

2017-18 Missouri S&T Athletics in Review (as of 7/5/18)

Team Accomplishments

- Men's track & field team won the GLVC outdoor championship, the fourth outdoor GLVC title in program history, as it won six events over the course of the meet.
- Men's track & field finished third at the GLVC Indoor Championships and had one championship performance during the competition.
- Swimming team finished third at the GLVC Championships and took 13th place at the NCAA Division II Championships, a one-spot improvement over its finish in 2017.
- The Miners had their first national champion since 2009 as Tim Samuelsen captured the titles in both the 1,000- and 1,650-yard freestyle events.
- Eight members of the swimming team earned All-America honors at the national meet.
- Women's cross country team finished third at the GLVC Championships, its highest finish ever at a conference meet and had two all-conference performers for the second time in program history.
- Women's cross country team finished in 10th place at the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional, the best finish for the Miners since finishing eighth in 2003.
- Football team set numerous offensive records in finishing with seven wins, its highest win total in five seasons and ending up in a tie for second place in the GLVC.
- Football team defeated both of the 2016 GLVC co-champions during the season, knocking off Truman State and Southwest Baptist.
- Football team won road games in five consecutive weeks for the first time in school history.
- Men's soccer team reached the GLVC Tournament for the 11th time in 13 seasons as a member of the conference and reached the semifinals for the third time.
- Men's soccer team recorded just the third opening round win by a No. 8 seed in the history of the GLVC Tournament with its 3-2 victory over eighth-ranked (nationally) Rockhurst.
- Men's cross country team finished fourth at the GLVC Championships, its highest finish at the conference meet since 2011.
- Men's cross country team had its highest finish at the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional since 2007 with its 10th-place finish.
- Men's cross country team recorded its first meet victory with a perfect score of 15 since 2005 when it took the first five spots at the Gary Stoner Invitational.
- Softball team finished with 27 wins – its most since 2010 – and made its first appearance at the GLVC Tournament since that season where it finished fourth.
- Softball team recorded a victory over eventual NCAA Division II champion Southern Indiana and also defeated NCAA super-regional participant Illinois Springfield, who won the GLVC regular season title. Team earned wins over six of the other seven teams that took part in the GLVC Tournament.
- Men's golf team, in its first season in the resumption of the program, placed fifth in the first GLVC Golf Championship tournament it competed in.
- Men's golf team had four top-five finishes in tournaments during the year, headed by a second place finish in the Miner Classic and third place showing at the Christian Brothers Classic.
- Women's golf team won the Palm Springs Invitational and had four top-three finishes as a team in its first season of competition.
- Women's golf team had four individuals that had a finish among the top 10 in tournaments during the course of the season.
- Baseball team reached the GLVC Tournament for the seventh time in eight years and finished fourth in the GLVC West Division.
- Baseball team won two games over teams that were ranked among the top 15 nationally in the final poll of the season, beating No. 4 Illinois Springfield in the GLVC Tournament and No. 15 Central Missouri.
- Baseball team had a run of 23 consecutive scoreless innings during the course of a four-game sweep over Truman State.

- Women's track & field team finished sixth at GLVC Outdoor Championships and ended up ninth at the conference's indoor meet.
- Women's track & field team recorded 14 times or marks that rank among the top five in those particular events on the school's all-time list.
- Volleyball team won three of their four matches at the Middle of Everywhere Classic and swept its three games in the Midwest Regional Crossover for the first time ever.
- Volleyball team swept the two-game season series over William Jewell by winning both matches 3-2 after trailing by two sets; team overcame its largest fifth-set deficit ever of six points to win the match in Liberty.
- Women's basketball team opened a season with four straight wins for the first time in six seasons.
- Women's basketball team ranked 13th in NCAA Division II in three-point percentage at 36.8 percent.
- Women's basketball team recorded its first two-game season sweep of a GLVC opponent – winning twice over Rockhurst -- since beating Illinois Springfield and Quincy twice in 2012-13.
- Men's basketball team finished the season with five players averaging in double figures in scoring for the first time since the 2008-09 season.
- Men's basketball team hit 231 three-point baskets, the fifth-most in a season in school history, as it had three players make 50 or more shots from beyond the arc for the first time in four seasons.
- Women's soccer team recorded its first-ever win over Wisconsin-Parkside and first victory over Missouri-St. Louis since 2014.

