



2003-04 OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL REPORT

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OVC STANDINGS

	CONFERENCE						OVERALL						
	(Through Feb. 7)						(Through Feb. 7)						
	W	L	PCT.	Home	Away	Streak	W	L	PCT.	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
Austin Peay	11	0	1.000	4-0	7-0	W11	14	7	.667	7-0	7-6	0-1	W11
Murray State	9	1	.900	4-1	5-0	W7	19	4	.826	10-1	8-3	1-0	W4
Tennessee Tech	6	4	.600	4-1	2-3	W3	12	9	.571	10-2	2-7	0-0	W3
Morehead State	6	4	.600	4-2	2-2	W2	11	10	.524	9-2	2-8	0-0	W2
Samford	5	5	.500	3-2	2-3	L2	10	11	.476	7-2	3-8	0-1	L2
Jacksonville State	4	7	.364	3-2	1-5	L2	11	11	.500	9-2	2-9	0-0	L2
Eastern Kentucky	3	6	.333	2-2	1-4	L3	8	12	.400	7-2	1-10	0-0	L3
Tennessee State	3	6	.333	2-4	1-2	L5	4	16	.200	3-7	1-9	0-0	L5
Southeast Missouri	3	7	.300	2-3	1-4	L1	10	11	.476	7-3	2-8	1-0	L1
Tennessee-Martin	3	7	.300	2-2	1-5	L2	8	14	.364	6-2	1-11	1-1	L2
Eastern Illinois	2	8	.200	2-4	0-4	W1	4	16	.200	4-6	0-10	0-0	W1

RECENT RESULTS

Saturday, February 7

- *Murray State 80, @Southeast Missouri 74
- *@Morehead State 89, Tennessee State 75
- *@Eastern Illinois 83, Tennessee-Martin 79 (ot)
- *@Austin Peay 61, Samford 56
- *@Tennessee Tech 101, Jacksonville State 86

Thursday, February 5

- *@Austin Peay 84, Jacksonville State 72
- *@Southeast Missouri 89, Tennessee-Martin 78
- *@Tennessee Tech 90, Samford 83 (2ot)
- *Murray State 85, @Eastern Illinois 67

Tuesday, February 3

- *@Morehead State 74, Eastern Kentucky 67

* - Denotes OVC contest

UPCOMING GAMES

Monday, February 9

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

Tuesday, February 10

- *Eastern Illinois at Southeast Missouri - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 12

- *Samford at Eastern Kentucky - 6:30 p.m.
- *Jacksonville State at Morehead State - 6:30 p.m.
- *Tennessee-Martin at Austin Peay - 7:30 p.m. (WKAG)
- *Eastern Illinois at Tennessee State - 7:30 p.m.
- *Murray State at Tennessee Tech - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 14

- *Jacksonville State at Eastern Kentucky - 6:30 p.m.
- *Samford at Morehead State - 6:30 p.m.
- *Murray State at Austin Peay - 7:30 p.m. (WKAG)
- *Southeast Missouri at Tennessee State - 7:30 p.m.
- *Tennessee-Martin at Tennessee Tech - 7:30 p.m.

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ALL TIMES CENTRAL

WKAG - Local telecast on WKAG-TV (Hopkinsville, KY)

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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 shot 68 percent while averaging a double-double as Morehead State picked up wins over Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee State. The senior forward/guard opened with 30 points and 12 rebounds against ECU, and followed that effort with 28 points and 11 boards versus TSU. For the week, Minard went 19-of-28 from the field, including 4-of-7 from 3-point range, and 16-of-20 (80%) at the free throw line. He also dished out 16 assists with two steals and a block.

NEWCOMER OF THE WEEK

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

Jenkins ran his streak of double-figure scoring to 21 games with a pair of double-double efforts in Tennessee Tech's victories over Samford and Jacksonville State. The junior forward netted 18 points and 10 rebounds against the Bulldogs, then went 10-of-15 from the field as he pumped in 28 points and cleared 10 boards versus the Gamecocks. Jenkins also handed out six assists with a pair of steals.

