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## AUSTIN PEAY STARS LEADING THEIR TEAMS

By Kyle Tucker

**T**hey don't say much on the court. They don't have to. When Trenton Hassell and Brooke Armistead hit the hardwood for Austin Peay, their games speak much louder than words. Hassell, this year's Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year, doesn't need to say, "I'm unstoppable." His numbers scream it. Hassell is in the top three in the OVC in scoring (21.6), rebounding (7.9) and assists (4.69). And he's in the top ten in field-goal percentage, free-throw percentage and 3-point percentage. Not to mention the 1.3 steals a game. "My personal opinion is that he's the best player in the conference," Gobs coach Dave Loos said. "And he does so many things for this team. He's certainly not a one-dimensional player. He can score, rebound, he's a passer, a good defender and a great leader."

"I think his greatest strength is the versatility and the number of different ways he helps our team."

Whether he's driving to the basket, stepping back to pop a jumper, dishing to an open teammate or making a big defensive stop, Trenton Hassell is unquestionably the backbone of the Austin Peay men's basketball team.

Likewise, without Armistead, the Lady Gobs would be in a world of hurt.

When the court-quiet guard takes the floor, there's no room for words — only points. Armistead is second in the conference and eighth in the nation in scoring, hitting for 22.7 a game. She also makes good on 85.3 percent of her free throws, good for fourth in the OVC.

Asked what Armistead means to her team, Lady Gobs coach Susie Gardner laughed.

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Austin Peay's men's national rank in team field-goal percentage. The Gobs shoot 50.9 percent, second only to Stanford.

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Years since Austin Peay's men won 20 games — until this one. The 2000-2001 team is now 21-9.

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Armistead's scoring average over the past four games. In those, she scored 30 or more three times.

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Field goal percentage for the Gobs Tuesday against Southeast Missouri. SEMO shot 55.8 percent.

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Minutes that Hassell played in the Gobs' 72-70 overtime win over SEMO — out of a possible 45.

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Average attendance at a Lady Gobs home game, compared to 1,256 when they're on the road.

**3,437**  
People in attendance at the Dunn Center for the Austin Peay-SEMO game Tuesday.

Compiled by Kyle Tucker



## GOVS NOTEBOOK

By acclaim, and without surprise, Austin Peay forward Trenton Hassell has reached the same province previously reached by former Governors Fly Williams, Otis Howard and Bubba Wells. Hassell has been named the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year.

In voting by coaches and sports information directors released Tuesday by the league office, the Clarksville High graduate earned that honor as well as being named to the All-OVC team. Govs guard Nick Stapleton and center Joe Williams made the second team.

Hassell ranks third in scoring (21.6), rebounding (7.9) and fourth in assists (4.7). This is his third consecutive selection to the All-OVC team after being named OVC Newcomer of the Year in 1998-99.

Stapleton made the second team for the second straight year, averaging 17.7 points and 3.4 assists. Williams improved from third-team to a second-team choice after averaging 14 points and eight rebounds per game — second-best in the league.

## OVC HONOREES

Here's the rest of the OVC players and coaches that were honored on Tuesday: 1st-team: Kyle Hill G 6-2 180 Sr.

Eastern Illinois; Isaac Spencer F 6-6 215 Sr. Murray State; Larrie Smith F 6-5 200 Sr. Tennessee Tech; Henry Domercant F 6-4 200 So. Eastern Illinois.

2nd-team: Michael Stokes G 6-0 165 Southeast Missouri; Jamie Roberts G 6-3 190 Tennessee State; Brian Foster F 6-5 225 Tennessee-Martin; Matt Britton G 6-1 180 Eastern Illinois; Ricky Minard G/F 6-4 188 Fr. Morehead State.

3rd-team: Leigh Garden G 5-10 160 So. Tennessee Tech; Justin Burdine G 6-1 170 Jr. Murray State; Lavioris Jerry F 6-3 180 Eastern Kentucky; Brent Jolly G 6-5 180 G Tennessee Tech; Kyle Umberger F 6-7 238 Jr. Morehead State.

## HONORABLE MENTION

Okechi Egbe G/F 6-5 190

So. Tennessee-Martin;

Emmanuel Hutchinson G/F

6-4 180 Southeast Missouri;

Antione Whelchel F 6-5 215

So. Murray State; Garrett

Richardson G 6-3 185 Fr.

Tennessee State;

OVC Coach of the Year:

