



2003-04 OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL REPORT

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OVC STANDINGS

	CONFERENCE						OVERALL						
	W	L	PCT.	Home	Away	Streak	W	L	PCT.	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
Murray State	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	7	0	1.000	5-0	2-0	0-0	W7
Tennessee Tech	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	4	2	.667	4-0	0-2	0-0	L1
Southeast Missouri	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	5	3	.625	4-0	0-3	1-0	W1
Jacksonville State	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	4	3	.571	4-0	0-3	0-0	L1
Morehead State	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	3	3	.500	3-0	0-3	0-0	L1
Tennessee-Martin	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	3	5	.375	2-0	0-4	1-1	W1
Austin Peay	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	2	4	.333	2-0	0-4	0-0	L4
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	2	4	.333	2-0	0-4	0-0	L1
Samford	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	2	4	.333	1-0	1-3	0-1	L2
Eastern Illinois	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	1	5	.167	1-1	0-4	0-0	L1
Tennessee State	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	1	6	.143	1-2	0-4	0-0	L6

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Saturday, December 13

@Western Kentucky 75, **Austin Peay** 59
@Evansville 86, **Eastern Illinois** 76
@Alcorn State 70, **Jacksonville State** 68
@IPFW 78, **Morehead State** 75
@**Murray State** 100, Chicago State 80
@Ohio State 80, **Samford** 62
@**Southeast Missouri** 79, Oakland City 67
@**Tennessee-Martin** 88, Rochester College 64
@Vanderbilt 98, **Tennessee Tech** 79

Friday, December 12

@Alabama A&M 78, **Tennessee State** 77

Wednesday, December 10

@Vanderbilt 85, **Tennessee State** 64
@**Eastern Illinois** 80, St. Francis 57

Tuesday, December 9

@Arkansas 78, **Southeast Missouri** 68

Monday, December 8

@Savannah State 63, **Eastern Kentucky** 62 (ot)

UPCOMING GAMES

Monday, December 15

Kentucky Christian at **Morehead State** - 6:00 p.m.
Maryville at **Austin Peay** - 7:00 p.m. (WKAG)

Tuesday, December 16

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

Wednesday, December 17

East Tennessee State at **Tennessee Tech** - 7:00 p.m.
Southern Illinois at **Murray State** - 7:15 p.m.
Tennessee State at Wyoming - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 18

Tennessee Temple at **Samford** - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 19

Tennessee State at Colorado - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 20

Austin Peay at Louisville - 1:00 p.m. (WDRB)
Covenant College at **Samford** - 2:00 p.m.
Murray State at Pittsburgh - 6:00 p.m.
Mississippi Valley State at **Tennessee-Martin** - 6:00 p.m.
Savannah State at **Eastern Kentucky** - 6:30 p.m.
Eastern Illinois at Western Illinois - 7:00 p.m.
Appalachian State at **Tennessee Tech** - 7:00 p.m.

ALL TIMES CENTRAL

WKAG - Live telecast on WKAG-TV (Hopkinsville, KY)
WDRB - Live telecast on WDRB-TV (Louisville, KY)

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OVC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

BRANDON GRIFFIN • SR., C, 6'8, 230 • GREENSBURG, LA • SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

Griffin averaged a double-double (14 ppg/11.5 rpg) as Southeast Missouri went 1-1 in non-conference action last week. After recording 16 points and 11 rebounds in the Indians' 78-68 loss at Arkansas, the senior center charted his first career triple-double with 12 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists in a 79-67 triumph over Oakland City. Griffin shot 59.1 percent from the field (13-of-22) for the week and was 2-of-4 at the free throw line.

NEWCOMER OF THE WEEK

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

Newson tallied 20 points in 24 minutes of action in Tennessee-Martin's 88-64 win over Rochester College. The sophomore guard/forward was perfect in four 3-point attempts as part of an overall 7-of-8 shooting effort (87.5%). He also contributed four rebounds, four assists, three steals and a blocked shot.

ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

WILL LEWIS • FR., F, 6'8, 210 • FORT WAYNE, IN • TENNESSEE-MARTIN

Lewis collected his first double-double with 13 rebounds and 10 points in the Skyhawks' win over Rochester. The true freshman forward shot 50 percent from the floor (3-of-6) and was a perfect 4-of-4 at the charity stripe while also registering a blocked shot and two steals.

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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 e-mail, 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.

OVC TELECONFERENCES:

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 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 (2-4 overall, 0-0 OVC): Austin Peay dropped a 75-59 outing at Western Kentucky for its second straight loss...The Governors held a 39-31 lead at the break, but hit a 5:56 scoreless stretch in the second half, during which WKU scored 16 unanswered points...Senior center **Josh Lewis (Lexington, KY)** led the team with 13 points and six rebounds. He also blocked one shot attempt, tying him for fourth place on the OVC's all-time list (186) and extending to 32 his streak of consecutive games with at least one rejection...Senior forward **Adrian Henning (Memphis, TN)** sits five points shy of the 1,000 career mark and needs just one rebound to reach 500...The Govs put their 18-game home win streak on the line when they host Maryville College on Monday. APSU also visits its 2003 NCAA tournament opponent, Louisville, on Saturday.

EASTERN ILLINOIS (1-5 overall, 0-0 OVC): Eastern Illinois rolled over St. Francis (80-57) to snap a season-opening four-game slide, but the Panthers were unable to maintain the momentum in an 86-76 loss to Evansville...EIU registered season-highs in points (80) and field goal percentage (53.8%) in the win over the Saints as four Panthers scored in double-figures, led by junior guard **Emanuel Dildy (Chicago, IL)** and junior forward **Aaron Patterson (Indianapolis, IN)**, who combined to go 11-of-13 from the field and finished with 12 points apiece...Junior guard **Derik Hollyfield (Aurora, IL)** grabbed 10 rebounds and blocked three shots in the SFU contest...Junior guard **Jason Wright (DeKalb, IL)** netted a career-high 17 points at Evansville. He hit 62.5 percent of his field attempts for the week (10-of-16), including going 4-of-6 from 3-point land...EIU plays the second of four straight road contests at Western Illinois on Saturday.

EASTERN KENTUCKY (2-4 overall, 0-0 OVC): Eastern Kentucky lost a tough 63-62 outing in overtime at Savannah State...Junior forward **Michael Haney (Madisonville, KY)** went 7-of-12 from the field and fell just shy of a double-double with 19 points and nine rebounds...Senior guard **Mike Scott (Baltimore, MD)** added 12 points and a career-high 11 boards before fouling out...Leading scorer **Matt Witt (Tipp City, OH)** played only 11 minutes before leaving with a sprained ankle midway through the first half...Five EKV players registered six or more rebounds as the Colonels held a 50-37 advantage on the glass...The Colonels will have an opportunity to avenge its loss to SSU when the Tigers return the game in a Dec. 20 visit to Richmond.

JACKSONVILLE STATE (4-3 overall, 0-0 OVC): Jacksonville State placed five players, including four starters, in double figures but still fell, 70-68, at Alcorn State...Senior forward **Scott Watson (Gilbert, AZ)** went 4-of-6 from 3-point range as he led the Gamecocks with 18 points...Junior forward **Carl Brown (Birmingham, AL)** added 12 points along with a game-high seven rebounds, while senior forward **Trent Eager (Monroeville, AL)** and sophomore reserve **Walker Russell (Rochester, MI)** chipped in 11 points each and senior guard **James Denson (Walnut Grove, MS)** contributed 10...The Gamecocks hauled in a season-low 25 rebounds, but still finished with a 25-23 edge over the Braves...JSU visits Savannah State on Tuesday.

