



2003-04 OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL REPORT

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OVC STANDINGS

	CONFERENCE (Through Jan. 18)						OVERALL (Through Jan. 18)						
	W	L	PCT.	Home	Away	Streak	W	L	PCT.	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
Austin Peay	5	0	1.000	0-0	5-0	W5	8	7	.533	3-0	5-6	0-1	W5
Murray State	3	1	.750	1-1	2-0	W1	13	3	.813	7-1	5-2	1-0	W1
Samford	3	1	.750	1-0	2-1	W2	8	7	.533	5-0	3-6	0-1	W2
Tennessee State	3	1	.750	2-0	1-1	W1	4	11	.267	3-3	1-8	0-0	W1
Southeast Missouri	2	2	.500	1-2	1-0	W2	9	6	.600	6-2	2-4	1-0	W2
Eastern Kentucky	2	2	.500	2-2	0-0	W1	7	8	.467	7-2	0-6	0-0	W1
Morehead State	2	2	.500	2-2	0-0	L1	7	8	.467	7-2	0-6	0-0	L1
Tennessee Tech	1	3	.250	0-0	1-3	L2	7	8	.467	6-1	1-7	0-0	L2
Eastern Illinois	1	3	.250	1-3	0-0	L3	3	11	.214	3-5	0-6	0-0	L3
Jacksonville State	1	4	.200	0-1	1-3	L1	7	8	.467	5-1	2-7	0-0	L1
Tennessee-Martin	0	4	.000	0-2	0-2	L4	5	11	.313	4-2	0-8	1-1	L4

RECENT RESULTS

Saturday, January 17

- *Austin Peay 70, @Morehead State 60
- *Samford 51, @Tennessee-Martin 45
- *@Eastern Kentucky 70, Tennessee Tech 68
- *Tennessee State 60, @Eastern Illinois 59
- *@Murray State 89, Jacksonville State 84

Thursday, January 15

- *Austin Peay 65, @Eastern Kentucky 59
- *@Morehead State 73, Tennessee Tech 58
- *Samford 61, @Murray State 58
- *Jacksonville State 96, @Tennessee-Martin 85
- *@Southeast Missouri 81, Tennessee State 75

Tuesday, January 13

- *Southeast Missouri 84, @Eastern Illinois 64

* - Denotes OVC contest

UPCOMING GAMES

Monday, January 19

- Savannah State at Jacksonville State - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 20

- *Tennessee-Martin at Murray State - 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, January 22

- *Morehead State at Samford - 7:00 p.m.
- *Eastern Illinois at Austin Peay - 7:30 p.m.
- *Eastern Kentucky at Jacksonville State - 7:30 p.m.
- *Tennessee-Martin at Tennessee State - 7:30 p.m.
- *Southeast Missouri at Tennessee Tech - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 24

- *Southeast Missouri at Austin Peay - 2:00 p.m. (FSNS)
- *Eastern Kentucky at Samford - 2:00 p.m.
- *Eastern Illinois at Tennessee Tech - 7:30 p.m.
- *Morehead State at Jacksonville State - 7:30 p.m.
- *Murray State at Tennessee State - 7:30 p.m.

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ALL TIMES CENTRAL

FSNS - Live telecast on Fox Sports Net South
(2 a.m. CT tape-delayed broadcast
on Fox Sports Net Midwest)

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OVC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

CO-PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

JOSH LEWIS • C, SR., 6'8, 210 • LEXINGTON, KY • AUSTIN PEAY

DEREK WINANS • G, JR., 6'2, 180 • EAST CAPE GIRARDEAU, IL • SE MISSOURI

Lewis averaged a double-double (18.0 ppg/12.0 rpg) while shooting 75 percent from the field as Austin Peay closed out a perfect 5-0 OVC start on the road with wins at Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State. The senior center, who entered the week shooting 58.1 percent from the free throw line, converted 12-of-13 foul attempts and went 7-of-10 from the field at EKU for career-highs of 26 points and six steals, along with nine boards and five blocked shots. He then hauled in 15 rebounds to go with 10 points and two rejections at Morehead State.