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

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

The number to call is:

412-380-2000

You will be prompted for the following passcode:

9592292

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 (14-7 overall, 11-0 OVC): League-leading Austin Peay boasts the nation's fifth-longest home win streak at 23 after victories over Jacksonville State (84-72) and Samford (61-56)...Senior forward **Adrian Henning** (Memphis, TN) enjoyed one of his best outings of the season in the JSU contest, going 9-of-13 from the field with 22 points, eight rebounds and four assists...The Govs' overall 11-game win streak, tied for the seventh-best active run in the NCAA, is the longest under coach **Dave Loos**...APSU has won a school-record 14 straight regular-season OVC contests, dating back to last season...The Govs, who entered the week with a league-low 43.1 FG percentage, shot a season-high 64.6% against JSU while scoring a season-best 84 points. The Gamecocks' 72 points, however, snapped APSU's nine-game streak of holding opponents to 60 or fewer points...APSU sits at 294-293 all-time in OVC play, marking the first time the Govs have been above the .500 mark since Jan. 17, 1980 (105-104)...With 11 conference wins, APSU is the first team to claim a berth for the 2004 OVC Tournament...The Govs close out their four-game homestand against Tennessee-Martin and Murray State.

EASTERN ILLINOIS (4-16 overall, 2-8 OVC): Eastern Illinois dropped an 85-67 decision to Murray State, then ended its eight-game skid with an 83-79 overtime victory over Tennessee-Martin...Sophomore guard **Josh Gomes** (Indianapolis, IN) poured in a career-high 40 points against UTM, hitting 15-of-23 field goal attempts (65.2%) and 8-of-9 free throws. Gomes' 40 points is the most by an OVC player this season...Senior forward/center **Jesse Mackinson** (Pontiac, IL) tossed in 18 points and cleared nine rebounds against the Skyhawks. He was 8-of-8 at the charity stripe as the Panthers posted their second-best free throw effort of the season, converting 17-of-21 foul shots...Sophomore reserve **Jake Sinclair** (Pana, IL) contributed a career-high 16 points in the loss to Murray...The 83 points scored against UTM marked EIU's best total since an 83-70 win over Tech just prior to the losing streak...The 11th-place Panthers hit the road for a pair, traveling to Southeast Missouri and Tennessee State.

EASTERN KENTUCKY (8-12 overall, 3-6 OVC): Eastern Kentucky suffered its third straight loss in a 74-67 setback at Morehead State...The Colonels' recent five-game road stretch covered 13 days and 1,653 miles...Senior forward **Jon Bentley** (Hazard, KY) came off the bench at Morehead, ending his run of seven consecutive starts. He responded with his first double-double of the year, scoring 21 points and clearing a career-high 15 rebounds...Senior guard **Mike Scott** (Baltimore, MD) has ramped up his offensive output, averaging 13.3 points per game over the last three contests...The Colonels have posted eight double-doubles this season, including one in each of the last two games...Tied for seventh in the league standings, EKV plays a three-game homestand this week versus Tennessee State, Samford and Jacksonville State.

JACKSONVILLE STATE (11-11 overall, 4-7 OVC): Jacksonville State fell to sixth in the conference rankings after road losses at Austin Peay (84-72) and Tennessee Tech (101-86)...Junior forward **Abdou Diame** (Thies, Senegal) went 6-of-9 from the field as he led the Gamecocks with 15 points against APSU...Senior forward **Trent Eager** (Monroeville, AL) was a perfect 9-of-9 at the free throw line as he pumped in 30 points at Tech...Senior guard **James Denson** (Walnut Grove, MS) tallied a double-double in the TTU contest with 10 points and 10 caroms...Senior reserve **Josh Perry** (Orlando, FL) hit 10-of-12 field attempts and chimed in with 21 points off the bench in the two games...The Gamecocks finish off their four-game road swing at Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky.

