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Salukis win conference championship, first team to ever go undefeated in MVFC



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The Salukis celebrate their 44-24 win over the Missouri State Bears, securing them the Missouri Valley Football Conference title Saturday at McAndrew Stadium. The 8-0 Salukis are the only team to go undefeated in league play.

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The Salukis guaranteed themselves, and McAndrew Stadium, at least one more home game.

The No. 1 SIUC (9-1, 8-0 Missouri Valley Football Conference) took advantage of numerous turnovers as it defeated Missouri State 44-24 Saturday

in the final regular-season home game at McAndrew Stadium.

The win guaranteed the Salukis the outright conference title, and made them the first team ever to go undefeated in league play. They also set the MVFC record with their 14th straight conference win.

Head coach Dale Lennon said taking the conference title out-

right has been on the minds of the players all week.

"It was definitely on the players' minds," Lennon said. "That is all the senior class emphasized, we don't want to share this. We want to be greedy. It's one of the only times I can be OK with greed."

The conference title is the fifth one SIUC has won since 2004, but only its second outright title. Last

year the Salukis shared the title with Northern Iowa.

The Bears came into Saturday looking to stop their six-game losing streak against the Salukis, and after the Bears' first possession, it seemed as if all the pre-game pageantry would be for naught.

On the fourth play of the game, running back Chris Douglas tore through the middle of SIUC's

defense, going 65-yards untouched to give Missouri State a 7-0 lead in less than two minutes.

The scamper was the longest run given up by the Salukis this season, and only the second time this season the opposition scored on its opening drive.

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Search committee makes chancellor recommendation

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The chancellor search committee has made its recommendation of the two finalists to SIUC President Glenn Poshard.

Both of them. "Quite frankly, we didn't feel as if it would be appropriate to try and distinguish them," said Tom Britton, co-chairman of the search committee.

Britton said the search committee met Friday to discuss candidates Rita Cheng and Barbara Couture with Poshard.

Britton said there was strong sup-

port for both candidates, and the committee could not rank one ahead of the other.

"The committee's first recommendation was that we would recommend them both strongly as outstanding candidates," Britton said. "As we talked more about trying to rank them, we just didn't feel as if that was necessary."

Poshard will now make his decision out of the two finalists, and make that recommendation to the SIUC Board of Trustees. Poshard said he is not sure when he will make his recommendation, but he does not expect it to be a long process.

The two finalists in the search for the next chancellor are Cheng, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and Couture, senior vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Poshard said it would be tough to choose between the two finalists.

"Dr. Couture and Dr. Cheng are both outstanding candidates," Poshard said. "Either one would make a fine leader of this university. That final decision is going to be a very, very difficult decision."

Poshard said he thought the

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— Tom Britton
co-chairman of chancellor search committee

search committee did an excellent job of bringing in two quality finalists.

"I want to congratulate the committee," Poshard said. "This is the best search that I've ever seen performed since I've been associated with the university. They just did an outstanding job and the two really fine candidates that they brought in was just proof of their work."

Poshard said the committee finished its work ahead of time, and that would allow him to have time to make the best possible decision.

Britton said the committee worked together well to bring the search down to two finalists.

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'2012' truly a disaster film

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"2012"
 Rated: PG-13
 Directed by: Roland Emmerich
 Starring: John Cusack, Amanda Peet, Chiwetel Ejiofor
 Runtime: 158 min.
 Rating: C

(maybe the best of the bunch these days) sharing screen time should be thespian nirvana.

Instead, it is a three-hour film that plays out more like six. The film is so bloated and bogged down by disaster movie clichés and there is certainly nothing as moving as Bill Pullman's speech in "Independence Day," probably the greatest public speaking performance of modern times.

The whole thing is not a loss though, as Ejiofor is wonderful, but he could star in the life story of a rock and it would be ace.

Then there are the disasters. The CGI is big, brutal and fun to watch. Well, it is enjoyable for the first nine hours of the film at least.

It would be a wonder to get inside Emmerich's head. It has to be one of the most depressing places, as it's all just shots of crashing waves, big tornadoes and mass death.

How dare Roland Emmerich. The director of "Independence Day" and "10,000 B.C." has taken a simply amazing cast here for "2012" and squandered its abilities between big time CGI mayhem.

Seriously, a film with John Cusack, Danny Glover, Woody Harrison and Chiwetel Ejiofor

The film follows different people as the world is ending because of a solar flare heating up the Earth's core. Cusack is a limo driver who is saving his ex-wife (Peet) and kids, Glover is the president, Harrison is a radio host/conspiracy theorist and Ejiofor is the scientist fighting to save everyone.

