



MVC MEN'S BASKETBALL

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2023-24 Standings (thru Sunday, Nov. 19)

Non-Conf: 30-11

	MVC	PCT.	HOME	AWAY	STREAK	ALL	PCT.	HOME	AWAY	NEUT	L10	STREAK
Evansville	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		4-0	1.000	3-0	1-0	0-0	4-0	W4
Bradley	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		3-0	1.000	2-0	1-0	0-0	3-0	W3
Drake	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		3-0	1.000	2-0	0-0	1-0	3-0	W3
Southern Illinois	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		3-0	1.000	3-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	W3
Missouri State	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		3-1	.750	1-0	0-1	2-0	3-1	W3
UIC	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		3-1	.750	2-0	1-1	0-0	3-1	W3
Illinois State	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		2-1	.667	2-0	0-1	0-0	2-1	W1
Indiana State	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		2-1	.667	2-0	0-1	0-0	2-1	W1
Murray State	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		2-1	.667	2-1	0-0	0-0	2-1	L1
Belmont	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		2-2	.500	2-0	0-2	0-0	2-2	L1
Valparaiso	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		2-2	.500	2-1	0-1	0-0	2-2	L1
UNI	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		1-2	.333	1-0	0-2	0-0	1-2	L1

MVC Home Games: 0-0

Non-Conference: 30-11 (H: 24-2; A: 3-9; N: 3-0) vs. Top-25: 0-3 vs. Power Conferences: 0-5

Upcoming Schedule

Monday, Nov. 20

ILS vs. Long Beach (Gulf Coast Showcase)	FloHoops	12:30 pm
MUR vs. UNCW (Fort Myers Tip-Off)		12:30 pm
Drake vs. SFA (Cayman Islands Classic)	FloHoops	12:30 pm
MoState vs. Abilene Christian (Paradise Jam)	ESPN+	7:00 pm
Bradley vs. Tulane (SoCal Challenge)	CBS Sports Network	9:30 pm

Tuesday, Nov. 21

SIU vs. #22 JMU (Cancun Challenge)	CBS Sports Network	5:00 pm
Indiana St. vs. Rice (Ball Dawgs Classic)	FloHoops	5:30 pm
W. Illinois at Valparaiso (Biggs Invite)	ESPN+	7:00 pm
Drake vs. TBD (Cayman Islands Classic)	FloHoops	TBD
Illinois St. vs. TBD (Gulf Coast Showcase)	FloHoops	TBD

Wednesday, Nov. 22

MUR vs. AppState (Fort Myers Tip-Off)		11:00 am
UNI vs. #14 N. Carolina (Battle 4 Atlantis)	ESPN	11:00 am
IndSt vs. Pepperdine (Ball Dawgs Classic)	FloHoops	6:00 pm
Illinois St. vs. TBD (Gulf Coast Showcase)	FloHoops	TBD
S. Illinois vs. TBD (Cancun Challenge)	CBS Sports Network	TBD
Bradley vs. TBD (SoCal Challenge)	CBS Sports Network	TBD

Thursday, Nov. 23

UNI vs. TBD (Battle 4 Atlantis)	ESPN or ESPN2	TBD
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Friday, Nov. 24

Belmont vs. Monmouth <i>at Cathedral of College Basketball Classic</i>	ESPN+	1:00 pm
IndSt vs. Toledo (Ball Dawgs Classic)	FloHoops	1:00 pm
UE at Chattanooga (Coke Zero Sugar Classic)	ESPN+	1:00 pm
UIC vs. MTSU (Nassau Championship)	FloHoops	3:30 pm
UNI vs. TBD (Battle 4 Atlantis)	TBD	TBD

MVC Player of the Week

Isaiah Rivera, UIC, Sr., G

Rivera averaged 18.0 points, 3.5 rebounds and 3.0 assists per game with a 3.00 assist/turnover ratio, a .591 field-goal percentage (13-of-22) and a razor-sharp .600 three-point percentage (6-of-10) as UIC improved to 3-1 this season with victories on the road at cross-town rival Loyola and at home vs. Aurora. Rivera scored a game-high 23 points (8-15 FG, 3-7 3FG), including 13 in the second half, in Tuesday's win at Loyola, the first for the Flames over the Ramblers since 2013 and their first on the road at Loyola since 2009. Rivera then turned in a near-perfect shooting performance with 13 points (5-7 FG, 3-3 3FG) and four rebounds in Sunday's victory over Aurora.

MVC Newcomer of the Week

Isaiah Stafford, Valparaiso, Jr., G

Stafford averaged 24.0 points per game this week, adding six total rebounds, two steals and a block over two games in which he shot 78.6 percent (11-of-14) from the free-throw line. He started the week with an 18-point performance in a home win over Green Bay before scoring 30 points on Friday at No. 23 Illinois. He became just the sixth different Valpo player with 30 or more points in a game in the last decade. This marked the most points scored by a non-power conference opponent against Illinois since 2020. He had 23 points before halftime, the most by a Valpo player in a first half since Alec Peters in December 2016 vs. Indiana State.

MVC Freshman of the Week

Kevin Overton, Drake, G

Overton delivered on the offensive and defensive end for Drake this week. Overton had 19 points with five rebounds, a block and an assist in the 87-67 win last Tuesday against SW Minnesota State. Overton was tied with Atin Wright as Drake's leading scorer with 22 points while distributing three assists and swiping a steal in the 85-77 win versus Oakland to open the Cayman Islands Classic. He was 15-of-28 from the field and 8-17 from beyond the arc.

