



2003-04 OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL REPORT

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OVC STANDINGS

	CONFERENCE (Through Jan. 25)						OVERALL (Through Jan. 25)						
	W	L	PCT.	Home	Away	Streak	W	L	PCT.	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
Austin Peay	7	0	1.000	2-0	5-0	W7	10	7	.588	5-0	5-6	0-1	W7
Murray State	5	1	.833	2-1	3-0	W3	15	3	.833	8-1	6-2	1-0	W3
Morehead State	4	2	.667	2-2	2-0	W2	9	8	.529	7-2	2-6	0-0	W2
Tennessee Tech	3	3	.500	2-0	1-3	W2	9	8	.529	8-1	1-7	0-0	W2
Eastern Kentucky	3	3	.500	2-2	1-1	W1	8	9	.471	7-2	1-7	0-0	W1
Samford	3	3	.500	1-2	2-1	L2	8	9	.471	5-2	3-6	0-1	L2
Tennessee State	3	3	.500	2-2	1-1	L2	4	13	.235	3-5	1-8	0-0	L2
Southeast Missouri	2	4	.333	1-2	1-2	L2	9	8	.529	6-2	2-6	1-0	L2
Jacksonville State	2	5	.286	1-2	1-3	L1	9	9	.500	7-2	2-7	0-0	L1
Eastern Illinois	1	5	.167	1-3	0-2	L5	3	13	.188	3-5	0-8	0-0	L5
Tennessee-Martin	1	5	.167	0-2	1-3	W1	6	12	.333	4-2	1-9	1-1	W1

RECENT RESULTS

Saturday, January 24

- *@Austin Peay 54, Southeast Missouri 52
- *Eastern Kentucky 95, @Samford 86 (2ot)
- *@Tennessee Tech 84, Eastern Illinois 67
- *Morehead State 89, @Jacksonville State 81
- *Murray State 84, @Tennessee State 78

Thursday, January 22

- *Morehead State 65, @Samford 60
- *@Austin Peay 64, Eastern Illinois 57
- *@Jacksonville State 85, Eastern Kentucky 82
- *Tennessee-Martin 78, @Tennessee State 69
- *@Tennessee Tech 74, Southeast Missouri 73

Tuesday, January 20

- *@Murray State 94, Tennessee-Martin 70

Monday, January 19

- @Jacksonville State 95, Savannah State 82

* - Denotes OVC contest

UPCOMING GAMES

Monday, January 26

- Murray State at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi - 7:05 p.m.

Tuesday, January 27

- *Austin Peay at Tennessee Tech - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 29

- *Eastern Illinois at Samford - 7:00 p.m.
- *Eastern Kentucky at Murray State - 7:15 p.m.
- *Austin Peay at Tennessee State - 7:30 p.m.
- *Morehead State at Tennessee-Martin - 7:30 p.m.
- *Southeast Missouri at Jacksonville St. - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 31

- *Morehead State at Murray State - 2:00 p.m. (FSNS)
- *Southeast Missouri at Samford - 2:00 p.m.
- *Eastern Kentucky at Tennessee-Martin - 6:00 p.m.
- *Eastern Illinois at Jacksonville State - 7:30 p.m. (WJXS)
- *Tennessee Tech at Tennessee State - 7:30 p.m.

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ALL TIMES CENTRAL

FSNS - Regional telecast on Fox Sports Net South

WJXS - Local telecast on WJXS-TV 24 (Jacksonville, AL)

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OVC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

RICKY MINARD • F/G, SR., 6'4, 205 • MANSFIELD, OH • MOREHEAD STATE

Minard averaged a double-double in a pair of OVC road victories last week. The senior forward/guard opened with 19 points and eight boards in a 65-60 win at Samford, then became the school's all-time leading scorer with a 21-point, 12-rebound effort in the Eagles' 89-81 victory at Jacksonville State. Minard, who also dished out 12 assists and collected nine steals on the week, now has 2,087 points, ranking him ninth on the OVC's career scoring chart. He is third in the OVC in scoring this season (19.8 ppg).

