



Viking Football Update

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

Vikings Cruise Past Culver



Darrell Madry scored his third TD of the season with a 37 yard run on a reverse.

Missouri Valley improved to 2-0 Saturday with a dominating performance against the Culver-Stockton College Wildcats, controlling every phase of the game en route to a lopsided 53-0 victory. The Vikings limited CSC to just 70 yards of total offense and only six first downs. MVC completely shut down the Culver rush offense, holding CSC to minus-yardage on the ground, and sacked Wildcat

quarterback Jake Harnacke six times. 21 different defensive players were credited with a tackle in the game. The Viking offense racked up 477 total yards. Twelve offensive players caught passes and six different players scored touchdowns for MVC. Chris White was 17 of 24 passing with two touchdowns before leaving the game early in the second half with a 39-0 lead. Four different running backs combined for 280 rushing yards and five rushing TD's on the day for MVC. Sterling Hardin carried 13 times for 64 yards and two scores, and Richard Konu made his debut as a Viking, rushing ten times for 99 yards to lead Valley on the ground.

The win sets up a huge matchup Saturday, as the Vikings will play host to the Lindenwood University Lions. LU comes into the game 2-0 with convincing wins over Evangel and Central Methodist to start the season. Lindenwood is rated #3 and Missouri Valley #13 in the latest national poll. Last season the Vikings came out on the short end of a 21-18 nail biter at LU, a loss that kept MVC out of the post-season for what would have been a third consecutive appearance. Kickoff is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. at MVC's Gregg-Mitchell Field in Marshall.

Senior Profile: Merlin Benefield Nose Tackle #97 5-11, 270

A native of Harvey, LA and graduate of John Ehret High School, Merlin Benefield has been the centerpiece of MVC's 3-4 defense. Benefield became the starting nose as a sophomore and has been a headache for

opposing centers ever since. Merlin has 62 tackles and ten sacks in his career as a Viking, as well as an interception that he returned for a touchdown. A two-time All-HAAC selection, Merlin is an exercise science major.



MVC Football Weekly Team Awards

- ⇒ DL of the Week
#54 Spencer Hython
- ⇒ LB of the Week
#5 Colin Smith
- ⇒ DB of the Week
#11 Maurice Peterson
- ⇒ Blockers of the Week
#73 Ben Smith
#76 Cornelius Dixon
- ⇒ Big Play Award
#4 Darrell Madry
- ⇒ Offensive MVP
#12 Chris White
- ⇒ Special Teams MVPs
#91 Chris Heale
#58 Alexander Robinson
- ⇒ Scout Players of the Week
Defense—Skyler Wedeking
Offense—Joey Kraan

2009 MVC Schedule



Baker	W 34-14
@ Culver-Stockton	W 53-0
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
NAIA Playoffs Begin	11/21