



2003-04 OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL REPORT

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OVC STANDINGS

	CONFERENCE (Through Feb. 15)						OVERALL (Through Feb. 15)						
	W	L	PCT.	Home	Away	Streak	W	L	PCT.	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
Austin Peay	13	0	1.000	6-0	7-0	W13	16	7	.696	9-0	7-6	0-1	W13
Murray State	10	2	.833	4-1	6-1	L1	20	5	.800	10-1	9-4	1-0	L1
Morehead State	8	4	.667	6-2	2-2	W4	13	10	.565	11-2	2-8	0-0	W4
Tennessee Tech	7	5	.583	5-2	2-3	W1	13	10	.565	11-3	2-7	0-0	W1
Eastern Kentucky	6	6	.500	5-2	1-4	W3	11	12	.478	10-2	1-10	0-0	W3
Samford	5	7	.417	3-2	2-5	L4	10	13	.435	7-2	3-10	0-1	L4
Tennessee State	5	7	.417	4-4	1-3	W2	6	17	.261	5-7	1-10	0-0	W2
Jacksonville State	4	9	.308	3-2	1-7	L4	11	13	.458	9-2	2-11	0-0	L4
Southeast Missouri	3	9	.250	2-4	1-5	L3	10	13	.435	7-4	2-9	1-0	L3
Tennessee-Martin	3	9	.250	2-2	1-7	L4	8	16	.333	6-2	1-13	1-1	L4
Eastern Illinois	3	9	.250	2-4	1-5	L1	5	17	.227	4-6	1-11	0-0	L1

RECENT RESULTS

Saturday, February 14

- *@Eastern Kentucky 82, Jacksonville State 75
- *@Morehead State 65, Samford 52
- *@Austin Peay 63, Murray State 56
- *@Tennessee State 90, Southeast Missouri 86
- *@Tennessee Tech 64, Tennessee-Martin 61

Thursday, February 12

- *@Eastern Kentucky 63, Samford 43
- *@Morehead State 81, Jacksonville State 73
- *@Austin Peay 79, Tennessee-Martin 55
- *@Tennessee State 75, Eastern Illinois 68
- *Murray State 90, @Tennessee Tech 78

Tuesday, February 10

- *Eastern Illinois 89, @Southeast Missouri 85

Monday, February 9

- *@Eastern Kentucky 68, Tennessee State 65

* - Denotes OVC contest

UPCOMING GAMES

Monday, February 16

- Florida Gulf Coast at Eastern Illinois - 7:05 p.m. (WEIU)

Tuesday, February 17

- *Murray State at Tennessee-Martin - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 18

- *Austin Peay at Samford - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 19

- *Tennessee State at Murray State - 7:15 p.m.
- *Eastern Kentucky at Southeast Missouri - 7:30 p.m.
- *Tennessee Tech at Jacksonville State - 7:30 p.m.
- *Morehead State at Eastern Illinois - 7:35 p.m. (WEIU)

Saturday, February 21

- *Tennessee Tech at Samford - 2:00 p.m. (FSNS)
- Austin Peay at Wichita State - 6:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
- *Tennessee State at Tennessee-Martin - 6:00 p.m.
- *Eastern Kentucky at Eastern Illinois - 7:05 p.m.
- *Morehead State at Southeast Missouri - 7:30 p.m.

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ALL TIMES CENTRAL

FSNS - Regional telecast on Fox Sports Net South
WEIU - Local telecast on WEIU-TV (Charleston, IL)
ESPN+ - ESPN Plus/FULL COURT Package

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OVC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

JON BENTLEY • F, SR., 6'9, 235 • HAZARD, KY • EASTERN KENTUCKY

Bentley shot a blistering 70 percent from the field as he helped Eastern Kentucky to a 3-0 effort against conference foes. Against Tennessee State, the senior forward converted 9-of-11 floor attempts and hit four free throws for 22 points and six rebounds. He collected his second double-double of the year with a 10-point, 10-board effort versus Samford, then tacked on 18 points and five caroms against Jacksonville State. For the week, Bentley was 21-of-30 from the field with three blocks, two steals and two assists.

