

Women's 1997 Season Review

In perhaps the most exciting MVC tournament soccer match, Evansville claimed a second-straight league title with a 2-2 'win' past Eastern Illinois in the title game. Officially a tie, the game was ultimately decided on penalty kicks, with the Purple Aces advancing, 5-4. After 90 minutes of regulation, EIU and UE then battled through four overtime periods, which included two sudden-death stanzas, before ultimately deciding the match on PKs. Evansville had regulation goals from Sandy Jakubczak and Shelean Roylance, while Eastern Illinois countered with second-half goals from Tracie Strother and Heather Ory.

As league champ, Evansville did not receive an automatic bid into this past year's NCAA tournament field. So for the second-straight year, the MVC did not have a representative in the postseason. Four of the league teams posted winning records, and three teams reached double-digit victories, including Evansville (14), Eastern Illinois (14) and Southwest Missouri State (12).

ILS... Offense Struggles

Illinois State could just not put the ball into the net in 1997. The Redbirds, just in their second season for women's soccer, were shut out 12 times and posted a 3-0 mark when scoring more than one goal. Despite the offensive woes, Illinois State battled to a third-place tie with Southwest Missouri State in the league standings with a 2-2-1 mark.

VU... Crusaders Stop Skid

Valparaiso snapped its 13-game losing streak with a 2-2 tie against Toledo in the final week of the season, but the Crusaders still ended the season with a disappointing 1-19-1 mark. Beth Muskovich had a goal and an assist in the match against Toledo and finished the year with a team-best 10 points.

1997 MVC Tournament

Cooper Sports Complex • Springfield, Mo.

Thurs., Nov. 6
4:30/7:00 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 7
4:30/7:00 p.m.

Sun., Nov. 9
2:00 p.m.

#2 - E. Illinois		
#3 - SW Missouri	7:00 p.m.	E. Illinois, 2-1
#6 - Valparaiso	7:00 p.m.	SW Missouri, 3-0
#4 - Illinois State	2:00 p.m.	Evansville
#5 - Creighton	4:30 p.m.	Creighton, 2-0
	4:30 p.m.	Evansville, 4-0
#1 - Evansville		

FINAL 1997 MVC Women's Soccer Standings

	Missouri Valley Games*							—— Overall Records ——							
	W	L	T	Pts.	Pct.	G	GA	W	L	T	Pct.	G	GA	T25	Stk.
Evansville	5	0	0	15	1.000	13	1	14	5	2	.714	41	19	2-1	T1
Eastern Illinois	4	1	0	12	.800	12	5	14	6	1	.690	51	24	0-0	T1
SW Missouri	2	2	1	7	.500	6	5	12	7	2	.619	38	31	0-0	L1
Illinois State	2	2	1	7	.500	3	3	4	14	1	.237	10	39	0-0	L4
Creighton	1	4	0	3	.200	4	10	9	7	2	.556	36	29	0-0	L1
Valparaiso	0	5	0	0	.000	1	15	1	19	1	.071	18	62	0-0	L1

T25 - games vs. teams in the NSCAA or in Soccer America's Top 25. Three points awarded for a league win, one point for a tie and zero points for a loss. Teams ranked by point system.

The Wait is Over

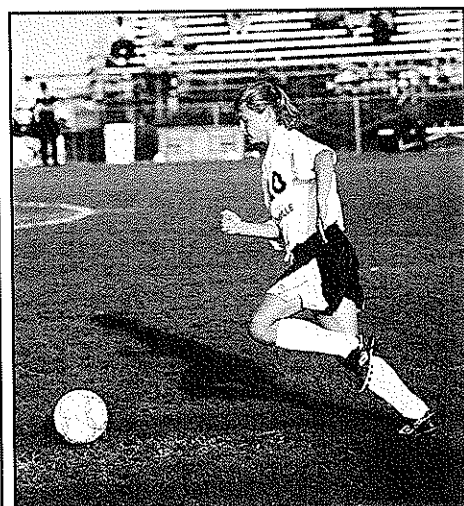
In 1997, the conference was in just its second year of sponsoring women's soccer, and therefore was not eligible for an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. However, that waiting period is two years, so the Valley is eligible for an automatic bid in 1998. Pending an NCAA tournament-field expansion decision, the league champ will play an NCAA play-in game at the Big West champ in 1998. If the 1998 bracket expands to 48 teams (the decision was to be made in August of 1998), the MVC would get an automatic NCAA berth.

