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Morehead State University - Morehead, Ky.
 Member since 1948

Murray State University - Murray, Ky.
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SCHOOL WEBSITES

Ohio Valley Conference.....	www.OVCsports.com
Austin Peay	www.LetsGoPeay.com
Eastern Illinois	www.EIUpantthers.com
Eastern Kentucky	www.EKUSports.com
Jacksonville State.....	www.JSUGamecockSports.com
Murray State	www.GoRacers.com
Southeast Missouri	www.GoSoutheast.com
Tennessee State	www.TSUTigers.com
Tennessee Tech.....	www.TTUSports.com
UT Martin	www.UTMSports.com

OVC GAMES ON THE RADIO/INTERNET

Austin Peay

On the Radio	WVRY-FM 105.1
On the Internet.....	www.letsgopeay.com
Talent	David Loos, Van Stokes

Eastern Illinois

On the Radio	Hit Mix 88.9 (WEIU)
On the Internet.....	www.weiuhitmix.net
Talent	Mike Bradd, Jack Ashmore

Eastern Kentucky

On the Radio	WCYO-FM 100.7
On the Internet.....	www.wcyofm.com
Talent	Greg Stotelmyer, Greg McClellan

Jacksonville State

On the Radio	WLJS-FM 91.9
On the Internet.....	www.jsu.edu/92j
Talent	Mike Parris, Ray Hammett

Murray State

On the Radio	WFGE-FM 103.7
On the Internet.....	www.GoRacers.com
Talent	Neal Bradley

Southeast Missouri

On the Radio	K-103 FM 102.9
On the Internet.....	k103fm.com/GoSoutheast.com
Talent	Erik Sean, Rick Wieser, Todd Bonacki

Tennessee State

On the Radio	102.1 FM/101.9 FM/830 AM
On the Internet.....	TSURadio.com (WTST The Blaze)
Talent	Brent Dougherty, Albert Dawson

Tennessee Tech

On the Radio	WGIC FM Magic 98.5
On the Internet.....	www.TTUSports.com
Talent	Roger Ealey

UT Martin

On the Radio	WCMT-FM 101.3/WUTM 90.3
On the Internet.....	www.UTMSports.com
Talent	Tom Britt, Chris Brinkley

Note: All above radio listings are Flagship stations only and does not include radio network affiliates.

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Eastern Kentucky	(859) 622-2226
Jacksonville State.....	(256) 782-5585/5586
Murray State	(270) 809-6811
Southeast Missouri	(573) 651-2191
Tennessee State	(615) 565-4450
Tennessee Tech.....	(931) 372-6030/6031
UT Martin	(731) 881-7694/7632

MEDIA INFORMATION

OVCSPORTS.COM

The official website of the Ohio Valley Conference is OVCsports.com. The website is a direct partnership with SIDEARM Sports. The website contains all the latest news on the conference including releases, statistics and standings.

OVC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

The OVC will name an Offensive, Defensive, Special Teams and Newcomer of the Week each Sunday afternoon during the regular season. A full report featuring league standings, statistics and weekly matchups will be available on Monday afternoons. The release will be posted on OVCsports.com and emailed to local and national media. If you would like to be added to the distribution list send an email to kschwartz@ovc.org.

OVC COACHES TELECONFERENCES

During the regular season a weekly teleconference featuring the league's nine head coaches will be held every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. Central Time. The first teleconference will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 30. A schedule of what times coaches will appear weekly is below. For information on how to access the call, please contact Kyle Schwartz in the OVC Office (615-690-6685 or kschwartz@ovc.org).

10:00 - Chris Hatcher, Murray State
10:07 - Watson Brown, Tennessee Tech
10:14 - Dino Babers, Eastern Illinois
10:21 - Jack Crowe, Jacksonville State
10:28 - Tony Samuel, Southeast Missouri
10:35 - Rick Christophel, Austin Peay
10:42 - Jason Simpson, UT Martin
10:49 - Rod Reed, Tennessee State
10:56 - Dean Hood, Eastern Kentucky

OVC AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Media and fans can get the latest updates on Ohio Valley Conference happenings by using the social media outlets of Twitter and Facebook. Followers and fans of the OVC on each application will get breaking news first and have the chance to access special content and receive special deals. The OVC can be found on Twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/ovcsports> and on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/ovcsports>. You can also check out the league's YouTube Channel at <http://www.YouTube.com/ohiovalleyconference> and the OVC's Insider Blog at ovcinsider.blogspot.com.

FCS PLAYOFFS/OVC TIEBREAKER

The participants in the 2012 NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (formerly I-AA) Playoffs will be announced on Sunday, Nov. 18. In the event of a tie for the OVC Championship, the following procedures will be used to break all ties and to determine the league's NCAA playoff representative.

TWO-WAY TIES

1.) A two-way tie shall exist only if the tied teams have the same number of losses.

2.) Should two teams have the same number of losses, and the two teams played each other during the regular season, the winner of the head-to-head contest shall be the league's postseason representative.

3.) If the two tied teams have the same number of losses, but did not play each other during the regular season, the following procedure shall be utilized to break the tie:

a.) A comparison of each team's head-to-head record against the team occupying the highest position in the regular-season standings that each team has played. If one team won its game against that team, the winning team shall be declared the representative.

b.) Should the procedure outlined in Item a. fail to break the tie, the process will continue to the next-place team and beyond until the tie is broken.

c.) When arriving at another group of tied teams, composite records between the tying teams shall be utilized to determine if one of the tied teams has won more games against the group of tied teams.

4.) If the procedures described previously fail to break the tie, the representative shall be determined by a coin flip.

MULTIPLE TIES

1.) A multiple tie (three or more teams) shall exist only if the tied teams have the same number of losses.

2.) If all of the teams involved in the multiple tie played each other during the regular season, then the composite records among the tied teams shall be compared to break the tie.

3.) If the process outlined in Step 2 reduces the tie to a tie among two teams, the two-team tiebreaker formula shall then be utilized.

4.) If not all of the tied teams played each other during the regular season, or if step 2 does not break or reduce the tie, the following procedure shall be utilized:

a.) A comparison of each of the tied teams' head-to-head record against the team occupying the highest position in the regular-season standings that each team has played. If one team won its game against that team, the winning team shall be declared the representative.

b.) Should the procedure outlined in Item a. fail to break the tie, the process will continue to the next-place team and beyond until the tie is broken.

c.) When arriving at another group of tied teams, composite records between the tying teams shall be utilized to determine if one of the tied teams has won more games against the group of tied teams.

5.) If the procedures described previously fail to break the tie, the representative shall be determined by a blind drawing.

OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE STYLE GUIDE

Official Institution Name "Nickname"	Preferred Athletics Reference	Unacceptable Usages	PMS Colors
Austin Peay State University "Governors" or "Govs" (men's teams) "Lady Govs" (women's teams)	Austin Peay, APSU	Austin Peay State, AP Lady Governors	200 Red
Belmont University "Bruins"	Belmont	Lady Bruins	Red 186, Blue 281
Eastern Illinois University "Panthers"	Eastern Illinois, EIU	Lady Panthers	2945 Blue, 422 Gray White
Eastern Kentucky University "Colonels", "Lady Colonels" (W-Basketball only)	Eastern Kentucky, EKU	---	209 Maroon, 429 Gray
Jacksonville State University "Gamecocks"	Jacksonville State, JSU Jax State	Jacksonville, Jack State Lady Gamecocks	186 Red, 122 Gold
Morehead State University "Eagles"	Morehead State, MSU	Morehead	286 Blue, 116 Yellow
Murray State University "Racers", "Thoroughbreds" (baseball only)	Murray State, MSU	Murray, Lady Racers	123 Gold, 289 Blue
Southeast Missouri State University "Redhawks"	Southeast Missouri State Southeast Missouri, Southeast	---	186 Red, 05 Cool Grey Black
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville "Cougars"	SIUE (preferred) SIU Edwardsville	Southern Illinois-Edwardsville SIU-E	485 Red, 462 Dark Brown 7505 Brown, 465 Gold 7504 Light Brown
Tennessee State University "Tigers", "Lady Tigers", "Tigerbelles" (W-Track only)	Tennessee State, TSU	---	Reflex Blue
Tennessee Technological University "Golden Eagles"	Tennessee Tech, TTU, Tech	Tenn. Tech, TT	266 Purple, 109 Gold
The University of Tennessee at Martin "Skyhawks"	UT Martin, UTM	Tennessee-Martin UT-Martin, Martin	289 Blue, 151 Orange
Ohio Valley Conference	Ohio Valley, OVC	Valley	194 Maroon, 874 Gold Black



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Now in its 65th year, the Ohio Valley Conference continues to build on the success that has made it the nation's eighth-oldest NCAA Division I conference.

In May 2011 the Conference expanded for the second time in four years, adding Belmont University which begins competition in the 2012-13 academic year. The addition of Belmont gives the OVC 12 members, the most the league has had at one time in its illustrious history. The move added a second team in the city of Nashville and was the first addition to the league since Southern Illinois University Edwardsville joined in 2008.

The 2009-10 school year saw a change in leadership as Beth DeBauche was named the seventh full-time Commissioner in league history on July 28, 2009. She is currently one of just five females to be the head of a Division I conference, and one of just eight to lead a Division I conference all-time. The last three commissioners of the OVC have moved onto jobs as the commissioner of the Big Ten, Big 12 and the Mid-American Conferences.

The OVC's proud history dates back to 1948, but seeds for the new league were actually planted in 1941. It was then that Roy Stewart, the athletics director at Murray State, Charles "Turkey" Hughes, the athletics director at Eastern Kentucky, and Kelly Thompson, the public relations director at Western Kentucky, first broached the idea of forming a new conference. Discussions were put on hold by World War II, but reemerged Feb. 27-28, 1948 at the Kentucky Hotel in Louisville as the three original institutions combined with Morehead State, Louisville and Evansville to form the OVC.

