2011-12 Ohio Valley Conference Men's Basketball Report



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OVC STANDINGS

(In Games Through Nov. 6)

	Conference			Overall									
	<u>W</u>	L	Pct.	<u>Home</u>	<u>Away</u>	<u>Streak</u>	<u>w</u>	L	Pct.	<u>Home</u>	<u>Away</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Streak</u>
Austin Peay	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Eastern Illinois	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Jacksonville State	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Morehead State	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Murray State	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Southeast Missouri	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
SIUE %	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Tennessee State	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Tennessee Tech	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
UT Martin	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-

^{% -} SIUE joined the OVC in July 2008. The program is reclassifying to Division I and is playing a full OVC schedule for the first time in 2011-12. The Cougars are eligible for the regular season championship, however, they are not eligible for the OVC or NCAA postseason play until 2012-13.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday, November 7

Eastern Kentucky at Mississippi State, 7:00 p.m. Oakwood at Jacksonville State, 7:00 p.m. (exhibition) Manchester at Austin Peay, 7:30 p.m. (exhibition) Harding at Southeast Missouri, 7:30 p.m. (exhibition)

Tuesday, November 8

Bethel at Murray State, 7:00 p.m. (exhibition)

Wednesday, November 9

St. Catharine at Morehead State, 6:00 p.m. (exhibition)

Thursday, November 10

MacMurray at SIUE, 7:00 p.m. (exhibition)

Friday, November 11

Eastern Illinois at Indiana State, 4:00 p.m.
Tennessee Tech at Miami (Fla.), 6:00 p.m.
Austin Peay at Middle Tennessee, 6:00 p.m.
UT Martin at #8 Louisville, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN3)
Southeast Missouri at #25 Missouri, 7:00 p.m. (ESPN3)
Harris-Stowe at Murray State, 7:30 p.m. (OVCSports.TV)
Tennessee State at Saint Louis, 7:30 p.m. (OVCSports.TV)
Miles College at Jacksonville State, 8:00 p.m. (OVCSports.TV)

Saturday, November 12

Eastern Kentucky at Winthrop, 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 13

UT Martin at Ohio, 1:00 p.m.

Jacksonville State at Marshall, 3:00 p.m.

Morehead State at North Carolina State, 5:00 p.m. (ESPN3)

* Indicates OVC Contest ALL TIMES CENTRAL

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Tuesday, November 1

@Tennessee State 90, Trevecca Nazarene 52 (exhibition)

Wednesday, November 2

@Eastern Kentucky 70, Urbana 59 (exhibition)

Thursday, November 3

Mountain State 84, @Morehead State 69 (exhibition) @Austin Peay 107, Central Missouri 96 (exhibition) @Jacksonville State 77, West Georgia 66 (exhibition) @SIUE 70, Blackburn 56 (exhibition)

Friday, November 4

@UT Martin 90, Webster 72 (exhibition)

Sunday, November 6

@Eastern Illinois 78, Olivet Nazarene 48 (exhibition)

THIS WEEK'S adidas® OVC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



The first OVC players of the week will be announced on Monday, Nov. 14.

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WEEKLY NOTES: The OVC will release its Players of the Week and weekly notes report each Monday throughout the season by 5 p.m. CT. The report is available via e-mail, and is posted on the league's Web site in text and PDF versions. Statistics are updated after each gameday on the OVC Web site.

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2011-12 adidas® OVC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



NOTES FROM AROUND THE LEAGUE

The 2011-12 Season: The 2011-12 season marks the 64th of competition in the OVC. Over the previous 63 years, 12 different teams have claimed an OVC regular season championship.

OVC One of Just 10 Conferences to Win NCAA Tournament Games in Each of Past Three Seasons: The OVC is one of just 10 Division I conferences to win a NCAA Tournament game in each of the past three years and one of just four non-BCS conferences to achieve the feat. The other non-BCS leagues to win a game in each of the last three years are the Atlantic 10, Horizon and West Coast Conferences. The ACC, Big 12, Big East, Big Ten, Pac-10/12 and SEC are the BCS-level conferences that have won at least one game in each of the past three years.

