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### **SCHOOL WEBSITES**

Ohio Valley Conference..... [www.OVCsports.com](http://www.OVCsports.com)  
 Austin Peay ..... [www.LetsGoPeay.com](http://www.LetsGoPeay.com)  
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 Eastern Kentucky ..... [www.EKUSports.com](http://www.EKUSports.com)  
 Jacksonville State..... [www.JSUGamecockSports.com](http://www.JSUGamecockSports.com)  
 Murray State ..... [www.GoRacers.com](http://www.GoRacers.com)  
 Southeast Missouri ..... [www.GoSoutheast.com](http://www.GoSoutheast.com)  
 Tennessee State ..... [www.TSUTigers.com](http://www.TSUTigers.com)  
 Tennessee Tech..... [www.TTUSports.com](http://www.TTUSports.com)  
 UT Martin ..... [www.UTMSports.com](http://www.UTMSports.com)

### **OVC GAMES ON THE RADIO/INTERNET**

#### **Austin Peay**

On the Radio ..... WVRY-FM 105.1  
 On the Internet..... [www.letsgopeay.com](http://www.letsgopeay.com)  
 Talent ..... David Loos, Van Stokes

#### **Eastern Illinois**

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

#### **Eastern Kentucky**

On the Radio ..... WCYO-FM 100.7  
 On the Internet..... [www.wcyofm.com](http://www.wcyofm.com)  
 Talent ..... Greg Stotelmyer, Greg McClellan

#### **Jacksonville State**

On the Radio ..... WLJS-FM 91.9  
 On the Internet..... [www.jsu.edu/92j](http://www.jsu.edu/92j)  
 Talent ..... Mike Parris, Ray Hammett

#### **Murray State**

On the Radio ..... WFGE-FM 103.7  
 On the Internet..... [www.GoRacers.com](http://www.GoRacers.com)  
 Talent ..... Neal Bradley

#### **Southeast Missouri**

On the Radio ..... ESPN 92.9 FM (KLSC)  
 On the Internet..... [GoSoutheast.com](http://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](http://TSURadio.com) (WTST The Blaze)  
 Talent ..... Albert Dawson

#### **Tennessee Tech**

On the Radio ..... 98.5 Kiss FM  
 On the Internet..... [www.TTUSports.com](http://www.TTUSports.com)  
 Talent :...Roger Ealey, Buddy Pearson, Dylan Vazzano

#### **UT Martin**

On the Radio ..... WCMT-FM 101.3/WUTM 90.3  
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 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](mailto: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 exception being the Oct. 23 call which will be on a Wednesday). The first teleconference will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 27. 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](mailto:kschwartz@ovc.org)).

10:00 - Chris Hatcher, Murray State  
 10:07 - Watson Brown, Tennessee Tech  
 10:14 - Dino Babers, Eastern Illinois  
 10:21 - Bill Clark, Jacksonville State  
 10:28 - Tony Samuel, Southeast Missouri  
 10:35 - Kirby Cannon, 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](http://ovcinsider.blogspot.com).

### **FCS PLAYOFFS/OVC TIEBREAKER**

The participants in the 2013 NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (formerly I-AA) Playoffs will be announced on Sunday, Nov. 24. 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, ECU	---	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" (WBB only), "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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**N**ow in its 66th 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 began competition in the 2012-13 academic year. The addition of Belmont gave 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. Subsequently, the league has shown its stability over the past decade, seeing only one member institution depart over the past 13 years.

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 six females to be the head of a Division I conference, and one of just nine 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.

After Title IX legislation passed in 1972, women's athletics began 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 began formulating plans for women's athletics in 1975 and established women's championships in the sports of basketball, tennis 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 (AIAW), 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 conference added women's golf and softball in 1994 and women's soccer in 1998.

Through the past 65 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 six 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, 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. ECU was coached by former All-America

quarterback Roy Kidd, who was in his 16th year at the helm of his alma mater and who skipped the Colonels to a second national title three years later. Following the 2002 season, Kidd retired after 39 years at ECU; 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. ECU's 20 FCS playoff appearances are the second for the most all-time (behind only Montana and tied with Appalachian State).

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 after 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.

A sampling 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 seven 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).