In the 1950s, the OVC became a pioneer on a much more significant scale socially. During times of racial segregation, league member Morehead State became one of the first non-traditionally black mid-southern institutions to accept a black student. In 1958, Marshall Banks earned athletically-related aid at Morehead, which signed a second black athlete, Howard Murphy, a year later. In 1961, Murphy earned all-conference recognition as a halfback in football. With racial barriers broken, the rest of the institutions in the league began to provide educational and athletic opportunities to African-Americans.

Through the past 64 years, 15 teams have won or shared the league's football title. The list is led by Eastern Kentucky, winner of 21 outright or shared football crowns (including sharing the title in 2011), which is tied for the most in Football Championship Subdivision history (with Massachusetts). Among OVC teams, former member Middle Tennessee is next with 11 titles, followed by Tennessee Tech with 10, and Murray State and former member Western Kentucky with eight apiece. Eastern Illinois has claimed five football crowns and Jacksonville State has three, while Morehead State, Tennessee State and former members Evansville and East Tennessee State have captured two apiece. Austin Peay, Southeast Missouri (which captured its first crown in 2010), UT Martin and former member Youngstown State have one title apiece.

Murray State and Evansville tied for the initial football championship, and the Racers participated in the first-ever bowl game by an OVC team, tying Sul Ross State 21-21 in the 1948 Tangerine Bowl. From 1948 to 1975, OVC teams played in 15 bowl games, winning eight of them. Eastern Kentucky and Western Kentucky were also participants in the NCAA Division II playoffs in the early and mid-1970s prior to the NCAA's reclassification of football programs into Division I-AA. The term "I-AA" lasted until the end of the 2006 season when it was changed to Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS).

The first Division I-AA/FCS football playoff was held in 1978 with only four teams, which is the only year through present day that the OVC did not field a playoff representative. In 1979, four of the nation's top teams were invited to the playoffs, and two of them - Eastern Kentucky and Murray State - were from the OVC. Murray dropped its semifinal game to Lehigh, but the Colonels nipped Nevada-Reno in double overtime and claimed the national championship a week later with a 30-7 victory over Lehigh. EKU was coached by former All-America quarterback Roy Kidd, who was in his 16th year at the helm of his alma mater and who skippered the Colonels to a second national title three years later. Following the 2002 season, Kidd retired after 39 years at EKU; upon retirement, he ranked sixth all-time among Division I coaches with 315 victories, earning him a spot in the College Football Hall of Fame. EKU's 20 FCS playoff appearances are the second for the most all-time (behind only Montana).

In addition to Kidd, other coaching legends in the OVC include Charles "Bubber" Murphy, who coached at Middle Tennessee from 1947-1968, Western Kentucky's Jimmy Feix (1968-83), Wilburn Tucker (1954-67) and Don Wade (1968-82) of Tennessee Tech, Bill Ferguson (1967-77) of Murray State, Guy Penny (1959-67) of Morehead State and Boots Donnelly (1977-78 at Austin

Peay; 1979-1998 at Middle Tennessee). Following the 2011 season Eastern Illinois head coach Bob Spoo retired following 25 years at the school (the last 16 as members of the OVC). In his time as an OVC coach he compiled 92 total victories (fifth-most in league history) and 68 OVC wins (fourth-most in league history) and was inducted into the OVC Hall of Fame in 2012.

Asampling of former OVC football stars, some of whom were All-Americans during their collegiate careers before achieving stardom at the professional ranks, include Jim Youngblood and Larry Schreiber (Tennessee Tech), Phil Simms (Morehead State), Virgil Livers and Dale Lindsey (Western Kentucky), Myron Guyton and Chad Bratzke (Eastern Kentucky), Cortland Finnegan (Samford) and Tony Romo (Eastern Illinois). In 2008, former Tennessee State standout Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie became just the fourth NFL First Round draft pick in OVC history when he was selected 16th overall by the Arizona Cardinals. He would break into the starting lineup halfway through his rookie season and started at cornerback for the Cardinals in Super Bowl XLIII. The OVC has had at least one former player named a NFL Pro Bowl selection in four of the past six seasons.

The 2007 season marked a return to scholarship football and the OVC for the Austin Peay Governors. Following the 1996 season the Governors dropped scholarship football and competed as both an independent (1997-00, 2006) and as a member of the Pioneer Football League (2001-05).

The 2007 season also brought new vernacular to the Ohio Valley Conference and the division formerly known as I-AA. Beginning with the 2006 National Championship game the term I-AA was changed to NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) in a decision by the Division I Board of Directors. The new label was chosen to communicate in a positive and clear manner the unique differences between Division I football categories (chiefly, the post-season opportunity) while still defining them within the Division I experience. The FCS includes programs that compete in an effort to participate in the NCAA championship postseason structure (one of 89 NCAA national championships) as opposed to the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) which competes in an effort to participate in the postseason bowl system (the 35 NCAA-licensed events which includes the Bowl Championship Series).

In 2010 Southeast Missouri State, picked to finish seventh in the preseason poll, compiled a 7-1 Conference record on the way to its first OVC Championship since joining the league in 1991. Overall the Redhawks were 9-2 during the regular season and earned a berth in the FCS Playoffs, its first playoff berth at any level in the program's 104-year history. Southeast would lose to eventual national champion Eastern Washington in the second round of the playoffs. Head coach Tony Samuel capped the year by winning the Sports Network's Eddie Robinson Award, given to the National Coach of the Year. Samuel was the second OVC coach to win the award (joining Murray State's Houston Nutt who won the award in 1995).

For only the second time in league history in 2011, three teams shared the OVC football championship, as Eastern Kentucky, Jacksonville State and Tennessee Tech finished with 6-2 records. The only other time in league history more than two champions were crowned at the end of the year was 1962 (when four teams shared the crown).

Football wasn't the only sport in which the OVC was quickly gaining respect. In 1955, the OVC became only the second six-member league nationally to earn an automatic bid to the prestigious NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, which, at that time, was limited to only 24 participants. The Conference quickly proved worthy of that bid, as Morehead State defeated Marshall (107-92) and Wayne State (95-84) in the 1956 tournament.

Fifteen years later, former OVC member Western Kentucky became the first and only Conference team to reach the Final Four. The Hilltoppers defeated Jacksonville, Kentucky and Ohio State before losing to Villanova in double overtime in the national semifinals. WKU went on to finish in third place after beating Kansas 77-75 in the consolation game. More recently the OVC has won NCAA Tournament games in four-straight seasons (2009-12), something that has never happened in league history (three-game winning streaks from 1960-62 and 1987-89 had been the previous best streaks). Over that time period the OVC is one of just nine conferences nationally to win a NCAA Tournament game in each season and one of only three non-BCS leagues (joining the Atlantic 10 and WCC) to do so.

In the late 1970s, women's athletics began somewhat of a rebirth on the national scene as the NCAA began sponsoring and marketing women's sports. Recognizing the need to provide increased opportunities for female athletes, the OVC established women's championships in the sports of basketball, tennis

FORMER COMMISSIONERS OF THE OVC



Art Guepe
(1963-75)



Paul Dietzel
(1975-76)



Bob Vanatta
(1976-79)



Jim Delany
(1979-89)



Dan Beebe
(1989-2003)



Dr. Jon Steinbrecher
(2003-09)

and track in 1977, with cross country and volleyball added over the next four years. Those sports were initially governed by the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (IAIW), but the overall strength of women's programs in the league was demonstrated by the automatic bids the OVC instantly received when the NCAA became the governing body in 1982.

The league also had another historical moment in November 2008 when the NCAA awarded Nashville the 2014 NCAA Women's Division I Final Four. The OVC will serve as the host of the prestigious event, which is one of the biggest sporting events the city of Nashville can host. The event will be held at Bridgestone Arena in downtown Nashville.

Over its 64 years, OVC teams have garnered national championships and bowl games in football, along with national team or individual titles in the sports of rifle, cross country, track and golf.

The OVC has also produced several Olympic athletes, including Murray State's Morgan Hicks, who was a member of the 2004 United States Olympic Rifle Team and Morehead State's Brian Shimer who competed in five Winter Olympics in bobsled (winning a bronze medal in 2002) and coached the 2010 United States bobsled team to its first gold medal since 1948. In addition, some of the greatest players in professional sports were educated at OVC institutions. The list includes former greats such as football's Phil Simms (Morehead State), basketball's Clem Haskins (Western Kentucky) and Bubba Wells (Austin Peay) and two-sport star Steve Hamilton (Morehead State) to present-day standouts like basketball player Trenton Hassell (Austin Peay), football player Tony Romo (Eastern Illinois) and baseball players George Sherrill (Austin Peay) and Jon Rauch (Morehead State). Hamilton is the only athlete to ever play in the NCAA Basketball Championship, a Major League Baseball World Series (New York Yankees) and a NBA Championship Series (Los Angeles Lakers).

The playing field is not the only place where OVC athletes are working hard. The league also recognizes excellence in the classroom. Six Scholar-Athlete Awards are presented yearly to male and female athletes, while others are commended for their academic success by being Medal of Honor recipients or earning a spot on the Commissioner's Honor Roll. Additionally, the league annually presents one institutional Academic Achievement Award, as well as separate team awards in each Conference-sponsored sport. Since the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-America program began, the Ohio Valley Conference has had 211 student-athletes honored with the award, including 32 over the last three years (2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12).

Through the early years of the league, administrators wrestled with fan behavior due to the close proximity of the Conference members and the intense rivalries which developed. Just as it did decades ago, the OVC took the leadership role on what has become a national issue. In 1995, the OVC implemented a first-of-its-kind "Sportsmanship Statement," a policy which promotes principles of fair play, ethical conduct and respect for one's opponent. The statement has become a model for others to follow across the nation, and has answered the challenge of the NCAA Presidents Commission to improve sportsmanship in collegiate athletics.