Jeff Lebo, Tennessee State

OVC Newcomer of the

Year: Brian Foster, Tennessee

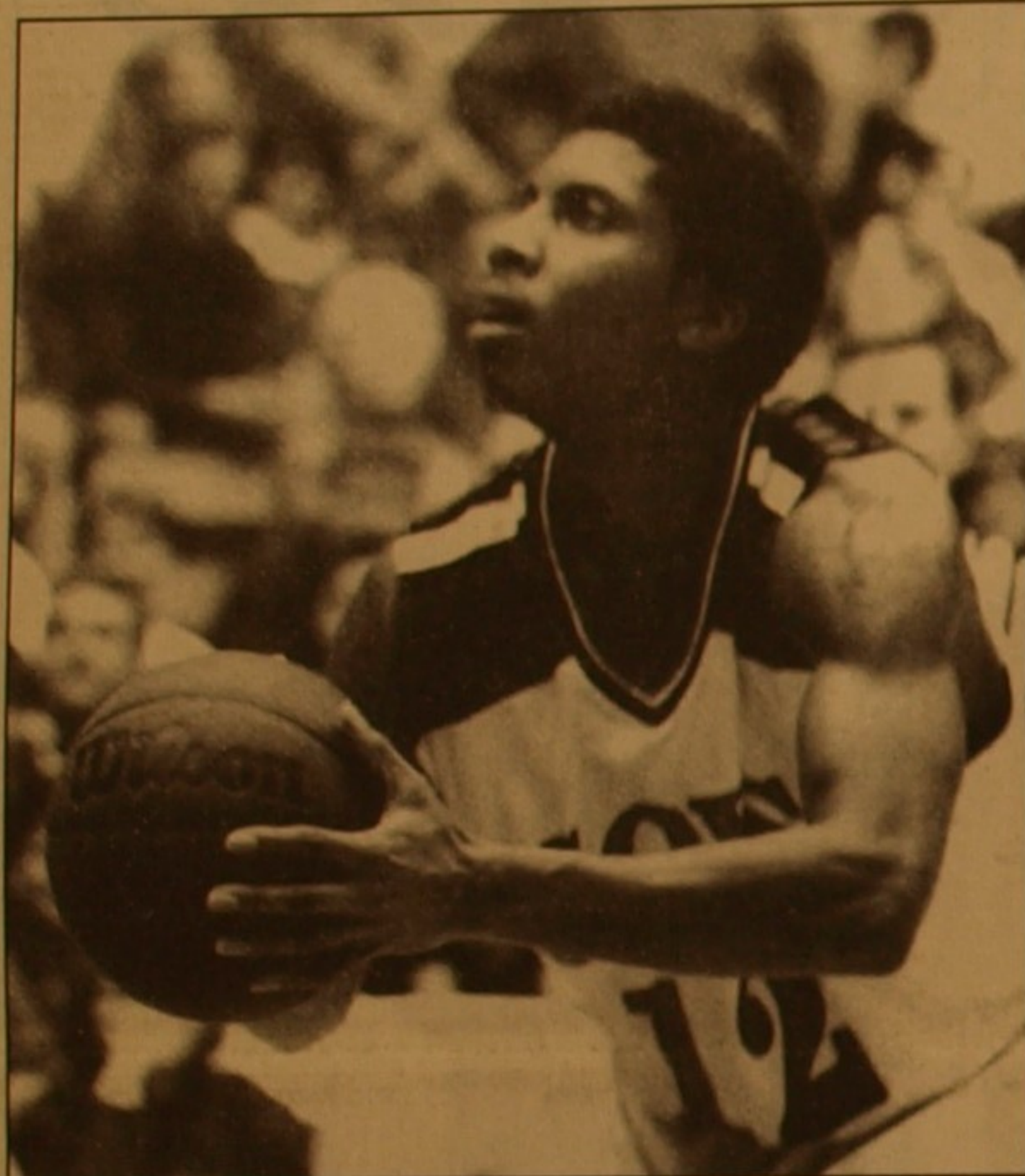
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OVC Freshman of the

Year: Ricky Minard,

Morehead State.

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Cedric Wade/The All State

Nick Stapleton hit the game-winning basket with 3.2 seconds left in overtime. He scored 18 points.

## IN THEIR WORDS...

"I've got the utmost respect for SEMO. They gave us all we could handle. ... We were angry with ourselves. We knew we had to dig deep."

— Adrian Henning, Austin Peay freshman guard

"We just kept chopping away, chopping away. Trenton didn't play his best game, but we were just trying to keep playing and pick him up. .... (Tennessee Tech is) not going to beat us a third time."

— Joe Williams, Austin Peay senior center

"We fought back and that's a good sign. We hadn't had that fight all season. We said there's 20 minutes left in our season, and if we don't come back, it's over."

— Matt Jakeway, Austin Peay sophomore guard

"If we were going down, it was going to be with a battle. I can't say enough about how they battled back. They had enough chances to quit."

— Dave Loos, Austin Peay head basketball coach

"Me and Joe (Williams), we ain't through yet. We want to win this thing. All we had to do was get to Nashville. Once we get there, we'll take care of the rest."

— Theanthony Haymon, Austin Peay senior forward

# Both hoop squads move on to Round 2

## WHO'S

### Stapleton hero in OT win over SEMO

By Kyle Tucker  
assistant editor

No Music City Miracle was necessary. But Nick Stapleton and the Govs came up Queen City clutch in their 72-70 win over Southeast Missouri at the Dunn Center Tuesday night in first-round Ohio Valley Conference tournament action.

After trailing almost the entire game, Austin Peay (21-9) made a late run to send it into overtime.

"Once we got into OT, we knew we had it," Williams said. "We just kept fighting."

In the extra period, with the game knotted at 70 apiece and 3.2 seconds on the clock, Stapleton buried an off-balanced running jumper for the win.

"I wanted to end it," Stapleton said. "Me and Trenton (Hassell), on that last play we said either me or you are going to score and win this game. We fought back so far, it would have been bad for us to lose. Man, I'm going to sleep good tonight."

Stapleton's heroics were just the last in a flurry of crucial plays by several Govs in the closing minutes of regulation and overtime.