Institutional Accomplishments

- Missouri S&T was the winner of the James R. McGowan Visionary Award from the GLVC, winning the award for its "Pioneers of Women's Athletics" program conducted over Homecoming weekend to celebrate the beginning of women's athletics at the university.
- The "Pioneers of Women's Athletics" program also made Missouri S&T a finalist for the NCAA Division II Award of Excellence for the second year in succession.
- Former Missouri S&T student-athlete Peter Hollenbeck was inducted into the GLVC Hall of Fame.
- Missouri S&T sports information director John Kean was the recipient of the Dr. Thomas Kearns Service Award from the GLVC.
- Missouri S&T's men's track & field team was the recipient of the GLVC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee's sportsmanship award during the season.

Individual Accomplishments

- All-America performers: 9 – Chris Betts (swimming), Deshawn Jones (football), Kevin McPherson (swimming), Morgan Meyer (swimming), Eirik Nielsen (swimming), Tim Samuelsen (swimming), Ethan Shih (swimming), Aaron Taske (swimming), Josh Umrysh (swimming).
- All-Region selections: 13 – Luke Allen (men's track & field), Ezekiel Buck (men's track & field; two selections), J.R. Frisella (men's track & field), Jarett Johnson (men's track & field), Abby Klein (softball), Deshawn Jones (football), Lucas Rosenbaum (men's track & field; two selections), Skyler Ruskowski (women's track & field), Amanda Wetzel (women's track & field), Tershawn Wharton (football), Olivia Young (softball).
- All-GLVC selections: 58 (19 football, 12 men's outdoor track, 7 men's indoor track, 5 softball, 5 swimming, 4 baseball, 2 men's soccer, 2 women's cross country, 1 women's indoor track, 1 women's outdoor track). **The 58 All-GLVC selections are the most since S&T joined the conference and third time S&T has had at least 50.**
- GLVC swimming champion: Tim Samuelsen.
- GLVC men's track & field champions: Ezekiel Buck (individual & relay), Bailey Crone, J.R. Frisella (individual & relay), John Karsten, Dane Rodriguez, Lucas Rosenbaum, Logan Shearer (relay), Alex Staples (relay).
- GLVC women's track & field champion: Megan Schulte

-GLVC Player of the Week awards: 21 – Felipe Andrade (men’s soccer), Dan Borek (baseball; two-time selection), Ezekiel Buck (men’s track & field), Roderick Chapman (football), Dalton Erger (baseball), Aaron Hohenstein (men’s soccer; two-time selection), Deshawn Jones (football; two-time selection), John Karsten (men’s track & field), Abby Klein (softball), David Murphy (men’s soccer), Taylor Ornelas (women’s golf), Lucas Rosenbaum (men’s track & field; two-time selection), Skyler Ruszkowski (women’s track & field), Ben Styron (football), Tyler Swart (football), Amanda Wetzel (women’s track & field), Tershawn Wharton (football),

-Men’s track & field coach Shaun Meinecke was voted as the GLVC’s “Coach of the Year” for the 2017-18 outdoor season.

-Tim Samuelsen (swimming) became the first Miner in history to win NCAA Division II national titles in two individual events at the same meet, capturing championships in the 1,000- and 1,650-yard freestyle races.

-John Karsten (men’s track & field) earned a berth to the NCAA Division II Track & Field Championships in both the indoor and outdoor season.

-Amanda Wetzel (women’s track & field) earned a berth to the NCAA Division II Indoor Track & Field Championships, while Skyler Ruszkowski was selected to compete at the NCAA’s outdoor meet.

-Deshawn Jones (football), with a school record 1,579 yards, finished fourth in NCAA Division II in rushing for the season and 15th with 163.5 all-purpose yards per game.

-Tershawn Wharton (football) ranked third in NCAA Division II with his 1.23 quarterback sacks per game, seventh with 1.9 tackles for a loss per game and eighth in forced fumbles.

-Megan Schulte (women’s cross country) matched the highest finish by a Missouri S&T competitor at the GLVC Championships by placing fifth to earn her third All-GLVC honor in her career. She teamed with Hannah Shearer become the first duo of Miners to earn All-GLVC laurels at the same meet.

