



MVC MEN'S BASKETBALL

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2023-24 Standings (thru Sunday, Feb. 18)

Non-Conf: 84-48

	MVC	PCT.	HOME	AWAY	STREAK	ALL	PCT.	HOME	AWAY	NEUT	L10	STREAK
Drake	13-3	.812	8-0	5-3	W4	22-5	.815	14-0	5-4	3-1	8-2	W4
Indiana State	13-3	.812	7-1	6-2	L2	22-5	.815	11-1	7-4	4-0	8-2	L2
Bradley	10-6	.625	6-2	4-4	L1	18-9	.667	11-3	5-5	2-1	6-4	L1
Southern Illinois	9-7	.562	5-3	4-4	W1	17-10	.630	12-4	4-5	1-1	5-5	W1
Belmont	9-7	.562	6-2	3-5	W4	16-11	.593	10-2	5-8	1-1	5-5	W4
UNI	9-7	.562	5-3	4-4	W2	15-12	.556	9-3	5-7	1-2	6-4	W2
Murray State	8-8	.500	4-4	4-4	L1	11-16	.407	7-7	4-7	0-2	4-6	L1
Missouri State	7-9	.438	4-4	3-5	W1	15-12	.556	8-4	4-8	3-0	5-5	W1
Illinois State	7-9	.438	3-5	4-4	W2	13-14	.481	8-6	4-6	1-2	5-5	W2
Evansville	6-10	.375	5-3	1-7	L3	15-12	.556	10-3	4-9	1-0	5-5	L3
UIC	3-13	.188	2-6	1-7	L2	10-17	.370	5-8	3-8	2-1	2-8	L2
Valparaiso	2-14	.125	1-7	1-7	L8	6-21	.222	5-10	1-11	0-0	1-9	L8

MVC Home Games: 56-40

Non-Conference: 84-48 (H: 55-11; A: 10-26; N: 19-11) vs. Top-25: 0-7 vs. Power Conferences: 2-13

Upcoming Schedule

Wednesday, Feb. 21

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

Saturday, Feb. 24

*Valparaiso at Murray State	ESPN+	3:00 pm
*Drake at UNI	ESPN+	5:00 pm
*Missouri State at Belmont	ESPNU/ESPN+	5:00 pm
*UIC at Indiana State	MVC TV/ESPN+	7:00 pm
*Illinois State at Bradley	ESPN+	7:00 pm

Sunday, Feb. 25

*Southern Illinois at Evansville	MVC TV/ESPN+	1:00 pm
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Tuesday, Feb. 27

*Valparaiso at UNI	ESPN+	7:00 pm
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Wednesday, Feb. 28

*Missouri State at Illinois State	ESPN+	7:00 pm
*Southern Illinois at Bradley	ESPN+	7:00 pm
*Indiana State at Evansville	ESPN+	7:00 pm
*Belmont at Murray State	ESPN+	7:00 pm
*Drake at UIC	ESPN+	7:00 pm

*denotes MVC Game

MVC Player of the Week

Johnny Kinziger, Illinois State

Kinziger scored an MVC-high 49 points in two games on the week, including a career-high 31 against 23rd-ranked Indiana State before following with 18 points at home in a win against Evansville. He made 69.6 percent of his shots on the week – another MVC-high on the week – and converted on 6-of-9 from long range and 11-of-12 from the charity stripe in the pair of games. He also dished out eight assists on the week with eight rebounds, three steals, and a blocked shot. He started the week with a career-high 31-point scoring effort against the Sycamores, as he made 10-of-12 shots from the field and 2-of-3 from long range. He came back with 18 points on Sunday against Evansville, while dishing out a career-high seven assists with two steals, four rebounds, a blocked shot and just one turnover. He was 6-of-11 from the field against the Aces, while tying a career-high with four made three-point field goals on just six attempts, while making both of his free throw tries.