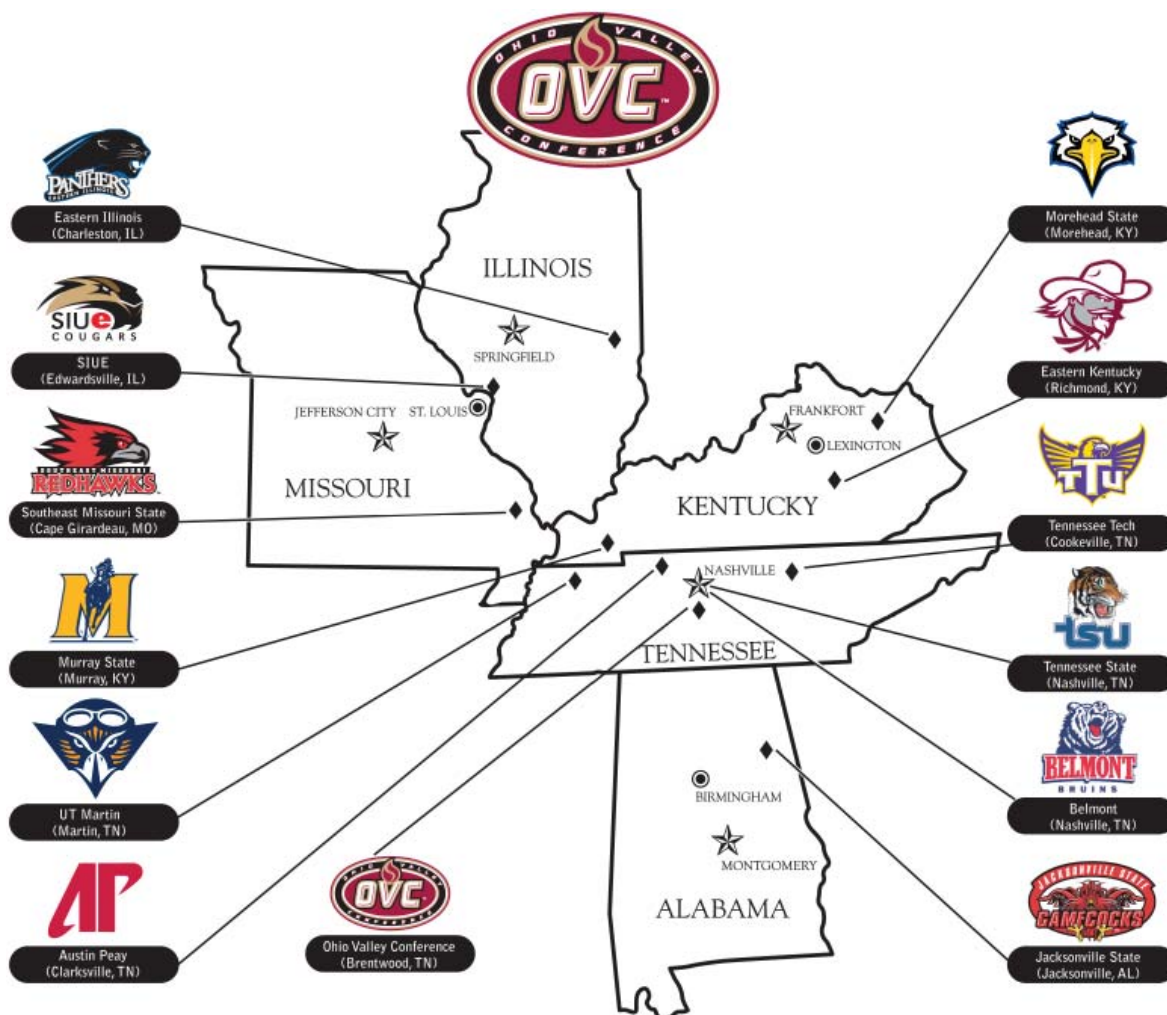
Additionally, the OVC annually presents the Steve Hamilton Sportsmanship Award, in honor of the former Morehead State student-athlete, coach and athletics director, to a junior or senior student-athlete with significant athletic contributions who best exemplifies the characteristics of sportsmanship and citizenship. Most recently, the Conference has also implemented the OVC Institutional and Team Sportsmanship Awards, which are presented to one institution and 18 sport-specific teams voted by their peers to have best exhibited the standards of sportsmanship and ethical conduct as outlined by the OVC and NCAA.

The vision of leadership demonstrated by the Founding Fathers in 1948 remains alive today as the Ohio Valley Conference prepares for the future. One example is in regard to the current trend in collegiate athletics administration for increased involvement of university presidents in setting policies and making rules. The presidents of OVC institutions, however, have always governed the Conference, long before presidential governance became a national theme.

The Ohio Valley Conference sponsors the following sports: baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, tennis and track for men, and basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, track and volleyball for women. In addition, the OVC also sponsors the combined men's and women's sport of rifle.

Now in its seventh decade of competition, the Ohio Valley Conference has grown significantly from its humble beginnings while increasing the number of athletics opportunities it provides for students. Current league representatives include charter members Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University and Murray State University, along with Austin Peay State University, Belmont University, Eastern Illinois University, Jacksonville State University, Southeast Missouri State University, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Tennessee State University, Tennessee Technological University and the University of Tennessee at Martin.

A LOOK AT THE OVC



OVC HONORS AND AWARDS

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The development of the OVC sportsmanship statement began in June 1993 at the direction of the league's presidents. A committee made up of athletics directors and faculty representatives drafted the initial statement, and all coaches and other administrators had the opportunity for input. The statement sets forth expectations for spirit groups, officials and fans, as well as the student-athletes and coaches. Here is a brief synopsis of each group's expectations within the sportsmanship statement.

Administrators: Institutional administrators will create an environment of hospitality for visiting teams, particularly for those individuals at Conference institutions. Administrators will treat the visiting teams and its fans in the same manner that they would want their teams to be treated.

Coaches: Coaches have the greatest amount of influence over whether young people in their programs are taught and follow the high principles of sportsmanship. The OVC has been benefited by coaches who have risked losing a contest by removing student-athletes who have demonstrated disrespect for their opponents. This discipline measure educates that individual about the importance of sportsmanship over participation and winning, and helps counteract the constant messages received from many professional athletes who demonstrate a lack of respect for opponents.

Student-Athletes: Student-athletes at OVC institutions will be expected to treat opponents with sportsmanship, and there will be no tolerance for taunting and baiting of opponents. OVC student-athletes must understand that they are perhaps the most visible representatives of their institutions and their behavior is observed and emulated by many who are younger. OVC student-athletes must honor the responsibilities that accompany the privilege of representing our schools by behaving with dignity and class on and off the field.

Spirit Groups: Like our student-athletes, spirit groups are visible representatives of our universities, and they are expected to show decent behavior. Cheerleaders, bands and other spirit groups are admitted to contests to support their teams and assist in creating a fun atmosphere, but they will not be allowed to disrupt or confront opposing teams.

Officials: Officials will enforce the rules regarding sportsmanship without tolerance for abuse. Players and coaches will receive their only warning prior to the contest, and once the contest begins, penalties will be assessed for violations of unsportsmanlike conduct.

Fans: We know all fans are embarrassed by the inappropriate behavior of a few who may engage in confrontational and threatening actions towards officials, visiting fans, players or coaches. Those individuals may be dismissed to provide a better environment for others.

The Conference believes that the effort to meet the expectations outlined in the sportsmanship statement will increase the attractiveness at our athletics events by creating a healthy environment for competition. A complete copy of the sportsmanship statement can be obtained by calling the OVC office at (615) 371-1698.

The OVC has a variety of awards to recognize sportsmanship by its student-athletes, coaches, administrators and teams. In 1998, the OVC

established the Steve Hamilton Sportsmanship Award, presented annually to a male or female junior or senior student-athlete who best exemplifies the characteristics of the former Morehead State student-athlete, coach and administrator. Hamilton is the only individual to have ever played in a NCAA Basketball Championship, a Major League Baseball World Series (New York Yankees) and a National Basketball Association Championship Series (Minnesota Lakers).

In 2003-04 the League began awarding the Institutional Sportsmanship Award, given to the OVC member institution selected by its peers to have best exhibited the standards of sportsmanship and ethical conduct as outlined by the OVC and NCAA. In 2005-06 the League expanded the sportsmanship award program by adding the Team Sportsmanship Award. An award is given to each sport sponsored by the OVC and is voted on by the student-athletes and coaches of the respective sports.

OVC SPORTSMANSHIP HONOREES

Steve Hamilton Sportsmanship Award Winners

1998-99	Julie Virta (women's basketball), Austin Peay
1999-00	Michael Turner (men's basketball), Murray State
2000-01	Kelly Pendleton (women's basketball), UT Martin
2001-02	Grant Swallows (football), Tennessee Tech
2002-03	Brooke Armistead (women's basketball), Austin Peay
2003-04	Kandi Brown (women's basketball), Morehead State
2004-05	Cassandra Peek (women's basketball), Austin Peay
2005-06	Zac Schlader (men's basketball), Austin Peay
2006-07	Adonia Bivins (women's soccer), Austin Peay
2007-08	Beth Boden (softball), Tennessee Tech
2008-09	Carrie Burggraf (track & field), Austin Peay
2009-10	Carrie Burggraf (track & field), Austin Peay
2010-11	Abby O'Connor (volleyball), Eastern Kentucky
2011-12	Jon Clinard (baseball), Austin Peay

Institutional Sportsmanship Award Winners

2003-04	Southeast Missouri State University
2004-05	Samford University
2005-06	Samford University
2006-07	Morehead State University
2007-08	Austin Peay State University
2008-09	Eastern Kentucky University
2009-10	Eastern Kentucky University
2010-11	Southeast Missouri State University
2011-12	Tennessee Tech University

Football Team Sportsmanship Award Winners

2005-06	Samford University
2006-07	Eastern Illinois University
2007-08	Austin Peay State University
2008-09	Austin Peay State University
2009-10	Eastern Illinois University
2010-11	Southeast Missouri State University
2011-12	Austin Peay State University

OVC HALL OF FAME

The Ohio Valley Conference organized a Hall of Fame in 1977. Membership is limited to coaches, administrators, faculty and staff members who have been associated with the OVC for at least five (5) years and have had extensive outstanding service to the Conference. Unless a tie in the selection procedure occurs, there shall be no more than three (3) inductees annually. Voting for the award is done in the spring and the induction takes place at the OVC Honors Luncheon, which is held annually at the end of May. Following the 2012 ceremony, the Hall of Fame now has 70 members.

