

Butts, Austin Named All-OVC

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. – [Shronda Butts](#) and [Tierny Austin](#) led SIUE women's basketball to the No. 2 seed for the [Ohio Valley Conference](#) Tournament and have been selected to the All-Conference team.

Butts was named to the All-OVC first team and the All-Newcomer team. Austin was selected to the All-OVC second team.

The players were honored at a banquet Tuesday preceding the OVC Tournament.

Butts, who averaged 16.2 points per game, finished the regular season with 10 20-point games. She is one of 10 players in Division I who is among the top 100 in both field goal percentage (85th) and free throw percentage (76th).

Austin moved into the top 10 in all-time scoring at SIUE with 1,237 points. She averaged 12.3 points per game this season for the Cougars. Austin also is among the top 10 all-time at SIUE in free throws made (4th/329), offensive rebounds (4th/237), free throws attempted (5th/473), games played (tied for 5th/114), rebounds (8th/654), and defensive rebounds (10th/417).

SIUE's opening game in the OVC Tournament is Wednesday at 2 p.m. against Austin Peay at Municipal Auditorium in Nashville.

All-OVC First Team

Ashia Jones, UT Martin
Sabina Oroszova, Eastern Illinois
Tiasha Gray, Austin Peay
Almesha Jones, Morehead State
Shronda Butts, SIUE

All-OVC Second Team

Chelsea Hudson, Tennessee State
Destany McLin, Jacksonville State
Candace Morton, Jacksonville State
Samaria Howard, Tennessee Tech
Tierny Austin, SIUE
Shameekia Murray, Eastern Kentucky
Note: Six players are on the second team due to a tie

All-Newcomer Team

Shronda Butts, SIUE
Shameekia Murray, Eastern Kentucky
Samaria Howard, Tennessee Tech
Ke'Shunan James, Murray State
Jessy Ward, UT Martin
OVC Player of the Year: Ashia Jones, UT Martin
OVC Defensive Player of the Year: Tiasha Gray, Austin Peay
OVC Freshman of the Year: Ke'Shunan James, Murray State
OVC Coach of the Year: Kevin McMillan, UT Martin