MVC Newcomer of the Week

Myles Foster, Illinois State

Foster averaged 19.5 points, 10.0 rebounds, and 3.5 assists per game for the Redbirds in a 2-0 week. He made 64.3 percent of his shots from the field (18-of-28), and all three of his free throw tries. He also added two steals and a blocked shot. His week opened with a 19-point, 12-rebound double-double on the road at 23rd-ranked Indiana State, where he converted on 8-of-13 shots from the field, while giving out a trio of assists. He followed up that performance with a 20-point, eight-rebound, four-assist effort against Evansville, hitting on a career-high 10 baskets on just 15 attempts. He also picked up a pair of steals against the Aces.

MVC Freshman of the Week

Kevin Overton, Drake

Overton averaged 19.0 points, 3.0 rebounds and 2 steals over two wins last week. He helped Drake to a 78-75 victory over Evansville on Tuesday with 15 points, four rebounds and two steals. In Sunday's 95-72 win over Murray State, Overton racked up the game-high 23 points, adding two rebounds and two steals while finishing 5-8 from beyond the arc.

MVC in the NET

Indiana State leads eight MVC teams among the Top 143 as ISU sits at No. 32. Drake is 46; and Bradley, 69. The MVC finished 15th as a league in the Conference NET last year and enters this week No. 9 as a league.

The league's Top 3 NET-rated teams have combined for 12 Q1+Q2 wins this year.

MVC NET Leaders (thru Feb. 18)

32 -- Indiana State [4-4 record vs Q1+Q2]
46 -- Drake [5-2 record vs Q1+Q2]
69 -- Bradley [3-5 record vs Q1+Q2]

Inside the NET

Through games of Feb. 18, a total of 88 Division I teams have amassed four or more Q1+Q2 victories. Of those 88 teams, only 37 have a .500 or better winning percentage against Q1+Q2. And of those 37 teams at .500 or better, only 13 are from non P6 leagues. Drake's .714 winning percentage against the top two quadrants is the national leader among non-P6 programs.

Non P6 Teams with .500 Pct. vs. Q1+Q2

.714 (5-2) -- Drake (MVC)
.667 (8-4) -- Dayton (A-10)
.636 (7-4) -- FAU (AAC)
.615 (8-5) -- Colorado State (Mountain West)
.600 (6-4) -- VCU (A-10)
.600 (6-4) -- Saint Mary's (WCC)
.583 (7-5) -- Utah State (Mountain West)
.571 (4-3) -- South Florida (AAC)
.571 (8-6) -- San Diego State (Mountain West)
.545 (6-5) -- Richmond (A-10)
.545 (6-5) -- Nevada (Mountain West)
.500 (4-4) -- Indiana State (MVC)
.500 (7-7) -- Boise State (Mountain West)

What's Left

All league teams have four games remaining in the regular-season. Each program has two home and two away games left:

Team	At Home	On Road
BEL	MOST, UE	DU, MUR
BRAD	ILS, SIU	MOST, DU
DU	BEL, BRAD	UNI, UIC
UE	SIU, INS	UIC, BEL
UIC	UE, DU	INS, MOST
ILS	UNI, MOST	BRAD, VALPO
INS	UIC, MUR	VALPO, UE
MOST	BRAD, UIC	BEL, ILS
MUR	VALPO, BEL	SIU, INS
UNI	DU, VALPO	ILS, SIU
SIU	MUR, UNI	UE, BRAD
VALPO	INS, ILS	MUR, UNI

Imbalanced Schedule

As part of the league's 20-game schedule, MVC teams play 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
BEL	UE	at BRAD (L)
BRAD	BEL (W)	at VALPO (W)
DU	MUR (W)	at UIC
UE	SIU	at BEL
UIC	DU	at MOST
ILS	UNI	at INS (W)
INS	ILS (L)	at UNI (W)
MOST	UIC	at SIU (W)
MUR	VALPO	at DU (L)
UNI	INS (L)	at ILS
SIU	MOST (L)	at UE
VALPO	BRAD (L)	at MUR