MOREHEAD STATE (11-10 overall, 6-4 OVC): Morehead State moved back above .500 in conference play and into a tie for third place with wins over Eastern Kentucky (74-67) and Tennessee State (89-75)...Senior forward/guard **Ricky Minard** (Mansfield, OH) recorded back-to-back double-doubles (30 pts./12 rbd. vs. EKV, 28 pts./11 rbd. vs. TSU). He shot 67.9 percent from the field, including 4-of-7 from 3-point range, and also dished out 16 assists for the week...Junior forward **Chad McKnight** (Lancaster, OH) pumped in a career-high 23 points versus TSU. He went 8-of-10 from the field and 7-of-8 from the foul line...All five Eagle starters scored in double-figures against the Tigers as the Eagles shot 64.4 percent from the field, including 6-of-10 from behind the arc...Senior guard **Chez Marks** sat out the TSU contest after suffering a knee injury in the first half against EKV. He's expected to see limited action this week when the Eagles conclude their four-game homestand against Jacksonville State and Samford.

MURRAY STATE (19-4 overall, 9-1 OVC): Murray State has a solid hold on second place after wins over Eastern Illinois (85-67) and Southeast Missouri (80-74)...Senior guard **Chris Shumate** (Louisville, KY) went 7-of-10 from the field with three 3-pointers to lead four Racers in double figures with 20 points against EIU, while freshman reserve **Shawn Witherspoon** (Oviedo, FL) added 14 points and six rebounds off the bench...The Racers shot a blistering 59.3 percent from the field versus the Panthers as five Murray State players converted at least half of their floor attempts...Murray State had to stage a come-from-behind win at Southeast as the Racers shot just 38.2 percent in the first half and trailed, 42-30, at the break...The Racer bench outscored the Indian bench, 32-8...Murray State is 17-0 this season when scoring at least 70 points...The Racers continue their five-game road swing with dates at Tennessee Tech and Austin Peay.

SAMFORD (10-11 overall, 5-5 OVC): Samford slipped into fifth place in the OVC standings after setbacks at Tennessee Tech (90-83, 2ot) and Austin Peay (61-56). The game at Tech marked the Bulldogs' second double-overtime loss in two weeks...Senior forward **Eddie Harper** (Laurel, MS) hit five 3-pointers as he tossed in a career-high 22 points at Tech...Free throw woes hampered the Bulldogs in both contests as Samford finished the week 18-of-28 at the stripe (64.3%)...Of Samford's 98 field goal attempts, 63 were from 3-point range. For the season, the Bulldogs have attempted 13 more 3-point shots than two-point tries...Samford's last four overtime games have all gone two extra periods, with the Bulldogs going 1-3 in those contests...Samford wraps up its four-game road stretch at Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (10-11 overall, 3-7 OVC): Southeast Missouri split the first two outings of a three-game homestand, defeating Tennessee-Martin, 89-78, before dropping an 80-74 decision to Murray State...Senior center **Brandon Griffin** (Greensburg, LA) played all but one minute of the two contests, going 14-of-23 from the field (60.9%) while averaging 17 points, 12.5 rebounds and five assists per game...Junior forward **Daimon Gonner** (Ft. Worth, TX) also had a pair of solid outings, contributing 18 points, six rebounds and 4.5 assists per game...Junior guard **Derek Winans** (East Cape Girardeau, IL) shot 64.2 percent from the field (9-of-14) and was a perfect 7-of-7 at the foul line against UTM, finishing with 28 points, while senior guard **Demarcus Hince** hit 4-of-5 three-pointers and all four foul shots as part of an 18-point effort off the bench...After shooting 53.6 percent in the first half and staking themselves to a 12-point lead (42-30) at the break against the Racers, the Indians went 13-of-34 (38.2%) over the final 20 minutes en route to the loss...Southeast ends its homestand with Eastern Illinois, then travels to Tennessee State.

