



# Men's Basketball

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## Drake's Adam Emmenecker Named Larry Bird MVC Player of the Year

ST. LOUIS -- After helping Drake to its first national ranking since 1975, a regular-season Missouri Valley Conference title and the No. 1 seed in this week's State Farm MVC Tournament, senior Adam Emmenecker (Saginaw (Mich.) Arthur Hill High) has been named the 2008 Larry Bird MVC Player of the Year.

Emmenecker set the Drake single-season assist mark at 177, bettering the previous record of 174 set by Al Stewart last year. His 6.10 per game average led the Missouri Valley Conference. Perhaps the most improbable MVC Player of the Year (based on pre-season expectations) in league history, Emmenecker entered the season with 64 career assists and 57 total points in his three previous seasons at Drake, which featured 58 games and two starts. This year, the senior started every game for Drake and led the team in minutes. His single-season marks this year of 223 points, 129 rebounds and 177 assists all more than doubled his cumulative career totals.

Emmenecker has helped the Bulldogs to a 25-4 overall mark and 15-3 conference record as Drake earned the tournament's top seed for the first time in the league's 32-year tournament history. At one point this year, Drake had won a school-record 21-straight games.

Emmenecker is the first Drake player to earn the league's top honor since 1993, when Curt Smith was voted the league's Player of the Year. Only two other Drake players have earned the top honor in the MVC, which began honoring Players of the Year in 1969 (Jeff Halliburton-1971 and Lewis Lloyd-1980 and 1981).

The league's Freshman of the Year and Newcomer of the Year is P'Allen Stinnett. In his first year at Creighton, the first-year player from Brewster (N.H.) Academy via Las Vegas (Nev.) led the Bluejays in scoring with a 12.2 points per game average. He was second in steals for Dana Altman's ballclub, with 48, and also added 3.4 rebounds per game. He's the second Bluejay to win Newcomer of the Year honors in the past three years (Nick Porter in 2006). Ryan Sears was the last Bluejay to win Freshman of the Year honors, doing so in 1998.

Bryan Mullins of Southern Illinois highlights the league's all-Defense unit, earning the league's Defensive Player of the Year honor. A Saluki has won the honor in four of the past five years. Mullins ranked second in the conference in steals per game while earning selection to the defensive squad for the third-straight season.

For the 12th-consecutive season, the league's head coaches selected a "Sixth Man Award" recipient, and this season's honor goes to Creighton's Booker Woodfox. The honor is presented to the league's top reserve player (one who has started fewer than 25 percent of his team's games). Woodfox did not start any of Creighton's games, yet was one of the Bluejays' top scorers, averaging 9.1 points, and led the team with 46 treys.

In addition to the specialty awards, the conference announced it's all-conference units (first-team, second-team and honorable mention), all-newcomer team, all-freshman team, and all-defense team -- as selected by the league coaches. The all-bench and most-improved units have been selected by the league's beat writers and will be announced Wednesday (March 5). A complete listing of all-conference honorees is attached.

### 2008 Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year Voting

Student-Athlete, School	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Adam Emmenecker, Drake	25	4	4	87
Osiris Eldridge, Illinois State	5	19	8	61
Josh Young, Drake	9	9	10	55
Randal Falker, Southern Illinois	-	3	6	12
Jeremy Crouch, Bradley	1	3	2	11
Jonathan Cox, Drake	-	1	3	5
Dale Lamberth, Missouri State	-	1	1	3
Bryan Mullins, Southern Illinois	-	-	2	2
Eric Coleman, UNI	-	-	1	1
Shy Ely, Evansville	-	-	1	1
Daniel Ruffin, Bradley	-	-	1	1
Anthony Slack, Illinois State	-	-	1	1

*Student-athletes received 3 points for a first-place vote, two points for a second-place vote and one point for a third-place vote.*

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## 2008 All-Missouri Valley Conference Men's Basketball Team

