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OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT | AUSTIN PEAY 69, EASTERN 60

NOT AGAIN

Panthers upset by Austin Peay in title  
game for second straight year, derailing  
chances for an NCAA Tournament bid



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern senior forward Maggie Kloak cries on the bench toward the end of Saturday's 69-60 loss to Austin Peay in the championship game of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tenn. The Panthers lost in the tournament's title game for the third consecutive year. **SEE MORE PHOTOS FROM THE OVC TOURNAMENT ON PAGE 7.**

By Alex McNamee  
Assistant Sports Editor

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — For the third straight season, an Ohio Valley Conference Tournament title was not in the cards for the Eastern women's basketball team.

Despite a last-ditch effort, the top-seeded Panthers fell to No.

3 Austin Peay 69-60 Saturday in Bridgestone Arena.

Trailing 61-48 with 1:38 left in the game, senior guard Ashley Thomas fouled out, leading Eastern head coach Brady Sallee to take out senior forward Maggie Kloak and senior guard Dominique Sims out of the game.

Surprisingly, Eastern sparked a

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A photo gallery of all the action from Friday and Saturday's games.

run to tighten the deficit to single-digits, trailing 66-59 with 29 seconds left, leading Sallee to put most of his starters back into the game.

Watch the press conference after Saturday's women's title game.

"Before you knew it, we were right there with a chance to do something crazy," Sallee said. "We only had so much in us tonight.

A video featuring members of Panther Nation who made the trip to Nashville.

We dug ourselves such a hole that it would take a miracle to get over the hump. There was plenty of fight in OVC, page 9

EVENT

Bringing home the gold

Residence Hall  
Association will  
host the 2011  
IRHA conference

By Nicole Mangiaracina  
Staff Reporter

Eastern earned the top spot this weekend as members of the Residence Hall Association traveled to Naperville for the annual Illinois Residence Hall

Association conference.

The RHA committee presented their bid on Saturday in hopes of hosting the 2011 IRHA conference on Eastern's campus.

Eastern's bid presentation included details about housing for guests, dining options, entertainment ideas and a tentative agenda for the weekend.

The committee was also involved in a 10 minute question-and-answer session, along with a discussion of the pros and cons of having the conference at

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CAMPUS

Housing and Dining increase security  
features in residence halls on campus

New window  
screens, cameras

By Jason Hardimon  
Campus Editor

Housing and Dining Services will finish up two projects this summer aimed at making campus a safer place to live for residents.

Housing and Dining Services will

be fitting a few first floor windows of Thomas and Taylor Halls with newer heavy-duty security screens over spring break to evaluate their aesthetic qualities.

Thomas Hall is scheduled to have all of its windows replaced, and will have the security screens fitted to all first floor windows following the conclusion of the spring semester.

Taylor Hall will undergo the same

process in the summer of 2011.

Pemberton Hall, Greek Court, and the Triad have all received new windows and security screens since the project was started in 2001.

The window project has cost \$5 to \$6 million, said Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining services.

Housing and Dining Services will also install security cameras in Weller SECURITY, page 6

WEATHER TODAY



Partly Cloudy

**HIGH**  
**55°**

**LOW**  
**41°**

Warmer conditions are here with highs hovering in the mid 50s for the first part of the work week and low 50s into the weekend. Rain showers are expected tomorrow through Thursday as a low-pressure system moves slowly into our region from the Great Plains. The weekend will be mostly sunny and dry.

WEATHER TOMORROW



**Tuesday**  
**Chance of Rain Showers**  
**High:** 56°  
**Low:** 45°



**Wednesday**  
**Chance of Rain Showers**  
**High:** 57°  
**Low:** 46°

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Sec. of State mobile services in Union Tuesday

The Illinois Secretary of State Mobile Services will be on campus between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. They will assist with driver's licenses, state ID cards, vehicle sticker sales, collegiate license plates, organ/tissue donor registration, vehicle title and registration and parking placards for persons with disabilities. Proper identification is required for new and duplicate driver's license and state ID cards.

Career Service offering help on networking

Career Service will give a 60-minute clinic on Networking During Spring Break at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Human Service Center. Appointments are required, and can be made by calling 581-2412.

Ballroom dance meeting Tuesday

Those interested in learning ballroom dancing can attend the weekly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Lantz Dance Studio. All are welcome, and no experience or partner is required.

—Compiled by Associate News Editor Sarah Jean Bresnahan

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Pumped up to compete



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Senior journalism and public relations major Mike Leon, bantamweight division winner of Mr. EIU, prepares to compete for the title of Mr. EIU against the winners of the middleweight and heavyweight divisions Saturday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. Union.

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Spring has sprung

Assistant Online Editor Julia Carlucci shows how the seasons are changing in her photo blog on DENnews.com.

BLOTTER

A cannabis complaint was reported Wednesday in Lincoln Hall. The incident is under investigation, said the University Police Department.

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Students must attend a meeting to formally apply for University to Teacher Education and to initiate the selection process. Students who have not previously applied must attend a meeting. The following meetings are available Spring 2010 semester to initiate the selection process:

Thursday, March 25, 2010 7:00 - 7:50 p.m. 1501 Buzzard Hall  
Friday, April 16, 2010 3:00 - 3:50 p.m. 1501 Buzzard Hall  
Wednesday, April 28, 2010 6:00 - 6:50 a.m. 1501 Buzzard Hall

Registration is not required

The next opportunity to initiate the selection process and apply for University Admission to Teacher Education will be during the Summer Semester, 2010.

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## EVENT

## Flexing to win at Mr. EIU/Ms. Fitness

## Competitors discuss routines to make it to the top

By Megan Tkacy  
Staff Reporter

A combination of intense workouts and dieting, mixed with a strong support group, was the recipe for success for Mark Smith and Danielle Flynn, winners in Saturday's annual Mr. EIU and Ms. Fitness competition.

Both Flynn and her competitor, Myka Williams, a senior African-American studies major, were competing for the title for the first time. The judges were looking for the best personal routine and the best symmetry from both contestants.

The personal routines for the women were dances, which featured different exercises and muscle flexing set to music.

Flynn, a junior science and physical therapy major, had to go through intense training to get into shape for the competition and appreciated the strong support of her family and fellow soccer team members along the way.