Postseason Success: Not since the late 1980s has the OVC experienced the kind of NCAA Tournament success the program has had in the last three years. After winning NCAA Tournament games in each 1987, 1988 and 1989, the OVC went 20 years without a NCAA victory. That changed in 2009 when Morehead State topped Alabama State 58-43 in front of a record crowd at the Opening Round game in Dayton, Ohio. A year later it was No. 13 seed Murray State who won, topping No. 4 seed Vanderbilt 66-65 when Danero Thomas nailed a buzzer-beater in San Jose. Last season it was Morehead State's turn again, as the Eagles were seeded 13th and sent to Denver to battle No. 4-seed Louisville. MSU got off to a 15-2 lead nearly eight minutes into the game but trailed 61-59 with 31 seconds to play. On its final possession senior Demonte Harper nailed a 3-pointer from the top of the key with 4.3 seconds remaining to give Morehead State the lead and Kenneth Faried blocked Louisville's last shot attempt to seal the victory. It marked the third time in OVC history that teams had won NCAA Tournament games in three consecutive seasons (1960-61-62, 1987-88-89 and 2009-10-11). The OVC has never won at least one NCAA Tournament game in four-straight years.

A Record Four OVC Teams in Posteason: For the first time in OVC history in 2010-11, four different men's basketball teams competed in postseason play. Morehead State won the OVC Tournament and played in the NCAA Tournament, regular season champion Murray State participated in the NIT, Austin Peay played in the College Basketball Invitational (CBI) and Tennessee Tech participated in the CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament (CIT). It also marked the third-straight season that three or more OVC teams have participated in postseason competition, also a first for the league.

Four OVC Teams Reach 20 Wins in Same Season for First Time in 2011: In 2010 (Murray State, Morehead State, Eastern Kentucky) and 2011 (Morehead State, Murray State, Austin Peay, Tennessee Tech) the OVC had three or more teams reach 20 or more wins in the same season, marking the first time in league history that had happened in back-to-back years. Last season the league had four teams win 20 or more games for the first-time ever (and each of those teams played in the postseason). Morehead State finished the year with 25 victories, Murray State had 23 and Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech had 20 wins apiece.

Regular Season Schedule Takes Slightly Different Format This Season: For the past six seasons and for 61 of the 63 years that basketball has been played in the OVC, the men's basketball schedule has been a double-round robin, meaning every league team played every other league team twice. That changes this year with the addition of SIUE to the regular season slate as the 11-team OVC will play a 16-game schedule instead of a 20-game round robin (which the league played from 2005-06 through 2007-08). With the 16-game schedule a team will play every other OVC school once, and play six of the 10 other schools twice (home and away) during the season. Each year there are only four teams that each school is not playing on a home and away basis. Several factors contributed to the switch to a 16-game schedule including creating more opportunity to schedule non-conference games and to have fewer games played during the month of December. The schedules makeup (i.e. which teams played what teams twice) was determined by several factors including historical and traditional rivalries and geography/proximity of the teams. The only other previous seasons the league did not play a full round robin schedule were in 2003-04 and 2004-05 (the seasons after Jacksonville State and Samford first joined the league). The schedule could potentially see more changes next season when the league expands to 12 teams to include Belmont.

Canaan Named to Lou Henson Preseason All-American Team: Murray State junior guard Isaiah Canaan has been named to the 2011-12 Lou Henson Preseason All-America team by CollegeInsider. com. The Lou Henson Preseason All-American Team leads to The Lou Henson Award at the end of the season, which is presented to the top mid-major player in NCAA D-I basketball. The award is named in honor of Lou Henson who retired after a spectacular coaching career that lasted 41 years. When he left the game in 2005 he was sixth all-time in career Division I wins with 779. He is the winningest coach at both Illinois and New Mexico State. He is one of only 12 coaches in the history of the game to take two schools to the Final Four.

OVC Tournament Format and Home Enters Year No. 2: After debuting a new format and home for the OVC Tournament in 2011, the tournament will once again return to Municipal Auditorium in Nashville this year. Once again the top eight men's and women's teams will qualify for the tournament and advance to play in Nashville (as opposed to playing first round games in campus sites) under a merit-based format. The No. 1 and 2 seeds will receive two byes to the semifinals while the No. 3 and 4 seeds will receive one bye into the quarterfinals. The first round will include the No. 5 seed against the No. 8 seed and the No. 6 seed against the No. 7 seed.

