



MVC MEN'S BASKETBALL

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2023-24 Standings (thru Sunday, Nov. 26)

Non-Conf: 51-21

	MVC	PCT.	HOME	AWAY	STREAK	ALL	PCT.	HOME	AWAY	NEUT	L10	STREAK
Bradley	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		6-0	1.000	3-0	1-0	2-0	6-0	W6
Evansville	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		6-0	1.000	3-0	2-0	1-0	6-0	W6
Drake	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		5-1	.833	3-0	0-0	2-1	5-1	W2
Indiana State	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		5-1	.833	2-0	0-1	3-0	5-1	W4
Missouri State	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		5-1	.833	3-0	0-1	2-0	5-1	W5
Southern Illinois	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		4-1	.800	3-0	0-0	1-1	4-1	W1
UIC	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		5-2	.714	2-0	1-1	2-1	5-2	L1
Valparaiso	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		4-2	.667	4-1	0-1	0-0	4-2	W2
Belmont	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		4-3	.571	2-0	1-2	1-1	4-3	W2
Illinois State	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		3-3	.500	2-0	0-1	1-2	3-3	L2
Murray State	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		2-3	.400	2-1	0-0	0-2	2-3	L3
UNI	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		2-4	.333	1-0	0-2	1-2	2-4	W1

MVC Home Games: 0-0

Non-Conference: 51-21 (H: 29-2; A: 5-9; N: 17-10) vs. Top-25: 0-5 vs. Power Conferences: 1-7

Upcoming Schedule

Tuesday, Nov. 28

*Southern Illinois at Indiana State ESPN+ 6:00 pm

Wednesday, Nov. 29

*Evansville at Missouri State ESPN+ 7:00 pm
 *Belmont at UNI MVC TV / ESPN+ 7:00 pm
 *Bradley at Murray State ESPN+ 7:00 pm
 *Drake at Valparaiso ESPN+ 7:00 pm

Thursday, Nov. 30

*Illinois State at UIC ESPN+ 7:00 pm

Saturday, Dec. 2

*Indiana State at Bradley ESPNU/ESPN+ 1:00 pm
 *UNI at Evansville ESPN+ 1:00 pm
 *Valparaiso at Belmont ESPN+ 1:00 pm
 Saint Louis at Southern Illinois ESPN+ 2:30 pm
 *Missouri State at Drake ESPN+ 3:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 3

*Murray State at Illinois State MVC TV / ESPN+ 2:00 pm

*denotes MVC Game

MVC Player of the Week

Matthew Lee, Missouri State, Sr., G

Lee was named the MVP of the US Virgin Islands Paradise Jam and then shattered his career scoring high in lifting the Bears to another unbeaten week in the club's long-awaited return to Great Southern Bank Arena on Saturday. Lee started the week by lifting Missouri State to an impressive 87-69 championship game win in the Paradise Jam then followed the performance in St. Thomas by posting 28 points in Missouri State's 92-74 win vs. South Carolina State, knocking down four more 3-pointers to go with 7 assists and a sensational 14-of-16 performance at the foul line, the most FTs by a Bears' guard since Blake Ahearn in 2007.

MVC Newcomer of the Week

Ben Humrichous, Evansville, Sr., F/G

Averaging 27.5 points per game, Humrichous led the Purple Aces to an 85-77 overtime win at Chattanooga along with a dominant 93-74 triumph over Southeast Missouri State. He opened the weekend with 28 points in the win over the Mocs. He was 11-for-21 from the field, 5-of-12 from outside and picked up 3 assists, 2 blocks and 2 boards while playing over 42 minutes. In the second game of the Coca-Cola Zero Sugar Classic, he scored 27 points in a 93-74 win over the Redhawks. Humrichous converted 11 of his 13 attempts and was a perfect 8-for-8 inside the arc. He tallied 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 blocks and a steal.