"It's really great to have everyone here for me tonight and supporting me, especially my soccer teammates," Flynn said. "It's taken a lot of hard work to get here, but being on the soccer team has definitely helped me stay in shape for this."

The crowd was a mixture of all ages and T-shirts in support for different people in the competition.

Gina Geraci, a junior occupational therapy major, sat close to the stage with a group of people wearing "Team Durbin" shirts in support of her boyfriend, Kalin Durbin.

Durbin, a senior business management major, has been involved in the competition for two years and Geraci has supported him along the way.

"I'm just really excited to support him and that it's finally over, all of his dieting and everything because it's been a long road," Geraci said. "[The competition] gets more exciting each year because last year it was more of a learning experience for him and this year he's in it to win it."

Durbin won in the middleweight class. Other winners included Mike Leon, a senior journalism major, for



DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore business major Mark Smith (right) competes in the heavyweight division of the Mr. EIU/Ms. Fitness competition Saturday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Smith was the overall winner of the competition.

the bantamweight class and Mark Smith, for the heavyweight class.

Smith, a sophomore pre-business management major, had his friends and family in the crowd cheering him on along with many other supporters.

"It feels really good; I've counted down the days and hours to this competition and it's just mind blowing, those lights on you," Smith said. "Everybody's staring at you and looking at you and your hard work and it's absolutely amazing."

After competing in his weight class, Smith and his brother looked over photos of how he did on stage moments before. His brother pointed out different things in the photos for Mark to take notice of before he got on stage again for the final pose down.

Getting to this moment wasn't easy, Smith said, and it took a lot of dedi-

cation.

"Intense dieting," Smith said. "You hate yourself for 12 weeks, you hate everybody for 12 weeks, you basically go on the government-recommended 2,000-calorie diet. If you ever try that, you'll hate yourself. Trust me."

Before winning his weight class, Smith was confident with his chances and had a positive outlook on the competition.

"I have the attitude that I'm going to win and that's the attitude that you have to have. If you think you're going to fail, fail, fail, all that sucks. I'm ready to win," Smith said.

Smith went on to win the title of Mr. EIU after competing against one in his weight class and then again with the two overall winners from the other weight classes.

Five judges were taking score at the

competition, all of which have some experience in bodybuilding or fitness.

Linda Middleton has been judging bodybuilding and power lifting for 15 years and has been judging this competition for eight years. Her favorite part about the competition is helping to decide the overall Mr. EIU winner after their final test — the pose down.

"The final pose down with the guys from each weight class for the judging of the overall winners because the energy is really high and the tension mounts so that makes for a great moment," Middleton said.

The pose down consists of the three winners of each weight class doing a variety of poses for the panel of judges with background music. This is the last chance for the competitors to make an influence on the judges.

To get to the final round, competitors must first win in their weight class. The weight classes are: Bantam, 155 pounds and below; middle, 165 to 175 pounds and heavy, 176 pounds and above. In each class they are judged on their personal routine, symmetry and mandatory poses.

Middleton described the judging process and what she looks for when she helps choose a winner.

"You look for symmetry which is if their upper body is symmetrical with their lower body, are they evenly developed? Are their abs too small?" Middleton said. "You look for that along with muscularity and definition."

Campus Recreation sponsored the Mr. EIU and Ms. Fitness competition.

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## LOCAL

## Girl scout leaders going beyond call of duty

## Various volunteers help out local Girl Scout troops

By Courtney Runyon  
Staff Reporter

Everyone loves Girl Scout cookies, but there is a lot more to Girl Scouts than simply selling cookies.

Girl Scout leaders are essential to organize activities, but these leaders go beyond just doing their responsibilities.

Regina Porter, a family and consumer science major, became a leader last semester. The need for leaders was brought up in her sorority, and Porter knew she had to help out.

"I love kids, they keep you going and make you laugh, and most of all, it sounded fun," Porter said.

Porter said she enjoys watching the

girls have fun and she, in turn, has fun with them.

The Girl Scouts have two or three meetings a month where they have an activity, and a chance to earn a patch.

Lyndsey Curry, another new leader, also got involved through Epsilon Sigma Alpha this year.

A former Girl Scout herself, Curry wanted to help other girls have the same fun experiences as she once did.

"I remember all the fun times and memories that I have as a Girl Scout and was hoping that I could create those memories for another girl," Curry said.

Curry enjoys planning meetings and outings for the Daisy Troop from Ashmore, Kansas and Oakland. Curry also takes part in planning ways for the girls to get involved in their communities and earn petals, the Daisy equivalent to badges.

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Regina Porter, a family and consumer science major

Ashley Cundiff started as a leader in October because she thought it would be a good addition on her resume and applications. She also thought it would be a good option because she loved being a Girl Scout as a child.

"It takes a lot of planning and patience to get through a meeting with the girls," Cundiff said.

Cundiff said she gets a lot of satisfaction out of leading Girl Scouts, and she even changed her major from education to recreation because she loves teaching outside of the classroom.

Rebecca George, another East-

ern leader, has been a Girl Scout for the past 13 years. Her mom was her inspiration to become a leader. She had led George's troop since she was in Daisy Girl Scouts.

George, along with three other members, decided to stay in the troop until completing Senior Girl Scouts because her mom was an outstanding leader. George said her mom always planned fun projects, outings and ways to earn badges.

George went on to receive the Girl Scout Gold Award, which is the highest honor in Girl Scouts.

George said she would have probably quit Girl Scouts in middle school like most girls do had she not had a fantastic troop and leader. George agrees with the other leaders who say the work is hard, yet fulfilling.

"It would be very tedious and time-consuming task to plan this all if I didn't have two amazing co-leaders to help with all the work," George said. "All the work is worth it after you see how happy and elated each girl is after they've completed a try-it that they will be able to put on their vest."

Mayor John Inyart announced that March 7-13 would be known as Girl Scout Week in Charleston. March 10th is the 98th anniversary of Girl Scouts of America.

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VIEWS



David Thill

Night of the living drunks

They started gathering, mulling about like cows desperate to graze on grassy fields, around 1 p.m. Even as I stood more than 100 yards away at my place of employment, I could hear the shouts, the yelling, the anxious positioning from one foot to the other.

They seemed to come out of the woodwork, pouring from every angle imaginable. They came walking around various corners of buildings, running from alleyways, jogging through semi-empty parking lots.