NEWCOMER OF THE WEEK

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

Jenkins averaged 20 points and 9.5 rebounds a game as he led Tennessee Tech to a split in conference play. The junior forward tossed in 27 points and grabbed five boards in a loss to Murray State, then registered his seventh double-double of the season and matched a career-high for rebounds with a 13-point, 14-board effort in the Golden Eagles' win over Tennessee-Martin. For the week, Jenkins shot 45.5 percent from the field (15-of-33) while also grabbing five steals.

ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

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

Price averaged 19 points a game as Tennessee State posted a 2-1 record in OVC action last week. In a narrow loss at Eastern Kentucky, the freshman guard canned 4-of-8 three-point attempts and finished with 25 points. He followed that with 14 and 18 points in respective wins over Eastern Illinois and Southeast Missouri. For the week, Price shot 53.3 percent from long-range (8-of-15) and 72.4 percent at the foul line (21-of-29) while also clearing 11 rebounds and dishing out 11 assists.

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

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 (16-7 overall, 13-0 OVC): League-leading Austin Peay became the first team to clinch a home game for the first round of the 2004 OVC Tournament with wins over Tennessee-Martin (79-55) and Murray State (63-56)...Senior forward **Adrian Henning** (Memphis, TN) recorded his fourth double-double of the season with 14 points and 10 rebounds against the Racers...Junior guard **Anthony Davis** (Inglewood, CA) dished out five assists in the UTM contest as APSU tallied a season-high 20 helpers...Senior guard **Rhet Wierzbza** (Farmington, IL) scored in double figures for just the second and third time in OVC action this season with 11 points versus UTM and 10 against Murray State...APSU was nearly automatic at the free throw line, converting 36-of-42 attempts (85.7%) in the two contests...The Govs' 13-game win streak ties as the longest in the program's Division I history, while their 25-game home win streak is the fifth-longest active stretch in the NCAA...APSU has won 16 consecutive OVC regular-season contests, and 19 straight over conference opposition, including OVC tournament play, dating back to last season...The Govs close out the road portion of their OVC schedule at Samford, then visit Wichita State on Jan. 21 for a non-conference meeting with the Shockers as part of ESPN's *Bracket Buster Series*.

EASTERN ILLINOIS (5-17 overall, 3-9 OVC): Eastern Illinois split a pair of OVC road games last week, claiming an 89-85 victory at Southeast Missouri before dropping a 75-68 decision at Tennessee State...Senior center **Jesse Mackinson** (Pontiac, IL) made his first 10 field goals en route to a career-high 29 points against SEMO... He also had 19 points at TSU, finishing the week 17-of-20 (85%) from the floor and 14-of-16 (87.5%) from the foul line...Junior guard **Derek Hollyfield** (Aurora, IL) had a solid all-around effort at Southeast, collecting 13 points, seven rebounds and five assists...Sophomore guard **Josh Gomes** (Indianapolis, IN) added 17 points at TSU...EIU shot a season-high 69.6 percent (32-of-46) from the field at Southeast, including a blistering 79.2 percent (19-of-24) in the first half, to snap a 12-game road losing streak...The Panthers went just 4-of-19 (21%) from 3-point range in the loss to the Tigers...Tied for ninth in the league standings, EIU wraps up the home portion of its regular-season slate with a three-game stand. The Panthers step out of league play for a date with Florida Gulf Coast, then entertain OVC foes Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky.

EASTERN KENTUCKY (11-12 overall, 6-6 OVC): Eastern Kentucky extended its home win streak to four games, defeating Tennessee State (68-65), Samford (63-43) and Jacksonville State (82-75)...Senior forward **Jon Bentley** (Hazard, KY) turned in his second double-double in three games with 10 points and 10 rebounds against Samford. For the week, he averaged 16.7 ppg and 7.0 rpg while shooting 70 percent from the floor (21-of-30). Through games of Feb. 9, Bentley ranked fourth in the nation with a 64.7 FG shooting percentage...Sophomore point guard **Matt Witt** (Tipp City, OH) converted 3-of-6 trey attempts against TSU, including the game-winner with six seconds left on the clock. He nailed a career-high six 3-pointers versus the Bulldogs and finished the week 8-of-15 from behind the arc. Witt moved into EKU's career Top 10 for both 3-pointers made (106) and attempted (280)...Bentley is seven points shy of scoring 1,000 for his career, while junior forward **Michael Haney** (Madisonville, KY) sits eight rebounds away from becoming the 24th EKU player with 500 all-time boards...The Colonels shot a season-high 56.3 percent (9-of-16) from behind the arc against the Bulldogs...EKU's three-game win streak ties the longest of the season...The fifth-place Colonels visit Southeast Missouri and Eastern Illinois.

