MIDDLE TENNESSEE

FOOTBALL GAME NOTES ■ SEPT. 8, 2001 ■ MURFREESBORO ■ FLOYD (30,788)

Middle Tennessee (1-0) vs Troy State (0-1)

Date: September 8, 2001; 6 PM CST
Where: Floyd Stadium (30,788)
Series Record: Middle Tennessee leads 8-1-0
Radio: WBOZ FM 104.9, WMOT FM 89.5, WVRY 105.1 (Dick Palmer, Preston O'Neal & J.P. Plant)
TV: CSS TV (Ch. 27) (Chip Walters & Greg Pollard)
Last Meeting: Troy State 48, Middle Tennessee 31 (Oct. 2, 1999; Murfreesboro, TN)
Notes: Over their last five home games, the Blue Raiders are averaging 41.4 points a game and have topped the 40-point plateau in four of the five contests ... Under McCollum, the Blue Raiders have scored 40 or more points six times in 10 home games ... The Blue Raiders enter this week's contest having won four consecutive games, which is the team's longest winning streak since 1994 ... In Dwone Hicks' last eight games he has scored three or more touchdowns on four occasions ... The Blue Raiders are trying to start a season 2-0 for the first time since 1990.

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SERIES RECORD

■ Saturday's football game between Middle Tennessee and Troy State will be the 10th meeting on the gridiron between the two schools, but their first as I-A members. The Blue Raiders lead the overall series, which began in 1936, 8-1. Middle Tennessee is 5-1 against the Trojans at Floyd Stadium with a combined overall score of 129-62. The Trojans downed the Blue Raiders at Floyd in 1999, 48-31. The Blue Raiders have five shutouts in the series.

HOME OPENERS

■ Over the past 22 years, Middle Tennessee has compiled a mark of 18-4 in home openers. Under head coach Andy McCollum, the Blue Raiders are 2-0 and have averaged 48.0 points.

BLUE RAIDERS AT FLOYD

■ Since Floyd Stadium opened in 1933, the Blue Raiders have compiled an overall mark of 233-86-13 (.720), including a record 31-game win streak from 1987-94. MT is 10-4 at Floyd since the renovation in 1998 and have won six in a row. Under Andy McCollum, the Blue Raiders are 8-2 at home with the only losses coming to Troy State and UCF.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE TO CELEBRATE 90th BIRTHDAY

■ This Saturday from 4 - 5:30 PM on the lawn of the Alumni Center prior to the Blue Raiders' home opener, the University will celebrate its 90th birthday. Free hotdogs, birthday cake, music, games, prizes and surprises for all ages will be available. And be sure to be in your seats at Floyd Stadium in time for a special pre-game birthday salute to Middle Tennessee presented by the Band of Blue featuring music from each of MT's nine decades.

HICKS, BRADLEY HONORED

■ Junior **Dwone Hicks** was named the Sun Belt Conference's Offensive Player of the Week on Monday after racking up 203 yards on 37 carries in the win over Vanderbilt. It marked the second time Hicks has topped the 200-yard barrier, while his 37 carries equalled the second most in school history. Not to be

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2001 BLUE RAIDERS SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Aug.	30	at Vanderbilt	W, 37-28
Sept.	8	TROY STATE (CSS TV)	6 PM
Sept.	22	*at Louisiana-Monroe	6 PM
Sept.	29	*at Louisiana-Lafayette	7 PM
Oct.	6	*IDAHO (MT TV 10)	6 PM
Oct.	13	*at North Texas	3:05 PM
Oct.	20	at Mississippi	1 PM
Oct.	27	*NEW MEXICO STATE	2 PM
Nov.	3	*ARKANSAS STATE (CSSE TV)	2 PM
Nov.	10	at LSU (WSMV TV 4)	7 PM
Nov.	17	CONNECTICUT (WSMV TV 4)	2 PM

* Sun Belt Conference Games

2001 TROY STATE SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Sept.	1	at Nebraska	L, 42-14
Sept.	8	at Middle Tennessee	6 PM
Sept.	15	APPALACHIAN STATE	6 PM
Sept.	22	NICHOLLS STATE	6 PM
Oct.	6	at Miami, FL	4 PM
Oct.	13	at Mississippi State	1:30 PM
Oct.	20	CAL-STATE NORTHRIDGE	2 PM
Oct.	27	SOUTHERN UTAH	2 PM
Nov.	3	at Maryland	TBA
Nov.	10	at UL-MONROE	6 PM
Nov.	17	JACKSONVILLE STATE	1 PM

Team Comparison

MT		*TSU*
1-0	2001 Records	0-1
Multiple	Primary Offense	Spread
3-3 Stack	Primary Defense	4-3
7	Offensive Starters Returning	5
6	Defensive Starters Returning	7

Coaching Staff

Andy McCollum ..... Head Coach
Larry Fedora ..... Offensive Coordinator
Steve Davis ..... Defensive Coordinator
Joe Wickline ..... Offensive Line
Kacy Rodgers ..... Asst. HC/Def. Line
Alex Robins ..... Quarterbacks
Kevin Fouquier ..... Linebackers
Darin Hinshaw ..... Running Backs
Floyd Walker ..... Tight Ends
Howard McMahan ..... Outside Linebackers

SUN BELT STANDINGS

Team	SBC	Overall
Middle Tennessee	**0-0**	**1-0**
Arkansas State	0-0	0-1
Idaho	0-0	0-1
Louisiana-Lafayette	0-0	1-0
Louisiana-Monroe	0-0	0-1
New Mexico State	0-0	0-1
North Texas	0-0	0-1

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (9/8)

Troy State at **Middle Tennessee**
Arkansas State at Baylor
Idaho at Arizona
Oregon State at **New Mexico State**
Louisiana-Lafayette at **Minnesota**
North Texas at **Oklahoma**
Louisiana-Monroe at **Florida**

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE (9/15)

Middle Tennessee (Open Date)
Nicholls State at **Arkansas State**
Idaho at Montana
UL-Lafayette at UCF
UL-Monroe at Cincinnati
New Mexico State at New Mexico
North Texas at Arkansas

CHARTING MIDDLE TENNESSEE'S OPPONENTS

Middle Tennessee's opponents and their current records are listed in parenthesis:

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Middle Tennessee at Troy State (0-1)
Alabama at Vanderbilt (0-1)
Louisiana-Monroe (0-1) at Florida
Louisiana-Lafayette (1-0) at Minnesota
Idaho (0-1) at Arizona
North Texas (0-1) at Oklahoma
Ole Miss (1-0) at Auburn
Oregon State at New Mexico State (0-2)
Arkansas State (0-1) at Baylor
Utah State at LSU (1-0)
Eastern Michigan at Connecticut (0-1)

Opponents' Combined Record: 3-9

LAST WEEK'S GAMES

Middle Tennessee 37, Vanderbilt 28
Nebraska 42, Troy State 14
Sam Houston State 20, UL-Monroe 9
UL-Lafayette 20, Nicholls State 0
Washington State 36, Idaho 7
TCU 19, North Texas 5
Ole Miss 49, Murray State 14
Texas 41, New Mexico State 7
Georgia 45, Arkansas State 17
LSU 48, Tulane 17
Virginia Tech 52, Connecticut 10

Last Week's Opponent Record: 3-8

TALE OF THE TAPE

	Middle Tennessee	*Troy State*
First Downs	37	13
Rushing Offense (Avg.)	300.0	-25.0
Passing Offense (Avg.)	308.0	190.0
Total Offense (Avg.)	608.0	165.0
Scoring Offense (Avg.)	37.0	14.0
Rushing Defense (Avg.)	177.0	330.0
Passing Defense (Avg.)	300.0	127.0
Total Defense (Avg.)	477.0	457.0
Scoring Defense (Avg.)	28.0	42.0
Punting Avg.	43.6	39.9
Penalties (Avg.)	83.0	53.0
Sagarin Rating	**114**	**84**

outdone, senior **Jykine Bradley** brought home the Defensive Player of the Week honors for his effort against the Commodores.

ROLLING UP THE YARDS

■ In the season-opening win at Vanderbilt last Thursday, the Middle Tennessee offense turned in the second highest total yardage performance in school history with 608 yards. The Blue Raiders were just 53 yards shy of breaking the school mark of 660 yards set against UT-Martin in 1990. Under Andy McCollum, the Blue Raiders have totaled more than 500 yards of total offense on seven occasions and have eclipsed the 600-yard barrier twice.

FIRST DOWN RECORD

■ In the win over Vanderbilt, the Blue Raiders broke the single-game school record for first downs with 37. The previous record was 34 established against Morehead State in 1984. The 37 chain-movers were also the most in the Andy McCollum era since collecting 29 against Murray State last year.

NO PLACE LIKE HOME

■ The Blue Raiders have found home life enjoyable under Andy McCollum. Middle Tennessee has averaged 2,252 yards per season on the turf at Floyd Stadium since McCollum's arrival. In the team's 10 games at home under Andy Mac, the offense is churning out an average of 450.4 yards per contest. To break it down even further, the Blue Raiders have accumulated 2.56 miles of offense inside Floyd Stadium under McCollum. Of the 4,504 total yards amassed during this two-year span, 2,527 yards have come through the air and 1,877 have come on the ground. The Blue Raiders have also turned up the scoring at home, too. The team has rung up 398 points during this stretch for an average of 39.8 points per game. Recent history also favors the Blue Raiders as they have put up 40-plus points in four of their last five games at Floyd Stadium.

SECOND HALF SHUTOUT

■ Middle Tennessee's defense turned an improbable feat against Vandy last week by throwing a second-half shutout against the Commodores after allowing 28 first half points. The defense was nothing short of dominating during the second half, allowing the Commodores only 139 yards of total offense after surrendering 338 in the first half. The Blue Raiders' defensive adjustments at the half held Vanderbilt to only four first downs in the final two quarters and limited the Commodores to only 7:48 of possession time during this span.

THE BEAT ROLLS ON

■ Coming off one of the best seasons for a running back in school history, **Dwone Hicks** picked up where he left off in 2000 by blasting the Vanderbilt defense in week one. Hicks, a Doak Walker and All-America candidate, had a career best 37 carries for 203 yards and four touchdowns. The 37 rushes tied for the second most in school history for a single-game, while his 200-yard effort was the second of his young career (needs one more 200-yard game to tie Joe Campbell's school mark of three).

COUNTS GETS NO. 5

■ Senior quarterback **Wes Counts** tossed his fifth 300-yard passing game of his career when he rang up 308 yards in the win over Vanderbilt. Counts' five 300-yard games are

GAME CAPTAINS

Vanderbilt: Counts, Newson, Bradley, Brown

HEAD COACH ANDY MCCOLLUM

2000 TSWA Coach of the Year

One of the most fierce recruiters in the nation, Andy McCollum is in his third season as head coach at Middle Tennessee where he owns a mark of 10-13, including a 6-5 mark in 2000. After leading the Blue Raiders to a winning season last year in only the programs second campaign in I-A, McCollum was tabbed the 2000 Tennessee Sports Writers Association Coach of the Year.

