



# 2003-04 OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL REPORT

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## OVC STANDINGS

	CONFERENCE (Through Feb. 22)						OVERALL (Through Feb. 22)						
	W	L	PCT.	Home	Away	Streak	W	L	PCT.	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
Austin Peay	14	0	1.000	6-0	8-0	W14	17	8	.680	9-0	8-7	0-1	L1
Murray State	12	2	.857	5-1	7-1	W2	22	5	.815	11-1	10-4	1-0	W2
Eastern Kentucky	8	6	.571	5-2	3-4	W5	13	12	.520	10-2	3-10	0-0	W5
Morehead State	8	6	.571	6-2	2-4	L2	13	12	.520	11-2	2-10	0-0	L2
Tennessee Tech	7	7	.500	5-2	2-5	L2	13	12	.520	11-3	2-9	0-0	L2
Samford	6	8	.429	4-3	2-5	W1	11	14	.440	8-3	3-10	0-1	W1
Tennessee State	6	8	.429	4-4	2-4	W1	7	18	.280	5-7	2-11	0-0	W1
Jacksonville State	5	9	.357	4-2	1-7	W1	12	13	.480	10-2	2-11	0-0	W1
Southeast Missouri	4	10	.286	3-5	1-5	W1	11	14	.440	8-5	2-9	1-0	W1
Eastern Illinois	4	10	.286	3-4	1-6	L1	6	19	.240	5-8	1-11	0-0	L1
Tennessee-Martin	3	11	.214	2-4	1-7	L6	8	18	.308	6-4	1-13	1-1	L6

### RECENT RESULTS

#### Saturday, February 21

- \*@Samford 74, Tennessee Tech 69
- \*Eastern Kentucky 71, @Eastern Illinois 67
- \*Tennessee State 81, @Tennessee-Martin 72
- \*@Southeast Missouri 80, Morehead State 77
- @Wichita State 62, Austin Peay 47

#### Thursday, February 19

- \*@Murray State 88, Tennessee State 72
- \*Eastern Kentucky 85, @Southeast Missouri 81
- \*@Jacksonville State 80, Tennessee Tech 59
- \*@Eastern Illinois 76, Morehead State 59

#### Wednesday, February 18

- \*Austin Peay 68, @Samford 46

#### Tuesday, February 17

- \*Murray State 77, @Tennessee-Martin 44

#### Monday, February 16

- Florida Gulf Coast 81, @Eastern Illinois 72

\* - Denotes OVC contest

### UPCOMING GAMES

#### Monday, February 23

- Texas A&M-Corpus Christi at Murray State - 7:15 p.m.

#### Tuesday, February 24

- \*Morehead State at Eastern Kentucky - 6:00 p.m. (WYMT)
- \*Tennessee Tech at Austin Peay - 7:30 p.m.
- \*Samford at Jacksonville State - 7:30 p.m. (WJSX)

#### Thursday, February 26

- \*Tennessee State at Samford - 7:00 p.m.
- \*Southeast Missouri at Murray State - 7:15 p.m.
- \*Eastern Illinois at Tennessee-Martin - 7:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, February 28

- \*Southeast Missouri at Tennessee-Martin - 6:00 p.m.
- \*Eastern Illinois at Murray State - 7:15 p.m.
- \*Eastern Kentucky at Austin Peay - 7:30 p.m.
- \*Tennessee State at Jacksonville State - 7:30 p.m.
- \*Morehead State at Tennessee Tech - 7:30 p.m.

\*\*\*END OF REGULAR SEASON\*\*\*

\* - Denotes OVC contest  
ALL TIMES CENTRAL

WYMT - Local telecast on WYMT-TV (Lexington, KY)  
WJSX - Local telecast on WJSX-TV (Jacksonville, AL)

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## OVC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**MATT WITT • G, SO., 6'0, 180 • TIPP CITY, OH • EASTERN KENTUCKY**

Witt's back-to-back 20+ scoring efforts helped Eastern Kentucky stage two key conference road victories as the Colonels look to secure a top-four seed for the OVC Tournament. Against Southeast Missouri, Witt shot 52.9 percent from the field, knocking down five 3-pointers en route to a 25-point performance. He followed that with a 23-point effort versus Eastern Illinois, converting 8-of-9 foul shots in the process. In addition, the sophomore point guard dished out 13 assists and nabbed three steals en route to his first OVC Player of the Week honor.