And as they gathered outside of Mother's bar, just off the downtown square, Saturday, I felt a shiver run up my spine. This bar crawl, 600 people strong, resembled more a zombie apocalypse in the making than anything else.

And Charleston residents did well to avoid these mobs. In such times, doors must be locked and hatches must be battened down.

As Eastern students will be on Spring Break during "actual" St. Patrick's Day, getting drunk on sandy beaches or simply their parents' basements, they *must* spend the weekend prior doing exactly what St. Patrick himself would (i.e.—wear green beads, drink green beer, expel green vomit, after all, practice makes perfect).

Although I'm not quite certain on the validity of that last statement, as recent years have taught me that whatever the holiday may have once stood for has been replaced by debauchery. You know, it's just the way Irish people would like to see their nationality celebrated.

Either way, welcome to "Unofficial" St. Patrick's Day in Charleston.

At 5 p.m., Mother's closes its doors and sends the drunken gaggle of students out into the town. And Charlestonians must be prepared.

Having witnessed this imaginary and hilariously ridiculous holiday for years, it always reminds me of a bad film from the '70s.

You know the ones of which I refer. They are the movies in which a sleepy, little farm town is happy in its little existence until, once every year, the townsfolk must go into lockdown mode, just as I suggested earlier, and hide away in their attics, root cellars, etc.

Shotguns locked and loaded, the innocent residents do their best to ride out the night.

However, in this scary tale, as rationality prevails, it is the students outside who are "loaded," not the town folks' shotguns.

But still, every year, they stumble and bumble down the streets, wandering aimlessly. Well, perhaps not aimlessly. After all, even if one's goal is to simply find a place that dispenses more alcohol, at least it is still a goal. Bravo, students!

The fact is, while it may be a harmless bit of fun and, just like this year, typically goes off without much harm done, some said students who begin their drinking at dawn will always do something embarrassing to themselves and potentially annoying to others, whether it is falling down in someone's yard or vomiting at a local eatery. But, as I said, this year's "Unofficial" is now a thing of the past.

Congratulations, Charleston! We made it through another one and we have that much more practice for the real zombie apocalypse. So, unlock the doors and put down the shovels. We have another year until the next "Unofficial."

Wait a minute. What's that? Some students stay in Charleston during Spring Break? While our guard is down?! Dear, God! Someone get the torches!

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District of Columbia's gay rights decision a sign to rest of country

We are proud of you, D.C. Proud that you have come to your senses and realized that it is against everything we believe in as Americans to withhold a person's rights just because they're trying to be themselves.

Same-sex marriage was legalized in the District of Columbia Wednesday, creating another leap for gay rights.

Currently, the District of Columbia is the sixth place in the U.S. to allow same-sex marriage, following in the footsteps of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Iowa and Vermont.

In the U.S., state law governs civil marriage. Each state can set the conditions for a legalized marriage, but is subject to limits set by the state's constitution and the U.S. Constitution.

That being said, there is a law called the Defense of Marriage Act, which went into effect Sept. 21, 1996, that states no state needs to treat a relationship between two persons of the same sex as a marriage, even if it is considered marriage in another state. It also states that marriage is a legal union exclusively between a man and a woman.

Talk about a contradiction.

Same-sex marriage is now legal in the nation's capitol, but not across the nation?

It seems so strange that we are a country that proclaims freedom for all, and yet we are so far behind on something as simple as allowing two people who love each other to marry.

There is currently no legislation to allow same-sex marriage in Illinois.

However, in 2009, Sen. Heather Steans (D-Chicago), introduced the Equal Marriage Act, Bill 2468, which would provide same-sex couples the same treatment as heterosexual couples in civil marriage.

The bill also states the current state laws relating to marriage discriminate against gay couples and would

"We want the state of Illinois to be the next battleground for gay rights, and we want gay rights to win."

change the statute to say that a marriage is between two people, rather than a man and a woman. The bill has not yet moved.

Meghan McCain, daughter of Sen. John McCain, posted on her Twitter account in January, "I think more Republicans need to start taking a stand for... civil rights in this country and set the example that this is not a partisan issue."

McCain said this after she and her mother, Cindy, participated in the "NoH8 Campaign," a silent protest via the Internet to oppose Proposition 8, which bans same-sex marriage in California.

Same-sex marriage is not an issue of preference or right versus wrong, but one of upholding civil rights across the board.

Our nation accepts people regardless of race, gender, religious following or socio-economic standing. We tell our citizens that they can do and be whatever they want.

In a country so full of freedom, why are the majority of the states and the federal government so behind on gay rights?

We are a representative democracy. We allow people to make their voices heard, regardless of the issue.

Voltaire once said, "I disagree strongly with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

Shouldn't that be how we handle same-sex marriage as a country? Yes, you don't have to agree with it, but you should defend a person's civil rights regardless of your personal feelings.

We want the state of Illinois to be the next battleground for gay rights, and we want gay rights to win. And the more states that follow suit, the more likely it is for the federal government to change the DOMA law so all people, no matter their religion, race or sexual preference, can do the most natural thing in the world after falling in love — get married.

FROM THE EASEL



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FROM AROUND THE STATE

Topeka: Not in Kansas anymore

By the Daily Vidette Editorial Board  
Illinois State University

Topeka, Kan. is the place to be. Not only do they have rolling hills and lakes, they have changed their name to Google, Kan. for the month.

Yes, this is a publicity stunt.

Topeka Mayor Bill Bunten is trying to get more people to visit Kansas and potentially move there by changing the capital's name from Topeka to Google. The idea came from Google's new "Fiber for Communities" program.

The pilot program will chose one or more cities to test a new Internet connection which

would give the chosen communities Internet speeds 100 times faster than anywhere else. This would also make data transfer rates faster than 1 gigabyte per second.

This move clearly shows how much a large corporation affects the nation. Google has a hook in every community, and this pilot program easily shows that. Google knows the power they hold and how they can use it to find the perfect community to begin their venture with this super high speed Internet.

But is this a good move for Topeka, or should I say Google, Kan.? Mayor Bunten expressed his excitement about the name change in a CNN article saying, "It's just fun. We're having a good

time of it. There's a lot of good things that are going on in our city."

If there are good things going on in the city, why try to get the nation's attention with a publicity stunt?