MVC Freshman of the Week

Cooper Schwieger, Valparaiso, F

Schwieger averaged 15.0 points per game and 5.0 rebounds per contest this week to lift Valpo to home wins over Western Illinois and Southern. He went 4-of-6 from 3-point range over the two games after going 2-of-9 over the season's first four contests. Schwieger shared game-high honors with 17 points in Saturday's win over Southern while also achieving seven rebounds. He had season highs in the scoring column in both games this week, tallying a personal-best 13 in Tuesday's triumph over Western Illinois before outdoing that total against the Jaguars. He went 4-of-5 at the free-throw line and 11-of-20 (.550) from the floor this week.

Still Perfect

There are only 24 NCAA men's basketball teams that remain unbeaten – including Bradley and Evansville from the MVC. **The MVC joins the Mountain West (Colorado State and Nevada) as the only non Power Conferences with multiple unbeaten teams.**

A Perfect Nov. 25

League teams combined for a perfect 7-0 non-conference slate on Saturday, Nov. 25. The 7-0 single-day W-L mark is one of the best in league play in the last 20 seasons.

Best "Perfect" Days in MVC Non-Conference, Since 2004-05; Minimum 5 Games Played

9-0	12/11/2004
8-0	12/3/2005
7-0	11/25/2023 & 12/9/2006
6-0	12/18/2021
5-0	11/27/19; 12/18/19
	12/19/11; 12/22/10

Most Single-Day Non-Conf Wins; Since 2004-05 (Last 20 Seasons)

9-0	12/11/2004
8-0	12/3/2005
8-1	11/26/2005
7-0	11/25/2023 & 12/9/2006
7-1	12/4/2004 & 11/28/2009
7-2	12/19/09; 2/21/09; 2/23/08

Another Sweep

Four MVC teams completed MTE play with perfect records: **Bradley, Evansville; Indiana State; Missouri State.** Five other MVC teams went 2-1 in their respective MTEs (Belmont, Drake, UIC, Southern Illinois, and Valparaiso).

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 Matthew Lee, MoState	Ben Humrichous, Evansville	Cooper Schwiager, Valparaiso
D4		
D11		
D18		
D26		
J2		
J8		
J15		
J22		
J29		
F5		
F12		
F19		
F26		
M4		

League Play Starts

Conference play begins Tuesday (Nov. 28) as Indiana State hosts Southern Illinois in the earliest start to MVC play in league history. Tuesday marks 100 days out before the State Farm MVC Tournament (March 7-10).

Imbalanced Schedule

As part of the league's 20-game schedule, MVC teams played nine teams home and away, and play the remaining two teams once (one game at home and one game away).

Team	Only Home	Only on Road
BRAD	VALPO	at BEL
BEL	BRAD	at UE
DU	UIC	at MUR
UE	BEL	at SIU
UIC	MOST	at DU
ILS	INS	at UNI
INS	UNI	at ILS
MOST	SIU	at UIC
MUR	DU	at VALPO
UNI	ILS	at INS
SIU	UE	at MOST
VALPO	MUR	at BRAD

Home Sweet Home

The MVC has combined for a 29-2 record at home in non-conference play. Drake (40-straight at home) and Southern Illinois (22 in a row) have the longest active win streaks in the MVC in home non-conference games.

Season	Home	Pct.
2020-21	34-2	.944
2023-24	29-2	.935
2019-20	55-6	.902
2006-07	55-6	.902

Non-Conf Success

The league's 51-21 (.708) non-conference success matches currently ranks as one of the best in the league's 117-year history. **It ranks as the second-best in 61 seasons (dating back to the 1963-64 campaign).**

Season	Home	Pct.
1920-21	25-5	.833
1916-17	35-9	.795
1962-63	74-25	.747
1949-50	78-27	.743
1911-12	14-5	.737
1960-61	74-29	.718
2006-07	90-36	.714
1954-55	70-28	.714
1955-56	69-28	.711
1963-64	71-29	.710
2023-24	51-21	.708

Best Starts in a While

Bradley is off to its best start at 6-0 for the first time since the 1985-86 season (38 years). Evansville, meanwhile, is 6-0 for the first time since the 1964-65 undefeated national championship team. UE has already eclipsed its win total from the entire 2022-23 campaign. UIC's 5-1 start (before Sunday's loss) was its best since the 2012-13 season, when it opened 9-1.