JACKSONVILLE STATE (11-13 overall, 4-9 OVC): Jacksonville State sits in eighth place after going 0-4 on its recent four-game road stretch, which ended with losses to Morehead State (81-73) and Eastern Kentucky (82-75)...The Gamecocks are 2-11 away from home in 2003-04...Senior forward **Trent Eager** (Monroeville, AL) did all of his scoring in the second half of both contests, finishing with 19 points versus Morehead and 21 against EKU. He also hauled in 15 rebounds for the week, including 10 on the offensive glass...Junior forward **Walker Russell** (Rochester, MI) dished out nine assists in the two games. He leads the league and ranks 16th nationally with six helpers each time out...Five Gamecocks are scoring in double figures, with three of them also averaging at least five rebounds per game...Junior forward **Carl Brown** (Birmingham, AL) sat out both games with an ankle injury...Jax State plays its last three regular-season games at home, starting with Tennessee Tech.

MOREHEAD STATE (13-10 overall, 8-4 OVC): Morehead State defeated Jacksonville State (81-73) and Samford (65-52) to post a 4-0 mark during its final regular-season homestand...Senior forward/guard **Ricky Minard** (Mansfield, OH), who had his jersey retired as part of senior night festivities on Saturday, averaged 24 points, 10.5 rebounds and 5.5 assists per game in the two victories. He has registered double-doubles in three of the last four games...With at least five games remaining this season, Minard has a good chance to finish his career ranked as high as fourth place on the OVC's all-time scoring chart. He is currently in eighth place with 2,225 points...Junior center **Chad McKnight** (Lancaster, OH) recorded a double-dip of 14 points and 10 boards versus JSU. He followed that with 13 points and seven caroms against Samford...Sophomore guard **Quinton Smith** (Radcliff, KY) went 4-of-6 from 3-point range as part of a 7-of-13 shooting effort in the two contests. He averaged 11 ppg and 4.0 apg...Senior guard **Chez Marks** (Paris, KY) suffered a re-irritation of the meniscus in his left knee during the Samford contest and will miss the remainder of the season. Marks, who was averaging 17.0 ppg this year, ends his career ranked 18th on the school's all-time scoring list (1,187)...The third-place Eagles play their last four OVC games on the road, starting with trips to Eastern Illinois and Southeast Missouri.

MURRAY STATE (20-5 overall, 10-2 OVC): Murray State split its OVC road contests last week, defeating Tennessee Tech (90-78) before dropping a 63-56 decision at Austin Peay...**Antione Whelchel** (Gainesville, GA) went 7-of-10 at the free throw line as he collected his third double-double of the season with 16 points and 12 rebounds at Tech. The senior forward is averaging 14 ppg and 7.8 rpg over the last five contests...Junior forward **Kelvin Brown** (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) and senior guard **Chris Shumate** (Louisville, KY) each had 18 points in the TTU contest. Brown went 8-of-10 from the field and added five assists, while Shumate canned four treys and also collected seven boards and four helpers...Junior point guard **Adam Chiles** (Louisville, KY) suffered a shoulder injury scrambling for a loose ball at APSU and will not play this week...With the win at Tech, the Racers reached the 20-win plateau for the 21st time in school history and first since 1999-00...The loss at APSU ended Murray's eight-game OVC win streak...Second-place Murray State plays its final regular-season road game at UT Martin, then returns home to begin a four-game stand with Tennessee State.