More on Municipal Auditorium: As part of the deal to host the tournament at Municipal Auditorium, the Nashville City Council and Municipal Auditorium committed \$200,000 to improvements at the venue, which opened in 1962. Among the major improvements that will be completed prior to last year's championship were upgrades to the dressing rooms, two new scoreboards and the new OVC-branded playing surface. The floor was built by Horner Sports Flooring, whose corporate headquarters are in Dollar Bay, Mich. The company has made floors for many collegiate and National Basketball Association (NBA) teams, including building the floor for the 2010 NBA All-Star Game which was held at Texas Stadium. The Horner Pro King portable floor at Municipal Auditorium was purchased for a cost of \$71,960; the court will be used for the OVC Tournament, various high school games/tournaments and special events such as the Harlem Globetrotters.

COACHES TELECONFERENCE

During the regular season a monthly teleconference featuring the league's 10 head coaches will be held on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. Central Time. The initial teleconference will take place Jan. 3 with the next call following on Jan. 31 (women's coaches calls will be held on Wednesday's - Jan. 11 and Feb. 8). On Monday, Feb. 27 a call featuring the men's & women's coaches who make the 8-team OVC Tournament field will be held at 10 a.m. (schedule to be announced). A schedule of what times coaches will appear is below. For information on how to access the call, please contact Kyle Schwartz in the OVC Office (615-371-1698 or kschwartz@ovc.org). Following each teleconference, the audio will be cut-up and posted at OVCSports.com. Any media members who would like .mp3 files of a particular coach should also contact Schwartz.

10:00 - Call Opens/Announcements

10:05 - Dave Loos, Austin Peay

10:10 - Mike Miller, Eastern Illinois

10:15 - Dickey Nutt, Southeast Missouri

10:20 - Donnie Tyndall, Morehead State

10:25 - Lennox Forrester, SIUE

10:30 - Steve Prohm, Murray State

10:35 - Steve Payne, Tennessee Tech

10:40 - John Cooper, Tennessee State

10:45 - Jeff Neubauer, Eastern Kentucky

10:50 - Jason James, UT Martin

10:55 - James Green, Jacksonville State

2012 OVC TOURNAMENT

The 2012 Ohio Valley Conference Men's & Women's Tournaments will be held Feb. 29 - March 3 at Municipal Auditorium in Nashville, Tenn. The tournament features eight men's and eight women's teams in a merit-based format with the No. 1 and 2 seeds getting double byes into the semifinals and the No. 3 and 4 seeds getting a bye into the quarterfinals.

The first round and quarterfinal games (which start at 12 and 2 p.m. for the women, and 6 and 8 p.m. for the men) can be seen on OVCSports.TV. The men's semifinals will be held on Friday, March 2 at 6 and 8 p.m. and televised on ESPNU and ESPN3. The championship game on Saturday, March 3 is at 1 p.m. and televised live on ESPN or ESPN2. The women's semifinals are set for 12 and 2 p.m. on March 2 (televised on OVCSports.TV) and the women's championship game is set for March 3 at 4:00 p.m. (TV is TBD).

This marks the 18th time in 19 years that the tournament has been held in Nashville.

CREDENTIALS. For the third year in a row, credentials will be requested through an online system. That information will be available in January. The deadline to request credentials is MONDAY, FEB. 27 at Noon. No credentials will be mailed; they can be picked up at Media Will-Call, located at the back entrance of the arena (at the intersection of 5th Ave. North and Gay Street).



The OVC Welcomes Two New Head Coaches: The OVC has two new head coaches this season, both of whom moved from assistant roles to the head spot on their respective teams. Murray State welcomes first-year head coach Steve Prohm to the top spot after he spent five years as an assistant coach with the Racers under Billy Kennedy. Long-time Tennessee Tech associate head coach Steve Payne moved to the head spot with the Golden Eagles after nine seasons under head coach Mike Sutton who retired after the end of the 2010-11 season. Prohm and Payne are two of the 25 new coaches at the Division I level who are head coaches for the first time (at any level) this season.

Loos is All-Time Winningest Coach in OVC History: With a 68-66 victory at Ohio on Dec. 9, 2009, Austin Peay head coach Dave Loos recorded his 320th career victory while in the OVC, a mark that ranks first all-time. Loos passed Cal Luther (319 wins at Murray State and UT Martin) for the all-time mark. Loos, the Dean of OVC coaches, is now in his 22nd year at Austin Peay where he also serves as the Athletics Director, making him the only Division I head men's basketball coach to hold that distinction. Loos is one of just 11 active Division I coaches to have coached at the same school for 20 or more years. Loos now has 351 victories in his tenure at Austin Peay and 433 for his career.