In 2012 Eastern Illinois became just the fourth football team in OVC history to go from worst-to-first in winning the OVC Championship. The Panthers were led by head coach Dino Babers who became just the fourth first-year head coach to win an OVC Championship (joining Boots Donnelly in 1977, Jason Simpson in 2006 and Dean Hood in 2008). During the year Eastern Illinois junior wide receiver Erik Lora shattered the FCS single-season receptions record, hauling in 136 passes in 12 games; that mark was 13 more than the previous NCAA record and 44 more than the previous OVC mark.

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

## 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)

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.

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 April 6 & 8 at Bridgestone Arena in downtown Nashville.

Over its 65 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 A.J. Ellis (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 215 student-athletes honored with

the award, including 36 over the last four years (2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13).

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.

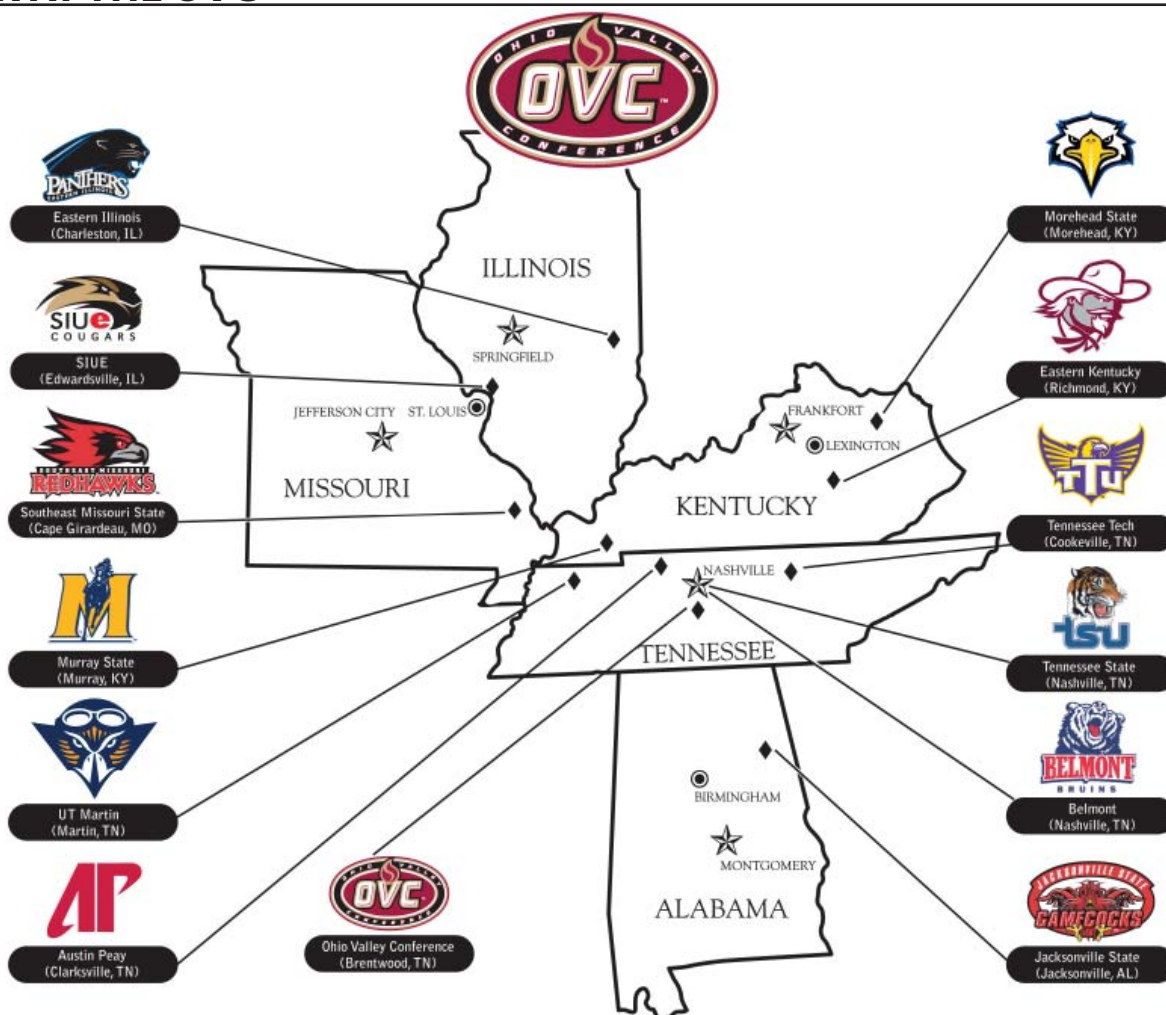
Additionally, the OVC annually presents the Steve Hamilton Sportsmanship Award, in honor of the former Morehead State student-athlete, coach and athletics director, to a junior or senior student-athlete with significant athletic contributions who best exemplifies the characteristics of sportsmanship 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
2012-13	Sean Bailey (tennis), 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
2012-13	Eastern Kentucky 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
2012-13	Southeast Missouri 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 2013 ceremony, the Hall of Fame now has 71 members.