The article goes on to talk about how people see Topeka as "another Midwestern town with not a lot going on," and if this is true, what makes Google, Kan. any different?

Showing the city is not a stable community and is in need of the nation's attention to get more visitors is not the right way to go about upping your population.

To read more, visit [www.DailyVidette.com](http://www.DailyVidette.com)

## UB movies: A chance to catch a free flick

## STATE

# 11 injured, 1 seriously, in Chicago vehicle crash

Terry Sedlacek (SEHD'-lak) was charged with first-degree murder, but has been declared mentally unfit to stand trial. He's in the custody of the Illinois Department of Human Services.

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## GOLD, from page 1

Eastern.

The outcome of the bid presentation was kept secret until an announcement was made at the banquet later on in the evening.

Julia Novotny, RHA co-chair, said the reaction to the announcement was immediate excitement.

"We were proud to see all of our hard work pay off," Novotny said. "It was great seeing everyone's appreciation of what we have done."

Winning the bid benefits are Eastern's RHA, its members and the campus as a whole.

"Hosting the IRHA conference will improve Eastern's communication on a state level," said RHA president Karla Browning. "The conference brings in people from across Illinois and it has been a few years since they have come to Eastern."

Novotny said the conference will show off Eastern's campus and new renovations.

"It gives people a chance to see what our campus has been up to," Novotny said.

Having the conference on campus will give attendees an idea of what IRHA conferences have to offer and how they benefit all who attend.

RHA is thrilled to have won the award, but must continue their hard work in order to make sure next year's conference goes as planned.

Members of RHA must now confirm their bid plans with hotels, the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and dining services.

The annual IRHA conference will be held February 18-20, 2011.

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## SECURITY, from page 1

Hall this summer.

Weller Hall will be the final residence hall on campus to be fitted with cameras, making the total number of cameras positioned within and around residence halls approximately 600. Weller will receive approximately a dozen cameras, Hudson said.

All cameras within the residence

halls can be monitored from Hudson's office, and all video recorded by the cameras is stored on a hard drive for 30 days. Access to the recordings is limited to a handful of individuals, and the tapes are only reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Hudson said there have been fewer instances of vandalism within residence halls since the cameras have

been in place.

So far, Housing and Dining Services has spent approximately \$500,000 on surveillance, Hudson said.

Hudson said Housing and Dining Services will continue to take measures to make sure residents are safe.

"Certainly, as a university we can-

not guarantee the safety of any individual, but any time we take measures to enhance it we will do so—cameras and security screens, along with locked doors, etc., play an important role," Hudson said.

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## NATION

# Toyota moves past apologies, aims for sales

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — New ads for troubled automaker Toyota Motor Corp. are skipping the apologies and easing back into sales pitches — too soon, some say.

The campaign pushes the idea that Toyota customers remain loyal, even as the company faces congressional inquiries and some reports that its repairs may not fix the problem.

The new campaign, by Toyota's main ad agency Saatchi & Saatchi, emphasizes what Toyota says are real satisfied buyers testifying that they still feel safe in their new Toyotas even after weeks of revelations about accelerator problems.

"And our own personal experience? These cars that we've had have been exceptionally safe," baby boomer Mark Murphy says in one ad. The ad says he and his wife,

Donna, bought Corolla and a Sienna on Feb. 20.

The new campaign, which started March 2 and is scheduled to run through April 5, does one thing right, marketing experts say: Troubled brands have to play to their strengths by wooing loyal fans. But some say skipping past the apologies could make Toyota look like it's mocking safety concerns that are still very real.

Ford Motor Co., for example, laid low on heavy sales pitches for its Ford Explorer for months in 2000 after Bridgestone tires used on the SUVs caused blowouts that led to more than 250 traffic deaths. People need time to digest bad news, so companies shouldn't try to start selling too soon, said Mike Sheldon, CEO of ad agency Deutsch LA.

"We haven't had that chance to just get through the problem and they're already trying to sell me

stuff? I believe that consumers will feel a little confused, like, 'Aren't you still fixing the problem? Why are you trying to sell me so hard?'" he said.

Saatchi & Saatchi referred requests for comment on the campaign to Toyota. The automaker's spokespeople didn't respond to requests for comment.

The local and national television ads feature unprecedented incentives from Toyota, which saw its sales fall 9 percent last month. They're the first major sales push since the company's trio of apology ads, which started airing in early February telling owners that Toyota was taking care of problems. Incentives include zero percent financing for five years and auto maintenance plans for new owners that rival offerings by luxury brands.

But buyers don't want that, Sheldon said. They still want to know

the company is taking care of its problems before they're sold on new cars, deal or not. The company should have waited at least a month, maybe two before pushing sales, he said.

"Any communication right now should be 'here's what you need to do, here's how we're solving this problem.' Leave the schmaltzy music and imagery out. There are serious issues," Sheldon said.

Some even think Toyota should stop advertising for now and instead tell its story through news reports and social media, which can offer more credibility.

"When there's a very negative story connected with a brand, it's extremely difficult for any paid advertising to deal with that issue because it's self-serving," said Al Ries, chairman of Ries & Ries, a marketing strategy firm in Atlanta. "It's not helping."