Dr. Joe Morgan, APSU (1977)	Mr. P.V. Overall, TTU (1981)	Mr. Edward S. Temple, TSU (1995)	Mr. Karl Park, ECU (2005)
Mr. Charles Hughes, ECU (1977)	Mr. Arthur L. Guepe, OVC (1982)	Mr. John Ogles, APSU (1996)	Dr. Geri Polvino, ECU (2005)
Dr. Robert Martin, ECU (1977)	Mr. Charles M. Murphy, MTSU (1982)	Dr. Guy Penny, MOR (1996)	Mr. Dan Beebe, OVC (2006)
Dr. Adron Doran, MOR (1977)	Mr. Malcolm P. Quillen, TTU (1984)	Dr. Arliss Roaden, TTU (1996)	Mr. Paul McBrayer, ECU (2006)
Mr. Roy Stewart, MUR (1977)	Mr. Ellis T. Johnson, MOR (1985)	Mr. John Stanford, MTSU (1997)	Mr. Don Wade, TTU (2006)
Dr. W.E. Derryberry, TTU (1977)	Mr. John "Sonny" Allen, MOR (1987)	Dr. Kala Stroup, MUR / SMO (1997)	Dr. Thurston Banks, TTU (2007)
Mr. Hooper Eblen, TTU (1997)	Mr. Wilburn Tucker, TTU (1987)	Dr. Margaret N. Perry, UTM (1998)	Mr. Steve Newton, MUR (2007)
Dr. Kelly Thompson, WKU (1977)	Mr. Johnny Reagan, MUR (1988)	Dr. Leon Bibb, APSU (1999)	Mr. Bill Worrell, TTU (2007)
Mr. Ed Diddle, Sr., WKU (1977)	Dr. George Fisher, APSU (1988)	Mr. Cal Luther, MUR / UTM (2000)	Mr. Elvis Green, MUR (2008)
Mr. L.T. Smith, WKU (1977)	Mr. John Oldham, WKU / TTU (1989)	Mr. R.L. "Buddy" Patey, OVC (2000)	Mr. Joey Haines, SMO/AP (2009)
Dr. Dave Aaron, APSU (1978)	Mr. Jimmy Earle, MTSU (1989)	Dr. Nolan Fowler, MOR / TTU (2001)	Mr. Larry Inman, ECU/MTSU (2009)
Mr. Bob Laughlin, MOR (1978)	Dr. Sam Ingram, MTSU (1990)	Dr. Angelo Volpe, TTU (2001)	Mr. Chuck Kimmel, APSU (2010)
Mr. Ted Hornback, WKU (1978)	Mr. Bennie Purcell, MUR (1990)	Mr. Jim Ward, ECU (2002)	Mr. David Mays, TTU (2010)
Dr. Quill E. Cope, MTSU (1978)	Mr. Donald G. Combs, ECU (1991)	Mr. Roy Kidd, ECU (2003)	Mr. Ron English, OVC (2011)
Mr. J.D. Rayburn, MUR (1979)	Mr. Steve Hamilton, MOR (1991)	Dr. Bobby Barton, ECU (2004)	Mr. Bobby Nichols, TTU (2011)
Mr. Nick Denes, WKU (1979)	Mr. James E. Delany, OVC (1992)	Mr. Wayne Martin, MOR (2004)	Mr. Bob Spoo, EIU (2012)
Mr. Raymond H. Brown, TTU (1980)	Mr. E.K. Patty, MTSU (1993)	Mr. Bill Cornell, MUR (2005)	
Dr. Dero G. Downing, WKU (1980)	Ms. Marynell Meadors, TTU (1993)	Dr. David Larimore, TTU (2005)	

Beth DeBauche - Commissioner



Elizabeth (Beth) DeBauche was named Commissioner of the Ohio Valley Conference on July 29, 2009 and began her duties with the league in September 2009.

DeBauche (pronounced De-BUSH) is the seventh full-time Commissioner in the 63-year history of the OVC. She follows Art Guepe (1963-75), Paul Dietzel (1975-76), Bob Vanatta (1976-79), Jim Delany (1979-89), Dan Beebe (1989-2003) and Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher (2003-09).

DeBauche is one of just five females to be the head of a Division I Conference in 2012-13, and one of just eight to lead a Division I Conference all-time.

In May 2011 the league announced the addition of Belmont University to the OVC beginning in the 2012-13 season. The addition of Belmont brings the OVC to 12 teams, the largest membership total the league has had in its history.

In her three years with the league the OVC has seen postseason success men's basketball as Murray State topped Vanderbilt in the first round of the NCAA Tournament in 2010, Morehead State beat Louisville in the second round in 2011 and Murray State bested Colorado State in the second round in 2012. Overall the league has won NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament games in four-straight years for the first-time in league history. Overall the OVC is one of only nine conferences nationally (and one of three non-BCS leagues) to achieve that success.

Under DeBauche the league has started an extensive strategic planning initiative. In addition student-athletes in the OVC have also continued to achieve high levels of success not only on the field but also in the classroom. In 2010-11 the league had an all-time high number of honorees on the OVC Medal of Honor list. During the past three years 32 OVC student-athletes have been named CoSIDA Academic All-Americans.

During her first year with the OVC the league announced a change in format and new venue for its men's and women's basketball championships. The event now spans four days and is held at Municipal Auditorium in downtown Nashville (previously only the semifinals and finals were played in Nashville), and brings eight men's and eight women's teams to Music City for the championship. The format also changed to a merit-based system where the No. 3 and 4 seeds receive a bye to

the quarterfinals and the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds will receive double byes to the semifinals.

DeBauche currently serves on the NCAA Committee on Athletic Certification, the NCAA Division I Leadership Council and the NCAA Rules Working Group.

From August 2002 through August 2009 DeBauche, along with the vice-president of Division I, was responsible for coordinating Division I initiatives through the NCAA governance structure, as well as helping to manage the Division I agenda. Her duties included developing agendas and providing leadership for the Division I Board of Directors, Presidential Advisory Group and the Leadership Council. DeBauche has overseen the entire Division I governance structure and worked directly with the Legislative Council, the six cabinets and the supporting communications and coordination committee.

She was also a liaison to governance representatives, external constituent groups and NCAA staff regarding legislative and governance activities. That role required DeBauche to have regular interaction with the Collegiate Commissioner's Association (CCA), the CCA Compliance Coordinators, the Division I-A Athletics Directors Association, the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators (NACWAA) and the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association (FARA). DeBauche also served as a liaison to the Women's Basketball Issues Committee, the Presidential Oversight and Monitoring Group, the Men's Basketball Academic Enhancement Group, the Presidential Task Force on Commercial Activity in Intercollegiate Athletics and the Two-Year College Relations Panel.

In 2008, DeBauche was named the NACWAA Conference/Organization Administrator of the Year.

Prior to her work at the NCAA, DeBauche worked at the Southeastern Conference (SEC) from November 1996 through August 2002. As an assistant and later associate commissioner, she managed all aspects of the SEC's rules compliance program. DeBauche provided NCAA and SEC rules interpretations, developing rules education materials and programming, conducting compliance reviews and assisting member institutions with the NCAA certification program. At times during her tenure, she also served as the league's liaison to the faculty athletics representatives, the compliance coordinators, directors of academic support and Student-Athletes Advisory Committee (SAAC) as well as the sports liaison to the leagues women's golf, women's tennis and women's volleyball coaches.

From 1996 to 1998 DeBauche was the Director of the National Letter of Intent (NLI) Program for the Collegiate Commissioners Association (CCA). In that role she was the administrator in charge of issuing all NLI rules interpretations, creating rules education materials and providing NLI rules education presentations as well as being the primary information resource for parents, student-athletes and the media.

DeBauche got her start in collegiate athletics at Vanderbilt University where she was the Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance from August 1994 to November 1996.

DeBauche received her Bachelor of Arts degree in history and government from Saint Mary's College (Ind.) and earned her Master's Degree in communications from Notre Dame. After completing the Concannon Program of International Law in London, England, DeBauche received her Juris Doctorate from the Notre Dame School of Law.

A member of the Illinois, Wisconsin and Georgia Bar, following law school graduation DeBauche worked as an attorney in each Green Bay, Atlanta and Marietta, as well as serving as a Judicial Clerk to P. Harris Hines, who is currently serving on the Georgia Superior Court.

DeBauche has been a member of the Notre Dame Club of Indianapolis Board of Directors, as well as a graduate of the Sports Management Institute and a participant in the Division I-A Athletic Directors Institute. She is a board member with the Nashville Sports Council and active in the Nashville Rotary.



DeBauche speaks at a press conference on May 13, 2011 announcing that Belmont University would become the 12th member of the Conference beginning in the 2012-13 season.

Brad Walker - Associate Commissioner/Operations



Brad Walker was named Associate Commissioner for Operations/Chief Operating Officer at the Ohio Valley Conference on Oct. 19, 2007 and began his duties at the OVC in Nov. 2007.