NEWCOMER OF THE WEEK

WILLIE JENKINS • F, JR., 6'6, 210 • MEMPHIS, TN • TENNESSEE TECH

Jenkins extended his streak of 20+ scoring performances to 10 while averaging 22.5 points on the week as Tennessee Tech notched two OVC wins last week. The junior forward shot 58.8 percent from the field (10-of-17) en route to a 25-point, 10-rebound outing in Tech's 74-73 win over Southeast Missouri. He went 12-of-15 from the free throw lane while adding 20 points and seven caroms in an 84-67 victory over Eastern Illinois. Jenkins leads the league in scoring (20.6 ppg).

ROOKIE OF THE WEEK -- No selection

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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 six teleconferences remaining in the 2003-04 season, and the schedule is as follows:

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 (10-7 overall, 7-0 OVC): Austin Peay returned home after a 38-day absence to pick up wins over Eastern Illinois (64-57) and Southeast Missouri (54-52)...The win over EIU marked the Govs' first regular-season sweep of the Panthers since 1996-97, while their victory against Southeast was their 10th straight in the series... **Levi Carmichael** (Bloomfield, IN) hit 7-of-8 free throws and two 3-pointers to score a career-high 13 points off the bench against EIU... **Adrian Henning** (Memphis, TN) shot 55.6 percent from the field (10-of-18) in the two contests, finishing with 28 points and 16 rebounds for the week...Despite hitting just two shots last week, **Rhet Wierzbza** (Farmington, IL) played a key role defensively in the two victories, grabbing a pair of steals during the Govs' second-half rally versus EIU and helping hold Southeast's top scorer to just seven points. The Govs' 7-0 start is the first in school history...APSU has won 18 of its last 19 regular-season OVC contests, including 10 straight, dating back to the 2002-03 season, and 13 straight against OVC opposition, including OVC tournament contests...APSU's 21-game home win streak ranks as the NCAA's sixth-longest active run...The Govs head back out on the road for trips to Tennessee Tech and Tennessee State.

EASTERN ILLINOIS (3-13 overall, 1-5 OVC): Eastern Illinois finds itself in a five-game skid following setbacks at Austin Peay (64-57) and Tennessee Tech (84-67)...The Panthers knocked down a season-best 11 three-pointers at Tech, but managed just 4-of-11 shooting from the free throw line (36.4%)... **Emanuel Dildy** (Chicago, IL) canned four 3-pointers en route to a season-high 18 points against the Golden Eagles... **Josh Gomes** (Indianapolis, IN) is the only Panther averaging double figures with 11.9 points per game...EIU is averaging just 60 points each time out over the last five contests... **Aaron Patterson** (Indianapolis, IN) tops the squad with 4.6 rebounds per game and a 57.4 percent shooting effort from the field (58-of-101)...The Panthers wrap up a four-game road stretch at Samford and Jacksonville State.

EASTERN KENTUCKY (8-9 overall, 3-3 OVC): Eastern Kentucky earned a split as the Colonels embarked on a five-game road stretch, their longest of the season. The Colonels lost an 85-82 outing at Jacksonville State in their first-ever meeting with the Gamecocks, but bounced back to claim a 95-86 double-overtime victory at Samford, giving head coach **Travis Ford** his 100th career victory... **Jon Bentley** (Hazard, KY) scored 23 first-half points at JSU before ending with a career-high 33. He added 17 points on 8-of-9 field shooting versus the Bulldogs and finished the week with 25 points and eight rebounds a game... **Matt Witt** (Tipp City, OH) netted 24 points while playing all 50 minutes against Samford. Three Colonels scored 20+ points in that contest, marking the first time this season that multiple players topped the 20-point plateau in the same contest...EKU averaged 20.5 assists a game for the week...The win at Samford marked the Colonels' first road victory of the season, halting a seven-game slide on opponents' courts...EKU continues its OVC tour with dates at Murray State and Tennessee-Martin.