### NEWCOMER OF THE WEEK

**WALKER RUSSELL • G, SO., 6'0, 170 • ROCHESTER, MI • JACKSONVILLE STATE**

Russell earns his first OVC Newcomer of the Week honor after recording his fourth double-double of the season in Jacksonville State's 80-59 triumph over Tennessee Tech. The sophomore guard netted 11 points and 13 handouts while committing no turnovers as the Gamecocks kept their postseason hopes alive. Russell, who has dished out a school-record 158 assists this season, leads the league and ranks among the Top 20 nationally with 6.32 helpers each time out.

### ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

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

Price claims his sixth OVC Rookie of the Week accolade after averaging 20 points, six rebounds and four assists per game to help Tennessee State remain in the hunt for an OVC Tournament berth with a split in league action last week. The freshman guard cleared a career-high 11 boards in the Tigers' loss to Murray State, then knocked down six 3-pointers en route to a 31-point performance in TSU's win at Tennessee-Martin.

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**WEB SITE:** For updated stats, standings, news and notes, log on to the official OVC site: [www.ovcsports.com](http://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 two teleconferences remaining in the 2003-04 season, and the schedule is as follows:

**Tuesday, February 24**

**Monday, March 1**

Each call takes place at 10:00 a.m. CT, and each coach will be on for seven minutes. The schedule is as follows:

**10:00** - Dave Loos, Austin Peay  
**10:07** - Rick Samuels, Eastern Illinois  
**10:14** - Travis Ford, Eastern Kentucky  
**10:21** - Mike LaPlante, Jacksonville State  
**10:28** - Kyle Macy, Morehead State  
**10:35** - Mick Cronin, Murray State  
**10:42** - Jimmy Tillette, Samford  
**10:49** - Gary Garner, Southeast Missouri  
**10:56** - Bret Campbell, Tennessee-Martin  
**11:03** - Cy Alexander, Tennessee State  
**11:10** - Mike Sutton, Tennessee Tech

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 (17-8 overall, 14-0 OVC):** Austin Peay clinched at least a share of its second straight OVC regular-season title with a 68-46 win over Samford, but the Govs saw their 14-game win streak end in a 62-47 non-conference loss at ESPN Bracket Buster opponent Wichita State...With the win at Samford, APSU became the first team to go undefeated in OVC road action (8-0) since Murray State won all six of its road games in 1990-91...Junior guard **Anthony Davis** (Inglewood, CA) and sophomore reserve **Maurice Hampton** (Russellville, KY) accounted for all eight of the Govs' 13 three-pointers at Samford (61.5%). Davis hit all four of his trey attempts and finished with 18 points, while Hampton netted all 12 of his points on 4-of-6 shooting from behind the arc...Senior forward **Adrian Henning** (Memphis, TN) was the only player to score in double figures at WSU, finishing with 18 points...After shooting just 59.8 percent from the foul line in non-conference play, the Govs are converting 72.8 percent of their free throws in league action...APSU skipper **Dave Loos** is three wins shy of his 300th as a four-year college head coach...The Govs' 14-game win streak was its longest at the Division I level and second-longest in school history...APSU, which has already secured the top seed for the OVC Tournament, puts its 25-game home win streak on the line when the Govs close out regular-season play against Tennessee Tech and Eastern Kentucky.