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	Darnell Brodie, Drake	Isaiah Swope, Indiana State	Chuck Bailey III, Evansville
D11	Xavier Johnson, S. Illinois	Malik Dia, Belmont	Kevin Overton, Drake
D18	Nate Heise, UNI	Ryan Conwell, Indiana State	Chuck Bailey III, Evansville
D27	Alston Mason, MoState	Ben Humrichous, Evansville	Chuck Bailey III, Evansville
J2	Xavier Johnson, S. Illinois	Myles Foster, Illinois State	Jahari Williamson, Valparaiso
J8	Connor Hickman, Bradley	Malik Dia, Belmont	Nick Kramer, Missouri State
J15	Tucker DeVries, Drake	Ryan Conwell, Indiana State	Cooper Schwiager, Valparaiso
J22	Robbie Avila, Indiana St.	Nick Ellington, Murray State	Cooper Schwiager, Valparaiso
J29	Alston Mason, MoState	Isaiah Swope, Indiana State	Johnny Kinziger, Illinois State
F5	Chance Moore, MoState	Ryan Conwell, Indiana State	Kevin Overton, Drake
F12	Darnell Brodie, Drake	Malik Dia, Belmont	Cooper Schwiager, Valparaiso
F19	Johnny Kinziger, Illinois St.	Myles Foster, Illinois State	Kevin Overton, Drake
F26			
M4			

Efficiency = NCAA's

Indiana State is 30 in offensive efficiency in KenPom; Drake (38) and Bradley (69). Since 2012, 10 of 12 MVC teams in the Top 35 of KenPom's OE have earned a spot in the NCAA Tourney (UNI, 2020 - COVID; MOST, 2022 - played in the NIT).

Other Metrics

Here's where the league's Top 3 NET-rated teams (Bradley, Drake, Indiana State) sit in a host of other metrics, through games of Feb. 18.

TEAM	KenPom	AOE	BPI	TOR	EM
BRAD	75	69	88	63	86
DU	48	38	52	46	40
INS	49	30	47	44	58

BPI (ESPN power rating); TOR (Bart Torvik); EM (Evan Miya); AOE (KenPom Offensive Efficiency)

Getting to 20 Wins

Indiana State and Drake have both reached 20 wins; Feb. 10 matches the 7th-earliest date that two MVC schools had reached 20 wins.

Earliest Date With Two 20-Win Teams

Feb. 4, 2012 -- Creighton & Wichita State
Feb. 4, 2015 -- UNI & Wichita State
Feb. 6, 2010 -- UNI & Wichita State
Feb. 7, 2017 -- Illinois State & Wichita State
Feb. 8, 1951 -- Bradley & Oklahoma State
Feb. 9, 2013 -- Creighton & Wichita State
Feb. 10, 2024 -- Indiana State & Drake
Feb. 10, 1954 -- Oklahoma St. & Wichita St.

A total of 11 teams in MVC history have secured their 20th win by Feb. 3, including Indiana State this season. The previous 10 all reached post-season play and combined for a total of 13 post-season victories.

MVC: Earliest Dates to Secure 20th Win

Season	Team	Final	No. 20
2013-14	Wichita State [NCAA]	35-1	22-Jan
1985-86	Bradley [NCAA]	32-3	25-Jan
2011-12	Creighton [NCAA]	29-6	28-Jan
2014-15	UNI [NCAA]	31-4	31-Jan
2016-17	Wichita State [NCAA]	31-5	1-Feb
2007-08	Drake [NCAA]	28-5	2-Feb
2012-13	Creighton [NCAA]	28-8	2-Feb
2023-24	Indiana State		3-Feb
1950-51	Bradley [NCT*]	32-6	3-Feb
1978-79	Indiana State [NCAA]	33-1	3-Feb
2009-10	UNI [NCAA]	30-5	3-Feb

*National Campus Tournament

vs. Other Leagues

Conf.	W-L
ACC	0-2
American	3-6
America East	1-0
ASUN	5-2
Atlantic 10	5-2
Big South	0-1
Big Ten	0-2
Big 12	1-5
Big West	1-0
CAA	0-3
C-USA	7-2
Horizon	4-4
Ivy League	1-0
Mid-American	9-3
Mid-Eastern Athletic	1-1
Mountain West	2-0
Ohio Valley	13-1
Pac-12	1-1
Patriot	1-0
SEC	0-3
SoCon	1-4
Southland	0-2
SWAC	6-0
Summit	4-0
Sun Belt	2-2
WAC	2-1
WCC	2-0
Independent	1-1
Non Division I	11-0