-Taylor Ornelas (women’s golf) won medalist honors at the Palm Springs Invitational, the first tournament victory for a member of the program.

-Olivia Young (softball) led the GLVC with 58 runs batted in during the 2018 season and finished 21st in NCAA Division II in that category. Her 14 home runs were ranked third in the conference.

-Abby Klein (softball) finished second in the GLVC in hitting with a .446 average, while Monica Weiss finished third in the conference in stolen bases with 23.

-Janie Arand (women’s basketball) ranked ninth in NCAA Division II with an 89.6 percent mark at the free throw line and also became the program’s 14th 1,000-point scorer during the season.

-Joe Bindner (men’s cross country) was the top finisher at the Gary Stoner Invitational, becoming the first Miner in three years to finish first in a race.

-Lenny Urbas (men’s golf) finished in a tie for eighth place at the GLVC Championships and also tied for the best round by a Miner with a 72.

-Sergio Amierio (men’s golf) had finishes of second at the Henderson State Invitational and third at the Christian Brothers Classic.

-Cameron Burk (baseball) was hit by a pitch 27 times, the most of any player in the GLVC and most per game (0.57) by any player in NCAA Division II; the 27 hit by pitches was the second-most in the nation.

-Felipe Andrade (men’s soccer) recorded the first three-goal performance by a Miner since 2006 when he tallied three in a tie against Wisconsin-Parkside.

-Romain Louiserre (men’s basketball) ranked fourth in the GLVC in free throw shooting at 85.3 percent and also ranked sixth in the GLVC in rebounding with eight per game.

-Allante Pickens (men’s basketball) ranked second in the GLVC and 27th in NCAA Division II as he shot 43 percent from three-point range on a team-high 58 three-point baskets.

-Liz Carrano (women’s soccer) finished third in the GLVC in saves and teammate Chayse Richardson finished fifth in assists.

-Alexis White and Sarah McGinnis (volleyball) combined to record 1,079 assists during the 2017 campaign.

-Corrine Stulce (volleyball) had 458 digs during the year, the eighth-most in a season in school history.

-GLVC James R. Spalding Sportsmanship Award recipients: Joe Bindner (men’s cross country), Janie Arand (women’s basketball).

School Record Performances

Individual records:

- Tim Samuelsen (swimming) broke records in the 1,000-yard freestyle (8:59.45) and 1,650-yard freestyle (15:08.53), winning NCAA Division II titles in the process of setting those marks.
 - Eirik Nielsen (swimming) established new records in the 100-yard butterfly of 48.11 seconds and in the 200-yard individual medley of 1:48.56.
 - Ethan Shih (swimming) set a new school record in the 100-yard backstroke of 49.32 seconds.
 - Aaron Taske (swimming) broke the record in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 1:47.42.
 - Deshawn Jones (football) set new S&T records for rushing yards in a game (275) and a season (1,579) as well as scoring five touchdowns in a game and 16 for the season. His 275 yards were the most in a game in GLVC history and the 1,579 were the most by a GLVC player during the course of a regular season.
 - Tyler Swart (football) broke the school's career record for passing yards with 5,860 and total offense with 5,538.
 - Tershawn Wharton (football) broke the S&T single-season record for tackles for a loss with 21.
 - Ben Styron (football) established new records for points scored by a kicker with 86, while also breaking the mark for extra points with 47 and tying the single-season record with 13 field goals.
 - Olivia Young (softball) set new single-game (nine) and single-season (58) records for runs batted in and tied the single-season mark for home runs with 14.
 - Monica Weiss (softball) became the fourth player in school history with a five-hit game during the season.
 - Megan Schulte (women's track & field) broke the school record in the steeplechase (10:58.66) and 5,000-meter run (17:42.46) during the outdoor campaign.
 - John Karsten (men's track & field) established new school records in the indoor shot put (55-7½) and indoor weight throw (63-8¾).
 - J.R. Frisella (men's track & field) set a new record in the indoor 400-meters with a time of 48.49 seconds.
 - Ezekiel Buck (men's track & field) broke the records for points scored in the decathlon (6,839) and heptathlon (5,046).
 - Lucas Swindle (baseball) broke the S&T career records for triples (15) and walks (75).
 - Dalton Erger (baseball) set a new program record for strikeouts per nine innings for a season with 9.31.
- ### **Team records:**
- Football: Set new records for total offense in a season (5,057) and average yards per game (459.7).
 - Volleyball: Set new single-game records for kills (56), assists (52) and attack percentage (.398) in a three-set match and block assists (52) in a five-set match.

