188
8. Evansville	108
9. Wichita State	97
10. Southern Illinois	61

2010-11	PTS.
1. Missouri State (27)	385
2. UNI (3)	329
3. Creighton (7)	328
4. Illinois State (2)	258
5. Wichita State	226
6. Bradley (1)	204
7. Drake	180
8. Indiana State	150
9. Southern Illinois	83
10. Evansville	57

2011-12	PTS.
1. Missouri State (36)	396
2. UNI (4)	322
3. Wichita State	315
4. Creighton	246
5. Indiana State	234
6. Illinois State	224
7. Drake	168
8. Bradley	162
9. Evansville	68
10. Southern Illinois	65

2012-13	PTS.
1. Creighton (26)	382
2. Wichita State (12)	347
3. Illinois State (2)	323
4. UNI	272
5. Missouri State	265
6. Bradley	144
7. Indiana State	135
8. Southern Illinois	123
9. Drake	121
10. Evansville	119

2013-14	PTS.
1. Indiana State (26)	378
2. Wichita State (13)	360
3. UNI	259
4. Drake	221
5. Missouri State	216
6. Loyola (1)	211
7. Bradley	194
8. Illinois State	166
9. Evansville	104
10. Southern Illinois	91

2014-15	PTS.
1. Wichita State (36)	395
2. UNI (2)	348
3. Drake (2)	315
4. Evansville	252
5. Indiana State	234
6. Missouri State	190
7. Loyola	166
8. Illinois State	125
9. Southern Illinois	116
10. Bradley	60

2015-16	PTS.
1. Missouri State (22)	373
2. Drake (15)	347
3. UNI (1)	320
4. Southern Illinois (1)	297
5. Wichita State (1)	214
6. Evansville	182
7. Indiana State	151
8. Loyola	142
9. Bradley	126
10. Illinois State	48

2017-18	PTS.
1. Drake (31)	356
2. Missouri State (7)	323
3. UNI (2)	311
4. Southern Illinois	256
5. Indiana State	231
6. Bradley	216
7. Illinois State	139
8. Evansville	132
9. Valparaiso	131
10. Loyola	105

2016-17	PTS.
1. Drake (34)	392
2. UNI (4)	317
3. Missouri State (2)	313
4. Southern Illinois	306
5. Wichita State	248
6. Indiana State	199
7. Bradley	141
8. Illinois State	123
9. Evansville	109
10. Loyola	52

2018-19	PTS.
1. Drake (35)	363
2. UNI (4)	325
3. Missouri State (1)	287
4. Southern Illinois	279
5. Illinois State	223
6. Bradley	193
7. Indiana State	192
8. Valparaiso	135
9. Loyola	127
10. Evansville	76

2019-20	PTS.
1. Drake (31)	359
2. Missouri State (8)	329
3. UNI (1)	297
4. Bradley	255
5. Southern Illinois	235
6. Illinois State	212
7. Loyola	188
8. Valparaiso	126
9. Indiana State	111
10. Evansville	88

2020-21	PTS.
1. Missouri State (33)	360
2. Bradley (7)	328
3. UNI	288
4. Drake	282
5. Illinois State	223
6. Southern Illinois	201
7. Valparaiso	176
8. Loyola	133
9. Indiana State	129
10. Evansville	80

2021-22	PTS.
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

2022-23	PTS.
1. Belmont (32)	508
2. Illinois State (7)	444
3. Drake (6)	438
4. Murray State (2)	397
5. UNI	393
6. Missouri State (1)	388
7. Southern Illinois	270
8. Indiana State	257
9. Evansville	207
10. Valparaiso	197
11. Bradley	133
12. UIC	112

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
2021-22	Missouri State	Southern Illinois
2022-23	Belmont	Belmont/Illinois State