CU... Bad Sandwich

Creighton started the season on a roll and ended the season with success, but the team struggled in the middle, resulting in a 9-7-2 overall mark and a surprising 1-4 league mark. The Lady Jays started the season with a 4-0-1 mark, which included an impressive tie at Colorado College, a team that later climbed into the national rankings. Creighton also won four of its last six outings, losing only to the league's top two units (*Eastern Illinois and Evansville*) in that stretch. It was a 1-5-1 mark during the middle of the season that hurt the Lady Jays in 1997.

EIU... Streakin'

Eastern Illinois finished the 1997 season on a roll, losing only once in the team's final 11 games. The team started the season with an 0-3 record and ended the year with a 14-6-1 mark, meaning a 14-3-1 mark in the team's final 18 games. During that stretch, Eastern Illinois won six straight games, matching Evansville for the longest winning streak in the league last season. The Panthers own the league record for consecutive wins, having won nine straight to start the 1996 season.



Sandy Jakubczak scored two goals in the 1997 MVC Tournament to help Evansville to the title.

UE... Defense Wins

Evansville's defense was a key to its success in 1997. The Purple Aces only one goal during its five regular-season league games and allowed only 19 goals all year. Evansville's 0.85 team goals against average was the best in the league. The Purple Aces surrendered just five goals in their last nine outings, and all five of the teams' shutouts came during the final four weeks of the season. UE gave up a season high of just two goals, and that only happened in four games.

SMS... In the Lead

Southwest Missouri State's Jamie Hautzinger ended the season with a league-leading 33 points, which included a league-best 12 goals in 1997. It marked the second-straight year that Hautzinger had 30 or more points in a season, making her the only MVC player to accomplish that feat. Her 63 career points rank third on the all-time MVC scoring list.

Women's 1997 Season Review

SCORING LEADERS

Name	School	MP/MS	Shots	G	A	Pts.
Jamie Hautzinger	Southwest Mo.	21-21	87	12	9	33
Heather Ory	Eastern Illinois	21-21	31	10	6	26
Beth Aussin	Eastern Illinois	21-21	41	7	12	26
Tracie Strother	Eastern Illinois	21-21	28	9	6	24
Jessica Powers	Creighton	18-17	38	9	5	23
Krissy Meek	Evansville	20-20	56	9	3	21
Mitzi Rouse	Southwest Mo.	21-21	45	8	2	18
Jennifer Lembeck	Evansville	21-21	44	7	4	18
Molly Malone	Creighton	17-17	59	4	9	17
Terra May	Evansville	21-21	17	7	1	15
Sandy Jakubczak	Evansville	21-21	42	7	1	15
Megan McKendry	Creighton	16-14	16	7	0	14

GOAL LEADERS

Name	School	Matches	Goals
Jamie Hautzinger	Southwest Mo. State	21	12
Heather Ory	Eastern Illinois	21	10
Jessica Powers	Creighton	18	9
Krissy Meek	Evansville	20	9
Tracie Strother	Eastern Illinois	21	9
Mitzi Rouse	Southwest Mo. State	21	8
Megan McKendry	Creighton	16	7
Beth Aussin	Eastern Illinois	21	7
Jennifer Lembeck	Evansville	21	7
Terra May	Evansville	21	7
Sandy Jakubczak	Evansville	21	7

