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0	4	.000	0-1	0-3	0-0	L4

Overall

#### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Sunday, December 7

Murray State 100, @Western Kentucky 95 (20t)

#### Saturday, December 6

@Alabama 65, Austin Peay 47

Indiana State 71. @Eastern Illinois 56

@Eastern Kentucky 67, Centre College 46

@Jacksonville State 84, Tennessee Temple 58

@Morehead State 85, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 84

Southern Miss 81, Samford 61 (in Rock Hill, SC)

@Southeast Missouri 80. UMKC 63

@Mississippi Valley State 79, Tennessee-Martin 69

@ #15 Georgia Tech 94, Tennessee State 43

@Tennessee Tech 87, Middle Tennessee 63

Friday, December 5 Samford 66, @Winthrop 64

Thursday, December 4

Fisk 65, @Tennessee State 63

Wednesday, December 3 @Morehead State 65, Wright State 60 Murray State 73, @TCU 67 @Southern Illinois 71, Southeast Missouri 58 @Memphis 84, Tennessee-Martin 64

Tuesday, December 2

Illinois-Chicago 77, @Eastern Illinois 60 @Winthrop 67, Eastern Kentucky 66 @Tennessee Tech 87, Idaho State 62

Monday, December 1 @Austin Peay 62, Evansville 54 @Jacksonville State 71, Jackson State 63 Chattanooga 93, @Tennessee State 86

#### **UPCOMING GAMES**

Monday, December 8

Eastern Kentucky at Savannah State - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 9

Southeast Missouri at Arkansas - 7:05 p.m.

Wednesday, December 10

Tennessee State at Vanderbilt - 7:00 p.m.

St. Francis at Eastern Illinois - 7:05 p.m. (WEIU)

Friday, December 12

Tennessee State at Alabama A&M - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 13

Samford at Ohio State - 1:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

Morehead State at IPFW - 6:00 p.m..

Rochester College at Tennessee-Martin - 6:00 p.m.

Austin Peay at Western Kentucky - 7:00 p.m.

Jacksonville State at Alcorn State - 7:00 p.m.

Tennessee Tech at Vanderbilt - 7:00 p.m.

Eastern Illinois at Evansville - 7:05 p.m.

Oakland City at Southeast Missouri - 7:30 p.m.

Chicago State at Murray State - 8:00 p.m.

#### **ALL TIMES CENTRAL**

WEIU - Live telecast on WEIU-TV 51 (Charleston, IL) ESPN+ - Live telecast on ESPN Regional network

### OVC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

#### **PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

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

**Victor** picks up his third consecutive OVC Player of the Week honor after averaging a double-double (21.5 ppg/16.5 ppg) while shooting 69.6 percent from the field as Murray State ran its record to 6-0. In the Racers' 73-67 win at TCU, the senior forward tallied 17 points and 13 rebounds in 29 minutes of action. He then exploded for 26 points and a career-high 20 rebounds in a 100-95, double-overtime victory at Western Kentucky, where he played all but five minutes of the 50-minute contest. Victor leads the league in rebounding (11.8 rpg) and ranks fifth in scoring (17.3 ppg) with an OVC-best 73.7 field goal percentage.

#### **CO-NEWCOMERS OF THE WEEK**

# DAINMON GONNER • JR., F, 6'6, 230 • FORT WORTH, TX • SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WILLIE JENKINS • JR., F, 6'6, 210 • MEMPHIS, TN • TENNESSEE TECH

**Gonner** scored a career-high 24 points with six rebounds in Southeast Missouri's 71-58 loss at unbeaten Southern Illinois, then followed that with 15 points and seven boards in an 80-63 win over UMKC. The junior forward shot 46.7 percent from the field (14-of-30) and 71.4 percent at the free throw line (10-of-14), adding two steals and an assist.

**Jenkins** helped Tennessee Tech to victories over Idaho State (87-62) and Middle Tennessee (87-63). The junior forward opened with 20 points and eight boards versus ISU, then had 12 points and five caroms against MTSU. Jenkins was a perfect 5-of-5 at the foul line and 13-of-28 from the floor (46.4%) while also registering three assists, two blocked shots and two steals.

#### **ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

No selection

# 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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**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 (except for Dec. 29) by 5 p.m. CT. The report is available by fax and email, and will be 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.

