



2003-04 OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL REPORT

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OVC STANDINGS

	CONFERENCE						OVERALL						
	(Through Feb. 1)						(Through Feb. 1)						
	W	L	PCT.	Home	Away	Streak	W	L	PCT.	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
Austin Peay	9	0	1.000	2-0	7-0	W9	12	7	.632	5-0	7-6	0-1	W9
Murray State	7	1	.875	4-1	3-0	W5	17	4	.810	10-1	6-3	1-0	W2
Samford	5	3	.625	3-2	2-1	W2	10	9	.526	7-2	3-6	0-1	W2
Tennessee Tech	4	4	.500	2-1	2-3	W1	10	9	.526	8-2	2-7	0-0	W1
Morehead State	4	4	.500	2-2	2-2	L2	9	10	.474	7-2	2-8	0-0	L2
Jacksonville State	4	5	.444	3-2	1-3	W2	11	9	.550	9-2	2-7	0-0	W2
Eastern Kentucky	3	5	.375	2-2	1-3	L2	8	11	.421	7-2	1-9	0-0	L2
Tennessee-Martin	3	5	.375	2-2	1-3	W3	8	12	.400	6-2	1-9	1-1	W3
Tennessee State	3	5	.375	2-4	1-1	L4	4	15	.211	3-7	1-8	0-0	L4
Southeast Missouri	2	6	.250	1-2	1-4	L4	9	10	.474	6-2	2-8	1-0	L4
Eastern Illinois	1	7	.125	1-3	0-4	L7	3	15	.167	3-5	0-10	0-0	L7

RECENT RESULTS

Saturday, January 31

- *@Murray State 90, Morehead State 76
- *@Samford 70, Southeast Missouri 58
- *@Tennessee-Martin 76, Eastern Kentucky 74
- *@Jacksonville State 78, Eastern Illinois 73
- *Tennessee Tech 77, @Tennessee State 76

Thursday, January 29

- *@Samford 73, Eastern Illinois 69
- *@Jacksonville State 79, Southeast Missouri 64
- *@Murray State 94, Eastern Kentucky 70
- *Austin Peay 65, @Tennessee State 54
- *@Tennessee-Martin 72, Morehead State 64

Tuesday, January 27

- *Austin Peay 58, @Tennessee Tech 56

Monday, January 26

- @Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 80, Murray State 68

* - Denotes OVC contest

UPCOMING GAMES

Tuesday, February 3

- *Eastern Kentucky at Morehead State - 6:07 p.m. (WYMT)

Thursday, February 5

- *Jacksonville State at Austin Peay - 7:30 p.m.
- *Tennessee-Martin at Southeast Missouri - 7:30 p.m.
- *Samford at Tennessee Tech - 7:30 p.m.
- *Murray State at Eastern Illinois - 7:35 p.m. (WEIU)

Saturday, February 7

- *Murray State at Southeast Missouri - 2:00 p.m. (FSN)
- *Tennessee State at Morehead State - 6:30 p.m.
- *Tennessee-Martin at Eastern Illinois - 7:05 p.m. (WEIU)
- *Samford at Austin Peay - 7:30 p.m. (WKAG)
- *Jacksonville State at Tennessee Tech - 7:30 p.m.

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ALL TIMES CENTRAL

FSN - Regional telecast on Fox Sports Net
WYMT - Local telecast on WYMT-TV (Hazard, KY)
WEIU - Local telecast on WEIU-TV (Charleston, IL)
WKAG - Local telecast on WKAG-TV (Hopkinsville, KY)

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OVC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

CUTHBERT VICTOR • F, SR., 6'5, 220 • ST. CROIX, VIRGIN ISLANDS • MURRAY STATE

Victor shot a blistering 65.6 percent while averaging a double-double as Murray State recorded OVC wins over Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State. The senior forward went 10-of-12 from the field against the Colonels, finishing with 22 points, 15 boards, six blocked shots and four assists. Versus the Eagles, Victor hit 9-of-14 floor and 8-of-12 free throw attempts for 26 points and 17 rebounds, 10 of which were offensive caroms. Victor also had nine points and four rebounds in a non-conference loss at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

NEWCOMER OF THE WEEK

JARED NEWSON • G/F, SO., 6'5, 215 • BELLEVILLE, IL • TENNESSEE-MARTIN

Newson shot an even 50 percent as stretched his streak of double-figure scoring games to nine with back-to-back 20+ scoring performances in wins over Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky. Against the Eagles, the sophomore guard/forward collected his second double-double of the season with 20 points and 13 rebounds. He followed that with 25 points and five boards versus ECU.

ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

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

Price averaged 21.5 points a game in a pair of tough OVC losses to Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech. The freshman guard went 15-of-17 from the foul line as part of a 23-point effort against APSU, then scored 16 of his 20 points in the second half of a one-point loss to Tech. Price also collected 12 rebounds, eight assists and two steals.

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.)

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

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

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2004 Ohio Valley Conference Basketball Tournament

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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 (12-7 overall, 9-0 OVC): First-place Austin Peay continues to rack up the wins, escaping with a 58-56 victory at Tennessee Tech and claiming a 65-54 win at Tennessee State...The Governors have won 15 straight against OVC opposition, including tournament games, and their 12-game regular-season OVC win streak equals a school-record run set in 1976-77...After seeing his streak of 43 consecutive games with a blocked shot end at Tech, senior center **Josh Lewis** (Lexington, KY) responded with a career-tying six rejections in the TSU contest, marking the sixth time in his career he recorded six blocks in a single game. He has 223 career rejections, tying him for second place on the OVC's all-time chart...Junior guard **Anthony Davis** (Inglewood, CA) averaged 15 points and 6.5 rebounds a game last week. He became the 24th APSU player to top 1,000 career points, joining Henning as the second Gov to reach that milestone this season...APSU shot a season-high 54.2 percent (13-of-24) from the field in the first half of the TTU contest, marking the first time this year the Gavs had converted more than 50 percent of their first-half field goal attempts against an OVC opponent...The Gavs' nine-game win streak currently ranks 10th-best in the nation, while their 21-game home win streak is sixth. APSU puts both on the line this week as the Gavs entertain Jacksonville State and Samford.

EASTERN ILLINOIS (3-15 overall, 1-7 OVC): Eastern Illinois remains in search of its first OVC road win following a pair of setbacks at Samford (73-69) and Jacksonville State (78-73)...The Panthers find themselves in the midst of a seven-game slide and in last place in the OVC...All five EIU starters scored in double figures at JSU, led by senior forward/center **Jesse Mackinson's** (Pontiac, IL) double-double of 12 points and 10 rebounds...**Josh Gomes** (Indianapolis, IN) netted a team-high 16 points at Samford. The sophomore guard has been the squad's top scorer in seven contests this season, including five OVC games, and leads the Panthers with a 12.1 scoring average...The Panthers have converted 16 more field goals this season than their opponents (455-439), but have been outscored at the free throw line, 326-198...EIU's 73 points at Jax State marked the second-highest total for the Panthers in conference play this season, following their 83-point effort in a Jan. 8 victory over Tennessee Tech...The Panthers return home for a pair against Murray State and Tennessee-Martin.

EASTERN KENTUCKY (8-11 overall, 3-5 OVC): Eastern Kentucky fell into a three-way tie for seventh place in the OVC standings after losses at Murray State (94-70) and Tennessee-Martin (76-74)...Junior reserve **Ben Rushing** (Clinton, KY) went 5-of-11 from 3-point range in the two contests, moving him into third place on the school's list for career treys with 147...Senior guard **Mike Scott** (Baltimore, MD) produced back-to-back double-figure scoring efforts for only the second time this season, averaging 14.5 points per game...Junior forward **Michael Haney** (Madisonville, KY) tallied his fourth double-double of the season with 21 points and 10 rebounds at UTM, giving him double-dips in both of this year's meetings with the Skyhawks...EKU has recorded double digits in assists in nine of the last 10 games and is averaging 19.2 helpers per game over the last five outings...The Colonels failed to block a shot in either contest, ending a streak of 20 straight games with at least one rejection that dated back to last season...EKU plays a single date Tuesday at in-state rival Morehead State.