<b>First Team</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Ht.</b>	<b>Hometown</b>
Jeremy Crouch, Bradley	Sr.	G	6-5	Pekin (Ill.) High
Osiris Eldridge, Illinois State	So.	G	6-3	Chicago (Ill.) Phillips Academy
Adam Emmenecker, Drake	Sr.	G	6-1	Saginaw (Mich.) Arthur Hill High
Randal Falker, Southern Illinois	Sr.	F	6-7	St. Louis (Mo.) Gateway Tech
Josh Young, Drake	So.	G	6-1	Lawton (Okla.) Lawton Christian High

### Second Team

Eric Coleman, Northern Iowa	Sr.	C	6-6	Maplewood (Minn.) Tartan High
Jonathan Cox, Drake	Jr.	F	6-8	Barrington (Ill.) High
Leonard Houston, Drake	Sr.	G	6-3	Holland (Mich.) West Ottawa High
Deven Mitchell, Missouri State	Sr.	F	6-5	Springfield (Mo.) Kickapoo High
Bryan Mullins, Southern Illinois	Jr.	G	6-2	Downers Grove (Ill.) High

### Honorable-Mention Selections

Shy Ely, Evansville	Jr.	F/G	6-4	Indianapolis (Ind.) Speedway High
Gabe Moore, Indiana State	Sr.	G	6-1	Little Rock (Ark.) Mills High
Daniel Ruffin, Bradley	Sr.	G	5-10	Peoria (Ill.) Central High
Anthony Slack, Illinois State	Sr.	F	6-7	New Orleans (La.) John F. Kennedy High
P'Allen Stinnett, Creighton	Fr.	G	6-3	Las Vegas (Nev.) Brewster (N.H.) Academy

### All-Newcomer Team

Ramon Clemente, Wichita State	Jr.	F	6-6	Queens (N.Y.) Paris Junior College
Sam Maniscalco, Bradley	Fr.	G	6-0	Chicago (Ill.) St. Patrick High
P'Allen Stinnett, Creighton	Fr.	G	6-3	Las Vegas (Nev.) Brewster (N.H.) Academy
Theron Wilson, Bradley	Jr.	G	6-5	Topeka (Kan.) Highland Park High
Booker Woodfox, Creighton	Jr.	G	6-1	Lewisville (Texas) High

### All-Freshman Team

J.T. Durley, Wichita State	Fr.	F	6-7	Pittsburg (Texas) High
Kenny Lawson Jr., Creighton	Fr.	C	6-9	Oceanside (Calif.) Vista High
Sam Maniscalco, Bradley	Fr.	G	6-0	Chicago (Ill.) St. Patrick High
Isiah Martin, Indiana State	Fr.	F	6-8	Chicago (Ill.) Morgan Park High
P'Allen Stinnett, Creighton	Fr.	G	6-3	Las Vegas (Nev.) Brewster (N.H.) Academy
Pieter van Tongeren, Evansville	Fr.	C	6-9	Driehuis, The Netherlands (Ichthus College HS)

### All-Defensive Team (selected by coaches)

PJ Cousnard, Wichita State	Sr.	G/F	6-4	Houston (Texas) Yates High
Randal Falker, Southern Illinois	Sr.	F	6-7	St. Louis (Mo.) Gateway Tech
Gabe Moore, Indiana State	Sr.	G	6-1	Little Rock (Ark.) Mills High
Bryan Mullins, Southern Illinois	Jr.	G	6-2	Downers Grove (Ill.) High
Boo Richardson, Illinois State	Sr.	G	5-8	Kansas City (Kan.) Wyandotte High
Anthony Slack, Illinois State	Sr.	F	6-7	New Orleans (La.) John F. Kennedy High

### All-Bench Team (selected by beat writers)

TBA (March 5)

### Most-Improved Team (selected by beat writers)

TBA (March 5)

**LARRY BIRD MVC  
PLAYER OF THE YEAR**  
Adam Emmenecker, Drake

**NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR**  
P'Allen Stinnett, Creighton

**FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR**  
P'Allen Stinnett, Creighton

**DEFENSIVE MVP**  
Bryan Mullins, Southern Illinois

**SIXTH-MAN OF THE YEAR**  
Booker Woodfox, Creighton

**PRAIRIE FARMS SCHOLAR-  
ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**  
TBA (March 6)

**MOST IMPROVED TEAM CAPTAIN**  
TBA (March 5)

**MVC TOURNAMENT MOP**  
TBD (March 9)

**'RAWLINGS' MVC  
COACH OF THE YEAR**  
TBA (March 6)

### Scholar-Athlete (1st Tm.)

TBA (March 6)