Winans turned in back-to-back 20+ scoring efforts on 72 percent field and 66.7 percent free throw shooting as Southeast Missouri went 2-0 with wins over Eastern Illinois and Tennessee State. The junior guard knocked down 12-of-16 field goal tries at EIU, finishing with a season-high 29 points. He hit six field goals and seven foul shots as part of a 22-point outing against TSU. For the week, Winans went 7-of-11 from 3-point range, and also contributed six rebounds, two assists and a steal.

NEWCOMER OF THE WEEK

MIKE NELKE • G, JR., 6'0, 175 • ST. LOUIS, MO • SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

Nelke averaged 11.0 points per game and dished out 14 assists without committing a turnover in Southeast's two OVC wins last week. The junior point guard contributed six points, six assists and three steals at EIU, then followed that with 16 points, a career-high eight assists and three steals against TSU. Eighteen of Nelke's 22 points came on 6-of-12 shooting from behind the arc, with the other four coming in a perfect night at the charity stripe versus the Tigers.

ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

JERRY SMITH • G, FR., 6'2, 170 • PICAYUNE, MS • SAMFORD

Smith averaged 7.0 points, 5.5 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 2.0 steals per game as he helped Samford record back-to-back road wins over Murray State and Tennessee-Martin. The redshirt freshman went 3-of-6 from the field in each contest, including a 2-of-4 effort from behind the arc to go with seven rebounds and five assists against the Racers.

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WEB SITE: For updated stats, standings, news and notes, log on to the official OVC site: www.ovcsports.com.

WEEKLY NOTES: The OVC will release its weekly men's basketball report each Monday throughout the season by 5 p.m. CT. The report is available by fax and e-mail, and is 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 is holding a series of teleconferences throughout the season in which the men's basketball head coach of each OVC institution answer questions from the media. There are seven teleconferences remaining in the 2003-04 season, and the schedule is as follows:

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 Tillette, 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 (8-7 overall, 5-0 OVC): Austin Peay closed out its five-game OVC-opening road stretch with a perfect record after victories at Eastern Kentucky (65-59) and Morehead State (70-60). The Governors' 5-0 start is its first since beginning league play in 1963-64...**Josh Lewis** (Lexington, KY) averaged 18 points and 12 rebounds in the two wins, including a monster effort at ECU where he poured in a career-high 26 points, grabbed nine rebounds, blocked five shots and tallied a career-best six steals...The Govs picked up their 15th straight win in the ECU series, despite having just four APSU players score field goals. **Corey Gipson** (Sikeston, MO) went 0-of-5 from the floor in the contest, but managed double-figures on 11-of-12 foul shooting...APSU has held each of its 15 opponents to less than 50 percent shooting this season...Prior to the Morehead State contest, the Govs had limited four straight foes to fewer than 60 points, a run that hadn't happened since 1949-50...The Govs put a 19-game home win streak on the line when they return home for the first time since Dec. 15 with dates against Eastern Illinois and Southeast Missouri. The Southeast game will be regionally televised at 2 p.m. Central on Fox Sports Net South.

EASTERN ILLINOIS (3-11 overall, 1-3 OVC): Eastern Illinois is on a three-game slide following losses to Southeast Missouri (84-64) and Tennessee State (60-59)...**Aaron Patterson** (Indianapolis, IN) had a solid outing against Southeast, going 9-of-11 from the field for 18 points, nine rebounds, four assists and two blocked shots. He also added 10 points and eight boards versus TSU...**Josh Gomes** (Indianapolis, IN) tallied his fifth straight double-figure scoring effort with 18 points against the Tigers...EIU outrebounded TSU, 42-28, but committed 17 turnovers to the Tigers' eight...The Panthers are struggling to connect on their long-distance shots in OVC action, hitting just 22.2 percent (12-of-54) from behind the arc...After scoring 83 points in its OVC-opening win over Tennessee Tech, EIU has averaged just 58.6 points per game in its three conference losses...The Panthers hit the road for a four-game stretch, beginning with trips to Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech.