SAMFORD (10-13 overall, 5-7 OVC): Samford has lost four in a row for the first time this season following road setbacks at Eastern Kentucky (63-43) and Morehead State (65-52)...Senior guard **Eddie Harper** (Laurel, MS) was the only Bulldog to average double figures in the two contests after dropping in 19 against the Eagles...Head coach **Jimmy Tillette** shook up his starting lineup for Saturday's meeting with Morehead State as reserves **Sebastian Sachse** (Chemnitz, Germany), **Josh Hare** (Cleveland, TN) and **Randall Gulina** (Baton Rouge, LA) made their first starts of the season...Senior guard **Tyson Dorsey** (Brandford, Ontario) saw his streak of 22 consecutive starts end, while senior center **Phillip Ramelli** (New Orleans, LA) came off the bench for the first time in three years. Prior to Saturday, he had started all 78 of the games in which he played, missing two other contests due to injury...The Bulldogs have shot under 40 percent from the field only four times this season after going 14-of-40 at EKU (season-low 35%) and 21-of-55 (38.2%) at Morehead. Samford, which entered the week ranked third in the NCAA in FG percentage, saw its average slip from 50.8 to 49.5 percent...The Bulldogs were just 12-of-50 (24%) from 3-point range last week, well under their league-leading season average of 39 percent...Tied for sixth, Samford returns home for a pair of meetings with Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech, the latter of which will be regionally-televised on Fox Sports Net South.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (10-13 overall, 3-9 OVC): Southeast Missouri's bad luck in close OVC contests continued last week as the Indians dropped a pair of four-point decisions against Eastern Illinois (89-85) and Tennessee State (90-86)...Seven of Southeast's nine OVC losses this season have been by six points or less...Junior forward **Dainmon Gonner** (Fort Worth, TX) hauled in a career-high 12 rebounds on the way to his second double-double of the season during the TSU contest. He is averaging 20.3 ppg and 7.8 rpg over the last four outings...All nine of junior guard **Mike Nelke's** (St. Louis, MO) field goals last week came from behind the arc as he averaged 15 ppg...Senior center **Brandon Griffin** (Greensburg, LA) suffered a severely sprained ankle at TSU and is not expected to play this week. Griffin went 7-of-10 from the field and hit all four of his foul attempts for 18 points and nine boards against EIU...Senior guard **Damarcus Hince** (Memphis, TN) is listed as probable despite a sore knee that kept him out of most of the second half of the TSU contest. Hince had 14 points and six rebounds in just 12 minutes of play before being sidelined...Tied for ninth in the OVC standings, Southeast plays its final two home games of the regular season versus Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State.

TENNESSEE-MARTIN (8-16 overall, 3-9 OVC): Tennessee-Martin is on a four-game slide after ending its recent road stretch with losses at Austin Peay (72-64) and Tennessee Tech (64-61)...Sophomore guard/forward **Jared Newson** (Belleville, IL) tossed in 20 points at APSU and registered his third double-double of the season with 25 points and 12 rebounds at Tech. A 69 percent free throw shooter, Newson went 15-of-18 (83.3%) from the charity stripe in the two contests, including 13-of-15 versus TTU...Sophomore guard **Cleve Woodfork** (St. Louis, MO) went 7-of-9 from the field against the Govs, finishing with 14 points and seven boards off the bench...Fifth-year head coach **Bret Campbell** has yet to defeat Tech as the Skyhawks have lost 14 straight to the Golden Eagles (including OVC tournament meetings)...Tied for ninth in the OVC standings, UTM closes out the regular season with a four-game homestand, starting with Murray State and Tennessee State.

TENNESSEE STATE (6-17 overall, 5-7 OVC): Tennessee State played a trio of close OVC outings last week, coming out on the winning end of two of them. The Tigers opened the week with a 68-65 heartbreaking loss at Eastern Kentucky before closing out the home portion of their regular-season schedule with wins over Eastern Illinois (78-75) and Southeast Missouri (90-86)...Junior forward **Roshaun Bowens** (Nashville, TN) scored 28 points against SEMO. Thirty-two of his 46 points in the two victories were second-half tallies. For the week, he shot 51.1 percent from the field while averaging 18.7 ppg, 8.0 rpg and 3.3 apg... Freshman guard **Bruce Price** (Minneapolis, MN) converted 8-of-15 three-pointers and 21-of-29 free throws over the three games, finishing the week with 19.0 ppg...Junior forward/guard **Jeremy Jackson** (East St. Louis, IL) dropped in a career-high 23 points versus EIU, including 16 in the second half...All 26 of senior reserve **Brandon Lockridge's** (Nashville, TN) field goals this season have come from behind the arc. He currently ranks eighth on the school's list for career treys with 78. The Tigers shot a blistering 72.7 percent from the field in the second half of the Southeast contest...TSU, which ranks seventh in the league in free throw shooting (67.6%), converted 22-of-25 (88%) foul shots against the Indians...Tied for sixth in the league standings, the Tigers end the regular-season with four straight road games, beginning with trips to Murray State and UT Martin.