ASSIST LEADERS

Name	School	Matches	Assists
Beth Aussin	Eastern Illinois	21	12
Molly Malone	Creighton	17	9
Jamie Hautzinger	Southwest Mo. State	21	9
Heather Ory	Eastern Illinois	21	6
Tracie Strother	Eastern Illinois	21	6
Kendra Williamson	Eastern Illinois	21	6
Jessica Powers	Creighton	18	5

six players tied with four assists

TEAM SCORING STATS

School	M	Shots	G	A	Pts.	Fouls	CK	PK
Eastern Illinois	21	294	51	42	144	206	137	na
Evansville	21	302	41	30	112	203	71	0
Creighton	18	324	36	30	102	171	106	1-1
SW Missouri	21	350	38	26	102	137	111	0
Valparaiso	21	198	18	17	53	185	37	2-3
Illinois State	19	206	10	9	29	153	65	0

KEY: A=Assists; CK=Corner Kicks; G=Goals; GA=Goals Against; GAA=Goals Against Average; MP=Matches Played; MS=Matches Started; PK=Penalty Kicks; ShO=Shutouts; SV=Saves. Goalkeepers must have at least 33% of team's total minutes to be eligible for goalkeeping stats.

GOALKEEPING LEADERS

Name, School	MP/MS	Min.	SV	GA	GAA	ShO
Jessica Graczyk, Eastern Illinois	17-12	1054	70	8	0.68	3.2
Christi Miller, Evansville	21-20	1678	82	16	0.86	5
Heather Miller, SW Missouri	14-11	903	65	13	1.30	5 (1)
Beth Schneider, SW Missouri	15-10	1055	48	18	1.54	4 (1)
Maggie Phelan, Creighton	16-14	1256	44	23	1.65	5 (2)
Jeanine Fredrick, Eastern Illinois	15-9	807	76	15	1.67	1.3
Becky Feldmann, Illinois State	16-15	1444	149	37	2.31	3
Amy Cavanaugh, Valparaiso	19-19	1711	223	57	3.00	0

() indicates number of shared shutouts

FEWEST GOALS AGAINST

Name	School	MP/MS	G	GAA
Jessica Graczyk	Eastern Illinois	17-12	8	0.68
Heather Miller	SW Missouri	14-11	13	1.30
Jeanine Fredrick	Eastern Illinois	15-9	15	1.67
Christi Miller	Evansville	21-20	16	0.86
Beth Schneider	SW Missouri	15-10	18	1.54
Maggie Phelan	Creighton	16-14	23	1.65

MINUTES PLAYED LEADERS

Name	School	MP/MS	Min.
Amy Cavanaugh	Valparaiso	19-19	1711
Christi Miller	Evansville	21-20	1678
Becky Feldmann	Illinois State	16-15	1444
Maggie Phelan	Creighton	16-14	1256
Beth Schneider	SW Missouri	15-10	1055
Jessica Graczyk	Eastern Illinois	17-12	1054

SAVE LEADERS

Name	School	MP/MS	Saves
Amy Cavanaugh	Valparaiso	19-19	223
Becky Feldmann	Illinois State	16-15	149
Christi Miller	Evansville	21-20	82
Jeanine Fredrick	Eastern Illinois	16-9	76
Jessica Graczyk	Eastern Illinois	17-12	70
Heather Miller	SW Missouri	14-11	65

SHUTOUT LEADERS

Name	School	MP/MS	ShO
Christi Miller	Evansville	21-20	5
Maggie Phelan	Creighton	16-14	5 (2)
Heather Miller	SW Missouri	14-11	5 (1)
Beth Schneider	SW Missouri	15-10	4 (1)
Jessica Graczyk	Eastern Illinois	17-12	3.2
Becky Feldmann	Illinois State	16-15	3

() indicates number of shared shutouts

TEAM GOALKEEPING STATS

School	MP	Min.	Saves	GA	GAA	ShO
Evansville	21	2007	90	19	0.85	5
Eastern Illinois	21	2005	151	24	1.08	5
Southwest Missouri	21	1958	113	31	1.42	7
Creighton	18	1680	61	29	1.55	6
Illinois State	19	1740	167	39	2.02	4
Valparaiso	21	1920	263	62	2.91	0