SIUE Ready for Full OVC Schedule This Season: On July 1, 2008 Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) became the 11th member of the Ohio Valley Conference. This season marks the first for the Cougars playing a full (16-game) OVC schedule. SIUE is eligible for the OVC Regular Season Championship but since they have one year left in the reclassification process to Division I, are ineligible for the OVC and NCAA Tournaments until next season.

Addition of Belmont Gives OVC Record 12 Schools in 2012-13: On May 13, 2011, Belmont University accepted an invitation to join the Ohio Valley Conference on July 1, 2012. Belmont, located just nine miles north of the OVC headquarters, will play its final year in the Atlantic Sun Conference this season. The Bruins men's basketball team has made four NCAA Tournament appearances in the past six season, including finishing 30-5 (one of nine Division I teams with at least 30 wins) and earning a No. 13 seed in 2010-11. The addition of Belmont (and SIUE's eligibility for postseason play next year) will give the OVC a record 12 schools for the 2012-13 season.

OVC to Host NCAA Tournament 2nd/3rd Rounds in March: The Ohio Valley Conference will serve as the host of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship Second/Third Rounds at Bridgestone Arena this March. The games will be played on Friday, March 16 and Sunday, March 18. The pairings will be announced on Sunday, March 12 at 5 p.m. CT on CBS. Tickets for the games went on sale to the public in October.

OVC Teams to Compete in ESPN Sears BracketBusters Series: For the seventh-straight season every OVC team will compete in the ESPN Sears BracketBusters series (on Feb. 18). Now it its 10th year, BracketBusters is an ESPN television property that was tremendously successful with its nine events. The event has allowed Division I conferences to participate in a cutting-edge format that involves "wild card" pairings from the pool of participating teams, with half of the ESPN BracketBusters teams pre-designated as "home" and the remaining half as "road" teams. This year there are 142 teams from 16 conferences in the pool of teams that were selected for one of 13 nationally-televised games. The matchups will be announced on Monday, January 30. In the OVC Austin Peay, Eastern Illinois, Eastern Kentucky, Jacksonville State, Murray State and SIUE will serve as host institutions while Morehead State, Southeast Missouri, Tennessee State, Tennessee Tech and UT Martin will play road contests. OVC schools are 25-41 all-time in the BracketBusters event.

Austin Peay Picked as Preseason Favorites: In a vote of OVC head men's basketball coaches and sports information directors Austin Peay received 10 first-place votes and was picked as the favorite for the 2011-12 season. It marks the first time since the 2007-08 season that the Governors have been picked as the preseason favorite (the team went on to win the OVC Championship that year). Austin Peay received 185 total points, which was four points ahead of Tennessee Tech, who received eight total first-place votes and were picked second. Defending regular season champion Murray State picked up three first-place votes and was picked third (169), Tennessee State was picked fourth (145), defending tournament champion Morehead State received the other first-place vote and was tabbed fifth (128) and was followed by Southeast Missouri (106), Eastern Kentucky (90), UT Martin (73), Eastern Illinois (67), Jacksonville State (40) and SIUE (27).

Preseason Predictions: Is being picked the preseason favorite always a good thing? Over the past 32 years of preseason polls that were available, the league's head coaches and sports information directors correctly picked the eventual OVC regular season champion 62.5 percent of the time, picking the correct winner 20 times over the past 32 years. Over the past 11 years, the preseason poll has correctly picked the winner six times. Last season the poll tabbed Murray State to win the regular season championship, which is did. It marked the first time in th elast decade that the preseason poll had predicted the champion correctly in back-to-back years.

<u>Year</u>	Predicted Champion	Actual Champion
2000-01	Austin Peay	Tennessee Tech
2001-02	Tennessee Tech	Tennessee Tech
2002-03	Murray State	Austin Peay/Morehead State
2003-04	Austin Peay	Austin Peay
2004-05	Murray State	Tennessee Tech
2005-06	Murray State	Murray State
2006-07	Samford	Austin Peay
2007-08	Austin Peay	Austin Peay
2008-09	Murray State	UT Martin
2009-10	Morehead State/Murray State	Murray State
2010-11	Murray State	Murray State
2011-12	Austin Peay	· ?