A former coach and player under legendary Blue Raider coach Boots Donnelly, McCollum has brought with him an exciting offensive strategy and a defensive scheme predicated on speed. In his first year, the Blue Raiders set four team records and 15 single-game and/or single-season marks. The Middle Tennessee passing offense ranked 32nd in the nation, while two receivers were rated among the top 26 in catches per game. In his second season, the offense set a school record with five 40-plus point games, and then added three individual single-game marks, five individual single-season records, and five individual career marks.

McCollum, who was at Middle Tennessee in the mid '80s, made his way back to Murfreesboro after nine years as an assistant at Baylor and UTEP.

In 1989, McCollum, 41, left Middle Tennessee to become wide receivers coach under offensive coordinator David Culley at Texas-El Paso. That year, UTEP was rated 10th nationally in passing. From 1990-93, McCollum was in charge of the linebackers, while doubling as the special teams coordinator.

In 1993, McCollum joined Chuck Reedy's staff at Baylor as linebackers coach and immediately earned a reputation as an outstanding recruiter and top-flight tactician. In 1995 and 1996, McCollum was rated among the top ten recruiters in the nation by Max Emfinger.

In the spring of 1995, he left for the University of Tennessee to serve as linebacker coach but returned seven weeks later to take over the role of assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at Baylor.

As defensive coordinator in 1995, the Bears ranked No. 5 nationally in total defense, No. 5 in pass defense, No. 9 in scoring defense and No. 12 in rushing defense. As special teams coordinator that same season, the Bears were deemed as having the SWC's top unit after recording eight blocked punts and converting four of those into touchdowns.

McCollum, who was named Middle Tennessee's 13th head coach on Dec. 8, 1998, got his start in coaching when Donnelly picked up the phone in 1981 and asked him to be a graduate assistant. After just one year as a graduate assistant in which he was head coach of the junior varsity squad, McCollum was named full-time in 1982.

From 1981-84, McCollum served as an assistant coach working with wide receivers, tight ends and special teams. In 1985, MT was ranked No. 1 in I-AA going 11-0 in regular season play. In 1988, McCollum's Blue Raider secondary led the nation in pass defense and set three new NCAA records.

During his time as an assistant at Middle Tennessee, McCollum recruited or coached the likes of Dwight Stone, Tony Burse, David Little, Don Griffin, Vince Hall, Kenny Tippens, Marty Carter, Walter Dunson, Steve Dark and Ricky Martin. All of the above are former Blue Raider greats who are either playing in the NFL or did at one time.

McCollum, from Marietta, GA, graduated from Austin Peay in 1981, where he was a four-year letterman as an offensive guard and tight end and later earned his masters degree from MT in 1983.

McCollum, who has coached eight all-Americans, 29 all-conference picks and 24 players who have moved to the NFL, is married to the former Gwen Wilkinson. The couple has one son, Drew, and a daughter, Andrea.

In Just 2+ Years, McCollum Has ...

- Gone from 3 wins to 6 in the program's first two years of I-A football
- Been picked to win the Sun Belt Conference in its inaugural season
- Developed a 1,000-yard rusher (Dwone Hicks)
- Had the nation's 16th ranked offense (2000)
- Improved 31 spots in total defense from year one to year two
- Had the nation's third leading scorer (2000)
- Improved 70 spots in the national rankings in rushing offense
- Had a receiver ranked among the nation's top 20 both years
- Produced a first team Freshman All-American (Brandon Westbrook)
- Sent two coaches to the NFL
- Amassed an 8-2 record at home
- Gone 5-1 in the month of November
- Seen his offense score 30 or more points 11 times in 23 games

OVER THE AIR WAVES

■ All Blue Raider football games can be heard on WBOZ FM 104.9 and all across middle Tennessee on WMOT FM 89.5 and WVRY 105.1. WBOZ will be carrying Blue Raider football for the sixth straight season, while WMOT is back for a fourth straight year on the network following a six-year absence. Dick Palmer is in his 21st season as the Blue Raiders' play-by-play announcer, while former MT assistant coach Preston O'Neal is handling the color analysis for the eighth straight year. MT Marketing and Promotions director, Chip Walters, will be handling sideline commentary and locker room interviews.

INTERNET BROADCAST

■ All Blue Raider football games can be heard over the internet by going to the athletic web site (GoBlueRaiders.com) then clicking on the link located on the top righthand side the of front page.

MCCOLLUM RADIO SHOW

■ Coach Andy McCollum's weekly call-in show airs each Thursday night from 7 PM to 8 PM from the Tennessee Radio Network and other remote locations. The show will be aired on WBOZ FM 104.9 and WGNS 1450 AM. The show is hosted by Chip Walters and NewsChannel 5's Mark Howard.

MCCOLLUM TV SHOW

■ The Andy McCollum television show can be seen each Tuesday night at 6:30 PM on CSS (2.5 million homes) (Ch. 27). The show can also be seen during the week on MTSU Cable 9 throughout Rutherford County. The show will also be shown each Thursday at 6:30 AM on College Sports Southeast. The show is hosted by Chip Walters, who is in his eighth year.

MT PRESS CONFERENCE

■ Middle Tennessee head coach Andy McCollum will hold a weekly football press conference on Mondays at 2:30 PM. The conference will be held in the new meeting room at Floyd Stadium adjacent to the weight room. The conference, which will be shown **LIVE** over the internet at GoBlueRaiders.com, will also include three players each week for media convenience.

SBC TELECONFERENCE

■ Middle Tennesee head coach Andy McCollum will appear on the weekly Sun Belt Conference Teleconference call each Monday from 11:05 AM - 11:15 AM. For the call-in number, please contact Mark Owens or the Sun Belt Conference.

the most by any signal-caller in Blue Raider history. The Murfreesboro native, who did not top the 300-yard mark in 2000, owns the single-game throwing mark with 362 yards set against Wofford in 1999.

HICKS TOPS 100 ... AGAIN

■ Junior **Dwone Hicks** recorded his 10th 100-yard rushing game when he collected 203 against Vanderbilt. Hicks had eight 100-yard games in 2000 and one in 1999. Five of Hicks' 100-yard efforts have come at home.

NEWSON MOST PRODUCTIVE

■ Arguably the most productive wide receiver in school history is senior **Kendall Newson**. The Decatur, GA, native enters the Troy State game as Middle Tennessee's career leader in receptions, receiving yards and 100-yard games. The only career mark Newson does not hold is touchdowns where he is currently fifth with 14, but only seven behind all-time leader Herbert Owenby (21).

100-YD RECEIVING GAMES

■ Under Andy McCollum, the Blue Raiders have had 15 100-yard receiving games with 14 of those coming from wide receivers and one from a running back. **Kendall Newson**, who owns the school record with 11, has had nine under Coach Mac, while **Tyrone Calico** has registered four. **Hansford Johnson** also has one, while **Don Calloway** owns the other.

NEWSON STREAK AMONG BEST

■ Senior **Kendall Newson**, who has nearly every receiving record, owns the 3rd longest active consecutive reception streak in the country. The Decatur, GA, native enters the Troy State game with at least one reception in **33** straight contests. His streak is also tied for the longest in school history. Newson, however, is not the only Blue Raider with a streak. Junior **Tyrone Calico** enters the TSU game with a catch in 23 straight games.

Active Consecutive Receptions Streak

1.	Ron Johnson, Sr., Minnesota	36
	John Simon, Sr., RB, La. Tech	36
3.	**Kendall Newson, Sr., MT**	33
	Delwyn Daigre, Sr., La. Tech	33
	Orlando Iglesias, Sr., Houston	33
6.	Tim Stratton, Sr., Purdue	30
7.	Kurt Gerling, Sr., Bowling Green	28
8.	Kelly Campbell, Sr., Ga. Tech	25
	Terrence Edwards, Jr., Georgia	25
	Lee Mays, Sr., UTEP	25
11.	Keenan Howry, Jr., Oregon	24
	Kareem Kelly, Jr., USC	24
13.	**Tyrone Calico, Jr., MT**	23

MOVING UP TD CHART

■ With four touchdowns at Vanderbilt, **Dwone Hicks** ran his career total to 28. That ranks tied for fourth on Middle Tennessee's all-time list with Walter Dunson. Two more scores will put him in a tie for third with Gerald Anderson. In the rushing touchdown department, Hicks has 26 for his career which stands tied for the fifth most in school history.

MR. VERSATILITY

■ Senior **Hansford Johnson** is the definition of Mr. Versatility. During his career, the wide receiver has completed 5 of 7 passes for 129 yards and two touchdowns, has returned 43 punts for 500 yards and brought back 21 kickoffs for 201 yards. All of this and he has still managed to register 95 catches for 968 yards and seven touchdowns. Last season alone, Johnson caught two touchdown passes, threw two scoring strikes and ran for a touchdown making him the first Blue Raider to pass, rush and receive a TD since **Jonathan Quinn** in 1995.

COUNTS EYEING TD MARK

■ Senior signal-caller **Wes Counts** enters the Troy State game with 33 career touchdown passes. That mark ties him with Mickey Corwin (1983-84) for third place. Counts needs three more scoring strikes to equal Kelly Holcomb's total of 36 for second. The career leader in touchdown passes at Middle Tennessee is Teddy Morris, who had 41 from 1962-65.

COUNTS ADDS TO RECORD

■ **Wes Counts**, the all-time completions leader, added to his record in the win over Vandy with 27 completions. Counts, who now has 545 completions for his career, equalled his third best effort with 27 completions. The Murfreesboro natives personal best mark for completions is 29 set against Louisiana Tech and UCF.

BEST CATCH OF 2000

■ Junior wide receiver **Tyrone Calico's** catch at Mississippi State last year was voted uanimously by a panel of broadcasters and sports writers as the nation's "Best Reception of 2001". The play came from 42 yards out when he snared a pass one-handed on the sideline, split three defenders (main one being Fred Smoot) and raced to the endzone.