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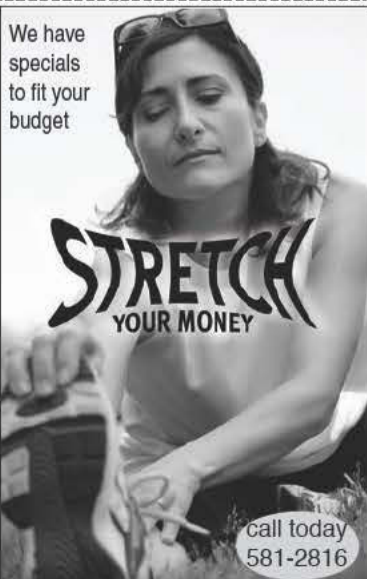
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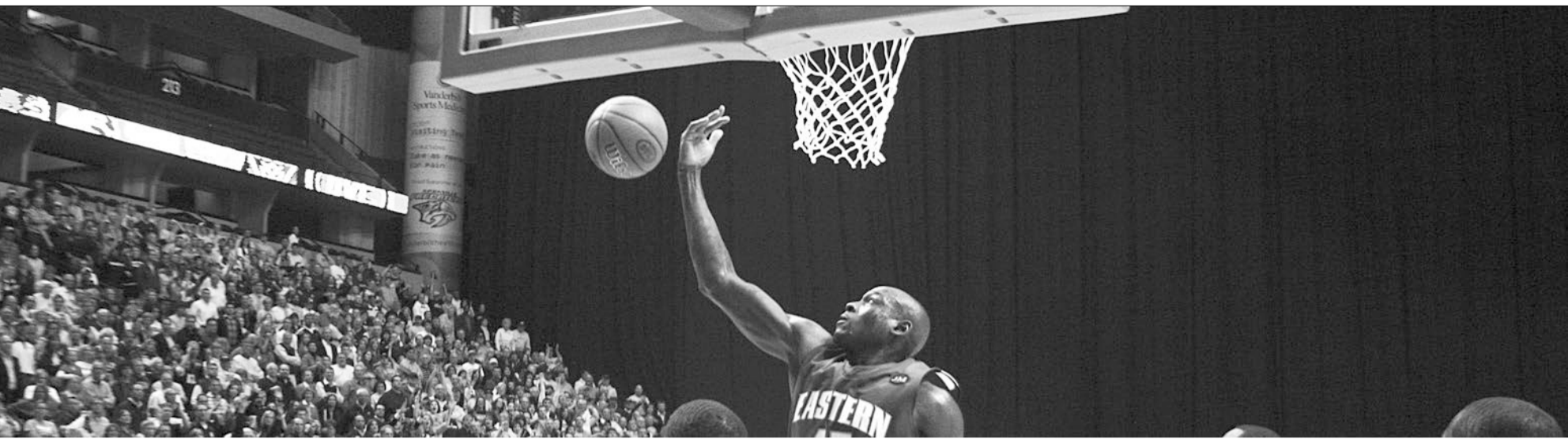


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# OVC: Madness in the Music City



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Senior forward Maggie Kloak and senior guard Dominique Sims fight for the ball during the OVC semifinals game against Tennessee Martin on Friday at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tenn.



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman guard Ta'Kenya Nixon drives towards the basket as Austin Peay's Brooke Faulkner defends her during the Ohio Valley Conference championship game on Saturday afternoon at the Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tenn.



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior center Ousmane Cisse grabs Tony Taylor, assistant athletic trainer, after being injured on the court during the OVC semifinals game against Murray State on Friday afternoon at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tenn.



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Matt King, senior elementary education major, looks up at the scoreboard in the final seconds of the men's basketball game against Murray State on Friday afternoon at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tenn. The Panthers lost 55-51 to the Racers.



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Gabriel Sabbath who plays Billy the Panther, rests before going to cheer on Eastern's men's basketball team on Friday in a hallway of Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tenn.

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6 "Stainless" metal
11 Crazy \_\_\_\_
14 "Alas and \_\_\_\_"
15 "You gotta be kidding me!"
16 Misery
17 They're choosy about what they chew
19 Quaint lodging
20 12 months from now
21 Dressed in lab attire
23 Morning droplets
24 Use a Singer machine
26 \_\_\_\_ vera
27 Mach 1 breaker
29 "Ben-\_\_\_\_"
31 Siberian city
34 Certain Indonesian
37 Sensational 1990s-2000s talk show host
39 Walled city near Madrid
40 Blown-up photo: Abbr.
41 Many-\_\_\_\_ (large, as an estate)
42 Popular online reference
44 Couples (with)
45 Drink at a sushi bar
46 AOL alternative
47 Round about the belly
48 Concerning, on a memo
50 Miracle-\_\_\_\_ (garden care brand)
52 G.I. grub
55 Speaker's stand
58 Say "Holy cow!" or "Hot dog!"
61 \_\_\_\_ of Good Feelings, 1817-25
62 Walt Disney creation
64 Tire fill
65 Sell online
66 Nash who wrote "I don't mind eels / Except as meals"
67 "On \_\_\_\_ Majesty's Secret Service"
68 Small baked desserts
69 Interminably

DOWN

- 1 Swift
2 1950s Dior dress style
3 Bird important in Mayan symbology
4 Very unpleasant

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- 5 \_\_\_\_ terrier
6 Trap
7 Tyke
8 Providers of sheep's milk
9 Politician's add-on
10 Disinfectant brand
11 Store on TV that sells KrustyO's cereal
12 Super-duper
13 Care for, with "to"
18 Sunup direction
22 Beat Generation persona
25 Annoying complaining
27 Noteworthy
28 Lose it
30 The Bruins of the N.C.A.A.
32 \_\_\_\_-Ball (arcade game)
33 Some colorful sneakers
34 Highest-grossing film before "Star Wars"
35 Adidas alternative
36 "It Must Be Him" singer, 1967
37 Ruby and scarlet
38 "\_\_\_\_ Rock" (Simon & Garfunkel hit)
43 Retired, as a female professor
47 Cunning
49 Convened anew, as the Senate
51 Projector items
52 Bea Arthur role
53 No longer in bed
54 Alter, as text
55 Sister of Rachel
56 Upstate New York's \_\_\_\_ Canal
57 Raleigh's home: Abbr.
59 "Get the lead out!"
60 The Olympic rings, e.g.
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DEFINE, from page 12

Eastern history last season, the Panthers did not lag behind one bit — making this senior class *the* most prolific.

And there are games yet to play, having a guaranteed spot in the postseason Women's National Invitational Tournament (WNIT).

Sure, it is not the Big Dance, but it is the Big Dance's little sister.

With this, the senior class still has an opportunity to leave Eastern as winners.

The seeds and teams to join Eastern have not been announced,

so there is no guessing how many games Eastern could win.

Sallee remains confident, having said that even after Saturday's loss it will just be back to the drawing board for Eastern's next game.

So yes, the senior class can end its career as winners.

It could win the whole WNIT if the dominoes fall in the right order, meaning it would win its last game.

Or the Panthers could decide to get past a title game loss to Austin Peay and battle its heart out to, at least, get one win in the WNIT,

to let the nation know that Eastern women's basketball is legit.

Either way, one thing is for sure:

Sallee and his gang should be proud of themselves.

By exceeding expectations, winning a regular season title, earning a spot in a postseason tournament and winning 23 games (so far), everybody on the roster is already a winner.

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OVC, from page 1

the dog, we just picked the wrong night to be not real good."

