



2003-04 OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL REPORT

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OVC STANDINGS

	CONFERENCE						OVERALL						
	W	L	PCT.	Home	Away	Streak	W	L	PCT.	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
Austin Peay	3	0	1.000	0-0	3-0	W3	6	7	.462	3-0	3-6	0-1	W3
Murray State	2	0	1.000	0-0	2-0	W2	12	2	.857	6-0	5-2	1-0	W2
Tennessee State	2	0	1.000	2-0	0-0	W2	3	10	.231	3-3	0-7	0-0	W2
Tennessee Tech	1	1	.500	0-0	1-1	W1	7	6	.538	6-1	1-5	0-0	W1
Eastern Kentucky	1	1	.500	1-1	0-0	L1	6	7	.462	6-1	0-6	0-0	L1
Morehead State	1	1	.500	1-1	0-0	W1	6	7	.462	6-1	0-6	0-0	W1
Samford	1	1	.500	1-0	0-1	L1	6	7	.462	5-0	1-6	0-1	L1
Eastern Illinois	1	1	.500	1-1	0-0	L1	3	9	.250	3-3	0-6	0-0	L1
Southeast Missouri	0	2	.000	0-2	0-0	L2	7	6	.538	5-2	1-4	1-0	L2
Tennessee-Martin	0	2	.000	0-0	0-2	L2	5	9	.357	4-0	0-8	1-1	L2
Jacksonville State	0	3	.000	0-1	0-2	L3	6	7	.462	5-1	1-6	0-0	L3

RECENT RESULTS

Tuesday, January 6

*@Samford 58, Jacksonville State 48

Thursday, January 8

*@Eastern Kentucky 72, Tennessee-Martin 68

*Murray State 97, @Morehead State 75

*Austin Peay 52, @Southeast Missouri 48

*@Tennessee State 88, Jacksonville State 74

*@Eastern Illinois 83, Tennessee Tech 70

Saturday, January 10

*@Morehead State 70, Tennessee-Martin 68

*@Tennessee State 60, Samford 48

*Murray State 82, @Eastern Kentucky 71

*Austin Peay 60, @Eastern Illinois 53

*Tennessee Tech 71, @Southeast Missouri 69

* - Denotes OVC contest

UPCOMING GAMES

Tuesday, January 13

*Southeast Missouri at Eastern Illinois - 7:35 p.m. (WEIU)

Thursday, January 15

Austin Peay at Eastern Kentucky - 6:30 p.m.

Tennessee Tech at Morehead State - 6:30 p.m.

Samford at Murray State - 7:15 p.m.

Jacksonville State at Tennessee-Martin - 7:30 p.m.

Tennessee State at Southeast Missouri - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 17

*Samford at Tennessee-Martin - 6:00 p.m.

*Austin Peay at Morehead State - 1:00 p.m. (ESPN2)

*Tennessee Tech at Eastern Kentucky - 6:30 p.m.

*Jacksonville State at Murray State - 7:15 p.m.

*Tennessee State at Eastern Illinois - 7:05 p.m. (WEIU)

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ALL TIMES CENTRAL

ESPN2 - Live telecast on ESPN2

WEIU - Live telecast on WEIU-TV (Charleston, IL)

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OVC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

CHRIS SHUMATE • G/F, SR., 6'6, 201 • LOUISVILLE, KY • MURRAY STATE

Shumate shot a blistering 71.4 percent from the field (6-of-9 from 3-pt. range) as he averaged 21.5 points per game in Murray State's OVC-opening road wins at Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky. The senior guard/forward turned in his best effort with 31 points against the Eagles, hitting 11-of-15 floor attempts, including 4-of-7 from behind the arc, and 5-of-6 free throws. Shumate also chipped in 12 points in the Racers' come-from-behind victory at EKU. In addition, the Louisville, Ky., native contributed six rebounds, four assists, a steal and a blocked shot.

NEWCOMER OF THE WEEK

KELVIN BROWN • JR., F, 6'7, 220 • FT. LAUDERDALE, FL • MURRAY STATE

Brown provided an offensive spark off the bench in Murray State's two OVC victories. The junior forward netted 10 points and six rebounds in just 12 minutes of action at Morehead State, then followed that with a 23-point, nine-board effort at EKU. A transfer from Fort Scott (Kan.) Community College, Brown shot at least 64 percent in each of the contests and finished the week with a 7-of-8 performance at the charity stripe, along with four assists and three steals.

ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

BRUCE PRICE • FR., G, 6'3, 205 • MINNEAPOLIS, MN • TENNESSEE STATE

Price led Tennessee State's offensive efforts as the Tigers snapped an 18-game OVC regular-season skid with back-to-back wins over Jacksonville State and Samford. The freshman guard poured in a season-high 38 points versus JSU on 57.1 percent field goal (5-of-8 from 3-pt. range) and 17-of-24 free throw shooting. He also had a solid night at the charity stripe against Samford, converting 11-of-12 tries, including 6-of-6 in the final two minutes, to finish with 13 points. In addition, Price had 10 rebounds, nine assists, eight steals and one blocked shot for the week.

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WEEKLY NOTES: The OVC will release its weekly men's basketball report each Monday throughout the season (except for Dec. 29) by 5 p.m. CT. The report is available by fax and e-mail, and will be posted on the league's website in text and PDF versions. Statistics are available by fax and are updated throughout the week on the OVC web site.

OVC TELECONFERENCES:

The OVC will hold a series of teleconferences throughout the season in which the men's basketball head coach of each OVC institution will answer questions from the media. There are eight teleconferences remaining in the 2003-04 season, and the schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, January 13

Tuesday, January 20

Tuesday, January 27

Tuesday, February 3

Tuesday, February 10

Tuesday, February 17

Tuesday, February 24

Monday, March 1

Each call takes place at 10:00 a.m. CT, and each coach will be on for seven minutes. The schedule is as follows:

10:00 - Dave Loos, Austin Peay

10:07 - Rick Samuels, Eastern Illinois

10:14 - Travis Ford, Eastern Kentucky

10:21 - Mike LaPlante, Jacksonville State

10:28 - Kyle Macy, Morehead State

10:35 - Mick Cronin, Murray State

10:42 - Jimmy Tillet, Samford

10:49 - Gary Garner, Southeast Missouri

10:56 - Bret Campbell, Tennessee-Martin

11:03 - Cy Alexander, Tennessee State

11:10 - Mike Sutton, Tennessee Tech

2003-04 OVC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH (Selected by Head Basketball Coaches and Sports Information Directors)

1.	Austin Peay (18 first-place votes)	198
2.	Morehead State (3 first-place votes)	172
3.	Murray State (1 first-place vote)	168
4.	Southeast Missouri	123
5.	Tennessee Tech	114
6.	Tennessee-Martin	91
7.	Samford	84
8.	Eastern Kentucky	83
9.	Eastern Illinois	70
10.	Jacksonville State	67
11.	Tennessee State	40

(*Schools were not allowed to rank their own team.

Ten points awarded for a first-place vote, nine for second, etc.)



2004 Ohio Valley Conference Basketball Tournament

Nashville, Tennessee • March 5-6, 2004
Municipal Auditorium

First Round: March 2 (at campus sites), times TBA
Semifinals: March 5 (at Nashville), 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. CT
Championship: March 6 (at Nashville), 5 p.m. CT, ESPN2

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AROUND THE OVC...

AUSTIN PEAY (6-7 overall, 3-0 OVC): Austin Peay is 3-0 in its OVC-opening road swing after victories at Southeast Missouri (52-48) and Eastern Illinois (60-53). The Govs have now won their last nine outings versus the Indians (including four straight at the Show Me Center), while their victory at EIU snapped a seven-game skid in Lantz Arena...**Zac Schlader** (Columbia, MO) went 6-of-9 from the field at Southeast to register his first career double-figure scoring effort with a team-high 12 points off the bench...**Josh Lewis** (Lexington, KY) tallied his second double-double of the season and seventh of his career (10 pts./11 rbd.)....Southeast's 48 points was the fewest scored by an APSU Division I opponent since 2000-01. The Govs also dished out just five assists in the contest, the lowest single-game total since 1992-93...APSU, which entered the EIU contest with a 59.8 percent free throw average, knocked down 9-of-10 foul shots over the final 1:38 to secure the victory...After visiting Eastern Kentucky, the Govs close out their eight-game road stretch on Saturday at 2002-03 OVC co-champion Morehead State. The Jan. 17 contest will be televised live on ESPN2.