JACKSONVILLE STATE (9-9 overall, 2-5 OVC): Jacksonville State went 2-1 in a trio of outings last week. After claiming a 95-82 triumph over Savannah State in non-conference action, the Gamecocks split a pair of OVC contests, defeating Eastern Kentucky (85-82) before suffering an 89-81 loss to Morehead State... **Walker Russell** (Rochester, MI) dished out a Division I school-record 14 assists against EKV, adding 15 points for his second double-double of the season. He averaged 15.7 points and 10.3 assists per game while shooting 58.1 percent from the field (18-of-31) and going 8-of-9 at the charity stripe... **Carl Brown** (Birmingham, AL) cleared 17 boards in the EKV contest, becoming the first JSU player in 105 games to record at least 15 caroms in a game. He added 20 points for a double-double and finished with 11.3 points and 9.3 rebounds a game...The Gamecocks fought back from a double-digit second-half deficit to beat EKV and nearly duplicated that effort against Morehead, tying the game with 2:41 to play before the Eagles sealed the win with a 10-2 run down the stretch...JSU closes out its five-game homestand with Southeast Missouri and Eastern Illinois.

MOREHEAD STATE (9-8 overall, 4-2 OVC): Morehead State kicked off the first of two four-game road trips in fine fashion, defeating Samford (65-60) and Jacksonville State (89-81). Prior to the wins, the Eagles had lost six straight on opponents' home courts this season... **Ricky Minard** (Mansfield, OH) became the school's all-time leading scorer (2,087 points) and also moved into fourth and 14th place, respectively, on the Eagles' career assists (352) and rebounding (626) charts. He averaged 20 points and 9.5 rebounds a game while also collecting 12 assists and nine steals...Senior **Craig Lewis** (Garland, TX) turned in the best two-game effort of his career (17 ppg/10 rpg), recording a career-high 24 points at JSU as part of back-to-back double-doubles. He shot 58.8 percent from the field (10-of-17) and 82.4 percent at the free throw line (14-of-17)... **Chez Marks** (Paris, KY) also had a hot hand, hitting 58.1 percent from the floor (18-of-31), including six 3-pointers, as he led the team with 23 points per game... **Chad McKnight** (Lancaster, OH) scored in double figures in both games, averaging 13 points and five boards each time out...After visiting Tennessee-Martin, the Eagles finish off the four-game stretch Saturday with a regionally-televised contest at Murray State.

MURRAY STATE (15-3 overall, 5-1 OVC): Murray State picked up a pair of key OVC wins last week, defeating Tennessee-Martin (94-70) in the finale of three-game homestand before escaping with an 84-78 victory at Tennessee State...At TSU, **Chris Shumate** (Louisville, KY) knocked down a career-best six 3-pointers, including four straight in the final four minutes, to lead the Racers to a come-from-behind victory. He shot 70 percent for the game (6-of-9 3-Pt. FG) and finished with a game-high 23 points... **Kelvin Brown** (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) went 6-of-10 from the field and 10-of-11 at the foul line to add 22 points at TSU...Six Racers scored in double-figures against UTM... **Cuthbert Victor** (St. Croix, Virgin Islands) tops the league with 10 double-doubles after back-to-back efforts last week. He averaged 11 points and 11 boards per game... **Shawn Witherspoon** (Oviedo, FL) went 6-of-8 from the floor and added 13 points off the bench versus the Skyhawks...Murray State shot better than 50 percent in both contests, converting 65-of-119 field attempts, including 18-of-43 from long distance (41.9%)...After taking a break from conference play with a Monday night date at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, the Racers host Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State, the latter of which will be a regionally-televised contest on Fox Sports Net South.