**EASTERN ILLINOIS (6-19 overall, 4-10 OVC):** Eastern Illinois kept its postseason hopes alive with a split in OVC action last week. The Panthers, who lost an 81-72 non-conference decision to Division II Florida Gulf Coast earlier in the week, upset Morehead State (76-59) before falling to Eastern Kentucky (71-67)...Sophomore guard **Josh Gomes** (Indianapolis, IN) averaged 20.5 ppg and 6.0 rpg in the two OVC contests...Senior forward/center **Jesse Mackinson** (Pontiac, IL) sits just eight points shy of 1,000 for his career...The Panthers have lost 11 of their last 12 road contests...After hitting a total of eight 3-pointers and averaging 17 ppg against FGC and Morehead State, junior guard **Emanuel Dildy** was limited to one FG attempt and zero points against EIU...Junior forward **Aaron Patterson** (Indianapolis, IN) hauled in 6.7 rpg over the three games...EIU's bench accounted for 42 of its 72 points in the loss to FGC...Tied for ninth in the league standings and headed into their final two regular-season tilts at Tennessee-Martin and Murray State, the Panthers are in danger of missing their first OVC Tournament since joining the league in 1996-97.

**EASTERN KENTUCKY (13-12 overall, 8-6 OVC):** Eastern Kentucky picked up a pair of crucial road victories last week, defeating Southeast Missouri (85-81) and Eastern Illinois (71-67)...Sophomore point guard **Matt Witt** (Tipp City, OH) canned six treys and went 10-of-12 from the free throw line in the two contests, averaging 24 ppg and 6.5 apg...Junior guard **Ben Rushing** (Clinton, KY) drained seven treys at Southeast, matching his own school record for a single game. He went 11-of-22 from behind the arc for the week, averaging 20 ppg...Junior center **Tim Volpenhein** (Taylor Mill, KY) blocked a career-high five shots at EIU...EKU is shooting 75.5 percent at the foul line over the last five games, a 10.8 percent improvement over its season average...The Colonels' win at EIU was their first since the Panthers joined the league in 1996-97...The team's five-game win streak is the longest for an EKU squad since a five-game run during the 1994-95 campaign...The Colonels are assured of finishing .500 or better in conference play for the first time since 1993-94...EKU's eight OVC wins are the most under head coach **Travis Ford** and the most for an EKU coach since 1997-98...Currently tied for third, the Colonels host Morehead State and travel to Austin Peay to end the regular-season portion of their schedule.

**JACKSONVILLE STATE (12-13 overall, 5-9 OVC):** Eighth-place Jacksonville State picked up a key win with its 80-59 victory over Tennessee Tech last week, keeping the Gamecocks in the hunt for an OVC Tournament berth...Sophomore guard **Walker Russell** recorded his fourth double-double of the season with 11 points and 13 assists. The Rochester, Mich., native has dished out a school-record 158 helpers this season, ranking among national leaders with his league-leading average of 6.32 apg...Senior guard **James Denson** (Walnut Grove, MS) led four JSU players in double-figure scoring with 20 points. He also tied with senior forward **Trent Eager** for a team-high seven rebounds...Senior forward **Scott Watson** (Gilbert, AZ) went 7-of-10 from the field, including five 3-pointers, and finished with 19 points...The Gamecocks converted 28-of-49 (57.1%) field attempts, improving their record to 27-1 when shooting better than 50 percent...JSU sank 12 three-pointers in the contest, marking the sixth time this season the Gamecocks finished with 10+ treys in a game...The 21-point win was Jax State's largest margin of victory over an OVC opponent this season...JSU closes out the regular-season at home against Samford and Tennessee State.

**MOREHEAD STATE (13-12 overall, 8-6 OVC):** Morehead State's bid to host a first-round OVC Tournament game took a hit with back-to-back losses at Eastern Illinois (76-59) and Southeast Missouri (80-77)...Senior forward/guard **Ricky Minard** shot 52.9 percent (18-of-34) from the field last week, averaging 24.0 ppg and 5.0 rpg. He has moved into fourth place on the OVC's all-time scoring list with 2,273 career points. The Mansfield, Ohio, native also ranks third on the school's all-time assists list (393) and 11th in career rebounds (694)...With junior guard **Kyle Hankins** and senior guard **Chez Marks** out due to knee injuries, just nine players made the trip to EIU and SEMO...Morehead State's final two regular-season games are huge as the Eagles visit fellow third-place denizen Eastern Kentucky and fifth-place Tennessee Tech.