#### **OVCTELECONFERENCES:**

The OVC will hold a series of teleconferences throughout the season in which the men's basketball head coach of each OVC institution will answer questions from the media. There will be nine teleconferences in the 2003-04 season, and the schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, January 6 Tuesday, January 13 Tuesday, January 20 Tuesday, January 27 Tuesday, February 3 Tuesday, February 10 Tuesday, February 17 Tuesday, February 24 Monday, March 1

Each call will take 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 - Cv 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 Ohio Valley Conference Men's Basketball Report AROUND THE OVC...

**AUSTIN PEAY (2-3 overall, 0-0 OVC):** Austin Peay stretched its homecourt win streak to 18 with a 64-52 triumph over Evansville, but remained winless on the road in a 65-47 loss at Alabama...The win over the Purple Aces was coach **Dave Loos'** 200th at APSU...Junior guard **Anthony Davis (Inglewood, CA)** tied a career-high with 26 points against Evansville...APSU limited the Aces to 16 first-half points on 31.6 percent field goal shooting, but then turned around and managed just 19 points in the first period at 'Bama while shooting 32.7 percent for the game....Senior forward **Adrian Henning (Memphis, TN)** finished with a double-double (16 pts./10 rbds.), despite going 5-of-18 from the field...Senior center **Josh Lewis (Lexington, KY)** moved into a tie for fifth place on the league's all-time blocked shots chart (185). He has a co-league-high 11 rejections thus far in 2003-04...The Govs visit rival Western Kentucky on Saturday.

**EASTERN ILLINOIS (0-4 overall, 0-0 OVC):** Eastern Illinois remains in search of its first win after losses to Illinois-Chicago (77-60) and Indiana State (71-56) in its season-opening homestand...Sophomore **Josh Gomes (Indianapolis, IN)** led EIU with a 13.0 scoring average last week, while junior forward **Aaron Patterson** cleared a team-high 10 rebounds...The Panthers' 0-4 start is its worst since the 1982-83 squad opened with an 0-12 effort...EIU has shot over 40 percent from the field only once this season and currently ranks last in the league with a 38.2 conversion rate...The Panthers close out their three-game homestand Wednesday night against St. Francis before travelling to Evansville on Saturday.

**EASTERN KENTUCKY (2-3 overall, 0-0 OVC):** Eastern Kentucky lost its third straight road outing with a 67-66 setback at Winthrop, but finished the week on a winning note thanks to a 67-46 rout of Division III Centre College...Sophomore guard **Matt Witt (Tipp City, OH)** went 5-of-6 from 3point range and finished with 34 points in the two contests, including a game-high 25 at Winthrop. He ranks second in the league in 3-point shooting (56%) and fourth in trey average (2.8 pg)...Senior guard **Mike Scott** was a major contributor in the win over Centre, registering eight points, eight boards, three assists, a blocked shot and a steal...All three of the Colonels' losses have been by six points or less...EKU registered a commanding 25-8 rebounding effort against Centre...EKU has back-to-back meetings with Savannah State, but the two contests are separated by 12 days with a Dec. 8 meeting in Savannah and a Dec. 20 date at home.

JACKSONVILLE STATE (4-2 overall, 0-0 OVC): Jacksonville State won back-to-back meetings with visiting Jackson State (71-63) and Tennessee Temple (84-58)...Junior forward Carl Brown (Birmingham, AL) shot 75 percent from the field while averaging 17.5 points and five rebounds per game...Five players scored in double figures against Tennessee Temple, led by Brown's 14...Senior guard James Denson (Walnut Grove, MS) went 6-of-12 from 3-point range, contributing 25 points overall...Senior forward Trent Eager (Monroeville, AL) was a perfect 10-of-10 at the free throw line against Jackson State (13-of-14 for the week) and leads the league with an 80 percent conversion rate at the stripe...JSU visits Alcorn State on Saturday.