SAMFORD (8-9 overall, 3-3 OVC): Samford lost back-to-back home games for the first time since the 1996-97 season, falling to Morehead State (65-60) and Eastern Kentucky (95-86, 2ot)... **Tyson Dorsey** (Brantford, Ontario) hit eight 3-pointers while scoring 29 points (both career-highs) against the Eagles, then pulled down a career-best seven rebounds versus EKV. He shot 55 percent from the field (56% 3-pt FG%) and hit all seven free throw attempts while averaging 19.5 points and 5.0 rebounds a game... **J. Robert Merritt** tossed in a career-high 22 points against the Colonels, while **Phillip Ramelli** (New Orleans, LA) was a perfect 13-of-13 from the charity stripe as he matched his career-high with 23 points...The Bulldogs are shooting 73 percent for the season from the foul line after a 33-of-38 performance (87%) in the two contests...Samford ends its four-game homestand with Eastern Illinois and Southeast Missouri.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (9-8 overall, 2-4 OVC): Southeast Missouri suffered a pair of tough OVC setbacks on the road last week, falling to Tennessee Tech (74-73) and Austin Peay (54-52)...The Indians' four conference losses thus far have come by a total of nine points... **Brandon Griffin** (Greensburg, LA) shot a blistering 70.8 percent from the field (17-of-24) while averaging 19 points and eight rebounds a game...Leading scorer **Derek Winans** (East Cape Girardeau, MO) entered the week with a 50-percent field goal average, but was held to 7-of-21 shooting (33.3%) for the two games. His seven points at APSU snapped a run of six consecutive double-figure scoring efforts... **Brett Hale** (Dexter, MO) hit a pair of 3-pointers en route to a 14-point effort off the bench at APSU...Both losses to Tech this season were in the final seconds...The Indians' four-game road trip ends in Alabama as Southeast visits Jacksonville State and Samford.

TENNESSEE-MARTIN (6-12 overall, 1-5 OVC): Tennessee-Martin snapped a five-game losing skid with a 78-69 triumph at Tennessee State. Earlier in the week, the Skyhawks dropped a 94-70 decision at Murray State... **Jeremy Kelly** (Louisville, KY) pumped in 23 points per game, including a career-high 25 against the Racers. He shot 54.8 percent from the field (17-of-31), including 6-of-15 from behind the arc (40%), and has made at least one 3-pointer in seven straight games... **Jared Newson** (Belleville, IL) also had back-to-back 20-point scoring efforts with 22 at Murray and 24 at TSU. He converted 53.1 percent of his field goal attempts (17-of-32), including 5-of-10 from long-distance...The win at TSU was the Skyhawks' first on an opponent's court since Feb. 22, 2003, a stretch of 10 games. Earlier this season, UTM staged a neutral-court victory over Western Illinois at the Guardians' Classic...The Skyhawks return home for a two-game stand versus Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky.

TENNESSEE STATE (4-13 overall, 3-3 OVC): Tennessee State lost a pair of tough OVC outings at home last week to Tennessee-Martin (78-69) and Murray State (84-78)...Against UTM, the Tigers fell behind early, 20-9, and were unable to complete a comeback. The loss to the Racers was a back-and-forth affair with Murray State pulling away in the final minutes for the win... **Roshaun Bowens** (Nashville, TN) sits four points shy of 1,000 for his career after averaging 18 points per game last week... **Garrett Richardson** (El Paso, TX) dished out a total of 13 assists to go over 400 for his career...TSU will honor the 10th anniversary of its OVC championship during halftime of the Tennessee Tech game on Saturday as the Tigers close out their four-game homestand with Austin Peay and Tech.

TENNESSEE TECH (9-8 overall, 3-3 OVC): Tennessee Tech won back-to-back OVC contests with Southeast Missouri (74-73) and Eastern Illinois (84-67). The win over Southeast completed a regular-season sweep for the Golden Eagles as Tech's two meetings with the Indians were decided in the last second of each contest by a total of three points... **Willie Jenkins** (Memphis, TN) extended his streak of 20+ scoring efforts to 10 while averaging 22.5 points each time out. He also cleared 8.5 rebounds per game... **Will Moore** (Atlanta, GA) went a perfect 5-of-5 from the field and 3-of-3 from the free throw line with six assists, two steals and no turnovers against EIU... **Johnathan Jones** (Tinton Falls, NJ) is playing solid defense for the Golden Eagles this season, racking up 10 blocked shots and nine steals while shooting 46.7 percent from the field...Tech entertains Austin Peay on Tuesday before traveling to Tennessee State on Saturday.

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OVC HOOPS NOTES

GOVS LEADING THE CHARGE: With the conference race nearing the midpoint, **Austin Peay** sits in the driver's seat with an unblemished 7-0 record in OVC action. **Murray State** (5-1) and **Morehead State** (4-2) sit just 1.5 and 2.5 games back of the Govs in second and third place, respectively, but four other teams (**Tennessee Tech**, **Eastern Kentucky**, **Samford** and **Tennessee State**) are right on their heels in fourth place, knotted at 3-3 apiece.