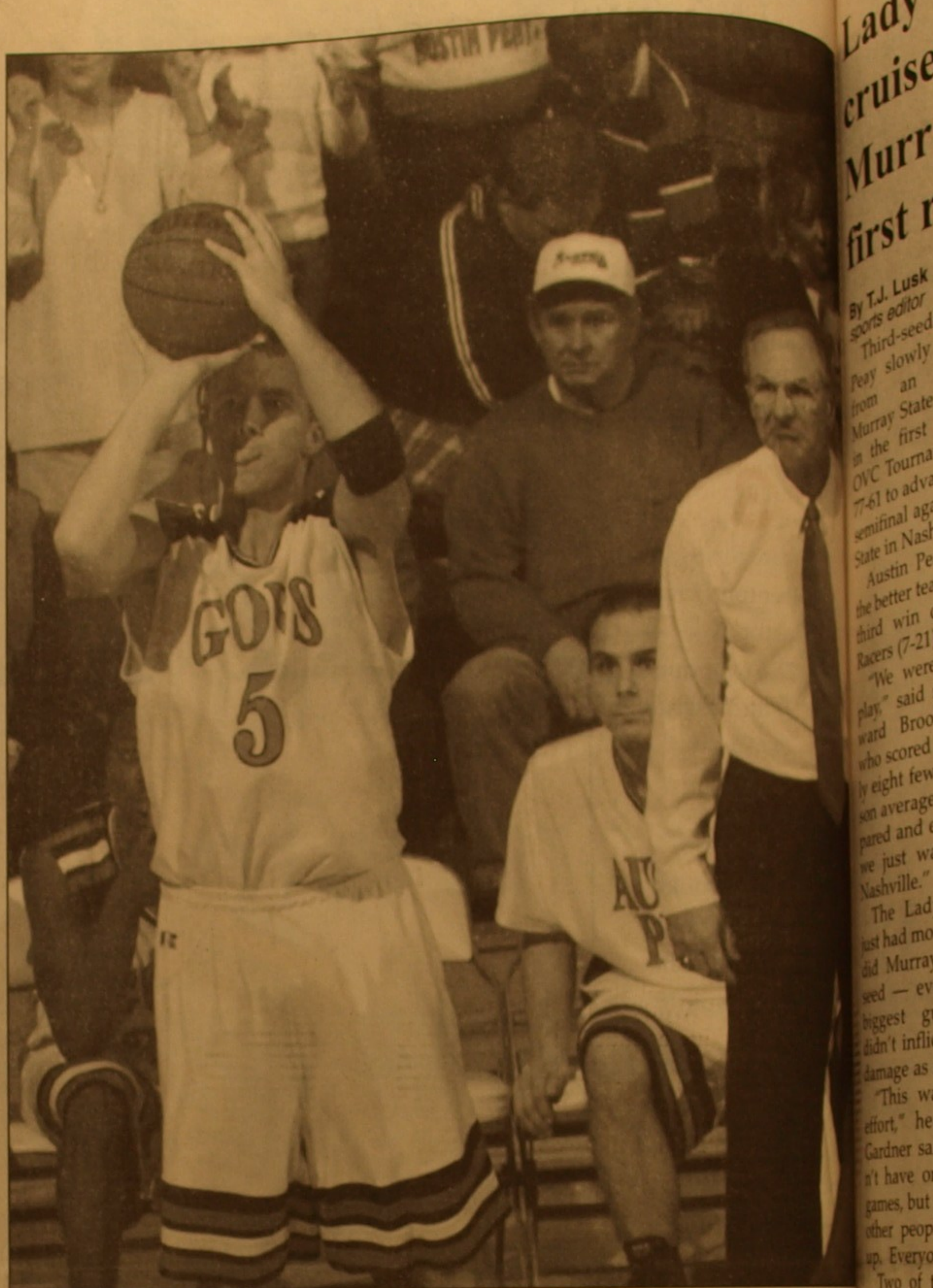
Early on, it looked to be, by any logical evaluation, the worst possible scenario for the Austin Peay men's basketball team. Its star, Hassell, struggled shooting for the second straight game. The team shot 38.5 percent from the field.

But late in the game, when it mattered most, almost every player on the floor for the Govs made a critical shot or defensive stop to contribute to the win.

"We had a bunch of guys make a bunch of big plays," Austin Peay coach Dave Loos said. "I can't say enough about how they battled back. They had enough chances to quit."

That they did. After jumping out to an early 15-9 lead, the Govs faltered. Shots started clanging off the rim for Austin Peay, while everything seemed to be falling for the Indians. At halftime, the Govs trailed by 12 points.

Hassell was just 3-of-13 from the field in the half, while SEMO (18-12) shot a



Robert Smith/The Leaf-Chronicle

Matt Jakeway launches a 3-point shot as coach Dave Loos looks on. The shot went down and cut the Southeast Missouri lead to four points late in regulation. The Govs came from behind to win, 72-70, in overtime.

blistering 65 percent from the floor.

"We talked at halftime about how we had 20 minutes to come back or our goal was not going to be achieved," Loos said. "If we were going to go down, it wasn't going to be without a battle."

Austin Peay started the second half hot, quickly cutting the lead to seven, but SEMO pulled away again. Midway through the half, the Indians had pushed their lead to 46-33, and the Govs looked finished.

But they slowly started to chip away at the lead, cutting it to 10 and several times getting within four or five before SEMO surged back out.

A Williams bucket with 1:38 to go trimmed it to 61-57. Then with 54 seconds on the clock, Williams hit one of two free throws to pull the Govs within three.

On the ensuing inbound play, Williams stole the ball and gave it up to freshman guard Adrian Henning, who was fouled. Henning hit just one of two from the stripe to make it 61-59 with 50.1 seconds to go.

"We just kept chopping away, chopping away," Williams said. "Trenton didn't didn't play his best game, but we were just trying to keep playing and pick him up."

And then Hassell did what his team had been waiting all night for. Though he shot just 5-of-21 on the night, Hassell drained the second-biggest shot of the night.

After a SEMO turnover, the 6-foot-5 swingman soared above the Indians to put back a Stapleton miss and tie the game with 34.1 seconds remaining in regulation.

"That's not unusual,"

Loos said. "We count on him for so many things. But they all came through tonight."

Emmanuel McCuthison's shot missed as time expired, setting up Stapleton's thriller.

Despite poor shooting, Hassell led all scorers with 20 points, 10 of which came on free throws. Stapleton was right behind him with 19 and Williams added 15. Michael Stokes led the Indians with 17 points.

Austin Peay will lead Tennessee Tech in the semifinals at 6 p.m. Friday at the Gaylord Entertainment Center in Nashville.

"The first step is getting there," Loos said. "We're going to enjoy this tonight. We'll give it a go."

See Page 4 for complete Tech preview, final OVC stats and tournament bracket.

# Govs supporting cast steps up

By Kyle Tucker  
assistant editor

When the Govs' go-to-guy, Trenton Hassell, started clanging shots off the rim with some regularity in Tuesday night's 72-70 win over Southeast Missouri, it became apparent that someone was going to have to take up the slack.

And that someone turned out to be the entire Austin Peay team.

Hassell, who was 3-of-13 in the first half and 5-of-21 for the game, started warm and then went ice-cold the rest of the way.

"I just played a bad game," Hassell said. "It was

a rough game, but I just stayed with it and depended on my teammates."

He wasn't shy pulling the trigger, but the shots weren't falling. It certainly wasn't a performance that impressed three Portland Trailblazers scouts watching the game. But Hassell and the Govs had more important things on their minds — namely, staying alive in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

Doing that seemed improbable on a few occasions. Like when the Govs trailed by twelve at halftime and by 13 around the mid-

way point of the second.

