



2005 OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE BASEBALL REPORT

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RECENT RESULTS

Tuesday, March 29

@Austin Peay 15, Lipscomb 8
@Saint Louis 4, Eastern Illinois 2
Wright State 14, @Eastern Kentucky 5
@Vanderbilt 14, Jacksonville State 5
Akron 15, @Morehead State 14 (10 inn.)
Memphis 11, @Murray State 8
Samford 9, @Auburn 6
Arkansas State 9, @Southeast Missouri 3
@Southern Illinois 4, Tennessee-Martin 3 (11 inn.)
@Middle Tennessee 14, Tennessee Tech 4

Wednesday, March 30

@Austin Peay 9, Memphis 6
@Eastern Illinois 10, Millikin 2
@Eastern Kentucky 11, Marshall 10
@Morehead State 20, Akron 13
@UAB 14, Samford 4
Middle Tennessee 17, @Tennessee Tech 7

Saturday, April 2

*@Austin Peay 8, Samford 0
*@E. Illinois 7-2, Murray St. 6-10 (Gm. 1/10 inn.)
*Jacksonville St. 6-0, @Southeast Missouri 3-3
*UT Martin at Eastern Kentucky - ppd/rain
*Tennessee Tech at Morehead State - ppd/rain

Sunday, April 3

*@Eastern Kentucky 11-5, Tennessee-Martin 2-6
*@Morehead State 8-10, Tennessee Tech 4-4
*@Austin Peay 4-3, Samford 3-5
*Murray State 11, @Eastern Illinois 2
*Jacksonville State 8, @Southeast Missouri 7

* - denotes OVC contest

OVC STANDINGS

(Through games of Apr. 3)

	OVC					OVERALL				
	W	L	I	PCT.	GB	W	L	I	PCT.	STR.
Morehead State	5	0	0	.000	--	13	14	0	.481	W3
Murray State	4	2	0	.667	1.5	15	13	0	.520	W2
Jacksonville State	4	2	0	.667	1.5	11	14	0	.409	W1
Eastern Kentucky	3	2	0	.600	2.0	9	11	0	.444	L1
Eastern Illinois	3	3	0	.600	2.5	6	18	0	.238	L2
Tennessee-Martin	2	3	0	.400	3.0	6	18	0	.227	W1
Austin Peay	2	4	0	.333	3.5	15	11	0	.565	L1
Southeast Missouri	2	4	0	.333	3.5	9	16	0	.364	L1
Samford	2	4	0	.333	3.5	7	18	0	.273	W1
Tennessee Tech	1	4	0	.200	4.0	6	20	0	.250	L5

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Tuesday, April 5

Southeast Missouri at Saint Louis - 3 p.m.
Arkansas State at Tennessee-Martin - 3 p.m.
Eastern Illinois at Indiana State - 6 p.m.
Eastern Kentucky at Tennessee - 6 p.m.
Middle Tennessee at Austin Peay - 6:30 p.m.
Samford at Mississippi State - 6:30 p.m.
Lipscomb at Tennessee Tech - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6

Jacksonville State at Alabama State - 1 p.m.
Shawnee State at Morehead State - 2 p.m.
Northern Illinois at Eastern Illinois - 3 p.m.
Murray State at Southern Illinois - 3 p.m.
Austin Peay at Vanderbilt - 6 p.m.
Missouri at Southeast Missouri - 6 p.m.
Tennessee-Martin at Memphis - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 9

*Eastern Kentucky at Murray State (2) - 1 p.m.
*Austin Peay at Tennessee Tech (2) - 1 p.m.
*Eastern Illinois at Jacksonville State (2) - 1 p.m.
*Morehead State at Tennessee-Martin (2) - 1 p.m.
*Southeast Missouri at Samford (2) - 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 10

*Austin Peay at Tennessee Tech - 1 p.m.
*Eastern Illinois at Jacksonville State - 1 p.m.
*Eastern Kentucky at Murray State - 1 p.m.
*Morehead State at Tennessee-Martin - 1 p.m.
*Southeast Missouri at Samford - 1 p.m.

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2005 OVC Baseball Notes

OVC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK - APRIL 4

PLAYER OF THE WEEK:

LANCE SEASOR • 2B, SR. • CATLETTSBURG, KY • MOREHEAD ST.

