



Missouri Valley Conference

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MVC COMPLETES WILDCARD WEEKEND TELECAST SELECTIONS Games on ESPN, FOX Sports Midwest, Comcast SportsNet on February 24-26

ST. LOUIS -- The Missouri Valley Conference has selected the Drake at Wichita State men's basketball game on Saturday, February 25, to complete the league's Wildcard Weekend on FOX Sports Midwest, FOX Sports Indiana, FOX Sports Kansas City, FOX College Sports, Comcast SportsNet Chicago and the ESPN family of networks.

The defending 2011 NIT champion Shockers -- 19-4 overall, winners of nine of their last 10 games and currently in second place in the league standings with a 10-2 record -- will play host to Drake -- 13-10 overall and 6-6 in The Valley -- at Charles Koch Arena in Wichita, Kansas, at 12:30 p.m. Central.

The game will air live on FOX Sports Indiana, FOX Sports Kansas City, FOX College Sports, Comcast SportsNet Chicago and ESPN3 outside the league's six-state footprint, but will be shown on FOX Sports Midwest Plus on alternate channels in Missouri (St. Louis-Columbia-Jefferson City-Springfield), Illinois (Normal-Peoria-Carbondale) and Iowa (Cedar Falls-Des Moines-Waterloo).

The contest will be a rematch of the teams following a thrilling, three-overtime contest in Des Moines, Iowa, on Saturday, January 28. Powered by a career-high 29 points from Ben Simons and a near triple-double from Rayvonte Rice (19 points, 14 rebounds and eight assists), the Bulldogs outlasted the Shockers, 93-86, at the Knapp Center.

"We started utilizing the Wildcard selection process in men's basketball during the 2004-05 season," said MVC Commissioner Doug Elgin. "The Wildcard Weekend concept enables us to feature our teams positioning for a run at postseason play."

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 Wildcard Weekend schedule of games begins on Friday, February 24, when the Creighton women travel to the McLeod Center in Cedar Falls, Iowa, to meet UNI in an 8:30 p.m. tilt that will air live on FOX Sports Midwest, FOX Sports Indiana, FOX Sports Kansas City, FOX College Sports, Comcast SportsNet Chicago and ESPN3 outside the league's six-state footprint.

On February 25, the 12th-ranked Creighton men -- 21-2 overall and 11-1 in the league -- visit Indiana State -- 14-9 overall and 5-7 -- at the Hulman Center in Terre Haute, Indiana, in an ESPN or ESPN2 telecast at 3 p.m. Central.

The Wildcard Weekend concludes with the league-leading Wichita State women visiting Indiana State on Sunday, February 26, at 2 p.m. Central. The game will air live on FOX Sports Midwest, FOX Sports Indiana, FOX Sports Kansas City, FOX College Sports, Comcast SportsNet Chicago and ESPN3 outside the league's six-state footprint.

MVC TELEVISION PARTNERS

FOX SPORTS MIDWEST

In addition to being the TV home for Missouri Valley Conference sports, FOX Sports Midwest is a presenting sponsor of the State Farm MVC Men's Basketball Championship in St. Louis and the State Farm MVC Women's Basketball Championship in St. Charles each March.



FOX Sports Midwest, which was launched on Nov. 1, 1996, serves as home for MVC basketball, baseball, soccer, softball and volleyball. FOX Sports Midwest and sister networks FOX Sports Indiana and FOX Sports Kansas City reach more than 5.9 million cable and satellite television homes in six Midwestern states and telecast more than 3,000 hours of local programming annually.

FOX Sports Midwest is also the home for St. Louis Cardinals baseball, St. Louis Blues hockey, Kansas City Royals baseball and Indiana Pacers basketball.

Nationally, FOX Sports Net reaches more than 85 million homes through more than two dozen owned and affiliated regional sports networks.

COMCAST SPORTSNET CHICAGO

Launched on Oct. 1, 2004, Comcast SportsNet Chicago is home to MVC soccer, basketball, baseball,



softball and volleyball. Comcast SportsNet Chicago reaches over 4.8 million TV households in Illinois, Indiana and Iowa, and, and is also home for Chicago Blackhawks hockey, Chicago Bulls basketball, Chicago Cubs and Chicago White Sox baseball.

FOX COLLEGE SPORTS

Launched on Sept. 9, 2004, FOX College Sports (FCS) is home to MVC basketball, baseball, soccer, softball and volleyball.



FCS -- three nationally distributed sports networks (FCS Atlantic, FCS Central and FCS Pacific) stocked with select collegiate programming with more than 600 live NCAA-sanctioned events -- is culled from FSN regional sports networks and its affiliates.

FCS is available to approximately 56 million digital homes on 3,300 systems.