CRASHING THE BOARDS: Murray State senior forward **Cuthbert Victor** leads the league and ranks fifth nationally with a 10.8 rebounding average. The St. Croix, Virgin Islands, native has recorded double-figure boards in 11 games this season and enters the week with a three-game double-digit streak on the glass. Averaging 15.1 points per game, Victor also ranks among the nation's Top 10 in field goal shooting percentage with a 63.8 percent conversion rate.

LEWIS EARNS NATIONAL UNSUNG HERO AWARD: Austin Peay senior center **Josh Lewis** was chosen as the nation's "Unsung Hero of the Week" on January 21 by website *collegehoopsnet.com*. The award goes to "a player who consistently evades the eye of the national media despite impressive accomplishments." Lewis averaged 18 points, 12 rebounds, 3.5 blocks and 3 steals per game while shooting 67% from the floor and 12-of-14 from the free throw line in a pair of APSU wins to capture the honor. For the season, Lewis is averaging 10.2 points and 7.6 rebounds per game, while shooting 59% from the field.

MOVIN' ON UP: Morehead State senior guard/forward **Ricky Minard** continues his assault on the Eagle and OVC record books. Last week, he became the school's all-time leading scorer, cracking the OVC's Top 10 list in the process with 2,087 points. Below is a listing of where Minard ranks among team and league career leaders in various categories. The number in parentheses behind the "NR" listing under OVC records indicates how many more he needs to move into the Top 10:

<u>Minard</u>	<u>Morehead State</u>	<u>OVC</u>
Points (2,087)	1st	9th
Rebounds (626)	14th	NA
Assists (352)	4th	NR (100)
Steals (220)	Not available	4th
Blocked Shots (65)	Not available	NR (62)
3-pt. FG Attempts (553)	1st	9th
3-pt. FG Made (209)	1st	NR (2)

LITTLE ROOM FOR ERROR: **Austin Peay** is winning its games by a slim margin these days. Currently ranked last in the league in scoring offense (63.6 ppg), the Governors are holding opponents to a conference-low 60.6 points per game. The gap widens ever so slightly in OVC action as APSU is outscoring league foes by a +7.7 margin (63.0 ppg to 55.3 ppg).

DOESN'T MATTER WHERE WE PLAY: In a conference where playing in the friendly confines of one's one gym has generally proven favorable, home court advantage isn't all its cracked up to be. A year ago, OVC teams sported a 44-28 record (61.1%) when playing league opponents on their home turf. Thus far in 2003-04, teams are winning just 47 percent of their home contests in conference action. **Austin Peay** and **Tennessee Tech** are the only squads left with a perfect OVC record at home.

TALK ABOUT CONSISTENT: Southeast Missouri Sports Information Director **Ron Hines** has worked 681 consecutive basketball games, a streak that dates back to 1980 and ranks as the longest run in Division I hoops.

REMEMBER TO SET THE VCR: The Jan. 31 contest between **Morehead State** and **Murray State** will be televised live on Fox Sports Net South at 2:00 p.m. Central. **Charlie McAlexander** will handle play-by-play duties while **Larry Shyatt** will provide analysis.

RANKING THE MID-MAJORS: In this week's *CBS Sportsline.com* poll, produced by Tony Mejia, **Murray State** is 11th, while **Austin Peay** is 16th. The Racers are also 6th on the *ESPN.com* Mid-Major Top 10. In the Jan. 26 *CollegeInsider.com* poll, Murray State is 11th, while Austin Peay is listed under "Others Receiving Votes."