NO. 2 ALL-TIME

■ If it was not for all-America candidate and current teammate **Kendall Newson**, the all-time leader in receptions at Middle Tennessee would be junior **Tyrone Calico**. The Millington, TN, native enters the Troy State

SUN BELT CONFERENCE PRESEASON HONORS

Coaches

1. Middle Tennessee 43 (3)
2. Idaho 41 (2)
3. New Mexico State 39 (2)
4. North Texas 24
5. Arkansas State 19
Louisiana-Lafayette 19
7. Louisiana-Monroe 11

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1. Middle Tennessee 45 (4)
2. Idaho 44 (2)
3. New Mexico State 35 (1)
4. North Texas 26
5. Arkansas State 17
Louisiana-Lafayette 17
7. Louisiana-Monroe 12

Offense

Offensive Line: Garry Johnson, Jr., Arkansas State; Larry Pink, Sr., Louisiana-Monroe; Brandon Westbrook, So., Middle Tennessee; Tony Wragge, Sr., New Mexico State; Nick Zuniga, So., North Texas **Tight End**: Geoff Franks, Sr., Idaho **Wide Receivers**: Chris Lacy, Sr., Idaho; Kendall Newson, Sr., Middle Tennessee **Quarterback** : John Welsh, Sr., Idaho **Running Backs:** Dwone Hicks, Jr., Middle Tennessee; Kenton Keith, Sr., New Mexico State

Defense

Defensive Line: *Tanaka Scott, Sr., Middle Tennessee; Wil Beck, Sr., Idaho; Derrick Marshall, Sr., Louisiana-Lafayette; Corey Williams, Jr., Arkansas State **Linebackers**: *Brad Kassell, Sr., North Texas; Brad Rice, Sr., Idaho; D'Wayne Taylor, Sr., New Mexico State **Defensive Backs**: Dedrick Buckles, Sr., Louisiana-Monroe; Don McGee, Jr., North Texas; Corey Paul, Sr., New Mexico State; Charles Tillman, Jr., Louisiana-Lafayette

Special Teams

Kicker: Brian Kelly, So., Middle Tennessee **Punter**: Jason Ball, Sr., North Texas **Return Specialist**: James Hickenbotham, So., Arkansas State

Preseason Offensive Player of the Year: Dwone Hicks, Jr., RB, Middle Tennessee
Preseason Defensive Player of the Year: Brad Kassell, Sr., North Texas

STORY IDEAS

■ The strength and conditioning staff charted **Kendall Newson** during a three-hour workout for a Position Demand Analysis. How many steps he walked, jogged, and ran were calculated and put into yards. They charted Newson during a morning practice in full pads. Newson walked 1,055 yards (87 reps), ran 1,505 yards (84 reps) and sprinted 1,415 yards (80 reps) for a total of 3,975 yards or 2.3 miles. Newson's longest run of the practice was 45 yards, while his shortest was five yards. Take into consideration that one football game works out to about 72 snaps.

■ Middle Tennessee's **Band of Blue** is now the largest college marching band in the state of Tennessee and is tied with Michigan for the sixth largest college marching band in the nation. The Band of Blue's 350 members is larger than the University of Tennessee's Pride of the Southland Band which has 330 members.

■ QB **Wes Counts'** father is an associate athletic director for Middle Tennessee and his mother is the academic advisor for the Blue Raider football program. Wes, who already has his degree, used to carry cable on the sidelines for current QB coach Alex Robins.

■ Newcomer **Kerry Wright** owns the team's top 40 time at 4.38 and the best vertical leap at 37 inches. The sophomore also turned in a time of 3.92 in the 5-10-5 short shuttle run, which would have been the third best time at the 2001 NFL Combines.

■ Sophomore running back **Don Calloway** has 16 brothers and sisters. His brother Selma was a running back at Georgia.

■ Former walk-on **Joey Montalbano**, who was the 2001 Lifter of the Year for the Blue Raiders, was put on scholarship during two-a-day camp which was a total surprise to the Nashville, TN native. Montalbano, who starts on MT's kickoff team, is 5-9, 200, but bench presses 390.

■ QB **Jason Johnson** was a receiver for Warwick High School in Newport News, VA, his junior year. The quarterback for Warwick that season was a guy by the name of Michael Vick, who was an all-American at Virginia Tech.

■ Starting linebacker **Michael Woods**, from Valdosta, GA, is the cousin of current Tennessee Titan linebacker Randall Godfrey.

■ The Blue Raider coaching staff hosts over 400 Boys and Girls Club kids each year for a free clinic at Floyd Stadium. During that same week, Andy McCollum puts on a golf tournament which raised nearly $100,000 in 2001 for the club.

contest with 118 career receptions to stand No. 2 behind Newson's 182.

TD BLAND

■ Safety **Kareem Bland** has shown during his brief career that he has a knack for the end zone and making big plays. The Conley, GA native enters the TSU game with four career touchdowns. His scores have come on two interceptions, a fumbled punt and a fumble.

Opponent	Play	Result
UT-Martin (1999)	61-YD INT	TD
UT-Martin (1999)	4-YD Fumbled Punt	TD
La. Tech (1999)	80-YD Fumble	TD
UConn (2000)	71-YD INT	TD

HONORING GILLESPIE

■ The Blue Raider football team will wear the initials of the late Cliff Gillespie on their helmets during the 2001 campaign to honor the former vice-president for enrollment management. Gillespie lost a four-year battle with cancer on July 19. Aside from his duties at the University, Gillespie was a big supporter of Blue Raider athletics and had forged a close relationship with head coach Andy McCollum.

POMP & CIRCUMSTANCE

■ Wes Counts has something on the rest of his teammates. Counts is the only Blue Raider to have received an undergraduate degree. He completed his degree requirements in Concrete Industry Management and is currently pursuing a master's degree in business. Counts, a redshirt senior from Murfreesboro, completed his degree in four years and had to continue in graduate school to maintain his eligibility.

LOU GROZA WATCH

■ Middle Tennessee place kicker **Brian Kelly** has been placed on the watch list for the Lou Groza Award for the top collegiate kicker in 2001. Kelly proved his mettle last season, connecting on 11 of 13 field goal attempts and 39 of 44 PATs. Kelly is 1-for-2 in the field goal department this season.

QUICK HITTERS

■ The Blue Raiders are 6-0 all-time when **Dwone Hicks** gets at least 18 carries in a game.

■ Against Vanderbilt, the Blue Raiders held the ball for 39:55. That ranks as the longest under Andy McCollum.

■ Middle Tennessee's third quarter scoring drive against Vanderbilt lasted 6:47 on the clock, which is the longest drive (time-wise) in the McCollum era.

■ In his last 12 games, **Dwone Hicks** has tallied 23 rushing touchdowns.

■ In 33 career games played, **Kendall Newson** has caught at least eight passes in a game 11 times.

■ WR **Nick Payne's** third quarter reception against Vanderbilt was his first grab since 1999 and just the third of his career.

■ First time starters against Vanderbilt were C Glen Elarbee, DB Wardell Alsup, LB Brandon Lynch, LB Michael Woods, LB Sheldon Durham, DT Thomas Johnson and DE Samuel Smith.

■ DB **Jykine Bradley** is the only returner to this year's team who started every game in 2000.

HOW TO SAY IT

Wardell Alsup ..... **all-supp**
Nathan Blasi ..... **blay-Zee**
Jykine Bradley ..... **wah-KEEN**
Shavaskey Brown ..... **Shuh-Vah-skee**
Brett Bucher ..... **BOOKER**
Curtis Daniely ..... **dan-LEE**
Seth Grabo ..... **Gray-bow**
Chris Hough ..... **Huff**
Hashem Joyner ..... **Hah-Sheem**
Chris Matusek ..... **mah-two-seck**
Joe Moos ..... **Mews**
Jonathan Proby ..... **Pro-bee**
Josh Willoughby ..... **willow-bee**
David Youell ..... **YOU-uhl**
Kai Zeigler ..... **Kye Zigler**

INJURIES

■ WR Kendall Newson (wrist sprain/probable) ... LB Louis Kemp (concussion/probable) ... OL Kevin Pascoe (ankle/probable) ... LB Chris Hough (ankle/probable) ... OL Glen Elarbee (hand/probable).

BLUE RAIDER OFFENSE IN THE I-A ERA

Year	Games	Pts.	Total Yds.	Rushing Yds	Passing Yds	Turnovers
1999	11	272	3936	1225	2711	27
2000	11	350	4769	2138	2631	20
2001	1	37	608	300	308	1
Total	**23**	**659**	**9313**	**3663**	**5650**	**48**
Avg.		*(28.7)*	*(404.9)*	*(159.3)*	*(245.7)*	*(2.1)*

CAREER TOP TEN WATCH LIST

RUSHING

Rushing Yards

3823	Joe Campbell (638-3823)	1988-91
3678	Mike Moore (807-3678)	1974-77
3286	Kippy Bayless (599-3286)	1991-94
3075	Vince Hall (533-3075)	1981-84
2862	Gerald Anderson (545-2862)	1984-87
2524	Bobby Young (186-2524)	1951-53
2250	Brigham Lyons (419-2250)	1992-95
2150	K. Green (403-2150)	1996-99
2100	Lebrian McGill (451-2100)	1994-97
1760	Ricky Martin (294-1760)	1987-90
	Keep Your Eye On	
1662	**Dwone Hicks (262-1662)**	**1999-**

Rushing TDs

44	Joe Campbell	1988-91
38	Kippy Bayless	1991-94
27	Walter Dunson	1990-92
27	Gerald Anderson	1984-87
26	**Dwone Hicks**	**1999-01**
26	Dwight Stone	1985-86
26	Brigham Lyons	1992-95
24	Mike Moore	1974-77
23	Ricky Martin	1987-90
20	K. Green	1996-99

PASSING

Pass Attempts

861	Kelly Holcomb (501-861-25)	1991-94
856	**Wes Counts (545-856-20)**	**1998-01**
675	Jonathan Quinn (346-675-26)	1995-97
594	Marvin Collier (292-594-26)	1985-88
587	Teddy Morris (326-587-34)	1962-65
549	Billy Walker (286-549-32)	1964-67
537	Mike Robinson (228-537-46)	1974-77
534	Brown Sanford (242-534-32)	1979-81,83
447	Phil Ironside (258-447-11)	1988-90
398	Mickey Corwin (237-398-19)	1983-84

Pass Completions

545	**Wes Counts (545-856-20)**	**1998-01**
501	Kelly Holcomb (501-861-25)	1991-94
346	Jonathan Quinn (346-675-26)	1995-97
326	Teddy Morris (326-587-34)	1962-65
292	Marvin Collier (292-594-26)	1985-88
286	Billy Walker (286-549-32)	1964-67
258	Phil Ironside (258-447-11)	1988-90
242	Brown Sanford (242-534-32)	1979-81,83
237	Mickey Corwin (237-398-19)	1983-84
228	Mike Robinson (228-537-46)	1974-77

Passing Yards

7064	Kelly Holcomb (501-861-25)	1991-94
5988	**Wes Counts (545-856-20)**	**1998-01**
4864	Jonathan Quinn (346-675-26)	1995-97
4799	Teddy Morris (326-587-34)	1962-65
4234	Marvin Collier (292-594-26)	1985-88
3664	Billy Walker (286-549-32)	1964-67
3533	Phil Ironside (258-447-11)	1988-90
3302	Brown Sanford (242-534-32)	1979-81,83
3281	Mike Robinson (228-537-46)	1974-77
3223	Mickey Corwin (237-398-19)	1983-84

Passing TDs

41	Teddy Morris	1962-65
36	Kelly Holcomb	1991-94
33	**Wes Counts**	**1998-00**
33	Mickey Corwin	1983-84
30	Billy Walker	1964-67
29	Marvin Collier	1985-88
28	Jonathan Quinn	1995-97
22	Bob Hallum	1957-58
20	Phil Ironside	1988-90
19	Mike Robinson	1974-77