Quite the Comeback

With 11:40 remaining on Friday at Chattanooga, Evansville faced a 62-42 deficit. In what was the 8th-largest comeback in MVC history, the Aces stormed back to take a 2-point lead in the final minute before clinching an 85-77 victory in overtime.

Biggest Comebacks, MVC History

Date -- (Deficit), Winning Team, Score
 1/27/77 -- (28 pts at BRAD) NMSU, 117-109
 3/6/05 -- (23 vs SIU), Missouri State, 65-61
 1/27/01 -- (23 vs Bradley), Evansville, 70-67 (ot)
 11/25/07 -- (22 at Winthrop), Missouri St., 73-69
 11/27/89 -- (21 to Butler), ILS, 67-59 (ot)
 2/19/08 -- (21 to Wichita St.), INS, 83-73 (ot)
 1/23/19 -- (21 to UNI), Southern Illinois, 70-62
11/24/23 -- (20 to Chattanooga), UE 85-77 (ot)
 1/16/22 -- (20 to Bradley), Illinois State, 75-64

vs. Other Leagues (thru Sunday, Nov. 26)

Conf.	W-L
ACC	0-1
American	3-2
America East	1-0
ASUN	3-0
Atlantic 10	2-1
Big South	0-1
Big Ten	0-1
Big 12	0-3
Big West	1-0
CAA	0-2
C-USA	3-1
Horizon	3-2
Ivy League	1-0
Mid-American	5-0
Mid-Eastern Athletic	1-0
Mountain West	1-0
Ohio Valley	5-0
Pac-12	1-1
Patriot	1-0
SEC	0-1
SoCon	1-2
SWAC	2-0
Summit	2-0
Sun Belt	1-2
WAC	2-1
West Coast	1-0
Independent	1-0
Non Division I	10-0
TOTAL	51-21

Vs. Power Six* W-L *ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Big East, SEC, Pac-12

at West Virginia (Missouri St.)	0-1
at Cincinnati (UIC)	0-1
at #24 Alabama (Indiana St.)	0-1
at #3 Arizona (Belmont)	0-1
at #23 Illinois (Valparaiso)	0-1
vs. #14 North Carolina (UNI)	0-1
vs. Texas Tech (UNI)	0-1
vs. Stanford (UNI)	1-0
TOTAL	1-7

Vs. Top 25 W-L

at #24 Alabama (Indiana St.)	0-1
at #3 Arizona (Belmont)	0-1
at #23 Illinois (Valparaiso)	0-1
vs. #22 JMU (S. Illinois)	0-1
vs. #14 North Carolina (UNI)	0-1
TOTAL	0-5

MVC Teams in In-Season Tourneys

Belmont (Cathedral of College Basketball)	2-1
Bradley (SoCal Challenge)	3-0
Drake (Cayman Islands)	2-1
Evansville (Coke Zewo Sugar Classic)	2-0
UIC (Nassau Championship)	2-1
Illinois State (Gulf Coast Showcase)	1-2
Indiana State (Ball Dawgs Classic)	3-0
Missouri State (Paradise Jam)	3-0
Murray State (Fort Myers Tipoff)	0-2
UNI (Battle 4 Atlantis)	1-2
S. Illinois (Cancun Challenge)	2-1
Valpo (Joseph Biggs Invitational)	2-1

TOTALS *23-11
***includes games at campus sites.**
In 2022-23, MVC was 17-17 in MTEs.