EASTERN KENTUCKY (7-8 overall, 2-2 OVC): Eastern Kentucky remains at .500 in league play after splitting its two OVC outings last week with a 65-59 loss to APSU and a 70-68 win over Tennessee Tech...The thriller over Tech marked ECU's 1,000th victory and also snapped an 11-game losing skid against the Golden Eagles...**Matt Witt** (Tipp City, OH) has scored in double figures in seven straight games. He paced the Colonels with 17 points per game last week...**Tim Volpenhein** (Taylor Mill, KY) has blocked at least one shot in nine consecutive outings...Four of ECU's games this season have been decided by five or fewer points and the Colonels are 2-2 in those contests...ECU kicks off a five-game road stretch this week at Jacksonville State and Samford. It will be the Colonels' first meeting with the Gamecocks and only the fifth with the Bulldogs.

JACKSONVILLE STATE (7-8 overall, 1-4 OVC): Jacksonville State ended its three-game skid with a 96-85 victory at UT Martin, but lost a close 89-84 decision at Murray State. The win at UTM marked Jax State's first in OVC competition...**Scott Watson** (Gilbert, AZ) led four Gamecock starters in double figures versus UTM as he tossed in a career-high 30 points to become just the third JSU player in the school's Division I history to hit the 30-point mark. For the week, Watson averaged 26 points per game while going 10-of-20 from 3-point range...**Walker Russell** (Rochester, MI) also picked up his first-ever double-double in the contest with a career-high 18 points and 11 assists. He fell just short of a triple-dip with eight boards...**Josh Perry** (Orlando, FL) went 7-of-10 from the field and finished with 17 points in a reserve role at Murray...Jax State shot a season-best 54.5 percent from behind the arc at UTM, converting a season-high 12 treys as the Gamecocks won for just the second time on the road this season...JSU steps out of league play to kick off a five-game homestand with Savannah State on Monday, then returns to OVC action against Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State.

MOREHEAD STATE (7-8 overall, 2-2 OVC): Morehead State split the final two contests of its OVC-opening homestand, defeating Tennessee Tech, 73-58, before falling to Austin Peay, 70-60...**Ricky Minard** (Mansfield, OH) tossed in 28 points with nine boards against APSU and finished the week averaging 20 points, seven rebounds and five assists per game. He has 2,047 career points, just 25 shy of the school's all-time scoring mark...**Chez Marks** (Paris, KY) climbed into 21st place on Morehead State's career-scoring chart with 1,095 points...After having all five Eagle starters net double figures in the win over Tech, just two had double digits versus APSU with only five Morehead State players scoring in the contest...**Craig Lewis** (Garland, TX) recorded his first career double-double in the Tech game with 10 points and 10 boards...Morehead State's halftime lead against APSU was its first in conference action this season...The Eagles start a four-game road stretch with dates at Samford and Jacksonville State.

MURRAY STATE (13-3 overall, 3-1 OVC): Murray State had its 12-game home win streak end with a 61-58 loss to Samford, but the Racers bounced back to claim an 89-84 win over Jacksonville State...**Adam Chiles** (Louisville, KY) scored 35 points in the two contests, including a career-high 21 against JSU. He also tallied nine assists and four steals...**Cuthbert Victor** (St. Croix, Virgin Islands) recorded five blocked shots last week to become the school's all-time leader in career rejections with 131. He passes former Racer standout Jeff Martin, who collected 130 blocks from 1985-89...In addition to Chiles, four other Racers finished in double figures against JSU, including **Kevin Paschel** (Louisville, KY), who went 6-of-8 from the field for 12 points...Murray State closes out its three-game homestand against UT Martin before visiting Tennessee State.