Entering his sixth year at the OVC in 2012-13, Walker served as the League's Interim Commissioner from May until mid-September 2009. He was also a member of the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet from 2009-11.

In September 2012 Walker begins a five-year term on the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee, where he will help

administer the women's basketball championship.

Walker's responsibilities at the OVC include the day-to-day operations of the Conference office, including financial operations, as well as developing schedules and providing oversight for football and men's basketball, serving as a liaison with officiating coordinators and coaching groups, overseeing bidding for and directing of NCAA championship events (including the 2012 NCAA Men's Basketball Championship 2nd/3rd Rounds which the OVC hosted in Nashville), coordination of the Conference television properties and serving as the director of the men's and women's basketball tournament among other things.

Walker joined the OVC after seven-plus years at the West Coast Conference (WCC), which is headquartered just south of San Francisco. He joined the WCC in Oct. 2001 as Director of Communications and was later promoted to Assistant Commissioner and Associate Commissioner. He was responsible for coordinating the marketing efforts for the WCC's 13 sports, as well as handling all aspects of television, including contract negotiations. That included taking the lead role in negotiating the WCC's largest television contract in league history, a five-year agreement with ESPN. He also worked closely with the league's corporate partner program, producing conference schedules for the six round-robin sports, including basketball, as well as handling championship management duties.

Walker previously worked at the Mid-Continent Conference as Assistant Director of Media Relations and at Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass. He completed his degree in marketing at Bentley College (Waltham, Mass.) in May 1996. He was an all-conference basketball player at Bentley, serving as team captain his senior season.

The Milwaukee, Wis. native is a 2004 graduate of the NCAA Leadership Institute for Ethnic Minority Males. Walker and his wife Sonya were married in December 2010.

Jennifer Gibbs - Asst. Commissioner/Championships



Jennifer Gibbs joined the Ohio Valley Conference staff in October 2006 as assistant commissioner for championships. In addition to overseeing the administration of the OVC's 18 championship sports, Gibbs also serves as the Conference Senior Woman Administrator, as well as the staff liaison to select coaching groups and officiating coordinators. She also coordinates the league's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and the OVC's merchandise and awards programs.

Gibbs was a staff member on Nashville's Bid Committee that successfully landed the Division I NCAA Women's Final Four for the city in 2014. She has also served as a timeout coordinator for the Men's and Women's Division I NCAA Basketball Tournament. In 2012 she served as the assistant tournament manager for the Division I Men's Basketball Championship 2nd/3rd Rounds held in Nashville.

Gibbs joined the OVC after serving as sales coordinator for the Nashville Predators of the National Hockey League (NHL). In that role, she was charged with preparing corporate sponsorship proposals, tracking weekly sales activity and identifying new business prospects.

Prior to joining the Predators, Gibbs was a championships assistant with the Sun Belt Conference, where she was involved in all facets of coordinating the league's championship events.

A native of Port Edwards, Wis., Gibbs received her post-secondary and graduate education at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, where she was awarded an undergraduate degree in sport management and a master's degree in sport administration. While attending the master's program at Wisconsin-La Crosse, Gibbs served as a graduate assistant in the athletics department, assisting with event management. She also spent seven years as the aquatics coordinator for the city of La Crosse, managing the day-to-day operations for five aquatic facilities.

Jennifer and her husband Matt were married in August 2008.

Kyle Schwartz - Asst. Commissioner/Media Relations



Kyle Schwartz joined the Ohio Valley Conference as Assistant Commissioner for Media Relations in Nov. 2006. He is in charge of publicity efforts for the Conference and is the primary contact for football, men's basketball, baseball, men's and women's cross country and men's and women's golf among other duties. He also serves as the media coordinator for the OVC's annual basketball and baseball tournaments and is also in charge of coordinating special events for the Conference, including the Honors Luncheon and Hall of Fame.

Schwartz served as a timeout coordinator for the 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournaments and worked with the CoSIDA group at the Final Fours in Detroit, Indianapolis, Houston and New Orleans. In 2012 he served as the Media Coordinator for the NCAA Men's Basketball Second/Third Rounds that the OVC hosted in Nashville.

Schwartz came to the OVC after spending four and a half years at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colo. There he served as the Assistant Director of Media Relations for two years, was promoted to Media Relations Coordinator in July 2004 and served as Director of Media Relations in his final year.

At Northern Colorado, Schwartz helped coordinate the media efforts of two NCAA, two conference and six independent championships, including four during the 2005-06 school year. Schwartz was honored by Collegiate Volleyball Update (CVU.com) with the first annual RESPECTing Volleyball (Recognition for Excellence in Supporting and Promoting Volleyball) Award in 2005 and was ranked the No. 3 soccer SID in the country by *Soccer Buzz* magazine in 2004. The 2003 Northern Colorado volleyball guide he wrote, designed and edited won third place honors nationally in the CoSIDA publications contest.

Schwartz also spent two years as a graduate assistant in the Southeast Missouri State sports information department (2000-02). It was at SEMO that Schwartz received his master's degree in athletic administration, graduating with honors. Schwartz received his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Kentucky in May 2000, graduating cum laude. As an undergraduate, he interned with the Host Communications publishing group and also worked with the Kentucky Thoroughblades minor league hockey team.

Schwartz, a native of Flemingsburg, Ky., is a member of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) and has served on CoSIDA's Academic All-American committee as a district coordinator since June 2003. He also serves on the NCAA Statistics and Records Advisory Board. Schwartz and his wife, Angella, were married in June 2004.

Brian Pulley - Asst. Commissioner/External Affairs



Brian Pulley was named Assistant Commissioner for External Affairs on August 7, 2007 and enters his sixth year with the Conference in 2012-13.

With the OVC Pulley oversees the league's web streaming efforts, which included an overhaul to a non-subscription based model with improved quality beginning in Fall 2012. He is also the liaison for the Conference's multimedia rights holder, IMG College.

Pulley helped develop and executive a comprehensive marketing plan for the OVC Basketball Championship as the event expanded and moved to Municipal Auditorium

in Nashville prior to the 2010-11 season. The 2012 OVC Basketball Tournament saw the second-highest attendance at a neutral site in the event's history.

Pulley brought over five years of sales experience to his current position, including completing an internship with the Conference in 2005-06. He has cultivated relationships for an array of business types and brings a comprehensive knowledge of game day operations as it applies to corporate activation.

Pulley came to the OVC after being an account executive with ISP Sports in Atlanta, Ga., where he was responsible for soliciting and cultivating corporate partners for Georgia Tech Athletics. He also helped develop and implement promotions for Georgia Tech football, baseball and men's basketball as well as being responsible for managing advertising inventory for Georgia Tech.

Pulley, a native of Springfield, Tenn., received his bachelor's degree in public relations from Middle Tennessee State University in December 1998. He completed his master's of science degree in sports administration from Belmont University in May 2006.

It was during graduate school that he served as an intern with the Ohio Valley Conference, helping establish a group sales base, formulating a marketing plan and assisting with the OVC Basketball Championship among other duties.

Pulley is active with the Big Brother Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee. He and his wife Ashley were married in April 2011.

Matt Banker - Asst. Commissioner/Institutional Services



Matthew Banker was named Assistant Commissioner for Institutional Services on Dec. 11, 2009 and began his duties with the OVC on Jan. 4, 2010.

At the OVC, Banker oversees the conference's compliance operations and NCAA rules education programming to OVC member institutions. In conjunction with the NCAA Division I legislative cycle, Banker leads the conference's review of legislative proposals annually including coordination of the OVC's position on each proposal. Banker also conducts NCAA compliance reviews for OVC member institutions. As

part of the OVC governance structure, Banker serves as liaison to the OVC's Board of Faculty Athletics Representatives, the academic services directors and the institutional athletics compliance staff. Banker currently serves as the OVC's representative on the NCAA Division I Legislative Council and also manages the National Letter of Intent (NLI) program for the OVC.

Banker currently serves on the Division I Subcommittee on Legislative Relief, is the chair of the Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Governance Subcommittee and was selected to serve as vice-chair of the Division I Legislative Council for the 2012-13 academic year.

Banker joined the OVC staff after serving as the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs at the Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis, Ind. from 2008-09. Banker, while at IU School of Law, managed a variety of student services and administration functions including counseling law students on personal and curricular matters, advising law student organizations, organizing new student orientation and spring commencement, managing the annual budget, coordinating the administration of final exams and oversight of the student handbook. Banker also served on the Dean's senior leadership

team which included day-to-day management of the law school operations, strategic planning and executing the mission and goals of the school and serving on the law school's ABA self study committee.

Prior to working at the Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis, Banker worked at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) from 2002 to 2008, first as the Associate Director of Membership Services and later at the NCAA Eligibility Center as the Associate Director of Academic Review. His responsibilities with the NCAA included serving on the national office legislative team which oversaw the drafting of NCAA legislation and interpretations for all three divisions. That role included drafting and publishing rules and interpretations for the Legislative Services Database (LSDBi), the NCAA Manuals and NCAA Convention official notices. Banker also served as staff liaison to NCAA committees and councils tied to legislation and interpretations, financial aid, recruiting and playing and practice seasons. From spring 2007 to July 2008 he managed the day-to-day operations of the NCAA Eligibility Center academic review team which oversaw the administration of initial eligibility waivers and prospective student-athlete reviews for Division I and Division II institutions.

Banker received his bachelor of arts degree in print journalism from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. in December 1997. A member of the Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, Banker was a three-time letter winner for the Tommies football team. Banker received his Juris Doctorate from the Marquette University Law School in May 2001. At Marquette he was the president of the St. Thomas More Society and a member of the Sports Law Society.

