

Women's 1998 Season Review

The 1998 season was highlighted by Evansville's appearance in the NCAA Tournament. It marked the first-ever NCAA bid by a Valley women's soccer team. The Purple Aces fell in the first round to nationally ranked Northwestern, 2-1 in overtime.

Evansville had earned the league's automatic berth into the NCAA tourney with a 2-1 overtime victory over Illinois State in the league tournament championship game. The Redbirds, meanwhile, had a phenomenal season, securing a tie for the regular-season championship with Evansville.

Redbirds, Purple Aces Share Top Spot

The Missouri Valley regular-season title came down to the final day as Illinois State hosted Evansville on Sunday, Oct. 25. The Redbirds put a stop to UE's 14-game winning streak against Valley foes with a 2-1 victory in Normal. The teams both ended the season with 5-1 marks and a share of the regular-season title.

UALR ... Team Awards

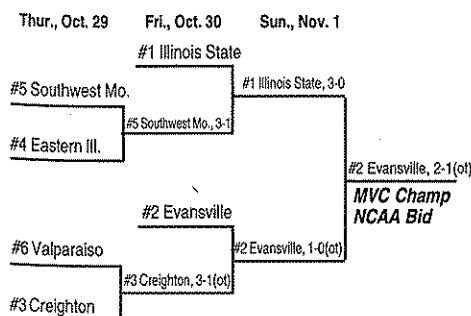
Junior Leslie Hawkins and freshman Kelli Johnson became the first soccer players in UALR history to receive post-season recognition as both were named second-team All-MVC. Hawkins broke the school record for career assists with one against Tennessee Tech in the season finale.

CU ... Upward Mobility

Creighton has improved its record in each of the past three seasons, going from 7-11 in 1995, to 9-8-1 in 1996, 9-7-2 in 1997 and to 13-6 this past year.

1998 MVC Women's Tourney

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FINAL 1998 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.
Illinois State	5	1	0	15	.833	11	2	12	5	1	.694	31	15	0-0	L1
Evansville	5	1	0	15	.833	20	4	14	6	2	.714	47	20	0-1	L1
Creighton	4	2	0	12	.667	22	6	13	6	0	.684	51	16	0-0	L1
Eastern Illinois	3	2	1	10	.583	11	13	10	7	1	.583	36	32	0-0	L1
SW Missouri St	2	4	0	6	.333	4	16	4	14	1	.237	18	56	0-1	L1
Valparaiso	0	5	1	1	.083	4	18	3	16	1	.175	21	50	0-0	L8
Arkansas-LR	0	6	0	0	.000	3	20	4	14	0	.222	20	48	0-0	W1

T25 - games vs. teams in the NSCAA or in Soccer News 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.

NOTE: Due to scheduling conflicts, Valparaiso and Arkansas-Little Rock did not play each other. They counted their games with Oral Roberts as conference games.

EIU ... A Perfect 10

With a 4-1 victory against Southwest Missouri State in the regular-season finale, Eastern Illinois improved to 10-6-1 on the season. It marks the third-straight year the Panthers have won at least 10 matches.

UE ... Better Late, Than Never

After defeating Illinois State, 2-1, in the championship game of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament, Evansville has now won all three Valley tournaments. The Purple Aces needed a goal with only :12 remaining to send the match into overtime. Krista McKendree's game-tying goal at (89:48) was the latest goal that UE has ever scored in the six-year history of the program.

ISU ... Born to Be Freed

Illinois State's Lindsay Freed set a school record for single-season points, and she also added her name to the Missouri Valley Conference record books. Freed had a hat trick in ISU's tournament semifinal win against Southwest Missouri State. She also tied league tournament records for goals in a tournament, points in a game and points in a tournament.

SMS ... Bears Reach Semis, Again

For the second straight year, Southwest Missouri State reached the semifinals of the MVC Soccer Championship, and Eastern Illinois was involved in both of SMS's tourney trips. In 1997, Eastern Illinois

ousted the Lady Bears from the tournament and denied SMS a chance at a league title. Last year, Southwest Missouri upset EIU in the first round, earning the first-ever win for SMS against the Panthers, in five tries.

VU ... Crusaders Show Improvement

Valparaiso claimed the No. 6 seed in the tournament for the third straight year, but the team has shown improvement under first-year head coach Stephan Anthony. The Crusaders notched three victories -- *more than the past two years combined* -- and scored a tie against Eastern Illinois in conference action.

CU ... Dynamic Duo

For only the second time in ten years, the Creighton Bluejays had two players with 20 points or more in the same season. In fact, Jessica Powers (48) and Kristina Schoeck (25) are the most prolific single-season scoring tandem in CU history with 73 points.

EIU ... Dynamic Duo, II

Seniors Beth Aussin (122 points) and Tracie Strother (110 points) finished their careers ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in the Eastern Illinois record book for career points. Aussin's 44 assists rank her No. 1 in that category, while Strother's 43 goals rank her No. 1 in that statistic. Aussin is the league's all-time leading scorer with 99 points during Eastern Illinois' three years as a member of the conference.