JACKSONVILLE STATE (11-9 overall, 4-5 OVC): Jacksonville State improved to 9-2 at home and climbed into sixth place in league action with back-to-back wins over Southeast Missouri (79-64) and Eastern Illinois (78-73)...Junior forward **Carl Brown** (Birmingham, AL) went 13-of-15 from the free throw line as he paced Jax State with 15.5 points and seven rebounds a game...Sophomore guard **Walker Russell** (Rochester, MI) shot 47.8 percent from the field, including a 7-of-10 effort versus EIU, to average 15 points, six assists and 4.5 rebounds each time out...Gamecock seniors **Scott Watson** (107), **Emerson Brown** (106) and **Josh Perry** (104) have played in 100 games for Jax State since arriving on the JSU campus for the 2000-01 season. Watson (Gilbert, AZ) set the school's Division I record for most games played with his start versus Southeast last Thursday. Just seven other teams at the Division I level currently boast at least three individuals with 100+ games played in their career...The SEMO-JSU contest marked the first meeting between the two squads since Jax State sank a half-court shot at the buzzer to defeat Southeast in the first round of the 1985 NCAA Division II Tournament quarterfinals en route to the national title...JSU is on the road for its next four, starting with trips to Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech.

MOREHEAD STATE (9-10 overall, 4-4 OVC): Morehead State slipped into a two-way tie for fourth place in the OVC after closing out a four-game road stretch with setbacks at Tennessee-Martin (72-64) and Murray State (90-76)...Senior guard **Chez Marks** (Paris, KY) averaged 19 points a game for the week, moving him into 18th place on the school's career scoring list with 1,179 points...Senior guard/forward **Ricky Minard** (Mansfield, OH) climbed into ninth place on the OVC's all-time scoring chart (2,119 points). He contributed 16 points, 6.5 rebounds, 4.5 assists and 2.5 steals a game last week while committing just three turnovers in 74 minutes of playing time...Despite feeling less than 100 percent, junior forward **Chad McKnight** averaged 15 points and 5.5 boards a game, including a career-high 21 points and nine caroms at UTM...The Eagles were outrebounded, 88-48, in the two contests...Senior forward **Josh Graham** (Flemingsburg, KY) was dismissed from the Morehead State program for "conduct detrimental to the team." He had played in 16 games (3.7 ppg/4.4 rpg)...The Eagles return to open a four-game homestand against Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee State.

MURRAY STATE (17-4 overall, 7-1 OVC): Murray State retains sole possession of second place, a game and a half behind league-leading Austin Peay, after victories over Eastern Kentucky (94-70) and Morehead State (90-76). Earlier in the week, the Racers dropped a non-conference decision at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi (80-68)...After digging themselves a 42-29 halftime hole against EKU, the Racers outscored the Colonels 65-28 over the final 20 minutes for the win...Senior forward **Cuthbert Victor** (St. Croix, Virgin Islands) registered back-to-back double-doubles while averaging 24 points and 16 points a game and shooting 73 percent from the field (19-of-26) in the two OVC contests. He hauled in 10 offensive boards against the Eagles and blocked six shots versus the Colonels...Senior guard **Chris Shumate** (Louisville, KY) became the third Racer in 2003-04 to score his 1,000th career point, joining Victor and senior forward **Antione Whelchel** (Gainesville, GA), who reached the milestone earlier this season...With nine regular-season games left to play, Murray State has already equaled last year's win total (17)...The Racers open a five-game road stretch at Eastern Illinois and Southeast Missouri. Saturday's SEMO-MUR contest will be regionally televised on Fox Sports Net South at 2 p.m. Central.

