



Missouri Valley Conference

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CREIGHTON AT INDIANA STATE TABBED FOR ESPN OR ESPN2 ON FEBRUARY 25 League-Leading Bluejays Play Their Way onto National Stage

ST. LOUIS -- ESPN notified the Missouri Valley Conference of its selection of the league-leading Creighton at Indiana State men's basketball game for air on ESPN or ESPN2 on Saturday, February 25, at 3 p.m. Central, Commissioner Doug Elgin announced today.

On February 25, 12th-ranked Creighton -- 21-2 overall and atop the MVC men's basketball standings with an 11-1 record -- will travel to the Hulman Center in Terre Haute, Indiana, to meet Indiana State -- 14-9 overall and 5-7 in league play.

The selection of this telecast for ESPN or ESPN2 marks the fifth time that ESPN has used a "Wildcard" process to determine one of its MVC men's basketball telecasts. The ESPN or ESPN2 telecast will also be simulcast on ESPN3 -- ESPN's multi-screen sports network that gives fans a 24/7 destination delivering thousands of live, global sports events annually.

"The Wildcard selection process presents an opportunity to showcase our top teams at the most pivotal point of their seasons," said MVC Commissioner Elgin. "ESPN is a long-standing television partner for the Missouri Valley Conference, and this selection recognizes the great season by Creighton Coach Greg McDermott's nationally ranked squad thus far."

Using the Wildcard Weekend model, the league — through its television partners ESPN, FOX Sports Midwest, FOX College Sports and Comcast SportsNet Chicago — reserves clearance windows for February dates in the fall of each academic year and waits until the midpoint of both the men's and women's basketball seasons to determine its final regular-season telecasts for both genders.

The week prior to the February 25 telecast, five Missouri Valley Conference teams will participate in the tenth annual SEARS BracketBusters event.

On Friday, February 17, UNI travels to Richmond, Va., to play at Virginia Commonwealth in a 6 p.m. Central contest on ESPN2.

On Saturday, February 18, Wichita State will visit Davidson at 11 a.m. Central on ESPN or ESPN2, Drake plays at New Mexico State at 2 p.m. Central on ESPNU, Missouri State plays host to Old Dominion at 4 p.m. Central on ESPNU, while Creighton will entertain Long Beach State in a 9 p.m. Central game on ESPN2.

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ESPN

ESPN, Inc., is the world's leading multinational, multimedia sports entertainment company, featuring a portfolio of more than 50 multimedia sports assets. The company comprises six 24-hour domestic television networks (ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNEWS, ESPNU, ESPN Classic, ESPN Deportes) and ESPN 3D, an event-based network. ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU and ESPNEWS HD are simulcast services.



Other businesses include ESPN Regional Television, ESPN International (46 networks, syndication, radio, websites), ESPN Radio, ESPN.com, ESPN3 (broadband sports network), ESPN Mobile Properties, ESPN The Magazine, ESPN Enterprises, ESPN PPV and other growing new businesses, including ESPN on Demand and ESPN Interactive. Based in Bristol, Conn., ESPN is 80 percent owned by ABC, Inc., which is an indirect subsidiary of The Walt Disney Company. The Hearst Corporation holds a 20 percent interest in ESPN.

ESPNU

The 24-hour college sports television network airs more than 650 live events annually and offers over 600 original studio shows. ESPNU has seen a steady increase since its inception on March 4, 2005 and is now in over 73 million households.



The brand is also available in high definition on ESPNUHD, now in over 20 million homes. The network has long-term carriage agreements with all 10 of the top multichannel TV providers – Cablevision, Charter, Comcast, Cox, DirecTV (Channel 208), DISH Network (Channel 141), Mediacom, Time Warner Cable, Verizon FiOS TV and AT&T U-verse.

ESPN3

ESPN3 is ESPN's live multi-screen sports network, a 24/7 destination that delivers thousands of global sports events annually and accessible online via WatchESPN.com.



It is currently available to over 71 million homes at no additional cost to fans who receive their high-speed Internet connection or video subscription from an affiliated service provider.

The network is also available at no cost to approximately 21 million U.S. college students and U.S.-based military personnel via computers connected to on-campus educational networks and on-base military networks.

It is also accessible through ESPN on Xbox LIVE to Gold members and on smartphones and tablets via the WatchESPN app through an affiliated provider.

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