



Men's Basketball

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Creighton's Booker Woodfox Named Larry Bird MVC Player of the Year

ST. LOUIS -- After helping Creighton to its first regular-season crown since 2002, Booker Woodfox has been named the 2009 Larry Bird MVC Player of the Year. The senior sharpshooting guard is one of the best shooters in the country and leads the league in three-point accuracy (50.9) and three-pointers made (83). His 15.9 scoring average leads Creighton and ranks second in The Valley.

Woodfox has helped the Bluejays to a 25-6 overall mark and 14-4 conference record as Creighton earned the tournament's No. 2 seed after tying for the regular-season title with top-seeded Northern Iowa.

Woodfox is the first Creighton player to earn the league's top honor since 2003, when Kyle Korver was voted the league's Player of the Year for the second-straight year. Only two other Creighton players have earned the top honor in the MVC, which began honoring Players of the Year in 1969 (Bob Harstad in 1990 and Chad Galagher in 1991).

The league's Newcomer of the Year is Chamberlain Oguchi of Illinois State. In his first year at ISU, the senior transfer from Oregon led the Redbirds in scoring, ranking fourth in the league with his 14.8 points per game average. He was second in the league (to Woodfox) with 75 three-pointers made. Oguchi is the fourth ISU player to win Newcomer of the Year honors. Lorenzo Gordon was the last Redbird to win Newcomer of the Year honors, doing so in 2005.

The league's Freshman of the Year hails from Southern Illinois. Kevin Dillard is the league's top-scoring freshman and leads the Salukis with 12.6 points per game, which ranks 10th-best in the conference. His league-only scoring average of 13.9 points per game is best among any first-year player. He's the sixth Saluki to win the honor and one of two current SIU players to have been named Freshman of the Year (joining teammate Bryan Mullins).

Bryan Mullins of Southern Illinois highlights the league's all-Defense unit, earning the league's Defensive Player of the Year honor for the second-straight year. A Saluki has won the honor in five of the past six years. He's only the second player in league history to record 500 career assists and 250 career steals, joining Creighton's Ryan Sears.

For the 13th-consecutive season, the league's head coaches selected a "Sixth Man Award" recipient, and this season's honor goes to UNI's Lucas O'Rear. The honor is presented to the league's top reserve player (one who has started fewer than 25 percent of his team's games). O'Rear averaged 5.4 points, 5.5 rebounds and 23 minutes while appearing in 26 games, starting one game. He's the first Panther to win the honor.

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 4). A complete listing of all-conference honorees is attached.

2009 Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year Voting

Student-Athlete, School	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Booker Woodfox, Creighton	17	13	2	79
Shy Ely, Evansville	12	12	7	67
Adam Koch, UNI	5	8	10	41
Osiris Eldridge, Illinois State	4	4	6	26
Theron Wilson, Bradley	-	2	5	9
Chamberlain Oguchi, Illinois State	-	1	5	7
Bryan Mullins, Southern Illinois	1	-	1	4
Jordan Eglseder, UNI	1	-	-	3
Kwadzo Ahelegbe, UNI	-	-	1	1
Josh Young, Drake	-	-	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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2009 All-Missouri Valley Conference Men's Basketball Team

First Team

	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown
Osiris Eldridge, Illinois State	Jr.	G	6-3	Chicago (Ill.) Phillips Academy
Shy Ely, Evansville	Sr.	F/G	6-4	Indianapolis (Ind.) Speedway High
Adam Koch, UNI	Jr.	F	6-8	Ashwaubenon (Wis.) High
Theron Wilson, Bradley	Sr.	F	6-5	Topeka (Kan.) Highland Park High
Booker Woodfox, Creighton	Sr.	G	6-1	Lewisville (Texas) High

Second Team

Kwadzo Ahelegbe, UNI	So.	G	6-2	Oakdale (Minn.) Tartan High
Jonathan Cox, Drake	Sr.	F	6-8	Barrington (Ill.) High
Chamberlain Oguchi, Illinois St.	Sr.	G	6-6	Houston (Texas) George W. Bush High
P'Allen Stinnett, Creighton	So.	G	6-3	Las Vegas (Nev.) Brewster (N.H.) Academy
Josh Young, Drake	Jr.	G	6-1	Lawton (Okla.) Lawton Christian High

Honorable-Mention Selections

Chris Cooks, Missouri State	Sr.	F	6-4	Idabel (Okla.) High
Jason Holsinger, Evansville	Sr.	G	5-11	Lapel (Ind.) High
Harry Marshall, Indiana State	Jr.	G	6-0	Bowling Green (Ind.) Owen Valley High
Bryan Mullins, Southern Illinois	Sr.	G	6-1	Downers Grove (Ill.) High
Jay Tunnell, Indiana State	Sr.	F	6-8	Topeka (Kan.) Topeka West High