Soon, every Hassell miss began to seem like another nail in Austin Peay's coffin.

But during the final 10 minutes of regulation, Nick Stapleton and the rest of Hassell's supporting cast decided to do something about it.

"We've just all got to come together as one," Stapleton said. "Coach has been emphasizing unity. It's not just about Trenton scoring. We've all got to do our



Stapleton

part and play as a team."

They did just that down the stretch.

Stapleton scored 17 of his 19 points in the second half and overtime, including the eventual game-winning bucket.

In the final 1:38 of regulation, center Joe Williams scored three crucial points and got a steal that helped cut the Govs' deficit to two. Williams tallied 15 points and grabbed eight boards on the night.

"If one player is having an off night, everybody's just got to try to make up for it in other areas," freshman

guard Adrian Henning said. "Everybody's got to do it together."

Henning scored only five points for the game, but three of them helped keep the Govs alive. With just over two minutes remaining in overtime, and Austin Peay down three, Henning drained a 3-pointer to tie it at 66.

"We were angry with ourselves," Henning said. "We knew we had to dig deep. We knew we'd been in that position before and that if we just stuck together and didn't get down on each other that we could get back

in the game."

Like Henning, Jakeway didn't light up the scoreboard, hitting just one shot all night. But Henning, that one shot gave the Govs life.

Jakeway netted a trey in regulation that cut the Indians' lead to just two points, helping to set up the late surge.

"We fought back and that's a good sign," Jakeway said.

More importantly, the Govs proved they could win without Hassell being in his game. But facing Tennessee Tech in the second round, Austin Peay will need the king and his court to show up if they hope to compete for an OVC title.



# Round Two in OVC tournament

## NEXT?

### Lady Govs cruise by Murray in first round

By T.J. Lusk  
sports editor

Third-seeded Austin Peay slowly pulled away from an overmatched Murray State team at home in the first round of the OVC Tournament, winning 77-61 to advance to Friday's semifinal against Morehead State in Nashville.

Austin Peay was simply the better team in getting its third win over the Lady Racers (7-21) this season. "We were just ready to play," said sophomore forward Brooke Armistead, who scored 15 points, nearly eight fewer than her season average. "We came prepared and enthusiastic, and we just wanted to get to Nashville."

The Lady Govs (15-13) just had more weapons than did Murray State, the six-seed — even though their biggest gun, Armistead, didn't inflict quite as much damage as usual.

"This was a total team effort," head coach Susie Gardner said. "Brooke didn't have one of her better games, but there were some other people who stepped up. Everyone contributed."

Two of the biggest contributors were sophomore guard Paige Smith (18 points) and senior power forward Jocelyn Duke (13 points, 13 rebounds).

"We're going to have games where Brooke doesn't score as well," said Smith, who hit 3-of-5 3-point tries. "But when your star scorer is down, someone else has to pick it up."

It seemed that there was no shortage of people to pick it up against Murray.

From Smith, all the way down to forward Tanesha Murray (six points and three rebounds in only five minutes), everybody had a hand in the win.

"This was our best effort as a team," Smith said. "That was what won the game for us."

While they played most of the game with a comfortable lead, the Lady Govs didn't start the game quite so smoothly.

Austin Peay showed some opening-round jitters by committing nine first-half turnovers, many of



Robert Smith/The Leaf-Chronicle

Paige Smith dribbles around two Murray State defenders in Tuesday night's OVC quarterfinal game at the Dunn Center. Smith led the Lady Govs with 18 points in their 77-61 victory.

them unforced.

The Lady Govs' defense compensated for the offense's early misfires, though, as Murray State was forced into 10 first-half turnovers, and shot only 30.8 percent from the field.

Austin Peay took a 12-10 lead when point guard Kelly Chavez's sunk two free throws with 13 minutes to go in the first half.

Six minutes later, Smith extended the Lady Govs' lead to 22-12 — the largest margin of the first half — after burying a deep 3-pointer after coming off a screen.

The Lady Racers slashed their deficit to four when Liz Stansberry's jumper made it 26-22 with 3:40 remaining in the half, but they could get no closer than that for the remainder of the game.

Austin Peay led 35-27 at

halftime, and spent the rest of the game tightening up its play and methodically extending the advantage.

"We started out a little slow — both teams did," Smith said. "But we picked it up a little bit and got in a rhythm in the second half."

"That was our plan: to get a lead and sit back on it."

And that plan was executed nicely in the second half, as the mistakes were cut down and the lead continued to grow.

Armistead, who went 6-of-14 from the field, pushed the lead to 15 with her layup at the 14:39 mark of the second half.

And four minutes later Smith capped a 14-4 Lady Govs run with yet another 3-pointer, making it 58-40 and giving them their biggest lead of the night with 10:28 to play.

From there, Austin Peay was content to just slow down and hold on for the win.

And for Gardner and the Lady Govs, who finished second in last year's tournament, getting out of the first round was considered no small accomplishment.

"There is a little relief in getting the first one," Gardner said. "I'm thrilled for the players. I'm excited for them because they've worked so hard."

"And it's a reward to get to go to Nashville. It's fun for the kids."

Austin Peay will take on Morehead State at 2 p.m. at the Gaylord Entertainment

**See Page 5 for Morehead preview, final OVC stats and tournament bracket.**

### LADY GOVS NOTEBOOK

Once again, Brooke Armistead is a headliner for Austin Peay. The 5-foot-9 sophomore guard is making her first appearance on the All-Ohio Valley Conference team.

A year ago, Armistead was the OVC Freshman of the Year, an all-freshman pick, made the league's second-team squad as well as the all-tournament team.

This season, has been even better than last year. She broke her own scoring record of 608 points with 612 heading into the conference tournament.

Unofficially, Armistead is the 19th-fastest player in Division I history to surpass the 1,000-point mark. After leading the league with a 20.3 scoring average last season, Armistead improved to 22.7.

The Elmwood native is also fourth in the league in free-throw percentage, shooting 85.3 percent from the line.

Meanwhile, Gerlonda Hardin became the Lady Govs' second consecutive OVC Freshman of the Year.

That's a testament to Austin Peay coach Susie Gardner's keen eye for talent on the recruiting trail.