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SCORING LEADERS

Name	School	MP/MS	G	A	Pts.	PPG
Jessica Powers	Creighton	19-19	18	12	48	2.53
Jennifer Lembeck	Evansville	22-22	12	5	29	1.32
Kristina Schoeck	Creighton	19-19	9	7	25	1.32
Leslie Hawkins	Ark.-LR	17-16	8	6	22	1.29
Beth Aussin	E. Illinois	18-18	5	12	22	1.22
Tracie Strother	E. Illinois	18-18	9	3	21	1.17
Lindsay Freed	Illinois State	18-16	9	2	20	1.11
Kelli Johnson	Ark.-LR	13-11	6	0	12	0.92
Katie Reisbig	Creighton	19-19	6	5	17	0.89
Shelean Roylance	Evansville	22-21	8	2	18	0.82

GOAL LEADERS

Name	School	Matches	Goals	GPG
Jessica Powers	Creighton	19	18	0.95
Jennifer Lembeck	Evansville	22	12	0.55
Lindsay Freed	Illinois State	18	9	0.50
Tracie Strother	E. Illinois	18	9	0.50
Kristina Schoeck	Creighton	19	9	0.47
Leslie Hawkins	Ark.-LR	17	8	0.47
Kelli Johnson	Ark.-LR	13	6	0.46
Shelean Roylance	Evansville	22	8	0.36
Lisa Springs	Valparaiso	20	7	0.35
Katie Reisbig	Creighton	19	6	0.32

ASSIST LEADERS

Name	School	Matches	Assists	APG
Beth Aussin	E. Illinois	18	12	0.67
Jessica Powers	Creighton	19	12	0.63
Kristina Schoeck	Creighton	19	7	0.37
Leslie Hawkins	Ark.-LR	17	6	0.35
Laura Poland	Evansville	22	7	0.32
Sara Hovland	Creighton	18	5	0.28

TEAM SCORING STATS

School	M	G	A	Pts.	GPG	Fouls	CK	PK
Creighton	19	51	45	147	2.68	178	151	3-3
Evansville	22	46	38	130	2.09	209	125	2-2
Eastern Illinois	18	36	31	103	2.00	222	105	na
Illinois State	18	31	21	83	1.72	141	62	0-0
Arkansas-Little Rock	18	20	12	52	1.11	195	50	0-0
Valparaiso	20	21	14	56	1.05	261	58	0-0
Southwest Mo. State	19	18	14	50	0.95	201	120	4-4

GOALKEEPING LEADERS

Name, School	MP/MS	Min.	ShO	SV	GA	GAA
Becky Feldmann, Illinois St.	16-16	1400	7	74	12	0.77
Maggie Phelan, Creighton	17-17	1438	7	44	13	0.81
Molly Kearns, Evansville	22-22	1888	9	50	20	0.95
Jeanine Fredrick, E. Illinois	14-14	1018	1	80	16	1.41
Jessica Graczyk, E. Illinois	12-3	576	0	53	14	2.19
Amy Cavanaugh, Valparaiso	19-19	1670	1	181	41	2.21
Colleen Daniels, SMS	12-7	685	1	38	19	2.50
Courtney Prather, Ark.-LR	17-17	1395	2	93	41	2.65
Beth Schneider, SMS	12-12	982	0	74	32	2.93

SAVE LEADERS

Name	School	MP/MS	Saves	SPG
Amy Cavanaugh	Valparaiso	19-19	181	9.53
Beth Schneider	Southwest Mo. State	12-12	74	6.17
Jeanine Fredrick	E. Illinois	14-14	80	5.71
Courtney Prather	Ark.-LR	17-17	93	5.47
Becky Feldmann	Illinois State	16-16	74	4.63
Jessica Graczyk	E. Illinois	12-3	53	4.17
Colleen Daniels	Southwest Mo. State	12-7	38	3.17
Maggie Phelan	Creighton	17-17	44	2.59
Molly Kearns	Evansville	22-22	50	2.27

SHUTOUT LEADERS

Name	School	MP/MS	ShO	SPG
Becky Feldmann	Illinois State	16-16	7	0.43
Molly Kearns	Evansville	22-22	9 (4)	0.41
Maggie Phelan	Creighton	17-17	7 (4)	0.41
Courtney Prather	Arkansas-Little Rock	17-17	2	0.11
Colleen Daniels	Southwest Mo. State	12-7	1	0.08
Jeanine Fredrick	Eastern Illinois	14-14	1	0.07
Amy Cavanaugh	Valparaiso	19-19	1	0.05

() - indicates number of shutouts shared with a teammate

TEAM GOALKEEPING STATS

School	MP	Min.	Saves	GA	GAA	ShO
Illinois State	18	1666	88	15	0.81	7
Creighton	19	1761	59	16	0.82	8
Evansville	22	2080	61	20	0.85	9
Eastern Illinois	18	1718	141	32	1.68	1
Valparaiso	20	1912	207	50	2.50	1
Southwest Mo. State	19	1794	121	56	2.81	1
Arkansas-Little Rock	18	1530	94	48	2.82	2

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.