



# Men's Basketball

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## UNI's Adam Koch Named Larry Bird MVC Player of the Year

ST. LOUIS -- After helping UNI to a school-record 25 wins and the school's first outright regular-season crown in The Valley, Adam Koch has been named the 2010 Larry Bird MVC Player of the Year. The senior forward is UNI's "glue" this year -- helping the Panthers achieve the highest national ranking in school history (18), while also leading the team to its most-ever league wins (15) since joining the Valley in 1991-92. He is the first player in league history to earn Player of the Year honors after not finishing in the Top 10 in the conference of any of the following statistical categories -- scoring, rebounding, assists, steals, or blocks.

Koch, who was third in the player-of-the-year balloting a year ago, averages a team-best 12.4 points per game and is second for UNI with 4.8 rebounds per game. His free throw shooting is fifth-best in the league as he's converted 120-of-144 from the stripe for 83.3 percent. He has played in 126 games as UNI Panther to rank No. 4 on the all-time games played chart and could establish a school record by season's end. Only Eric Coleman (128), Grant Stout (127) and Brooks McKowen (127) have played more games for the UNI Panthers.

Koch joins Jason Daisy (1997) as the only Panthers to earn the league's top honor.

The league's Newcomer of the Year is Adam Leonard of Missouri State. In his first year at MSU, the junior transfer from Eastern Kentucky ranks second for Cuonzo Martin's Bears in scoring (13.1 ppg.) and leads the league with 87 three-pointers made. That number is tied for third-best among any first-year player in league history. Leonard is the fourth MSU player to win Newcomer of the Year honors. Spencer Laurie was the last Bear to win Newcomer of the Year honors, doing so in 2007.

The league's Freshman of the Year hails from Evansville. Colt Ryan is the league's top-scoring freshman and ranks second only to Illinois State's Osiris Eldridge for the league's top per-game scorer. With 429 points this season (14.8 per game), he surpassed Jason Holsinger's freshman scoring record at UE (365) and he's the most-prolific scoring freshman in the Valley this decade (P'Allen Stinnett with 416 in 2007-08). He's the first Purple Ace to earn the honor, which was first awarded in 1986.

Dinma Odiakosa of Illinois State highlights the league's all-Defense unit, becoming the first Redbird to earn the league's Defensive Player of the Year honor since Dan Muller won two in a row (1996, 1997). Odiakosa has 25 blocks to rank among the league leaders, and he leads the league in rebounding and field goal shooting.

League coaches selected a "Sixth Man Award" recipient, and this season's honor goes to UNI's Lucas O'Rear, for the second-straight year. The honor is presented to the league's top reserve player (one who has started fewer than 25 percent of his team's games). O'Rear averages 4.2 points and 4.5 rebounds and 19 minutes while appearing in 29 games, starting three. He's the first to ever win the award twice.

In addition to the specialty awards, the conference announced it's all-conference units (first-team, second-team and honorable mention), all-newcomer team, all-freshman team, and all-defense team -- as selected by the league coaches. The all-bench and most-improved units have been selected by the league's beat writers and will be announced Wednesday (March 3). A complete listing of all-conference honorees is attached.

### 2010 Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year Voting

Student-Athlete, School	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Adam Koch, UNI	20	3	6	72
Dinma Odiakosa, Illinois State	11	11	4	59
Osiris Eldridge, Illinois State	6	9	5	41
Jordan Eglseider, UNI	2	4	8	22
Clevin Hannah, Wichita State	--	8	6	22
Josh Young, Drake	--	4	6	14
Kwadzo Ahelegbe, UNI	1	--	2	5
Colt Ryan, Evansville	--	1	--	2
Sam Maniscalco, Bradley	--	--	1	1
Kenny Lawson Jr., Creighton	--	--	1	1
Harry Marshall, Indiana State	--	--	1	1

*Student-athletes received 3 points for a first-place vote, two points for a second-place vote and one point for a third-place vote.*

# MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE 2009-10 Men's Basketball

## 2010 All-Missouri Valley Conference Men's Basketball Team

### First Team

	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown
Osiris Eldridge, Illinois State	Sr.	G	6-3	Chicago (Ill.) Phillips Academy
Clevin Hannah, Wichita State	Sr.	G	5-11	Holly Springs (Miss.) High
Adam Koch, UNI	Sr.	F	6-8	Ashwaubenon (Wis.) High
Dinma Odiakosa, Illinois State	Sr.	F	6-8	Akwukwu (Nigeria) Saint Patrick's Model School
Josh Young, Drake	Sr.	G	6-1	Lawton (Okla.) Lawton Christian High