She didn't have to go far to sign Hardin. The Springfield post player led the conference in shooting percentage at 64.5 percent from the field. She also led the league in blocked shots with 46.

Hardin also averaged 11.9 points and ranks seventh in the OVC in rebounding at 7.0 per contest.

### OTHER OVC HONOREES

OVC Player of the Year: Tennessee Tech junior forward Janet Holt; OVC Coach of the Year: Eastern Kentucky's Larry Joe Inman.

1st-team: Janet Holt F 6-0 Jr. Tennessee Tech; Angela Hassell F 5-11 Sr. Tennessee State; Monika Gadson F 6-0 Sr. Murray State; Lori Chase F 5-11 So. Southeast Missouri.

2nd-team: Charlotte Sizemore F 5-11 Jr. Eastern Kentucky; Candice Finley F/C 6-1 Sr. Eastern Kentucky; Kelly Pendleton G 5-8 Jr. Tennessee-Martin; Allison Clark G 5-4 Jr. Tennessee Tech; Misty Garrett G 5-6 Jr. Tennessee Tech;

### HONORABLE MENTION

Tasha Gales C 6-2 Jr. Morehead State; Paige Smith G 5-7 So. Austin Peay; Jocelyn Duke F 5-11 Sr. Austin Peay; Renee Schaul G 5-7 Sr. Eastern Illinois; Travece Turner G/F So. 5-9 Morehead State

All-Freshman team: Gerlonda Hardin, F/C 6-2 Austin Peay; Pam O'Connor F/C 6-2 Eastern Illinois; Kandi Brown G/F 5-11 Morehead State; Andrea Brown F/C 6-0 Tennessee Tech; Katie Kelly G 5-6 Eastern Kentucky; Jody Sizemore F 6-0 Morehead State

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Jocelyn Duke plays defense against Murray State. Duke had 13 points and 13 rebounds in the game.

### IN THEIR WORDS...

"I feel that the players' mentality tonight was different. They didn't want this to be their last game. We had a goal all year long, and that was to win the whole thing."

—Austin Peay head coach Susie Gardner

"They did it to us all year. We just couldn't defend them. This is my final game, so it's a little more than just a game. But life goes on."

—Murray State senior forward Liz Stansberry

"... me being a senior, I don't want it to end. I think if we want it really bad, there's nothing we can't do. We have to put everything on the line because it's do or die."

—Austin Peay senior forward Jocelyn Duke

"I just wasn't hitting. I really didn't have anything going, but my teammates just picked it up. ... As long as we win, that's all that matters."

—Austin Peay sophomore forward Brooke Armistead

"When they cut (the lead), we just grit our teeth, made our foul shots and came up big."

—Austin Peay sophomore guard Paige Smith

# Women able to turn the knife

By T.J. Lusk  
sports editor

By the end of the Lady Govs' game with Murray State, there wasn't a racing heart in the place. No tension. No drama.

And that was perfectly fine with Austin Peay head coach Susie Gardner.

As her increased blood pressure this season can attest, her team has had a nasty habit of building sizable leads, then wasting them away down the stretch, making the endings much more nerve-racking than she'd like. Fortunately for her,

Austin Peay was never in serious danger of blowing the lead in its 77-61 win over Murray State.

But that doesn't mean that she wasn't digging her nails into her chair just a little bit.

"Don't think that I wasn't nervous the whole game," Gardner said. "I think that was the first game we've held on to a lead in quite a while."

Late in the second half, Murray State sparked a bit of uneasiness in the Lady Govs when they cut their deficit down to 10, but Austin Peay quickly

made sure they weren't going to relapse to the their old ways.

"When they cut it, we just grit our teeth and made sure we weren't going to lose it," sophomore guard Paige Smith said. "We went out, made our foul shots, and came through when we had to."

Austin Peay's poise at the free-throw line and smart play on defense down the stretch assured



Gardner

the Lady Govs that there would be no breakdown during tournament time.

The Lady Govs connected on 23 of 29 free-throw attempts (79.3 percent), and allowed Murray State only seven free-throw attempts in the second half.

"We always seem to (lose the lead)," sophomore forward Brooke Armistead said. "But we just kept our composure, kept battling and managed to push the lead back out."

Gardner attributed the improved play in the

game's final minutes to the team's attitude change before the game. With the knowledge that a loss means there's no tomorrow, games naturally start to tighten down.

"I feel that the players' mentality tonight was different," Gardner said. "They didn't want this to be their last game."

"We've had a goal all year long, and that was to win the whole thing. ... After all the work and time you put into it, you don't want it to end in just one night."

While the game against Murray State didn't produce any cardiac moments, the Lady Govs know that the going won't be quite so easy from here.

"Now that we're this far, we know that there's not going to be any blowouts," Smith said. "They're all going to come down to the last few minutes, and we'll just have to be ready for that."

And they'll see just how ready they are this Friday against Morehead State.



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## Govs will face Tech



Robert Smith/The Leaf-Chronicle

Fans and players celebrate after the Govs' 72-70 win over Southeast Missouri.

By Kyle Tucker  
assistant editor

Austin Peay will have a tough test Friday when they meet Tennessee Tech in the semifinals of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

But it's a test the players welcome.

"It's going to be great," Govs guard Nick Stapleton said. "We've got Tech and that's who we wanted. We're going to be ready."

The Govs lost both games with Tech during the season, and the Golden Eagles (20-8) are the No. 1 seed.

They knocked off Tennessee-Martin, 69-58, Tuesday night to move on and face the Govs.

In Austin Peay's first matchup with Tech, the Golden Eagles handed them an 86-74 defeat behind the strength of 25 points from Leigh Gayden and 23 from Brent Jolly.

Trenton Hassell scored 28

points for the Govs in the loss.

Just two weeks ago, Tech dropped Austin Peay in Cookeville, 64-62. The Govs had a chance to take over first place in the conference with a win, but Nick Stapleton's 3-pointer at the buzzer came up short.

"They're not going to beat us a third time," Austin Peay center Joe Williams said.

