



# Viking Football Update

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2007 National Semi-Finals 2006 National Semi-Finals 30 Wins In Three Seasons VALLEY WILL ROLL!

## MVC Thumps Baker



**Chris White completed 23 of 34 pass attempts Saturday, three for touchdowns**

Missouri Valley got the 2009 season started with a convincing victory over a highly ranked team, dispatching the #12-rated Baker University Wildcats 34-14 Saturday in Marshall. The Vikings controlled the game throughout, building leads of 21-0 at halftime and 34-0 after three quarters. MVC quarterback Chris White threw for 262 yards and three touchdowns, two to receiver Darrell Madry who finished the

game with five receptions for 85 yards. Sterling Hardin had a strong showing in his first game as a Viking, rushing 20 times for 117 yards and two scores. Sophomore tight-end Tommi Pinta had a breakout game as well, hauling in six passes for 95 yards. Valley rolled up 408 yards of total offense and looked to be in mid-season form defensively, limiting Baker to just 193 total yards and completely smothering the BU rushing game. Baker finished the night with only three yards of rushing offense and was held without a first-down on their first five possessions. The MVC defense created four turnovers and sacked BU quarterback Mack Brown three times. Senior nose tackle Merlin Benefield was a menace in the BU backfield, recording four tackles and a sack. Defensive back Sam Toomer also made an impact in his first game as a Viking, with two pass break-ups and an interception. The win avenged a heart-breaking loss to BU late in the 2008 season for the Vikings.

Valley will travel to Canton, MO Saturday to take on the Culver Stockton College Wildcats, who are 0-1 after a 20-10 loss at Central Methodist. Last season MVC hammered CSC by a 59-7 margin.

### Senior Profile: Colin Smith Linebacker #5 6-1, 233

St. Louis MO native and Parkway West High School graduate Colin Smith is a defensive leader and team captain for the Vikings for 2009. In 2008, Colin's first year as a full-time starter, Smith led the MVC defense with fifty tackles. In his career as a Viking Colin has recorded 91 tackles, two sacks, five pass deflections and an interception. Smith is a double major in Human Services and Recreation Administration at Valley.



## MVC Football Weekly Team Awards

- ⇒ DL of the Week  
#97 Merlin Benefield
- ⇒ LB of the Week  
#15 Jesse Putnam
- ⇒ DB of the Week  
#11 Maurice Peterson
- ⇒ Blocker of the Week  
#70 Henry Hamilton
- ⇒ Big Play Award  
#4 Darrell Madry
- ⇒ Offensive MVP  
#80 Tommi Pinta
- ⇒ Special Teams MVP  
#2 Cortavious Anderson
- ⇒ Scout Players of the Week  
Defense—Tyler Davis  
Offense—Elliott Wilson

## 2009 MVC Schedule



<b>Baker</b>	<b>W 34-14</b>
@ Culver-Stockton	9/12
Lindenwood	9/19
@ Benedictine	9/26
Graceland	10/3
@ William Jewell	10/10
Evangel	10/17
@ Central Methodist	10/24
MidAmerica	11/7
@ Avila	11/14
<b>NAIA Playoffs Begin</b>	<b>11/21</b>