OVC IN 2003-04 NCAA RANKINGS (Through Jan. 19)

INDIVIDUAL

SCORING

Willie Jenkins, TTU - 25th (20.3 ppg)
 Chez Marks, MOR - 29th (19.9 ppg)
 Ricky Minard, MOR - 131st (19.8 ppg)

REBOUNDING

Cuthbert Victor, MUR - 5th (10.8 rpg)

STEALS

Garrett Richardson, TSU - 10th (2.9 spg)
 Bruce Price, TSU - 127th (2.5 spg)

BLOCKED SHOTS

Josh Lewis, APSU - 21st (2.6 bpg)

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Cuthbert Victor, MUR - 6th (64.2%)

3-POINTERS MADE

Chez Marks, MOR - 128th (3.1 pg)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Derek Winans, SEMO - 15th (46.9%)
 Chez Marks, MOR - 26th (44.7%)

BEST SINGLE-GAME FG%

Chez Marks, MOR - 7th (93.3%, 14-15)
 Roshawn Bowens, TSU - 19th (92.3%, 12-13)
 Carl Brown, JSU - 111th (91.7%, 11-12)
 Josh Gomes, EIU - 114th (90.9%, 10-11)

MOST SINGLE-GAME 3-PT FG MADE

Ricky Minard, MOR - 112th (8)

BEST SINGLE-GAME 3-PT FG%

Ricky Minard, MOR - 110th (72.7%, 8-11)

MOST SINGLE-GAME REBOUNDS

Cuthbert Victor, MUR - 15th (20)

TEAM

SCORING OFFENSE

Murray State - 19th (80.6 ppg)

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Samford - 4th (50.9%)
 Murray State - 13th (49.3%)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL %

Samford - 6th (41.4%)
 Southeast Missouri - 14th (40.3%)

3-POINTERS MADE PER GAME

Samford - 7th (9.3 pg)

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

Morehead State - 21st (74.6%)

ASSISTS

Murray State - 9th (18.3 apg)

FEWEST TURNOVERS PER GAME

Southeast Missouri - 129th (13.0 tpg)

MOST POINTS IN A GAME

Eastern Kentucky - 128th (107)

BEST SINGLE-GAME FG%

Samford - 4th (69.8%, 37-53)
 Samford - 5th (68.8%, 33-48)

MOST SINGLE-GAME 3-PT FG MADE

Samford - 110th (16, twice)

BEST SINGLE-GAME FT %

Morehead State - 19th (94.1%, 16-17)
 Tennessee-Martin - 19th (94.1%, 16-17)

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

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COLLEGEINSIDER.COM MID-MAJOR TOP 25 POLL (Jan. 26)

	RECORD	PTS	PREV.
1. Gonzaga (31)	15-2	775	1
2. Utah State	15-1	744	3
3. Southern Illinois	14-2	713	4
4. Creighton	14-2	682	2
5. East Tennessee State	15-3	623	7
6. College of Charleston	14-3	611	5
7. Central Florida	15-2	587	10
8. Kent State	12-3	574	11
9. Western Michigan	13-2	519	6
10. Manhattan	13-4	352	8
11. MURRAY STATE	15-3	349	9
12. George Mason	12-4	342	13
13. Georgia Southern	14-3	334	16
14. Wisconsin-Milwaukee	13-5	304	18
15. Toledo	13-4	208	12
16. Northern Iowa	11-5	206	19
17. Wichita State	12-6	174	14
18. Georgia State	13-4	143	22
19. Vermont	11-5	137	23
20. Stephen F. Austin	12-4	123	15
21. St. Mary's	12-7	122	NR
22. VCU	12-5	120	NR
23. Lafayette	14-4	97	NR
24. IUPUI	12-6	91	NR
25. Texas State	11-5	85	NR

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Boston University 81, UL-Lafayette 77, Oral Roberts 74, Southwest Missouri State 69, Pacific 66, Troy State 62, Arkansas State 62, **AUSTIN PEAY 52**, UC-Santa Barbara 49, UNC-Wilmington 48, Middle Tennessee 43, Niagara 40, Old Dominion 38, Santa Clara 35, Miami-Ohio 32, St. Peter's 29, Wisconsin-Green Bay 25, Southeastern Louisiana 23, Ball State 21, Belmont 21, Mississippi Valley State 21, Illinois-Chicago 19, Chattanooga 18, High Point 15, Monmouth 15, Birmingham Southern 4, Northeastern 4, Wright State 4, Maine 3, Pennsylvania 3, UC-Irvine 3, South Alabama 2, Lehigh 1, Rider 1.