Larrie Smith, a 6-foot-5 forward for Tech, is averaging 16.4 points a game and ranks first in the conference in rebounding (8.9). He's also second in field-goal percentage (59.3) behind Austin Peay's Theanthony Haymon, and second in steals (1.89). Stopping him, along with Gayden and Jolly, will be critical to the Govs's success.

"The main thing is that we've got to stay focused on defense," freshman guard Adrian Henning said. "And we've got to take our time on

offense and get good shots. If we maintain our poise, and play one possession at a time, we'll be OK."

After a second-half comeback to get to the next round, most of the Govs are just happy to still be playing.

"I'm tickled to death that we get to play them," Loos said.

Still they know it won't be easy against a favored Tech team.

"We've got to put together two halves or Tech is going to bury us," Stapleton said.

"We've got to go to play," forward Theanthony Haymon said. "It's going to be another tough game."

But the bottom line is, historically, Tech has the edge. They only way to change that is to win Friday.

"We've got some unfinished business with them," Hassell said.

Tennessee Tech			
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.
35	D. Beasley	G	6-6
23	Cameron Crisp	G	6-3
44	Trey Ferguson	G	6-5
4	Leigh Gayden	G	5-10
43	Jason Harrell	G	6-7
45	Adonis Hart	C	6-8
10	Brent Jolly	G	6-5
2	Damien Perkins	F	6-7
3	Ahmad Richardson	F	6-5
5	Larrie Smith	F	6-5
42	Rusty Strange	C	6-9
22	Brad Walker	F	6-5
20	Joey Westmoreland	F	6-6

Austin Peay			
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.
15	Kevin Easley	G	6-1
4	Theanthony Haymon	F	6-7
44	Trenton Hassell	G/F	6-5
14	Adrian Henning	F	6-6
33	Brian Howard	G/F	6-5
5	Matt Jakeway	G	6-3
21	Josh Lewis	C	6-8
22	Brad Loos	G	6-2
34	Igor Macura	F	6-7
12	Nick Stapleton	G	6-1
40	M. Szmiedowicz	C/F	6-10
20	Gerrell Webster	G	6-0
32	Rhet Wierzbza	G	6-4
23	Joe Williams	C	6-8

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### OVC Men's tournament

First round Today	Semifinals Friday	Championship Saturday
(1) Tenn. Tech 69	Tenn. Tech	
(8) Tenn.-Martin 58	Game 5 Friday, 6 p.m. at Nashville	
(4) Austin Peay 72	Austin Peay	
(5) SE Missouri 70	OT	
(2) E. Illinois 102	E. Illinois	
(7) Morehead St. 80	Game 6 Friday, 8 p.m. at Nashville	
(3) Murray St. 114	Murray State	
(6) Tenn. St. 100		Game 7 Saturday, 3 p.m. at Nashville

### FINAL OVC MEN'S STATISTICS

SCORING									
Player-Team	FG	3FG	FT	Pts	Avg	FREE THROW PCT (Min. 2.0 made per game)			
1. Henry Domercant-EI	224	71	98	617	22.9	1. Brent Jolly-TT	27	88	95
2. Kyle Hill-EI	210	69	117	606	22.4	2. Matt Britton-EI	27	84	99
3. Trenton Hassell-AP	222	49	134	627	21.6	3. Kyle Hill-EI	27	117	140
4. Isaac Spencer-MU	203	6	150	562	20.8	4. Michael Stokes-SE	29	112	136
5. Jamie Roberts-TS	173	62	93	501	17.9	Henry Domercant-EI	27	98	119
7. Nick Stapleton-AP	185	63	79	512	17.7	9. Trenton Hassell-AP	29	134	189
12. Joe Williams-AP	159	0	89	407	14.0	13. Nick Stapleton-AP	29	79	104
REBOUNDING									
Player-Team	G	OF	DF	TOT	Avg	STEALS			
1. Larrie Smith-TT	27	103	138	241	8.9	1. Garrett Richardson-TS	28	62	2.2
2. Joe Williams-AP	29	94	137	231	8.0	2. Larrie Smith-TT	27	54	2.0
3. Trenton Hassell-AP	29	77	152	229	7.9	3. Jamie Roberts-TS	28	53	1.9
4. Antonio Wheelchel-MU	27	61	149	210	7.8	4. Matt Britton-EI	27	49	1.8
5. Jeremy Sargent-TM	27	67	124	191	7.1	Marquis Sykes-MO	27	49	1.8
12. T. Haymon-AP	28	59	103	162	5.8	14. Matt Jakeway-AP	29	39	1.4
FIELD GOAL PCT (Min. 4.0 made per game)									
Player-Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct		3-POINT FG PCT (Min. 1.5 made per game)			
1. T. Haymon-AP	28	117	175	.669		1. Amory Sanders-SE	24	53	.95
2. Larrie Smith-TT	27	162	273	.593		2. Chris Shumate-MU	27	51	.111
3. Joe Williams-AP	29	159	278	.572		3. Henry Domercant-EI	27	71	.156
4. Brian Foster-TM	27	155	297	.522		4. Jamie Roberts-TS	28	62	.147
5. Chris Shumate-MU	27	139	278	.500		5. Leigh Gayden-TT	27	77	.187
Kyle Umberger-MO	27	138	276	.500		9. Trenton Hassell-AP	29	49	.123
8. Trenton Hassell-AP	29	222	447	.497		12. Nick Stapleton-AP	29	63	.175
ASSISTS									
Player-Team	G	Assists	Avg			BLOCKED SHOTS			
1. Marquis Sykes-MO	27	145	5.37			1. Jeremy Sargent-TM	27	50	1.8
2. Matt Britton-EI	27	141	5.22			2. Drew DeMont-SE	26	46	1.7
3. Michael Stokes-SE	29	143	4.93			3. Andri Horrig-MU	27	46	1.7
4. Trenton Hassell-AP	29	136	4.69			4. Joe Williams-AP	29	46	1.6
5. Terrick Brown-TS	28	124	4.43			5. Lavaris Jerry-EK	26	29	1.1
11. Nick Stapleton-AP	29	99	3.41			6. Theanthony Haymon-AP	28	27	0.9
						7. Josh Lewis-AP	27	25	0.9

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## Next up: Morehead

By T.J. Lusk  
Sports editor

At first glance, the matchup between Austin Peay and Morehead State may seem a bit lopsided in the Lady Govs' favor. After all, the Lady Eagles (10-18) are the tournament's seven-seed (out of eight teams), and have already been beaten twice by Austin Peay this season.