MOREHEAD STATE (3-3 overall, 0-0 OVC): Morehead State dropped a close 78-75 decision at IPFW...Senior forward/guard **Ricky Minard** went 10-of-11 from the free throw line as he pumped in a season-high 37 points to go with eight rebounds. The Mansfield, Ohio, native has 1,889 points and now sits within 183 ticks of the Eagles' all-time scoring mark...Senior guard **Chez Marks (Paris, KY)** tossed in 10 points to pass the 900-point career mark (902). He is on pace to become the 27th member of the school's 1,000-point club later this season...All three of Morehead State's victories have come at home, while all three losses have been on the road...The Eagles play host to Kentucky Christian on Monday.

MURRAY STATE (7-0 overall, 0-0 OVC): Murray State breezed past Chicago State, 100-80, to extend its unbeaten record to seven...Senior forward **Cuthbert Victor (St. Croix, Virgin Islands)** had a monster game, canning a career-high 35 points on 13-of-16 shooting from the field (8-of-9 from the free throw line) while grabbing eight rebounds and blocking five shots...Freshman forward **Shawn Witherspoon (Oviedo, FL)** netted a season-best 15 points in 16 minutes of play off the bench, going 7-of-10 from the field with a free throw...Senior forward **Antione Whelchel (Gainesville, GA)** was a perfect 8-of-8 at the charity stripe, finishing with 18 points and six assists...The Racers, who have won 11 straight at home dating back to last season, host Southern Illinois on Wednesday before traveling to Pittsburgh for a Dec. 20 meeting.

SAMFORD (2-4 overall, 0-0 OVC): Samford lost an 80-62 outing at Ohio State...Sophomore forward **J. Robert Merritt (Oklahoma City, OK)** went 6-of-9 from the floor, including 4-of-7 from behind the arc, to lead the Bulldogs with 16 points and five assists...Senior center **Phillip Ramelli (New Orleans, LA)** is the only Samford player to score in double figures in all six games after netting 14 at OSU. He shot 6-of-8 from the field with a pair of 3-pointers...Merritt, Ramelli and senior guard **Eddie Harper (Laurel, MS)** are all averaging a team-high 12 points per game...Samford shot 49 percent from the floor (41% from 3-point range), but foul trouble cost the Bulldogs as OSU went 17-of-19 from the charity stripe in the second half...After playing five of their first six games on the road, the Bulldogs return home to face Tennessee Temple on Thursday and Covenant College on Saturday.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (5-3 overall, 0-0 OVC): Southeast Missouri split a pair of non-conference tilts last week, losing at Arkansas (78-68) and defeating Oakland City (79-67)...Senior center **Brandon Griffin (Greensburg, LA)** had an outstanding week, registering a double-double in the loss to the Razorbacks (16 pts./11 rbd.) and collecting a triple-double against the Mighty Oaks (12 pts./12 rbd./10 asts.)...After pumping in 20 points at Arkansas, junior forward **Dainmon Gonner (Ft. Worth, TX)** was held scoreless in just six minutes of play versus the Oaks to halt his streak of double-figure scoring at five...Junior guard **Derek Winans** hit four 3-pointers as part of a 7-of-7 night to contribute 18 points against OCU, while junior guard **Mike Nelke (St. Louis, MO)** drained all five of his trey attempts in the first half and finished with 15 points. Senior guard **Damarcus Hince (Memphis, TN)** scored a team-high 20 points off the bench...Southeast shot 50 percent or better from the field in both contests...The Indians take the week off for final exams.