### Second Team

Jordan Eglseder, UNI	Sr.	C	7-0	Bellevue (Iowa) Marquette High
Kenny Lawson Jr., Creighton	Jr.	C	6-9	Oceanside (Calif.) Vista High
Sam Maniscalco, Bradley	Jr.	G	6-0	Chicago (Ill.) St. Patrick High
Harry Marshall, Indiana State	Sr.	G	6-0	Bowling Green (Ind.) Owen Valley High
Kyle Weems, Missouri State	So.	F	6-6	Topeka (Kan.) Highland Park High

### Honorable-Mention Selections

Kwadzo Ahelegbe, UNI	Jr.	G	6-2	Oakdale (Minn.) Tartan High
Ali Farokhmanesh, UNI	Sr.	G	6-0	Iowa City (Iowa) West High
Toure' Murry, Wichita State	So.	G	6-4	Houston (Texas) Klein Forest High
Adam Templeton, Drake	Sr.	F	6-6	Rapid City (S.D.) Central High
Andrew Warren, Bradley	Jr.	G	6-5	Indianapolis (Ind.) Brebeuf Jesuit

### All-Newcomer Team

Gabe Blair, Wichita State	Jr.	F	6-8	Gastonia (N.C.) / East Carolina
Tony Freeman, Southern Illinois	Sr.	G	6-1	Maywood (Ill.) / Iowa
Adam Leonard, Missouri State	Jr.	G	6-1	Lee's Summit (Mo.) / Eastern Kentucky
Jermaine Mallett, Missouri State	Jr.	G	6-3	Jackson (Miss.) / Marion Military Institute
Colt Ryan, Evansville	Fr.	G	6-5	Batesville (Ind.) High
Ryan Wedel, Drake	Jr.	G	6-0	Minneapolis (Kan.) / Arkansas State

### All-Freshman Team

Jackie Carmichael, Illinois State	Fr.	F	6-9	Manhattan (Kan.) High
Colt Ryan, Evansville	Fr.	G	6-5	Batesville (Ind.) High
Gene Teague, Southern Illinois	Fr.	C	6-9	Vineland (N.J.) Apex Academy
Seth VanDeest, Drake	Fr.	C	6-10	Bettendorf (Iowa) High
Ethan Wragge, Creighton	Fr.	F	6-7	Eden Prairie (Minn.) High

### All-Defensive Team (selected by coaches) - 4-way tie for 4th spot

Kwadzo Ahelegbe, UNI	Jr.	G	6-2	Oakdale (Minn.) Tartan High
Osiris Eldridge, Illinois State	Sr.	G	6-3	Chicago (Ill.) Phillips Academy
Adam Koch, UNI	Sr.	F	6-8	Ashwaubenon (Wis.) High
Kenny Lawson Jr., Creighton	Jr.	C	6-9	Oceanside (Calif.) Vista High
Harry Marshall, Indiana State	Sr.	G	6-0	Bowling Green (Ind.) Owen Valley High
Toure' Murry, Wichita State	So.	G	6-4	Houston (Texas) Klein Forest High
Dinma Odiakosa, Illinois State	Sr.	F	6-8	Akwukwu (Nigeria) Saint Patrick's Model School

### All-Bench Team (selected by beat writers)

TBA (March 3)

### Most-Improved Team (selected by beat writers)

TBA (March 3)