Seasor extended his hitting streak to 17 games, going 8-for-18 (.444) with nine runs scored, five homers and 12 runs batted in as Morehead State posted a 3-1 record last week, including a two-game sweep of Tennessee Tech that kept the Eagles unbeaten in Conference play. The senior 2B from Catlettsburg, Ky., had a slugging percentage of 1.278 and an on-base percentage of .545. Defensively, he handled 20 attempts without an error and was a part of five double plays.

PITCHER OF THE WEEK:

ROWDY HARDY • LHP, JR. • BETHEL SPRINGS, TN • AUSTIN PEAY

Hardy snapped a personal three-game losing streak with a 2-0 effort last week, picking up one victory in a two-inning scoreless relief appearance versus Memphis, then throwing a complete-game shutout – the first of his career – against Samford. The junior lefthander from Bethel Springs, Tenn., worked a total of 11 innings in the two contests, striking out six batters while issuing just two walks.



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PLAYERS

Mar. 7 Chris O'Dell, Eastern Kentucky
Mar. 14 Eric Horstman, Southeast Missouri
Mar. 21 Chris Poynter, Austin Peay
Mar. 28 Donald Cheney, Morehead State
Apr. 4 Lance Seasor, Morehead State
Apr. 11
Apr. 18
Apr. 25
May 2
May 9
May 16
May 23

PITCHERS

Mar. 7 Rowdy Hardy, Austin Peay
Mar. 14 Brad Daniel, Austin Peay
Mar. 21 Joseph Edens, Samford
Mar. 28 Chris Vaculik, Eastern Illinois
Apr. 4 Rowdy Hardy, Austin Peay
Apr. 11
Apr. 18
Apr. 25
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May 23

AROUND THE DIAMOND...

AUSTIN PEAY (15-11, 2-4 OVC): Austin Peay ran its home winning streak to a school record-tying nine games before seeing it snapped by Samford in the OVC series finale...Freshman **Will Hogue** led the Govs with a .538 batting average last week while batting in the lineup's nine hole, going 7-for-13 with a double and a pair of triples...The Govs rapped out eight doubles on the week. Each of APSU's first four hits in a 9-6 win over Memphis were doubles, and the team also had three triples in the contest. The Govs now have 31 doubles and 13 triples on the season...Junior LHP **Rowdy Hardy** ended a personal three-game losing streak with a 2-0 effort week, picking up one victory in a two-inning scoreless relief appearance versus Memphis, then throwing a complete-game shutout – the first of his career – against Samford...The Govs also recorded a 15-8 win over Lipscomb and have now won four of their last five outings...APSU entertains Middle Tennessee on Tuesday and visits Vanderbilt on Wednesday before resuming OVC play with a three-game series at Tennessee Tech.

EASTERN ILLINOIS (6-18, 3-3 OVC): Eastern Illinois went 2-3 last week, dropping a close 4-2 decision to Saint Louis before posting a 10-2 win over Millikin and going 1-2 in an OVC series with Murray State...The Panthers scored six of their seven runs via three home runs in a 7-6, 10-inning win over the Thoroughbreds in game one on Saturday...Sophomore C/DH **Jason Cobb** led EIU with a .385 batting average, driving in four runs and scoring three more while tallying five hits, including two homers in Saturday's doubleheader...Senior P **Kyle Widegren** went 1-0 in a pair of starts, striking out 11 batters in a total of nine innings worked...The Panthers stranded 38 runners during the five-game stretch...EIU travels to Indiana State and hosts Northern Illinois before heading down to Jacksonville State for a trio of OVC games.

EASTERN KENTUCKY (9-11, 3-2 OVC): Eastern Kentucky's three-game series with Tennessee-Martin was shortened to a pair of seven-inning contests on Sunday after heavy rains washed out Saturday's action. The Colonels won game one, 11-2, before seeing a seventh-inning rally fall short in a 6-5 loss in game two...EKU also picked up an 11-10 win over Marshall and lost to Wright State (14-5)...Senior 1B **Will Whisenant** led the Colonels with a .600 batting average, seven RBI, two home runs, 16 total bases and a 1.067 slugging percentage over the four-game stretch...Sophomore P **McKenzie Willoughby** (3-1) is 2-0 in OVC play after limiting the Skyhawks to two unearned runs and two hits in 5.1 innings of game one on Sunday. He leads all Colonel starters with a 3.37 ERA, 34.2 innings pitched and 27 strikeouts...EKU hit .349 as a team...After a slow start to the 2005 season, the Colonels have enjoyed a 7-3 mark over their last 10 games...EKU hits the road this week, traveling to Tennessee for a mid-week outing before heading over to Murray State for a three-game OVC series.

