



2007-08 Missouri Valley Conference Women's Basketball

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2008 All-Missouri Valley Conference Women's Basketball All-Conference Teams Announced

Evansville's Rebekah Parker and Illinois State's Kristi Cirone each became two-time first-team All-Missouri Valley Conference selections, duplicating last season's honors, as they headline a list of six players named to the all-conference first-team unit, the league office announced Wednesday.

Joining Cirone and Parker on the first team are Ally Thrall of Creighton, Drake's Jill Martin and Lindsay Whorton and Laura Rudolphi of Indiana State.

Rudolphi was a second team all-Valley pick last season, while Thrall and Whorton were honorable mention selections in 2006-07.

Missouri State landed two players, Tahnee Balerio and Maggie Dwyer, on the five-person all-conference second team. The two Lady Bears are joined by Creighton's Sara Cain, UNI freshman Jaqui Kalin and Evansville's Shannon Novosel.

Additionally, five schools are represented in the all-MVC honorable mention selections.

Cirone is a repeat honoree on the All-Defensive Team. She is joined by Skye Johnson of Bradley, first-team all-MVC performer Laura Rudolphi, Southern Illinois' Erica Smith and Evansville's Ashley Austin.

Five schools are also represented on the MVC All-Freshman Team. Creighton's Kelsey Woodard, UNI's Jacqui Kalin, Ellen Young of Southern Illinois, Shala Jackson of Illinois State and Marisha Brown of Missouri State were tabbed to the five person team.

The Missouri Valley Conference will announce its specialty award winners, including the Jackie Stiles Player of the Year, Freshman of the Year, Newcomer of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year and Rawlings Coach of the Year, at the pre-tournament banquet scheduled for noon on March 13 at the Columns Conference & Banquet Center in St. Charles, Mo.

2008 All-Missouri Valley Conference Selections

<u>First Team</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
^Kristi Cirone, Illinois State	Jr.	G	Chicago, Ill./Resurrection
Jill Martin, Drake	Sr.	F	Norwalk, Iowa/Norwalk
^Rebekah Parker, Evansville	Sr.	G/F	Silver Lake, Ind./Tippecanoe Valley
*Laura Rudolphi, Indiana State	Sr.	C	Carlyle, Ill./Carlyle
!Ally Thrall, Creighton	Sr.	G	Des Moines, Iowa/Dowling Catholic
!Lindsay Whorton, Drake	Sr.	G	Independence, Mo./Truman

^2006-07 First Team; *2006-07 Second Team; !2006-07 Honorable Mention

<u>Second Team</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
^Tahnee Balerio, Missouri State	Sr.	G	Buhler, Kan./Buhler
Sara Cain, Creighton	Sr.	F	Walford, Iowa/Cedar Rapids Prairie
Maggie Dwyer, Missouri State	Jr.	G/F	Grand Haven, Mich./Grand Haven
Jacqui Kalin, UNI	Fr.	G	Sioux City, Iowa/North
Shannon Novosel, Evansville	Jr.	C	Lexington, Ky./Lexington Catholic

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<u>Honorable Mention</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
!Courtney Felke, Evansville	Sr.	G	Rochester, Ind./Rochester
Maggie Krick, Illinois State	So.	G	Washington, Ill./Washington
Angela Phillips, Indiana State	Sr.	G	Oak Ridge, Tenn./Oak Ridge
Kiki Stephens, Wichita State	Sr.	F	Tulsa, Okla./Union
Tiff Terwelp, Missouri State	Sr.	F	Quincy, Ill./Quincy

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<u>All-Defensive</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Ashley Austin, Evansville	Jr.	G	Lawrenceville, Ga./Collins Hill
^Kristi Cirone, Illinois State	Jr.	G	Chicago, Ill./Resurrection
Skye Johnson, Bradley	So.	G	Olympia Fields, Ill./Marian Catholic
Laura Rudolphi, Indiana State	Sr.	C	Carlyle, Ill./Carlyle
Erica Smith, Southern Illinois	Jr.	G/F	Florissant, Mo./Hazelwood West

^2006-07 All-Defensive Team

<u>All-Freshman</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Marisha Brown, Missouri State	Fr.	G	Kansas City, Mo./Center
Shala Jackson, Illinois State	Fr.	G/F	Fort Wayne, Ind./South Side
Jacqui Kalin, UNI	Fr.	G	Sioux City, Iowa/North
Kelsey Woodard, Creighton	Fr.	G	Bellevue, Neb./West
Ellen Young, Southern Illinois	Fr.	G	Salem, Ill./Salem Community

Specialty Awards

Jackie Stiles Player of the Year – TBA Thursday, March 13
Freshman of the Year – TBA Thursday, March 13
Newcomer of the Year – TBA Thursday, March 13
Defensive Player of the Year – TBA Thursday, March 13
Rawlings Coach of the Year – TBA Thursday, March 13