It will be interesting to see where the director goes from here. He has already done an alien invasion and touched every natural disaster here.

Whatever he decides to attach himself to next, let's just hope he does not drag a slew of crack actors through the muck with him.

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"I feel greatly relieved, but also just really proud of the work the

committee has done," Britton said. "I'm confident the president will make the right decision for the university."

Britton said it would be a tough decision for Poshard, and said he

was happy he does not have to make the final decision.

"When you're trying to evaluate the best fit for the institution and its future, it's a major responsibility," Britton said.

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Aisha Alhassan, a graduate student in public health from Peoria, stomps dirt down to make a water-collecting well around a newly planted tree Friday. Volunteers were key throughout the tree planting, coming from Registered Student Organizations, faculty, staff, students and anyone willing to lend a hand. The volunteers made it possible to complete the planting in one day.

Campus volunteers work to restore storm damage

Nearly 200 trees planted to replace those lost in May 8 storm

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The campus community worked to restore the natural aesthetics lost in the May 8 storm by planting almost 200 trees Friday.

Students, most from the forestry, agriculture and geography departments, faculty and staff volunteered throughout the day to take the edge off from the loss of more than 600 trees on campus.

Dave Tippy, assistant superintendent of grounds at the Physical Plant, said the feat was so ambitious he thought it might not have been accomplished.

"We weren't really sure what we were getting into," Tippy said. "But everybody really came together and it was great."

Tippy said more than twice the amount of volunteers he expected showed up. Close to 90 people signed up to volunteer and as many as 30 or more planted trees at various times and places throughout the day, Tippy said.

"When people just wanted to walk up and volunteer some time we were all for that," he said.

It was good to make an effort to help restore the campus beauty, Tippy said. He said it was great for him and everyone else to get involved in something that was a little bigger than normal restorative efforts.

"At the end of the day I just felt like we had done something that had never been done before on campus."

— Dave Tippy, assistant superintendent of grounds

Ryan Klopf, a graduate student in plant biology from Virginia, said ecology projects have to be big in order to accomplish something and he was glad the people who showed up realized that.

"A restorative project has to be big," Klopf said. "And it's nice to see so many people enthusiastic to help out."

Klopf said the most rewarding part of planting the trees was his involvement with others.

"Planting trees is a good way to do that," he said. "It's nice to be a part of something in a place you live."

Dana Roland, account technician for the Physical Plant, said she used her day off to help plant trees.

"It's gorgeous outside and they were asking for volunteers," Roland said. "It's helping out the world."

Roland said she has been planting trees all her life and was glad to offer her services to beautify campus once again.

Tippy said he's hoping to do an annual tree-planting event, but not to the extent of Friday's ambitious goal. He hopes to eventually restore most or all of the trees that were lost on campus, he said.

Tippy said he's grateful to all of the volunteers for their efforts and hopes he starts a movement to continue planting trees on campus.

"At the end of the day I just felt like we had done something that had never been done before on campus," he said. "Everybody definitely deserves a good pat on the back."

"We weren't really sure what we were getting into. But everybody really came together and it was great."

— Dave Tippy, assistant superintendent of grounds

International Sports Night unites students of all cultures

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Though they do not speak the same language, international students from all around the globe came together Friday and Saturday and communicated with one common voice — sports.

Students filled the Recreation Center Friday and Saturday for International Sports Night, and competed in basketball, badminton, volleyball and other sports.

Kathy Hollister, assistant director of Recreational Sports and Services, said sports were the best way to get students together from different cultures and nations.

"I always say sports speak no languages or it speaks every language," Hollister said. "You don't have to know a certain language to play a sport."

International Students Council sponsored the event instead of its usual international soccer tournament.

Camel Rao, president of the council, said this was the first time in several years the council sponsored International Sports Night. The annual soccer tournament was biased against women, which is why the sports night was a better choice, she said.

"Everyone can take part," Rao said. "This makes more sense because we're letting all international students take part in it."

The council decided to create an

"I always say sports speak no languages or it speaks every language. You don't have to know a certain language to play a sport."

— Kathy Hollister, assistant director of Recreational Sports and Services

event that was more culturally oriented and encouraged a mixture of many students, she said. Rao said having a sports night where students could sign up for their favorite sport was a the obvious choice.