TOTAL 84-48

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
vs. Oklahoma State (SIU)	1-0
at #13 BYU (Evansville)	0-1
at Virginia Tech (Valparaiso)	0-1
at Mississippi State (Murray State)	0-1
at #8 Kentucky (Illinois State)	0-1
at Cincinnati (Evansville)	0-1
at Michigan State (Indiana State)	0-1

TOTAL 2-13

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
at #13 BYU (Evansville)	0-1
at #8 Kentucky (Illinois State)	0-1

TOTAL 0-7

MVC Teams in In-Season Tourneys

Belmont (Cathedral of College BKB)	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.

20 Something

Here are the longest 20-win season streaks (entering 2023-24)

Current Streak of 20-Win Seasons:

Streak	Team	W-L if <20
34*	Kansas	
26*	Gonzaga	
13	Belmont	16-11
13	Oregon	17-8
8	Creighton	19-7
8*	Houston	

*already has 20+ wins

MVC Active Streaks of 20+ Wins

13	Belmont
6*	Drake
2*	Indiana State
1	Belmont
1	Bradley
1	Southern Illinois

*includes this season; Belmont's streak above includes 12 seasons as an OVC member

ClayNation

Only three players in MVC history have reached 1,600 career points, 800 rebounds, and 300 assists: Hersey Hawkins of Bradley, Cameron Krutwig of Loyola, and Donovan Clay of Missouri State. Clay and Hawkins. Clay and Hawkins are the only to add 100+ made three-pointers:

	Pts	Reb	A	3FG	STL
Hawkins	3008	818	400	118	259
Clay	1606	848	357	110	104
Krutwig	1833	946	373	1	112

Center of Attention

Robbie Avila of Indiana State leads all centers nationally in assists per game (3.8). Only 22 different centers nationally in the last 30 seasons have averaged 3.0 APG or better for a full season [Basketball Reference] – here are the Top 5, ranked by APG average.

APG Leaders, Centers Only (since 1994-95)

- 4.6 - Ahsan Asadullah, Lipscomb (2021-22)
- 4.2 - Cameron Krutwig, Loyola (2019-20)
- 3.9 - Ahsan Asadullah, Lipscomb (2019-20)
- 3.9 - Brian Heinle, CS-Northridge (2000-01)
- 3.8 - Robbie Avila, Indiana State (2023-24)

Streaking

Drake's current 19-game homecourt winning streak is tied for the nation's best.

NCAA Active Home Win Streaks

- 19 - Drake
- 19 - Houston
- 19 - San Diego State
- 18 - UConn
- 18 - Kansas
- 18 - Morehead State

NCAA Most Total Victories

- 24 UConn
- 24 Grand Canyon
- 24 James Madison
- 23 Purdue
- 23 McNeese State
- 23 Samford
- 22 Drake
- 22 Indiana State
- 22 Appalachian State
- 22 Houston
- 22 High Point

In a Class by Himself

Bradley's Malevy Leons is the only Division I player to reach 80 blocks and 80 steals over the past two seasons. In those 61 total games, Leons has 85 blocks and 98 steals. Only 12 players have reached 60 blocks plus 60 steals in the past two seasons, including Leons, and the MVC's Toby Okani of UIC and Darius Hannah of Bradley. Bradley is the only team in the nation with two 60-60 players over the past 2 years.

Chart Busters

Drake's Tucker DeVries and Darnell Brodie continue to climb the school's all-time charts for career rebounding and career scoring.

Drake's All-Time Rebounding List

- 917 -- Garrett Sturtz (2018-23)
- 864 -- Darnell Brodie (2020- present)
- 854 -- Melvin Mathis (1982-86)

Drake's All-Time Scoring List

- 2,000 -- Reed Timmer (2014-18)
- 1,789 -- Josh Young (2006-10)
- 1,673 -- Tucker DeVries (2021- present)
- 1,657 -- Red Murrell (1955-58)
- 1,651 -- Melvin Mathis (1982-86)

Cooper Shines

Since 1992-93 only four MVC freshmen have averaged 12.0 points per game and 5.0 rebounds per game. A total of 25 freshmen in MVC history have reached 400 points in their first seasons. Cooper Schwiager of Valparaiso has 337 entering this week. Cade Tyson of Belmont was the last MVC freshman to hit 400 points (409 last year).