**MURRAY STATE (22-5 overall, 12-2 OVC):** Murray State clinched the number two seed and a first-round home game for the OVC Tournament with wins over Tennessee-Martin (77-44) and Tennessee State (88-72)...Senior forward **Antione Whelchel** (Gainesville, GA) notched his fourth double-double of the season with 12 points and 10 rebounds against TSU, tacking on five assists in the effort. He also had nine points, seven boards and eight handouts in the UTM game...Senior guard **Rick Jones** (Georgetown, KY) knocked down a career-tying seven 3-pointers as he poured in a career-high 26 points versus UTM. Jones went 8-of-12 from the field in the contest, including 7-of-9 from behind the arc...Senior forward **Cuthbert Victor** (St. Croix, Virgin Islands) tallied his 28th career double-double (12th of the season) with 18 points and 12 boards versus the Tigers...Each of the 12 Racers who played in the TSU contest scored at least two points, including junior reserve **Petar Roncovic**, who netted the first points of his career...The Racers will be looking to avenge one of their three non-conference losses this season when they host Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Monday night. Second-place Murray State closes out its regular-season slate at home against Southeast Missouri and Eastern Illinois.

**SAMFORD (11-14 overall, 6-8 OVC):** Samford split its two OVC tilts last week, dropping a 68-46 decision to Austin Peay before snapping a five-game slide with a 74-69 win over Tennessee Tech in a regionally-televised contest...Senior center **Phillip Ramelli** (New Orleans, LA) canned four 3-pointers as part of a 50 percent (10-of-20) shooting effort, averaging 17.5 ppg and 4.5 rpg. He finished with an 85 percent conversion rate (11-of-13) at the foul line in the two games, including a 9-of-10 performance in the final two minutes of the Tech contest...Freshman **Jerry Smith** (Picayune, MS) contributed 6.0 ppg, 7.0 rpg and 5.0 apg last week. He has averaged a team-high six boards per game over the last six outings...Sophomore forward **J. Robert Merritt** broke out of his scoring slump with 21 points and 6-of-10 shooting from 3-point range against Tech...The Bulldogs converted 14-of-34 trey attempts in the TTU contest for their highest 3-point shooting percentage in four outings (41.2%)...The win over Tech improved Samford's record to 7-0 in FOX broadcasts over the last five years...Sixth-place Samford visits in-state rival Jacksonville State, then returns home to close out the regular season with Tennessee State.

**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (11-14 overall, 4-10 OVC):** Southeast Missouri lost another narrow decision with an 85-81 setback to Eastern Kentucky, but the Indians finally won a close one with their 80-77 victory over Morehead State...Junior guard **Derek Winans** (East Cape Girardeau, IL) canned 8-of-10 three-pointers in the two games, including all five trey attempts versus EKU, and was a perfect 8-of-8 at the foul line. He netted a game-high 28 points against EKU and added 14 versus the Eagles...Junior center **Reggie Golson** (Kansas City, KS) came up big in both games, posting his first double-double of the season with 14 points and 10 rebounds against EKU, then netting a career-high 25 versus Morehead State. One of his two blocked shots came in the final seconds of the Morehead State contest, preserving SEMO's victory...Senior guard **Damarcus Hince** (Memphis, TN) hit 6-of-9 field attempts for 14 points against the Eagles as the Indians put four players in double-figure scoring in each contest. Tied for ninth in the OVC, Southeast is on the road at Murray State and Tennessee-Martin for its final two regular-season games.

**TENNESSEE-MARTIN (8-18 overall, 3-11 OVC):** Tennessee-Martin is caught in a six-game slide following losses to Murray State (77-44) and Tennessee State (81-72)...The Skyhawks' 33-point loss to the Racers was their biggest conference setback of the season and second only to a 34-point loss at Vanderbilt...UTM is 0-10 when allowing opponents to score 80+ points...Sophomore guard/forward **Jared Newson** (Belleville, IL) and junior guard **Jeremy Kelly** (Louisville, KY) are the only two UTM players to score double digits in five of the last six outings, averaging 18.7 and 15.3 ppg, respectively, during that stretch...The Skyhawks close out the regular season at home against Eastern Illinois and Southeast Missouri.