**LARRY BIRD MVC  
PLAYER OF THE YEAR**  
Adam Koch, UNI

**NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR**  
Adam Leonard, Missouri State

**FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR**  
Colt Ryan, Evansville

**DEFENSIVE MVP**  
Dinma Odiakosa, Illinois State

**SIXTH-MAN OF THE YEAR**  
Lucas O'Rear, UNI

**ARMY NATIONAL GUARD  
DEFENSIVE TEAM OF THE YEAR**  
UNI

**PRAIRIE FARMS SCHOLAR-  
ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**  
TBA (March 4)

**MOST IMPROVED TEAM CAPTAIN**  
TBA (March 3)

**MVC TOURNAMENT MOP**  
TBD (March 7)

**MVC COACH OF THE YEAR**  
TBA (March 4)

**Scholar-Athlete (1st Tm.)**  
TBA (March 4)

**Scholar-Athlete (2nd Tm.)**  
TBA (March 4)

**Scholar-Athlete (HM)**  
TBA (March 4)

**All-Tournament**  
TBA (March 7)

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## Coach of the Year

1949 Henry P. Iba, Oklahoma A&M  
 1950 Forrest "Forddy" Anderson, BU  
 1951 Henry P. Iba, Oklahoma A&M  
 1952 Edgar S. "Eddie" Hickey, SLU  
 1953 Henry P. Iba, Oklahoma A&M  
 1954 Ralph Miller, Wichita State  
 1955 Clarence Iba, Tulsa  
 1956 Alden Pasche, Houston  
 1957 Edgar S. "Eddie" Hickey, SLU  
 1958 George Smith, Cincinnati  
 1959 George Smith, Cincinnati  
 1950 Charles Orsborn, Bradley  
 1961 Ed Jucker, Cincinnati  
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 1963 Ed Jucker, Cincinnati  
 1964 Maurice "Maury" John, Drake  
 1965 Gary Thompson, Wichita St.  
 1966 Taylor Baker, Cincinnati  
 1967 Joe Swank, Tulsa  
 1968 Maurice "Maury" John, Drake  
 1969 Ken Hayes, Tulsa  
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 1971 Bob Polk, Saint Louis  
 1972 Gene Bartow, Memphis St.  
 1973 Ken Hayes, Tulsa  
 Denny Crum, Louisville  
 1974 Joe Stowell, Bradley  
 1975 Lou Henson, New Mexico St.  
 1976 Ron Ekker, West Texas St.  
 1977 Ken Hayes, New Mexico St.  
 1978 Tom Apke, Creighton  
 1979 Bill Hodges, Indiana State  
 1980 Dick Versace, Bradley  
 1981 Nolan Richardson, Tulsa  
 1982 Gary Garner, Drake  
 1983 Weldon Drew, New Mexico St.  
 1984 Bob Donewald, Illinois St.  
 1985 Nolan Richardson, Tulsa  
 1986 Dick Versace, Bradley  
 1987 J.D. Barnett, Tulsa  
 Eddie Fogler, Wichita State  
 1988 Stan Albeck, Bradley  
 1989 Tony Barone, Creighton  
 1990 Rich Herrin, S. Illinois  
 1991 Tates Locke, Indiana State  
 1992 Bob Bender, Illinois State  
 1993 Rudy Washington, Drake  
 1994 Tubby Smith, Tulsa  
 1995 Tubby Smith, Tulsa  
 1996 Jim Molinari, Bradley  
 1997 Eldon Miller, UNI  
 1998 Kevin Stallings, Illinois St.  
 1999 Jim Crews, Evansville  
 2000 Royce Waltman, Indiana St.  
 2001 Dana Altman, Creighton  
 2002 Dana Altman, Creighton  
 2003 Bruce Weber, S. Illinois  
 2004 Matt Painter, S. Illinois  
 2005 Chris Lowery, S. Illinois  
 2006 Mark Turgeon, Wichita St.  
 2007 Chris Lowery, S. Illinois  
 2008 Keno Davis, Drake  
 2009 Ben Jacobson, UNI  
**2010 TBD (Thursday)**

## Larry Bird MVC Player of the Year

1969 Bobby "Bingo" Smith, TU  
 1970 Jim Ard, Cincinnati  
 1971 Jeff Halliburton, Drake  
 1972 Larry Finch, Memphis St.  
 1973 Larry Kenon, Memphis St.  
 1974 Junior Bridgeman, Louisville  
 1975 Junior Bridgeman, Louisville  
 1976 Mike Glenn, S. Illinois  
 1977 Roger Phegley, Bradley  
 1978 Larry Bird, Indiana State