Tennessee Tech's Murphy Tabbed as Preseason Player of the Year: The 2011-12 All-OVC Preseason Men's Basketball team ws headlined by Tennessee Tech senior Kevin Murphy, who was a first-team All-OVC selection a season ago. Overall six different schools were represented on the team with Austin Peay, Murray State, Tennessee State and Tennessee Tech having two selections

OVC CAREER RECORD BOOK WATCH

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CAF	REER 2,000-POINT SCORERS	
1.	Henry Domercant, EIU (1999-03)	2,602
2.	Joe Jakubick, AKR (1980-84)	2,583
3.	Jeff Martin, MUR (1985-89)	2,484
4.	Ricky Minard, MOR (2000-04)	2,381
5.	Bubba Wells, APSU (1993-97)	2,267
6.	Isaac Spencer, MUR (1997-01)	2,248
7.	Jim McDaniels, WKU (1968-71)	2,238
8.	Marcus Brown, MUR (1992-96)	2,236
9.	Earl Wise, TTU (1986-90)	2,196
10.	Ralph Crosthwaite, WKU (1954-55, 56-59)	2,076
11.	Nick Stapleton, APSU (1998-02)	2,073
12.	Herbie Stamper, MOR (1975-79)	2,072
13.	Popeye Jones, MUR (1988-92)	2,057
14.	Howie Crittenden, MUR (1952-56)	2,019
15.	Kenneth Faried, MOR (2007-11)	2,009
-	Kevin Murphy, TTU (2008-present)	1,338
CAF	REER FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	
1.	Warren Kidd, MTSU (1991-93)	.664
2.	Tony Easley, MUR (2006-10)	.652
3.	Alfred Jones, TTU (2008-11)	.640
4.	Leon Powell, SEMO (2010-present)	.630
5.	Alonzo Hird, EKU (2004-06)	.620

CAREER FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

6. Carlos Rogers, TSU (1992-94)

7. Jim Clemens, TTU (1971-74)

10. Matt Sisley, SEMO (1992-93)

8. Lorenzo Coleman, TTU (1993-97)

9. Amadi McKenzie, TTU (2004-08)

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1.	Steve Barrett, MUR (1971-74)	.890
2.	Cory Johnson, SEMO (1997-99)	.890
3.	Jeremy Granger, EIU (2008-present)	.874
4.	Jim Sandfoss, MOR (1964-67)	.872
5.	Tyler Laser, EIU (2007-11)	.871
6.	George Bryant, EKU (1969-72)	.867
7.	Arlando Johnson, EKU (1991-94)	.859
8.	Jimmy Stepp, EKU (1981-83)	.854
9.	Greg Coble, MUR (1989-91)	.850
10.	Marcus Brown, MUR (1992-96)	.849
	Granger is 222-of-254 for his career.	

Powell is 172-of-273 for his career.

.617

.602

601

.600

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1.000 POINT CLUB

Entering the season, only one active OVC player (Kevin Murphy) had scored more than 1,000 points in their careers. Below is a list of the members of the club and the other players who have a chance of joining the club this season.

1338 Kevin Murphy, Tennessee Tech

933	Ivan Aska, Murray State
878	Anthony Campbell, Austin Peay
843	Joshua Jones, Eastern Kentucky
825	Jeremy Granger, Eastern Illinois
781	Terrance Hill, Morehead State
767	Robert Covington, Tennessee State
757	Stephen Hall, Jacksonville State
748	Isaiah Canaan, Murray State
709	Marland Smith, Southeast Missouri
708	Wil Peters, Tennessee State
684	John Fraley, Austin Peay
600	Jud Dillard, Tennessee Tech
563	TyShwan Edmondson, Austin Peay

apiece. Eastern Illinois and Southeast Missouri each had one selection to round out the team. The squad features three players who were All-OVC first-team selections last season, three players who were second-team selections and four players who were selected to the the All-Newcomer squad. Murphy's 17.0 points/game last season ranked third in the league and helped the high-powered Tennessee Tech offense lead the OVC in scoring (74.6 points/game). His play helped the Golden Eagles to 20 victories for the first time since 2002-03 and a berth in the OVC Tournament Championship game. Although TTU came up short in that game, they were invited to the CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament, marking the first postseason play for the program since 2001-02. Murphy also averaged 4.5 rebounds, 1.7 assists and 1.0 steals/game while hitting 47.8 percent from the field in 33 total contests. In addition to Murphy, Austin Peay's TyShwan Edmondson and Murray State's Isaiah Canaan were each first-team selections last year and are on the preseason team this year. The second-team selections from last year appearing on the preseason team this year were Southeast Missouri's Leon Powell and Tennessee State's Robert Covington and Kenny Moore. The Preseason All-OVC team was rounded out by Austin Peay's Anthony Campbell, Eastern Illinois' Jeremy Granger, Murray State's Ivan Aska and Tennessee Tech's Zac Swansey.