Srikanth Uppalaunchi, vice president of the council, said the diversity and teamwork of the students made the sports night a success.

"It actually makes people come out and be a part of ISC, this is an opportunity for them," Uppalaunchi said. "I haven't seen students come out like this before."

Uppalaunchi said the event encouraged students to represent their nations and cooperate with other international and domestic students. He said it was a unique experience that is not found on most college campuses.

"If no other school is doing it, why not be the first to do it?" Uppalaunchi said.



Nanaama Erzuah, left, a sophomore from Ghana studying bio science, George Yeboah Nortey, center, a senior from Ghana studying automotive engineering, and Sherifa Yussuf, right, a sophomore from Nigeria studying chemistry, celebrate as their friends make a basket during the International Sports Night at the Recreation Center Friday.

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The council is already in the process of making next year's sports night a larger event, he said. Uppalaunchi said his view is to have a sort of mini-Olympics where each Registered Student Organization competes.

Fuya Chang, a senior from Taiwan studying hospitality and tourism, said even though she was

the only girl to play basketball with some friends and others, she liked that basketball was a way to meet other people on campus.

"It's good because we can meet a lot of people and get together here," Chang said. "Basketball is kind of a group game, you have to work together."

Hollister worked with the council to help coordinate the sports night. She said she also agreed the female participation along with the mixture of international and domestic students was a success.

"You'll find a lot of students who played in their country and are really good and play hard," Hollister said.

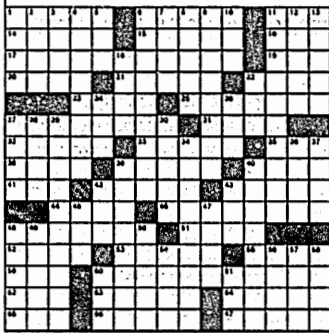
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 - 33 Emittet z delighted
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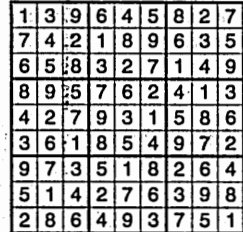
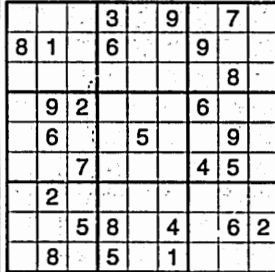
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By Linda C. Black

Tuesday's Birthday — Make it your goal this year to align heart and mind. This is no time to take a new job that doesn't satisfy you emotionally or spiritually. You benefit in the long term from practicing methods that create flow in your life rather than obstacles.

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — Change your mind. Then decide how to get others to go along. You may need magic.

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Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 5 — Power fills your work environment. Emotions fuel your efforts. Finish a project today.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 5 — Work around anything that gets in your path today. Bulldozing is too much work. Sidestepping moves things along.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 5 — Words don't come easy to you. You discover that others have plenty to say, so just keep quiet.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 5 — Harsh words don't help you solve a problem. Instead, try looking into your heart, speaking the truth and then listening.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — Avoid sharp words. Greet the wheels with soft, soothing speech. You surprise even yourself.

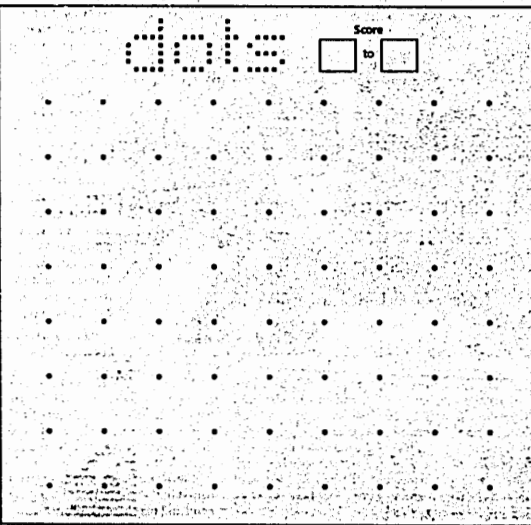
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — At first, you don't like what you hear today. Let it sink in for a while. Later you discover it's just what's needed.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 5 — Someone needs your healing touch! Now. Transmit your love through your hands and your voice. Music works wonders.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Finances ease up a bit now. Don't rush out to spend all your hard-earned cash. Save up for a big-ticket item.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — Sharpen your pencil, not your tongue. Now is time to jump to conclusions or speak before you're sure you have the facts.