**TENNESSEE STATE (7-18 overall, 6-8 OVC):** Tennessee State began its four-game season-ending road swing by dropping an 88-72 decision at Murray State before coming back to grab an important 81-72 road victory at Tennessee-Martin...Freshman guard **Bruce Price** (Minneapolis, MN) went over the 30-point mark for the second time this season, connecting on six 3-pointers as he poured in 31 points at UTM. He just missed a double-double against the Racers with a career-high 11 rebounds and nine points to go with four assists...Junior forward **Roshaun Bowens** (Nashville, TN) came off the bench versus Murray State and responded with 9-of-14 shooting from the floor and a 4-of-4 effort at the foul line for a team-high 23 points...Senior guard **Garrett Richardson** (El Paso, TX) contributed 18 points and five assists to the Tigers' win over the Skyhawks, while senior guard **Brandon Lockridge** (Nashville, TN) added 10 points and five helpers in his fourth straight start...After going just 7-of-24 from 3-point range in the loss to the Racers, TSU made nine 3-pointers in the first half of the UTM contest and finished 11-of-25 for the game...Tied for sixth in the league, TSU wraps up regular-season play at Samford and Jacksonville State.

**TENNESSEE TECH (13-12 overall, 7-7 OVC):** Tennessee Tech lost two OVC road outings at Jacksonville State (80-59) and Samford (74-69), putting the Golden Eagles' bid for a home game in the first-round of the OVC Tournament in jeopardy...Due to injury, junior forward and TTU leading scorer **Willie Jenkins** (Memphis, TN) was limited to just three minutes of action at Jax State. The Memphis, Tenn., native didn't score in the contest, snapping his string of 23 consecutive double-figure scoring efforts...Junior forward **Ben Jacobson** (Omaha, NE) turned in back-to-back career-high rebounding efforts, grabbing 10 boards each time out...Senior guard **Leigh Gayden** (Atlanta, GA) tossed in a season-high 20 points at Samford, connecting on 5-of-8 three-point attempts...Senior guard **Cameron Crisp** (Bolivar, TN) moved into a tie for 10th place on the school's all-time scoring chart with 1,309 points...Senior center **Rusty Strange** (Knoxville, TN) dished out a career-high three assists at JSU...The Golden Eagles, 2-9 away from home this season, finish off the road portion of their regular-season schedule at Austin Peay, then return to Eblen Center to host Morehead State.



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## OVC HOOPS NOTES

**DOESN'T MATTER WHERE THEY PLAY:** With last week's win at Samford, **Austin Peay** finished the road portion of its 2003-04 schedule with a perfect 8-0 record. The Govs became the first team to win all of their away games in conference play since **Murray State** went 6-0 on the road during the 1990-91 season. APSU also boasts the nation's fifth-longest active home win streak with 25 consecutive victories in the Dunn Center.

**ANYBODY'S GUESS:** Headed into the final week of regular-season play, each of the remaining 11 contests will have bearing on how the conference standings shake out. League-leading **Austin Peay** has clinched the top seed for the OVC Tournament, while **Murray State** has secured a number two seed. **Eastern Kentucky**, **Morehead State** and **Tennessee Tech** have also qualified for the eight-team field.

**IT'S ALL ACADEMIC:** Southeast Missouri junior guard **Derek Winans** and Austin Peay senior guard **Rhet Wierzbza** were named to their respective College Sports Information Directors Association (CoSIDA) Academic All-District Teams, which were announced late last week. Winans, a business management major, carries a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Wierzbza, a 2003-04 OVC Scholar-Athlete recipient, sports a 3.91 GPA in business.

**SPEAKING OF HONORS:** Three OVC hoopsters have been recognized by the National Association of Basketball Coaches for their efforts on the hardwood during the 2003-04 campaign. Murray State senior forward **Cuthbert Victor** (14.5 ppg/10.4 rpg) was selected to the District 7 first team, while Morehead State senior forward/guard **Ricky Minard** (20.4 ppg/7.3 rpg) and Austin Peay senior forward **Adrian Henning** (13.5 ppg/6.4 rpg) were second team honorees.

