

# Viking Athletic Updates

## Scoreboard

<b>Softball 4/27</b> MVC Lindenwood	1 5
<b>Softball 4/27</b> MVC Lindenwood	0 5
<b>Softball 4/28</b> MVC William Jewell	0 4
<b>Softball 4/28</b> MVC William Jewell	2 3
<b>Baseball 4/28</b> MVC Evangel	8 3
<b>Baseball 4/28</b> MVC Evangel	1 3
<b>Baseball 4/28</b> MVC Evangel	8 7
<b>Softball 4/30</b> MVC Evangel	3 8
<b>Softball 4/30</b> MVC Evangel	0 9
<b>Tennis 5/2</b> MVC Graceland	3 5

- The Missouri Valley College **softball** team played Evangel University in the first round of the HAAC tournament on Friday, April 30. The Lady Vikings were defeated by Evangel in two games (3-8, 9-0) knocking MVC out of the tournament. The Lady Vikings end their 2010 season 10-10 in the HAAC and 25-28 overall.
- The MVC **tennis** team hosted the 2010 HAAC championship tournament last weekend, and carried over into this weekend due to weather. The men's team defeated William Jewell (3-5) and lost to Graceland University (0-5). The Lady Vikings were defeated in the semifinal round by Graceland University (3-5). The men finish their season 3-2 in the HAAC and 11-5 overall. The women end at 3-1 in the HAAC and 10-6 overall.
- The Missouri Valley College **track and field** team competed at the Heart of America Athletic Conference meet at Benedictine College this past weekend. Both the men's and women's teams finished seventh overall. MVC Freshman Rynita Anderson (Marietta, Ga.) medaled in three events (100m dash, 100m hurdles, and 4x100m relay).
- The MVC **baseball** team is set to play Avila University in St. Joseph, Mo., Wednesday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m. This is the first round of the Heart of America Athletic Conference Tournament. The Vikings are currently 13-15 in the HAAC and 17-22 overall.
- MVC men's **golf** finished fourth at the HAAC Tournament in Boonville, Mo., last week. The Lady Vikings are competing in the women's HAAC tournament today and tomorrow in Belton, Mo.

### MVC'S KEN MASON NAMED

#### OZARK REGION RODEO COACH OF THE YEAR

Missouri Valley College Rodeo Coach Ken Mason has been named the *2010 Ozark Region Rodeo Coach of the Year* for the second consecutive year.

Mason has been MVC's head rodeo coach since 2006 and has received this award three of those five years. Coach Mason has led the Viking men's team to their third consecutive Ozark Regional Championship and the women's team to their second Ozark Region Reserve Champion finish; this qualifies both teams for the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo. in June.

This year, the MVC men's team spent the season ranked No. 1 in the nation and they hold that spot as they enter the 2010 College National Rodeo Finals.

Mason graduated from the University of Tennessee-Martin with a bachelor's degree in business. While attending UT-Martin Ken competed in bareback riding, saddle bronc riding and team roping.

"I feel like I am just doing my job," said Mason. "But I am flattered to win this honor, it means a lot to me to be recognized by my peers."

## This Week In Valley Sports...

5/5: Baseball v. Avila 7:30 p.m. (St. Joseph, Mo.)

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