TENNESSEE TECH (13-10 overall, 7-5 OVC): Tennessee Tech sits in fourth place after splitting a pair of OVC tilts at home, dropping a 90-78 decision to Murray State but bouncing back for a 64-61 win over UT Martin...Junior forward **Willie Jenkins** (Memphis, TN) netted his seventh double-double of the season against UTM, scoring 13 points and tying a career-high with 14 rebounds...Sophomore guard **Milone Clark** (Gibson, NC) canned four treys as he matched a career-best with 23 points versus UTM...Senior guard **Cameron Crisp** (Bolivar, TN) drained four long balls as part of a 16-point effort against the Racers, while sophomore reserve **Keyon Boyd** (Marietta, GA) also had four treys, finishing with 14 points and six assists...Tech is 11-3 at home in 2003-04 and 53-4 in the Eblen Center over the last four years...The Golden Eagles visit Jacksonville State and Samford as they embark on their final road stretch of the regular season.

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OVC HOOPS NOTES

DEFENSE WINS OUT: Last Saturday's OVC showdown between league-leading **Austin Peay** and second-place **Murray State** featured a matchup between the league's top-ranked defense (APSU) and highest-scoring offense (MSU). The Governors held the Racers 27 points under their average in the 63-56 victory and also limited Murray State to just 38.5 percent field goal shooting, well below the Racers' 50.2 percent clip, which ranked as the nation's fifth-best effort entering the week.

HANGING FROM THE RAFTERS: Morehead State's **Ricky Minard** might need to borrow a uniform top for the final few games of his career. The senior forward/guard became the 10th Eagle player to have his jersey retired during senior night festivities last Saturday. On hand to make the presentation was former MSU standout **Herbie Stamper**, whose all-time scoring record Minard broke earlier this season.

OVC TOURNAMENT: With two weeks remaining in the regular-season, the slots for the 2004 OVC Tournament are starting to fill up. Austin Peay, Morehead State and Murray State have all qualified for the eight-team field, with the Governors also locking down one of four host opportunities for the first round on Tuesday, March 2.

AIN'T IT GRAND: Although Morehead State's **Ricky Minard** is the only 2,000-point scorer in the OVC this season (2,225), he is just one of 10 active players with at least 1,000 career points under his belt. Minard and Tennessee State's **Garrett Richardson** (1,310) topped the plateau during the 2002-03 campaign, while the other eight have hit the mark this season. Three of the nine are from Murray State -- **Cuthbert Victor** (1,354), **Antione Whelchel** (1,248) and **Chris Shumate** (1,106) -- while Austin Peay and Tennessee State each boast two 1,000-point scorers on their rosters. **Anthony Davis** (1,255) and **Adrian Henning** (1,232) are APSU's two representatives, while TSU claims Richardson and **Roshaun Bowens** (1,080). Rounding out the list are Tennessee Tech's **Cameron Crisp** (1,282) and Southeast Missouri's **Derek Winans** (1,184). Two more players sit poised to join the group - Eastern Kentucky's **Jon Bentley** (993) and Eastern Illinois' **Jesse Mackinson** (983).

OVC PLAYERS IN NCAA STATS: Murray State's **Cuthbert Victor** is ranked fourth nationally with a 10.8 rebounding average through stats of Feb. 9. Victor is one of three OVC players ranked among the Top 30 in the NCAA in field goal shooting percentage. Eastern Kentucky's **Jon Bentley** is fourth (64.7%), followed by Victor (63.5) in fifth and Southeast Missouri's **Brandon Griffin** in 29th (57.3%). Samford's **Tyson Dorsey** is third in 3-point field goal percentage (48.3%). Two OVC players rank among the nation's Top 40 scorers, led by Tennessee Tech's **Willie Jenkins** (20.9 ppg). Jenkins is 19th, followed by Morehead State's **Ricky Minard** (20.3 ppg) at 26th. Tennessee State's **Garrett Richardson** is 11th in steals (2.8 spg), while Jacksonville State's **Walker Russell** (6.2 apg) is 16th in assists. Austin Peay's **Josh Lewis** is 21st in the country with 2.4 blocks per game.