SAMFORD (8-7 overall, 3-1 OVC): Samford went 2-0 in OVC road action last week, putting an end to Murray State's 12-game home win streak with a 61-58 shocker in the Regional Special Events Center and collecting a 51-45 victory at Tennessee-Martin...The back-to-back wins were the Bulldogs' first in conference play since the 2001-02 season...**Tyson Dorsey** (Brandford, Ontario) went 5-of-5 from 3-point range and finished with 20 points at Murray State. For the week, he shot 80 percent from the field (8-of-10), including going 7-of-9 from behind the arc, and 88 percent from the foul line (7-of-8)...**Jerry Smith** (Picaune, MS) contributed seven points, 5.5 rebounds and three assists per game...**Eddie Harper** netted a team-high 15 points at UTM...The Bulldog defense held its opponents to a combined 40 percent field shooting, including just 9-of-33 from long-range...Samford returns home to kick off a four-game stand with Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (9-6 overall, 2-2 OVC): Southeast Missouri snapped a brief two-game slide with consecutive OVC victories over Tennessee State (81-75) and Eastern Illinois (84-64)...**Derek Winans** (East Cape Girardeau, IL) has scored in double figures in each of the last five games, including a season-high 29 points at EIU. He shot 72 percent from the field last week, including 7-of-11 from 3-point range, and has moved into 15th place on the school's all-time scoring chart with 1,076 points...**Mike Nelke** (St. Louis, MO) scored 18 of his 22 of his points last week from long-distance, going 6-of-12 behind the arc. He also dished out 14 assists, including a career-high eight against TSU, without committing a turnover in either contest...**Brandon Griffin** (Greensburg, LA) blistered the nets with 82 percent shooting (9-of-11) for the week. He had 12 points in each game...The win over TSU gave Southeast a 13-12 edge in the series...The Indians play their next four on the road, beginning with trips to Tennessee Tech and Austin Peay, the latter of which will be a regionally-televised contest on Fox Sports Net South.

TENNESSEE-MARTIN (5-11 overall, 0-4 OVC): Tennessee-Martin is still winless in OVC play following setbacks to Jacksonville State (98-85) and Samford (51-45)...The Skyhawks are 0-4 for the first time in coach **Bret Campbell's** five-year tenure...**Jared Newson** (Belleville, IL) pumped in a career-high 29 points to go with nine caroms against JSU. He was 9-of-18 from the field and 11-of-14 from the foul line...**Cleve Woodfork** (St. Louis, MO) registered his second double-double of the season with 12 points and 10 caroms versus the Gamecocks...The Skyhawks suffered another key injury as lead scorer **Justin Smith** (Memphis, TN) is out for the season after suffering a torn Achilles tendon in the Jax State contest. Earlier in the season, UTM's top 3-point shooter, **Earl Bullock**, went down with a knee injury...The loss of Smith was evident against Samford as UTM hit a season-low three 3-pointers...The Skyhawks outrebounded both opponents, boasting a 76-66 edge on the glass...UT Martin travels to Murray State and Tennessee State.

TENNESSEE STATE (4-11 overall, 3-1 OVC): Tennessee State split its OVC road games last week, dropping an 81-75 decision at Southeast Missouri before winning a 60-59 thriller at Eastern Illinois...**Roshawn Bowens** (Nashville, TN) fired in a career-high 33 points at SEMO, finishing with 45 for the week...After being held to just seven points at Southeast, TSU's leading scorer **Bruce Price** (Minneapolis, MN) netted 19 at EIU. He scored the Tigers' final 10 points of contest, including what proved to be the game-winning layup with 50 seconds remaining...**Garrett Richardson** (El Paso, TX) continues to be the league's active career leader in both assists (392) and steals (237) after dishing out 12 helpers and posting seven thefts for the week...The win at EIU snapped a 13-game OVC regular-season road losing streak for the Tigers...TSU kicks off a four-game homestand, its longest of the season, against UT Martin and Murray State.

TENNESSEE TECH (7-8 overall, 1-3 OVC): Tennessee Tech is on a two-game slide after dropping a pair of outings at Morehead State (73-58) and Eastern Kentucky (70-68)...The Golden Eagles are off to a 1-7 start on the road this season, matching their eight-game road start from the 2002-03 campaign...**Willie Jenkins** (Memphis, TN) has scored in double figures in all 15 contests thus far and continues to lead Tech in both scoring (20.3 ppg) and rebounding (7.0 rpg). He recorded his third double-double of the season with 23 points and 10 boards at ECU...**Ben Jacobson** (Omaha, NE) tossed in 12 points against the Colonels, a career-high for him against OVC opponents...Tech returns home to entertain Southeast Missouri and Eastern Illinois.