EASTERN ILLINOIS (3-9 overall, 1-1 OVC): Eastern Illinois split its first two conference outings of the season, winning an 83-70 decision over Tennessee Tech before falling to Austin Peay, 60-53. The Panthers' loss to APSU was its first to the Govs in Lantz Arena since 1996-97, EIU's first year in the OVC...Sophomore **Josh Gomes** (Indianapolis, IN) had a solid week (19.0 ppg/9.0 rpg). Against Tech, he dished out five assists and netted his first career double-double (23 pts./10 rbd.)....**Jason Wright** (DeKalb, IL) has scored in double figures in six of the last seven contests. He went 7-of-10 from the field and hit all five free throw attempts versus TTU for a career-high 20 points...The Panthers converted 30-of-36 free throw attempts in the Tech contest after making a combined 30 foul shots in their previous four games...EIU struggled from 3-point range in the APSU game, hitting just 2-of-14 trey attempts (14.3%)...The Panthers wrap up their five-game homestand against Southeast Missouri and Tennessee State.

EASTERN KENTUCKY (6-7 overall, 1-1 OVC): Eastern Kentucky rallied for a 72-68 win over Tennessee-Martin, but saw its six-game home win streak end in an 82-71 loss to Murray State...**Jon Bentley** (Hazard, KY) averaged 16.5 points and 7.0 rebounds a game while shooting 60 percent from the field for the week (12-of-20)...Freshman **Julian Mascoli** (Clearwater, FL) went 9-of-3 from the floor (69.2%), averaging 10.0 points and 4.5 rebounds per game. He netted a season-high 13 points versus the Racers...**Michael Haney** (Madisonville, KY) notched his third double-double of the season in the UTM contest (12 pts./12 rbd.)....**Ben Rushing** (Clinton, KY) currently ranks fourth in career 3-pointers at EKU (132), just 13 treys shy of third place...**Tim Volpenhein** (Taylor Mill, KY) has blocked at least one shot in six straight games after tallying three rejections last week...The Colonels' six-game home win streak was its longest under coach **Travis Ford**...The EKU program will be chasing its 1,000th win as the Colonels finish a six-game homestand against Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech.

JACKSONVILLE STATE (6-7 overall, 0-3 OVC): Jacksonville State remains in search of its first OVC victory after setbacks at Samford (58-48) and Tennessee State (88-74)...After being held to one shot attempt and no points in the Samford contest, **Josh Perry** (Orlando, FL) went 6-of-7 from the field at TSU en route to a co-team-high 15 points off the bench...**Walker Russell** (Rochester, MI) and **Trent Eager** (Monroeville, AL) each averaged 15.5 points a game. Russell's 16-point effort at Samford was a career-high...Prior to the TSU game, Jax State was a perfect 6-0 when scoring 70+ points...The Gamecocks end a four-game road stretch with trips to UT Martin and Murray State.

MOREHEAD STATE (6-7 overall, 1-1 OVC): Morehead State turned in a .500 performance last week at home to begin defense of their 2002-03 OVC regular-season co-championship. After shooting just 39.4 percent from the field in a 97-75 loss to Murray State, the Eagles upped that effort to 47.3 percent as they rallied for a 70-68 come-from-behind win over Tennessee-Martin in a regionally-televised contest...The loss to the Racers ended the Eagles' five-game home win streak...**Quinton Smith** (Radcliff, KY) tossed in a game-high 17 points against UTM and finished the week with a 14.0 scoring average...**Ricky Minard** (Mansfield, OH) surpassed the 2,000-point plateau while averaging 16 points, 4.5 rebounds and 3.5 assists per game. He sits 65 points shy of the school's all-time scoring record...**Chad McKnight** (Lancaster, OH) turned in a solid week, contributing 13 points and 8.5 boards per game while tallying his first double-double of the season (12 pts./11 rbd. vs. UTM)...Junior guard **Kyle Hankins** (Bloomington, IN) could be lost for the season after suffering a knee injury versus the Racers...The Eagles close out their five-game homestand against Tennessee Tech and Austin Peay.

MURRAY STATE (12-2 overall, 2-0 OVC): Murray State swept the Morehead State-Eastern Kentucky swing for the first time in three seasons with wins over the Eagles (97-75) and Colonels (82-71)...**Chris Shumate** (Louisville, KY) shot 71.4 percent from the field (15-of-21), including 6-of-9 from 3-point range, as he averaged 22.5 points per game. He matched a career-high with 31 points at Morehead...**Kelvin Brown** (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) contributed 23 points and nine boards off the bench at EKU, finishing the week with scoring and rebounding averages of 16.5 and 7.5, respectively...The team's top scorer, **Cuthbert Victor** (St. Croix, Virgin Islands), grabbed nine boards but was held to nine points versus the Colonels after notching a double-double against the Eagles (17 pts./12 rbd.)....**Antione Wheelchel** (Gainesville, GA) hit 6-of-7 field attempts and all four free throw tries at EKU to finish with 16 points...The Racers went 0-4 on their previous two "Death Valley" trips...Murray State returns home to open a three-game stand with Samford and Jacksonville State.