**BLOCK PARTY:** Austin Peay senior center **Josh Lewis** was credited with seven blocked shots last week, including five at Wichita State, moving him into second place on the OVC's all-time rejections list. His 237 career swats is second only to former Tennessee Tech standout Lorenzo Coleman's four-year tally of 439.

**AIN'T IT GRAND:** Although Morehead State's **Ricky Minard** is the only 2,000-point scorer in the OVC this season (2,273), 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** (1,336) topped the plateau during the 2002-03 campaign, while the other eight have hit the mark this season. Three of the eight are from Murray State -- **Cuthbert Victor** (1,386), **Antione Wheelchel** (1,269) and **Chris Shumate** (1,129) -- while Austin Peay and Tennessee State each boast two 1,000-point scorers on their rosters. **Anthony Davis** (1,281) and **Adrian Henning** (1,256) are APSU's two representatives, while TSU claims Richardson and **Roshaun Bowens** (1,109). Rounding out the list are Tennessee Tech's **Cameron Crisp** (1,309) and Southeast Missouri's **Derek Winans** (1,226). In addition, Eastern Illinois' **Jesse Mackinson** sits just eight points shy of joining the group (992).

**OVC PLAYERS IN NCAA STATS:** Eastern Kentucky's **Jon Bentley** leads a trio of OVC players ranked among the Top 30 in the NCAA in field goal shooting percentage through games of Feb. 16. Bentley is fourth (64.5%), followed by Murray State's **Cuthbert Victor** (63.1%) in fifth and Southeast Missouri's **Brandon Griffin** (57.6%) in 29th. Victor is also sixth among national leaders in rebounding (10.5 rpg). Samford's **Tyson Dorsey** is fifth in 3-point field goal percentage (48.0%). Two OVC players rank among the nation's Top 40 scorers, led by Tennessee Tech's **Willie Jenkins** (20.8 ppg). Jenkins is 19th, followed by Morehead State's **Ricky Minard** (20.7 ppg) at 21st. Tennessee State's **Garrett Richardson** is tied for 16th in steals (2.6 spg), while Jacksonville State's **Walker Russell** (6.0 apg) and Eastern Kentucky's **Matt Witt** (5.6 apg) are 20th and 30th, respectively, in assists. Austin Peay's **Josh Lewis** is 21st in the country with 2.4 blocks per game.

**RANKING THE MID-MAJORS:** **Murray State** moved up three spots to eighth place in the *CollegeInsider.com* poll, while **Austin Peay's** loss at Wichita State dropped the Govs five spots to 18th. APSU is ranked 10th in Tony Meja's latest *CBS Sportsline.com* poll, while the Racers are 12th. APSU replaced Murray State in ninth place on *ESPN.com's* latest Mid-Major Top 10 poll.

## OVC IN 2003-04 NCAA RANKINGS (Through Feb. 16)

### INDIVIDUAL

#### SCORING

Willie Jenkins, TTU - 19th (20.8 ppg)  
Ricky Minard, MOR - 21st (20.7 ppg)

#### REBOUNDING

Cuthbert Victor, MUR - 6th (10.5 rpg)

#### ASSISTS

Walker Russell, JSU - 20th (6.0 apg)  
Matt Witt, ECU - 30th (5.6 apg)

#### STEALS

Garrett Richardson, TSU - 116th (2.6 spg)

#### BLOCKED SHOTS

Josh Lewis, APSU - 21st (2.4 bpg)

#### FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Jon Bentley, ECU - 4th (64.5%)  
Cuthbert Victor, MUR - 5th (63.1%)  
Brandon Griffin, SEMO - 29th (57.6%)

#### 3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Tyson Dorsey, SAM - 5th (48.0%)

#### MOST POINTS IN A SINGLE GAME

Josh Gomes, EIU - 113th (40)

#### BEST SINGLE-GAME FG%

Chez Marks, MOR - 9th (93.3%, 14-15)  
Roshaun Bowens, TSU - 11th (92.3%, 12-13)  
Carl Brown, JSU - 113th (91.7%, 11-12)  
Josh Gomes, EIU - 117th (90.9%, 10-11)