ESPN.COM MID-MAJOR TOP 10 (Through games of Jan. 20)

	RECORD
1. Gonzaga	14-2
2. Creighton	13-1
3. Utah State	13-1
4. Southern Illinois	12-2
5. Western Michigan	12-1
6. MURRAY STATE	14-3
7. College of Charleston	14-2
8. Manhattan	11-3
9. Central Florida	14-2
10. Kent State	10-3

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

DROPPED OUT: Northern Iowa.

MEJIA'S MID-MAJOR TOP 25

- Gonzaga
- Utah State
- East Tennessee State
- Southern Illinois
- UW-Milwaukee
- Manhattan
- Kent State
- College of Charleston
- Central Florida
- Western Michigan
- MURRAY STATE**
- Creighton
- Oral Roberts
- Toledo
- VCU
- AUSTIN PEAY**
- Northern Iowa
- Pacific
- Vermont
- Old Dominion
- Boston University
- George Mason
- UW-Green Bay
- Arkansas-Little Rock
- 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 Josh Lewis, Austin Peay
Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri
J 26 Ricky Minard, Morehead State
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 Willie Jenkins, Tennessee Tech
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 No selection
F 2
F 9
F 16
F 23
M 1

ACTIVE OVC CAREER LEADERS

SCORING

Ricky Minard, Morehead State 2,087
Cuthbert Victor, Murray State 1,262
Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 1,259
Cameron Crisp, Tennessee Tech 1,179
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 1,155
Chez Marks, Morehead State 1,141
Adrian Henning, Austin Peay 1,137
Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 1,095
Anthony Davis, Austin Peay 998
Roshawn Bowens, Tennessee State 996

PTS

STEALS

Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 242
Ricky Minard, Morehead State 220
Cuthbert Victor, Murray State 146
Cameron Crisp, Tennessee Tech 123
Anthony Davis, Austin Peay 120
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 118
Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 101
Chris Shumate, Murray State 101
Rhet Wierzbza, Austin Peay 98
Josh Lewis, Austin Peay 97

STL

REBOUNDS

Cuthbert Victor, Murray State 783
Josh Lewis, Austin Peay 641
Ricky Minard, Morehead State 627
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 580
Adrian Henning, Austin Peay 577
Michael Haney, Eastern Kentucky 450
Brandon Griffin, Southeast Missouri 437
Roshawn Bowens, Tennessee State 400
Phillip Ramelli, Samford 372
Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 333

REB

BLOCKED SHOTS

Josh Lewis, Austin Peay 217
Cuthbert Victor, Murray State 133
Andy Hornig, Murray State 98
Adrian Henning, Austin Peay 94
Phillip Ramelli, Samford 67
Ricky Minard, Morehead State 65
Kenan Asceric, Tennessee-Martin 57
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 41
Damarcus Hence, Southeast Missouri 38
Tim Volpenhein, Eastern Kentucky 38

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ASSISTS

Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 405
Ricky Minard, Morehead State 352
Cameron Crisp, Tennessee Tech 343
Scott Watson, Jacksonville State 333
Kevin Paschel, Murray State 318
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 260
Leigh Gayden, Tennessee Tech 241
Matt Witt, Eastern Kentucky 240
Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 210
Chris Shumate, Murray State 194

AST

3-POINTERS MADE

Ricky Minard, Morehead State 209
Chez Marks, Morehead State 181
Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 164
Tyson Dorsey, Samford 151
Ben Rushing, Eastern Kentucky 142
Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 133
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 131
Rick Jones, Murray State 130
Chris Shumate, Murray State 129
Rhet Wierzbza, Austin Peay 123

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OVC Statistics Rankings - Through Jan. 25

TEAM	SCORING OFFENSE	SCORING DEFENSE	FREE THROW %	FIELD GOAL %	THREE- POINT %	REBOUND MARGIN
Austin Peay	11	1	8	10	11	5
Eastern Illinois	10	7	7	9	9	6
Eastern Kentucky	t3	5	11	6	6	2
Jacksonville State	6	8	10	3	4	10
Morehead State	t3	9	1	5	3	9
Murray State	1	4	3	2	8	1
Samford	8	2	2	1	1	4
Southeast Missouri	7	3	5	7	2	8
Tennessee-Martin	5	10	6	8	10	7
Tennessee State	9	11	9	11	7	11
Tennessee Tech	2	6	4	4	5	3