TENNESSEE-MARTIN (8-14 overall, 3-7 OVC): Tennessee-Martin opened a four-game road swing with setbacks at Southeast Missouri (89-78) and Eastern Illinois (83-79, ot)...Junior guard **Jeremy Kelly** (Louisville, KY) had back-to-back 20+ outings with 20 points at Southeast and 26 at EIU. Kelly moved into a tie for eighth place on the school's all-time list for 3-pointers made (67) and into ninth for career assists (220)...Sophomore guard/forward **Jared Newson** (Bellefonte, IL) went 11-of-12 at the free throw line and finished with 21 points versus the Indians...UTM is 0-10 in games where the opponents have scored 80+ points...With the loss to EIU, the Skyhawks are 1-1 this season in overtime contests...UTM closes out the road portion of its schedule this week at Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech.

TENNESSEE STATE (4-16 overall, 3-6 OVC): Tennessee State is on a five-game slide after falling to Morehead State (89-75) in its only action last week...The Tigers trailed by just four at halftime (41-37), but couldn't stop a hot-shooting Eagle squad down the stretch...Freshman guard **Bruce Price** (Minneapolis, MN) led TSU with 19 points...Junior forward **Roshaun Bowens** (Nashville, TN) scored 12 of his 16 points in the second half...Senior reserve **Brandon Lockridge** (Nashville, TN) went 5-of-6 from behind the arc to add 15 points off the bench. All 25 of his field goals this season have been 3-pointers...Senior guard **Garrett Richardson** (El Paso, TX), the league's career active leader in steals, had six thefts against Morehead to go with 11 points and four assists...Tied for seventh place in the OVC standings, the Tigers have a busy slate this week with three games on tap. TSU visits Eastern Kentucky on Monday before returning home to close out the home portion of its schedule against Eastern Illinois and Southeast Missouri.

TENNESSEE TECH (12-9 overall, 6-4 OVC): Tennessee Tech pushed its win streak to three games with a 90-83, double-overtime victory against Samford and a 101-86 triumph over Jacksonville State...Senior guard **Cameron Crisp** (Bolivar, TN) shot 54.3 percent from the field (19-of-35) and was a perfect 6-of-6 at the line as he averaged 24 points a game, including 29 versus Samford...Junior forward **Willie Jenkins** (Memphis, TN) upped his league-leading scoring average to 20.9 points each time out as he netted a pair of double-doubles (18 pts./10 rbd. vs. SU and 28 pts./10 rbd. vs. JSU). Jenkins has scored in double figures in all 21 outings this season...Sophomore guards **Keyon Boyd** (Marietta, GA) and **Milone Clark** (Gibson, NC) combined to go 12-of-17 from the field against the Bulldogs. Clark had 15 points and eight rebounds while Boyd added 13 points and seven boards...Prior to the Samford contest, Tech's last double-overtime contest was an 86-84 victory over Austin Peay during the 2001-02 season. Tech boasts a four-game win streak in overtime games...The Golden Eagles put five players in double figures and shot a season-high 57 percent from the field against JSU...Tech closes out a four-game homestand with Murray State and Tennessee-Martin.

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OVC HOOPS NOTES

GOVS AND RACERS CLASH: Austin Peay and Murray State fans have Valentine's Day circled in red on their calendars, and it's not for a romantic dinner for two. Due to a quirk in the league's 16-game schedule, the Governors and Racers meet only once this season, a Feb. 14 date at APSU's Dunn Center. With Murray State sitting just a game back of the league-leading Govs, Saturday's contest is a crucial one leading into the final two weeks of the regular season.

MOVIN' ON UP: Morehead State's **Ricky Minard** moved into the league's Top-10 list for all-time 3-pointers made last week and is currently tied for ninth with 214 treys. The senior forward/guard, who is the school's record-holder for career points, steals, 3-pointers made and 3-pointers attempted, will also finish his career ranked among the OVC's Top 10 in those categories.

COACHES VS. CANCER: Last Saturday, Feb. 7, was Coaches vs. Cancer Awareness Day and men's basketball coaches across the country were asked to don sneakers during their games as a show of support. Taking part in the event from the OVC ranks were head coaches **Mike LaPlante** (Jacksonville State), **Mike Sutton** (Tennessee Tech) and **Mick Cronin** (Murray State).

