

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

MEN'S BASKETBALL



NCAA Tournament Quick Facts Sheet for the 2004 Southern Conference champions

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Johnson City, Tenn.
 Founded 1911
 Nickname Buccaneers
 Enrollment 11,500
 Colors Navy Blue & Old Gold
 Arena Memorial Center (13,000)
 Affiliation NCAA Division I
 Conference Southern
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 Athletics Director Dave Mullins (Samford '68)
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 Athletic Website www.ETSUBucs.com

HISTORY

First year of basketball 1918-19
 Overall all-time record 1,033-846
 NCAA Tournament appearances/last 7/2003
 NCAA Tournament record 2-7
 NIT appearances/last 1/1983
 Last post-season opponent Wake Forest, 2003
 Result L, 73-76

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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach Murry Bartow (Alabama-Birmingham '85)
 Record at ETSU 27-5 (.844), First year
 Career Record 130-88 (.596), 7 yrs.
 NCAA Tournament Record 0-1 (.000)
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 Assistant Coaches
 Scott Wagers (Tennessee Wesleyan, '89), 3 years at ETSU
 Mike Boyd (Northern Michigan University), First year at ETSU
 Will Bailey (Alabama-Birmingham, '98), First year at ETSU
 Trainer Scott Brown

TEAM INFORMATION

2003-04 Record 27-5 overall, 15-1 conference record
 Home: 12-0 Away: 11-3 Neutral: 4-2
 2003-04 Southern Conf. Record/Finish 15-1/1st, North Div.
 2003-04 Southern Conf. Tour. Finish/Record Champions, 3-0
 2003 NCAA Tournament Eliminated in first round
 Lost to No. 2 seed Wake Forest, 76-73

PROBABLE STARTERS

No.	Name	Ht	Wt	Cl	Pos	G/GS	Ppg	Rpg	Apq
5	Tim Smith	5-9	155	So.	G	31/30	17.4	4.4	4.5
44	Zakee Wadood	6-5	220	Sr.	F	32/32	14.7	7.8	2.8
1	Jerald Fields	6-7	260	Sr.	F	32/32	13.2	6.5	1.8
4	Ben Rhoda	6-4	195	So.	F	31/31	10.9	4.5	1.6
20	James Anthony	6-2	185	Jr.	G	31/31	9.8	3.2	1.9

RESERVES

No.	Name	Ht	Wt	Cl	Pos	G/GS	Ppg	Rpg	Apq
2	Sam Oatman	6-1	175	So.	G	27/2	1.1	0.6	1.3
3	Aaron Scott	6-6	195	Fr.	G	30/0	2.5	2.5	0.6
23	Michael Tolliver	6-3	210	Jr.	G	15/0	1.5	0.9	0.5
25	Travis Strong	6-2	190	Fr.	G	26/1	4.6	1.0	0.4
32	A.J. Jackson	6-6	230	Fr.	F	7/0	3.7	2.4	0.0
41	Howard Bridgers	6-6	245	R-Fr.	F	4/0	1.8	1.8	0.0
51	Brad Nuckles	6-9	245	So.	F	32/1	5.8	4.5	0.8

Note: All statistics are for 2003-04 season

Back-to-back Southern Conference
Tournament Champions

NCAA Tournament Appearances:
1968, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 2003, 2004

Bucs dominate postseason honors

After a record-breaking season, the Buccaneers were honored significantly by both the coaches and media of the Southern Conference following the year... Head coach **Murry Bartow** and senior forward **Zakee Wadood** (Lonoke, Ark.) were honored with Coach and Player of the Year awards in the voting by both coaches and media ... Wadood, senior **Jerald Fields** (Gainesville, Fla.) and sophomore **Tim Smith** (Newport News, Va.) were also selected to the All-SoCon Coaches Team, while Wadood and Smith were first-team picks and Fields earned second-team honors on the All-SoCon Media Team ... Smith was the runner-up behind Wadood for player of the year on both teams ... In addition, Wadood, Fields and Smith were named to the All-SoCon Tournament team for the second-straight year, and Smith brought home the tournament MVP title for the second time in two seasons ... Bartow, in his first year as the head coach at East Tennessee State, earned Coach of the Year honors after guiding the Bucs to a program-record 15-1 league mark and a program-best 16-game winning streak from Jan. 4 until Feb. 28 ... Even more impressive, Wadood and Smith were named to the CollegeInsider.com Mid-Major All-American team on March 8.

Polls take notice of ETSU

Ranking are always nice at the mid-major level, and the Bucs have made their way into several polls this season ... For instance, the Bucs recently rose to No. 25 in the CBS Sportsline power rankings following their victory in the SoCon Tournament ... In addition, the Bucs garnered a No. 34 rank in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll with four votes, and are currently No. 35 in the Associated Press Poll with 10 votes ... In the various Mid-Major polls, the Bucs have flourished ... ETSU is currently ranked 4th in both the Collegeinsider.com and ESPN.com Mid-Major poll ... On CBS Sportsline, ETSU is currently ranked No. 3, just behind No. 1 Gonzaga and No. 2 Utah State.

