

Women's 2000 Season Review

For the first time since the Missouri Valley Conference began sponsoring women's soccer, Southwest Missouri State earned the league's automatic berth to the NCAA Championship. The Bears, 12-11-1, made their first national tournament appearance as SMS claimed its first Valley postseason title with a 1-0 victory over Evansville.

Playing the semifinals and the final match at a neutral site, Sportsport in Maryland Heights, Mo., the game featured a rematch of the 1999 title game.

Evansville, voted the pre-season favorite by conference coaches and the winner of the MVC tournament since 1996, concluded its season with a 15-5-2 mark.

For the fourth consecutive year, Evansville won or shared the regular-season title and swept the specialty awards. The Purple Aces' Mick Lyon was named Coach of the Year and Evansville Krista McKendree was voted the league's Most Valuable Player. A defender, McKendree was tabbed the league's Defensive Player of the Year in 1999.

Her teammate, Kristin Prom, was named the conference's Freshman of the Year. Prom scored 14 goals and provided six assists during her first collegiate season. She occupied a spot in the top seven of all the offensive statistical categories in the Valley.

In addition to sending a new team to the NCAA tournament, the Valley expanded its membership to eight as MVC league members Indiana State and Northern Iowa started women's soccer and Belmont joined as an affiliate member for one year.

Creighton On The Move...

Second-year head coach Bruce Erickson helped guide the Bluejays to a 9-11-0 record last season improving upon the previous year's 7-13-1 record. Erickson and the Bluejays struggled in 1999 after the graduation of All-American forward Jessica Powers (1997-98), going 2-3-0 in conference play. Last season the Bluejays had a strong freshman class and a seasoned senior class, which helped them to a 4-3-0 MVC record and a fourth-place finish in the Valley's regular-season race.

Hurray For Houska ...

Creighton forward Heather Houska (St. Louis, Mo./Mehlville) led Creighton in scoring last season with a team-best 21 points on six goals and nine assists. Her nine assists on the season tied for the second-best single season total in Bluejay history and gave her 16 career

FINAL 2000 Valley Women's Soccer Standings

	— Missouri Valley —							— Overall Records —						
	W	L	T	Pts.	Pct.	G	GA	W	L	T	Pct.	G	GA	Stk.
Evansville	6	0	1	19	.929	30	3	15	5	2	.727	56	16	L1
Illinois State	6	1	0	18	.857	30	2	14	4	0	.778	50	12	L1
SMS	4	3	0	12	.571	13	7	12	11	1	.520	49	35	L1
Creighton	4	3	0	12	.571	26	9	9	11	0	.450	44	37	L1
Drury	3	4	0	9	.429	14	20	6	12	1	.342	31	57	L1
Northern Iowa	2	5	1	7	.357	8	30	3	14	2	.211	22	63	L3
Belmont	1	6	0	3	.143	10	29	6	15	0	.286	29	61	L2
Indiana State	1	6	0	3	.143	10	25	3	16	0	.158	24	57	L8

Teams ranked by point system (Win=3 points; Tie=1 point; Loss=0 points), then overall winning percentage.

assists. She finished her career with 15 goals and 16 assists (46 points) and played in more matches than any other player in Creighton history with 78 matches played. Her 16 assists is the sixth-best total in CU history.

Maggie Couldn't Have Tried Anymore...

Creighton's Maggie Phelan (Ft. Collins, Colo./Poudre) concluded her career at Creighton playing in 62 matches in her four-year career. Her 5,058 minutes played is the second-most in Bluejay history, while her 26 victories, 190 saves and 17 shutouts, all rank third in CU career marks. In addition, Phelan's career goals against average of 1.44 is fourth-best among Creighton career marks.

The Future Is So Bright...

With three freshmen with 11 points or more, the 2000 Creighton freshmen class led the Bluejays with 51 total points (18 goals, 15 assists). The next closest class was the senior class with 45 points (12 goals, 21 assists). The freshmen total of 51 points is nearly 40 percent of Creighton's point total. Combined, the freshmen and seniors had 30 goals and 36 assists (96 points) or 69.6 percent of the Bluejays' total offense. In addition, freshman Jaimie Thompson (Sunset Hills, Mo./Lindbergh) started 15 matches in goal for the Bluejays and had a 1.65 goals against average in 1,365 minutes with three shutouts. Creighton also returns Becky Heiberger, who redshirted the 2000 season. Heiberger had 18 points in her first two full seasons at CU with seven goals and four assists. Also back in 2001 is Erika Sauerwein (Wichita, Kan./Kapaun Mt. Carmel) who had 18 points with seven goals and four assists.

Aces Will Trump, Again...