SAMFORD (6-7 overall, 1-1 OVC): Samford earned a split in its first-ever OVC contests, defeating fellow newcomer and former A-Sun rival Jacksonville State (58-48) before dropping a 60-48 decision at Tennessee State...**Tyson Dorsey** (Brantford, Ontario) went 6-of-12 from 3-point range as he averaged 12.0 points per game for the week. He led four Bulldogs in double figures against JSU with 15 points...Samford overcame a slow start in the JSU contest, shooting 68.8 percent from the field over the final 20 minutes after just going 5-of-20 from the floor in the first half...**Josh Hare** (Cleveland, TN) was the only Bulldog to score in double figures against TSU, netting 11 points off the bench...Samford, which entered the week with the nation's top 3-point field goal shooting percentage (43.4%), converted just 12-of-43 (27.%) from behind the arc in the two contests...The Bulldogs, 1-6 on the road thus far in 2003-04, wrap up a three-game stretch at Murray State and Tennessee-Martin.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (7-6 overall, 0-2 OVC): Southeast Missouri watched its five-game home win streak come to an end as the Indians went 0-2 in their opening week of conference play with setbacks to Austin Peay (52-48) and Tennessee Tech (71-69)...**Derek Winans** (East Cape Girardeau, IL) topped the 1,000-point scoring plateau, moving into 16th place on the school's all-time scoring list (1,025). He knocked down seven treys in the two contests, including one in the final seconds of the Tech contest to tie the score at 69-69, and finished with a 10.5 scoring average for the week...After being held scoreless in the APSU contest, **Mike Nelke** (St. Louis, MO) responded with 12 points on 4-of-10 shooting from behind the arc against Tech...**Reggie Golsen** also bounced back from an off night versus APSU to hit 5-of-6 shots for 10 points against TTU...Southeast was held to season-lows of 48 points and 30.8 percent field goal shooting in the APSU contest...The Indians visit Eastern Illinois on Tuesday before returning home for a single date with Tennessee State.

TENNESSEE-MARTIN (5-9 overall, 0-2 OVC): Tennessee-Martin let a pair of double-digit halftime leads slip away as the Skyhawks suffered tough road losses at Eastern Kentucky (72-68) and Morehead State (70-68)...**Jared Newson** (Belleville, IL) averaged 11.0 points and 9.5 rebounds a game on the trip, including a double-double at Morehead (11 pts./13 rbd.)....**Will Lewis** (Fort Wayne, IN) went 5-of-6 from the field for 10 points against the Eagles. He also contributed a 10-rebound effort at EKU...Head coach **Bret Campbell's** recent practice of rounding out his starting lineup with the top two rebounders from the previous game appeared to work last week as the Skyhawks outrebounced league-leading EKU, 36-34, and matched Morehead State with a 37-board effort...UTM placed four starters in double figures in each contest...The Skyhawks return home to entertain Jacksonville State and Samford.

TENNESSEE STATE (3-10 overall, 2-0 OVC): Tennessee State ended its 18-game OVC regular-season losing streak in fine fashion, winning back-to-back contests for the first time this season over league newcomers Jacksonville State (88-74) and Samford (60-48)...Freshman **Bruce Price** (Minneapolis, MN) went 28-of-36 from the charity stripe as he poured in 51 points in the two games, including a season-high 38 against JSU. He also helped the Tigers' come-from-behind win over Samford, making all six of his free throw attempts over the final two minutes and finishing with an 11-of-12 effort at the stripe...TSU shot a season-high 54.7 percent from the field (29-of-53) against Jax State as **Jeremy Jackson** (East St. Louis, IL) and **Roshawn Bowens** (Nashville, TN) added 17 points apiece...TSU outscored Samford 30-6 over the final 12:48 to overcome a 12-point second-half deficit and secure the victory. Bowens led four Tigers in double figures with 18 versus the Bulldogs...The Tigers' 2-0 OVC start is their first since 1994-95, the same year they won the regular-season conference title...TSU takes its two-game win streak on the road for dates at Southeast Missouri and Eastern Illinois.