MOREHEAD STATE (3-2 overall, 0-0 OVC): Morehead State won a pair of close ones at home against Wright State (65-60) and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi (85-84)... Senior guard Chez Marks (Paris, KY) averaged 24.5 points and 4.5 rebounds per game, going 15-of 30 from the field and 10-of-11 at the charity stripe... After going just 2-of-13 from the field in the WSU contest, senior forward Ricky Minard (Mansfield, OH) pumped in 33 points against TAMU-CC on 11-of-16 field shooting, including 8-of-11 from 3-point range. Minard moved into fourth place on the school's all-time scoring list (1,852 points) and set a new Eagle record for career treys (currently at 196)... Sophomore guard Quinton Smith (Radcliff, KY) had 19 points for the week, including the game-winning shot with five seconds remaining against TAMU-CC... The Eagles played without sophomore forward Cory Burns (Peru, IN), who was out with a leg injury. Leading rebounder Josh Graham (7.2 rpg) played just two minutes of the TAMU-CC game due to a foot injury... The Eagles visit IPFW on Saturday.

MURRAY STATE (6-0 overall, 0-0 OVC): Murray State took its unbeaten record on the road, defeating TCU (73-67) before capturing a 100-95, double-overtime thriller at Western Kentucky. The Racers' 6-0 start is their 13th in school history and first since the 1998-99 squad opened 9-0...Senior forward Cuthbert Victor continued his outstanding play, averaging a double-double (21.5 ppg/16.5 ppg) while shooting 69.5 percent from the field. He led five Racers in double-figure scoring at WKU, falling one point shy of a career-high with 26 points while clearing a career-best 20 rebounds...Senior forward Antione Whelchel was held to just 1-of-8 field shooting at WKU, but he hit six free throws, finishing with 10 reboundes, eight points and five assists...The Racers, currently ranked 15th in the CollegeInsider.com Mid-Major Top 25 poll, play host to Chicago State on Saturday as part of the Pittsburgh Holiday Classic.

**SAMFORD (2-3 overall, 0-0 OVC):** Samford posted a runner-up finish at the Brother's Heat and Air Shootout in Rock Hill, S.C. over the weekend. Sophomore **J. Robert Merritt (Oklahoma City, OK)** knocked down a 3-pointer with 2.5 seconds remaining to lift the Bulldogs to a 66-64 victory over host Winthrop in the tourney opener. Samford fell to Southern Mississippi, 81-61, in the championship game...Senior forward **Eddie Harper (Laurel, MS)** averaged 15 points and 5.5 rebounds per game while shooting 61.1 percent from the field. He leads the Bulldogs with a 57.1 conversion rate on the floor...Senior guard and Brantford, Ontario, native **Tyson Dorsey** was named to the All-Tournament team after netting 20 points and five boards in the two games...The Bulldogs have shot 50 percent or better from the field in three of their five outings thus far and rank third in the league (48.6%)...Samford visits Ohio State on Saturday.

**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (4-2 overall, 0-0 OVC):** Southeast Missouri moved to 4-2 on the season after splitting a pair of contests. The Indians dropped a 71-58 decision at unbeaten Southern Illinois, but rebounded nicely for an 80-63 home triumph over UMKC...Junior forward **Dainmon Gonner (Ft. Worth, TX)** leads the team with a 15.0 scoring average after dropping in 24 points at SIU and 15 versus the Kangaroos. He also cleared 13 boards in the two contests...Junior forward **Reggie Golson (Kansas City, KS)** pulled down 12 boards in the UMKC contest...Junior guard **Derek Winans (East Cape Girardeau, IL)** canned 7-of-15 three-pointers while posting a 14.5 scoring average. He is third among active career leaders in treys (136)...Southeast heads back out on the road for a Dec. 9 date at Arkansas before returning home to play host to Oakland City on Saturday.

**TENNESSEE-MARTIN (2-5 overall, 0-0 OVC):** Tennessee-Martin is caught in a three-game slide following setbacks at Memphis (84-64) and Mississippi Valley State (79-69). The Skyhawks' 2-5 start is its worst since opening the 1999-00 season 3-8...Despite the losses, sophomore center **Cleve Woodfork** had a pair of nice outings. The St. Loius, Mo., native went 12-of-19 from the field (63.2%) for 26 points and 17 rebounds...Junior point guard **Tyler George (Princeton, IN)** dished out eight assists to go with 10 points in Memphis...The Skyhawks outrebounded Memphis, 40-37, and outshot MVSU, 51.9 to 39.7 percent, but committed 20+ turnovers in each of the two contests. The miscues were especially costly at MVSU, where the Skyhawks held a 40-38 lead at the break but registered 14 of their 22 turnovers in the second half...UTM opens a two-game homestand on Saturday against Rochester College.