TOTAL OFFENSE

Total Offense Yards

6998	Kelly Holcomb (1074--66)	1991-94
6036	**Wes Counts (1067-45)**	**1998-01**
5886	Marvin Collier (1085-1652)	1985-88
5566	Teddy Morris (918-767)	1962-65
5026	Jonathan Quinn (826-162)	1995-97
3915	Joe Campbell (642-3823)	1988-91
3854	Billy Walker (818-190)	1964-67
3740	Mike Moore (809-3678)	1974-77
3532	Phil Ironside (599--1)	1988-90
3432	Mike Robinson (889-151)	1974-77

Total Offense Plays (300)

1085	Marvin Collier	1985-88
1067	**Wes Counts**	**1998-Present**
918	Teddy Morris	1962-65
888	Mike Robinson	1974-77
809	Mike Moore	1974-77
714	Kelly Holcomb	1991-94

RECEIVING

Receiving Yards

2391	**Kendall Newson (182-2391)**	**1998-01**
2205	D. Mostiller (110-2205)	1993-96
1757	Herbert Owenby (110-1757)	1964-67
1558	Vince Parks (81-1558)	1988-92
1530	**Tyrone Calico (118-1530)**	**1999-01**
1367	George Dykes (62-1367)	1961-63
1239	Cory Simpson (66-1239)	1992-94
1202	Mike Pittman (70-1202)	1984-87
1190	David Stewart (87-1190)	1969-72
1176	Matt Lowe (99-1176)	1995-98

Receptions

182	**Kendall Newson (182-2391)**	**1998-01**
118	**Tyrone Calico (118-1530)**	**1999-01**
110	D. Mostiller (110-2205)	1993-96
110	Herbert Owenby (110-1757)	1964-67
99	Matt Lowe (99-1176)	1995-98
95	**H. Johnson (95-968)**	**1998-01**
87	David Stewart (87-1190)	1969-72
82	Jamie Jamison (82-993)	1966-69
81	Sulecio Sanford (81-1081)	1997-98
81	Vince Parks (81-1558)	1988-92

Receiving TDs

21	Herbert Owenby	1964-67
18	D. Mostiller	1993-96
16	George Dykes	1961-63
16	G.E. McCormack	1955-58
14	**Kendall Newson**	**1998-00**
13	Mike Pittman	1984-87
13	Vince Parks	1988-92
12	Cory Simpson	1992-94
11	Sulecio Sanford	1997-98
10	Jerry Smith	1962-65

SCORING

Points Scored

280	Garth Petrilli (166 PAT)	1991-94
272	Joe Campbell (45 TD)	1988-91
261	Kelly Potter (52 FG)	1981-84
260	Kippy Bayless (43 TD)	1991-94
214	Keegan Ray (109 PAT, 14 FG)	1996-99
191	Bobby Young	1951-53
180	Gerald Anderson (30 TD)	1984-87
176	Joe Lisle (35 FG)	1987-89
168	**Dwone Hicks (28 TD)**	**1999-**
168	Walter Dunson (28 TD)	1990-92

Points Scored by Kicking

280	Garth Petrilli (166 PAT)	1991-94
261	Kelly Potter (52 FG)	1981-84
214	Keegan Ray (109 PAT, 14 FG)	1996-99
176	Joe Lisle (35 FG)	1987-89
121	Archie Arrington (55 PAT)	1970, 72-74
117	Dick Martin (14 FG)	1985-86
110	Matt Crews (19 FG)	1988-90
101	M.A. Robinson (16 FG)	1974-77
78	**Brian Kelly (12 FG)**	**2000-Present**
70	Paul Barnett (64 PAT)	1965-67

Touchdowns Scored

45	Joe Campbell	1988-91
43	Kippy Bayless	1991-94
30	Gerald Anderson	1984-87
28	**Dwone Hicks**	**1999-01**
28	Walter Dunson	1990-92
27	Brigham Lyons	1992-95
26	Dwight Stone	1985-86
25	Mike Moore	1974-77
24	Ricky Martin	1987-90
22	Vince Hall	1981-84

PUNT RETURNS

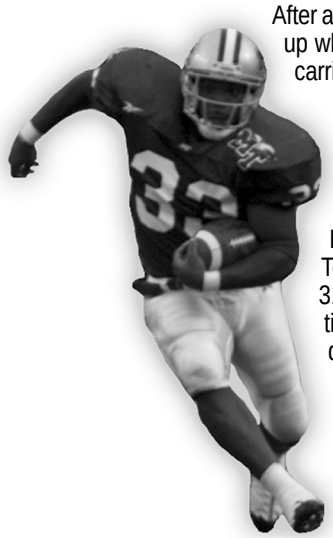
Punt Return Yards

1036	Orlando Crenshaw (121-1036)	1988-91
683	Don Griffin (88-683)	1982-85
637	Dennis Mimms (68-637)	1991-94
598	Robert Alford (46-598)	1984-87
520	**Hansford Johnson (45-520)**	**1998-01**
374	Raymond Bonner (63-374)	1969,71-72
355	Demetric Mostiller (47-355)	1993-96
263	Steve Edging (28-263)	1965-66
258	Jimbo Pearson (21-258)	1960-61,63-64
252	Sonny Anderson (49-252)	1972-75

Punt Returns

121	Orlando Crenshaw (121-1036)	1988-91
88	Don Griffin (88-683)	1982-85
68	Dennis Mimms (68-637)	1991-94
63	Raymond Bonner (63-374)	1969,71-72
49	Sonny Anderson (49-252)	1972-75
47	Demetric Mostiller (47-355)	1993-96
46	Robert Alford (46-598)	1984-87
45	**Hansford Johnson (45-520)**	**1998-01**
40	Taylor Edwards (40-188)	1967-70
31	Sidney Pigg (31-206)	1981-82

Doak Walker Candidate
All-America Candidate



After a record-breaking sophomore season, Dwone Hicks picked up where he left off a year ago by rolling up 203 yards on 37 carries and scored four touchdowns in the win over Vanderbilt.

In 2000, Hicks earned national attention when he rushed for 1,277 yards and 19 touchdowns to lead Middle Tennessee's 16th rated offense. The Huntsville, AL, native also finished third nationally in scoring with 126 points, was 15th in rushing, and 30th in all-purpose yards. Hicks' eye-opening performance came against Louisiana Tech when he rolled over the Bulldogs for a school record 311 yards and six touchdowns. That effort earned him national recognition on ESPN and easily gave him Independent Football Player of the Week honors.

Hicks continued to rack up the awards and recognition as the 2001 season approached. He was named preseason Sun Belt Conference Offensive Player of the Year, making him the first-ever recipient of the honor.

Dwone Hicks, who had a year to remember in 2000, is the Sun Belt Conference's Preseason Offensive Player of the Year.

Hicks' Career Stats

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1999	39	182	4.7	12	3
2000	186	1277	6.9	79	19
2001	37	203	5.5	33	4
Total	262	1662	6.3	79	26
Receiving	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**LG**	**TD**
1999	5	18	3.6	13	0
2000	19	181	9.5	28	2
2001	0	0	0	0	0
Total	24	199	8.3	28	2

Hicks Game-By-Game

2001

at Vanderbilt	37-203-4

2000

at Illinois	17-134-0
at Florida	15-64-0
Murray State	23-114-2
at Maryland	16-117-1
Louisiana Tech	32-311-6
Louisiana-Monroe	22-105-3
at UAB	8-14-0
at Mississippi State	13-116-1
at Connecticut	18-184-4
South Florida	20-110-2
UL-Lafayette	2-8-0

1999

at Mississippi State	0-0-0
at Arizona	0-0-0
Wofford	0-0-0
at UL-Lafayette	1-10-0
Troy State	1-2-0
at Arkansas	1-0-0
at Louisiana Tech	3-6-1
at Louisiana Monroe	3-10-0
UT Martin	18-104-2
Central Florida	2-12-0
East Tennessee	10-38-0

ALL-AMERICA CANDIDATE
KENDALL NEWSON

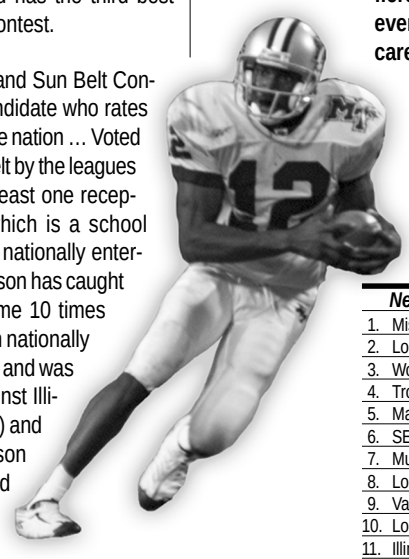
Newson's I-A Game-by-Game

1999	No.	Yds	TD	Lg
at Mississippi State	2	16	0	11
at Arizona Wildcats	5	61	0	32
Wofford	11	162	2	39
at Louisiana-Lafayette	7	170	0	58
Troy State	8	138	0	41
at Arkansas	7	35	0	11
at Louisiana Tech	8	117	1	49
at Louisiana-Monroe	5	51	0	18
UT Martin	3	29	1	13
UCF	7	87	1	48
East Tennessee	6	52	0	13
2000	**No.**	**Yds**	**TD**	**Lg**
at Illinois	9	100	0	22
at Florida	3	33	0	23
Murray State	6	63	0	34
at Maryland	10	135	2	29
Louisiana Tech	7	103	0	45
Louisiana-Monroe	8	76	1	18
at UAB	2	16	0	8
at Mississippi State	9	180	0	37
at Connecticut	8	69	0	16
South Florida	4	85	2	38
Louisiana-Lafayette	8	85	0	17
2001	**No.**	**Yds**	**TD**	**Lg**
at Vanderbilt	9	113	0	28

In the Record Book: Owns the single-season record for receptions and yards ... Holds the career mark for receptions, yards and 100-yard receiving games ... Stands fourth all-time in touchdown receptions ... Is tied for the second most catches in a single-game and has the third best total for receiving yards in a contest.

Noteworthy: An all-America and Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year candidate who rates as one of the top receivers in the nation ... Voted preseason first team all-Sun Belt by the leagues coaches ... Has hauled in at least one reception in 33 straight games, which is a school record and ranks tied for third nationally entering the 2001 campaign ... Newson has caught at least eight passes in a game 10 times over his career ... Ranked 19th nationally in receptions per game in 1999 and was 10th in 2000 ... Last year against Illinois (Big Ten), Maryland (ACC) and Mississippi State (SEC), Newson combined for 28 catches and 415 yards.

