

January 17, 2005 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Contact: Kim Melcher Phone: (615) 371-1698 Ohio Valley Conference 215 Centerview Drive, Suite 115 Brentwood, Tennessee 37027 www.ovcsports.com

## **OVC STANDINGS**

Samford
Tennessee Tech
Murray State
Tennessee State
Austin Peay
Eastern Kentucky
Morehead State
Southeast Missouri
Tennessee-Martin
Eastern Illinois
Jacksonville State

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2	2	.500	0-0	2-2	L1	
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10	5	.667	4-0	6-5	0-0	L1
7	8	.467	4-1	2-7	1-0	L2
6	9	.400	5-2	1-7	0-0	L1
4	11	.267	2-2	2-7	0-2	L1
5	10	.333	4-1	0-9	1-0	L6
4	12	.250	3-4	0-6	1-2	L10

#### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

#### Tuesday, January 11

\*@Southeast Missouri 79, Eastern Illinois 60

### Thursday, January 13

- \*Eastern Kentucky 67, @Austin Peay 63 (ot)
- \*Tennessee-Martin 75, @Jacksonville State 71
- \*@Tennessee Tech 63, Morehead State 40
- \*@Samford 55, Murray State 47
- \*@Tennessee State 105, Southeast Missouri 101 (20t)

#### Saturday, January 15

- \*@Austin Peay 69, Morehead State 65
- \*@Tennessee State 77, Eastern Illinois 62
- \*@Tennessee Tech 78, Eastern Kentucky 64
- \*Murray State 77, @Jacksonville State 61
- \*@Samford 62, Tennessee-Martin 59
- \* OVC game

#### UPCOMING GAMES

#### Tuesday, January 18

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

## Thursday, January 20

Jacksonville State at Eastern Kentucky\* - 6:30 p.m. Samford at Morehead State\* - 6:45 p.m.

Tennessee Tech at Southeast Missouri\* - 7:30 p.m. Tennessee State at Tennessee-Martin\* - 7:30 p.m.

Austin Peay at Eastern Illinois\* - 7:35 p.m.

#### Saturday, January 22

Austin Peay at Southeast Missouri\* - 5:00 p.m. (CSS) Samford at Eastern Kentucky\* - 6:30 p.m.

Jacksonville State at Morehead State\* - 6:45 p.m.

Tennessee Tech at Eastern Illinois\* - 7:05 p.m.

Tennessee State at Murray State\* - 7:15 p.m.

#### \* - OVC game

**CSS - Live telecast on Comcast Sports Southeast** 

#### **ALL TIMES CENTRAL**

## OVC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

#### **PLAYER**

### DAINMON GONNER - F, 6-6, Sr., Ft. Worth, TX - SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

**Gonner** averaged 30.0 points and 8.5 rebounds a game as Southeast Missouri picked up a split in OVC road action. The senior forward scored 23 points and five rebounds in the Indians' 79-60 win over Eastern Illinois, then exploded for a career-high 37 points and 12 rebounds in a 105-101 double-overtime loss at Tennessee State. A native of Ft. Worth, Tex., Gonner shot 50 percent from the field (22-of-44) and 11-of-17 from the free throw line (64.7%) while also tallying three assists and seven steals in the two games.

#### **NEWCOMER**

#### DEREK STRIBLING • F, Jr., 6-6, 210 • WINTER HAVEN, FL • TENNESSEE TECH

**Stribling** helped Tennessee Tech remain unbeaten atop the OVC standings, averaging 17.5 points and 5.5 rebounds per game while shooting 58.3 percent in wins over Morehead State (63-40) and Eastern Kentucky (78-64). The junior forward opened with 18 points, seven rebounds, three assists and two steals against the Eagles, then tallied 17 points, four boards and two handouts versus the Colonels. For the week, the Winter Haven, Fla., product was 14-of-24 from the field and 6-of-7 at the foul line (85.7%).

#### **FRESHMAN**

#### REILEY ERVIN • G, Fr., 5-10, 160 • MEMPHIS, TN - TENNESSEE STATE

**Ervin** came off the bench to score 16 of his career-high 18 points in the second half of Tennessee State's 105-101 double-overtime win against Southeast Missouri. The freshman guard followed with a 10-point effort in a 77-62 triumph over Eastern Illinois as the Tigers won their third OVC outing in four tries. A native of Memphis, Tenn., Ervin also recorded 10 assists and five steals in the two games.