JACKSONVILLE STATE (11-14, 4-2 OVC): Jacksonville State staged a pair of ninth-inning rallies to go 2-1 in an OVC series with Southeast Missouri. The Gamecocks plated three runs in the final frame to come away with a 6-3 win in game one of a Saturday twinbill, then tallied four runs in their final at-bat for an 8-7 victory in Sunday's finale...Earlier in the week, JSU dropped a 14-5 outing at Vanderbilt...Sophomore SS **Jake Ball** went 6-for-15 (.400) over the four-game stretch, driving in four runs. He leads the team with 33 hits and is second with a .333 batting average...On Sunday, freshman **Lee Drinkard** made his ninth relief appearance of 2005, picking up his third win while holding the Redhawks scoreless with three hits over the final 2.2 innings...The Gamecocks visit Alabama State on Wednesday before returning home to host OVC opponent Eastern Illinois in a trio of contests.

MOREHEAD STATE (13-14, 5-0 OVC): Morehead State remains unbeaten atop the Conference standings after sweeping a Sunday twinbill from Tennessee Tech, outscoring the Golden Eagles, 8-4 and 10-4. The three-game series was shortened to two seven-inning contests after Saturday's action was cancelled due to heavy rains...Earlier in the week, the Eagles split a pair of non-conference meetings with Akron...Senior 2B **Lance Seasor** extended his hitting streak to 17 games, going 8-for-18 (.444) while knocking in 12 runs and scoring nine. He cranked five homers and slugged 1.278...Senior **Bryan Ingram** also had a solid week at the plate, homering in three consecutive at-bats in Wednesday's 20-13 win versus Akron and finishing the week with a 1.438 slugging %, .444 BA, three doubles, four home runs, seven runs scored and 11 RBI...Senior RHP **Adrian Duran** (5-2, 2.98 ERA) made two appearances without giving up an earned run, including a seven-inning complete-game win against Tech...The Eagles were without the services of

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junior DH **Paul Rhodes**, who is recovering from a bad bruise when he was hit on the hand in the Austin Peay series. He should be cleared to play in time for this weekend's three-game series with Tennessee-Martin...The Eagles also host Shawnee State in a midweek contest.

MURRAY STATE (15-13, 4-2 OVC): Murray State took two of three from Eastern Illinois, outscoring the Panthers by a 21-4 margin to pick up victories in games two and three of their OVC series. The Thoroughbreds also dropped an 11-8 decision to Memphis earlier in the week... Junior DH **Chaz Ebert** homered twice in Sunday's contest and aided the 'Breds offense with an 8-for-19 effort at the plate (.421), scoring seven times and driving in seven runs... Junior LHP **West Harris** recorded 12 strikeouts in 12.2 innings on the mound last week, also picking up the win in game three at EIU... **Phil Lopez** led the team with a .455 (5-for-11) batting average with four runs and two RBI... Murray State hit .333 against the Panthers, but had a combined 17 walks and hit batsmen to just eight for EIU, allowing the 'Breds to outscore the Panthers, 27-11, in the series... **Billy Fares** picked up a complete-game win in the nightcap on Saturday, allowing two runs on seven hits, striking out seven and walking only one... Murray State visits Southern Illinois on Wednesday, then returns home for a three-game set with OVC opponent Eastern Kentucky.

SAMFORD (7-18, 2-4 OVC): Samford kicked off the week in fine fashion with a 9-6 upset of then-No. 21 Auburn last Tuesday, but couldn't sustain the momentum with a 14-4 loss to UAB the following day. The Bulldogs also dropped two of three at OVC foe Austin Peay... Sophomore 1B **Garrett Rice** cranked a three-run homer to aid Samford's cause at Auburn. He is currently riding an eight-game hitting streak after going 6-for-14 (.429) last week with four RBI. Rice's eight-game hitting streak ties with **Matt Allings'** earlier nine-game run for longest on the team this season... Sophomore RHP **Joseph Edens** pitched 6.0 innings, giving up just one earned run on five hits with five strikeouts to earn the win in the third game of the APSU series... After ending a six-game road swing with a Tuesday meeting against Mississippi State, the Bulldogs return home for the first time since March 26 to entertain OVC opponent Southeast Missouri for a three-game series.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (9-16, 2-4 OVC): Southeast Missouri struggled to a 1-3 record last week, dropping two of three to Jacksonville State and getting blanked by Arkansas State (9-0)... Senior SS **Ernie Bracamonte** led the Redhawks' offense with a 6-for-15 effort at the plate (.400), registering two multi-hit efforts in the JSU series... Freshman P **Joey Evans** recorded the team's first complete-game shutout of the season while making only his second career start, pitching a 3-0 gem in game two on Saturday versus JSU. He leads all Redhawk starters with a 3.00 ERA and 37 strikeouts in 36 innings of work... The win over JSU snapped a three-game losing skid... **Eric Horstman** batted .353 on the week, extending his OVC-best hitting streak to 18 games... The Redhawks visit Saint Louis on Tuesday and host Missouri on Wednesday before heading down to Samford for a trio of OVC contests.