Mr. Smith making a name

Sophomore guard **Tim Smith** (Newport News, Va.) had spent the early part of this season searching for his shot ... Smith averaged 15.3 points a game last season and scored 20-plus points in nine game a year ago, but had yet to reach 20 at all this season until he netted 22 in a win over Furman (1/5) ... Since then, Smith has picked up nine 20-point performances, including six-straight in end the season ... He equalled his career high with 29 against Davidson (3/5) in the SoCon Tournament, while also netting 24 against Furman (3/4) and 25 against Chattanooga (3/6) ... Currently, Smith leads the team and finished fourth in the conference with 17.4 ppg ... In addition, he eclipsed the 1,000-point mark against Chattanooga in the SoCon title game ... He stands at 1,014 for his career.

Record-breaking Bucs

The 2003-04 Bucs have set new standards for the ETSU basketball program ... With a win over Chattanooga (2/24), the Bucs collect a program-best 16th straight victory and at 15-1 in Southern Conference play, the team also has the best conference record in program history ... The 15-0 start is the best by a SoCon team since College of Charleston ran the table with a 16-0 mark in 1998-99 ... In addition, ETSU set a Southern Conference single game record in a win over The Citadel (2/16), blocking a remarkable 17 Citadel shots.

ETSU joins select group with 27 wins, 11 D-I road victories

With their victory on Feb. 9 at Chattanooga, the Buccaneers joined what was at that time a special group of teams across the country with 20 wins ... Along with ETSU, the only other teams to reach this special goal as quickly this season were Duke, St. Joseph's, Stanford and Pittsburgh ... With 27 victories on March 8, the Bucs were joined by only St. Joseph's (27), Pittsburgh (27) and Gonzaga (27) with as many victories at that time ... In addition, the Bucs 11 Division I road victories also ranked among the best in the country.

Schedule and Results

(2003-04 Season • All Times EST)

Date	Opponent	Time/Score
11/21	at Houston	65-51, W
11/23	at Texas Tech	64-53, L
11/25	MARS HILL	100-57, W
11/29	UNC WILMINGTON	67-62, W
12/3	at UNC-Asheville	78-56, W
12/6	GEORGIA SOUTHERN *	91-85, W
12/15	at Clemson	100-86, L
12/17	at Tennessee Tech	77-70, W
12/20	VIRGINIA-WISE	81-55, W
12/27	vs. IUPUI %	85-81, L
12/29	vs. Lamar %	75-62, W
12/30	vs. American %	71-66, L
1/5	at Furman *	69-68, W
1/10	at UNC Greensboro *	72-68, W
1/12	UNION COLLEGE	100-62, W
1/17	WESTERN CAROLINA *	95-82, W
1/19	at Elon *	75-72, W
1/21	DAVIDSON *	75-70, W
1/24	at Appalachian State *	93-80, W
1/26	WOFFORD *	76-54, W
1/31	at Western Carolina *	79-65, W
2/2	UNC GREENSBORO *	86-65, W
2/7	APPALACHIAN STATE *	66-63, W
2/9	at Chattanooga *	82-80, W
2/14	ELON *	73-58, W
2/16	at The Citadel *	73-51, W
2/21	vs. Fresno State (WAPK) #	66-62, W
2/24	CHATTANOOGA (Fox) *	84-72, W
2/28	at Coll. of Charleston (ESPN2)	91-89, L
3/4	vs. Furman \$	94-84, W
3/5	vs. Davidson \$	96-84, W
3/6	vs. Chattanooga \$	78-62, W

Home games in **BOLD CAPS**

* Southern Conference game

% at Rainbow Classic in Honolulu

\$ at SoCon Tournament

ESPN Bracket Buster Saturday

Block party

Senior forwards **Zakee Wadood** (Lonoke, Ark.) and **Jerald Fields** (Gainesville, Fla.) have already etched their names into the ETSU record books with the ability to swat away the shots of opposing players ... Wadood recently became the schools career block leader with 180 entering the NCAAs ... Wadood overtook ETSU great Greg Dennis, who had 174 blocks from 1987-1992 ... In addition, Wadood bested his own mark of a year ago for single season blocks, eclipsing his 2003 number of 66 with 68 right now in 2004 ... In 2003, Wadood broke the mark of 56 set by Fields in 2001-02 ... In addition, Wadood and Fields will finish 1-2 on the career list for blocks per game, with Wadood entering this season averaging 1.59 and Fields averaging 1.43 a contest ... In addition, the two seem to be passing on their technique to sophomore **Brad Nuckles** (Council, Va.), who currently ranks 6th in the SoCon with 1.22 blocks a game ... Of course, Nuckles is trailing both Wadood, who is 2nd with 2.11 bpg, and Fields, who is 3rd with 1.57 bpg.