#### MOST SINGLE-GAME 3-PT FG MADE

Tyson Dorsey, SAM - 115th (8)  
Ricky Minard, MOR - 115th (8)

#### BEST SINGLE-GAME 3-PT FG%

Ricky Minard, MOR - 117th (72.7%, 8-11)

#### BEST SINGLE-GAME FREE THROW %

Phillip Ramelli, SAM - 11st (100%, 13-13)

#### MOST SINGLE-GAME REBOUNDS

Cuthbert Victor, MUR - 19th (20)

#### MOST SINGLE-GAME ASSISTS

Walker Russell, JSU - 17th (14)

#### MOST SINGLE-GAME STEALS

James Denson, JSU - 11st (9)

### TEAM

#### SCORING OFFENSE

Murray State - 12th (81.2 ppg)  
Tennessee Tech - 28th (78.1 ppg)

#### SCORING DEFENSE

Austin Peay - 19th (60.0 ppg)

#### FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Murray State - 4th (50.0%)  
Samford - 7th (49.5%)

#### 3-POINT FIELD GOAL %

Samford - 19th (39.3%)

#### 3-POINTERS MADE PER GAME

Samford - 4th (9.4 pg)  
Tennessee State - 120th (8.2 pg)  
Tennessee Tech - 30th (8.0 pg)

#### FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

Morehead State - 30th (73.5%)

#### ASSISTS

Murray State - 5th (18.7 apg)  
Eastern Kentucky - 28th (16.7 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)  
Eastern Illinois - 7th (69.6%, 32-46)  
Samford - 8th (68.8%, 33-48)

#### MOST SINGLE-GAME 3-PT FG MADE

Samford - 116th (16, twice)

#### BEST SINGLE-GAME FT %

Morehead State - 116th (94.1%, 16-17)  
Tennessee-Martin - 116th (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. 23)

	<u>RECORD</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>PREV.</u>
1. Gonzaga (31)	23-2	775	1
2. Southern Illinois	22-2	744	2
3. Utah State	22-2	713	3
4. East Tennessee State	23-3	671	4
5. Kent State	19-3	658	5
6. Western Michigan	20-3	627	6
7. Manhattan	21-4	592	7
8. <b>MURRAY STATE</b>	<b>20-5</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>11</b>
9. Georgia Southern	20-4	512	14
10. College of Charleston	18-7	488	8
11. Creighton	19-5	435	9
12. Troy State	20-4	301	17
13. Central Florida	20-5	292	10
14. Wisconsin-Milwaukee	17-9	263	12
15. Wichita State	18-8	231	15
16. Boston University	21-4	211	18
17. Pacific	19-7	201	20
18. <b>AUSTIN PEAY</b>	<b>17-8</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>13</b>
19. Louisiana-Lafayette	15-7	149	16
20. VCU	18-7	138	22
21. Illinois-Chicago	20-7	122	NR
22. Drexel	17-8	114	24
23. Princeton	15-7	104	25
24. Belmont	19-6	94	NR
25. Miami University	15-8	91	NR

**OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES:** St. Mary's 90, Toledo 88, Mississippi Valley State 83, George Mason 79, Southeastern Louisiana 78, Lafayette 76, Old Dominion 75, Stephen F. Austin 56, Vermont 56, Chattanooga 46, Niagara 30, Eastern Washington 27, Birmingham Southern 23, Monmouth 21, Wisconsin-Green Bay 20, Lehigh 14, IUPUI 12, St. Peter's 12, Arkansas-Little Rock 9, Western Kentucky 6, Fairfield 8, Northern Iowa 6, Valparaiso 4, Butler 1, Coppin State 1, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 1.