Dr. Joe Morgan, APSU (1977)	Mr. P.V. Overall, TTU (1981)	Mr. Edward S. Temple, TSU (1995)	Dr. 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 / SEMO (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)	Dr. Joey Haines, SEMO/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. Martha Mullins, ECU (2013)
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 eight females to be the head of a Division I Conference in 2013-14. In May 2011 the league announced the addition of Belmont University to the OVC beginning in 2012-13. The addition of Belmont brought the OVC to 12 teams, the largest membership total in league history.

DeBauche will serve as the Chair of the Nashville Local Organizing Committee (NLOC) for the 2014 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Final Four. The Ohio Valley Conference will serve as the host institution of the event which will be held at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville on April 6 and 8.

Under DeBauche the league started an extensive strategic planning and branding initiative which led to the development of the league's first tagline of "Inspiring Excellence Since 1948." The project also produced the league's first 30-second PSA commercial in over a decade as well as a longer feature video highlighting the Conference.

During the 2012-13 school DeBauche oversaw the switch of the league's web streaming efforts to a free access model which was rebranded the OVC Digital Network (OVCDN). The new OVCDN included HD video for the first time and was made available on any platform/device. The Digital Network focuses on both athletic competition as well as telling the story of OVC and its member institutions. In its first year as a free service the OVC Digital Network saw extreme growth in viewership.

In her four 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 of the past five years, including four-straight years (2009-12) for the first-time in league history.

OVC student-athletes have continued to achieve high levels of success not only on the field but also in the classroom. The league has consistently seen record number of honorees on the OVC Medal of Honor and OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll lists during her tenure. During the past four years 38 OVC

student-athletes have been named CoSIDA Academic All-Americans.

In 2012-13 DeBauche helped spearhead a year-long celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Title IX. As part of the celebration each of the OVC's 12-member institutions identified a pioneer in women's athletics and gender equality from their school to be honored during the year and celebrated at a home athletic event on their campus. The celebration was capped in May when those honorees were recognized at a special luncheon as part of the OVC Spring Meetings.

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 Athletics Directors Institute. She is a board member with the Nashville Sports Council, a member of the Nashville Catholic Business Women's League, the women's networking group CABLE and the Nashville Rotary.





## 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 seventh year at the OVC in 2013-14, 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 began 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, scheduling and oversee baseball, 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 (SAAC) and the OVC's merchandise, awards and internship 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; this year she will serve as the Tournament Director for that event.

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 Brunch and Hall of Fame.

Schwartz served as a timeout coordinator for the 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 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. In 2013 he served on the Media Coordination Committee for the Women's Final Four in New Orleans and this year he will serve as the Local Media Coordinator for the 2014 Women's Final Four which will be held at Bridgestone Arena 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 seventh year with the Conference in 2013-14.

With the OVC Pulley duties include overseeing the league's web streaming efforts, which included an overhaul and rebranding into the OVC Digital Network in 2012-13. The web streaming changed to a free model with HD-quality and availability across all platforms which dramatically increased viewership.

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 will serve as the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) and Youth Clinics liaison for the 2014 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Final Four in Nashville.

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 and became proud parents to Ava Mae in July 2013.

## Matthew 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, academic performance monitoring, and NCAA rules education programming to OVC member institutions. Banker also 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. He also serves as the sport administrator for OVC men's and women's tennis.

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 elected chair of the Division I Legislative Council for the 2013-14 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 drafting NCAA legislation and interpretations for all three divisions including rules and interpretations for the Legislative Services Database (LSDB), 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 (NAA), the National Association for Athletics Compliance (NAAC) and the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA). He also serves as an adjunct professor at Belmont University's School of Law.

Banker is a native of Wauwatosa, Wis.