TENNESSEE TECH (7-6 overall, 1-1 OVC): Tennessee Tech went 1-1 in its first OVC action of the 2003-04 season. The Golden Eagles lost an 83-70 outing at Eastern Illinois but staged a last-second, 71-69 victory at Southeast Missouri...**Keyon Boyd's** (Marietta, GA) 12-foot jumper with less than a second remaining in the SEMO contest gave the Golden Eagles their first road win of the season...**Willie Jenkins** (Memphis, TN) is on pace to score more than 500 points this season as consecutive 20+ efforts (22 vs. EIU, 23 vs. SEMO) upped his average to a league-high 20.2 points per game...The Golden Eagles' two-point win at Southeast is its smallest margin of victory this season...**Will Moore** (Atlanta, GA) shot 69.2 percent from the field (9-of-13) last week, including a 4-of-4 effort against the Indians...Tech finishes its four-game road trip with a "Death Valley" swing to Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky.

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OVC HOOPS NOTES

GETTING DEFENSIVE: Austin Peay opponents are netting just 61.8 points per game (2nd in the OVC) while shooting a league-low 40.3 percent from the field, including 30 percent from 3-point range. Conference foes are faring even worse as the Govs' defense has held the squad's first three opponents in league play to 37 percent shooting (25.6% 3-pt. FG).

MAYBE ITS THE UNIFORMS: Morehead State lost its first home game of the season Thursday against Murray State. However, the Eagles, who are wearing gold uniforms at home this season, wore their blue road jerseys because gold also happens to be the color of the Murray State road uniforms. Thus, Morehead State is now 0-7 in its blue jerseys (0-6 on the road, 0-1 at home).

BLOCK PARTY: Austin Peay senior center **Josh Lewis** blocked 10 shots last week to become the fourth player in conference history with at least 200 career rejections. The Lexington, Ky., native, who leads the league with a 2.5 block average, has blocked at least one shot attempt in 39 consecutive outings and ranks fourth on the OVC's all-time blocked shots chart with 206.

PRICE IS RIGHT: Tennessee State guard **Bruce Price's** transition from high school to collegiate hoops appears to be coming along quite nicely. The guard from Minneapolis, Minn., is the only freshman ranked in any of the league's top statistical categories, boasting the OVC's fourth-best scoring average (17.8 ppg) while also sporting the conference's second-best effort in 3-point shooting (34%, 2.8 pg) and steals (2.6 spg).

GOLDEN EAGLE SOARING: Tennessee Tech's **Willie Jenkins** has had an immediate impact after sitting out last season as a transfer from UMass. The junior forward has netted double figures in all 13 outings thus far and currently tops the league with a 20.2 scoring average. He is also among OVC leaders in rebounding (6.8 rpg) and field goal (50%) and free throw shooting (69.8%).

TORCHING THE NETS: Five OVC players are shooting 50 percent or better from the field so far this season. Murray State senior forward **Cuthbert Victor** leads the quintet with a 65.4 conversion rate. Rounding out the group is Samford senior senior center **Phillip Remelli** (57.1%), Jacksonville State junior forward **Carl Brown** (56.1%), Morehead State senior guard **Chez Marks** (55.6%) and Tennessee Tech junior forward **Willie Jenkins** (50%).

BULLDOGS LIKE THEIR NEW HOME: Heading into its first season of OVC action, **Samford** leads the league in several categories. The Bulldogs are the only OVC team converting at least 50 percent of its field attempts (52%), holding opponents to a league-low 61.5 points per game in the process. They are converting an OVC-best 41.2 percent of their 3-point attempts while averaging a league-high 9.54 treys per game.

REMEMBER TO SET THE VCR: The Jan. 17 contest between 2002-03 OVC Co-Champions **Austin Peay** and **Morehead State** is the first of two OVC contests that will be televised on ESPN2 during the 2003-04 season. **Dr. Jerry Punch** will handle play-by-play duties while **Bucky Waters** will provide analysis.

STREAKIN': Two OVC teams boast double-digit win streaks on their home courts. **Austin Peay** is currently tied for eighth in the nation with a 19-game run in the Dunn Center, while **Murray State** has won 12 consecutive games in the Regional Special Events Center and is 14th.

RANKING THE MID-MAJORS: **Murray State** is ranked eighth in the latest edition of the *CollegeInsider.com* Mid-Major Top 25 poll. The Racers are also listed third on *ESPN.com's* latest Mid-Major Top 10 poll.