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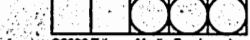


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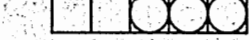
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The Salukis answered back though, as quarterback Paul McIntosh found wide receiver Joe Allaria up the middle for a 56-yard reception. Senior running back Deji Karim capped off the drive with his seven-yard touchdown run — his 12th rushing touchdown of the season.

Missouri State (6-5, 4-4 MVFC) continued its ground assault on the next drive, rushing all the way to the Salukis' 16-yard line, but a botched option between quarterback Cody Kirby and Douglas resulted in a fumble that SIU's Tony Colletti scooped up.

"We had a guy there on the spot, ready to force the quick pitch," Lennon said. "The pitch was mishandled and we were on top of it. The big plays I feel were in the first half and set us up for pulling ahead of Missouri State."

The string of turnovers was only beginning for the Bears.

On the ensuing SIU punt, returner Cedric Alvis took the ball 22-yards before fumbling it on the Bears' 39-yard line.

The Salukis made them pay as Karim punched in his second touchdown of the day on a three-yard run up the middle.

The defense got in on the scoring as cornerback Brandon Williams picked off Kirby and ran it back for the score, giving the Salukis a 21-7 lead.

Mike McElroy did his best Williams impression early in the third quarter as he returned a Kirby pass 80-yards to the end zone to put the Salukis up 41-7.

"That play was tiring," McElroy



WIDE RECEIVER Bryce Morris takes the football to the three-yard line against the Missouri State Bears in the first quarter of the last regular-season game at McAndrew Stadium Saturday. Morris' play set up Deji Karim for a touchdown on the next play, bringing the score to 14-7 Salukis. The Salukis won 44-24, securing the Missouri Valley Football Conference title.

said. "Having to run up the field like that was a good workout."

Missouri State finished the game with five turnovers, including three interceptions. Missouri State out-gained SIU 464 yards to 358 yards, but Lennon said statistics are irrelevant when the defense forces turnovers.

"You can't even look at the statistics for this game to do justice to it," Lennon said. "When your defense is getting turnovers and getting points off of them. We lost a couple series because of those plays. Then in the

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fourth quarter we brought in all the backups, so the numbers mean nothing."

Karim continued his dream season, finishing with 14 carries for 117 yards and three touchdowns. The redshirt senior leads the Football Championship Subdivision with 14 rushing touchdowns. He even showed off some hands, catching a pass in the second quarter after it bounced off Allaria.

"He told me after the play that he planned that, but it was going all the way all day after that," Karim said.

FOOTBALL

SIU first to go undefeated in conference play

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The Salukis made history in more than one way Saturday.

The No. 1 SIU (9-1, 8-0 Missouri Valley Football Conference) won the outright conference title for the second time in school history and became the first team in Missouri Valley Football Conference history to finish the season undefeated in conference play when they defeated Missouri State 44-24 at McAndrew Stadium Saturday.

Head coach Dale Lennon said the team wanted the conference title for themselves this season and did not want to share it.

"It was one time where I did not mind being greedy," Lennon said. "We wanted this."

Lennon said he worried the distractions could pile up and cause a problem for the Salukis, but thought they did a good job of staying focused.

Senior running back Deji Karim said he was glad the Salukis did not have to share the conference championship this season.

"We felt disrespected last year," Karim said. "We came out this year and tried to do what we felt was the right thing, that's us winning the conference title outright. We took care of business today."

This was SIU's first outright conference championship since 2004.

The Salukis have won at least a share of the championship three times since 2003 and their 14th straight conference win set a new Missouri Valley Football Conference record.

The Salukis' top-ranked defense made its presence felt again Saturday en route to the historic achievement.

The Salukis defense gave up 464 yards, but kept the Bears from converting on third down. Missouri State converted only two of 13 third-down attempts.

SIU also forced two fumbles and had three interceptions as it scored two defensive touchdowns.

Junior safety Mike McElroy, who returned an interception 80 yards for a touchdown, said the running game of Missouri State gave SIU trouble at first, but was able to shut it down and reverse the momentum.

"They busted a couple of big runs and we got things sorted out on the sidelines," McElroy said. "We were able to change the momentum through that."

Even after ending the season undefeated in conference, Karim said SIU still has a long way to go to achieve what it set out to do.

"We're thinking about (Southeast Missouri State) right now, even with this beautiful trophy," Karim said with the conference trophy by his side. "Every team that is in front of us, every game is always big. It's the biggest game of our lives at that moment."