## Heather Brown - Director of Media Relations



Heather Brown is in her 10th year with the Ohio Valley Conference in 2013-14. 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. In 2012 she worked the Women's Final Four in New Orleans.

This year she will serve as the Local Media Coordinator for the 2014 Division I NCAA Women's Final Four which will be held at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville. Along with that role she has served on the Legacy Committee for the event.

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 - General Manager, 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 multimedia rights for the men's basketball championship and other championship events.

In 2011 and 2012 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 Phi Delta Theta fraternity, 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 the Greater Nashville area.

## **Mike Dirmann - Account Executive, OVC IMG Sports Marketing**



Mike Dirmann joined the OVC as an Account Executive for OVC IMG Sports Marketing in July 2013.

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Dirmann came to the OVC after completing his Master's in Sports Administration and Master's in Business Administration at Ohio University. While at Ohio University he served as a communications graduate

assistant where he coordinated the communication for the Ohio University Center for Sports Administration to alumni, faculty, university staff and the community.

Dirmann earned his undergraduate degree in broadcast journalism from Washington and Lee University in 1998. While in school Dirmann served as the team captain of the Washington and Lee basketball team and was also an All-Academic selection.

From 2000-2010 Dirmann was an award-winning sports anchor and reporter at two different stations, WMGM-TV in Linwood, N.J. and KSLA-TV in Shreveport, La.

Dirmann also worked as the ticket and promotions coordinator for Florida Citrus Sports from Nov. 2011 to Jan. 2012. There he was responsible for executing promotional packages for both the Champs Sports Bowl and the Capital One Bowl.

Dirmann has also served as a revenue generation consultant for the Big East Conference (Sept. - Dec. 2012) and the National Sports Forum (June 2012).

## **Jim Jackson - Coordinator of Football Officiating**



Jim Jackson is in his seventh year as Coordinator of Football Officiating for the Ohio Valley Conference in 2013. Jackson is in charge of recruiting, training and developing the officials, as well as the game selection, assignment and evaluation of those officials.

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, Miami and Roanoke 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 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 Board of Managers of College Football Officiating, LLC. He is on the review panel charged with viewing video of targeting hits and recommending action to the respective conference; the purpose of this review panel is to insure consistency in administering this new rule nationwide. Jackson also served on the Editorial Sub-Committee to advise the NCAA Football Rules Committee from 2010 through 2012.

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, including the national semi-final game in 1999. Jackson has also served as a 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 grandson, Cooper.

## **Jenny Kulchar - Administrative Assistant**



Jenny Kulchar, who joined the Conference in February 2010, 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.



## 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 (6)**

Charleston Southern  
Coastal Carolina  
Gardner-Webb  
Liberty  
Presbyterian College  
VMI

### **CAA Football (11)**

Albany  
Delaware  
James Madison  
Maine  
New Hampshire  
Rhode Island  
Richmond  
Stony Brook  
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 FOOTBALL (10)**

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

### **NORTHEAST (7)**

Bryant  
Central Connecticut State  
Duquesne  
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 (12)**

Butler  
Campbell  
Davidson  
Dayton  
Drake  
Jacksonville  
Marist  
Mercer  
Morehead State  
San Diego  
Stetson  
Valparaiso

### **SOUTHERN (9)**

Appalachian State\* (moving to FBS)  
Chattanooga  
Citadel  
Elon  
Furman  
Georgia Southern\* (moving to FBS)  
Samford  
Western Carolina  
Wofford

### **SOUTHLAND (10)**

Abilene Christian\* (eligible in 2017)  
Central Arkansas  
Incarnate Word\* (eligible in 2017)  
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

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## PRESEASON ALL-OVC HONORS

### Predicted Order of Finish

1. Eastern Illinois (12 first-place votes)	122
2. Eastern Kentucky (4)	114
3. Tennessee State (2)	90
4. Jacksonville State	87
5. UT Martin	78
6. Murray State	53
7. Tennessee Tech	53
8. Southeast Missouri	35
9. Austin Peay	16

For the first time since the 2007 season Eastern Illinois has been picked the favorite in the Ohio Valley Conference football race. The defending champion Panthers picked up 12 of the 18 first-place votes in the 2013 poll which is a vote of league head coaches and sports information directors.

Eastern Illinois totaled 122 points to top the poll. Eastern Kentucky picked up four first-place votes and was second with 114 points while Tennessee State picked up the final two first-place nods and was third with 90 points. Jacksonville State was picked fourth (87 points) and was followed closely by UT Martin (78). Murray State and Tennessee Tech each received 53 points to tie for sixth and while Southeast Missouri (35) and Austin Peay (16) rounded out the poll.

