

University of Southern Indiana junior Erika Wilson earned the final Great Lakes Valley Conference Runner of the Week award of the 2012 season, it was announced by the conference office Monday, Oct. 15.

Wilson paced USI at last Saturday's Fast Cats Classic hosted by Kentucky Wesleyan College. Wilson guided the 23rd-ranked University of Southern Indiana women's cross country team to a second-place finish Saturday (Oct. 13) at the 5-kilometer Fast Cats Classic, finishing fourth with a season-best time of 18:17.80.

A native of Pekin, Wilson helped the Eagles to a total of 40 points, which was 10 shy of event winner Western Kentucky, a Division I foe that boasted five of the top 10 finishes, including first and second place.

Wilson picks up her first career weekly award and is the first USI women's runner to be recognized by the conference since Jackie Henderson earned the league's final honor of the 2011 season on Oct. 18.

Wilson graduated from Eastern High School, where she earned varsity letters in cross country and track...was a four-time All-Conference performer on the cross country course and the track...was a state qualifier on the track as a junior and a senior and was a state qualifier on the cross country course as a senior in 2009...finished 37th at the 2009 IHSAA State Cross Country Championships and was 14th in the 3,200 meters at the 2010 IHSAA State Track and Field Championships.

Erika is the daughter of Cliff and Lori Wilson of Pekin.

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