MVC Freshman to Avg. 12.0 ppg/5.0 rpg (Since 1992-93)

- *Shea Seals, Tulsa (1993-94) - 16.8 ppg; 6.5 rpg
- *Doug McDermott, CU (2010-11) - 14.9 ppg; 7.2 rpg
- *Marcus Domask, SIU (2019-20) - 13.6 ppg; 5.2 rpg
- Cooper Schwiager, Valpo (2023-24) - 12.5 ppg; 5.4 rpg

*denotes MVC Freshman of the Year

Here's Johnny

Illinois State freshman Johnny Kinziger scored a career-high 31 points in the win at No. 23 Indiana State last night – the second-most points scored by a freshman in school history (and most since 1957). He's one of just four freshmen in the MVC in the past 14 seasons to reach 30 points in a game (Darrell Brown, Bradley; Milton Doyle, Loyola; Doug McDermott, Creighton). He's the only one of those four to do so in a league game.

Most Points by MVC Freshman Since 2010-11

- *34 -- Darrell Brown, BU (11/21/16) vs. Hofstra
- *32 -- Milton Doyle, LUC (12/13/13) vs. Campbell
- 31 -- Doug McDermott, CU (3/21/11) vs. Davidson
- 31 -- Johnny Kinziger, ILS (2/13/24) vs. Indiana St.

*denotes school freshman single-game record

Select Company

Belmont's Ja'Kobi Gillespie is one of just two players in the NCAA to average 16.5 points, 4.0 assists and 2.4 steals per game.

Qualifying Players

	PPG	APG	SPG
Ja'Kobi Gillespie, BEL	17.2	4.3	2.4
Shahada Wells, McNeese	17.1	4.7	2.9

Another One Ranked

The MVC has had at least one ranked men's basketball team in the Associated Press poll in 15 of the past 21 seasons (including this year). Indiana State cracked the Top 25 in both the AP poll (23) and USA Today Coaches poll (24) on Feb. 12.

Strong Shooting

UNI shot a league season-best 80 percent from the floor in the second half in its win at Valparaiso (20-of-25). Murray State's 21-of-28 second half (.750) against Missouri State was the third best in a single half in the league this year.

MVC Best FG Pct. in a Half (2023-24)

- .800 (20-25) UNI at Valparaiso (2-14-24)
- .759 (22-29) Drake vs. UE (1-20-24)
- .750 (21-28) Murray St. vs MOST (2-14-24)

Xavier is No. 2

SIU's Xavier Johnson ranks 2nd nationally with 23.3 points per game and 4th with 191 made FTs. Johnson is looking to become the third player in MVC history to lead the MVC in both scoring and assists. He joins Trae Young of Oklahoma (2017-18) as the only Division I MBB players since 1993 to average 23.0 ppg; 6.0 assists; and 85 percent or better from the FT line. Johnson is on pace to finish in the Top 10 all-time in MVC history for free throws made in a season.

MVC: FTs Made – Season

- 316 - Oscar Robertson, Cincinnati, 1958-59
- 284 - Hersey Hawkins, Bradley, 1987-88
- 280 - Oscar Robertson, Cincinnati, 1957-58
- 273 - Oscar Robertson, Cincinnati, 1959-60
- 229 - Bob Patterson, Tulsa, 1965-66
- 221 - Larry Bird, Indiana State, 1978-79
- 220 - Cleo Littleton, Wichita State, 1953-54
- 218 - Bob Harstad, Creighton, 1989-90
- 216 - D.J. Balentine, Evansville, 2013-14

Helping Hands

Drake leads the MVC in assist:turnover ratio and ranks 16th-best nationally. Indiana State, meanwhile, leads the MVC in total assists (17.0 per game). The Sycamores rank 19th-best nationally in that stat category.