While the Panthers never gave up, Austin Peay locked up its second consecutive title as the clock expired.

"I think it was a great basketball game and Eastern never gave up and we knew they wouldn't," said Carrie Daniels, the Austin Peay head coach. "I just credit my players. Coming into the tournament they had a focus and were on a mission. They proved that in all three games."

Eastern battled back numerous times, including the first half's final minutes, when they fought for a 9-2 run to end the half and close the gap to eight points.

"I thought we battled our tails off just to be down eight at the end of the first half," Sallee said.

Both teams came out firing the second half as the Panthers closed the gap to three points, 42-39 with 11:27 remaining.

"I think we got worn out by getting it to that point," Sallee said. "It's tough when you get yourself in that type of hole, to not only dig your way out but then try and finish it out."

After Eastern drew within three, Austin Peay went on a 13-2 to take a 55-41 lead with 6:14 left.

The Governors two starting post players, sophomore Jasmine Rayner and senior Nicole Jamen, led the way with both notching double-doubles.

Rayner and Jamen finished with 10 and 11 boards, respectively, against what they said was a tough Eastern team to rebound against.

"We knew defense and rebounding would be the key to the game

and I think EIU is a real good rebounding team, so we knew we had to box them out in order to be successful," Rayner said.

In the end, Kloak said Austin Peay's post players were just really good and stepped up in crucial game situations.

"They're a good duo down there and helped carry this team," Kloak said. "We had a lot of fight. If a few plays turn out differently, you never know what can happen."

Jamen led Austin Peay in scoring with 19 points as all five Governors' starters notched double figures.

"It's frustrating, but after this season, we've shown a lot with this group of girls," Kloak said. "We didn't back down after losing it two straight seasons."

Eastern has now lost to Austin Peay in the championship game of the OVC Tournament two years in a row. In 2008, Eastern lost to Murray State 69-58 in the title game.

While the Panthers are not playing in the NCAA Tournament, their season is not over.

By winning the OVC regular season title, they guaranteed themselves a spot in the Women's Postseason National Invitation Tournament (WNIT).

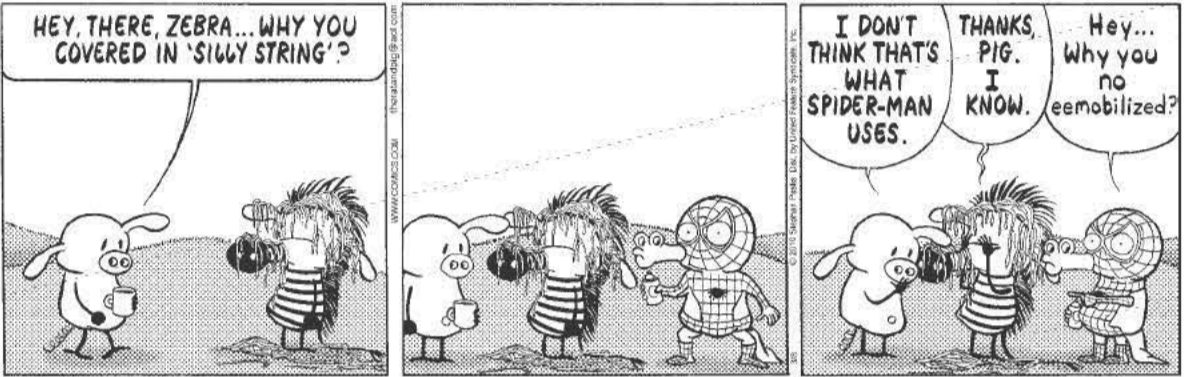
"Anybody who has seen us play this whole year knows that we just didn't play that good," Sallee said. "We could sit here for two and a half hours and talk about why. But we have to regroup and play in the NIT and be better."

Eastern's opponent will be decided at a later date.

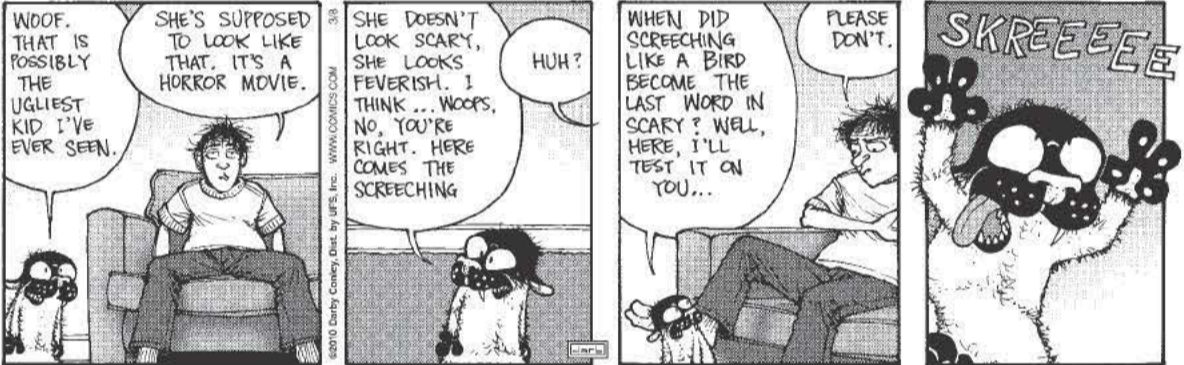
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TENNIS | WEEKEND RECAP

# Squads split weekend action

By Dane Urban  
Staff Reporter

The Panthers' tennis squads hit the road this weekend as the men were able to snap their seven-match losing streak as they beat Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis 4-3, while the women fell to Ball State 7-0 Saturday.

The men battled hard in a close match against IUPUI for a victory.

Head tennis coach John Blackburn said he feels good about the win, but still wants to push his players.

"I think we can still play a lot better," Blackburn said. "But having said that, we have been struggling getting wins over the last few matches, so it's good to pick up the win."

The team was led by senior Jeff Rutherford who defeated his opponent Deon Shafer in a dominate fashion

6-0, 6-2.

Rutherford now sits with an overall singles record of 5-6.

Freshman Justin Haag was unsuccessful in gaining a W, though, losing in three sets against IUPUI's Joel Modesitt 4-6, 6-3, 10-6.

Haag's singles record drop to 8-3 on the season.

Freshman Warren Race, sophomore Matyas Hilgert and freshman Michael Sperry also won singles matches.