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 1980 Lewis Lloyd, Drake  
 1981 Lewis Lloyd, Drake  
 1982 Paul Pressey, Tulsa  
 1983 Antoine Carr, Wichita State  
 1984 Xavier McDaniel, Wichita St.  
 1985 Xavier McDaniel, Wichita St.  
 1986 Jim Les, Bradley  
 1987 Hersey Hawkins, Bradley  
 1988 Hersey Hawkins, Bradley  
 1989 Anthony Manuel, Bradley  
 1990 Bob Harstad, Creighton  
 1991 Chad Gallagher, Creighton  
 1992 Ashraf Amaya, S. Illinois  
 1993 Curt Smith, Drake  
 1994 Gary Collier, Tulsa  
 1995 Chris Carr, S. Illinois  
 1996 Anthony Parker, Bradley  
 1997 Jason Daisy, UNI  
 1998 Rico Hill, Illinois State  
 1999 Marcus Wilson, Evansville  
 2000 Nate Green, Indiana State  
 2001 Tarise Bryson, Illinois St.  
 2002 Kyle Korver, Creighton  
 2003 Kyle Korver, Creighton  
 2004 Darren Brooks, S. Illinois  
 2005 Darren Brooks, S. Illinois  
 2006 Paul Miller, Wichita State  
 2007 Jamaal Tatum, S. Illinois  
 2008 Adam Emmenecker, Drake  
 2009 Booker Woodfox, CU  
 2010 Adam Koch, UNI

## Newcomer of the Year

1969 Joe Proctor, Memphis St.  
 1970 Dana Lewis, Tulsa  
 1971 Larry Finch, Memphis St.  
 1972 Seymour Reed, Bradley  
 1973 Jim Caruthers, Bradley  
 1974 Wesley Cox, Louisville  
 1975 Robert Elmore, Wichita St.  
 1976 Cheese Johnson, Wichita St.  
 1977 Slab Jones, New Mexico St.  
 1978 Robert Gunn, New Mexico St.  
 1979 Mitchell Anderson, Bradley  
 1980 Lewis Lloyd, Drake  
 1981 Jaime Pena, New Mexico St.  
 Paul Pressey, Tulsa  
 1982 Steve Harris, Tulsa  
 1983 John S. Williams, Indiana St.  
 1984 Kenny Perry, S. Illinois  
 1985 Hersey Hawkins, Bradley  
 1986 David Miller, Drake  
 1987 Rod Mason, Creighton  
 1988 Eddie Bird, Indiana State  
 1989 Dion Thurman, Bradley  
 1990 Reggie Shields, Tulsa  
 1991 Reggie Wilson, Illinois St.  
 1992 Mark Morse, Tulsa  
 1993 Curt Smith, Drake  
 1994 Shea Seals, Tulsa  
 1995 B.J. Windhorst, Drake  
 1996 Rodney Buford, Creighton  
 1997 Danny Moore, Missouri St.  
 1998 Chris Thunell, S. Illinois  
 1999 Tarise Bryson, Illinois St.  
 2000 Kent Williams, S. Illinois  
 2001 Mike Wallace, Missouri St.  
 2002 Rolan Roberts, S. Illinois  
 2003 Aaron Hogg, Wichita State  
 2004 Marcellus Sommerville, BU  
 2005 Lorenzo Gordon, Illinois St.  
 2006 Nick Porter, Creighton  
 2007 Spencer Laurie, Missouri St.  
 2008 P'Allen Stinnett, Creighton  
 2009 Chamberlain Oguchi, ILS  
 2010 Adam Leonard, MSU

## Freshman of the Year

1986 Bart Friedrich, Drake  
 1987 Joe Griffin, Wichita State  
 1988 Eddie Bird, Indiana State  
 1989 Tony Harvey, S. Illinois  
 1990 Ashraf Amaya, S. Illinois  
 1991 James Hamilton, Bradley  
 1992 Marcus Timmons, SIU  
 1993 Deon Jackson, Bradley  
 1994 Shea Seals, Tulsa  
 1995 Dan Muller, Illinois State  
 1996 Rodney Buford, Creighton  
 1997 Jason Perez, Wichita State  
 1998 Ryan Sears, Creighton  
 1999 Victor Williams, Illinois St.  
 2000 Kent Williams, S. Illinois  
 2001 Luke McDonald, Drake  
 2002 Randy Burns, Wichita St.  
 2003 David Moss, Indiana State  
 2004 Blake Ahearn, Missouri St.  
 2005 Eric Coleman, UNI  
 2006 Bryan Mullins, S. Illinois  
 2007 Osiris Eldridge, Illinois St.  
 2008 P'Allen Stinnett, Creighton  
 2009 Kevin Dillard, S. Illinois  
 2010 Colt Ryan, Evansville