# 2004-05 OVC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH (Selected by Head Basketball Coaches and Sports Information Directors)

1.	Murray State (19 first-place votes)	199
2.	Tennessee State (1 first-place vote)	166
3.	Eastern Kentucky (1 first-place vote)	148
4.	Tennessee Tech (1 first-place vote)	137
5.	Austin Peay	123
6.	Tennessee-Martin	116
t7.	Jacksonville State	92
t7.	Southeast Missouri	92
9.	Morehead State	52
10.	Samford	45
11.	Eastern Illinois	40

(\*Schools were not allowed to rank their own team. Ten points awarded for a first-place vote, nine for second, etc.)



## 2005 O'Reilly Ohio Valley Conference Basketball Tournament

Nashville, Tennessee • March 4-5 Gaylord Entertainment Center

First Round: March 1 (at campus sites), times TBA Semifinals: March 4 (at Nashville), 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. CT Championship: March 5 (at Nashville), 3 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 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.

## 2005-06 SIGNEES

#### **AUSTIN PEAY**

Drake Reed - F, 6'5, 210 - Clarksville, TN Landon Shiply - PG, 6'1, 140 - St. Louis, MO

#### **EASTERN ILLINOIS**

Billy Parrish - F, 6'4 - Naperville, IL

#### **EASTERN KENTUCKY**

Emmanuel Adako - P, 6'8, 215 - Decatur, GA Tyler Morris - G, 6'1, 175 - Indianapolis, IN

#### **JACKSONVILLE STATE**

DeAndrea Bray - G, 5'6, 160 - Atlanta, GA

#### **MOREHEAD STATE**

Cordaryl Ballard - G, 6'3, 185 - Columbus, OH Tyke Cockerham - G, 6'2, 175 - Indianapolis, IN Tristan Rogers - G/F, 6'4, 195 - Kokomo, IN

#### **MURRAY STATE**

Tyler Holloway - G, 6'1 - Decatur, AL

## SAMFORD

None

#### **SOUTHEAST MISSOURI**

Tyrell Curry - F, 6'7, 215 - Tacoma, WA

### TENNESSEE-MARTIN

Vashon Ingram - G, 6'4, 185 - Memphis, TN McKale Jones - C, 6'8, 255 - Memphis, TN

#### **TENNESSEE STATE**

Larry Turner - C, 6'11, 240 - Milledgeville, GA

#### **TENNESSEE TECH**

None

### AROUND THE OVC...

**AUSTIN PEAY (5-11 overall, 3-1 OVC):** Austin Peay fell from the ranks of the OVC unbeaten with a 67-63 overtime loss to Eastern Kentucky, but bounced back to claim a 69-65 win against Morehead State...APSU's loss to EKU snapped four impressive win streaks for the Governors. It marked APSU's first setback to the Colonels in 18 meetings while also halting the Govs' 21-game run in Conference play. The loss also put an end to a pair of APSU home win streaks against Conference opposition (regular-season and overall), ending 18- and 22-game runs, respectively...Senior C **Zac Schlader** netted his season and career's second double-double (18 pts./10 rbds.) against Morehead State, hitting 9-of-11 field goal attempts. Schlader has played 40+ minutes in three outings thus far in 2004-05, averaging a league-high 37.0 minutes each time out...Junior guard **Maurice Hampton** contributed in all areas last week, recording 29 points, 10 assists, nine rebounds and five steals...APSU has forced 69 turnovers through its first four OVC contests, boasting a +5.0 turnover margin during that span...After sleeping in their own beds for the last three weeks, the Govs hit the road for a pair with trips to Eastern Illinois (Jan. 20) and Southeast Missouri (Jan. 22). The contest at Southeast will be televised on Comcast Sports Southeast (CSS) at 5 p.m.