SAMFORD (10-9 overall, 5-3 OVC): Samford vaulted into third place in the OVC standings after closing out a four-game homestand with wins over Eastern Illinois (73-69) and Southeast Missouri (70-58)...Senior center **Phillip Ramelli** (New Orleans, LA) has scored 20+ points in his last three outings as he shot 58 percent from the field (15-of-26) and led the Bulldogs with 21.5 points and 6.5 rebounds per game last week. He went 10-of-12 from the charity stripe, snapping a string of 22 consecutive made free throws...Ramelli and **Tyson Dorsey** (Brantford, Ontario) led the Bulldogs with 13.5 points per game in OVC action...Sophomore forward **J. Robert Merritt** (Oklahoma City, OK) showed signs of breaking out of his shooting slump with a 4-of-7 three-point effort and 18 points versus Southeast...Senior guard **Eddie Harper** (Laurel, MS) tossed in a career-high 19 points against EIU...Freshman guard **Jerry Smith** (Picaune, MS) contributed 12 points, five boards and six assists in the two contests...The Bulldogs committed a season-low six turnovers against Southeast...Samford embarks on a four-game road swing, beginning with dates at Tennessee Tech and Austin Peay.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (9-10 overall, 2-6 OVC): Tenth-place Southeast Missouri finished 0-4 on its recent road swing, culminating with losses at Jacksonville State (79-64) and Samford (70-58)...Junior guard **Derek Winans** (East Cape Girardeau, IL) moved into 14th place on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,126 points. He went 12-of-24 from the field and led the Indians with 15.5 points per game...Senior center **Brandon Griffin** (Greensburg, LA) produced 13.5 points and 7.5 rebounds each time out. He is shooting a blistering 68 percent from the field (38-of-56) over his last six outings...Cape Girardeau Mayor **Jay Knudtson** has proclaimed this week as "Rivals Week" with Tennessee-Martin and Murray State visiting the Show Me Center to open a three-game homestand. Saturday's game against the Racers will be regionally-televised on Fox Sports Net South. Fans can also pick up a tape-delayed broadcast of the contest at 2 a.m. Central time on Sunday, Jan. 8, on Fox Sports Net Midwest.

TENNESSEE-MARTIN (8-12 overall, 3-5 OVC): Tennessee-Martin has recovered nicely from its OVC-opening five-game slide, picking up wins over Morehead State (72-64) and Eastern Kentucky (76-74) to push its win streak to a season-high three games...Sophomore forward **Jared Newson** (Belleville, IL) has scored double digits in each of his last nine games, tallying his second double-double of the season versus the Eagles (20 pts./13 rbd.). In the EKU contest, he tied the game with just over a minute to play and gave the Skyhawks their first lead with 34 seconds remaining, finishing with 25 points and five rebounds...Sophomore center **Cleve Woodfork** (St. Louis, MO) contributed 10 points and 5.5 rebounds a game in the two contests...Junior guard **Jeremy Kelly** (Louisville, KY) broke into the school's Top-10 lists for steals and made 3-pointers. He currently ranks ninth with 108 thefts and 10th with 64 treys, and also moved into seventh place for career 3-point attempts (205)...Tied for seventh in the league standings, the Skyhawks hit the road for four straight games, starting with trips to Southeast Missouri and Eastern Illinois.

TENNESSEE STATE (4-15 overall, 3-5 OVC): Tennessee State went 0-4 during its recent homestand to fall into a tie for seventh place in the league rankings. Last week, the Tigers dropped a pair of tough meetings with Austin Peay (65-54) and Tennessee Tech (77-76)...Freshman guard **Bruce Price** (Minneapolis, MN) averaged 21.5 points, six rebounds and four assists for the week. He scored 16 of his 20 points against Tech in the second half as TSU rallied from a double-digit deficit to take the lead before the Golden Eagles escaped with the one-point win...There were 11 lead changes in the TTU contest...Against APSU, the Tigers trailed by just two points midway through the second half before the Gavs pulled away for the win...Junior forward **Roshaun Bowens** (Nashville, TN) crossed the 1,000-point plateau, becoming the 22nd TSU player to reach the milestone while joining teammate **Garrett Richardson** (El Paso, TX) in that club. Bowens posted his fourth double-double of the season against Tech with 15 points and a game-high 11 boards...The Tigers play six of their final eight games away from the Gentry Center, beginning with a Feb. 7 visit to Morehead State.