COACHES VS. CANCER: 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), **Mick Cronin** (Murray State), **Cy Alexander** (Tennessee State) and **Mike Sutton** (Tennessee Tech), as well as TSU assistant **Mark Pittman**.

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 13-game win streak has moved the Governors up to 10th place in Tony Mejia's latest *CBS Sportsline.com* poll, while **Murray State** is 12th. In the Feb. 16 edition of the *CollegeInsider.com* poll, the two teams are reversed, with the Racers ranked 11th and the Gobs in 13th. Murray State also regained a spot on *ESPN's* Mid-Major Top 10 poll, coming in ninth.

OVC MEN'S BASKETBALL TELEVISION SCHEDULE

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

All times Central

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

OVC IN 2003-04 NCAA RANKINGS

(Through Feb. 9)

INDIVIDUAL

SCORING

Willie Jenkins, TTU - 19th (20.9 ppg)
Ricky Minard, MOR - 26th (20.3 ppg)

REBOUNDING

Cuthbert Victor, MUR - 4th (10.8 rpg)

ASSISTS

Walker Russell, JSU - 16th (6.2 apg)

STEALS

Garrett Richardson, TSU - 11th (2.8 spg)

BLOCKED SHOTS

Josh Lewis, APSU - 21st (2.4 bpg)

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Jon Bentley, ECU - 4th (64.7%)
Cuthbert Victor, MUR - 5th (63.5%)
Brandon Griffin, SEMO - 29th (57.3%)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Tyson Dorsey, SAM - 3rd (48.3%)

MOST POINTS IN A SINGLE GAME

Josh Gomes, EIU - t13th (40)

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 - t15th (8)
Ricky Minard, MOR - t15th (8)

BEST SINGLE-GAME 3-PT FG%

Ricky Minard, MOR - t15th (72.7%, 8-11)

BEST SINGLE-GAME FREE THROW %

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

MOST SINGLE-GAME REBOUNDS

Cuthbert Victor, MUR - t9th (20)

MOST SINGLE-GAME ASSISTS

Walker Russell, JSU - t7th (14)

MOST SINGLE-GAME STEALS

James Denson, JSU - t2nd (9)

TEAM

SCORING OFFENSE

Murray State - 12th (81.9 ppg)
Tennessee Tech - 24th (78.8 ppg)

SCORING DEFENSE

Austin Peay - 24th (60.4 ppg)

SCORING MARGIN

Murray State - t27th (+10.7)

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Samford - 3rd (50.8%)
Murray State - 5th (50.2%)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL %

Samford - 6th (40.9%)

3-POINTERS MADE PER GAME

Samford - 3rd (9.7 pg)
Tennessee State - 23rd (8.2 pg)

ASSISTS

Murray State - 6th (18.7 apg)
Samford - t21st (17.0 apg)
Eastern Kentucky - 26th (16.8 apg)

FEWEST TURNOVERS PER GAME

Tennessee State - 17th (12.5 tpg)
Southeast Missouri - 20th (12.6 tpg)

BEST SINGLE-GAME FG%

Samford - 6th (69.8%, 37-53)
Samford - 7th (68.8%, 33-48)

MOST SINGLE-GAME 3-PT FG MADE

Samford - t15th (16, twice)

BEST SINGLE-GAME FT %

Morehead State - t13th (94.1%, 16-17)
Tennessee-Martin - t13th (94.1%, 16-17)

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COLLEGEINSIDER.COM MID-MAJOR TOP 25 POLL (Feb. 16)

	<u>RECORD</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>PREV.</u>
1. Gonzaga (31)	20-2	775	1
2. Southern Illinois	20-2	743	3
3. Utah State	20-2	714	2
4. East Tennessee State	21-3	659	4
5. Kent State	17-3	644	6
6. Western Michigan	18-3	610	5
7. Manhattan	19-4	591	8
8. College of Charleston	18-5	569	10
9. Creighton	18-4	522	7
10. Central Florida	19-4	366	12
11. MURRAY STATE	20-5	336	9
12. Wisconsin-Milwaukee	17-7	325	11
13. AUSTIN PEAY	16-7	309	21
14. Georgia Southern	18-5	288	13
15. Wichita State	17-7	274	19
16. UL-Lafayette	14-6	229	15
17. Troy State	18-4	215	20
18. Boston University	19-4	162	23
19. Vermont	16-6	155	14
20. Pacific	17-7	147	25
21. Toledo	16-6	136	16
22. VCU	16-7	121	18
23. Lafayette	17-5	119	24
24. Drexel	15-8	105	22
25. Princeton	13-7	96	NR