"Kendall Newson is the fiercest competitor I have ever been around in my career as a coach."
Andy McCollum



Newson's 100-Yard Games

1.	Mississippi State (10/28/00)	180
2.	Louisiana-Lafayette (9/25/99)	170
3.	Wofford (9/18/99)	162
4.	Troy State (10/2/99)	138
5.	Maryland (9/23/00)	135
6.	SEMO (10/31/98)	132
7.	Murray State (10/10/98)	129
8.	Louisiana Tech (10/16/99)	117
9.	Vanderbilt (8/30/01)	113
10.	Louisiana Tech (10/7/00)	103
11.	Illinois (9/2/00)	100

MIDDLE TENNESSEE
DEPTH CHART

Offense

QB	17	Wes Counts (6-1, 185, r-Sr.)
	16	Jason Johnson (6-2, 216, Sr.)
TB	33	Dwone Hicks (5-11, 225, Jr.)
	24	Reshard Lee (5-10, 219, So.)
WR	27	Tyrone Calico (6-4, 224, r-Jr.)
	4	Nick Payne (6-4, 179, r-Jr.)
WR	80	David Youell (5-11, 178, r-Jr.)
	83	Sean Saylor (6-0, 180, Sr.)
WR	12	Kendall Newson (6-2, 185, Sr.)
	8	Hashem Joyner (5-10, 152, So.)
WR	3	Hansford Johnson (5-8, 163, Sr.)
	1	Kerry Wright (5-9, 172, So.)
TE	82	Lucas Frost (6-3, 267, r-Jr.)
	13	Quan Domineck (6-5, 240, Fr.)
LT	59	Brandon Westbrook (6-6, 288, r-So.)
	74	Jonathan Proby (6-3, 285, r-Jr.)
LG	72	David Coy (6-4, 288, Jr.)
	71	Jonathan Barry (6-2, 320, Sr.)
C	57	Glen Elarbee (6-2, 269, r-Jr.)
	65	Joe Moos (6-2, 285, r-So.)
RG	77	Kevin Pascoe (6-3, 288, r-Jr.)
	73	Bill Brasch (6-4, 298, So.)
RT	67	Julius Gant (6-4, 288, So.)
	75	Brandon Parker (6-7, 322, Jr.)

Defense

LE	90	Samuel Smith (6-4, 248, Jr.)
	86	Wes Stephens (6-4, 253, r-Sr.)
T	93	Thomas Johnson (6-3, 286, So.)
	97	Jerry Vanderpool (6-3, 272, r-Fr.)
RE	92	Tanaka Scott (6-2, 267, Sr.)
	96	Curtis Daniely (6-5, 280, Jr.)
LB	47	Sheldon Durham (6-2, 223, Jr.)
	40	Chris Gatlin (6-1, 223, Jr.)
MIKE	41	Scotty Brown (6-2, 231, Sr.)
	54	Randy Arnold (5-11, 222, Jr.)
RB	52	Louis Kemp (5-8, 210, r-Sr.)
	46	Chris Hough (6-1, 200, r-Fr.)
LP	2	Michael Woods (6-2, 203, So.)
	10	Chris Johnson (5-10, 180, Jr.)
RP	42	Brandon Lynch (6-0, 177, So.)
	18	Joe McClendon (5-10, 180, So.)
LC	19	Jykine Bradley (5-10, 186, Sr.)
	29	Rod Higgins (5-10, 175, Jr.)
FS	11	Kareem Bland (6-1, 194, r-Jr.)
	38	Johnathan Shaw (6-0, 216, Jr.)
RC	6	Wardell Alsup (5-10, 153, So.)
	5	Muhammad Rashada (5-11, 168, So.)

LP: Left Pony
RP: Right Pony
Ponies are a combination LB/DB

Specialists

PK	22	Brian Kelly (6-0, 172, So.)
	49	Brad Cooper (6-3, 170, So.)
P	20	Robert Billings (6-0, 200, r-So.)
	17	Wes Counts (6-1, 185, r-Sr.)
PR	3	Hansford Johnson (5-8, 163, Sr.)
	1	Kerry Wright (5-9, 172, So.)
DS	37	Chris Matusek (5-10, 200, Sr.)
	86	Wes Stephens (6-4, 253, r-Sr.)
KR	5	Muhammad Rashada (5-11, 168, So.)
	24	Reshard Lee (5-10, 219, So.)
KO	49	Brad Cooper (6-3, 170, So.)
	22	Brian Kelly (6-0, 172, So.)
H	80	David Youell (5-11, 178, r-Jr.)

2001 NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	B'DAY	MAJOR	HOMETOWN/HS/JC
1	Kerry Wright	WR	5-9	172	So.	7/30/81	Undecided	East Point, GA/Tri-Cities HS
2	Michael Woods	LB	6-2	203	So.	4/3/82	Undecided	Valdosta, GA/Lowndes Co. HS
3	Hansford Johnson	WR	5-8	163	Sr.	10/2/80	Finance	Norcross, GA/Norcross
4	Nick Payne	WR	6-4	179	r-Sr.	3/10/79	Management	Florissant, MO/Hazelwood Cent./Hutch. CC
5	Muhammad Rashada	DB	5-11	175	So.	10/4/80	Management	Augusta, GA/Richmond Academy
6	Wardell Alsup	DB	5-10	161	So.	1/17/82	Undecided	Murfreesboro, TN/Oakland HS
7	Andre Green	QB	6-1	212	Fr.	2/24/83	Undecided	Fayetteville, GA/Sandy Creek HS
8	Hashem Joyner	WR	5-10	152	So.	9/16/80	Undecided	College Park, GA/North Clayton HS
9	Andrico Hines	QB	6-3	221	Jr.	12/10/80	Undecided	Riverdale, GA/Southwest Miss. CC
10	Chris Johnson	DB	5-10	180	Jr.	11/3/80	Concrete Ind. Mgmt.	Freeport, FL/Niceville HS
11	Kareem Bland	DB	6-1	194	r-Jr.	3/6/80	Physical Education	Conley, GA/Cedar Grove
12	Kendall Newson	WR	6-2	185	Sr.	3/5/80	University Studies	Decatur, GA/Columbia
13	Quan Domineck	TE	6-5	240	Fr.	8/11/83	Undecided	Ellenwood, GA/Cedar Grove HS
15	Lance Phillips	QB	6-2	216	r-Sr.	8/9/78	University Studies	Smyrna, TN/Brentwood Academy
16	Jason Johnson	QB	6-2	216	Sr.	9/6/79	University Studies	Newport News, VA/NW Mississippi CC
17	Wes Counts	QB	6-1	185	r-Sr.	5/24/78	Concrete Ind. Mgmt.	Murfreesboro, TN/Oakland
18	Joe McClendon	LB	5-10	180	So.	3/9/82	Undecided	Brunswick, GA/Brunswick HS
19	Jykine Bradley	DB	5-10	186	Sr.	6/5/80	Physical Education	Knoxville, TN/Fulton HS
20	Robert Billings	P	6-0	200	r-So.	9/23/80	Aerospace	Collierville, TN/Collierville HS
21	Jamison Palmer	RB	6-0	206	r-Sr.	3/16/78	Liberal Arts	St. Louis, MO/Hazelwood Cent./Hutchinson CC
22	Brian Kelly	PK	6-0	172	So.	2/15/82	Business	Woodstock, GA/Sequoyah HS
23	Alvin Fite	LB	6-0	213	Fr.	6/18/83	Undecided	Nashville, TN/Hillsboro HS
24	Reshard Lee	RB	5-10	219	So.	10/12/80	Undecided	Brunswick, GA/Brunswick HS
25	Cha Cha Berry	DB	5-10	183	Jr.	11/24/80	Undecided	Quincy, FL/Butler Co. CC
26	Blake Morris	LB	6-3	213	Fr.	1/8/82	Undecided	Cleveland, TN/Bradley Central
27	Tyrone Calico	WR	6-4	224	r-Jr.	11/9/80	Business Mgmt.	Millington, TN/Millington
28	Don Calloway	RB	5-7	174	So.	11/14/80	Undecided	Colquitt, GA/Miller County HS
29	Kendall "Rod" Higgins	DB	5-10	175	Jr.	12/20/80	Physical Education	Acworth, GA/North Cobb HS
30	P.J. Johnson	DB	5-10	191	r-Jr.	4/19/80	Undecided	Owensboro, KY/Owensboro
31	Rondell Newson	WR	6-0	150	r-Jr.	8/17/76	Concrete Ind. Mgmt.	Decatur, GA/Columbia HS
32	Alvin Norris	WR	6-0	188	r-Fr.	12/26/79	Undecided	Decatur, GA/SW Dekalb HS
33	Dwone Hicks	RB	5-11	225	Jr.	4/25/81	Physical Education	Huntsville, AL/Lee HS
36	Shawn Allen	FS	6-1	186	Fr.	3/2/81	Undecided	LaGrange, GA/Troup Co.
37	Chris Matusek	LS	5-10	200	Sr.	6/3/79	Construction Mgmt.	Shelbyville, TN/Shelbyville Central
38	Johnathan Shaw	DB	6-0	216	Jr.	5/23/81	Undecided	Oxford, MS/NW Mississippi CC
39	John Madrick	FB	5-10	230	r-Jr.	9/11/79	Wellness	Covington, KY/Holmes
40	Chris Gatlin	LB	6-1	223	Jr.	9/1/81	Comp. Info. Systems	Spring, TX/Klein HS
41	Scotty Brown	LB	6-2	231	Sr.	2/27/80	Physical Education	Lincolnton, GA/Lincoln Co.
42	Brandon Lynch	LB	6-0	177	So.	1/31/82	Undecided	Hephzibah, GA/Hephzibah HS
43	Avery Hatten	FB	6-2	247	Jr.	10/30/78	Undecided	Hattiesburg, MS/Pearl River CC
44	Fletcher Williams	LB	6-0	218	Fr.	12/8/81	Undecided	Chattanooga, TN/Red Bank HS
45	Billy Durham	LB	5-11	230	Sr.	8/9/78	Graphic Arts	Marietta, GA/Marietta
46	Chris Hough	LB	6-1	200	r-Fr.	1/27/82	Physical Education	Lovejoy, GA/Lovejoy
47	Sheldon Durham	LB	6-2	223	Jr.	2/2/81	Undecided	Norris, SC/Gulf Coast CC
48	Jason Spray	FB	5-10	225	Sr.	7/17/78	Physical Education	Murfreesboro, TN/Oakland
49	Brad Cooper	K	6-3	170	So.	6/20/82	Pre-Medicine	Bowling Green, KY/Greenwood HS
50	Gary Sanders	OL	6-4	312	r-So.	5/8/81	Business Education	Hendersonville, TN/Hendersonville HS
52	Louis Kemp	LB	5-8	210	r-Sr.	7/23/79	Business Mgmt.	Gadsden, AL/Gadsden HS
53	Joey Montalbano	LB	5-9	203	r-So.	12/26/80	Finance	Nashville, TN/Father Ryan HS
54	Randy Arnold	LB	5-11	222	Jr.	3/21/81	Construction Mgmt.	Nashville, TN/Glencliff HS
55	Josh Willoughby	OL	6-4	338	r-So.	10/9/80	Business Education	Antioch, TN/Brentwood Academy
56	Nathan Blasi	C	6-2	276	Jr.	5/14/80	Undecided	Wichita, KS/Butler Co. CC
57	Glen Elarbee	C	6-2	269	r-Jr.	2/27/80	Math Education	Carrollton, GA/Central
58	Anthony Hood	DE	6-2	232	Sr.	4/16/79	Undecided	Hempstead, TX/Blinn JC
59	Brandon Westbrook	OT	6-6	288	r-So.	12/17/80	Management	Cumming, GA/Forsyth Central HS
65	Joe Moos	C	6-2	285	r-So.	3/1/81	Math Education	Murfreesboro, TN/Riverdale HS
67	Julius Gant	OL	6-4	288	So.	1/14/82	Undecided	Atlanta, GA/Southside
69	Brett Trott	OL	6-5	290	Fr.	12/31/82	Undecided	Murfreesboro, TN/Oakland HS
70	Seth Grabo	OL	6-4	275	r-Fr.	11/19/81	Undecided	Fort Walton, FL/Choctawhatchee HS
71	Jonathan Barry	OT	6-2	320	r-Jr.	2/13/80	Aerospace	Hendersonville, TN/Beech
72	David Coy	OG	6-4	288	Jr.	1/10/80	Concrete Ind. Mgmt.	Wentzville, MO/Kemper Military
73	Bill Brasch	OG	6-4	298	So.	1/21/81	Undecided	Jones, OK/NE Oklahoma A&M
74	Jonathan Proby	OT	6-3	285	r-Jr.	12/13/79	Business Mgmt.	Madison, GA/Morgan Co.
75	Brandon Parker	OL	6-7	322	Jr.	10/27/80	Undecided	Catoosa, OK/NE Oklahoma A&M
76	Shavaskey Brown	OL	6-2	332	Fr.	12/7/82	Undecided	LaGrange, GA/LaGrange HS
77	Kevin Pascoe	OL	6-3	288	r-Jr.	3/1/80	Comp. Info. Systems	Palmetto, FL/Palmetto
79	Preston Portley	OG	6-4	302	Jr.	7/21/81	Undecided	Kansas City, KS/Ft. Scott (KS) CC
80	David Youell	WR	5-11	178	r-Jr.	2/1/80	Business Admin.	Sevierville, TN/Sevier Co.
81	Reggie Polk	TE	6-2	244	r-Jr.	8/21/80	Concrete Ind. Mgmt.	Douglasville, GA/Douglas Co.
82	Lucas Frost	TE	6-3	267	r-Jr.	11/18/79	Aerospace	Jonesboro, GA/Jonesboro
83	Sean Saylor	WR	6-0	180	Sr.	2/12/80	Aerospace	Louisville, KY/Trinity HS
84	Reggie Jones	WR	6-3	225	Jr.	12/26/79	Undecided	Atlanta, GA/Middle Georgia JC
85	Chris Henry	WR	5-9	163	Fr.	8/25/82	Undecided	Kingsport, TN/Dobyns-Bennett HS
86	Wes Stephens	OLB	6-4	253	r-Sr.	9/22/79	Physical Education	Nashville, TN/McGavock
88	Brett Bucher	TE	6-5	239	r-So.	10/28/80	Undecided	Huntsville, AL/Lee HS
89	Curt Brown	LB	6-2	230	Fr.	1/8/83	Undecided	Loudon, TN/Loudon Co. HS
90	Samuel Smith	DE	6-4	258	Jr.	8/21/79	Undecided	Moss Point, MS/Gulf Coast CC
91	Steve Ellison	DT	5-11	268	r-Jr.	8/23/79	Business	Eatonton, GA/Putnam Co. HS
92	Tanaka Scott	DE	6-2	267	Sr.	2/4/77	Physical Education	Mobile, AL/Gulf Coast CC
93	Thomas Johnson	DL	6-3	286	So.	6/24/81	Undecided	Memphis, TN/Hamilton
95	Jonathan Callahan	DE	6-4	230	Fr.	5/10/83	Undecided	Tyrone, GA/Sandy Creek HS
96	Curtis Daniely	DE	6-5	288	Jr.	9/18/80	Business	Forsyth, GA/Mary Persons HS
97	Jerry Vanderpool	DT	6-3	285	r-Fr.	9/22/82	Undecided	Nashville, TN/Brentwood Academy
98	Demetrios Walker	LB	6-3	232	So.	4/21/81	Undecided	Kansas City, MO/Ft. Scott (KS) CC
99	Kai Zeigler	DT	6-4	285	Jr.	1/15/81	Undecided	Copperas Cove, TX/Kilgore JC