Banker has been an active member and volunteer with the Boys & Girls Club and volunteers as a big brother in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program of Middle Tennessee. He is a member of the Wisconsin State Bar Association, the National Association of Academic Advisors (N4A), the National Association for Athletics Compliance (NAAC) and the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA). He also serves as an adjunct professor with Belmont University's Masters in Sports Administration program.

Banker is a native of Wauwatosa, Wis.

Heather Brown - Director of Media Relations



Heather Brown is in her ninth year with the Ohio Valley Conference in 2012-13. After the completion of a 10-month internship with the OVC, she served in the position of Assistant Director for Media Relations until her promotion of Director of Media Relations in Dec. 2006.

Brown, the longest tenured member of the OVC staff, is the primary contact for soccer, volleyball, women's basketball, softball, men's and women's track and field, men's and women's rifle and men's and women's tennis.

Brown has done extensive work with NCAA Championships, first serving as the assistant media relations coordinator for the first and second rounds of the 2005 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship and the Second and Third Rounds of the 2012 Championship in Nashville. She has also worked the first and second round of the NCAA Women's Tournament in each 2004, 2006 and 2007 and the Men's Basketball Tournament in 2008 and 2011.

Brown was instrumental in getting the OVC started in the social network/new media phenomenon, starting both Facebook and Twitter accounts for the league.

Prior to working with the Conference, the West Liberty, Ohio, native served a three-month internship in the sports information office at The Ohio State University after a one-year stint as a student assistant in the Bowling Green State University sports information office.

A 2003 graduate of BGSU, Brown earned a bachelor's degree in sports management with an emphasis in sports information. She is a member of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Jon Kuka - OVC IMG Sports Marketing



Jon Kuka joined the Ohio Valley Conference staff in April 2010 as the General Manager for OVC IMG Sports Marketing. Kuka brought over 10 years in sales and sports marketing experience to the position.

He joined the Conference staff as part of the OVC's agreement with IMG College which was signed in February 2008. With the deal, IMG represents the OVC through category exclusive corporate partnership sales, as well as radio broadcast production and distribution for the men's basketball

championship and other championship events.

In 2011 Kuka was the recipient of the prestigious IMG Chairman's Cup Award.

Prior to joining the OVC Kuka was the Director of Sales for Nelligan Sports Marketing at Middle Tennessee State University for two years. In that position he managed corporate sponsorships and initiated multimedia marketing rights for the Blue Raiders athletic department.

From 2001-07 Kuka worked in Knoxville with the Tennessee Smokies baseball club, the AA affiliate of the Chicago Cubs. He began as a group sales representative and was promoted to Director of Group Sales and eventually Director of Sales. As the Director of Sales, Kuka oversaw ticket sales and corporate sponsorships sales.

Kuka received his bachelor's degree in sports administration from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in 2000. While in school Kuka interned with the Chattanooga Sports & Events Committee that assisted in marketing the city for attracting events such as the NCAA Division I Football National Championship. He was also a member of the university cycling club and a participant in the 1999 Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championships.

Kuka completed his MBA from Ohio Valley Conference member Tennessee Tech University in 2009.

A native of Chattanooga, Kuka resides with his wife, Alicia, daughter, Leah, and son, Andrew, in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Jenny Kulchar - Administrative Assistant



The newest addition to the Ohio Valley Conference, joining the Conference in February 2010, Jenny Kulchar serves as the Administrative Assistant to the Commissioner and OVC staff.

Prior to joining the OVC, Kulchar spent a year and a half with Dye, Van Mol & Lawrence, a public relations firm in downtown Nashville, as a receptionist where she performed administrative duties for the accounting department and worked on various client accounts including Bridgestone and Jack Daniels.

Kulchar moved to Nashville in January 2007 to complete her degree with an internship in the publicity department at Provident Label Group. After graduating she gained temporary employment at L.A.B. Media as the PR Coordinator.

She continued her administrative and public relations career as the Office Manager for New Business Development in addition to being the Business and PR Liaison for Make It Beautiful, a nonprofit organization.

Kulchar, a 2007 graduate of Central Michigan University, earned her bachelors in Integrative Public Relations minoring in Interpersonal and Public Communication with a concentration in the area of event planning.

Jim Jackson - Coordinator of Football Officiating



Jim Jackson is in his sixth year as Coordinator of Football Officiating for the OVC in 2012. Jackson is in charge of recruiting, training and developing the officials, as well as the game selection, assignment and evaluation of those officials and oversight of an officials' observation program.

During his tenure as Coordinator, he has represented the OVC at all functions of the CFO Division I Coordinators. Jackson has attended the NCAA Football Rules Committee meeting, spoken at clinics in Baton Rouge, Houston, Reno, Oxford, Knoxville

and Miami and was the clinician at the annual convention of the British American Football Referees Association in Coventry, England. He developed the OVC Football Officials Website, which has become a model that has been duplicated by several Division I Conferences. Jackson serves as Chair of the Technology Committee charged with producing a platform to distribute training videos on a national level through a Website authorized by the College Football Officiating, L.L.C., Board of Managers. Since 2010, he has served on the Editorial Sub-Committee to advise the NCAA Football Rules Committee. In addition he is also the Coordinator for the newly formed Southern Athletic Association, an NCAA Division III conference headquartered in Atlanta.

In 2009 an OVC crew officiated the Division I National Championship Game in Chattanooga that saw Villanova defeat Montana 23-21 in a game televised nationally on ESPN. In 2010 an OVC crew officiated the Division I National Semifinal game in Cheyney, Wash., that saw eventual national champion Eastern Washington defeat Villanova in a game televised nationally on ESPN.

Jackson came to the OVC after spending six years as a referee with the Sun Belt Conference. At the Sun Belt he was also the President of the SBC Football Officials Association (2001-03), Position Chief (2001-02) and winner of the Silver Whistle Award for being the league's highest rated official (2002). He also worked a pair of bowl games, the Silicon Valley Bowl and the Alamo Bowl, during his tenure with the conference.

From 1992 through 2000, Jackson was a referee in the Southern Conference, working a pair of playoff games. Jackson has also served as the head linesman in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (1986-89) and worked in the Southeast Tennessee Football Officials Association (SETFOA) for 18 years (1975-92).

Jackson received his Bachelor of Science degree in industrial engineering from the University of Tennessee in 1972. He retired after a 30-year career with Columbus McKinnon Corporation, Amherst, NY. During his career, he was an industrial engineer, plant manager and business analyst.

Jackson lives in Chattanooga with his wife, Charlene; has two grown sons, Russ and Matt, and a new grandson, Cooper.

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION (FCS) CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT

BIG SKY (13)

Cal Poly
Eastern Washington
Idaho State
Montana
Montana State
North Dakota
Northern Arizona
Northern Colorado
Portland State
Sacramento State
Southern Utah
UC Davis
Weber State

BIG SOUTH (8)

Campbell
Charleston Southern
Coastal Carolina
Gardner-Webb
Liberty
Presbyterian College
Stony Brook
VMI

COLONIAL (11)

Delaware
Georgia State
James Madison
Maine
New Hampshire
Old Dominion
Rhode Island
Richmond
Towson
Villanova
William & Mary

IVY (8)

Brown
Columbia
Cornell
Dartmouth
Harvard
Pennsylvania
Princeton
Yale

MID-EASTERN (11)

Bethune-Cookman
Delaware State
Florida A&M
Hampton
Howard
Morgan State
Norfolk State
North Carolina A&T
North Carolina Central
Savannah State
South Carolina State

MISSOURI VALLEY (10)

Illinois State
Indiana State
Missouri State
North Dakota State
UNI
South Dakota
South Dakota State
Southern Illinois
Western Illinois
Youngstown State

NORTHEAST (9)

Albany
Bryant
Central Connecticut State
Duquesne
Monmouth
Robert Morris
Sacred Heart
St. Francis (Pa.)
Wagner

OHIO VALLEY (9)

Austin Peay
Eastern Illinois
Eastern Kentucky
Jacksonville State
Murray State
Southeast Missouri
Tennessee State
Tennessee Tech
UT Martin

PATRIOT (7)

Bucknell
Colgate
Fordham
Georgetown
Holy Cross
Lafayette
Leigh

PIONEER (9)

Butler
Davidson
Dayton
Drake
Jacksonville
Marist
Morehead State
San Diego
Valparaiso

SOUTHERN (9)

Appalachian State
Chattanooga
Citadel
Elon
Furman
Georgia Southern
Samford
Western Carolina
Wofford

SOUTHLAND (8)

Central Arkansas
Lamar
McNeese State
Nicholls State
Northwestern State
Sam Houston State
Southeastern Louisiana
Stephen F. Austin

SOUTHWESTERN (10)

East

Alabama A&M
Alabama State
Alcorn State
Jackson State
Mississippi Valley State

West

Arkansas-Pine Bluff
Grambling State
Prairie View A&M
Southern
Texas Southern

INDEPENDENTS (1)

Texas State



**DIVISION I
FOOTBALL**



FOOTBALL

One Division I

As most football fans know, three classifications – Division I-A, I-AA and I-AAA – were used to differentiate the administration of a school's football program. As of December 15, 2006, those three classifications were declared out of bounds and new designations were kicked off.

The Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) will be used to describe football programs that compete to participate in the postseason bowl system that includes the 32 NCAA-licensed bowls that make up the Bowl Championship Series.

The NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) now will be used to describe schools that participate in the NCAA championship postseason structure (one of 88 NCAA national championships that formerly was described as the I-AA football championship).