OVC MEN'S BASKETBALL TELEVISION SCHEDULE

Date	Game	Time (CT)	Network
Jan. 10	Tennessee-Martin at Morehead State	1:00 p.m.	Fox Sports Net South
Jan. 17	Austin Peay at Morehead State	1:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Jan. 24	Southeast Missouri at Austin Peay	2:00 p.m.	Fox Sports Net South*
Jan. 31	Morehead State at Murray State	2:00 p.m.	Fox Sports Net South
Feb. 7	Murray State at Southeast Missouri	2:00 p.m.	Fox Sports Net South*
Feb. 21	Tennessee Tech at Samford	2:00 p.m.	Fox Sports Net South
Mar. 6	OVC Men's Tournament Championship	5:00 p.m.	ESPN2

All times Central

* Tape-delay on Fox Sports Net Midwest at 2 a.m. CT

OVC IN 2003-04 NCAA RANKINGS

(Through Jan. 5)

INDIVIDUAL

SCORING

Chez Marks, MOR - t18th (21.3 ppg)
Ricky Minard, MOR - 23rd (20.5 ppg)
Willie Jenkins, TTU - t38th (19.7 ppg)

REBOUNDING

Cuthbert Victor, MUR - 5th (11.1 rpg)

STEALS

Garrett Richardson, TSU t16th (3.0 spg)

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Cuthbert Victor, MUR - 6th (66.9%)
Chez Marks, MOR - 23rd (61%)

3-POINTERS MADE

Chez Marks, MOR - t12th (3.5 pg)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Chez Marks, MOR - 8th (50.7%)

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

Justin Smith, UTM - 5th (94.3%)

BEST SINGLE-GAME FG%

Chez Marks, MOR - 5th (93.3%, 14-15)
Roshawn Bowers, TSU - t7th (92.3%, 12-13)
Carl Brown, JSU - t9th (91.7%, 11-12)
Josh Gomes, EIU - t12th (90.9%, 10-11)
Chez Marks, MOR - t17th (83.3%, 15-18)

MOST SINGLE-GAME 3-PT FG MADE

Ricky Minard, MOR - t9th (8)

BEST SINGLE-GAME 3-PT FG%

Ricky Minard, MOR - t10th (72.7%, 8-11)

MOST SINGLE-GAME REBOUNDS

Cuthbert Victor, MUR - t4th (20)

TEAM

SCORING OFFENSE

Tennessee Tech - 21st (82.4 ppg)
Murray State - 30th (80.3 ppg)

REBOUND MARGIN

Eastern Kentucky - 13th (+8.4)

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Samford - 2nd (53.6%)
Tennessee Tech - 21st (48.9%)
Murray State - 24th (48.7%)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL %

Samford - 1st (43.4%)
Morehead State - 8th (41.7%)
Southeast Missouri - 25th (39.6%)

3-POINTERS MADE PER GAME

Samford - 2nd (10.2 pg)
Morehead State - t17th (8.6 pg)
Tennessee Tech - 30th (8.2 pg)

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

Morehead State - 16th (75.9%)

ASSISTS

Samford - 13th (18.6 apg)
Murray State - 23rd (18.1 apg)

MOST POINTS IN A GAME

Eastern Kentucky - t28th (107)

BEST SINGLE-GAME FG%

Samford - 3rd (69.8%, 37-53)
Samford - 4th (68.8%, 33-48)

MOST SINGLE-GAME 3-PT FG MADE

Samford - t3rd (16, twice)

BEST SINGLE-GAME FT%

Morehead State - t3rd (94.1%, 16-17)
Tennessee-Martin - t3rd (94.1%, 16-17)

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COLLEGEINSIDER.COM MID-MAJOR TOP 25 POLL (Jan. 12)

	<u>RECORD</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>PREV.</u>
1. Gonzaga (31)	12-2	775	1
2. Creighton	12-0	744	2
3. Utah State	11-1	698	3
4. Southern Illinois	9-3	652	4
5. College of Charleston	11-2	626	5
6. Western Michigan	9-1	619	12
7. East Tennessee State	10-3	596	7
8. MURRAY STATE	12-2	584	9
9. Manhattan	9-3	456	11
10. Kent State	9-2	415	16
11. George Mason	9-3	383	6
12. Wichita State	9-5	363	8
13. Arkansas State	11-3	353	10
14. Central Florida	11-2	333	22
15. Toledo	9-3	287	14
16. UC-Santa Barbara	8-5	199	15
17. Stephen F. Austin	9-3	198	17
18. Illinois-Chicago	11-5	135	20
19. Louisiana-Lafayette	6-4	132	19
20. Georgia Southern	10-3	113	24
21. Old Dominion	8-4	112	NR
22. Troy State	10-2	104	NR
23. Wisconsin-Green Bay	10-4	102	NR
24. Boston University	10-3	96	NR
25. Oral Roberts	10-4	91	NR