TENNESSEE-MARTIN (3-5 overall, 0-0 OVC): Tennessee-Martin ended a three-game losing skid with an 88-64 rout of Rochester College...Four players scored in double figures. Junior guard **Justin Smith (Memphis, TN)** led all scorers with 23 points while sophomore guard/forward **Jared Newson** was perfect on four 3-point attempts in a 7-of-8 shooting effort and finished with 20. Smith converted all four of his free throw attempts and is 24-of-25 from the stripe thus far (96%)...Junior guard **Jeremy Kelly (Louisville, KY)** was one of two Skyhawks with double-double performances, collecting 20 points and 10 rebounds while dishing out six assists. Freshman forward **Will Lewis (Fort Wayne, IN)** registered his first career double-dip with 10 points and 13 boards...The Skyhawks will be without the services of senior guard **Earl Bullock (Lineville, AL)**, who is out for the season with a knee injury, and freshman guard **Logan Mooneyham**, who has decided to transfer...UTM will be looking to avenge an earlier loss when Mississippi Valley State visits on Saturday.

TENNESSEE STATE (1-6 overall, 0-0 OVC): Tennessee State dropped an 85-64 decision at Vanderbilt and then lost a 78-77 heartbreaker to host Alabama A&M on a buzzer-beating shot...Junior forward **Roshawn Bowens (Nashville, TN)** and senior guard **Garrett Richardson (El Paso, TX)** combined for 40 of the Tigers' 64 points in the Vandy contest, scoring 22 and 18, respectively...Richardson, the OVC's career active steals leader (215), is averaging a league-high 3.1 steals per game this season...Freshman guard **Bruce Price (Minneapolis, MN)** tossed in a season-high 23 points at AAMU, while Bowens added 18 and junior **Jeremy Jackson (East St. Louis, IL)** came off the bench to can five 3-pointers, including four in the second half, for 15 points...After winning their season-opener, the Tigers have lost six straight...TSU continues its six-game road trip with dates at Wyoming (Dec. 17) and Colorado (Dec. 19).

TENNESSEE TECH (4-2 overall, 0-0 OVC): Tennessee Tech had four players score in double figures in a 98-79 loss at undefeated Vanderbilt...Senior guard **Cameron Crisp (Bolivar, TN)** canned five 3-pointers on 10-of-14 field shooting for a team-high 26 points...Sophomore guard **Milone Clark (Gibson, NC)** and junior forward **Willie Jenkins (Memphis, TN)** followed with 16 points apiece, while senior guard **Will Moore (Atlanta, GA)** added 11...TTU boasts a 13-game win streak at home...Tech meets up with East Tennessee State for the first time in 20 years when the Buccaneers visit Eblen Center on Wednesday. The Golden Eagles also host Appalachian State on Saturday.

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OVC HOOPS NOTES

FOR A GOOD CAUSE: The last time **Austin Peay** squared off against Louisville, the two teams were battling for the right to advance in the 2003 NCAA Tournament. This year's contest, however, pairs the two teams for a decidedly different reason -- to help a colleague face a challenging future. Of the guarantee Louisville will pay Austin Peay for the Dec. 20 contest, \$10,000 will be donated in the name of APSU and the people of Clarksville, Tenn., to a medical fund established for former Louisville basketball star and Clarksville native Marques Maybin, who was paralyzed from the waist down in an Aug. 5 motorcycle accident.

VICTOR SIZZLING: Seven games into the season, Murray State senior forward **Cuthbert Victor** is making a strong case for postseason honors. The St. Croix, Virgin Islands, native is torching the nets with a league-high and nationally-ranked 75.3 shooting percentage, having missed just 18 of 73 field goal attempts. He leads the OVC in rebounding (11.3 rpg) and blocked shots (16) while ranking second in scoring (19.9 ppg).

STREAKIN': Three OVC teams boast double-digit win streaks on their home courts. **Austin Peay** is currently ranked eighth in the nation with an 18-game run in the Dunn Center, while **Tennessee Tech** has won 13 straight in Eblen Center and is tied for 13th nationally. **Murray State** has won 11 consecutive games in the Regional Special Events Center and is tied for 15th.

HOME IS WHERE THE WINS ARE: Nearly one month into the season, nine of the league's 11 teams are undefeated at home as OVC squads boast a combined 29-3 record on their own turf. The road hasn't been as kind, however, as the league is 3-34 in away contests.