All-Newcomer Team

Kevin Dillard, Southern Illinois	Fr.	G	5-11	Homewood (Ill.) Flossmoor High
Ali Farokhmanesh, UNI	Jr.	G	6-0	Iowa City (Iowa) West High
Clevin Hannah, Wichita State	Jr.	G	5-11	Holly Springs (Miss.) High
Toure' Murry, Wichita State	Fr.	G	6-4	Houston (Texas) Klein Forest High
Chamberlain Oguchi, Illinois St.	Sr.	G	6-6	Houston (Texas) George W. Bush High

All-Freshman Team

Kevin Dillard, Southern Illinois	Fr.	G	5-11	Homewood (Ill.) Flossmoor High
Johnny Moran, UNI	Fr.	G	6-1	Algonquin (Ill.) Jacobs High
Toure' Murry, Wichita State	Fr.	G	6-4	Houston (Texas) Klein Forest High
Kyle Weems, Missouri State	Fr.	F	6-6	Topeka (Kan.) Highland Park High
Kaylon Williams, Evansville	Fr.	G	6-4	Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Kennedy High

All-Defensive Team (selected by coaches) *three-way tie for 5th spot

Kwadzo Ahelegbe, UNI	So.	G	6-2	Oakdale (Minn.) Tartan High
Josh Dotzler, Creighton	Sr.	G	6-1	Omaha (Neb.) Bellevue West High
Osiris Eldridge, Illinois State	Jr.	G	6-3	Chicago (Ill.) Phillips Academy
Kenny Lawson Jr., Creighton	So.	C	6-9	Oceanside (Calif.) Vista High
Bryan Mullins, Southern Illinois	Sr.	G	6-1	Downers Grove (Ill.) High
Dinma Odiakosa, Illinois State	Jr.	F	6-8	Akwukwu (Nigeria) St. Patrick's Model School
Theron Wilson, Bradley	Sr.	F	6-5	Topeka (Kan.) Highland Park High

All-Bench Team (selected by beat writers)

TBA (March 4)

Most-Improved Team (selected by beat writers)

TBA (March 4)

**LARRY BIRD MVC
PLAYER OF THE YEAR**
Booker Woodfox, Creighton

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR
Chamberlain Oguchi, Illinois State

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR
Kevin Dillard, Southern Illinois

DEFENSIVE MVP
Bryan Mullins, Southern Illinois

SIXTH-MAN OF THE YEAR
Lucas O'Rear, Northern Iowa

**ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
DEFENSIVE TEAM OF THE YEAR**
Northern Iowa

**PRAIRIE FARMS SCHOLAR-
ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**
TBA (March 5)

MOST IMPROVED TEAM CAPTAIN
TBA (March 4)

MVC TOURNAMENT MOP
TBD (March 8)

**'RAWLINGS' MVC
COACH OF THE YEAR**
TBA (March 5)

Scholar-Athlete (1st Tm.)
TBA (March 5)

Scholar-Athlete (2nd Tm.)
TBA (March 5)

Scholar-Athlete (HM)
TBA (March 5)

All-Tournament
TBA (March 8)

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Coach of the Year

1949 Henry P. Iba, Oklahoma A&M
 1950 Forrest "Forrddy" 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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 1970 Maurice "Maury" John, Drake
 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 Keno Davis, Drake
 2009 TBD - March 5

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
 2009 Booker Woodfox, CU

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
 1982 Steve Harris, Tulsa
 1983 John S. Williams, Indiana St.
 1984 Kenny Perry, S. Illinois
 1985 Hersey Hawkins, Bradley
 1986 David Miller, Drake
 1987 Rod Mason, Creighton
 1988 Eddie Bird, Indiana State
 1989 Dion Thurman, Bradley
 1990 Reggie Shields, Tulsa
 1991 Reggie Wilson, Illinois St.
 1992 Mark Morse, Tulsa
 1993 Curt Smith, Drake
 1994 Shea Seals, Tulsa
 1995 B.J. Windhorst, Drake
 1996 Rodney Buford, Creighton
 1997 Danny Moore, Missouri St.
 1998 Chris Thunell, S. Illinois
 1999 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
 2009 Chamberlain Oguchi, ILS

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
 2009 Kevin Dillard, S. Illinois

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 Falker, S. Illinois
 2008 Bryan Mullins, S. Illinois
 2009 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
 2009 Lucas O'Rear, UNI

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 Adam Emmenecker, Drake
 2009 TBD (March 5)

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
 2 - Bryan Mullins, 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)
 Bryan Mullins, SIU (08, 09)