A Better Start

On this date last year (Nov. 20), the MVC had a collective 28-18 (.609) record in non-league play. This year the league enters Thanksgiving week with a 30-11 non-league slate (.732 win percentage).

MVC MTE Scorecard

All 12 MVC teams are participating in Multi-Team Events (MTEs) this season. The league entered today (Monday) with a 5-1 mark so far.

Playing for a Title

Missouri State has beaten Florida Gulf Coast and Kent State in the first two games of the Paradise Jam, and the Bears will play for the title Monday at 7 pm CT against Abilene Christian. Drake won the Paradise Jam last year. After the Paradise Jam event, the Bears return home on Saturday, Nov. 25 to battle South Carolina State at 1 p.m. Missouri State welcomes back coach Steve Alford and the 1999 Bears for that game, along with the jersey retirement ceremony of Bears' great Danny Moore at halftime.

Home Sweet Home

The MVC has combined for a 24-2 record at home in non-conference play. Last year The Valley was 46-10 at home during non-league play. All-time best home marks:

Season	Home	Pct.
2020-21	34-2	.944
2023-24	24-2	.923
2019-20	55-6	.902
2006-07	55-6	.902

MVC Players of the Week

	Player	Newcomer	Freshman
N13	Tucker DeVries, Drake	Nick Ellington, Murray State	Chuck Bailey III, Evansville
N20	Isaiah Rivera, UIC	Isaiah Stafford, Valparaiso	Kevin Overton, Drake
N27			
D4			
D11			
D18			
D26			
J2			
J8			
J15			
J22			
J29			
F5			
F12			
F19			
F26			
M4			

Winning at Home

Southern Illinois men's basketball extended its nonconference win streak inside Banterra Center to 22 games after defeating Chicago State. Drake has a streak of 39-straight non-conference home victories.

Making Some Threes

Through games of Sunday, Nov. 19, just nine NCAA Division I players had made three or more three-pointers in every game his team has played this season - three of them are in the MVC: Baylor Scheierman (Creighton); Atin Wright (Drake), Christopher Mantis (Appalachian State), Cole Anderson (UC Santa Barbara), Hunter Cattoor (Virginia Tech), Isaiah Swope (Indiana State), Jayden Stone (Detroit), Trent Brown (Southern Illinois) and Tristan da Silva (Colorado).

Against the Top 25

MVC teams were 2-2 vs. Top 25 non-conference teams last season. Two league teams will play ranked teams this week, including Southern Illinois (vs. #22 James Madison) and UNI (vs. #14 North Carolina). Notably, of the league's 11 losses in non-league play this year (through Sunday, Nov. 20), three of the 11 have come to ranked teams (that's 27.3 percent of the total). Only 19 times in MVC history have top-25 teams accounted for more than 20 percent of the league's non-conference defeats.

Raining Threes

Bradley tied the program's second best three point mark for a single game with 17 made triples vs Tarleton State. BU's record is 20 coming against Florida A&M in 2006. The 17 treys are a league single-game best this season.

MVC vs. Other Conferences (thru Sunday, Nov. 19)

Conf.	W-L
ACC.....	0-0
American.....	1-2
ASUN.....	3-0
Atlantic 10.....	1-1
Big Ten.....	0-1
Big South.....	0-0
Big 12.....	0-2
CAA.....	0-0
CUSA.....	0-1
Horizon.....	3-1
MAAC.....	0-0
MEAC.....	0-0
Mid-American.....	3-0
Mountain West.....	1-0
NEC.....	0-0
Ohio Valley.....	4-0
Pac-12.....	0-1
Patriot.....	0-0
SEC.....	0-1
SoCon.....	0-1
Southland.....	0-0
SWAC.....	0-0
Summit.....	1-0
Sun Belt.....	1-0
WAC.....	1-0
WCC.....	0-0
Independent.....	1-0
Non Division I.....	10-0
TOTAL	30-11

Vs. Power Six* W-L

**ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Big East, SEC, Pac-12*

at West Virginia (Missouri State).....	0-1
at Cincinnati (UIC).....	0-1
at #24 Alabama (Indiana State).....	0-1
at #3 Arizona (Belmont).....	0-1
at #23 Illinois (Valparaiso).....	0-1
TOTAL	0-5

Vs. Top 25 W-L

at #24 Alabama (Indiana State).....	0-1
at #3 Arizona (Belmont).....	0-1
at #23 Illinois (Valparaiso).....	0-1
TOTAL	0-3

MVC Teams in In-Season Tourneys This Season

Belmont (Cathedral of College Basketball)	0-0
Bradley (SoCal Challenge)	1-0
Drake (Cayman Islands)	1-0
Evansville (Coke Zewo Sugar Classic)	0-0
UIC (Nassau Championship)	0-0
Illinois State (Gulf Coast Showcase)	0-0
Indiana State (Ball Dawgs Classic)	0-0
Missouri State (Paradise Jam)	2-0
Murray State (Fort Myers Tipoff)	0-0
UNI (Bad Boy Mowers Battle 4 Atlantis)	0-0
Southern Illinois (Cancun Challenge)	1-0
Valparaiso (Joseph Biggs Invitational)	0-1
TOTALS	*5-1

**includes games played at campus sites. In 2022-23, MVC teams were 17-17 in MTEs.*