• The **No. 20 men’s soccer** team traveled to Montgomery, Ala., for the second round of the NAIA Men’s Soccer National Championship Tournament last week. The Vikings played No. 14 Hastings (Neb.) College, and lost to the Broncos by a goal scored with 10-seconds left in regulation 3-2. The Vikings got the game’s opening goal from Senior Midfielder Miguel Jimenez (Madrid, Spain), and tied the game up at 2-2 with just under three minutes remaining in regulation by Sophomore Midfielder Raul Beneit (Cadiz, Spain). The Vikings end their season with a 13-5-4 record.

• The **men’s basketball** team split a pair of Heart of America Athletic Conference games last week, defeating Central Methodist University at home 71-70, but losing on the road to Graceland University 84-69. Leading MVC in the CMU win was Junior Brad Hamilton (Pittsfield, Ill.) with 24 points and seven rebounds. Against Graceland, Sophomore Raviel Burton (St. Johns, Antigua) led MVC with a double-double of 26 points and 12 rebounds. The Vikings are 7-4 overall and 1-1 in HAAC play.

• The **women’s basketball** team split its two HAAC games last week, losing at home to Central Methodist University 79-71, but winning on the road at Graceland 93-85. Leading MVC against CMU was Junior Guard TaLaya Earls (Indianapolis, Ind.) who finished with 20 points and nine rebounds. Against Graceland, MVC was led by Senior Forward Gabi Morales (Bakersfield, Calif.) who had 24 points and seven rebounds. The 93 points scored was the most for the program since February of 2008. MVC is 7-3 overall and 1-1 in HAAC play.

• The **indoor track and field** team competed in its first event of the 2013-2014 season at the Bob Timmons Challenge at the University of Kansas in Lawrence over the weekend against mostly NCAA Division I programs. Leading MVC at the event on the men’s side was Senior Jeff Crouch (Sedalia, Mo.), who finished No. 11 in the weight throw with a distance of 12.76 meters and No. 13 in the shot put with a distance of 12.49 meters. Leading MVC on the women’s side was Sophomore Brittney Brisco (San Diego, Calif.) who placed No. 14 in the 200 meter dash with a time of 27.05 seconds, No. 16 in the long jump with a distance of 4.88 meters and No. 38 in the 60 meter dash with a time of 8.38 seconds.

• The **women’s volleyball** team had its first student-athlete under Head Coach Brett Holt named to the American Volleyball Coaches’ Association All-Region Team. Senior Setter Tarrah Sweet (Roswell, N.M.) was named to the Midwest All-Region Team for her play during the 2013 season. The all-region team is comprised of schools from the HAAC, America Midwest Conference and Midwest Collegiate Conference. Sweet led the HAAC in assists, and was also named first team all-conference last month.

• Three Viking Runners Qualify for Nationals

Three Missouri Valley College track and field student-athletes met qualifying standards in the half-marathon Saturday in Davenport, Iowa. The runners competed in temperatures that hovered between 0-5 degrees during the event. On the women’s side, Junior Sarah Niemeier (Lohne, Germany) met the qualifying standard with a time of 1:28:24. That time by Niemeier also set a new record for the MVC women’s track program. On the men’s side, both Freshman Phillip Cheriyout (Nairobi, Kenya) and Freshman Nate Martin (Jackson, Mo.) met the qualifying standard. Cheriyout finished in 1:11:55, while Martin finished at 1:13:48. The three are now eligible to compete at the National outdoor track and field meet scheduled for Saturday, May 24, in Gulf Shores, Ala.

This week in MVC sports...

12/14 W Basketball vs. MidAmerica Nazarene University @ 2 p.m.

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12/14 M Wrestling @ St. Cloud Open @ 9 a.m.