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Saluki Insider

Manny Pacquiao defeated Miguel Cotto Saturday with a 12th round technical knockout. Is Pacquiao the best pound-for-pound fighter right now?



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After seeing the work Pacquiao did to Cotto's face on Saturday, I think it may be tough to argue against him. The man has won titles in seven different weight classes, which is incredible. I hope this fight will lead to a Pacquiao-Mayweather Jr. fight, which would settle the question of best pound-for-pound fighter.

There is only one competitor for Pacquiao's title of greatest pound-for-pound fighter in the world: Kyle Farnsworth. Sure I doubt Farnsworth will find his way into the boxing ring any time soon, I guess I'll just have to give it to Pacquiao by default.

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Pacquiao still has to prove he is the best pound-for-pound boxer, which will be settled after he and Mayweather Jr. go toe-to-toe, but the pound-for-pound fighter in the world is Anderson Silva, the most dangerous human alive. If Pacquiao were to step into the octagon with even an average mixed martial artist, he would be lucky to get out of the first round.

VOLLEY

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The Salukis lost the first game of the match 26-24 but proceeded to win the next two. In the first game, SIU hit nine errors.

In the next two combined, it only hit 10.

Low error numbers were not enough for SIU as it hit only .067 in the final game of the day to Drake's .133.

Winkler said the match was

close and it came down to simply being outright.

Blumhorst again was a bright spot for the Salukis as he had 29 digs. Outside hitter Jennifer Berwanger added 24 digs of her own and had 16 kills for a double-double.

Brown had a double-double as well with 45 assists and 11 digs.

SIU needs to win Friday against Evansville, and it needs Illinois State to lose one of its two matches this weekend to make the MVC tournament.

Brown said the Salukis are entering Evansville with some confidence.

"We know we can play better than we did this weekend and I hope we can sweep Evansville," Brown said.

Blumhorst said the losses on the weekend would not be a problem for SIU's mindset going into the final match.

"We have to put the past behind us," Blumhorst said. "We just have to look ahead. If we dwell too much on this weekend we won't have success."

SCHIRMER

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Senior A'Seret Dokubo finished her SIU career in 82nd place with a time of 22:58.5. Next for the Salukis was Megan Hoelscher in

84th place with a time of 28:00.7. Kristian Baldwin rounded out the Salukis finishing in 171st place.

While the women begin their offseason, the men could receive an at-large bid to go to the NCAA National Championships. It would

be the first time in school history the team had an at-large bid.

"We're all keeping our fingers crossed hoping and praying," Kirchner said. "We really want one more chance to bring it all together."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

SIU soars by Skyhawks in opener

Five players score in double digits

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SIU did not take long to warm up in its first game of the season.

The Salukis dominated in their season debut Saturday as they won their 11th straight season opener by defeating the University of Tennessee-Martin Skyhawks 91-63 at SIU Arena. The 91 points scored by the Salukis are the most by the team since head coach Chris Lowery took over in 2005.

Lowery said with the players on the team, he was not too surprised by the results.

"We have good shooters, we have guys who can make shots — so (91 points) didn't surprise me," Lowery said. "Our guards did a really good job, especially Kevin (Dillard), of running the ball club. He's grown up so much on both sides of the ball and trying to make sure everybody is in the right position."

Dillard finished with 14 points, 10 in the first half, as he guided the team to one of its more impressive showings. Five different players scored in double figures, as the team shot 50 percent from the field, and went 12 of 25 from the three-point arch.

Junior Carlton Fay led the team in scoring off the bench with 18 points. It was the first playing time the forward has seen this fall, as he was suspended for the two exhibition games.

"Carlton was special for us off the bench," Lowery said. "When you can bring a guy like him off the bench, he can go get shots ... and make them, it just makes our bench a little more comfortable. He's our sixth starter right now."

Fay was not the only contributor off the bench.

Lowery made use of his bench



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Junior guard Justin Bocot dribbles around the Tennessee-Martin defense during SIU's season opening 91-69 victory Saturday at SIU Arena. Bocot scored nine points and one of the Salukis' 12 three pointers.

Saturday, as no player played more than 25 minutes. With Fay, the bench scored 44 points, including 12 from freshman Kendall Brown-Surles.

"Coach really talked about valuing your time whenever you get in there," Brown-Surles said. "That's one thing we all try to do — play aggressive. He said attack the rim and play as if you're starting."

Lowery said he found some problems with his team's performance,

including 13 turnovers in the first half. He said he liked what he saw out of transition defense.