"We had four guys step up pretty big in the singles matches after we lost the doubles point," Blackburn said.

In doubles, the Panthers came up short in a strong performance by losing 2 of 3 matches.

The lone doubles win for the men came from Rutherford and Haag winning 8-4 over the team of Bren Vasalakis and Malcolm Peace.

The doubles team of sophomore

Matyas Hilgert and freshman Warren Race lost a heart breaker 9-8 to Deon Shafer and Nick Volz.

The 2-5 women squad traveled to Muncie, Ind. Saturday to challenge the 5-4 Ball State Cardinals.

The women Panthers were swept by the Cardinals 7-0 Saturday.

Blackburn and his players could only tip their hats to Ball State's play.

"We were competitive in spots at times; but ultimately, they played a lot better than we did," Blackburn said.

Tennis action continues as the women play IUPUI for their first home match at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Darling Courts and the men will travel to Michigan State on Saturday at 9 a.m.

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NJCAA INDOOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Eastern hosts national championships

Staff Report

Eastern saw the competitive NJCAA Indoor Championships wrap up Saturday at Lantz Fieldhouse.

Iowa Central Community College shared the women's national championship with New Mexico Junior College. Both teams finished with 115 points.

In the final race of the day — the 1,600-meter relay — New Mexico Junior College finished second with eight points and finished in 3:48.03.

Iowa Central Community College finished third with six points and finished in 3:50.28.

Barton County Community

College edged Iowa Central Community College 114.5-113 in the team point standings in the men's competition.

Rend Lake College finished third with 110 points.

Just like the women's 1,600-meter relay, the final race also was important.

Barton County Community College won the relay.

Rend Lake College finished second and Iowa Central Community College was third.

After the first day of competition, Cowley County Community College led the women's team race with 44 points.

Rend Lake College led the men's team race with 49 points.

## NATIONAL

# L'ville shocks No. 1 'Cuse in Freedom Hall finale

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A reserve guard that Louisville coach Rick Pitino considers so bashful, he sounds shy even when he yells, made sure to send venerable Freedom Hall out with one more memorable game.

Kyle Kuric scored all of his career-high 22 points in the second half, and the Cardinals stunned No. 1 Syracuse 78-68 on Saturday before a record-crowd of 20,135 at the 54-year-old venue. It was the final game there before Louisville moves into a new downtown arena.

"It's an unbelievable moment," Kuric said. "It's what every kid dreams of."

Kuric may have also assured Lou-

isville (20-11, 11-7 Big East) a return trip to the NCAA tournament by sweeping the regular-season series from the Orange (28-3, 15-3), whose only other loss came against No. 17 Pittsburgh.

"These seniors have never gone to an NIT," Pitino said. "And now they never will."

Although Syracuse led by eight points late in the first half, Kuric was a one-man wrecking crew in the second. He made 9 of 11 shots — including four 3-pointers — to make for another happy ending at Freedom Hall, which has seen its share of historic games.

"There have been 54 years of great basketball, and for us to come out and beat the No. 1 team is a great go-

"It's an unbelievable moment. It's what every kid dreams of."

Kyle Kuric, Louisville player

ing away present for all our fans," senior Edgar Sosa said.

Trailing 42-39 early in the second half, the Cardinals found their inside game with three straight baskets in the paint that gave them the lead for good. Kuric had two of them, a fast-break dunk and layup.

In a span of just over five minutes, Kuric also had all four of his 3-pointers. After his second one, Syracuse's Scoop Jardine immediately answered

with a 3, so Kuric simply answered right back with another one. Jardine finished with 20 points.

With under four minutes left, it was Kuric's dunk that pushed the Louisville lead to 10, and he got another one on a break that buried the Orange with under two minutes left.

"Everybody that comes off their bench is capable of hitting three or four 3s," Syracuse coach Jim Boe-

heim said. "He might be the best at doing that."

Louisville took 40 3-point attempts in the game, making 12 of them — including three by Sosa, who had 12 points.

It was a completely different game in the first half, when Syracuse dominated the paint, getting 26 points there compared to 12 for the Cardinals.

Syracuse took an early 21-20 lead with more than six minutes to go in the first half on a dunk by Rick Jackson, then stretched it to a game-high eight points a couple minutes later after a 3-pointer and fastbreak layup by Jardine.

Sosa nailed a 3 seconds before half-time to make it 35-30 at the break.

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TRACK AND FIELD

# 32-year-old school record smashed

Relay team runs  
1,600-meter  
relay in 3:10.92  
to break record

By Kevin Murphy  
Staff Reporter

A school record.

That's what the Eastern track and field team took away from the NCAA Qualifier Meet at Iowa State's Lied Recreational Center in Ames, Iowa, Saturday.

Red-shirt senior Marcus Williams, junior Darren Patterson, sophomore Sean Wiggan and red-shirt junior Wes Sheldon notched the school record in the 1,600-meter relay, breaking the 32-year old previous best time. They completed the relay in 3 minutes, 10.92 seconds.

The four combined to top a 1978 relay team that had run it in 3:12.40. John Callozzo, Steven Jones, Robert Johnson and Ed Hatch comprised that team.

The Panthers finished sixth overall in the event. Patterson led off, Wiggan was second, Sheldon was third and Williams finished off the relay as the anchor leg. The group finished third in its heat, behind South Carolina and Houston.

"That sort of tells them where they rank in EIU," Eastern head coach Tom Akers said.

At the Ohio Valley Conference Championships last week, the group set an OVC-meet record in 3:14.51. The foursome had combined to run a mark of 3:12.67, which ranked fourth in program history.

Now, they own the record.

Akers said having Wiggan and Sheldon not running any other events helped that record and only having Williams and Patterson in one other event also helped that record be a possibility.

**"It was bittersweet. I'm not too disappointed. It's OK, I gave it everything I had."**

Erin O'Grady, senior

Mere seconds.

That's all that separated senior Erin O'Grady from her goal. She wanted to run a sub 5-minute mile.

O'Grady was right there. She finished the mile in 5:00.53. She would have been the fifth woman in program history to finish a mile under five minutes but came up short.

"It was bittersweet," she said. "I'm not too disappointed. It's OK, I gave it everything I had."