2001 TEAM GAME-BY-GAME

Game	Score	1st Downs	T.O.P	Rushing (No.-Yds-TD)	Passing (Cmp-Att-Yds-TD)	Total Offense (TP-Yds-TD)	3rd Down Conversions	Turnovers (Int.-Fum-Tot)
Middle Tennessee at Vanderbilt	37 28	37 17	39:55 20:05	52-300-5 28-177-2	27-36-308-0 13-32-300-2	88-608-5 60-477-4	7-13 2-10	0-1-1 0-0-0
Middle Tennessee vs Troy State								
Middle Tennessee at UL-Monroe								
Middle Tennessee at UL-Lafayette								
Middle Tennessee vs Idaho								
Middle Tennessee at North Texas								
Middle Tennessee at Mississippi								
Middle Tennessee vs New Mexico State								
Middle Tennessee vs Arkansas State								
Middle Tennessee at LSU								
MiddleTennessee vs Connecticut								

MISCELLANEOUS STATS

IN THE RED ZONE: MT: (6-for-7) Opp: (1-for-2)

Total Scores
Touchdowns 5, Field Goals 1

Non Scores
Missed Field Goals 1
Loss of Downs 0
Clock 0
Turnovers 0 (fumbles 0, Interceptions 0)

Opponent Total Scores
Touchdowns 1, Field Goals 0

Opponent Non Scores
Missed Field Goals 0
Loss of Downs 1
Turnovers 0 (fumbles 0, Interceptions 0)
Clock 0

TURNOVERS

Takeaways: 0
Giveaways: 1
Difference: -1.0
Points Off Turnovers: MT: 0
Opp: 7
Points Off Turnovers/Game: MT: 0; Opp: 7.0

KICKOFFS

BRAD COOPER
Touchbacks: 2
Opponent Returns: 2
Fair Catches: 0
Out of Bounds: 0
Onside Kicks: 0
Average Depth: 1.0 (4)
Average Drive Start: 28.0 (112)

BRIAN KELLY
Touchbacks: 0
Opponent Returns: 2
Fair Catches: 0
Out of Bounds: 0
Onside Kicks: 0
Average Depth: 11.5 (23)
Average Drive Start: 27.0 (54)

4TH DOWN CONVERSIONS

4th and:	1-3	4-6	7-10	11+	Total
Middle Tennessee	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1
Percentage	.000	.000	1.000	.000	1.000

2001 INDIVIDUAL GAME-BY-GAME STATS

RUSHING

Att-Yds-TD	33 Hicks	28 Calloway	24 Lee	21 Palmer	17 Counts	16 Johnson
at Vanderbilt	37-203-4	0-0-0	7-48-0	0-0-0	6-18-1	DNP
TROY STATE						
at UL-Monroe						
at UL-Lafayette						
IDAHO						
at North Texas						
at Mississippi						
NEW MEXICO ST.						
ARKANSAS STATE						
at LSU						
CONNECTICUT						

RECEIVING

No-Yds-TD	12 Newson	27 Calico	3 Johnson	1 Wright	4 Payne	80 Youell	33 Hicks	28 Calloway	24 Lee
at Vanderbilt	9-113-0	6-83-0	5-48-0	0-0-0	1-8-0	4-34-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-22-0
TROY STATE									
at UL-Monroe									
at UL-Lafayette									
IDAHO									
at North Texas									
at Mississippi									
NEW MEXICO ST.									
ARKANSAS STATE									
at LSU									
CONNECTICUT									

PASSING

Cmp-Att-Int-Yds-TD	Counts	Johnson
at Vanderbilt	27-36-0-308-0	DNP
TROY STATE		
at UL-Monroe		
at UL-Lafayette		
IDAHO		
at North Texas		
at Mississippi		
NEW MEX. ST.		
ARKANSAS ST.		
at LSU		
CONNECTICUT		

PUNTING

No-Avg-In20	20 Billings	Other
at Vanderbilt	3-42.7-0	---
TROY ST.		
at UL-Monroe		
at UL-Lafayette		
IDAHO		
at North Texas		
at Mississippi		
NEW MEX. ST.		
ARKANSAS ST.		
at LSU		
CONNECTICUT		

FIELD GOALS

Made *Missed*	22 Kelly
at Vanderbilt	**22**, *23*
TROY ST.	
at UL-Monroe	
at UL-Lafayette	
IDAHO	
at North Texas	
at Mississippi	
NEW MEX. ST.	
ARKANSAS ST.	
at LSU	
CONNECTICUT	

2001 SCORING DRIVES

Q	P-YD	TOP	SCORE
VANDERBILT			
1	8-77	3:29	Hicks 1 run (Kelly PAT)
1	7-74	2:58	Hicks 1 run (Kelly PAT)
2	8-66	2:49	Kelly 22 FG
2	7-76	1:55	Hicks 1 run (Kelly PAT)
3	16-80	6:47	Hicks 2 run (Kelly PAT Failed)
4	8-42	3:42	Counts 9 run (Kelly PAT)

2001 GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSE

OPPONENT	QB	TB	WR	WR	WR	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT
Vanderbilt	Counts	Hicks	Johnson	Calico	Newson	Youell	Westbrook	Coy	Elarbee	Pascoe	Gant
Troy State											
Louisiana-Monroe											
Louisiana-Lafayette											
Idaho											
North Texas											
Mississippi											
New Mexico State											
Arkansas State											
LSU											
Connecticut											

DEFENSE

OPPONENT	LE	T	RE	LB	MIKE	RB	LP	RP	LC	FS	RC
Vanderbilt	Smith	Johnson	Scott	S. Durham	Brown	Kemp	Woods	Lynch	Bradley	Bland	Alsup
Troy State											
Louisiana-Monroe											
Louisiana-Lafayette											
Idaho											
North Texas											
Mississippi											
New Mexico State											
Arkansas State											
LSU											
Connecticut											

2001 GAME-BY-GAME DEFENSE

UT-AT-TT	VU	TSU	ULM	ULL	UI	UNT	UM	NMSU	ASU	LSU	UConn
Alsup	0-1-1										
Arnold	1-1-2										
Bland	2-2-4										
Bradley	3-1-4										
S. Brown	5-1-6										
Daniely	1-0-1										
S. Durham	2-0-2										
Hough	2-0-2										
T. Johnson	1-1-2										
Kemp	2-2-4										
Lynch	4-2-6										
McClendon	3-2-5										
Rashada	1-0-1										
Scott	1-1-2										
Shaw	3-1-4										
Vanderpool	1-0-1										
Woods	**6-3-9**										