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Bradley 79, Niagara 58, Wisconsin-Milwaukee 55, Fairfield 56, Akron 54, VCU 51, Lafayette 49, IUPUI 48, Belmont 48, Georgia State 48, Pacific 48, Detroit 45, St. Mary's 43, Western Carolina 37, Monmouth 36, Loyola Marymount 27, UNC-Wilmington 25, Southwest Missouri State 24, New Mexico State 22, Northern Iowa 16, Southeastern Louisiana 12, Pennsylvania 6, Birmingham Southern 5, St. Peter's 5, Vermont 5, Centenary 4, Northeastern 2, Mississippi Valley State 1.

ESPN.COM MID-MAJOR TOP 10 POLL (Through games of Jan. 6)

	<u>RECORD</u>
1. Gonzaga	10-2
2. Creighton	10-0
3. MURRAY STATE	10-2
4. Utah State	9-1
5. Southern Illinois	8-2
6. George Mason	8-2
7. Western Michigan	8-1
8. College of Charleston	9-2
9. Belmont	8-3
10. Denver	8-4

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Wichita State, Boston University, Akron, Loyola-Marymount, Toledo, Pennsylvania, Oral Roberts, Illinois-Chicago, Kent State, Georgia State, Monmouth, IUPUI, , Lafayette, SMS, Bradley, Manhattan, UC-Santa Barbara, Manhattan, Cal Poly, Stephen F Austin.

DROPPED OUT: Wichita State.

2004-05 SIGNEES

AUSTIN PEAY

Todd Babington - G, 6'5, 180 - Crystal Lake, IL (Prairie Ridge HS)
Brandon Burney - G, 6'2 - Clarksville, TN (Montgomery Central HS)
Kareem Matthews - C, 6'10, 235 - St. Louis, MO (Florissant Valley CC)

EASTERN ILLINOIS

Jake Byrne - F, 6'8 - Elsberry, MO (Elsberry HS)

EASTERN KENTUCKY

Alonzo Hird - C, 6'9, 205 - DeLand, FL (Santa Fe CC)

JACKSONVILLE STATE

Courtney Beasley - G, 6'2 - Huntsville, AL (Butler HS)
B.J. Spencer - G, 6'4 - Starkville, MS (Bevill State JC)
Dorien Brown - F, 6'7 - Bellingham, MA (Northfield-Mount Hermon School)

MOREHEAD STATE

None

MURRAY STATE

Shane Dansby - G, 6'5, 190 - Kingston Springs, TN (Harpeth HS)
Charles Johnson - F, 6'7, 225 - Atlanta, GA (South Plains College)
Mike McCoy - F, 6'7, 195 - Indianapolis, IN (Pike HS)
Issian Redding - F, 6'6, 195 - Sandusky, OH (South Plains College)

SAMFORD

None

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

Paul Paradoski - G, 6'0, 160 - St. Louis, MO (Vianney HS)
James White - F - 6'7, 215 - Belleville, IL (Southwestern Illinois CC)

TENNESSEE-MARTIN

None

TENNESSEE STATE

Diego Belizario - F, 6'7, 230 - San Paulo, Brazil (Laurinburg, N.C. Institute)
Andrae Belton - G, 6'3, 190 - Columbia, SC (Kenan HS)

TENNESSEE TECH

Anthony Fisher - G, 6'2, 175 - Alpharetta, GA (Chattahoochee HS)

2003-04 OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL REPORT

OVC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER:

N 24 Cuthbert Victor, Murray State
 D 1 Cuthbert Victor, Murray State
 D 8 Cuthbert Victor, Murray State
 D 15 Brandon Griffin, Southeast Missouri
 D 22 Chez Marks, Morehead State
 J 5 Jon Bentley, Eastern Kentucky
 J 12 Chris Shumate, Murray State
 J 19
 J 26
 F 2
 F 9
 F 16
 F 23
 M 1