DIALING LONG DISTANCE: Samford forward **J. Robert Merritt's** move to the OVC hasn't affected his ability to hit the "3," as the sophomore leads the league with a 51.5 conversion rate behind the arc. He has hit 17-of-33 long-range attempts thus far and ranks fourth in the conference with 2.83 treys per game. Last season, Merritt canned 48-of-112 three-pointers (42.9%). As a team, the Bulldogs are averaging a league-high 10 treys per game while ranking third in 3-point field goal percentage (39.2%).

OFF TO THE RACES: At 7-0, **Murray State** is off to its best start since opening the 1998-99 campaign with a 9-0 run. After topping the century mark in back-to-back wins over Western Kentucky (100-95) and Chicago State (100-80), the Racers' high-octane offense is averaging 90.6 points per game and outscoring opponents by a +20.9 margin (both OVC highs), while the defense has blocked a conference-best 35 shot attempts and recorded a league-high 74 steals (10.57 spg). The Racers also boast the OVC's best turnover margin (+5.71) and assist-to-turnover ratio (1.42).

BLOCK PARTY: Austin Peay senior center **Josh Lewis**, the OVC's active career leader in blocked shots, continues his climb up the league's charts, moving into a tie for fourth place with 186 rejections. The Lexington, Ky., native has a long way to go, though, for the all-time mark of 439, set by Tennessee Tech's Lorenzo Coleman (1993-97).

RANKING THE MID-MAJORS: Undefeated **Murray State** was ranked 15th in the Dec. 8 edition of the *CollegeInsider.com* Mid-Major Top 25 poll. **Tennessee Tech** has also received some notice, garnering three votes. The website named Morehead State senior forward/guard **Ricky Minard** to its 25-member Preseason All-Mid Major Team.

OVC IN 2003-04 NCAA RANKINGS (Through Dec. 8)

INDIVIDUAL

SCORING

Ricky Minard, MOR - t41st (20.4 ppg)

REBOUNDING

Cuthbert Victor, MUR - 6th (11.8 rpg)

ASSISTS

Tyler George, UTM - 19th (6.3 apg)

STEALS

Bruce Price, TSU - t18th (3.2 spg)
Adam Chiles, MUR - 22nd (3.16 spg)

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Cuthbert Victor, MUR - t4th (73.7%)
Carl Brown, JSU - t10th (70.8%)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL %

Trent Eager, JSU - 2nd (68.2%)
J. Robert Merritt, SAM - t26th (50%)

3-POINTERS MADE

Chez Marks, MOR - t18th (3.6 pg)

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

Andy Gobczynski, EIU - t1st (100%)
Justin Smith, UTM - 20th (95.2%)

BEST SINGLE-GAME FG%

Roshaun Bowers, TSU - 1st (92.3%, 12-13)
Carl Brown, JSU - t2nd (91.7%, 11-12)

MOST SINGLE-GAME 3-PT FG MADE

Ricky Minard, MOR - t4th (8)

BEST SINGLE-GAME 3-PT FG%

Ricky Minard, MOR - t5th (72.7%, 8-11)

MOST SINGLE-GAME REBOUNDS

Cuthbert Victor, MUR - t1st (20)

TEAM

SCORING OFFENSE

Murray State - 10th (89.0 ppg)
Tennessee Tech - 11th (88.2 ppg)

SCORING DEFENSE

Austin Peay - t25th (59.2 ppg)

SCORING MARGIN

Murray State - 12th (21.0)
Tennessee Tech - 22nd (18.8)

REBOUND MARGIN

Eastern Kentucky - 15th (10.7)

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Tennessee Tech - 5th (52.8%)
Murray State - 18th (50.4%)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL %

Tennessee Tech - 21st (41.5%)
Morehead State - 26th (41.2%)