**EASTERN ILLINOIS (5-10 overall, 0-4 OVC):** Eastern Illinois finds itself tied for seventh in Conference play after road setbacks to Southeast Missouri (79-60) and Tennessee State (77-62)...Junior G **Josh Gomes** averaged 23.0 ppg last week. He has scored in double figures in 12 of 15 outings this season...Redshirt freshman G **Bobby Catchings** contributed 14 points, five rebounds and five assists at TSU...EIU has topped the 70-point plateau just once over the last 10 games...After playing eight of their last nine games on the road, the Panthers look to snap a six-game slide when they return home to kick off a run of four straight in Lantz Arena, beginning with Austin Peay (Jan. 20) and Tennessee Tech (Jan. 22).

**EASTERN KENTUCKY (10-5 overall, 2-2 OVC):** Eastern Kentucky picked up another split in OVC road action last week, coming out on top in a 67-63 overtime contest at Austin Peay before dropping a 78-64 decision at Tennessee Tech...Senior F **Michael Haney** shot a blistering 70.6 percent from the field (12-of-17) over the two games and registered his fourth double-double (23 pts./10 rbds.) of the season (15th career) versus APSU. Through games of Jan. 10, he is tied for sixth nationally in field goal percentage (64%)...Junior G **Zach Ingles** recorded his 10th double-figure scoring effort of the season with a team-high 18 points at Tech...The Colonels have outrebounded their last five opponents by a +8.4 margin (39.0-30.6 rpg)...EKU is now 9-0 this season when leading at the half...Starting C **Alonzo Hird** played only 11 minutes before fouling out of the APSU contest. Filling in nicely for him were freshmen **Darnell Dialls** (5 pts., 7 rbds., 3 blks.) and **Ryan Wiersma** (8 pts., 7 rbds., 1 blk.)...After wrapping up a 37-day, seven-game road trip, the sixth-place Colonels return to the friendly confines of Paul McBrayer Arena to open a five-game homestand with Jacksonville State (Jan. 20) and Samford (Jan. 22).

Jacksonville State continues to look for a way to break back into the win column following setbacks to Tennessee-Martin (75-71) and Murray State (77-61)...The Gamecocks' 10-game skid is the second-longest since moving to Division I in 1995-96...Junior G B.J. Spencer tossed in a game-high 23 points versus UT Martin. He has scored in double-figures for four straight outings and leads the team with 15.3 ppg in OVC action...Freshman F Dorien Brown blocked a career-high five shots against the Skyhawks, giving him 11 rejections over the last four games...Junior G Walker Russell is averaging a league-high 7.13 assists each time out and is ranked 10th nationally through games of Jan. 10. In JSU's four wins, Russell has averaged 24.8 ppg and shot 66.7% from the field, while in the 12 losses he has netted just 11.3 ppg and shot 32.8%...Junior reserve Rod Venner has been granted permission to contact other NCAA institutions regarding a transfer. He saw action in 11 games this season, averaging 5.0 ppg and 1.1 rpg...Tied for ninth in the OVC, Jax State begins a four-game road stretch with visits to Eastern Kentucky (Jan. 20) and Morehead State (Jan. 22).

MOREHEAD STATE (7-8 overall, 1-3 OVC): Morehead State fell into a seventh-place tie in the OVC standings following road losses to Tennessee Tech (63-40) and Austin Peay (69-65)...Sophomore G Josh Reed was the Eagles' top scorer in both contests, tossing in 10 points at Tech and a game-high 22 at APSU...Senior F Chad McKnight averaged a double-double for the week (12.0 ppg/10.5 rpg). He is shooting 60.3% from the field and is tied for 16th nationally through games of Jan. 10...Redshirt freshman reserve Kevin McDonald netted a career-high 10 points against the Govs...Morehead State is shooting a league-high 76.5% from the free throw line with six players boasting a conversion rate of 70% or better at the stripe...The Eagles also sport the OVC's stingiest defense, limiting opponents to a Conference-low 41.2% shooting from the field...Morehead State looks to improve on its 4-1 home record when the Eagles kick off a fourgame stand at Ellis T. Johnson Arena against Samford (Jan. 20) and Jacksonville State (Jan. 22).