Westwood One to Broadcast OVC Championship Game: For the third consecutive season, the 2012 Men's Basketball Championship game will be broadcast by the Westwood One radio network, the largest provider of audio content in America. Westwood One is one of the nation's largest providers of network radio programming and one of the largest domestic providers of traffic information in the U.S. Westwood One serves more than 5,000 radio and 170 TV stations in the U.S. Westwood One provides over 150 news, sports, music, talk and entertainment programs, features and live events to numerous media partners. Westwood One is home of the most prestigious sports broadcasts on radio. Westwood One's lineup includes regular season NFL football, the Playoffs and the Super Bowl: NCAA Football and Basketball including the Final Four; College World Series; Frozen Four; the Olympics; the Masters and more. Through its Metro Traffic division, Westwood One provides traffic reporting and local news, sports and weather to approximately 2,300 radio and TV stations. Westwood One also provides digital and other cross-platform delivery of its network and Metro content.

Replay Systems for OVC Basketball Venues Enter Year Five: On Dec. 21, 2007, the Ohio Valley Conference mandated the use of courtside replay systems at all OVC basketball venues. The systems were put into place in January 2008 and have been used since. The systems are used in situations that are outlined by NCAA rules.

OVCSports.TV: For the sixth consecutive year, fans can watch nearly every Conference matchup and all non-conference home contests this season at OVCSports.TV. The venture with NeuLion (formerly JumpTV Sports) allows fans to access live and on-demand streaming video and audio of conference matchups (excluding only national television games which are not available) on their home computer. The premium Web site was launched in July 2006 and has streamed over 1,000 events in its first four years, including all Conference matchups in football and men's and women's basketball as well as select baseball, soccer, softball and volleyball events and OVC Championship events. Packages are available on a yearly, seasonal, monthly or per-event basis.

OVC ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS

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REBOUNDS

563	John Fraley, Austin Peay
517	Ivan Aska, Murray State
433	Robert Covington, Tennessee State
399	Stephen Hall, Jacksonville State
362	Kevin Murphy, Tennessee Tech
321	James Hollowell, Eastern Illinois
308	Jud Dillard, Tennessee Tech
294	Anthony Campbell, Austin Peay
276	Terrell Barnes, Tennessee Tech
247	Leon Powell, Southeast Missouri
240	Jeremy Granger, Eastern Illinois

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225	Jeremy Granger, Eastern Illinois
216	Tyrone Caldwell, Austin Peay
212	Zac Swansey, Tennessee Tech
193	Joshua Jones, Eastern Kentucky
172	Kevin Murphy, Tennessee Tech
145	Lucas Nutt, Southeast Missouri
132	Isaiah Canaan, Murray State
125	Zach Bailey, Tennessee Tech
109	Jewuan Long, Murray State
106	Terrance Hill, Morehead State
103	Terence Smith, UT Martin

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82	Joshua Jones, Eastern Kentucky
81	Jeremy Granger, Eastern Illinois
80	Robert Covington, Tennessee Stat
80	Terrance Hill, Morehead State
78	Zach Bailey, Tennessee Tech
76	Jewuan Long, Murray State
74	Kevin Murphy, Tennessee Tech
68	Wil Peters, Tennessee State
68	Zac Swansey, Tennessee Tech
67	Donte Poole, Murray State
66	Anthony Campbell, Austin Peay
65	Isaiah Canaan, Murray State

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72	James Hollowell, Eastern Illinois	
66	Robert Covington, Tennessee State	
65	Bassey Inameti, Tennessee Tech	
52	Michael Green, Tennessee State	
50	Leon Powell, Southeast Missouri	
38	Stephen Hall, Jacksonville State	
34	Ivan Aska, Murray State	
33	Ed Daniel, Murray State	
25	Melvin Baker, Austin Peay	
25	Zach House, Southeast Missouri	
25	Joshua Jones, Eastern Kentucky	

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125	Marland Smith, Southeast Missouri
112	Anthony Campbell, Austin Peay
112	Isaiah Canaan, Murray State
112	Kevin Murphy, Tennessee Tech
92	Wil Peters, Tennessee State
82	Justin Blake, Austin Peay
77	Robert Covington, Tennessee State
72	TyShwan Edmondson, Austin Peay
68	Tv Proffitt, Morehead State