TENNESSEE TECH (10-9 overall, 4-4 OVC): Tennessee Tech was the only team to split its OVC contests last week, dropping a 58-56 heartbreaker to Austin Peay before earning a 77-76 victory at Tennessee State...Junior forward **Willie Jenkins** (Memphis, TN) poured in a career-high 33 points with nine rebounds at TSU. He went 9-of-18 from the field and converted 14-of-16 free throws to give Tech nine straight points down the stretch. Jenkins' streak of 10 games with at least 20 points was halted against APSU as he was held to a season-low 10 points...Five of the Golden Eagles' games this season, all of them OVC contests, have been decided in the final minute. Tech is 3-2 in those meetings...Jenkins' 33 points against TSU is the first 30+ scoring performance for a Tech player since a 33-point effort by **Leigh Gayden** during the 2000-01 season...Tied for fourth in the OVC standings, Tech opens a four-game homestand with Samford and Jacksonville State.

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OVC HOOPS NOTES

BRACKET BUSTIN': **Austin Peay** has learned who its opponent will be for the Feb. 21 edition of ESPN's *Bracket Buster Saturday*. The Governors will travel to Wichita, Kan., to take on Missouri Valley Conference opponent Wichita State (13-7, 6-4 MVC). Tentatively scheduled for a 6:00 p.m. Central start, the contest will be televised as part of ESPN's Full Court package.

WALKING WOUNDED: **Tennessee Tech** assistant coaches are being pressed into action during 5-on-5 drills in practice as several Golden Eagle players battle injuries. Senior center **Rusty Strange** is playing through knee problems and a rib injury sustained earlier this season, while senior guard **Leigh Gayden** is out with a leg injury. Freshman center **Isaiah Mills** has yet to see action after suffering a foot injury during the preseason.

NINES ARE WILD: **Austin Peay** went 9-0 in January, matching the longest win streak in head coach **Dave Loos'** career. In nine OVC contests, the Governors have held opponents to less than 60 points and 41.3 percent field goal shooting. In their 65-54 win at Tennessee State last Saturday, the Gobs produced nine blocked shots and nine steals while committing an OVC season-low nine turnovers.

MOVIN' ON UP: Morehead State senior guard/forward **Ricky Minard** continues his assault on the Eagle and OVC record books. Two weeks ago, he became the school's all-time leading scorer, cracking the OVC's Top 10 list in the process. 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 (2,0119)	1st	9th
Rebounds (626)	14th	NA
Assists (361)	4th	NR (100)
Steals (225)	1st	4th
Blocked Shots (65)	Not available	NR (62)
3-pt. FG Attempts (565)	1st	9th
3-pt. FG Made (210)	1st	NR (1)

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 (63.4 ppg), the Governors are holding opponents to a conference-low 60.1 points per game. The gap widens ever so slightly in OVC action as APSU is outscoring league foes by a +7.4 margin (62.7 ppg to 55.2 ppg).

REMEMBER TO SET THE VCR: The Feb. 7 contest between **Murray State** and **Southeast Missouri** will be televised live on Fox Sports Net South at 2:00 p.m. Central. **Charlie McAlexander** will handle play-by-play duties while **Tom Apke** will provide analysis. Fans can also catch a tape-delayed broadcast of the game at 2:00 a.m. Central Sunday on Fox Sports Net Midwest.

RANKING THE MID-MAJORS: Murray State's non-conference loss to Texas A&M-Corpus Christi caused the Racers to fall out of the *ESPN.com* Mid-Major Top 10. In this week's *CBS Sportsline.com* poll, produced by Tony Mejia, **Murray State** is 11th, while **Austin Peay** is 16th. In the Feb. 2 *CollegeInsider.com* poll, Murray State is 13th, while Austin Peay makes its first appearance in the Top 25 at No. 23.