MURRAY STATE (8-6 overall, 3-1 OVC): Murray State slipped into a three-way tie for second place in league action after rolling a split in two road contests last week. The Racers dropped a 55-47 decision at Samford but bounced back to earn a 77-61 win at Jacksonville State...After being held to a season-low three points against the Bulldogs, leading scorer Trey Pearson canned a season-best five 3-pointers en route to a game-high 22 points at JSU...The trip to Samford was Murray State's first since 1978, while the Jax State visit was the team's first-ever...The Racers were held to a season-low 20 second-half points as they fell to 0-3 in their series with Samford...Sophomore F Shawn Witherspoon recorded the team's first double-double of the season with 14 points and 10 rebounds at Jax State...Freshman G Justin Orr went 4-of-6 from the field en route to a career-high 11 points off the bench at JSU...The Racers wrap up a three-game stretch with a Jan. 18 trip to Tennessee-Martin before returning home to entertain Tennessee State on Saturday.

**SAMFORD (9-6 overall, 4-0 OVC):** Samford extended its home winning streak to five games with victories against Murray State (55-47) and Tennessee-Martin (62-59)...Tied for first atop the OVC standings, the Bulldogs are off to their first 4-0 Conference start since the 1998-99 season...Junior F **J. Robert Merritt** averaged 15.5 ppg and 4.5 rpg for the two outings. He finished the week 7-of-15 from behind the arc and leads the OVC with a 48.2 trey percentage, ranking 13th in the nation through games of Jan. 10...The Bulldogs will be looking to snap a two-game losing streak to Morehead State when they open a four-game road stretch with the Eagles (Jan. 20) and Eastern Kentucky (Jan. 22)...Last season, Samford dropped both ends of its "Death Valley" swing.

#### AROUND THE OVC...

**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (6-9 overall, 1-3 OVC):** Southeast Missouri picked up a split in OVC action last week, rolling to a 79-60 win over Eastern Illinois before dropping a 105-101 heartbreaker in double overtime at Tennessee State...Senior F **Dainmon Gonner** averaged 30.0 ppg and 8.5 rpg for the week. He established a new career-high for the second time this season with 37 points at TSU, also hauling in 12 rebounds for his third double-double of the season...The Indians kick off a four-game homestand on Thursday with Tennessee Tech, then host Austin Peay on Jan. 22 in a regionally-televised contest on Comcast Sports Southeast (CSS)...Southeast officially unveils its new Redhawk logo and nickname on Saturday in conjunction with the APSU contest.

**TENNESSEE-MARTIN (4-11 overall, 1-3 OVC):** Tennessee-Martin snapped a six-game slide with a 75-71 win at Jacksonville State, but was unable to make it two in a row as the Skyhawks dropped a 62-59 outing at Samford...The win at JSU ended an eight-game losing streak to the Gamecocks...Junior G **Jared Newson** tallied his fourth double-double of the season (19 pts./ 11 rbds.) at Jax State...The Skyhawks shot a season-high 54.8 percent from the field in the Samford contest...Three UT Martin players were perfect from the charity stripe at JSU as the Skyhawks went 21-of-23 (91.3%) from the foul line...Senior G **Justin Smith**, sidelined since Jan. 15, 2004 with an Achilles tendon injury, returned to the lineup at JSU and closed out the week with a 3-of-5 effort from 3-point range at Samford...Redshirt freshman **Justin Cagle** is out for at least a month with a broken bone in his hand...The Skyhawks return home for dates with Murray State (Jan. 18) and Tennessee State (Jan. 20).

**TENNESSEE STATE (8-10 overall, 3-1 OVC):** Tennessee State kicked off the home portion of its Conference schedule on a successful note with a 2-0 effort last week. The Tigers rallied from an 18-point second-half deficit to defeat Southeast Missouri (105-101) in a double-overtime thriller, then erased a 10-point Eastern Illinois lead for a 77-62 win...Sophomore G **Bruce Price** hit 23-of-28 free throws while pumping in 46 points in the two contests, including a season-high 30 points versus Southeast...Freshman G **Reiley Ervin** scored 16 of his career-high 18 points in the second half against the Indians...Senior F **Roshaun Bowens** registered his second double-double of the season (18 pts./12 rbds.) in the Southeast contest, while the TSU bench contributed 46 points...The Tigers have added a walk-on to their roster, senior G **Corie Carrol**...Four starters scored in double digits against EIU...Tied for third in the OVC, the Tigers hit the road for dates at Tennessee-Martin (Jan. 20) and Murray State (Jan. 22).