However, those numbers don't tell the whole story.

Morehead State is one of the hottest teams in the conference. They have won five of their last six games, including a stunning 92-89 win over second-seeded Eastern Kentucky (22-6) on the road Tuesday in the first round of the OVC tournament.

"Morehead is very hot right now," Austin Peay head coach Susie Gardner said. "They've got great post players and they've got quickness. It will be tough."

One of those great post players is honorable-mention All-OVC center Tasha Gales (15.0 points per game).

Considering how Austin Peay had trouble containing Murray State center Monika Gadsdon — who scored 21 points against the Lady Govs — Gardner has to be concerned about the dominating inside presence of Gales.

Another player of concern will be fellow honorable-mention All-OVC selection Travece Turner, a guard who is also averaging 15 points per contest.

While the Lady Govs have to shortage of respect for



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Brooke Armistead goes up in a crowd against Murray State. Armistead was held to 15 points.

their opponent, Morehead's team is not their chief concern at this point.

"We can't worry about who we play — we've got to worry about ourselves," said sophomore guard Brooke Armistead.

"We've beaten Morehead twice, but they are a good team."

Should Austin Peay beat Morehead, the Lady Govs would likely face the opponent they lost to in last year's finals: top-seeded Tennessee Tech, which currently has a 23-5 record,

including two very decisive wins over Austin Peay earlier this season.

Austin Peay would be a decided underdog against Tech, should they meet in the title game. But after all, this is March, a month where anything is possible in the realm of college basketball.

"We got a taste last year (when we lost in the finals to Tech)," Gardner said. "There are still a lot of good teams left, and that makes it tough."

"But when you get to the final four, anything can happen."

### Morehead State

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.
3	Kelly Adams	G	5-5
4	Travece Turner	G/F	5-9
5	Michelle Clemons	G	5-6
14	Julie-ann Kirkland	F	5-10
21	Heidi Daulton	G	5-5
23	Jody Sizemore	F	6-0
30	Naomi Bronson	G	5-8
32	Tiffany McCoy	G	5-8
33	F. Montgomery	C	6-3
34	Jodi Dempsey	C	6-3
35	Amy Spear	G	5-8
41	Kandi Brown	G/F	5-11
44	Tasha Gales	C	6-2
50	DeVonda Williams	F	5-11
54	Abby Adams	F	6-1

### Austin Peay

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.
3	Kelly Chavez	G	5-3
10	Brooke Armistead	G	5-9
11	Paige Smith	G	5-7
13	Sarah Calvert	G	5-8
21	Tiffany Swoffard	G	5-8
22	Andrea Alvarez	G	5-5
24	Jocelyn Duke	F	5-11
34	Tiffany McCarley	F	6-0
45	Felicia Dowell	C	6-3
52	Gerlonda Hardin	F/C	6-2
55	Tanesha Murray	F	6-0

### OVC Women's tournament

First round Today	Semifinals Friday	Championship Saturday
(1) Tenn. Tech 98	Tenn. Tech	
(8) Tenn. St. 81	Game 5 Friday, noon at Nashville	
(4) SE Missouri 63	Tenn.-Martin	
(5) Tenn.-Martin 68		
(2) E. Kentucky 89	Morehead State	Game 7 Saturday, noon at Nashville
(7) Morehead St. 92	Game 6 Friday, 2 p.m. at Nashville	
(3) Austin Peay 77	Austin Peay	
(6) Murray St. 61		

### FINAL OVC WOMEN'S STATISTICS

SCORING							
Player-Team	G	FG	3FG	FT	Pts	Avg	
1.Janet Holt-TECH	28	215	15	234	679	24.2	4.Charlotte Sizemore-EKU 28 112 4.00
2.B. Armistead-AP	28	227	37	136	627	22.4	5.Mikki Bond-EKU 28 109 3.89
3.A. Hassell-TSU	27	193	46	105	537	19.9	6.Paige Smith-AP 28 96 3.50
4.K. Pendleton-UTM	23	105	47	110	367	16.0	
5.T. Washington-TSU	21	132	0	69	333	15.9	STEALS
15.Jocelyn Duke-AP	28	155	0	53	363	13.0	Player-Team G Steals Avg
18.Paige Smith-AP	28	111	53	69	344	12.3	1.Teresa McNair-EKU 28 83 2.96
							2.LaShelle Porter-SEMO 27 60 2.22
							3.Tracy Webb-UTM 28 62 2.21
							4.Charlotte Sizemore-EKU 28 61 2.18
							5.Renee Schaul-EIU 27 56 2.07
REBOUNDING							
Player-Team	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	Avg		
1.Janet Holt-TECH	28	72	201	273	9.8		3-POINT FG PCT (Min. 1.5 made per game)
2.Monika Gadsden-MUR	28	109	160	269	9.6		Player-Team G 3FG FGA Pct
3.Jocelyn Duke-AP	28	90	144	234	8.4		1.Andrea Brown-TECH 28 54 111 486
4.Tracy Webb-UTM	28	85	128	213	7.6		2.Rachael Gobble-TECH 28 70 150 467
5.Tasha Gaines-MOR	28	75	133	208	7.4		3.Allison Clark-TECH 28 81 181 446
7.Gerlonda Hardin-AP	28	99	94	193	6.9		4.Kandi Brown-MOR 28 70 167 419
							5.T.J. Barker-UTM 28 51 122 418
							8.Kelly Chavez-AP 28 46 136 338
							9.Paige Smith-AP 28 53 175 303
FIELD GOAL PCT (Min. 3.0 made per game)							
Player-Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct			
1.Gerlonda Hardin-AP	28	129	202	.639			3-POINT FG MADE
2.Pam Iversen-SEMO	27	100	166	.602			Player-Team G 3FG Avg
3.Jody Sizemore-MOR	28	143	250	.572			1.Allison Clark-TECH 28 81 2.89
4.Tamara Washington-TSU	21	132	236	.559			2.Kandi Brown-MOR 28 70 2.50
5.Pam O'Connor-EIU	27	143	269	.532			Rachael Gobble-TECH 28 70 2.50
							4.Travece Turner-MOR 22 47 2.14
							5.Kelly Pendleton-UTM 23 47 2.04
							7.Paige Smith-AP 28 53 1.89
							10.Kelly Chavez-AP 28 46 1.84
ASSISTS							
Player-Team	G	Assists	Avg				
1.Misty Garrett-TECH	28	190	6.79				
2.Kelly Chavez-AP	28	171	6.11				
3.Amy Soehn-AP	27	134	4.96				