### Preseason All-OVC Team

QB	Jimmy Garoppolo, Eastern Illinois
RB	DaMarcus James, Jacksonville State
RB	Jaamal Berry, Murray State
WR	Erik Lora, Eastern Illinois
WR	Walter Powell, Murray State
TE	A.C. Leonard, Tennessee State
C	Demetrius Rhaney, Tennessee State
OG	Kadeem Edwards, Tennessee State
OG	Collin Seibert, Eastern Illinois
OT	Ben Stansfield, Austin Peay
OT	Tarik Milner, Jacksonville State
OT	Wesley Sherrill, Tennessee Tech

DL	Pat Wertz, Eastern Illinois
DL	Shawn Shupperd, Eastern Kentucky
DL	Antonio Harper, Tennessee State
DL	DJ Roberts, UT Martin
LB	Anthony Brown, Eastern Kentucky
LB	Ben Johnson, UT Martin
LB	Ichiro Vance, Eastern Kentucky
LB	Nick Thrasher, Tennessee State
DB	Nick Beard, Eastern Illinois
DB	Steven Godbolt III, Tennessee State
DB	Brandon Stanley, Eastern Kentucky
DB	Daniel Fitzpatrick, Tennessee State

K	Cameron Berra, Eastern Illinois
P	Chad Zinchini, Tennessee Tech
RS	Walter Powell, Murray State

### Preseason Offensive Player of the Year

Erik Lora (WR), Eastern Illinois

### Preseason Defensive Players of the Year

Steven Godbolt III (CB), Tennessee State

Eastern Illinois senior wide receiver Erik Lora was named 2013 Ohio Valley Conference Preseason Offensive Player of the Year while Tennessee State junior cornerback Steven Godbolt III was tabbed OVC Preseason Defensive Player of the Year in a vote of by the league's head football coaches and sports information directors.

Tennessee State led the way with seven selections on the preseason team while Eastern Illinois had six and Eastern Kentucky had four.

Returning players who were first-team All-OVC selections last season (11 in total) were automatic selections to the preseason team this year. The squad also included 10 players who were second-team selections in 2012. Of the 27 total selections, 19 were seniors and eight were juniors.

## 2013 OVC SEASON NOTES/PREVIEW

**Let's Get It Started:** The 66th season of Ohio Valley Conference football will get underway on Thursday, August 29 when three OVC squads take to the gridiron; five schools will play on Saturday, Aug. 31 with the final team playing on Sunday, Sept. 1. The OVC is made up of nine football-playing schools in 2013. 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:** In 2010 the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) playoff field expanded to 20 teams, up from 16 previously, and this year the field increases to 24 for the first time. The expansion in 2010 to 20 teams was the first since the field grew from 12 to 16 teams in 1997. The 24-team field is comprised of 11 automatic bids (up from 10) and 13 at-large berths (up from 10). There are eight first round matchups (16 total teams), while eight (8) teams receive a bye into the second round. For the fourth time in 2013, 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. 4.

**Preseason All-Americans:** Overall 11 OVC players were named to one of the four preseason FCS All-American teams (Lindy's, Phil Steele, Sports Network and Sporting News) prior to the 2013 season. Four players - Eastern Illinois' Erik Lora, Murray State's Walter Powell and Tennessee State's A.C. Leonard and Steven Godbolt III - were unanimous selections on the four teams. UT Martin's Ben Johnson was named to three of the teams while Eastern Kentucky's Anthony Brown, TSU's Kadeem Edwards and Tennessee Tech's Chad Zinchini were named to two teams. In addition 27 OVC players were named to the College Football Performance Awards (CFPA) Preseason Watch Lists, including eight offensive players, three defensive players and 16 specialists.

**Preseason Watch Lists:** Four OVC players found their way to the preseason watch lists for the Walter Payton and Buck Buchanan Awards as determined by the Sports Network. Eastern Illinois senior wide receiver Erik Lora and senior quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo are on the Payton List along with Murray State senior wide receiver/return specialist Walter Powell. The three selections for the OVC ranked tied for second (along with the Southern Conference) among FCS conferences; the Missouri Valley Football Conference had four total selections on the list. Eastern Illinois was one of only two teams (Appalachian State being the other) to have multiple players on the Payton Watch List. The fourth preseason watch list selection was Tennessee State junior cornerback Steven Godbolt III, who was the only OVC player selected to the Buchanan List.