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OVC HOOPS NOTES

NO LONGER CRYING FOUL: **Austin Peay** entered last week's OVC slate ranked last in the league in free throw shooting (61.3%), but a 45-of-57 two-game effort upped the Governors' conversion rate to 64.9 percent for the season. APSU knocked down 33-of-37 foul attempts at ECU and went 12-of-20 at Morehead State to finish the week shooting 78.9 percent from the charity stripe.

TAKING CARE OF THE ROCK: Southeast Missouri junior point guard **Mike Nelke** boasts the league's top assist-to-turnover ratio (3.29), averaging 3.1 assists to just 0.9 miscues per game. The St. Louis, Mo., native, who sat out the 2002-03 season after transferring from Valparaiso, dished out 14 helpers without a single turnover in the Indians' two wins last week.

BROTHER CAN YOU SPARE A DIME: Four OVC guards are averaging at least five assists per game thus far in the 2003-04 campaign. Tennessee-Martin junior **Tyler George** tops the league with 5.56 helpers per game, while Jacksonville State sophomore **Walker Russell** is next with a 5.4 assists average. Rounding out the quartet is Eastern Kentucky sophomore **Matt Witt** (5.27 apg) and Tennessee Tech senior **Will Moore** (5.07 apg).

LONG DISTANCE CHARGES: Jacksonville State senior forward **Scott Watson** must have a new long distance carrier. The Gilbert, Ariz., native entered the week shooting just over 36 percent from behind the arc, but went 6-of-10 from 3-point land en route to a career-high 30 points in the Gamecocks' first-ever OVC win at Tennessee-Martin. He also knocked down 4-of-10 trey attempts in Jax State's five-point loss at Murray State.

DOUBLE-DIPPING: Murray State senior forward **Cuthbert Victor** has recorded a league-high seven double-doubles this season, upping his career total to 23. Southeast Missouri senior center **Brandon Griffin** boasts the league's only triple-double of the year so far, registering 12 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists in the Indians' Dec. 13 win over Oakland City.

MOVIN' ON UP: Morehead State senior guard/forward **Ricky Minard** continues his assault on the Eagle and OVC record books. Below is a listing of where Minard ranks among team and conference all-time leaders in various categories. The number in parentheses behind the "NR" listing under OVC records indicates how many more are needed to move into the league's Top 10:

<u>Minard</u>	<u>Morehead State</u>	<u>OVC</u>
Points (2,047)	2nd	NR (26)
Rebounds (607)	16th	NA
Assists (340)	4th	NR (112)
Steals (211)	Not available	5th
Blocked Shots (65)	Not available	NR (62)
3-pt. FG Attempts (546)	1st	10th
3-pt. FG Made (206)	1st	NR (5)

REMEMBER TO SET THE VCR: The Jan. 24 contest between **Southeast Missouri** and **Austin Peay** will be televised live on Fox Sports Net South at 2:00 p.m. Central. **Mike Hogewood** will handle play-by-play duties while **Top Apke** will provide analysis. Fans will also be able to watch a tape-delayed broadcast of the game, which will air at 2:00 a.m. Central on Fox Sports Net Midwest.

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Game</u>	<u>Time (CT)</u>	<u>Network</u>
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. 12)

INDIVIDUAL

SCORING

Willie Jenkins, TTU - 28th (20.2 ppg)
 Chez Marks, MOR - 31st (20.1 ppg)
 Ricky Minard, MOR - 37th (19.8 ppg)

REBOUNDING

Cuthbert Victor, MUR - 4th (11.0 rpg)

STEALS

Garrett Richardson, TSU - t16th (2.8 spg)
 Bruce Price, TSU - t28th (2.6 spg)

BLOCKED SHOTS

Josh Lewis, APSU - t25th (2.5 bpg)

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Cuthbert Victor, MUR - 6th (65.4%)

3-POINTERS MADE

Chez Marks, MOR - 20th (3.3 pg)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Chez Marks, MOR - 16th (47.3%)

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

Justin Smith, UTM - 12th (90.2%)

BEST SINGLE-GAME FG%

Chez Marks, MOR - 5th (93.3%, 14-15)
 Roshawn Bowens, 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 - t18th (83.3%, 15-18)

MOST SINGLE-GAME 3-PT FG MADE

Ricky Minard, MOR - t12th (8)