NEWCOMER:

N 24 Justin Smith, Tennessee-Martin
 D 1 Kelvin Brown, Murray State
 D 8 Dainmon Gonner, Southeast Missouri
 Willie Jenkins, Tennessee Tech
 D 15 Jared Newson, Tennessee-Martin
 D 22 Justin Smith, Tennessee-Martin
 J 5 Dainmon Gonner, Southeast Missouri
 J 12 Kelvin Brown, Murray State
 J 19
 J 26
 F 2
 F 9
 F 16
 F 23
 M 1

ROOKIE:

N 24 Brandon Moore, Eastern Kentucky
 D 1 Bruce Price, Tennessee State
 D 8 No selection
 D 15 Will Lewis, Tennessee-Martin
 D 22 Bruce Price, Tennessee State
 J 5 Jerry Smith, Samford
 J 12 Bruce Price, Tennessee State
 J 19
 J 26
 F 2
 F 9
 F 16
 F 23
 M 1

ACTIVE OVC CAREER LEADERS

SCORING

Ricky Minard, Morehead State 2,007
 Cuthbert Victor, Murray State 1,224
 Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 1,221
 Cameron Crisp, Tennessee Tech 1,126
 Antione Whelchel, Murray State 1,111
 Adrian Henning, Austin Peay 1,085
 Chez Marks, Morehead State 1,057
 Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 1,025
 Anthony Davis, Austin Peay 961
 Chris Shumate, Murray State 933

PTS

STEALS

Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 230
 Ricky Minard, Morehead State 209
 Cuthbert Victor, Murray State 137
 Cameron Crisp, Tennessee Tech 119
 Anthony Davis, Austin Peay 119
 Antione Whelchel, Murray State 116
 Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 98
 Chris Shumate, Murray State 95
 Rhet Wierzba, Austin Peay 93
 Josh Lewis, Austin Peay 88

STL

REBOUNDS

Cuthbert Victor, Murray State 742
 Josh Lewis, Austin Peay 604
 Ricky Minard, Morehead State 593
 Antione Whelchel, Murray State 553
 Adrian Henning, Austin Peay 550
 Michael Haney, Eastern Kentucky 425
 Brandon Griffin, Southeast Missouri 408
 Phillip Ramelli, Samford 348
 Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 324
 Andy Hornig, Murray State 318

REB

BLOCKED SHOTS

Josh Lewis, Austin Peay 206
 Cuthbert Victor, Murray State 127
 Andy Hornig, Murray State 97
 Adrian Henning, Austin Peay 92
 Ricky Minard, Morehead State 64
 Phillip Ramelli, Samford 61
 Kenan Asceric, Tennessee-Martin 52
 Antione Whelchel, Murray State 40
 Damarcus Hence, Southeast Missouri 37
 Tim Volpenhein, Eastern Kentucky 33

BLK

ASSISTS

Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 380
 Cameron Crisp, Tennessee Tech 338
 Ricky Minard, Morehead State 330
 Scott Watson, Jacksonville State 319
 Kevin Paschel, Murray State 308
 Antione Whelchel, Murray State 248
 Leigh Gayden, Tennessee Tech 239
 Matt Witt, Eastern Kentucky 214
 Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 207
 Chris Shumate, Murray State 186

AST

3-POINTERS MADE

Ricky Minard, Morehead State 205
 Chez Marks, Morehead State 172
 Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 155
 Tyson Dorsey, Samford 134
 Ben Rushing, Eastern Kentucky 133
 Antione Whelchel, Murray State 128
 Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 127
 Rick Jones, Murray State 125
 Rhet Wierzba, Austin Peay 118
 Chris Shumate, Murray State 118

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OVC Statistics Rankings - Through Jan. 12

TEAM	SCORING OFFENSE	SCORING DEFENSE	FREE THROW %	FIELD GOAL %	THREE- POINT %	REBOUND MARGIN
Austin Peay	11	2	11	9	9	7
Eastern Illinois	8	7	7	10	11	5
Eastern Kentucky	5	5	10	6	5	1
Jacksonville State	7	4	9	5	6	9
Morehead State	3	9	1	4	3	10
Murray State	1	6	2	2	10	2
Samford	6	1	4	1	1	4
Southeast Missouri	9	3	5	7	2	8
Tennessee-Martin	4	10	6	8	7	6
Tennessee State	10	11	8	11	8	11
Tennessee Tech	2	8	3	3	4	3