**TENNESSEE TECH (9-6 overall, 4-0 OVC):** Tennessee Tech remains one of two teams unbeaten atop the OVC standings following wins over Morehead State (63-40) and Eastern Kentucky (78-64)...Senior F **Willie Jenkins** hit four consecutive 3-pointers en route to a 22-point, eight-rebound performance against EKU...Junior F **Derek Stribling** shot an impressive 58.3 percent from the field (14-of-24) while averaging a team-high 17.5 ppg last week...Freshman G **Anthony Fisher** was 6-of-10 from the field and 7-of-8 at the foul line while contributing 20 points and six assists off the bench in the two games...Tech is a perfect 8-0 at home this season...The Golden Eagles outrebounded Morehead State, 41-25, and held the Eagles to 40 points, the lowest output for a Tech opponent ever in Conference play and the lowest in 46 years overall...Tech plays seven of its next eight games on the road, kicking off a three-game stretch with dates at Southeast Missouri (Jan. 20) and Eastern Illinois (Jan. 22).

**OVC HELPS KICKS OFF NEW ESPN CHANNEL:** The Ohio Valley Conference will take center stage when ESPN unveils its latest venture in the arena of sports programming...ESPNU, a new multi-media college sports initiative featuring a 24-hour television network, launches on Saturday, March 4, 2005, and the inaugural contest to be aired on ESPNU TV will be the second semifinal game of the 2005 O'Reilly Ohio Valley Conference Men's Basketball Tournament, which is scheduled for 8 p.m. Central time that same day. Additionally, the men's championship game will be televised live on ESPN2 at 3 p.m. CT on Saturday, March 5.

**OVC ON TELEVISION:** Seven Ohio Valley Conference regular-season games will be televised live during the 2004-05 season. The Jan. 22 contest between **Austin Peay** and **Southeast Missouri** will be a regional broadcast on Comcast Sports Southeast (CSS). Tipoff is set for 5 p.m. Central with **Blake Fulton**, former Auburn head coach **Cliff Ellis** and **Keeli Davidson** calling the action. A tape-delayed broadcast of the game will also be available at 7 p.m. that same evening on Comcast SportsNet Chicago.

## OVC IN 2004-05 NCAA RANKINGS

(Through games of Jan. 10)

#### **TOP-25 INDIVIDUAL**

#### **REBOUNDING**

Rod Flowers, TSU - 22nd (9.5 rpg)

#### FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Michael Haney, EKU - t6th (64.0%) Chad McKnight, MOR - t19th (61.9%)

#### 3-PT. FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

J. Robert Merritt, SAM - 13th (48.6%)

#### FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

Emanuel Dildy, EIU - t3rd (93.0%) Ramon Kelly, MOR - 13th (90.0%)

#### **ASSISTS**

Walker Russell, JSU - 10th (6.9 apg) Matt Witt, EKU - 22nd (6.4 apg)

#### **BEST SINGLE-GAME FG %**

Chad McKnight, MOR - t1st (100%, 10-10)

#### **BEST SINGLE-GAME FT %**

Trey Pearson, MUR - t1st (100%, 13-13) Willie Jenkins, TTU - t1st (100%, 11-11)

#### **TOP-25 TEAM**

#### **SCORING DEFENSE**

Samford - t23rd (59.2 ppg)

#### **FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE**

Samford - 20th (50.1%)

#### 3-PT. FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Samford - 7th (43.2%)

#### **3-PT. FIELD GOAL AVERAGE**

Samford - 21st (8.5 pg)

### FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

Morehead State - 4th (78.2%) Samford - t14th (75.0%)

#### **MOST SINGLE-GAME POINTS**

Jacksonville State - t14th (112 pts.)

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

Jacksonville State - t8th (16)

### **BEST SINGLE-GAME FT PERCENTAGE**

Tennessee State - 6th (95.7%, 22-23) Tennessee Tech - 19th (91.2%, 31-34)