PREVIOUS NAME

NEW NAME

Division I-A ➤ **Football Bowl Subdivision**

I-A (short hand) ➤ **Bowl Subdivision**

I-A (acronym for NCAA manual use) ➤ **FBS**

Bowl Championship Series ➤ **Same**

Division I-AA ➤ **NCAA Football Championship Subdivision**

I-AA (short hand) ➤ **Football Championship Subdivision**

I-AA (acronym for NCAA manual use) ➤ **FCS**

NCAA Division I-AA Football Championship ➤ **NCAA Division I Football Championship**

Division I-AA Football Committee ➤ **Division I Football Championship Committee**

Division I-AAA ➤ **Division I**

Division I (all other sports) ➤ **Same**

The Reason for the Change

The I-A, I-AA and I-AAA designations were confusing and as result, misapplied by college football fans and the media when referring not only to football programs (e.g., I-AA basketball). And because of greater awareness of specific conferences and schools, the I-A label was rarely emphasized by the I-A membership, which only caused greater confusion about the I-AA classification.

This initiative, voted into effect by the presidents and chancellors who comprise the NCAA Division I Board of Directors last August, is not intended to confuse or devalue the importance of the BCS format.

Why These Titles Were Chosen

These labels communicate in a positive and clear way about the differences between the Division I football classifications, chiefly the postseason opportunity, while still defining them within the Division I experience.

The name change also clearly defines the student-athlete experience. Rather than being incorrectly referred to by a football classification, they'll simply be a Division I student-athlete.

Spreading the Word

The use of the new football labels was rolled out at the 2006 NCAA Division I Football Championship game. During the course of the 2007 season, expect these new football designations to be used by members of the college football community, which includes student-athletes, corporate supporters, university/college officials, community leaders and media partners.

Coaches, administrators and staff have been asked to use the new classifications in media guides, game programs, Web sites, tickets and promotional materials.

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Predicted Order of Finish

1. Eastern Kentucky (12)	124
2. Jacksonville State (6)	117
3. Murray State	85
4. Tennessee Tech	83
5. Tennessee State	69
6. UT Martin	67
7. Southeast Missouri	44
8. Eastern Illinois	42
9. Austin Peay	17

After finishing in a three-way tie for the OVC Championship in 2011, Eastern Kentucky was picked the preseason favorite in 2012 after returning 10 offensive and seven defensive starters from its playoff team. The Colonels received 12 of 18 first-place votes by the league's head coaches and sports information directors.

Jacksonville State, who also finished in the three-way tie last year, picked up the other six first-place votes and was picked second. Murray State was picked third while Tennessee Tech, the final team in the three-way tie last year, was tabbed fourth. The poll was rounded out by Tennessee State, UT Martin, Southeast Missouri, Eastern Illinois and Austin Peay.

Preseason All-OVC Team

QB	Casey Brockman, Murray State
RB	Matt Denham, Eastern Kentucky
RB	Washaun Ealey, Jacksonville State
WR	Tyrone Goard, Eastern Kentucky
WR	Quentin Sims, UT Martin
TE	Von Wise, Eastern Illinois
C	O.J. Enabosi, Eastern Kentucky
OG	Kadeem Edwards, Tennessee State
OG	Tori Mobley, Jacksonville State
OT	Aaron Adams, Eastern Kentucky
OT	Patrick Ford, Eastern Kentucky

DL	Marcus Edwards, Tennessee Tech
DL	Artavious Dowdell, Eastern Illinois
DL	Antonio Harper, Tennessee State
LB	Anthony Brown, Eastern Kentucky
LB	Ichiro Vance, Eastern Kentucky
LB	Blake Peiffer, Southeast Missouri
LB	Qua Huzzie, Murray State
LB	Sam Small, Murray State
DB	Will Johnson, Tennessee Tech
DB	Austin Tallant, Tennessee Tech
DB	Justin Bell, Eastern Kentucky
DB	Brooklyn Fox, Eastern Kentucky

K	Cody Sandlin, UT Martin
P	Jordan Berry, Eastern Kentucky
RS	Weldon Garlington, Tennessee State

Preseason Offensive Player of the Year

Casey Brockman (QB), Murray State

Preseason Defensive Players of the Year

Blake Peiffer (LB), Southeast Missouri

Murray State senior quarterback Casey Brockman was tabbed the OVC Offensive Player of the Year for the second-straight season while Southeast Missouri State senior linebacker Blake Peiffer was named Preseason Defensive Player of the Year.

Eastern Kentucky led the way with 10 total selections, followed by Murray State, Tennessee State and Tennessee Tech with three apiece.

Returning players who were first-team All-OVC selections last season (13 in total) were automatic selections to the preseason team this year. The squad also included nine players who were second-team selections in 2011. Of the 26 total selections, 18 were seniors, six were juniors and two were sophomores.

2012 OVC SEASON NOTES/PREVIEW

Let's Get It Started: The 65th season of Ohio Valley Conference football will get underway on Thursday, August 30 when three OVC squads take to the gridiron; the remaining six schools will play on Saturday, Sept. 1. The OVC is made up of nine football-playing schools in 2012. Since its beginning, 15 of the 18 total schools that have played football in the league have claimed at least one championship.

The FCS Playoffs: Two years ago the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) playoff field expanded to 20 teams, up from 16 previously. In April 2008 the NCAA Board of Directors approved the expansion. It marked the first expansion since the field grew from 12 to 16 teams in 1997. The field is comprised of 10 automatic bids (up from 8) and 10 at-large berths. There are four first round matchups (8 total teams), while 12 teams receive a bye into the second round. For the third time in 2012, the championship game will be played in Frisco, Texas at FC Dallas Stadium, a 23,500-seat multi-purpose stadium. The Southland Conference will serve as the host of the championship, which will be held on Saturday, Jan. 5.

OVC Teams in the Playoffs: Last season the OVC placed two teams in the FCS playoffs as Tennessee Tech earned the automatic bid and Eastern Kentucky received an at-large bid. It marked the fourth time in the last six years the OVC had placed multiple teams in the playoffs; overall the OVC has placed multiple teams in the playoffs 18 total times. Both EKU and TTU hosted home playoff games, marking the second-straight year an OVC team had served as a playoff host and the first time since 1991 that two teams had served as hosts in the same season.

Three Teams Share 2011 Championship: Last season three teams (Eastern Kentucky, Jacksonville State and Tennessee Tech) shared the OVC Championship. It marked only the second time in OVC history that more than two teams had earned a share of the title (the other being 1962). The three teams had identical 6-2 records, marking only the third time in OVC history (1962, 2009) that the league champion finished the year with two losses.

Preseason Forecasts: Eastern Kentucky was tabbed the favorite heading into the 2012 season. It marks the first time since the 2009 season the team has been picked the preseason favorite. Is being picked first in the preseason poll necessarily a good thing? In the past 33 years of preseason polls (all that were available), the preseason predicted champion has only gone on to win the OVC Championship 13 times (39.4%). Last season (when three teams shared the OVC Championship) was the first time since the 2002 season the preseason poll predicted the eventual champion.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Predicted Champion</u>	<u>Actual Champion</u>
2002	Eastern Illinois	Eastern Illinois
2003	Southeast Missouri	Jacksonville State
2004	Eastern Kentucky	Jacksonville State
2005	Jacksonville State	Eastern Illinois
2006	Eastern Kentucky	Eastern Illinois/UT Martin
2007	Eastern Illinois	Eastern Kentucky
2008	Jacksonville State	Eastern Kentucky
2009	Eastern Kentucky	Eastern Illinois
2010	Jacksonville State	Southeast Missouri
2011	Jacksonville State	Eastern Ky./Jax St./Tenn. Tech
2012	Eastern Kentucky	?

NFL Connections: As of July 20, 23 former Ohio Valley Conference players are scheduled to be on NFL rosters when the preseason begins. Those players include former Eastern Illinois standout Tony Romo, a three-time Pro Bowl pick, Cortland Finnegan (Samford), who has been a Pro Bowl defensive back selection with the Tennessee Titans (and who is now playing with the St. Louis Rams), and Tennessee State's Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie, who was a starter for the Arizona Cardinals in Super Bowl XLIII and was a Pro Bowl selection in 2009 (and now plays for the Philadelphia Eagles). Seven of the nine current OVC football schools have at least one player in the NFL with Jacksonville State leading the way with five players. Several NFL coaches also have connections to OVC schools, including two who went to Eastern Illinois, including Super Bowl champion coaches Sean Payton (New Orleans) and Mike Shanahan (Washington). UT Martin graduate and former assistant coach Jerry Reese made waves in 2007 when he led the New York Giants to Super Bowl XLII in his first season as General Manager with the franchise; Reese won his second Super Bowl with the Giants last season.

A Look at the Coaches: Eight of the nine OVC coaches from last season returned to their respective teams season. The only departure was Eastern Illinois head coach Bob Spoo, who completed his 25th season at the school in 2011, retired and was inducted into the OVC Hall of Fame. This season Eastern Illinois will be coached by Dino Babers, who most recently served as the special teams coordinator and wide receivers coach at Baylor, where he was involved with an offense led by Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III. Babers was a part of Spoo's first staff at EIU (1987).



Southeast Missouri State senior linebacker Blake Peiffer was named the OVC Preseason Defensive Player of the Year. Peiffer was also named to the Sports Network's Buck Buchanan Award Watch List; the award is given to the top defensive player at the FCS level. Last season Peiffer had 151 total tackles (13.73/game), which ranked him third nationally in tackles/game.

RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS

Following are a look at the top statistical returners this season based on their production during the 2011 season (current year of eligibility indicated in parenthesis).