Evansville's streak of NCAA Tournament appearances is over at two, but the 2001 team should be a contender again. Eight starters return, including leading scorers Kristin Prom, Jessica Schwartz and Tracye Burch, and MVC Player of the Year Krista McKendree. In 2000, UE set school records for shutouts in a season (12), longest unbeaten streak (11) and fewest goals allowed in a season (16). UE's 15 victories were the second most in school history.

Time To Begin Anew...

Evansville also had its unbeaten streak against MVC opponents end at 18 in its 1-0 loss to SMS in the Valley championship, but the Purple Aces still take an impressive streak into 2001. Since the beginning of the 1999 season, their record in regular-season league matches is 10-0-2.

Planning For Prom...

Evansville freshman Kristin Prom put herself in elite company in her rookie season. The MVC Freshman of the Year scored 15 goals and 36 points. Her goal total and point total were both third best in school history, behind the 1996 duo of Sandy Jakubczak (20 goals, 45 points) and Krissy Meek (17 goals, 37 points). Teammate Jessica Schwartz added 13 goals and 33 points. The 33 points put her right behind Prom in fourth place in school history. The 13 goals tied her for fourth with Krissy Meek, who scored 13 in 1999.

Women's 2000 Season Statistics

Individual Scoring (Points Per Game)

Name	MP	G	A	PTS	PPG
Annie Wayland, ILS	18	20	1	41	2.28
Kristin Prom, UE	22	15	6	36	1.64
Jessica Schwartz, UE	21	13	7	33	1.57
Tiffany DeClark, ILS	18	7	6	20	1.11
Diana Puckett, ILS	10	5	1	11	1.10
Heather Houska, CU	20	6	9	21	1.05
Jenny Scheller, UNI	11	5	1	11	1.00
Krystie Campa, CU	20	8	3	19	0.95
April Lee, SMS	23	9	3	21	0.91
Erika Sauerwein, CU	20	7	4	18	0.90

Individual Goals Per Game

Name	MP	Goals	GPG
Annie Wayland, ILS	18	20	1.111
Kristin Prom, UE	22	15	0.682
Jessica Schwartz, UE	21	13	0.619
Diana Puckett, ILS	10	5	0.500
Jenny Scheller, UNI	11	5	0.455
Krystie Campa, CU	20	8	0.400
April Lee, SMS	23	9	0.391
Tiffany DeClark, ILS	18	7	0.389
Erika Sauerwein, CU	20	7	0.350
Claire Campbell, Belmont	12	4	0.333

Individual Assists Per Game

Name, School	MP	Assists	APG
Heather Houska, CU	20	9	0.450
Sara Hovland, CU	20	8	0.400
Tracye Burch, UE	20	8	0.400
Jessica Schwartz, UE	21	7	0.333
Tiffany DeClark, ILS	18	6	0.333
Molly Collins, CU	20	6	0.300
Kristin Prom, UE	22	6	0.273
Rachel Hasser, INS	19	5	0.263
Cristin Czubik, Belmont	20	5	0.250
Niki Watkins, UE	16	4	0.250

Individual Goalkeeping

Name, School	MP	Min.	ShO	SV	GA	GAA
Becky Feldmann, ILS	18	1501	8	70	11	0.660
Beth Csukas, UE	22	1537	8	65	13	0.761
Jennifer Grocki, SMS	23	2007	9	139	33	1.480
Jaimie Thompson, CU	17	1366	3	71	25	1.647
Bonny Elder, Belmont	16	1372	2	86	45	2.952
Sarah Reichert, Drury	19	1583	0	115	52	2.956
Anne Marie Witko, UNI	19	1689.57	2	192	58	3.090
Nicole Niman, INS	19	1255.25	0	99	59	4.230
Emily Buss, UNI	3	87.15	0	7	5	5.164

Team Scoring

School	M	G	A	PTS	GPG	FOULS	CK
ILS	18	50	30	130	2.778	202	82
UE	22	56	41	153	2.545	201	145
CU	20	44	50	138	2.200	281	110
SMS	23	49	36	134	2.130	190	142
Drury	19	31	15	77	1.632	235	58
Belmont	21	34	29	97	1.619	213	68
UNI	19	22	10	54	1.158	119	49
INS	19	14	13	41	0.737	165	65

Team Goalkeeping

School	MP	MIN.	SAVES	GA	GAA	ShO
ILS	18	1694	74	12	0.638	11
UE	22	2070	77	16	0.696	12
SMS	23	2082	142	33	1.427	11
CU	20	1827	92	37	1.823	4
Drury	19	1770	125	57	2.898	2
Belmont	21	1890	124	62	2.952	2
UNI	19	1777.1	199	63	3.191	2
INS	19	1715.11	386	77	4.041	0