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. 26)

INDIVIDUAL

SCORING

Willie Jenkins, TTU - 21st (20.6 ppg)
 Chez Marks, MOR - 24th (20.3 ppg)
 Ricky Minard, MOR - 28th (19.8 ppg)

REBOUNDING

Cuthbert Victor, MUR - 7th (10.5 rpg)

STEALS

Garrett Richardson, TSU - 9th (2.9 spg)

ASSISTS

Walker Russell, JSU - t18th (6.2 apg)
 Matt Witt, ECU - 30th (5.6 apg)

BLOCKED SHOTS

Josh Lewis, APSU - 22nd (2.5 bpg)

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Jon Bentley, ECU - 4th (66.4%)
 Cuthbert Victor, MUR - 11th (62.7%)

3-POINTERS MADE

Chez Marks, MOR - t23rd (3.1 pg)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Tyson Dorsey, SAM - 4th (48.4%)
 Chez Marks, MOR - 23rd (44.4%)

BEST SINGLE-GAME FG%

Chez Marks, MOR - 7th (93.3%, 14-15)
 Roshawn Bowens, TSU - t9th (92.3%, 12-13)
 Carl Brown, JSU - t11th (91.7%, 11-12)
 Josh Gomes, EIU - t14th (90.9%, 10-11)

MOST SINGLE-GAME 3-PT FG MADE

Tyson Dorsey, SAM - t12th (8)
 Ricky Minard, MOR - t12th (8)

BEST SINGLE-GAME 3-PT FG%

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

BEST SINGLE-GAME FREE THROW %

Phillip Ramelli, SAM - t1st (100%, 13-13)

MOST SINGLE-GAME REBOUNDS

Cuthbert Victor, MUR - t6th (20)

MOST SINGLE-GAME ASSISTS

Walker Russell, JSU - t6th (14)

MOST SINGLE-GAME STEALS

James Denson, JSU - t1st (9)

TEAM

SCORING OFFENSE

Murray State - 16th (80.8 ppg)

SCORING DEFENSE

Austin Peay - t30th (60.6 ppg)

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Samford - 5th (50.5%)
 Murray State - 10th (49.4%)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL %

Samford - 5th (41.5%)
 Southeast Missouri - 20th (39.5%)

3-POINTERS MADE PER GAME

Samford - 4th (9.5 pg)

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

Morehead State - 14th (74.8%)

ASSISTS

Murray State - 7th (18.5 apg)

FEWEST TURNOVERS PER GAME

Southeast Missouri - 30th (12.8 tpg)

BEST SINGLE-GAME FG%

Samford - 5th (69.8%, 37-53)
 Samford - 6th (68.8%, 33-48)

MOST SINGLE-GAME 3-PT FG MADE

Samford - t11th (16, twice)

BEST SINGLE-GAME FT %

Morehead State - t10th (94.1%, 16-17)
 Tennessee-Martin - t10th (94.1%, 16-17)

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COLLEGEINSIDER.COM MID-MAJOR TOP 25 POLL (Feb. 2)

	RECORD	PTS	PREV.
1. Gonzaga (31)	16-2	775	1
2. Utah State	17-1	743	2
3. Southern Illinois	16-2	714	3
4. Creighton	16-2	682	4
5. East Tennessee State	17-3	623	5
6. College of Charleston	15-3	611	6
7. Western Michigan	17-2	588	9
8. Kent State	13-3	576	8
9. Wisconsin-Milwaukee	15-5	518	14
10. Manhattan	15-4	373	10
11. Central Florida	16-3	337	7
12. Georgia Southern	16-3	331	13
13. MURRAY STATE	17-4	329	11
14. Toledo	15-4	319	15
15. Vermont	13-5	235	19
16. VCU	14-5	195	22
17. Louisiana-Lafayette	11-5	154	NR
18. Stephen F. Austin	13-4	133	20
19. Wichita State	13-7	131	17
20. Lafayette	16-4	129	23
21. Troy State	14-4	124	NR
22. George Mason	13-6	118	12
23. AUSTIN PEAY	12-7	117	NR
24. Drexel	12-7	105	NR
25. Boston University	15-4	101	NR

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Pacific 89, Southeastern Louisiana 81, St. Mary's 72, Southwest Missouri State 69, Texas State 68, Belmont 67, Miami-Ohio 56, IUPUI 55, UC-Santa Barbara 53, Northern Iowa 48, Chattanooga 48, Niagara 39, Old Dominion 37, Illinois-Chicago 36, Santa Clara 35, Birmingham Southern 32, St. Peter's 29, San Francisco 27, Mississippi Valley State 24, Wisconsin-Green Bay 24, Georgia State 23, Oral Roberts 21, Northeastern 5, Monmouth 5, Middle Tennessee 4, Wright State 4, Princeton 2, Valparaiso 2, Eastern Washington 1, Cornell 1, Lehigh 1, Rider 1, St. Francis (NY) 1.