VICTOR UNSUNG HERO OF THE WEEK: CollegeHoopsnet.com announced that Murray State's Cuthbert Victor was named its Unsung Player of the Week, for the period ending February 4th. The 6-5 senior shot 73 percent from the floor and averaged 24 points, 16 rebounds and four blocks per game to lead the Racers to a pair of victories over OVC rivals Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State. Victor is the second OVC player to earn the weekly accolade, which goes to a player who consistently evades the eye of the national media despite impressive accomplishments.

AIN'T IT GRAND: Although Morehead State's **Ricky Minard** is the only 2,000-point scorer in the OVC this season (2,177), he is just one of 11 active players with at least 1,000 career points under his belt. Nine of those players reached the 1,000-point milestone this season with two more poised at the doorway. Three of the nine are from the Murray State squad as **Cuthbert Victor** (1,334), **Antione Whelchel** (1,215) and **Chris Shumate** (1,079) have all topped the plateau, while Austin Peay boasts two 1,000-point scorers on its roster in **Anthony Davis** (1,231) and **Adrian Henning** (1,202). Rounding out the list are Tennessee Tech's **Cameron Crisp** (1,254), Southeast Missouri's **Derek Winans** (1,165) and Tennessee State's **Roshaun Bowens** (1,034). Two more players sit poised to join the group as Eastern Kentucky's **Jon Bentley** and Eastern Illinois' **Jesse Mackinson** have collected 965 and 935 career points, respectively.

OVC PLAYERS IN NCAA STATS: Murray State's **Cuthbert Victor** is ranked fourth nationally with an 11.0 rebounding average through stats of Feb. 2. The senior forward is also fifth in the NCAA in field goal shooting percentage (64.1%), while Samford senior guard **Tyson Dorsey** is fourth in 3-point field goal percentage (49.5%). Three OVC players rank among the nation's Top 40 scorers, led by Tennessee Tech's **Willie Jenkins** (20.7 ppg). Joining Jenkins is Morehead State's deadly duo of **Chez Marks** (20.2 ppg) and **Ricky Minard** (19.4 ppg) at 27th and 35th, respectively. Tennessee State's **Garrett Richardson** is 15th in steals (2.6 spg), while Jacksonville State's **Walker Russell** (6.2 apg) and Eastern Kentucky's **Matt Witt** (5.7 apg) are tied for 17th and 29th, respectively, in assists. Austin Peay shot-blocker **Josh Lewis** is 20th in the country with 2.6 rejections per game.

REMEMBER TO SET THE VCR: The Feb. 21 contest between **Tennessee Tech** and **Samford** will be televised live on Fox Sports Net South at 2:00 p.m. Central. **Mike Hogewood** will handle play-by-play duties while **Tom Apke** will provide analysis.

RANKING THE MID-MAJORS: Austin Peay's 11-game win streak has moved the Governors up to 12th place in Tony Mejia's latest *CBS Sportsline.com* poll, while **Murray State** is 14th. In the Feb. 9 edition of the *CollegeInsider.com* poll, the two teams are reversed, with the Racers ranked ninth and the Govs in 21st.

OVC IN 2003-04 NCAA RANKINGS (Through Feb. 2)

INDIVIDUAL

SCORING

Willie Jenkins, TTU - 20th (20.7 ppg)
Chez Marks, MOR - 27th (20.2 ppg)
Ricky Minard, MOR - 35th (19.4 ppg)

REBOUNDING

Cuthbert Victor, MUR - 4th (11.0 rpg)

STEALS

Garrett Richardson, TSU - 15th (2.6 spg)

ASSISTS

Walker Russell, JSU - t17th (6.2 apg)
Matt Witt, EKU - t29th (5.7 apg)

BLOCKED SHOTS

Josh Lewis, APSU - 20th (2.6 bpg)