#### OVC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

## PLAYER:

N 22 - Walker Russell, Jacksonville State N 29 - J. Robert Merritt, Samford

D 6 - Bruce Price, Tennessee State

D 13 - Reggie Golson, Southeast Missouri D 20 - Rod Flowers, Tennessee State

J 3 - Willie Jenkins, Tennessee Tech

J 10 - Shawn Witherspoon, Murray State J 17 - Dainmon Gonner, Southeast Missouri

J 24 -

J 31 -

F7-

F 14 -F 21 -

F 28 -

#### **NEWCOMER:**

N 22 - Rod Flowers, Tennessee State

N 29 - Rod Flowers, Tennessee State

D 6 - Rod Flowers, Tennessee State

D 13 - Zach Ingles, Eastern Kentucky

D 20 - Rod Flowers, Tennessee State

J 3 - Darnell Hopkins, Murray State

J 10 - Issian Redding, Murray State

J 17 - Derek Stribling, Tennessee Tech

J 24 -

J 31 -

F7-

F 14 -F 21 -

F 28 -

#### **FRESHMAN:**

N 22 - Anthony Fisher, Tennessee Tech

N 29 - Paul Paradoski, Southeast Missouri

D 6 - Derek Wright, Austin Peay

D 13 - Bobby Catchings, Eastern Illinois

D 20 - Dorien Brown, Jacksonville State

J 3 - Dorien Brown, Jacksonville State

J 10 - Amadi McKenzie, Tennessee Tech

J 17 - Reiley Ervin, Tennessee State

J 24 -

J31 -F7 -

F 14 -

F 21 -F 28 -

## **OVC ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS**

(Through games of Jan. 15)

CCORING	DTC
<u>SCORING</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Anthony Davis, Austin Peay	1,404
Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri	1,363
Roshaun Bowens, Tennessee State	1,349
Michael Haney, Eastern Kentucky	1,076
Matt Witt, Eastern Kentucky	1,043
Brett Hale, Southeast Missouri	950
Willie Jenkins, Tennessee Tech	822
J. Robert Merritt, Samford	808
Bruce Price, Tennessee State	781
Chad McKnight, Morehead State	764

**STEALS** STL Anthony Davis, Austin Peay 163 Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 135 Michael Hanev. Eastern Kentucky 132 Jeremy Kelly, Tennessee-Martin 116 Roshaun Bowens, Tennessee State 96 Matt Witt, Eastern Kentucky 90 Keyon Boyd, Tennessee Tech 89 Walker Russell, Jacksonville State 85 Maurice Hampton, Austin Peay 77 Bruce Price, Tennessee State 77 J. Robert Merritt, Samford 65

**REB REBOUNDS** Michael Haney, Eastern Kentucky 645 Roshaun Bowens, Tennessee State 564 Anthony Davis, Austin Peay 464 Chad McKnight, Morehead State 377 Willie Jenkins, Tennessee Tech 311 J. Robert Merritt, Samford 290 Jeremy Kelly, Tennessee-Martin 283 Milone Clark, Tennessee Tech 280 Andy Gobczynski, Eastern Illinois 269 Jared Newson, Tennessee-Martin 269

**BLOCKED SHOTS** <u>BLK</u> Reggie Golson, Southeast Missouri 47 Zac Schlader, Austin Peay 41 Roshaun Bowens, Tennessee State 40 Michael Haney, Eastern Kentucky 36 Anthony Davis, Austin Peay 36 Will Lewis, Tennessee-Martin 32 Abdou Diame, Jacksonville State 30 Dorien Brown, Jacksonville State 29 Alonzo Hird, Eastern Kentucky 26 Jonathan Jones, Tennessee Tech 26 Jared Newson, Tennessee-Martin 25

**ASSISTS** <u>AST</u> Matt Witt. Eastern Kentucky 396 Walker Russell, Jacksonville State 296 Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 249 Anthony Davis, Austin Peay 241 Jeremy Kelly, Tennessee-Martin 234 Keyon Boyd, Tennessee Tech 193 Tyler George, Tennessee-Martin 175 Michael Haney, Eastern Kentucky 171 Bruce Price, Tennessee State 165 Quinton Smith, Morehead State 155

**3-POINTERS MADE** <u>3's</u> Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri 203 Ben Rushing, Eastern Kentucky 177 Brett Hale, Southeast Missouri 159 Matt Witt, Eastern Kentucky 156 Earl Bullock. Tennessee-Martin 149 J. Robert Merritt, Samford 147 Anthony Davis, Austin Peay 125 Bruce Price, Tennessee State 110 Maurice Hampton, Austin Peay 89 Jon Mills, Samford 77

## OVC STATISTICS RANKINGS - THROUGH JAN. 15

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