## Defensive Player of the Year

1989 Dwayne Praylow, Wichita St.  
 Michael Scott, Tulsa  
 1990 Randy Blair, Illinois State  
 1991 Michael Scott, Tulsa  
 1992 Ashraf Amaya, S. Illinois  
 1993 Ashraf Amaya, S. Illinois  
 1994 Lou Dawkins, Tulsa  
 1995 Marcus Timmons, SIU  
 1996 Dan Muller, Illinois State  
 1997 Dan Muller, Illinois State  
 1998 Adebayo Akinkunle, BU  
 1999 Monte Jenkins, S. Illinois  
 2000 Nate Green, Indiana State  
 2001 Jerome Robinson, Bradley  
 2002 Rolan Roberts, S. Illinois  
 2003 Jamar Howard, Wichita St.  
 2004 Darren Brooks, S. Illinois  
 2005 Darren Brooks, S. Illinois  
 2006 Patrick O'Bryant, Bradley  
 2007 Randal Falke, S. Illinois  
 2008 Bryan Mullins, S. Illinois  
 2009 Bryan Mullins, S. Illinois  
 2010 Dinma Odiakosa, ILS

## Sixth-Man Award

1997 Steve Hansell, Illinois St.  
 1998 Doug Swenson, Creighton  
 1999 Curt Begle, Evansville  
 2000 Joshua Cross, S. Illinois  
 2001 Mike Wallace, Missouri St.  
 2002 Terrell Taylor, Creighton  
 2003 Aaron Hogg, Wichita State  
 2004 LaMar Owen, S. Illinois  
 2005 Tony Young, S. Illinois  
 2006 Kellen Easley, Missouri St.  
 2007 Deven Mitchell, MSU  
 2008 Booker Woodfox, CU  
 2009 Lucas O'Rear, UNI  
 2010 Lucas O'Rear, UNI

## Prairie Farms Scholar-Athlete of the Year

2002 Kent Williams, S. Illinois  
 2003 Kent Williams, S. Illinois  
 2004 Michael Lindeman, CU  
 2005 Neil Plank, Illinois State  
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 2007 Jamaal Tatum, S. Illinois  
 2008 Adam Emmenecker, Drake  
 2009 Jason Holsinger, Evansville  
 Bryan Mullins, S. Illinois  
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## Multiple Award Winners

### Coach of the Year

4 - Maury John, Drake  
 3 - Henry P. Iba, Okla. A&M  
 3 - Ken Hayes, Tulsa (2),  
 N.M. State (1)  
 2 - Eddie Hickey, Saint Louis  
 2 - George Smith, Cincinnati  
 2 - Charles Orsborn, Bradley  
 2 - Ed Jucker, Cincinnati  
 2 - Nolan Richardson, Tulsa  
 2 - Dick Versace, Bradley  
 2 - Tubby Smith, Tulsa  
 2 - Dana Altman, Creighton  
 2 - Chris Lowery, S. Illinois

### Player of the Year

2 - Junior Bridgeman, UL  
 2 - Larry Bird, Indiana State  
 2 - Lewis Lloyd, Drake  
 2 - Xavier McDaniel, WSU  
 2 - Hersey Hawkins, Bradley  
 2 - Kyle Korver, Creighton  
 2 - Darren Brooks, S. Illinois

### Defensive Player

2 - Ashraf Amaya, S. Illinois  
 2 - Dan Muller, Illinois State  
 2 - Darren Brooks, S. Illinois  
 2 - Bryan Mullins, S. Illinois

### Scholar-Athlete

2 - Kent Williams, S. Illinois  
 2 - Neil Plank, Illinois State

## Back-To-Back Winners

### Coach of the Year

George Smith, UC (58, 59)  
 Maury John, DU (68, 69, 70)  
 Tubby Smith, Tulsa (94, 95)  
 Dana Altman, CU (01, 02)

### Player of the Year

Junior Bridgeman, UL (74, 75)  
 Larry Bird, INS (78, 79)  
 Lewis Lloyd, Drake (80, 81)  
 Xavier McDaniel, WSU (84, 85)  
 Hersey Hawkins, BU (87, 88)  
 Kyle Korver, CU (02, 03)  
 Darren Brooks, SIU (04, 05)

### Defensive Player

Ashraf Amaya, SIU (92, 93)  
 Dan Muller, ILS (96, 97)  
 Darren Brooks, SIU (04, 05)  
 Bryan Mullins, SIU (08, 09)

### Scholar-Athlete

2 - Kent Williams, S. Illinois  
 2 - Neil Plank, Illinois State