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2001 PARTICIPATION CHART

No.	Name	1 8/30 VU	2 9/8 TSU	3 9/22 ULM	4 9/29 ULL	5 10/6 UI	6 10/13 UNT	7 10/20 UM	8 10/27 NMS	9 11/3 ASU	10 11/10 LSU	11 11/17 CONN
1	K. Wright	X										
2	M. Woods	LP										
3	H. Johnson	WR										
4	N. Payne	X										
5	M. Rashada	X										
6	W. Alsup	RC										
8	H. Joyner	X										
10	C. Johnson	X										
11	K. Bland	FS										
12	K. Newson	WR										
13	Q. Domineck	DNP										
15	L. Phillips	DNP										
16	J. Johnson	DNP										
17	W. Counts	QB										
18	J. McClendon	X										
19	J. Bradley	LC										
20	R. Billings	P										
21	J. Palmer	X										
22	B. Kelly	X										
23	A. Fite	X										
24	R. Lee	X										
25	C. Berry	DNP										
26	B. Morris	X										
27	T. Calico	WR										
28	D. Calloway	X										
29	K. Higgins	X										
30	P.J. Johnson	DNP										
31	R. Newson	DNP										
32	A. Norris	DNP										
33	D. Hicks	RB										
36	S. Allen	DNP										
37	C. Matusek	DS										
38	J. Shaw	X										
39	J. Madrick	DNP										
40	C. Gatlin	DNP										
41	S. Brown	MIKE										
42	B. Lynch	RP										
43	A. Hatten	X										
45	B. Durham	DNP										
46	C. Hough	X										
47	S. Durham	LB										
48	J. Spray	X										
49	B. Cooper	KO										
50	G. Sanders	DNP										
52	L. Kemp	RB										
53	J. Montalbano	X										
54	R. Arnold	X										
55	J. Willoughby	DNP										
57	G. Elarbee	C										
58	A. Hood	X										
59	B. Westbrook	LT										
65	J. Moos	DNP										
67	J. Gant	RT										
70	S. Grabo	DNP										
71	J. Barry	X										
72	D. Coy	LG										
73	B. Brasch	DNP										
74	J. Proby	X										
75	B. Parker	DNP										
77	K. Pascoe	RG										
80	D. Youell	WR										
81	R. Polk	DNP										
82	L. Frost	X										
83	S. Saylor	X										
84	R. Jones	DNP										
85	C. Henry	DNP										
86	W. Stephens	X										
88	B. Bucher	X										
90	S. Smith	LE										
91	S. Ellison	DNP										
92	T. Scott	RE										
93	T. Johnson	DT										
95	J. Callahan	DNP										
96	C. Daniely	X										
97	J. Vanderpool	X										
98	D. Walker	X										
99	K. Zeigler	DNP										

Career Games Played/Started

No.	Name	Career GP-GS	2000 GP-S	1999 GP-S	1998 GP-S
1	K. Wright	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
2	M. Woods	12-1	0-0	11-0	--
3	H. Johnson	31-20	11-8	11-11	8-0
4	N. Payne	18-0	9-0	8-0	--
5	M. Rashada	12-0	11-0	--	--
6	W. Alsup	12-2	11-1	--	--
8	H. Joyner	1-0	--	--	--
10	C. Johnson	23-9	11-4	11-5	--
11	K. Bland	22-11	10-9	11-1	--
12	K. Newson	33-26	11-10	11-11	10-4
13	Q. Domineck	0-0	--	--	--
15	L. Phillips	10-0	10-0	--	--
16	J. Johnson	11-2	11-2	--	--
17	W. Counts	33-30	11-9	11-11	10-9
18	J. McClendon	12-2	11-2	--	--
19	J. Bradley	23-19	11-11	11-7	--
20	R. Billings	12-12	11-11	--	--
21	J. Palmer	13-4	1-1	11-3	--
22	B. Kelly	11-11	10-10	--	--
23	A. Fite	1-0	--	--	--
24	R. Lee	1-0	--	--	--
25	C. Berry	0-0	--	--	--
26	B. Morris	1-0	--	--	--
27	T. Calico	23-20	11-10	11-9	--
28	D. Calloway	10-0	9-0	--	--
29	K. Higgins	9-0	8-0	--	--
30	P.J. Johnson	0-0	0-0	--	--
31	R. Newson	0-0	0-0	--	--
32	A. Norris	0-0	0-0	--	--
33	D. Hicks	23-12	11-9	11-2	--
36	S. Allen	0-0	--	--	--
37	C. Matusek	33-33	11-11	11-11	10-10
38	J. Shaw	1-0	--	--	--
39	J. Madrick	0-0	0-0	0-0	--
40	C. Gatlin	14-8	9-8	5-0	--
41	S. Brown	27-12	11-10	11-0	4-1
42	B. Lynch	10-1	9-0	--	--
43	A. Hatten	0-0	--	--	--
45	B. Durham	22-2	11-2	8-0	3-0
46	C. Hough	1-0	--	--	--
47	S. Durham	1-1	--	--	--
48	J. Spray	21-2	10-2	10-0	--
49	B. Cooper	9-0	8-0	--	--
50	G. Sanders	0-0	0-0	--	--
52	L. Kemp	14-3	11-2	2-0	--
53	J. Montalbano	11-0	10-0	--	--
54	R. Arnold	12-0	4-0	7-0	--
55	J. Willoughby	0-0	0-0	--	--
57	G. Elarbee	13-1	5-0	7-0	--
58	A. Hood	12-5	11-5	--	--
59	B. Westbrook	11-11	10-10	--	--
65	J. Moos	8-0	8-0	--	--
67	J. Gant	1-1	--	--	--
70	S. Grabo	0-0	--	--	--
71	J. Barry	2-0	0-0	1-0	--
72	D. Coy	11-2	10-1	--	--
73	B. Brasch	0-0	--	--	--
74	J. Proby	20-0	9-0	10-0	--
75	B. Parker	0-0	--	--	--
77	K. Pascoe	20-6	9-4	10-1	--
80	D. Youell	23-8	11-6	11-1	--
81	R. Polk	0-0	0-0	0-0	--
82	L. Frost	23-3	11-3	11-0	--
83	S. Saylor	14-0	11-0	2-0	--
84	R. Jones	0-0	--	--	--
85	C. Henry	0-0	--	--	--
86	W. Stephens	31-13	9-5	11-1	10-7
88	B. Bucher	6-1	5-1	--	--
90	S. Smith	1-1	--	--	--
91	S. Ellison	8-0	8-0	--	--
92	T. Scott	12-11	11-10	--	--
93	T. Johnson	1-1	--	--	--
95	J. Callahan	0-0	--	--	--
96	C. Daniely	16-2	10-0	5-2	--
97	J. Vanderpool	1-0	--	--	--
98	D. Walker	1-0	--	--	--
99	K. Zeigler	0-0	--	--	--

2001 MIDDLE TENNESSEE DRIVES

Game 1 Vanderbilt

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
3-(-4)	1:13	Punt	0-0
8-77	3:29	TD	7-0
7-74	2:58	TD	14-0
10-15	4:48	Fumble	14-7
8-66	2:49	FG	17-14
7-76	1:55	TD	24-21
1-1	:23	Clock	24-28
4-29	1:46	Punt	24-28
16-80	6:47	TD	30-28
5-21	3:03	Punt	30-28
15-75	6:54	MFG	30-28
8-42	3:42	TD	37-28

2001 OPPONENT DRIVES

Game 1 Vanderbilt

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
6-12	2:11	Punt	0-0
5-9	2:19	Punt	0-0
3-7	1:45	Punt	0-7
7-58	1:15	TD	7-14
6-84	2:08	TD	14-14
4-70	2:16	TD	21-17
2-73	:23	TD	28-24
6-39	2:07	Punt	28-24
5-26	2:07	Punt	28-30
6-47	1:43	Downs	28-30
6-22	1:30	Downs	28-30
4-0	:21	Downs	28-37

2001 COACHES AWARDS

Game	MVP Lineman	Special Teams MVP	Skill Player MVP	Knockdowns	Scout Team	Defensive MVP	Offensive MVP
Vandy	Glen Elarbee	Robert Billings	Wes Counts	Glen Elarbee	Brandon Graham	Michael Woods	Glen Elarbee
Troy St.							
UL-Monroe							
UL-Lafayette							
Idaho							
North Texas							
Mississippi							
New Mex. St.							
Arkansas St.							
LSU							
Connecticut							

OFFENSIVE LINE STATISTICS

Game	Westbrook	Coy	Elarbee	Pascoe	Gant	Proby	Barry
Vandy	73-14.5-73%	96-3.5-73%	98-15-81%	98-9-71%	85-4-64%	40-3-68%	3-0-NG
Troy St.							
UL-Monroe							
UL-Lafayette							
Idaho							
North Texas							
Mississippi							
New Mex. St.							
Arkansas St.							
LSU							
Connecticut							

Keys:

1st number: Plays
2nd number: Knockdowns
3rd number: Grade
NG: No Grade

OFFENSIVE LINE WEEKLY AWARDS

Game	Best Finisher	Lineman of the Week	Most Physical
Vandy	Kevin Pascoe/David Coy	Glen Elarbee	Brandon Westbrook
Troy St.			
UL-Monroe			
UL-Lafayette			
Idaho			
North Texas			
Mississippi			
New Mex. St.			
Arkansas St.			
LSU			
Connecticut			

INDIVIDUAL CAREER HIGHS: OFFENSE

Tyrone Calico - WR ● 6-4 ● 224 ● r-Jr.

Receptions:	12 vs ETSU (11/20/99)
Receiving Yards:	141 vs Murray State (9/16/00)
TD Receptions:	2 vs ETSU (11/20/99); vs Miss. St. (10/28/00)
Long Reception:	50 vs Murray State (9/16/00)

Don Calloway - RB ● 5-7 ● 174 ● So.

Rushing Yards:	108 vs Louisiana-Lafayette (11/18/00)
Rushing Attempts:	25 vs Louisiana-Lafayette (11/18/00)
Rushing TDs:	3 vs Louisiana-Lafayette (11/18/00)
Long Run:	42 vs Connecticut (11/4/00)
Receptions:	5 vs Louisiana-Lafayette (11/18/00)
Receiving Yards:	136 vs Louisiana-Lafayette (11/18/00)
TD Receptions:	1 vs Louisiana-Lafayette (11/18/00)
Long Reception:	59 vs Louisiana-Lafayette (11/18/00)

Wes Counts - QB ● 6-1 ● 185 ● r-Sr.

Passing Yards:	362 vs Wofford (9/18/99)
Passing Attempts:	47 vs UCF (11/13/99)
Completions:	29 vs UCF (11/13/99); vs Louisiana Tech (10/16/99)
Passing TDs:	4 vs South Florida (11/11/00)
Long Completion:	77 vs SEMO (10/31/98) {TD}
Rushing Yards:	50 vs UAB (10/21/00)
Rushing Attempts:	15 vs Jacksonville State (9/19/98)
Long Run:	23 vs UT-Martin (11/6/99)
Rushing TDs:	1, seven times
Total Offense:	382 vs Wofford (9/18/99)

Dwone Hicks - RB ● 5-11 ● 225 ● Jr.

Rushing Yards:	311 vs Louisiana Tech (10/7/00)
Rushing Attempts:	37 vs Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
Rushing TDs:	6 vs Louisiana Tech (10/7/00)
Long Run:	79 vs Louisiana Tech (10/7/00)
Receptions:	4, three times
Receiving Yards:	59 vs South Florida (11/11/00)
TD Receptions:	2 vs South Florida (11/11/00)
Long Reception:	28 vs South Florida (11/11/00)

Hansford Johnson - WR ● 5-8 ● 163 ● Sr.