"At least we got back on D," Lowery said. "I tell them all the time you can make mistakes, but don't compound it by jogging back. I thought we did a good job of getting back and getting out to their shooters and not allowing them to have wide-open shots."

The Skyhawks (0-1) were never

in the game. Within the first four minutes, they were down by nine points, and they trailed by as much as 20 in the first half.

Head coach Jason James said he gives SIU credit for its preparation.

"Tonight, they showed why they have a chance to be a very good basketball team," James said. "They were very physical with us, especially on the defensive end, and that's the way you have to play to be good."

CROSS COUNTRY

Schirmer headed to Nationals

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Senior cross country runner Jeff Schirmer qualified for the NCAA National Championships with a second-place finish at the NCAA Midwest Regionals Saturday.

While Schirmer is guaranteed an individual bid to the the NCAA National Championships for the second consecutive year, the rest of the SIU men's cross country team is awaiting its fate.

"Everybody had the best race that they possibly could have had," Schirmer said. "Even if we don't make nationals as a team, I'm still proud of our team."

The men will find out today if they receive one of the 13 at-large bids for the national meet from the NCAA.

The men finished fifth overall at the NCAA Regionals Saturday in Springfield, Mo., with a score of 160, while the women failed to qualify for the national meet.

Schirmer led the Salukis in the 8K with a time of 30 minutes, 49.9 seconds, which was only 28 seconds behind first place Hassan Mead from University of Minnesota. Dan Dunbar came in 27th place with a time of 31:47.8. Senior Jason Orday finished close behind in 31st place overall with a time of 31:51.9. Kyle Kirchner also joined the pack finishing in 33rd place overall with a time of 31:51.6. Rounding out the top finishers for the Salukis was Greg McBride, finishing 76th overall (33:23.5).

Kirchner said the Salukis raced well as a team for the first time this year.

"The race played out exactly the way we planned it," Kirchner said. "We definitely executed."

Senior runner Mohamed Mohamed had to drop out of the race for the Salukis because of illness and said he could not risk injuring himself by continuing the race.

"Words can't express how disappointed I am, but seeing the rest of the guys stepping up in a big way made my day a little brighter," Mohamed said.

On the women's side, the Salukis did not finish as a team and only four women finished the race.

Emily Toennies led the way in the women's 6K, finishing 56th overall with a time of 22:15.6.

VOLLEYBALL

Salukis lose two critical road matches

SIU seventh in conference behind Illinois State

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History repeated itself for the SIU volleyball team.

A year after missing the postseason by one game, the Salukis entered the weekend with a chance to be the fourth seed in the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament.

Now they need to win next weekend just to make the tournament.

SIU (18-10, 7-10) lost to Creighton (12-15, 9-7) Friday 3-1 (23-25, 25-17, 25-18, 25-18) in Omaha, Neb., then again Saturday against Drake 3-2 (24-26, 25-22, 25-17, 19-25, 8-15).

Head coach Brenda Winkler said

the losses were because of a lack of consistency.

"We have to play better as a team," Winkler said. "We have to avoid bad errors and we just have to play good throughout."

Winkler said the Salukis played really well one game but started playing poorly right after that.

The victories by the Bluejays and Bulldogs (21-10, 9-7) allowed them to clinch a spot in the MVC tournament. The two teams are currently tied for fourth place and will play each other in the tournament.

On Friday, the Salukis started out well against the Bluejays, winning the first set 25-23 while hitting .357 with

only three stack errors. The Salukis only hit above .100 once after that game, with a percentage of .143 in the final game.

"We had problems with ball control in the final three sets tonight," Winkler said. "Poor ball control led to offensive problems."

Freshman setter Rachael Brown recorded SIU's only double-double of the match with 35 assists and 13 digs. Winkler said she was proud of Brown's performance because the freshman had been sick earlier in the week.

Sophomore libero Lauren Blumhorst had a career high 33 digs in the match, which is tied for the third most in school history.

Blumhorst said she was happy

about the accomplishment, but was disappointed with the total team effort.

"I was happy that I performed so well," Blumhorst said. "At the same time, I would have been so much happier if we had won. I don't care so much if I have a great game, I just care if our team wins."

Creighton's victory was its second over SIU this season and marks a season sweep. Creighton won by the same score of 3-1 in Carbondale on Oct. 17.

SIU traveled to Des Moines, Iowa, on Saturday to try and salvage the weekend, but it lost to Drake in five games.

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