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## Hassell, Armistead dominate

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"That's hard to put into words," she said. "We go from a below average to average team the year before she came to playing for the (OVC) championship her freshman year. That's how much she means."

Armistead was the instant answer for the Lady Govs' scoring deficiency last year. Able to score at will in high school, Gardner hoped Armistead could put some points on the board for her team.

But Armistead played class A high school basketball, the smallest division in Tennessee, and Gardner wondered if she could be as successful at the next level.

Armistead erased that doubt quickly, scoring 20 points in her first college game — against the University of Kentucky.

"Then we knew she was going to manage just fine," Gardner said.

Manage indeed. She led the conference in scoring her freshman year, was named OVC Freshman of the Year and also made the all-conference second-team. Leading her team into the championship game of the OVC tournament, Armistead also received all-tournament team honors.

Scary enough, she improved from her fresh-

man to sophomore year. She's better, smarter and even more clutch than last year. Armistead's offensive game is as good as they come. She can beat a defender to the basket or pull up and knock down a three.

Armistead was named to the All-OVC first team this season.

"She's our go-to player," Gardner said. "Not often is a coach going to get to coach a player like Brooke. Not only because she's skilled, but because she comes every day to work and she comes early, stays late and comes between practices."

"She makes great grades, she's a good person and she tries to do what's right. She's the whole package — as a human being and a basketball player."

That work ethic and winning mentality have helped Armistead steadily develop from raw high school talent into a great college guard. But she still has a few weaknesses.

"Is she perfect? No," Gardner said.

In fact, Gardner said she often uses Hassell as an example when talking to Brooke about how she wants her game to progress.

"He not only leads the team in scoring, but also in assists and rebounding.

And he might be the best defender on the team."

Gardner cites defense and passing as areas in which Armistead still has some work to do. Brooke won't disagree.

"Last year when I came in I was a horrible defensive player," Armistead said. "I think I've gotten better, but I still lack a long ways to go."

For Hassell, a senior with one year of eligibility left, the goals are a little different. He already has all the tools to play in the NBA, according to some.

"I think Trenton Hassell is probably as good as any two-guard in the country," Loos said. "I think there are probably other guys that may do a specific thing better than him, but overall I think he can play with the best."

Loos feels Hassell could be even more successful at the next level because he won't face the constant double- and triple-teams that he does in college.

Several scouts have come calling at the Dunn Center this season to decide that for themselves.

"Generally, they really like him," Loos said. "They think there is some work to be done, but generally they like him."

Hassell isn't saying whether he'll stay or if he'll

jump. And he doesn't want to think about it at this point.

"(The scouts) can't do anything for me right now," Hassell said. "I'm just focusing on us as a team and trying to win a ring."

That says it all when it comes to Hassell. Unselfish almost to a fault, he puts his team first.

Loos has said in the past that he wishes Hassell would keep the ball more, not pass so much. Make the defenders come guard him. But both on and off the court, Hassell is always looking to get his teammates involved.

"All of us are good and blessed with ability by God. I'm just the one who gets all the publicity," Hassell said. "And that's not fair to the team. They work just as hard as I do."

And not only is he selfless, humble and an amazing athlete, Hassell has

managed to become a great student as well. He will graduate on schedule in May.

"I've got a lot of admiration for what he's done academically," Loos said. "Because when he came to Austin Peay, he hadn't prepared himself probably the way he should have and he just did a complete turnaround."

One story has been told that Hassell has missed less than four class meetings since he has been in college. Impressive, considering many students have equaled that many absences in a single week.

"He has not failed a course since he's been here. It's a tremendous success story," Loos said. "We're obviously very proud of what he's accomplished and what he's going to accomplish. He carries the flag for us very nicely."

And as the Govs roll into

their second-round OVC tournament game with Tennessee Tech, they'll need him to carry more than a flag. One can be sure when the game is on the line, the Govs know which back to jump on.

And as the Lady Govs get set to face Morehead State in the semifinals, Armistead will be the most important factor in their success.

"I think without question we would not be where we are without her," Gardner said. "She's not the only piece. We have everything we need in a program to be successful, but Brooke is just one of those special players."

"When it's down to the end, I want the ball in Brooke Armistead's hands. And she wants the ball."

### THE HASSELL FILE:

- 1998-99** — All-OVC, first team; OVC All Newcomer team; OVC Player of the Week, twice; OVC Newcomer of the Week, once. (Averaged 17.8 points, 9.3 rebounds and 3.8 assists)
- 1999-00** — NABC All-District Team; All-OVC, first team; OVC Player of the Week, once; Oneida Bingo and Casino Classic MVP. (Averaged 18.1 points, 7.4 rebounds and 5.2)
- 2000-01** — Playboy Preseason All-American; OVC Player of the Year; OVC Co-Preseason Player of the Year. (Averaged 21.6 points, 7.9 rebounds and 4.69 assists)

### THE ARMISTEAD FILE:

- 1999-00** — OVC Freshman of the Year; All-OVC Freshman team; All-OVC, second team; OVC all-tournament team. (Led conference in scoring, averaging 20.3 points and set APSU record with 608 points)
- 2000-01** — All-OVC, first team; OVC Player of the Week, twice (Second in the league in scoring, averaging 22.7, breaking her own scoring record with 612 points; 19th-fastest player in Div. I history to pass the 1,000-point plateau.

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