**Preseason Forecasts:** Eastern Illinois has been tabbed the favorite heading into the 2013 season. It marks the first time since the 2007 season that the team has been picked as the preseason favorite. Is being picked first in the preseason poll necessarily a good thing? In the past 34 years of preseason polls (all that were available), the preseason predicted champion has only gone on to win the OVC Championship 13 times (38.2%). Only once in the past 10 years as the preseason favorite gone on to win the OVC Championship; that was in 2011 when three teams claimed the regular season title (including preseason favorite Jacksonville State).

<u>Year</u>	<u>Predicted Champion</u>	<u>Actual Champion</u>
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	Eastern Illinois
2013	Eastern Illinois	?

**NFL Connections:** As of July 19, 25 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 Denver Broncos). Eight of the nine current OVC football schools have at least one player in the NFL with Jacksonville State leading the way with five players, while Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee State have four apiece. Several NFL coaches also have connections to OVC schools, including two who went to Eastern Illinois; they are 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 in 2011.

**A Look at the Coaches:** Seven of the nine OVC coaches from last season returned to their respective teams. The two new coaches in the league are at Austin Peay (Kirby Cannon) and Jacksonville State (Bill Clark). Cannon comes to Clarksville after three years as the secondary coach at Central Michigan and 11 seasons as head coach at Missouri S&T. Clark, a Jax State alum, takes over in Jacksonville after five years as defensive coordinator at South Alabama. Clark is one of two OVC football coaches currently coaching at his alma mater; the other is Tennessee State's Rod Reed. The two longest tenured active coaches in the league are Southeast Missouri's Tony Samuel and UT Martin's Jason Simpson; both of those coaches enter their eighth season as those respective schools.

**OVC Digital Network:** The OVC launched the OVC Digital Network (OVCDN) in August 2012. The OVCDN is the exclusive home for live web streamed athletic contests involving OVC schools. Overall 2013-14 marks the eighth year the OVC has streamed live events. Starting with the re-branding of the streaming in 2012-13, events were offered free of charge and in an HD format and featured improved quality thanks to an investment in new equipment conference-wide. Fans also find it easier to log onto OVCDigitalNetwork.com and access the streams and can do so without any registration. The events are available on any computer, tablet or smart phone without needing any special downloads or apps thanks new streaming technology.



Tennessee State junior defensive back Steven Godbolt III was selected as the OVC Defensive Player of the Year. In 2012 Godbolt picked off six passes to lead the FCS in interceptions/game (0.60). He also added 45 tackles, six pass breakups and two forced fumbles. The cornerback was one of 20 players named to the preseason Buck Buchanan Award Watch List.

## RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS

Following are a look at the top statistical returners this season based on their production during the 2012 season (current year of eligibility indicated in parenthesis).

<u>Passing</u>	<u>Att.-Comp.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TD/Int.</u>
Jimmy Garoppolo, EIU (Sr.)	359-517	3,729	28/10
Michael German, TSU (Sr.)	215-358	2,751	18/10
Scott Lathrop, SEMO (So.)	91-158	1,025	7/5
Darian Stone, TTU (Jr.)	70-143	786	10/5

<u>Rushing</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TD's</u>
DaMarcus James, JSU (Jr.)	143	867	6
Scott Lathrop, SEMO (So.)	211	824	7
Jaamal Berry, MUR (Sr.)	95	675	7
Darian Stone, TTU (Jr.)	89	553	1
Reco Williams, APSU (So.)	103	496	2

<u>Receiving</u>	<u>Rec.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TD's</u>
Erik Lora, EIU (Sr.)	136	1,664	12
Walter Powell, MUR (Sr.)	94	1,213	10
Jeremy Butler, UTM (Sr.)	51	750	10
A.C. Leonard, TSU (Jr.)	51	733	6

<u>Tackles</u>	<u>UT</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ben Johnson, UTM (Sr.)	60	71	131
Nick Thrasher, TSU (Jr.)	68	37	105
Austin Tallant, TTU (Jr.)	28	66	94
Robert Haynes, EIU (Jr.)	51	50	101
Tra'Darius Goff, TTU (Jr.)	29	72	101