**TENNESSEE STATE (1-4 overall, 0-0 OVC):** Tennessee State is also on a three-game skid after losses to Chattanooga (93-86), Fisk (65-63) and 15th-ranked Georgia Tech (94-43)...Junior forward **Roshaun Bowens** pumped in a career-high 31 points versus UTC on 12-of-13 field and 6-of-8 free throw shooting. He also cleared 10 boards...Senior guard **Garrett Richardson (El Paso, TX)** tallied his 200th career steal and is the OVC's active leader (203)...TSU led the Mocs by as many as 17 points before allowing them to shoot 76 percent from the field over the final 20 minutes...The Tigers also held a halftime lead against Fisk (32-21), but converted just two of 10 free throws over the final four minutes en route to the two-point loss...An eight-minute scoring drought led to only 15 first-half points for the Tigers at Georgia Tech...TSU continues a six-game road swing at Vanderbilt on Wednesday and Alabama A&M on Friday.

**TENNESSEE TECH (4-1 overall, 0-0 OVC):** Tennessee Tech recorded back-to-back wins over Idaho State (87-62) and in-state rival Middle Tennessee (87-63)...**Milone Clark (Gibson, NC)** had an impressive showing in the ISU contest. The sophomore guard went 9-of-13 from the field, posting career-highs of 23 points, nine rebounds and five steals...Junior forward and UMass transfer **Willie Jenkins (Memphis, TN)** is fitting in nicely with the Golden Eagles' offense. He leads the team with an 18.8 scoring average and 6.2 rebounds per game...Senior guard **Cameron Crisp (Bolivar, TN)** recorded his 1,000th career point in the MTSU contest...Tech went 6-of-11 from 3-point range in the first half of the MTSU contest. The Golden Eagles are averaging 8.8 treys per game while converting a league-high 41.5 percent from behind the arc (44-of-106)...Tech visits Vanderbilt on Saturday.

#### **OVC HOOPS NOTES**

**HITTIN' THE BOOKS:** This week's basketball slate is fairly light, with only five contests scheduled between Dec. 8 -12 as the student-athletes take time off to concentrate on final exams.

**BLOCK PARTY:** Austin Peay senior center **Josh Lewis**, the OVC's active career leader in blocked shots, has climbed into a two-way tie for fifth place on the conference's all-time list with 185 rejections. The Lexington, Ky., native sits just one tic shy of fourth place on the chart, but has a long way to go for the all-time mark of 439, set by Tennessee Tech's Lorenzo Coleman (1993-97).

**ONE MORE YEAR FOR MR. EVERYTHING:** Morehead State forward/guard and 2002-03 OVC Player of the Year **Ricky Minard** has finished among the Top 15 in every statistical category in each of the past two seasons and is the league's active career leader in scoring (1,852 points) and 3-pointers made (196). A two-time unanimous first-team All-OVC selection, Minard initially declared for the 2003 NBA Draft, but took his name out of the early-entry pool in order to return for his senior season.

**RANKING THE MID-MAJORS:** Undefeated **Murray State** (6-0) is ranked 15th in the latest *CollegeInsider.com* Mid-Major Top 25 poll. At 4-1, **Tennessee Tech** is also getting some notice, garnering three votes this week. The website named Morehead State senior forward/guard **Ricky Minard** to its 25-member Preseason All-Mid Major Team.

**NEW FACES IN THE CROWD:** Several new faces are on the sidelines this season as **Jacksonville State** and **Samford** begin their first year of competition in the Ohio Valley Conference. JSU is headed by fourth-year coach **Mike LaPlante**, while Samford's skipper is seventh-year coach **Jimmy Tillette**. In addition, two long-time OVC members, **Murray State** and **Tennesseee State**, are under new management as **Mick Cronin** and **Cy Alexander** take over the reins of the Racer and Tiger programs, respectively.

**BUSTIN' BRACKETS:** Austin Peay will participate in the second edition of ESPN's Bracket Buster Saturday, traveling to an as-yet-to-be-determined opponent's site on February 21, 2004.