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Cuthbert Victor, MUR - 5th (64.1%)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Tyson Dorsey, SAM - 4th (49.5%)

BEST SINGLE-GAME FG%

Chez Marks, MOR - 8th (93.3%, 14-15)
Roshaun Bowens, TSU - t10th (92.3%, 12-13)
Carl Brown, JSU - t12th (91.7%, 11-12)
Josh Gomes, EIU - t15th (90.9%, 10-11)

MOST SINGLE-GAME 3-PT FG MADE

Tyson Dorsey, SAM - t14th (8)
Ricky Minard, MOR - t14th (8)

BEST SINGLE-GAME 3-PT FG%

Ricky Minard, MOR - t13th (72.7%, 8-11)

BEST SINGLE-GAME FREE THROW %

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

MOST SINGLE-GAME REBOUNDS

Cuthbert Victor, MUR - t7th (20)

MOST SINGLE-GAME ASSISTS

Walker Russell, JSU - t6th (14)

MOST SINGLE-GAME STEALS

James Denson, JSU - t1st (9)

TEAM

SCORING OFFENSE

Murray State - 13th (81.9 ppg)

SCORING DEFENSE

Austin Peay - 22nd (60.1 ppg)

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Samford - 2nd (51.0%)
Murray State - 7th (50.0%)

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE DEFENSE

Austin Peay - 25th (39.6%)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL %

Samford - 6th (41.1%)

3-POINTERS MADE PER GAME

Samford - 5th (9.4 pg)
Tennessee State - t26th (8.0 pg)

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

Morehead State - 24th (73.8%)

ASSISTS

Murray State - 6th (18.6 apg)
Samford - 24th (16.8 apg)
Eastern Kentucky - 26th (16.8 apg)

FEWEST TURNS OVERS PER GAME

Tennessee State - 28th (12.9 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 - t14th (16, twice)

BEST SINGLE-GAME FT %

Morehead State - t11th (94.1%, 16-17)
Tennessee-Martin - t11th (94.1%, 16-17)

OVC MEN'S BASKETBALL TELEVISION SCHEDULE

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

All times Central

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

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COLLEGEINSIDER.COM MID-MAJOR TOP 25 POLL (Feb. 9)

	<u>RECORD</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>PREV.</u>
1. Gonzaga (31)	18-2	775	1
2. Utah State	19-1	740	2
3. Southern Illinois	18-2	717	3
4. East Tennessee State	19-3	659	5
5. Western Michigan	17-3	648	7
6. Kent State	15-3	608	8
7. Creighton	17-3	589	4
8. Manhattan	17-4	573	10
9. MURRAY STATE	19-4	521	13
10. College of Charleston	16-4	343	6
11. Wisconsin-Milwaukee	16-6	321	9
12. Central Florida	17-4	303	11
13. Georgia Southern	17-4	296	12
14. Vermont	15-5	291	15
15. Louisiana-Lafayette	13-5	276	17
16. Toledo	15-5	221	14
17. Stephen F. Austin	15-4	211	18
18. VCU	15-6	169	16
19. Wichita State	15-7	150	19
20. Troy State	17-4	145	21
21. AUSTIN PEAY	14-7	139	23
22. Drexel	14-7	138	24
23. Boston University	17-4	137	25
24. Lafayette	16-5	130	20
25. Pacific	15-7	121	NR

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Belmont 104, St. Mary's 101, Illinois-Chicago 94, Birmingham Southern 68, Southwest Missouri State 65, Miami-Ohio 64, George Mason 63, IUPUI 59, Chattanooga 58, Princeton 56, Mississippi Valley State 32, Niagara 31, Old Dominion 30, Southeastern Louisiana 28, St. Peter's 25, Wisconsin-Green Bay 23, St. Francis (NY) 18, Santa Clara 5, Oral Roberts 4, Wright State 4, Eastern Washington 3, Monmouth 2, Lehigh 1, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 1, Texas State .