ESPN.COM MID-MAJOR TOP 10 (Through games of Jan. 27)

	RECORD
1. Gonzaga	15-2
2. Utah State	15-1
3. Southern Illinois	14-2
4. Creighton	14-2
5. Central Florida	15-2
6. Western Michigan	13-2
7. Kent State	12-3
8. East Tennessee State	15-4
9. UW-Milwaukee	14-5
10. Northern Iowa	11-5

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Boston University, Manhattan, Wichita State, **AUSTIN PEAY**, Lafayette, College of Charleston, High Point, Toledo, Murray State, Vermont, Oral Roberts, Georgia Southern, University of Pacific, IUPUI.

DROPPED OUT: Manhattan, College of Charleston, **MURRAY STATE**.

MEJIA'S MID-MAJOR TOP 25 (Jan. 26)

- 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 Cuthbert Victor, Murray State
 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 Jared Newson, Tennessee-Martin
 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 Bruce Price, Tennessee State
 F 9
 F 16
 F 23
 M 1

ACTIVE OVC CAREER LEADERS

SCORING

Ricky Minard, Morehead State 2,119
 Cuthbert Victor, Murray State 1,319
 Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 1,272
 Cameron Crisp, Tennessee Tech 1,206
 Antione Whelchel, Murray State 1,196
 Chez Marks, Morehead State 1,179
 Adrian Henning, Austin Peay 1,167
 Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 1,126
 Anthony Davis, Austin Peay 1,208
 Roshawn Bowens, Tennessee State 1,018

REBOUNDS

Cuthbert Victor, Murray State 819
 Josh Lewis, Austin Peay 657
 Ricky Minard, Morehead State 640
 Antione Whelchel, Murray State 607
 Adrian Henning, Austin Peay 587
 Michael Haney, Eastern Kentucky 463
 Brandon Griffin, Southeast Missouri 452
 Roshawn Bowens, Tennessee State 415
 Phillip Ramelli, Samford 385
 Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 339

ASSISTS

Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 410
 Ricky Minard, Morehead State 361
 Cameron Crisp, Tennessee Tech 349
 Scott Watson, Jacksonville State 343
 Kevin Paschel, Murray State 325
 Antione Whelchel, Murray State 268
 Matt Witt, Eastern Kentucky 253
 Leigh Gayden, Tennessee Tech 241
 Jeremy Kelly, Tennessee-Martin 215
 Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 211

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STEALS

Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 244
 Ricky Minard, Morehead State 225
 Cuthbert Victor, Murray State 151
 Cameron Crisp, Tennessee Tech 123
 Anthony Davis, Austin Peay 123
 Antione Whelchel, Murray State 121
 Chris Shumate, Murray State 108
 Jeremy Kelly, Tennessee-Martin 108
 Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 103
 Rhet Wierzba, Austin Peay 99
 Josh Lewis, Austin Peay 99

BLOCKED SHOTS

Josh Lewis, Austin Peay 223
 Cuthbert Victor, Murray State 141
 Andy Hornig, Murray State 102
 Adrian Henning, Austin Peay 96
 Phillip Ramelli, Samford 70
 Ricky Minard, Morehead State 65
 Kenan Asceric, Tennessee-Martin 58
 Antione Whelchel, Murray State 42
 Damarcus Hence, Southeast Missouri 38
 Tim Volpenhein, Eastern Kentucky 38

3-POINTERS MADE

Ricky Minard, Morehead State 210
 Chez Marks, Morehead State 184
 Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 168
 Tyson Dorsey, Samford 155
 Ben Rushing, Eastern Kentucky 147
 Chris Shumate, Murray State 137
 Rick Jones, Murray State 136
 Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 136
 Antione Whelchel, Murray State 132
 Rhet Wierzba, Austin Peay 124

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OVC Statistics Rankings - Through Feb. 2

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