3-POINTERS MADE PER GAME

Morehead State - t15th (9.4 pg)
Tennessee Tech - t27th (8.8 pg)

ASSISTS

Murray State - t8th (20.2 apg)

STEALS

Murray State - t25th (11.0 spg)
Tennessee Tech - t30th (10.8 spg)

MOST POINTS IN A GAME

Eastern Kentucky - t14th (106)
Tennessee-Martin - t17th (105)
Murray State - t25th (100)

BEST SINGLE-GAME FG%

Murray State - 10th (61.7%, 37-60)

BEST SINGLE-GAME FT%

Tennessee-Martin - 2nd (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 (Dec. 8)

	<u>RECORD</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>PREV.</u>
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. MURRAY STATE	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)

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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PLAYER:

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 D 15 Brandon Griffin, Southeast Missouri
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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
 J 5
 J 12
 J 19
 J 26
 F 2
 F 9
 F 16
 F 23
 M 1

ROOKIE:

N 24 Brandon Moore, Eastern Kentucky
 D 1 Bruce Price, Tennessee State
 D 8 No selection
 D 15 Will Lewis, Tennessee-Martin
 D 22
 J 5
 J 12
 J 19
 J 26
 F 2
 F 9
 F 16
 F 23
 M 1

ACTIVE OVC CAREER LEADERS

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 Davis, Austin Peay
 Chris Shumate, Murray State

PTS

1,889
 1,159
 1,129
 1,044
 1,034
 995
 956
 902
 868
 845

STEALS

Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State
 Ricky Minard, Morehead State
 Cuthbert Victor, Murray State
 Cameron Crisp, Tennessee Tech
 Anthony Davis, Austin Peay
 Antione Whelchel, Murray State
 Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri
 Chris Shumate, Murray State
 Rhet Wierzba, Austin Peay
 Josh Lewis, Austin Peay

STL

215
 197
 130
 111
 107
 107
 94
 89
 86
 81

REBOUNDS

Cuthbert Victor, Murray State
 Josh Lewis, Austin Peay
 Ricky Minard, Morehead State
 Antione Whelchel, Murray State
 Adrian Henning, Austin Peay
 Michael Haney, Eastern Kentucky
 Brandon Griffin, Southeast Missouri
 Phillip Ramelli, Samford
 Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State
 Andy Hornig, Murray State

REB

667
 559
 550
 521
 499
 383
 369
 324
 306
 300

BLOCKED SHOTS

Josh Lewis, Austin Peay
 Cuthbert Victor, Murray State
 Andy Hornig, Murray State
 Adrian Henning, Austin Peay
 Phillip Ramelli, Samford
 Ricky Minard, Morehead State
 Kenan Asceric, Tennessee-Martin
 Antione Whelchel, Murray State
 Damarcus Hence, Southeast Missouri
 Tim Volpenhein, Eastern Kentucky

BLK

186
 119
 93
 89
 59
 57
 49
 36
 35
 25

ASSISTS

Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State
 Cameron Crisp, Tennessee Tech
 Ricky Minard, Morehead State
 Kevin Paschel, Murray State
 Antione Whelchel, Murray State
 Leigh Gayden, Tennessee Tech
 Kevin Roberts, Southeast Missouri
 Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri
 Chris Shumate, Murray State
 Matt Witt, Eastern Kentucky

AST

360
 319
 294
 294
 235
 231
 226
 204
 175
 171

3-POINTERS MADE

Ricky Minard, Morehead State
 Chez Marks, Morehead State
 Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri
 Antione Whelchel, Murray State
 Rick Jones, Murray State
 Garrett Richardson, Tennessee State
 Tyson Dorsey, Samford
 Ben Rushing, Eastern Kentucky
 Earl Bullock, Tennessee-Martin
 Rhet Wierzba, Austin Peay

3's

199
 149
 142
 124
 121
 121
 118
 117
 113
 112

OVC Statistics Rankings - Through Dec. 15

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