Academic Accomplishments

- GLVC All-Academic awards: 183 (Most ever for Missouri S&T in one year.)
 - ADA Academic Achievement awards: 89 (Most ever for Missouri S&T in one year.)
 - Capital One Academic All-America awards: 8 – Bo Brooks (football, first team), Landon Compton (football, third team), Lauren Flowers (volleyball, third team), Deshawn Jones (football, third team), Stuart Mossop (swimming, first team), David Murphy (men's soccer, first team), Lucas Rosenbaum (men's track & field, second team), Tim Samuelsen (swimming, second team). (Ties most ever for Missouri S&T in one year.)
 - Academic All-District awards: 15 – Bo Brooks (football), Ezekiel Buck (men's track & field), Landon Compton (football), Bret Curtis (football), Lauren Flowers (volleyball), Deshawn Jones (football), Anne Massey (women's track & field), Stuart Mossop (swimming), David Murphy (men's soccer), Kaleb Reid (baseball), Lucas Rosenbaum (men's track & field), Tim Samuelsen (swimming), Megan Schulte (women's cross country/track & field), Skyler Ruszkowski (women's track & field), Olivia Young (softball). (Most ever for Missouri S&T in one year.)
- USTFCCA All-Academic Team: Joe Bindner, Connor Crabtree (men's cross country), Kala Morgan, Megan Schulte (women's cross country)....Track & field is pending.

-GLVC Council of Presidents Academic Excellence Awards: 26 – Ashley Allegri (volleyball), Janie Arand (women’s basketball), Madison Calvin (women’s track & field), Morgan Cornish (men’s track & field), Riley Cronin (women’s soccer), Bret Curtis (football), Lauren Flowers (volleyball), Aaron Hohenstein (men’s soccer), Martin Klevjer (men’s soccer), Ben Krause (men’s track & field), Anne Massey (women’s track & field), Joe Mersinger (football), Madison Morris (women’s soccer), Stuart Mossop (swimming), Tyler Percy (men’s cross country/track & field), Kole Rakers (men’s cross country/track & field), Drake Randall (football), Lucas Rosenbaum (men’s track & field), Megan Schulte (women’s cross country/track & field), Ashton Smith (football), Amalia Tettambel (women’s soccer), Garrett Trautman (men’s soccer), Austin Truvillion (football), Kati Viets (softball), Nathan Volkmann (baseball), Monica Weiss (softball), Alexis White (volleyball). **(Most ever for Missouri S&T in one year.)**

-GLVC Team Academic Awards: 7 – Women’s Golf, Volleyball, Men’s Soccer, Women’s Cross Country, Women’s Track & Field, Women’s Soccer, Softball. **(Tied for most ever for Missouri S&T in one year.)**

-GLVC Brother James Gaffney Distinguished Scholar Award (for 4.0 grade point average over the course of the academic year) – 31 **(Most ever for Missouri S&T in one year.)**

-GLVC Scholar-Athlete of the Year: Deshawn Jones (football).

-CSCAA Scholar All-America Awards: 3 – Kevin McPherson, Tim Samuelsen, Josh Umrysh.

-Easton/AFCA Scholar-Athlete Awards: 10 – Rachel Aiardo, Jacey Allen, Avery English, Marcy McCalla, Kali Nelson, Ashley Rausch, Hannah Smith, Kati Viets, Monica Weiss, Olivia Young.

-USTFCCCA All-Academic Awards: 4 – Ezekiel Buck, Lucas Rosenbaum, Skyler Ruszkowski, Megan Schulte.

-Swimming team earned CSCAA academic award for fall 2017 and spring 2018 semesters. **The program has earned this award in nine consecutive semesters.**

-Volleyball team earned AVCA team academic award.

-Men’s and women’s soccer teams earned team academic awards from United Soccer Coaches.

-Men’s cross country and women’s cross country teams earned all-academic team honors from the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

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