### Scholar-Athlete (2nd Tm.)

TBA (March 6)

### Scholar-Athlete (HM)

TBA (March 6)

### All-Tournament

TBA (March 9)

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## Coach of the Year

1949 Henry P. Iba, Oklahoma A&M  
 1950 Forrest "Forddy" Anderson, BU  
 1951 Henry P. Iba, Oklahoma A&M  
 1952 Edgar S. "Eddie" Hickey, SLU  
 1953 Henry P. Iba, Oklahoma A&M  
 1954 Ralph Miller, Wichita State  
 1955 Clarence Iba, Tulsa  
 1956 Alden Pasche, Houston  
 1957 Edgar S. "Eddie" Hickey, SLU  
 1958 George Smith, Cincinnati  
 1959 George Smith, Cincinnati  
 1950 Charles Orsborn, Bradley  
 1961 Ed Jucker, Cincinnati  
 1962 Charles Orsborn, Bradley  
 1963 Ed Jucker, Cincinnati  
 1964 Maurice "Maury" John, Drake  
 1965 Gary Thompson, Wichita St.  
 1966 Taylor Baker, Cincinnati  
 1967 Joe Swank, Tulsa  
 1968 Maurice "Maury" John, Drake  
 1969 Ken Hayes, Tulsa  
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 1971 Bob Polk, Saint Louis  
 1972 Gene Bartow, Memphis St.  
 1973 Ken Hayes, Tulsa  
 Denny Crum, Louisville  
 1974 Joe Stowell, Bradley  
 1975 Lou Henson, New Mexico St.  
 1976 Ron Ekker, West Texas St.  
 1977 Ken Hayes, New Mexico St.  
 1978 Tom Apke, Creighton  
 1979 Bill Hodges, Indiana State  
 1980 Dick Versace, Bradley  
 1981 Nolan Richardson, Tulsa  
 1982 Gary Garner, Drake  
 1983 Weldon Drew, New Mexico St.  
 1984 Bob Donewald, Illinois St.  
 1985 Nolan Richardson, Tulsa  
 1986 Dick Versace, Bradley  
 1987 J.D. Barnett, Tulsa  
 Eddie Fogler, Wichita State  
 1988 Stan Albeck, Bradley  
 1989 Tony Barone, Creighton  
 1990 Rich Herrin, S. Illinois  
 1991 Tates Locke, Indiana State  
 1992 Bob Bender, Illinois State  
 1993 Rudy Washington, Drake  
 1994 Tubby Smith, Tulsa  
 1995 Tubby Smith, Tulsa  
 1996 Jim Molinari, Bradley  
 1997 Eldon Miller, UNI  
 1998 Kevin Stallings, Illinois St.  
 1999 Jim Crews, Evansville  
 2000 Royce Waltman, Indiana St.  
 2001 Dana Altman, Creighton  
 2002 Dana Altman, Creighton  
 2003 Bruce Weber, S. Illinois  
 2004 Matt Painter, S. Illinois  
 2005 Chris Lowery, S. Illinois  
 2006 Mark Turgeon, Wichita St.  
 2007 Chris Lowery, S. Illinois  
**2008 TBD (March 6)**

## Larry Bird MVC Player of the Year

1969 Bobby "Bingo" Smith, TU  
 1970 Jim Ard, Cincinnati  
 1971 Jeff Halliburton, Drake  
 1972 Larry Finch, Memphis St.  
 1973 Larry Kenon, Memphis St.  
 1974 Junior Bridgeman, Louisville  
 1975 Junior Bridgeman, Louisville  
 1976 Mike Glenn, S. Illinois  
 1977 Roger Phegley, Bradley  
 1978 Larry Bird, Indiana State  
 1979 Larry Bird, Indiana State