ESPN.COM

MID-MAJOR TOP 10 (Through games of Feb. 3)

	<u>RECORD</u>
1 Gonzaga	17-2
2 Utah State	17-1
3 Southern Illinois	17-2
4 Creighton	16-2
5 Western Michigan	15-2
6 Kent State	14-3
7 Wisconsin-Milwaukee	15-5
8 East Tennessee State	18-4
9 Central Florida	16-3
10 Manhattan	15-4

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: University of Pacific, Troy State, Vermont, **MURRAY STATE, AUSTIN PEAY**, Lafayette, College of Charleston, Georgia Southern, Toledo, Princeton, Oral Roberts.

DROPPED OUT: Northern Iowa.

MEJIA'S MID-MAJOR TOP 25 (Feb. 3)

1. Gonzaga
2. Utah State
3. East Tennessee State
4. Southern Illinois
5. UW-Milwaukee
6. Kent State
7. Louisiana-Lafayette
8. College of Charleston
9. Western Michigan
10. Creighton
11. VCU
12. AUSTIN PEAY
13. Manhattan
14. MURRAY STATE
15. Toledo
16. Pacific
17. Drexel
18. Old Dominion
19. Vermont
20. Boston University
21. Arkansas-Little Rock
22. George Mason
23. Wichita State
24. UCF
25. IUPUI

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 Ricky Minard, Morehead State
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 Willie Jenkins, Tennessee Tech
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 No selection
F 16
F 23
M 1

ACTIVE OVC CAREER LEADERS

SCORING

Ricky Minard, Morehead State 2,177
Cuthbert Victor, Murray State 1,334
Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 1,283
Cameron Crisp, Tennessee Tech 1,254
Anthony Davis, Austin Peay 1,231
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 1,215
Adrian Henning, Austin Peay 1,202
Chez Marks, Morehead State 1,185
Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 1,165
Chris Shumate, Murray State 1,079
Roshawn Bowens, Tennessee State 1,034

PTS

STEALS

Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 250
Ricky Minard, Morehead State 227
Cuthbert Victor, Murray State 155
Cameron Crisp, Tennessee Tech 125
Anthony Davis, Austin Peay 124
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 123
Chris Shumate, Murray State 110
Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 110
Jeremy Kelly, Tennessee-Martin 109
Rhet Wierzba, Austin Peay 100
Josh Lewis, Austin Peay 100

STL

REBOUNDS

Cuthbert Victor, Murray State 837
Josh Lewis, Austin Peay 671
Ricky Minard, Morehead State 663
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 619
Adrian Henning, Austin Peay 599
Brandon Griffin, Southeast Missouri 475
Michael Haney, Eastern Kentucky 471
Roshawn Bowens, Tennessee State 419
Phillip Ramelli, Samford 392
Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 341

REB

BLOCKED SHOTS

Josh Lewis, Austin Peay 225
Cuthbert Victor, Murray State 145
Andy Hornig, Murray State 107
Adrian Henning, Austin Peay 97
Phillip Ramelli, Samford 70
Ricky Minard, Morehead State 67
Kenan Asceric, Tennessee-Martin 60
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 42
Tim Volpenhein, Eastern Kentucky 40
Damarcus Hence, Southeast Missouri 38

BLK

ASSISTS

Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 414
Ricky Minard, Morehead State 377
Cameron Crisp, Tennessee Tech 354
Scott Watson, Jacksonville State 346
Kevin Paschel, Murray State 327
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 276
Matt Witt, Eastern Kentucky 256
Leigh Gayden, Tennessee Tech 241
Jeremy Kelly, Tennessee-Martin 221
Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 216

AST

3-POINTERS MADE

Ricky Minard, Morehead State 214
Chez Marks, Morehead State 184
Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 172
Tyson Dorsey, Samford 161
Ben Rushing, Eastern Kentucky 149
Chris Shumate, Murray State 140
Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 139
Rick Jones, Murray State 138
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 134
Rhet Wierzba, Austin Peay 126

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OVC Statistics Rankings - Through Feb. 9

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