**TOP SCORERS RETURN:** Eight of the OVC's top 15 scorers from a year ago, all of whom averaged at least 14 points per game, return in 2003-04. Back are Morehead State forward/guard **Ricky Minard** (22.5 ppg) and guard **Chez Marks** (17.4 ppg), Tennessee-Martin guard **Earl Bullock** (16.0 ppg), Austin Peay forward **Adrian Henning** (15.5 ppg) and guard **Anthony Davis** (14.0 ppg), Tennessee State forward **Roshaun Bowens** (15.4 ppg), Southeast Missouri guard **Derek Winans** (15.3 ppg) and Murray State forward **Cuthbert Victor** (15.3 ppg).

PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE: Morehead State senior guard/forward Ricky Minard was overwhelmingly selected as the 2003-04 OVC men's basketball preseason Player of the Year in voting by the league's head coaches and sports information directors. Minard joins Austin Peay senior forward Adrian Henning as unanimous choices to the preseason All-OVC first team. Accompanying them on the preseason All-OVC first team are Murray State senior guard/forward Cuthbert Victor, Austin Peay senior center Josh Lewis and Tennessee Tech senior guard Cameron Crisp. Selected to the preseason All-OVC second team were senior guard Chez Marks of Morehead State, junior guard Earl Bullock of Tennessee-Martin, junior guard Derek Winans and senior center Brandon Griffin of Southeast Missouri, junior forward/guard Anthony Davis of Austin Peay and sophomore guard Matt Witt of Eastern Kentucky.

#### OVC MEN'S BASKETBALL TELEVISION SCHEDULE

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

#### All times Central

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

### OVC IN FINAL 2002-03 NCAA RANKINGS

#### INDIVIDUAL

#### SCORING

Henry Domercant, EIU - 2nd (27.9 ppg) Ricky Minard, MOR - 12th (22.5 ppg)

#### REBOUNDING

James Singleton, MUR - t8th (11.0 rpg) Brandon Griffin, SEMO - 12th (10.5 rpg)

#### SSISTS

Kevin Roberts, SEMO - t18th (6.2 apg)

#### STEALS

Garrett Richardson, TSU - 30th (2.2 spg)

#### **BLOCKED SHOTS**

Josh Lewis, APSU - 18th (2.6 bpg)

#### FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Cuthbert Victor, MUR - 16th (59.6%) Damien Kinloch, TTU - 18th (58.6%) Joey Walker, UTM - 23rd (57.7%) Brandon Griffin, SEMO - 26th (57.3%)

#### 3-POINT FIELD GOAL %

Chez Marks, MOR - 4th (45.6%) Henry Domercant, EIU - 21st (42.4%)

#### **3-POINTERS MADE**

Earl Bullock, UTM - 10th (3.5 pg)

#### **TEAM**

#### **SCORING OFFENSE**

Morehead State - 7th (81.2 ppg) Eastern Kentucky - 30th (77.6 ppg)

#### **REBOUND MARGIN**

Tennessee Tech - 13th (+6.2) Murray State - Tied for 15th (+6.1)

#### FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Morehead State - 1st (51.0%) Tennessee Tech - 17th (48.1%)

#### 3-POINT FIELD GOAL %

Southeast Missouri - 5th (40.1%) Morehead State - 9th (39.4%)

#### FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

Eastern Illinois - 9th (76.8%) Morehead State - 16th (75.6%)

#### ASSISTS

Southeast Missouri - 5th (17.8 apg) Tennessee-Martin - 15th (16.9 apg) Tennessee Tech - 20th (16.7 apg) Murray State - 28th (16.4 apg)

#### STEALS

Tennessee-Martin - 20th (9.4 spg)

# College Insider.com Mid-Major Top 25 Poll (Dec. 8)

		RECORD	PTS	PREV.
1.	Gonzaga (31)	6-1	775	1
2.	Wichita State	5-1	729	5
3.	East Tennessee State	5-1	689	3
4.	Creighton	4-0	672	6
5.	Bradley	5-1	624	12
6.	Manhattan	3-1	614	2
7.	Southern Illinois	5-0	555	15
8.	College of Charleston	4-1	538	11
9.	Illinois-Chicago	7-2	515	4
10.	Northern Illinois	3-2	458	10
11.	George Mason	4-2	455	8
12.	UL-Lafayette	1-1	381	9
13.	New Mexico State	4-0	377	14
14.	Utah State	3-1	356	13
15.	MURRAYSTATE	6-0	328	22
16.	Akron	4-1	272	18
17.	Stephen F. Austin	4-0	232	NR
18.	Butler	3-2	202	16
19.	UC-Santa Barbara	2-2	136	21
20.	Ball State	2-1	127	NR
21.	Princeton	5-0	124	NR
22.	Portland	5-1	96	NR
23.	Kent State	3-0	93	NR
24.	Niagara	4-0	86	NR
25.	Toledo	4-0	76	NR

**OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES:** Southwest Missouri State 67, Arkansas State 58, VCU 45, UNC Wilmington 44, Detroit 42, Fairfield 40, Miami (Ohio) 38, Oakland 37, Loyola Marymount 25, Chattanooga 23, Pepperdine 17, Wisconsin-Milwaukee 17, Western Michigan 15, Eastern Washington 13, Vermont 13, IUPUI 11, Delaware 9, New Orleans 7, Lafayette 6, Wagner 6, Yale 6, Holy Cross 5, Santa Clara 5, Winthrop 4, Belmont 3, Bowling Green 3, **TENNESSEE TECH 3,** UC Irvine 2, Mississippi Valley State 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)

#### **EASTERNILLINOIS**

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)

#### **TENNESSEETECH**

Anthony Fisher - G, 6'2, 175 - Alpharetta, GA (Chattahoochee HS)

#### OVC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

#### **ACTIVE OVC CAREER LEADERS**

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## NEWCOMER:

N 24	Justin Smith, Lennessee-Martin
D 1	Kelvin Brown, Murray State
D 8	Dainmon Gonner, Southeast Missou Willie Jenkins, Tennessee Tech
D 15	
D 22	
J 5	
J 12	
J 19	
J 26	
F2	
F 9	
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F 23	
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N 24	Brandon Moore, Eastern Kentucky
D 1	Bruce Price, Tennessee State
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F 16	
F 23	

SCORING Ricky Minard, Morehead State Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State Cuthbert Victor, Murray State Antione Whelchel, Murray State Cameron Crisp, Tennessee Tech Adrian Henning, Austin Peay Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri Chez Marks, Morehead State Anthony David Austin Peay	PTS 1,852 1,132 1,094 1,026 1,008 984 930 892
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Anthony Davis, Austin Peay Chris Shumate, Murray State	858 838

REBOUNDS	REB
Cuthbert Victor, Murray State	659
Josh Lewis, Austin Peay	553
Ricky Minard, Morehead State	542
Antione Whelchel, Murray State	513
Adrian Henning, Austin Peay	494
Michael Haney, Eastern Kentucky	374
Brandon Griffin, Southeast Missouri	346
Phillip Ramelli, Samford	317
Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State	300
Andy Hornig, Murray State	298

<u>ASSISTS</u>	AST
Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State	354
Cameron Crisp, Tennessee Tech	318
Kevin Paschel, Murray State	294
Ricky Minard, Morehead State	291
Leigh Gayden, Tennessee Tech	229
Antione Whelchel, Murray State	229
Kevin Roberts, Southeast Missouri	225
Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri	203
Chris Shumate, Murray State	174
Matt Witt, Eastern Kentucky	170

STEALS	STI
Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State	203
Ricky Minard, Morehead State	194
Cuthbert Victor, Murray State	12
Cameron Crisp, Tennessee Tech	11
Anthony Davis, Austin Peay	106
Antione Whelchel, Murray State	10
Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri	94
Chris Shumate, Murray State	89
Rhet Wierzba, Austin Peay	84
Josh Lewis, Austin Peay	80

BLOCKED SHOTS	BL
Josh Lewis, Austin Peay	185
Cuthbert Victor, Murray State	114
Andy Hornig, Murray State	92
Adrian Henning, Austin Peay	89
Phillip Ramelli, Samford	58
Ricky Minard, Morehead State	57
Antione Whelchel, Murray State	36
Damarcus Hence, Southeast Missouri	33
Tim Volpenhein, Eastern Kentucky	2
Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State	23

3-POINTERS MADE	3's
Ricky Minard, Morehead State	196
Chez Marks, Morehead State	147
Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri	136
Antione Whelchel, Murray State	122
Rick Jones, Murray State	120
Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State	118
Tyson Dorsey, Samford	115
Ben Rushing, Eastern Kentucky	114
Earl Bullock, Tennessee-Martin	113
Rhet Wierzba, Austin Peay	111

# OVC Statistics Rankings - Through Dec. 8

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