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Illinois-Chicago 93, St. Mary's 91, Belmont 84, George Mason 78, Old Dominion 75, Stephen F. Austin 74, Birmingham Southern 63, Mississippi Valley State 59, Chattanooga 58, Southeastern Louisiana 58, Miami-Ohio 56, IUPUI 32, St. Peter's 25, Wisconsin-Green Bay 23, Monmouth 21, Niagara 20, Western Kentucky 13, Southwest Missouri State 10, Northern Iowa 6, Eastern Washington 3, Lehigh 1, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 1, Texas State 1.

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MID-MAJOR TOP 10 (Through games of Feb. 11)

	<u>RECORD</u>
1. Gonzaga	19-2
2. Utah State	19-1
3. Southern Illinois	18-2
4. Western Michigan	18-2
5. Kent State	17-3
6. East Tennessee State	20-4
7. Creighton	18-3
8. Manhattan	17-4
9. Murray State	19-4
10. Wisconsin-Milwaukee	16-6

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Pacific, Vermont, Louisiana-Lafayette, Boston University, Troy State, Vermont, **AUSTIN PEAY**, Lafayette, Cornell, College of Charleston, Georgia Southern, Belmont, Penn, Princeton, Stephen F. Austin, Eastern Washington.

DROPPED OUT: Central Florida.

MEJIA'S MID-MAJOR TOP 25 (Feb. 10)

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

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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 Bruce Price, Tennessee State
F 23
M 1

ACTIVE OVC CAREER LEADERS

SCORING

Ricky Minard, Morehead State 2,225
Cuthbert Victor, Murray State 1,354
Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 1,310
Cameron Crisp, Tennessee Tech 1,282
Anthony Davis, Austin Peay 1,255
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 1,248
Adrian Henning, Austin Peay 1,232
Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 1,184
Chris Shumate, Murray State 1,106
Roshawn Bowens, Tennessee State 1,080

REBOUNDS

Cuthbert Victor, Murray State 850
Ricky Minard, Morehead State 684
Josh Lewis, Austin Peay 683
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 636
Adrian Henning, Austin Peay 611
Brandon Griffin, Southeast Missouri 484
Michael Haney, Eastern Kentucky 484
Roshawn Bowens, Tennessee State 434
Phillip Ramelli, Samford 399
Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 345

ASSISTS

Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 423
Ricky Minard, Morehead State 388
Cameron Crisp, Tennessee Tech 360
Scott Watson, Jacksonville State 354
Kevin Paschel, Murray State 334
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 280
Matt Witt, Eastern Kentucky 267
Leigh Gayden, Tennessee Tech 241
Jeremy Kelly, Tennessee-Martin 225
Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 222

PTS

STEALS

Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 251
Ricky Minard, Morehead State 230
Cuthbert Victor, Murray State 156
Cameron Crisp, Tennessee Tech 127
Anthony Davis, Austin Peay 126
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 124
Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 115
Chris Shumate, Murray State 114
Jeremy Kelly, Tennessee-Martin 111
Rhet Wierzba, Austin Peay 103
Josh Lewis, Austin Peay 102

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BLOCKED SHOTS

Josh Lewis, Austin Peay 230
Cuthbert Victor, Murray State 146
Andy Hornig, Murray State 110
Adrian Henning, Austin Peay 97
Phillip Ramelli, Samford 73
Ricky Minard, Morehead State 69
Kenan Asceric, Tennessee-Martin 60
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 43
Tim Volpenhein, Eastern Kentucky 40
Damarcus Hence, Southeast Missouri 39

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3-POINTERS MADE

Ricky Minard, Morehead State 217
Chez Marks, Morehead State 184
Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 175
Tyson Dorsey, Samford 164
Ben Rushing, Eastern Kentucky 155
Chris Shumate, Murray State 144
Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 142
Rick Jones, Murray State 139
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 137
Rhet Wierzba, Austin Peay 130

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OVC Statistics Rankings - Through Feb. 16

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