1980 Lewis Lloyd, Drake  
 1981 Lewis Lloyd, Drake  
 1982 Paul Pressey, Tulsa  
 1983 Antoine Carr, Wichita State  
 1984 Xavier McDaniel, Wichita St.  
 1985 Xavier McDaniel, Wichita St.  
 1986 Jim Les, Bradley  
 1987 Hersey Hawkins, Bradley  
 1988 Hersey Hawkins, Bradley  
 1989 Anthony Manuel, Bradley  
 1990 Bob Harstad, Creighton  
 1991 Chad Gallagher, Creighton  
 1992 Ashraf Amaya, S. Illinois  
 1993 Curt Smith, Drake  
 1994 Gary Collier, Tulsa  
 1995 Chris Carr, S. Illinois  
 1996 Anthony Parker, Bradley  
 1997 Jason Daisy, UNI  
 1998 Rico Hill, Illinois State  
 1999 Marcus Wilson, Evansville  
 2000 Nate Green, Indiana State  
 2001 Tarise Bryson, Illinois St.  
 2002 Kyle Korver, Creighton  
 2003 Kyle Korver, Creighton  
 2004 Darren Brooks, S. Illinois  
 2005 Darren Brooks, S. Illinois  
 2006 Paul Miller, Wichita State  
 2007 Jamaal Tatum, S. Illinois  
 2008 Adam Emmenecker, Drake

## Newcomer of the Year

1969 Joe Proctor, Memphis St.  
 1970 Dana Lewis, Tulsa  
 1971 Larry Finch, Memphis St.  
 1972 Seymour Reed, Bradley  
 1973 Jim Caruthers, Bradley  
 1974 Wesley Cox, Louisville  
 1975 Robert Elmore, Wichita St.  
 1976 Cheese Johnson, Wichita St.  
 1977 Slab Jones, New Mexico St.  
 1978 Robert Gunn, New Mexico St.  
 1979 Mitchell Anderson, Bradley  
 1980 Lewis Lloyd, Drake  
 1981 Jaime Pena, New Mexico St.  
 Paul Pressey, Tulsa  
 Steve Harris, Tulsa  
 1982 John S. Williams, Indiana St.  
 1983 Kenny Perry, S. Illinois  
 1984 Hersey Hawkins, Bradley  
 1985 David Miller, Drake  
 1986 Rod Mason, Creighton  
 1987 Eddie Bird, Indiana State  
 1988 Dion Thurman, Bradley  
 1989 Reggie Shields, Tulsa  
 1990 Reggie Wilson, Illinois St.  
 1991 Mark Morse, Tulsa  
 1992 Curt Smith, Drake  
 1993 Shea Seals, Tulsa  
 1994 B.J. Windhorst, Drake  
 1995 Rodney Buford, Creighton  
 1996 Danny Moore, Missouri St.  
 1997 Chris Thunell, S. Illinois  
 1998 Tarise Bryson, Illinois St.  
 2000 Kent Williams, S. Illinois  
 2001 Mike Wallace, Missouri St.  
 2002 Rolan Roberts, S. Illinois  
 2003 Aaron Hogg, Wichita State  
 2004 Marcellus Sommerville, BU  
 2005 Lorenzo Gordon, Illinois St.  
 2006 Nick Porter, Creighton  
 2007 Spencer Laurie, Missouri St.  
 2008 P'Allen Stinnett, Creighton

## Freshman of the Year

1986 Bart Friedrich, Drake  
 1987 Joe Griffin, Wichita State  
 1988 Eddie Bird, Indiana State  
 1989 Tony Harvey, S. Illinois

1990 Ashraf Amaya, S. Illinois  
 1991 James Hamilton, Bradley  
 1992 Marcus Timmons, SIU  
 1993 Deon Jackson, Bradley  
 1994 Shea Seals, Tulsa  
 1995 Dan Muller, Illinois State  
 1996 Rodney Buford, Creighton  
 1997 Jason Perez, Wichita State  
 1998 Ryan Sears, Creighton  
 1999 Victor Williams, Illinois St.  
 2000 Kent Williams, S. Illinois  
 2001 Luke McDonald, Drake  
 2002 Randy Burns, Wichita St.  
 2003 David Moss, Indiana State  
 2004 Blake Ahearn, Missouri St.  
 2005 Eric Coleman, UNI  
 2006 Bryan Mullins, S. Illinois  
 2007 Osiris Eldridge, Illinois St.  
 2008 P'Allen Stinnett, Creighton