## 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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### MID-MAJOR TOP 10 (Through games of Feb. 20)

	<u>RECORD</u>
1. Gonzaga	22-2
2. Southern Illinois	21-2
3. Utah State	21-2
4. Kent State	19-3
5. East Tennessee State	22-4
6. Manhattan	20-4
7. Western Michigan	19-3
8. Creighton	19-4
9. <b>AUSTIN PEAY</b>	<b>17-7</b>
10. Troy State	18-5

**OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES:** Pacific, Vermont, Wisconsin-Milwaukee, La.-Lafayette, Princeton, Boston University, **MURRAY STATE**.

**DROPPED OUT: MURRAY STATE,**  
Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

## MEJIA'S MID-MAJOR TOP 25 (Feb. 17)

- Gonzaga
- Utah State
- East Tennessee State
- Southern Illinois
- UW-Milwaukee
- Kent State
- Louisiana-Lafayette
- Western Michigan
- Creighton
- AUSTIN PEAY**
- Manhattan
- MURRAY STATE**
- Toledo
- Drexel
- Pacific
- Old Dominion
- College of Charleston
- Vermont
- Boston University
- George Mason
- VCU
- Wichita State
- UCF
- IUPUI
- Troy State

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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 Jon Bentley, Eastern Kentucky  
F 23 Matt Witt, Eastern Kentucky  
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 Willie Jenkins, Tennessee Tech  
F 23 Walker Russell, Jacksonville State  
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 Bruce Price, Tennessee State  
M 1

## ACTIVE OVC CAREER LEADERS

(Through games of Feb. 22)

### SCORING

Ricky Minard, Morehead State 2,273  
Cuthbert Victor, Murray State 1,386  
Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 1,336  
Cameron Crisp, Tennessee Tech 1,309  
Anthony Davis, Austin Peay 1,281  
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 1,269  
Adrian Henning, Austin Peay 1,256  
Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 1,226  
\*Chez Marks, Morehead State 1,187  
Chris Shumate, Murray State 1,129  
Roshawn Bowens, Tennessee State 1,109  
\*Out for season

### PTS

### STEALS

Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 254  
Ricky Minard, Morehead State 235  
Cuthbert Victor, Murray State 157  
Cameron Crisp, Tennessee Tech 130  
Anthony Davis, Austin Peay 129  
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 125  
Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 119  
Chris Shumate, Murray State 115  
Jeremy Kelly, Tennessee-Martin 114  
Rhet Wierzba, Austin Peay 105  
Josh Lewis, Austin Peay 104

### STL

### REBOUNDS

Cuthbert Victor, Murray State 870  
Ricky Minard, Morehead State 694  
Josh Lewis, Austin Peay 693  
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 653  
Adrian Henning, Austin Peay 620  
Michael Haney, Eastern Kentucky 499  
Brandon Griffin, Southeast Missouri 484  
Roshawn Bowens, Tennessee State 445  
Phillip Ramelli, Samford 408  
Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 355

### REB

### BLOCKED SHOTS

Josh Lewis, Austin Peay 237  
Cuthbert Victor, Murray State 146  
Andy Hornig, Murray State 111  
Adrian Henning, Austin Peay 100  
Phillip Ramelli, Samford 74  
Ricky Minard, Morehead State 69  
Kenan Asceric, Tennessee-Martin 60  
Tim Volpenhein, Eastern Kentucky 45  
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 44  
Damarcus Hence, Southeast Missouri 39

### BLK

### ASSISTS

Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 428  
Ricky Minard, Morehead State 393  
Cameron Crisp, Tennessee Tech 363  
Scott Watson, Jacksonville State 356  
Kevin Paschel, Murray State 340  
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 293  
Matt Witt, Eastern Kentucky 280  
Leigh Gayden, Tennessee Tech 244  
Jeremy Kelly, Tennessee-Martin 229  
Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 225

### AST

### 3-POINTERS MADE

Ricky Minard, Morehead State 221  
\*Chez Marks, Morehead State 184  
Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 183  
Tyson Dorsey, Samford 169  
Ben Rushing, Eastern Kentucky 166  
Chris Shumate, Murray State 149  
Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State 144  
Rick Jones, Murray State 148  
Antione Whelchel, Murray State 137  
Rhet Wierzba, Austin Peay 132  
\*Out for season

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## OVC Statistics Rankings - Through Feb. 23

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