TENNESSEE-MARTIN (6-18, 2-3 OVC): Tennessee-Martin dropped a 6-5 decision to Southern Illinois in 11 innings before splitting an OVC twinbill with Eastern Kentucky. After losing Sunday's opener, 11-2, the Skyhawks held on for a 6-5 victory in the nightcap... UT Martin southpaw reliever **Micky Dobson** boasted a 0.00 ERA while picking up a save in two appearances... Junior **Justin Bryant** returned to the rotation after missing the EIU series because of tightness in his elbow, earning the game two win at EIU. He pitched 6.2 innings and gave up 10 hits and three earned runs... Freshman **Zach Dean** led the Skyhawks with his .571 batting average, going 4-for-7 while scoring four runs and sporting a .727 on-base percentage... Senior **Brian Berryman** hit .300 over the three-game stretch, rapping out a double and a homer while driving in five runs... The Skyhawks sandwich a road trip to Memphis between home dates with Arkansas State and OVC foe Morehead State.

TENNESSEE TECH (6-20, 1-4 OVC): Tennessee Tech saw its losing skid stretch to five games after getting swept in a pair of two-game outings against Middle Tennessee and Morehead State... After being out for the last two weeks due to an injury, freshman IF **Corey Kemp** returned to action over the weekend against Morehead State and crushed a grand slam to score Tech's only four runs in the first game of the series... Kemp's grand slam was just the 26th in school history and marked his third homer of the season. He finished the twinbill with two hits and five RBI... The Golden Eagles return home to host Lipscomb in a single contest and OVC opponent Austin Peay for a three-game set.

2005 SUPERLATIVES

ACTIVE HITTING STREAKS

Eric Horstman, SEMO	18
Lance Seazor, MOR	17
Tony Wells, EIU	13
Bryan Stevenson, EIU	12
Brett Bolger, EIU	11
Jared Walker, APSU	9
Winston Pearson, JSU	9
Chaz Ebert, MUR	9
Garrett Rice, SAM	8
Ernie Bracamonte, SEMO	7

LONGEST HITTING STREAKS

Eric Horstman, SEMO	18
Lance Seazor, MOR	17
Tony Wells, EIU	13
Jake Ball, JSU	13
Bryan Stevenson, EIU	12
Nathan Marty, TTU	12
Brett Bolger, EIU	11
Jacob Schroder, APSU	10
Cody Youngblood, APSU	10
Brett Luther, APSU	10

MULTIPLE-HIT GAMES

Bryan Stevenson, EIU	11
Lance Seazor, MOR	11
Jared Walker, APSU	10
Will Whisenant, EIU	10
Kevin Bryant, MOR	10
Chaz Ebert, MUR	10
Clint Alexander, TTU	10

MULTIPLE-RBI GAMES

Bryan Ingram, MOR	9
Jared Walker, APSU	8
Lance Seazor, MOR	8
Clint Griggs, MUR	7
Garrett Rice, SAM	7
Keiji Szalo, EIU	6
Bryan Stevenson, EIU	6
Will Whisenant, EIU	6
Donald Cheney, MOR	6
Jordan Payne, SEMO	6
Frank Montiel, SEMO	6

2005 OVC BASEBALL PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

(as voted on by the OVC head baseball coaches)

TEAM	PTS.
1. Austin Peay (four first-place votes)	75
2. Southeast Missouri (four first place votes)	70
3. Jacksonville State (two first-place votes)	65
4. Eastern Illinois	57
5. Eastern Kentucky	55
6. Samford	45
7. Murray State	29
7. Tennessee Tech	29
9. Tennessee-Martin	16
10. Morehead State	12