<u>Sacks</u>	<u>Sacks</u>	<u>Yds.</u>
Tony Bell, UTM (Jr.)	4.0	31
Anthony Bass, TSU (Jr.)	4.0	31
Ernest Smith, APSU (Sr.)	4.0	26
Ben Johnson, UTM (Sr.)	4.0	21
Antonio Harper, TSU (Sr.)	3.5	18

<u>Interceptions</u>	<u>Int.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TD's</u>
Steven Godbolt III, TSU (Jr.)	6	67	0
Jermaine Hough, JSU (So.)	3	36	0
Tavares Crawford, EIU (Sr.)	2	70	1
Reggie Jennings, SEMO (Jr.)	2	38	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. Jack Crowe (JSU)	2003-12	73-39 (.652)
8. Wilburn Tucker (TTU)	1954-67	70-66-5 (.514)
9. Bill Furgerson (MUR)	1967-77	60-49-4 (.549)
10. Nick Denes (WKU)	1957-67	57-39-7 (.587)
14. Jason Simpson (UTM)	2006-present	45-34 (.570)
17. Watson Brown (AP/TTU)	1979-80, 07-pres.	42-47 (.472)
24. Dean Hood (EKU)	2008-present	34-23 (.596)
32. Tony Samuel (SEMO)	2006-present	28-51 (.354)
49. Chris Hatcher (MUR)	2010-present	18-15 (.545)
52. Rod Reed (TSU)	2010-present	16-17 (.485)
67. Dino Babers (EIU)	2012-present	7-5 (.583)
- Kirby Cannon (APSU)	2013-present	0-0 (.000)
- Bill Clark (JSU)	2013-present	0-0 (.000)

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

## 2013 COMPOSITE OVC SCHEDULE

### Thursday, August 29

Robert Morris at Eastern Kentucky, 6:00 p.m.  
**UT Martin** at Chattanooga, 6:00 p.m.  
 Cumberland (Tenn.) at **Tennessee Tech**, 7:00 p.m.  
**Southeast Missouri** at Southeastern Louisiana, 7 p.m.

### Saturday, August 31

**Jacksonville State** at Alabama State, 5:00 p.m.  
**Austin Peay** at Tennessee, 5:00 p.m.  
**Eastern Illinois** at San Diego State, 7:00 p.m.  
**Murray State** at Missouri, TBA

### Sunday, September 1

Bethune-Cookman at **Tennessee St.**, 7 p.m. (ESPN3)

### Saturday, September 7

**Eastern Kentucky** at Louisville, 11:00 a.m. (ESPN3)  
**Tennessee Tech** at Wisconsin, 11:00 a.m. (BTN)  
**Tennessee State** at Florida A&M, 1:00 p.m.  
**UT Martin** at Boise State, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN3)  
**Eastern Illinois** at Southern Illinois, 6:00 p.m.  
**Jacksonville at Jacksonville State**, 6:00 p.m.  
 Campbellsville at **Murray State**, 6:00 p.m.  
**Southeast Missouri** at Ole Miss, 6:00 p.m.  
**Austin Peay** at Vanderbilt, 6:30 p.m. (CSS)

### Saturday, September 14

North Alabama at **Jacksonville State**, 3:00 p.m.  
**Austin Peay** at Chattanooga, 5:00 p.m.  
 Coastal Carolina at **Eastern Kentucky**, 5:00 p.m.  
**Tennessee Tech** at Hampton, 5:00 p.m.  
 Illinois State at **Eastern Illinois**, 6:00 p.m.  
 Missouri State at **Murray State**, 6:00 p.m.  
 Central Arkansas at **UT Martin**, 6:00 p.m.  
**Tennessee St.** vs. Jackson St., 6 p.m. (Memphis, Tenn.)

### Saturday, September 21

**Austin Peay** at Ohio, 1:00 p.m.  
 Southern Illinois vs. **Southeast Missouri**, 1:00 p.m. (St. Louis)  
**Murray State** at Bowling Green, 2:30 p.m.  
**Jacksonville State** at Georgia State, 1:00 p.m.  
**Eastern Illinois** at Northern Illinois, 6:00 p.m.  
**Eastern Kentucky** at Morehead State, 6:00 p.m.  
**\*Tennessee St. at Tennessee Tech**, 7:00 p.m. (ESPN3)

### Saturday, September 28

**\*Eastern Kentucky** at **Eastern Illinois**, 1:30 p.m. (ESPN3)  
**Tennessee State** vs. Central State, 2 p.m. (St. Louis, Mo.)  
**\*Murray State** at **Jacksonville State**, 3:00 p.m.  
**\*UT Martin** at **Southeast Missouri**, 6:00 p.m.  
 Indiana State at **Tennessee Tech**, 7:00 p.m.