<u>Passing</u>	<u>Att./Comp.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TD/Int.</u>
Casey Brockman, MUR (Sr.)	316-477	3276	25/9
Jimmy Garoppolo, EIU (Jr.)	217-349	2644	20/14
Derek Carr, UTM (Sr.)	200-346	2482	25/10
Tre Lamb, TTU (Sr.)	204-313	2342	17/10
Michael German, TSU (So.)	140-250	1899	12/7

<u>Rushing</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TD's</u>
Matt Denham, EKU (Sr.)	254	1570	9
Washaun Ealey, JSU (Sr.)	178	1082	8
Trabis Ward, TSU (Jr.)	193	978	11
Jason McNair, UTM (Sr.)	166	782	5
Tevin Barksdale, UTM (Sr.)	107	685	8

<u>Receiving</u>	<u>Rec.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TD's</u>
Quentin Sims, UTM (Sr.)	54	712	10
Devin Stark, APSU (Sr.)	52	622	7
Ja-Vonta Trotter, MUR (Sr.)	48	523	4
Devin Wilson, TSU (Sr.)	48	586	2
Walter Powell, MUR (Jr.)	45	584	5

<u>Tackles</u>	<u>UT</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Blake Peiffer, SEMO (Sr.)	79	72	151
Sam Small, MUR (Sr.)	61	54	115
Ben Johnson, UTM (Jr.)	46	50	96
Antonio Taylor, EIU (Jr.)	51	41	92
Austin Tallant, TTU (So.)	34	58	92

<u>Sacks</u>	<u>Sacks</u>	<u>Yds.</u>
Kevin Robinson, MUR (Sr.)	7.0	55
Antonio Harper, TSU (Jr.)	6.5	31
Marcus Edwards, TTU (Sr.)	5.0	37
Artavious Dowdell, EIU (Sr.)	5.0	29
Shawn Shupperd, EKU (Jr.)	4.5	22

<u>Interceptions</u>	<u>Int.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TD's</u>
Kevin Hamlin, EKU (Sr.)	4	120	1
Pierre Warren, JSU (So.)	3	106	1
Steven Ragin, APSU (Jr.)	3	16	0
Brooklyn Fox, EIU (Sr.)	3	24	0

ALL-TIME COACHING VICTORIES

Following last season Eastern Illinois head coach Bob Spoo retired after compiling 92 wins while EIU was a member of OVC, the fifth-most in Conference history. Among active coaches Jacksonville State's Jack Crowe is eighth with 67 wins, just three away from seventh place. In total 83 coaches have led programs while a member of the OVC from 1948 to the present.

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Record</u>
1. Roy Kidd (EKU)	1964-02	315-123-8 (.715)
2. Boots Donnelly (AP/MT)	1977-78, 79-98	154-94-1 (.620)
3. Charles Murphy (MTSU)	1952-68	117-53-5 (.683)
4. Jimmy Feix (WKU)	1968-81	99-43-5 (.690)
5. Bob Spoo (EIU)	1996-11	92-82 (.529)
6. Don Wade (TTU)	1968-82	81-78-3 (.509)
7. Wilburn Tucker (TTU)	1954-67	70-66-5 (.514)
8. Jack Crowe (JSU)	2003-present	67-34 (.663)
Bill Furgerson (MUR)	1967-77	60-49-4 (.549)
10. Nick Denes (WKU)	1957-67	57-39-7 (.587)
20. Watson Brown (AP/TTU)	1979-80, 07-pres.	39-39 (.500)
21. Jason Simpson (UTM)	2006-present	37-31 (.544)
33. Dean Hood (EKU)	2008-present	26-20 (.565)
34. Tony Samuel (SEMO)	2006-present	25-43 (.368)
48. Rick Christophel (APSU)	2007-present	18-37 (.327)
55. Chris Hatcher (MUR)	2010-present	13-9 (.591)
64. Rod Reed (TSU)	2010-present	8-14 (.364)
83. Dino Babers, EIU	2012-present	0-0 (.000)

Note: Wins are in all games while team has been a member of the Ohio Valley Conference.



2012 COMPOSITE OVC SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 30

Southeast Missouri at Central Michigan, 6:00 p.m.
Southern Illinois at **Eastern Illinois**, 6:30 p.m.
Hampton at **Tennessee Tech**, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 1

Eastern Kentucky at Purdue, 2:30 p.m. (BTN)
Murray State at Florida State, 5:00 p.m. (ESPN3)
Austin Peay at Western Kentucky, 6:00 p.m.
Florida A&M at **Tennessee State**, 6:00 p.m.
UT Martin at Memphis, 6:00 p.m.
Jacksonville State at Arkansas, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 6

North Greenville at **Tennessee Tech**, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 8

Austin Peay at Virginia Tech, 12:30 p.m. (ESPN3)
Morehead State at **Eastern Kentucky**, 5:00 p.m.
Eastern Illinois at Western Michigan, 6:00 p.m.
Chattanooga at **Jacksonville State**, 6:00 p.m.
Mars Hill College at **Southeast Missouri**, 6:00 p.m.
Central Arkansas at **Murray State**, 6:00 p.m.
Tennessee St. vs. **Jackson St.**, 6:00 p.m. (Memphis, Tenn.)
UT Martin at Northern Illinois, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 13

Southeastern Louisiana at **UT Martin**, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 15

***Austin Peay** at **Tennessee State**, 1:00 p.m.
Eastern Illinois at Illinois State, 1:00 p.m.
Tennessee Tech at Oregon, 2:00 p.m. (Pac-12 Network)
Eastern Kentucky at Coastal Carolina, 5:00 p.m.
Southeast Missouri at Southern Illinois, 6:00 p.m.
Murray State at Missouri State, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 22

Tennessee State at Bethune-Cookman, 3:00 p.m.
***Jacksonville State** at **Eastern Kentucky**, 5:00 p.m.
***UT Martin** at **Austin Peay**, 6:00 p.m.
***Tennessee Tech** at **Southeast Missouri**, 6:00 p.m.
***Murray State** at **Eastern Illinois**, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 29

***Eastern Kentucky** at **UT Martin**, 1:00 p.m.
***Austin Peay** at **Eastern Illinois**, 1:30 p.m.
***Southeast Missouri** at **Jacksonville State**, 3:00 p.m.
***Tennessee Tech** at **Murray State**, 6:00 p.m.
Arkansas-Pine Bluff at **Tennessee State**, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 6

***Eastern Kentucky** at **Tennessee State**, 1:00 p.m.
***Eastern Illinois** at **UT Martin**, 2:00 p.m.
***Murray State** at **Austin Peay**, 6:00 p.m.
***Jacksonville State** at **Tennessee Tech**, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 13

***Jacksonville State** at **Eastern Illinois**, 1:30 p.m.
***Austin Peay** at **Eastern Kentucky**, 2:00 p.m.
***UT Martin** at **Murray State**, 3:00 p.m.
***Tennessee State** at **Southeast Missouri**, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 20

***UT Martin** at **Southeast Missouri**, 1:00 p.m.
***Tennessee State** at **Jacksonville State**, 3:00 p.m.
***Eastern Kentucky** at **Tennessee Tech**, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 27

***Eastern Illinois** at **Eastern Kentucky**, 12:00 p.m.
***Tennessee Tech** at **Tennessee State**, 1:00 p.m.
***Murray State** at **Jacksonville State**, 3:00 p.m.
***Southeast Missouri** at **Austin Peay**, 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 3

***Jacksonville State** at **UT Martin**, 12:00 p.m.
Culver-Stockton at **Austin Peay**, 1:00 p.m.
***Eastern Kentucky** at **Southeast Missouri**, 1:00 p.m.
***Tennessee State** at **Murray State**, 1:00 p.m.
***Eastern Illinois** at **Tennessee Tech**, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 10

***Murray State** at **Eastern Kentucky**, 12:00 p.m.
***Southeast Missouri** at **Eastern Illinois**, 1:30 p.m.
***UT Martin** at **Tennessee Tech**, 1:30 p.m.
***Austin Peay** at **Jacksonville State**, 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 17

***Tennessee Tech** at **Austin Peay**, 1:00 p.m.
***Southeast Missouri** at **Murray State**, 1:00 p.m.
***Tennessee State** at **UT Martin**, 2:00 p.m.
Eastern Illinois at Central Arkansas, 3:00 p.m.
Jacksonville State at Florida, TBA

Saturday, November 24

FCS Playoffs First Round (campus sites)

Saturday, December 1

FCS Playoffs Second Round (campus sites)

Friday, December 7/Saturday, December 8

FCS Playoffs Quarterfinals (campus sites)

Friday, December 14/Saturday, December 15

FCS Playoffs Semifinals (campus sites)

Saturday, January 5

FCS National Championship, 12:00 p.m. (Frisco, Texas)

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All Times CENTRAL

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All Conference games and home non-conference games featuring OVC schools will be available live and on-demand on the OVC Digital Network at OVCSports.com.

2013 OVC SCHEDULE

September 21

Tennessee State at Tennessee Tech

September 28

Eastern Kentucky at Eastern Illinois
Murray State at Jacksonville State
UT Martin at Southeast Missouri

October 5

Austin Peay at Eastern Kentucky
Jacksonville State at UT Martin
Tennessee Tech at Murray State
Southeast Missouri at Tennessee State

October 12

Eastern Illinois at Austin Peay
Tennessee State at Jacksonville State
Murray State at Southeast Missouri
UT Martin at Tennessee Tech

October 19

Austin Peay at Murray State
Southeast Missouri at Eastern Illinois
Tennessee Tech at Eastern Kentucky
Tennessee State at UT Martin

October 26

UT Martin at Austin Peay
Eastern Illinois at Tennessee State
Eastern Kentucky at Southeast Missouri
Jacksonville State at Tennessee Tech

November 2

Jacksonville State at Austin Peay
Tennessee Tech at Eastern Illinois
Tennessee State at Eastern Kentucky
Murray State at UT Martin

November 9

Austin Peay at Tennessee State
Eastern Illinois at Murray State
Eastern Kentucky at Jacksonville State
Tennessee Tech at Southeast Missouri

November 16

Southeast Missouri at Austin Peay
Jacksonville State at Eastern Illinois
UT Martin at Eastern Kentucky
Murray State at Tennessee State

November 23

Austin Peay at Tennessee Tech
Eastern Illinois at UT Martin
Eastern Kentucky at Murray State
Southeast Missouri at Jacksonville State

All Future Schedules Are Subject to Change