However, the time is O'Grady's personal best. Her mark is now the fifth-best all-time in program history. Iowa junior Amanda Hardesty won the event in 4:50.09.

O'Grady said she was with one of the leaders on the final lap but locked up.

She said watching the relay team made it all worth it.

Williams finished the 400-meter dash in 48.12 seconds, a personal best in the indoor season. This mark ranks seventh all-time.

Patterson also ran a career best in the 200-meter dash. He finished in sixth place with 21.73 seconds.

Red-shirt freshman Lamarr Pottinger didn't qualify for finals but finished the indoor season close to a personal best with an 8.15-second mark in the 60-meter hurdles. Pottinger finished in 11th place



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Eastern red-shirt freshman Lamaarr Pottinger sprints during the 60-meter hurdles February 19 in Lantz Fieldhouse.

and did not qualify for the finals.

Pottinger's personal best is 8.14 seconds. He notched that mark at the Illinois Intercollegiate earlier this season.

Pottinger's race included one of the nation's best as Illinois sophomore Andrew Riley won in the finals in 7.65 seconds, the third best mark in the nation, an automatic qualifying mark for the NCAA

Championships.

Red-shirt senior Chandra Golden ran an 8.88-second mark in the finals of the 60-meter hurdles and finished seventh. She ran an 8.86-second mark during the preliminary race.

Senior Dorrian White finished ninth in the pole vault clearing 15 feet 8.25 inches. He was the lone field competitor for the Panthers.

Eastern's indoor season comes to a close. The teams open up the outdoor season with the Quad Meet on March 27 at O'Brien Field.

Five teams will compete: Eastern, Loyola of Chicago, Southern Illinois Edwardsville, Indiana State and Wisconsin Milwaukee.

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OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT | MURRAY STATE 55, EASTERN 51

# Upset bid comes up short in end

## Racers beat Panthers in OVC semifinals

By Bob Bajek  
Sports Editor

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Holding No. 1 Murray State to 55 points was ideal for the Eastern men's basketball team.

That amount, though, stood firm as the Racers beat No. 4 Eastern 55-51 in the OVC Tournament semifinals Friday in Bridgestone Arena.

The game was 54-51 Racers as Eastern junior guard Tyler Laser pushed the ball upcourt and shot the ball with 10 ticks left.

Laser's shot was promptly blocked by Racers' senior forward Tony Easley.

Eastern center Ousmane Cisse rebounded the loose ball only to be soundly denied again by Easley.

Murray State junior guard B.J. Jenkins got the rebound and was immediately fouled by senior guard T.J. Marion.

Jenkins split his free throws as sophomore guard Jeremy Granger fruitlessly shot the ball as the season ended.

"I've been doing that the whole season," Easley said of the blocks. "It's all I know. I was just stepping up and doing my job and helping."

Easley led the Racers with 14 points on 4-of-7 shooting, nine rebounds and three blocked shots.

Rebounding was the largest disparity in this match-up. The Racers pulled down 43 boards and 24 offensive rebounds. The Panthers (19-12, 11-7 OVC) had 32 boards and 11 were offensive.

Cisse had five total rebounds and four offensive, though he was not satisfied with his effort.

"The story of the day was offensive rebounds and I personally think I didn't do a good job on that today," Cisse said. "(The game's pace) just went too fast for us."

Eastern head coach Mike Miller said rebounding and securing offensive possessions were the two goals for Murray State.

"Tonight was about the rebounds, not the shooting," Miller said.

Murray State (29-4, 17-1 OVC) was held to 19-of-59 from the field for 32.2 percent, which is about 19 percent below its season average.

**"The story of the day was offensive rebounds and I personally think I didn't do a good job on that today."**

Ousmane Cisse,  
senior center

Racers' head coach Billy Kennedy said this game was so bad, fans should get their money back.

"It was by far the ugliest game we played offensively, but we do play ugly sometimes," Kennedy said. "Offensively, we made some bad plays and you have to give Eastern some credit for it. Eastern Illinois came in ready to play."

Murray State was missing shots but Eastern got in its face frequently.

"Anytime a team doesn't shoot it well, it is probably a combination of both," Miller said. "Our guys did a good job and they missed some shots. However, they have so many things they can do."

Eastern led as late as 10 minutes into the second half.

They led 39-37 as Cisse scored three quick baskets, but Racers' freshman guard Isaiah Canaan and sophomore guard Donte Poole hit consecutive baskets and led the rest of the way.

Miller's squad had nobody score more than nine. Cisse and freshman forward Shaun Pratl each finished with nine. Granger, Laser and red-shirt freshman James Hollowell had eight.

Hollowell made his defensive presence felt, blocking a game-high five shots and grabbing eight rebounds.

The Racers faced No. 2 Morehead State (23-10, 15-3 OVC) Saturday after the Eagles defeated No. 6 Tennessee Tech (15-17, 8-10 OVC) 76-47 Friday.

Murray State avenged last year's finals loss to the Eagles by disposing Morehead State 62-51. The Racers are OVC Tournament champions and will have a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

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Eastern sophomore guard Jeremy Granger goes up to the basket as Murray State freshman guard Isaiah Canaan attempts defends him Friday at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tenn.

## VIEWS

# Loss at tournament doesn't define whole season



Alex McNamee

You and I both have had a couple days to sit back and reflect on the women's side of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

We've been able to think about what Saturday's loss to Austin Peay really means for the Eastern women's basketball team.

Tears flowed and emotions varied Saturday, especially in the postgame press conference, featur-

ing senior forward Maggie Kloak, freshman guard Ta'Kenya Nixon and Eastern head coach Brady Sallee.

Kloak looked completely defeated, while Nixon sat in a blank stare with Sallee just as defeated.

With the look on Kloak's face, most would think that the loss to Austin Peay, 69-60, means everything; however, most would be

wrong.

Like Sallee said in the press conference:

"Some moron may think this loss defines our season ... we've had a heck of a year"

He would be right.

Really, the loss just means for the third straight year, Eastern failed in the title game of the OVC Tournament.

And for the second season in a row, they lost to Austin Peay.

So, for this season's senior class, I feel for you. Everybody wants to win a title; you had three chances and just could not pull one out. But there is hope.

This season's squad has exceeded all expectations. After losing one of the most successful senior classes in

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2 p.m. — Darling Courts

**Women's soccer**  
Saturday vs. UT Martin  
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