### Saturday, October 5

**\*Jacksonville State** at **UT Martin**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN3)  
**\*Tennessee Tech** at **Murray State**, 3:00 p.m.  
**\*Austin Peay** at **Eastern Kentucky**, 5:00 p.m.  
**\*Southeast Missouri** at **Tennessee State**, 6:00 p.m.

### Thursday, October 10

**\*Eastern Illinois** at **Austin Peay**, 6:00 p.m.  
**\*UT Martin** at **Tennessee Tech**, 7:00 p.m.

### Saturday, October 12

**\*Murray State** at **Southeast Missouri**, 1:00 p.m.  
**\*Tennessee State** at **Jacksonville State**, 3:00 p.m.

### Saturday, October 19

**\*Tennessee State** at **UT Martin**, 1:00 p.m.  
**\*Southeast Missouri** at **Eastern Illinois**, 1:30 p.m.  
**\*Tennessee Tech** at **Eastern Kentucky**, 2:00 p.m.  
**\*Austin Peay** at **Murray State**, 3:00 p.m. (ESPN3)

### Saturday, October 26

**\*Eastern Kentucky** at **SE Missouri**, 1:00 p.m. (ESPN3)  
**\*Jacksonville State** at **Tennessee Tech**, 1:30 p.m.  
**\*UT Martin** at **Austin Peay**, 4:00 p.m.  
**\*Eastern Illinois** at **Tennessee State**, 4:00 p.m.

### Saturday, November 2

**\*Tennessee Tech** at **Eastern Illinois**, 12:00 p.m.  
**\*Tennessee St. at Eastern Kentucky**, 12:00 p.m. (ESPN3)  
**\*Murray State** at **UT Martin**, 1:00 p.m.  
 Urbana University at **Southeast Missouri**, 1:00 p.m.  
**\*Jacksonville State** at **Austin Peay**, 1:00 p.m.

### Saturday, November 9

**\*Eastern Illinois** at **Murray State**, 12:00 p.m.  
**\*Tennessee Tech** at **Southeast Missouri**, 1:00 p.m.  
**\*Austin Peay** at **Tennessee State**, 2:00 p.m.  
**\*Eastern Kentucky** at **Jacksonville State**, 3:00 p.m.  
**UT Martin** at **Memphis**, 3:30 p.m.

### Saturday, November 16

**\*Jacksonville St.** at **Eastern Illinois**, 12:00 p.m. (ESPN3)  
**\*UT Martin** at **Eastern Kentucky**, 12:00 p.m.  
**\*Southeast Missouri** at **Austin Peay**, 1:00 p.m.  
**\*Murray State** at **Tennessee State**, 2:00 p.m.

### Saturday, November 23

**\*Eastern Kentucky** at **Murray State**, 12:00 p.m.  
**\*Eastern Illinois** at **UT Martin**, 1:00 p.m. (ESPN3)  
**\*Austin Peay** at **Tennessee Tech**, 1:30 p.m.  
**\*Southeast Missouri** at **Jacksonville State**, 3:00 p.m.

### Saturday, November 30

FCS Playoffs First Round (campus sites)

### Saturday, December 7

FCS Playoffs Second Round (campus sites)

### Friday, December 13/Saturday, December 14

FCS Playoffs Quarterfinals (campus sites)

### Friday, December 20/Saturday, December 21

FCS Playoffs Semifinals (campus sites)

### Saturday, January 4

FCS National Championship, TBA (Frisco, Texas)

\* - Denotes OVC contest

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## 2014 OVC SCHEDULE

### September 20

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

### September 27

Jacksonville State at Murray State  
 Southeast Missouri at UT Martin

### October 4

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

### October 9

Tennessee Tech at UT Martin

### October 11

Eastern Illinois at Eastern Kentucky  
 Jacksonville State at Tennessee State  
 Southeast Missouri at Murray State

### October 18

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

### October 25

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

### November 1

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

### November 8

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

### November 15

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

### November 22

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

*All Future Schedules Are Subject to Change*