BEST SINGLE-GAME 3-PT FG%

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

MOST SINGLE-GAME REBOUNDS

Cuthbert Victor, MUR - t5th (20)

TEAM

SCORING OFFENSE

Murray State - 20th (81.6 ppg)
 Tennessee Tech - 26th (80.5 ppg)

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Samford - 3rd (52%)
 Murray State - 14th (49.3%)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL %

Samford - 11th (41.2%)
 Southeast Missouri - 25th (39.5%)

3-POINTERS MADE PER GAME

Samford - 4th (9.5 pg)

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

Morehead State - 23rd (74.8%)

ASSISTS

Murray State - 12th (18.4 apg)
 Samford - 28th (17.5 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 - t5th (16, twice)

BEST SINGLE-GAME FT %

Morehead State - t5th (94.1%, 16-17)
 Tennessee-Martin - t5th (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. 14)

	<u>RECORD</u>
1. Gonzaga	12-2
2. Creighton	12-1
3. MURRAY STATE	12-2
4. Utah State	11-1
5. Southern Illinois	11-2
6. Western Michigan	11-1
7. College of Charleston	12-2
8. Manhattan	10-3
9. Central Florida	12-2
10. Northern Iowa	8-5

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: East Tennessee State, Boston University, Wisconsin Green Bay, Kent State, George Mason, Vermont, Arkansas State, Oral Roberts, Troy State, High Point, University of Pacific, Wisconsin-Milwaukee, IUPUI, Lafayette.

DROPPED OUT: George Mason, Belmont, Denver.

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 Josh Lewis, Austin Peay
Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri

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 Mike Nelke, Southeast Missouri

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 Jerry Smith, Samford

J 26
F 2
F 9
F 16
F 23
M 1

ACTIVE OVC CAREER LEADERS

SCORING

Ricky Minard, Morehead State 2,047
Cuthbert Victor, Murray State 1,240
Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 1,233
Cameron Crisp, Tennessee Tech 1,152
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 1,133
Adrian Henning, Austin Peay 1,109
Chez Marks, Morehead State 1,095
Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 1,076
Anthony Davis, Austin Peay 974
Chris Shumate, Murray State 945

PTS

STEALS

Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 237
Ricky Minard, Morehead State 211
Cuthbert Victor, Murray State 141
Cameron Crisp, Tennessee Tech 121
Anthony Davis, Austin Peay 119
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 117
Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 99
Chris Shumate, Murray State 99
Rhet Wierzba, Austin Peay 94
Josh Lewis, Austin Peay 94

STL

REBOUNDS

Cuthbert Victor, Murray State 761
Josh Lewis, Austin Peay 628
Ricky Minard, Morehead State 607
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 569
Adrian Henning, Austin Peay 561
Michael Haney, Eastern Kentucky 438
Brandon Griffin, Southeast Missouri 421
Phillip Ramelli, Samford 362
Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 326
Andy Hornig, Murray State 322

REB

BLOCKED SHOTS

Josh Lewis, Austin Peay 213
Cuthbert Victor, Murray State 132
Andy Hornig, Murray State 97
Adrian Henning, Austin Peay 94
Ricky Minard, Morehead State 65
Phillip Ramelli, Samford 63
Kenan Asceric, Tennessee-Martin 54
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 40
Damarcus Hence, Southeast Missouri 37
Tim Volpenhein, Eastern Kentucky 35

BLK

ASSISTS

Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 392
Cameron Crisp, Tennessee Tech 341
Ricky Minard, Morehead State 340
Scott Watson, Jacksonville State 326
Kevin Paschel, Murray State 314
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 250
Leigh Gayden, Tennessee Tech 241
Matt Witt, Eastern Kentucky 223
Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 209
Chris Shumate, Murray State 191

AST

3-POINTERS MADE

Ricky Minard, Morehead State 206
Chez Marks, Morehead State 175
Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 162
Tyson Dorsey, Samford 141
Ben Rushing, Eastern Kentucky 136
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 129
Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 129
Rick Jones, Murray State 127
Rhet Wierzba, Austin Peay 121
Chris Shumate, Murray State 120

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OVC Statistics Rankings - Through Jan. 19

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