## Defensive Player of the Year

1989 Dwayne Praylow, Wichita St.  
 Michael Scott, Tulsa  
 1990 Randy Blair, Illinois State  
 1991 Michael Scott, Tulsa  
 1992 Ashraf Amaya, S. Illinois  
 1993 Ashraf Amaya, S. Illinois  
 1994 Lou Dawkins, Tulsa  
 1995 Marcus Timmons, SIU  
 1996 Dan Muller, Illinois State  
 1997 Dan Muller, Illinois State  
 1998 Adebayo Akinkunle, BU  
 1999 Monte Jenkins, S. Illinois  
 2000 Nate Green, Indiana State  
 2001 Jerome Robinson, Bradley  
 2002 Rolan Roberts, S. Illinois  
 2003 Jamar Howard, Wichita St.  
 2004 Darren Brooks, S. Illinois  
 2005 Darren Brooks, S. Illinois  
 2006 Patrick O'Bryant, Bradley  
 2007 Randal Falke, S. Illinois  
 2008 Bryan Mullins, S. Illinois

## Sixth-Man Award

1997 Steve Hansell, Illinois St.  
 1998 Doug Swenson, Creighton  
 1999 Curt Begle, Evansville  
 2000 Joshua Cross, S. Illinois  
 2001 Mike Wallace, Missouri St.  
 2002 Terrell Taylor, Creighton  
 2003 Aaron Hogg, Wichita State  
 2004 LaMar Owen, S. Illinois  
 2005 Tony Young, S. Illinois  
 2006 Kellen Easley, Missouri St.  
 2007 Deven Mitchell, MSU  
 2008 Booker Woodfox, CU

## Prairie Farms Scholar-Athlete of the Year

2002 Kent Williams, S. Illinois  
 2003 Kent Williams, S. Illinois  
 2004 Michael Lindeman, CU  
 2005 Neil Plank, Illinois State  
 2006 Neil Plank, Illinois State  
 2007 Jamaal Tatum, S. Illinois  
**2008 TBD (March 6)**

## Multiple Award Winners

### Coach of the Year

4 - Maury John, Drake  
 3 - Henry P. Iba, Okla. A&M  
 3 - Ken Hayes, Tulsa (2),  
 N.M. State (1)  
 2 - Eddie Hickey, Saint Louis  
 2 - George Smith, Cincinnati  
 2 - Charles Orsborn, Bradley  
 2 - Ed Jucker, Cincinnati  
 2 - Nolan Richardson, Tulsa  
 2 - Dick Versace, Bradley  
 2 - Tubby Smith, Tulsa  
 2 - Dana Altman, Creighton

### Player of the Year

2 - Junior Bridgeman, UL  
 2 - Larry Bird, Indiana State  
 2 - Lewis Lloyd, Drake  
 2 - Xavier McDaniel, WSU  
 2 - Hersey Hawkins, Bradley  
 2 - Kyle Korver, Creighton  
 2 - Darren Brooks, S. Illinois

### Defensive Player

2 - Ashraf Amaya, S. Illinois  
 2 - Dan Muller, Illinois State  
 2 - Darren Brooks, S. Illinois

### Back-To-Back Winners

### Coach of the Year

George Smith, UC (58, 59)  
 Maury John, DU (68, 69, 70)  
 Tubby Smith, Tulsa (94, 95)  
 Dana Altman, CU (01, 02)

### Player of the Year

Junior Bridgeman, UL (74, 75)  
 Larry Bird, INS (78, 79)  
 Lewis Lloyd, Drake (80, 81)  
 Xavier McDaniel, WSU (84, 85)  
 Hersey Hawkins, BU (87, 88)  
 Kyle Korver, CU (02, 03)  
 Darren Brooks, SIU (04, 05)

### Defensive Player

Ashraf Amaya, SIU (92, 93)  
 Dan Muller, ILS (96, 97)  
 Darren Brooks, SIU (04, 05)