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## MVC FOOTBALL TEAMS TO BE INDUCTED IN THE MISSOURI SPORTS HALL OF FAME

*1941-48 undefeated football teams are part of 2007 Enshrinement class.*

**Marshall, Mo.** (January 5, 2007)—Missouri Valley College football coaches, players and fans had the pleasure of experiencing a winning season this year—an undefeated regular season, in fact. The winning season served as a reflection of some teams from years earlier as well.

The 1941-48 MVC Viking football teams will be inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame in ceremonies on Sunday, February 11 at the University Plaza Convention Center in Springfield, Mo.

Led by Coach Volney C. Ashford and Assistant Coach Warren Harris, the 1941-48 teams hold the record for the longest winning streak under one coach with 41 straight victories. The MVC football team streak began December 7, 1941 with a 12-6 win over Rockhurst College and ended December 4, 1948 with a 7-13 loss to Evansville College. Football was halted at Missouri Valley College due to World War II from 1943-45. The program continued in 1946 and so did its winning ways. These teams and their winning streak are still considered one of the greatest achievements in small college football history. The Viking trophy case includes 18 conference championships, a small college national title, two national runner-up finishes, and 13 national bowl games.

The strong tradition continued throughout the years and was reignited in the 2006 season as the Vikings finished with: a 13-1 record; the Heart of America Athletic Conference championship; Head Coach Paul Troth being named the HAAC Coach of the Year; and a trip to the NAIA semi-final game losing to the eventual national champions, University of Sioux Falls, 18-25.

“Football excellence has been a huge part of the Missouri Valley lore and legend for decades,” said MVC President Bonnie Humphrey. “Whether it is the accomplishments of students years ago or those today—it remains a point of great pride for our campus community. I am very glad to see this MVC tradition and the Viking pride recognized by the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.”

Tickets are \$150 per person. Missouri Valley College has reserved seating for the 2007 festivities, but seats are limited. For tickets in the MVC reserved seating block, call (660) 831-4177. A reception will kick off the events from 12 noon until 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 11 at the Hall of Fame. There is an evening reception at 5 p.m. with the ceremony taking place from 6 until 9 p.m. at the University Plaza Convention Center.

For reservations with the MVC group or for more information regarding MVC, contact Chad Jaecques, MVC marketing and media relations coordinator, at (660) 831-4177. For more information about the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame Enshrinement Class of 2007, contact Andrea Porter, MSHOF director of marketing, at (417) 889-3100.

### ABOUT MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE

Missouri Valley College is a liberal arts college that provides educational, social and cultural experiences in a decidedly Christian environment. Established in 1889, MVC offers 27 majors and 7 pre-professional programs, and 12 sports and 20 varsity teams. The liberal arts heritage focuses on scholarship, critical thinking and academic excellence to prepare

students to become members of a responsible citizenry. For more information, call (660) 831-4000 or visit [www.moval.edu](http://www.moval.edu).

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