Receptions:	8 vs Mississippi State (9/4/99); Troy State (10/2/99)
Receiving Yards:	124 vs Troy State (10/2/99)
TD Receptions:	2 vs Troy State (10/2/99)
Long Reception:	79 vs Murray State (10/10/98)
Passing Yards:	73 vs Maryland (9/23/00)
Completions:	2 vs Maryland (9/23/00)
Passing Attempts:	2 vs Maryland (9/23/00)
Long Completion:	44 vs Maryland (9/23/00)
Rushing Yards:	86 vs South Florida (11/11/00)
Rushing Attempts:	4 vs South Florida (11/11/00)
Rushing TDs:	1 vs Murray State (9/16/00)
Long Run:	52 vs Murray State (9/16/00)
Punt Returns:	7 vs Louisiana-Monroe (10/14/00)
Punt Return Yards:	120 vs UT Martin (11/6/99)
Punt Return TDs:	None
Kickoff Returns:	3 vs Florida (9/9/00)
Kickoff Return Yards:	46 vs Florida (9/9/00)
Kickoff Return TDs:	None

Jason Johnson - QB ● 6-2 ● 216 ● Sr.

Passing Yards:	226 vs Louisiana-Lafayette (11/18/00)
Passing Attempts:	36 vs Maryland (9/23/00)
Completions:	19 vs Maryland (9/23/00)
Passing TDs:	2 vs Maryland (9/23/00)
Long Completion:	45 vs Louisiana Tech (10/7/00)
Rushing Yards:	17 vs Illinois (9/2/00)
Rushing Attempts:	9 vs Maryland (9/23/00)
Long Run:	21 vs Miss. State (10/28/00)
Rushing TDs:	1, three times
Total Offense:	235 vs Louisiana-Lafayette (11/18/00)

Brian Kelly - PK ● 6-0 ● 172 ● So.

Field Goals:	3 vs Murray State (9/16/00)
Field Goal Attempts:	3 vs Murray State (9/16/00)
Long Field Goal:	46 vs Murray State (9/16/00)
Points Scored:	14 vs Murray State (9/16/00)
Extra Points:	7 vs Louisiana Tech (10/7/00)
Game Winner:	21 yarder vs Louisiana-Lafayette in 2OT (11/18/00)

Kendall Newson - WR ● 6-2 ● 185 ● Sr.

Receptions:	11 vs Wofford (9/18/99)
Receiving Yards:	180 vs Mississippi State (10/28/00)
TD Receptions:	2, three times
Long Reception:	58 vs Louisiana-Lafayette (9/25/99)

David Youell - WR ● 5-11 ● 178 ● r-Jr.

Receptions:	6 vs Maryland (9/23/00)
Receiving Yards:	44 vs Mississippi State (10/28/00)
TD Receptions:	None
Long Reception:	36 vs Mississippi State (10/28/00)

INDIVIDUAL CAREER HIGHS: DEFENSE

Randy Arnold - LB ● 5-11 ● 222 ● Jr.

Tackles:	3 vs Illinois (9/2/00)
Solo Tackles:	2 vs Illinois (9/2/00)
Sacks:	None
Tackles for Loss:	None

Kareem Bland - DB ● 6-1 ● 194 ● r-Jr.

Tackles:	13 vs Louisiana Tech (10/7/00)
Solo Tackles:	7 vs Louisiana Tech (10/7/00)
Sacks:	None
Tackles for Loss:	1 vs Maryland (9/23/00)
Interceptions:	1 vs UT Martin (11/6/00); UConn (11/4/00)

Jykine Bradley - DB ● 5-10 ● 186 ● Sr.

Tackles:	10 vs Maryland (9/23/00)
Solo Tackles:	8 vs Louisiana-Lafayette (9/25/99)
Sacks:	None
Tackles for Loss:	2 vs Florida (9/9/00)
Interceptions:	1, five times

Scotty Brown - LB ● 6-2 ● 231 ● Sr.

Tackles:	21 vs SEMO (10/31/98)
Solo Tackles:	7 vs Mississippi State (10/28/00)
Sacks:	2 vs South Florida (11/11/00)
Tackles for Loss:	3 vs SEMO (10/31/98)

Curtis Daniely - DT ● 6-5 ● 288 ● Jr.

Tackles:	3 vs Louisiana Tech (10/16/99)
Solo Tackles:	2 vs La. Tech (10/16/99); vs UT Martin (11/6/99)
Sacks:	None
Tackles for Loss:	1 vs Murray State (9/16/00)

Chris Gatlin - LB ● 6-1 ● 212 ● Jr.

Tackles:	10 vs Murray State (9/16/00)
Solo Tackles:	8 vs Murray State (9/16/00)
Sacks:	1 vs Murray State (9/16/00)
Tackles for Loss:	2 vs Murray State (9/16/00)

Anthony Hood - DE ● 6-2 ● 232 ● Sr.

Tackles:	4 vs UAB (10/21/00)
Solo Tackles:	3 vs UAB (10/21/00)
Sacks:	1 vs UConn (11/4/00), South Florida (11/11/00)
Tackles for Loss:	1 vs UConn (11/4/00)

Louis Kemp - LB ● 5-8 ● 210 ● r-Sr.

Tackles:	12 vs Louisiana-Lafayette (11/18/00)
Solo Tackles:	8 vs Louisiana-Lafayette (11/18/00)
Sacks:	None
Tackles for Loss:	1 vs Louisiana-Lafayette (11/18/00)
Interceptions:	1 vs South Florida (11/11/00)

Joe McClendon - DB ● 5-10 ● 182 ● So.

Tackles:	13 vs Mississippi State (10/28/00)
Solo Tackles:	10 vs Mississippi State (10/28/00)
Sacks:	None
Tackles for Loss:	1 vs Mississippi State (10/28/00)

Tanaka Scott - DE ● 6-2 ● 267 ● Sr.

Tackles:	9 vs Louisiana Tech (10/7/00); vs UAB (10/21/00)
Solo Tackles:	8 vs Louisiana Tech (10/7/00)
Sacks:	2 vs UL-Monroe (10/14/00)
Tackles for Loss:	2, three times

Michael Woods - LB ● 6-2 ● 203 ● So.

Tackles:	4 vs Mississippi State (10/28/00)
Solo Tackles:	2, twice
Sacks:	None
Tackles for Loss:	1 vs Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
Blocked Kicks:	1 vs Louisiana Tech (Punt)

2001 SEASON RECAP AND BOXSCORES

Game 1

Middle Tennessee 37, Vanderbilt 28
Aug. 30, 2001; Nashville, TN

by Tony Stinnett
Daily News Journal

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Middle Tennessee did what many thought couldn't be done in its opener at Vanderbilt.

Surely, this Division I-A infant couldn't go on the road and beat an established Southeastern Conference opponent, the players had heard constantly.

Too soon into their I-A voyage.

Guess what? The Blue Raiders did it, piling up 608 yards of total offense on their way to a 37-29 win in front of 39,885 at Vanderbilt Stadium.

It was the program's first win against a Southeastern Conference opponent and also MTSU's first against the Commodores in 13 tries.

It also is the biggest win in the program's rich football history, while the offensive avalanche almost was the greatest in school history. The 608 yards were second-most to the 660 put up against UT-Martin in 1990.

"I couldn't be more proud of my team," said MTSU third-year coach Andy McCollum. "I said before this game no matter what the outcome there was no other team in the nation I would want to take to Vanderbilt, and you see why. My team has worked very hard over the last two years and it has finally paid off.

"Vanderbilt should know they got beat by a very good team, and we beat a well-coached football team."

Seldom do games that receive so much pregame billing live up to the hype.

The opener between MTSU and Vanderbilt did.

And MTSU's offense was as good as advertised, maybe better.

The ground attack, led by junior tailback Dwone Hicks' game-high 203 yards and four touchdowns, accounted for 300 total yards, while the savvy senior quarterback went the distance and was 27-of-36 for 308 yards, no turnovers and sealing the win with a 9-yard scoring run on a fourth-and-7 play with 21 seconds remaining.

"I have no excuses," Vanderbilt coach Woody Widenhofer said. "MTSU came in and played very well and just plain beat us. They deserve to win. This is one of the toughest losses I have ever been a part of. I rank it right up there with the Kentucky loss that cost us a trip to a bowl.

"I thought (Wes) Counts had a great game for them. He made good decisions, made plays and, most importantly, didn't make mistakes."

While MTSU's offense came out smoking the defense wasn't holding up its end of the deal.

After stopping Vanderbilt on its first three possessions, the defense gave up with two big plays in the second quarter that helped spark a 28-point outburst and enabled the home team to take a 28-24 lead into the half.

That's when MTSU grew up, not only defensively, but as a team.

The Blue Raider defenders pitched a shutout in the second half, while the offense answered the call by picking up where it left off before the break.

Hicks' fourth touchdown, a 2-yard plunge, gave MTSU the lead for good, 30-28, with 4:20 remaining in the third quarter.

It would be enough.

"We've been wanting to beat a name (team) so bad that it hurt," said Hicks, who recorded his 10th 100-yard rushing game as a Blue Raider. "It feels good to get over the hump. This feels good because (Vanderbilt) is right down the street. Our fans were into it. (Our fans) knew we could do it. We knew we could do it, and we did."

Vanderbilt had a chance to regain the lead early in the fourth quarter but a botched snap prohibited the Commodores to get off what would have been a 23-yard field goal. From there, MTSU regained control.

The Commodores' final chance at coming from behind ended when Louis Kemp stopped Vanderbilt quarterback Greg Zolman one yard short of a first down on a fourth-and-2 play from the Vanderbilt 41.

Counts put the final touches on the riveting win eight plays later when he danced in untouched from seven yards out.

"It's big, it's big for the fans," Counts said. "It's just character and all the offseason work - that's when things started. This was a tremendous win, a team win, and that's what makes it special. We put up some numbers against a good defense tonight. We haven't even started to scratch the surface with our offense."

In addition to the big night turned in by Counts and Hicks, senior receiver Kendall Newson finished with nine receptions for 113 yards, while fellow receiver Tyrone Calico added six receptions for 83 yards.

The loss ruined an outstanding night for Vanderbilt receiver M.J. Garrett, who had eight catches for 219 yards and a touchdown.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
Middle Tennessee	14	10	6	7	37
Vanderbilt	0	28	0	0	28

Scoring Summary:

1st 05:48 MT HICKS, Dwone 1 yd run (KELLY, Brian kick)
01:05 MT HICKS, Dwone 1 yd run (KELLY, Brian kick)
2nd 14:50 VU Rodney Williams 3 yd run (Chuck Folino kick)
07:54 VU Lew Thomas 26 yd run (Chuck Folino kick)
05:05 MT KELLY, Brian 22 yd field goal
02:49 VU Dan Stricker 48 yd pass from Greg Zolman (Chuck Folino kick)
00:54 MT HICKS, Dwone 1 yd run (KELLY, Brian kick)
00:31 VU M.J. Garrett 73 yd pass from Greg Zolman (Chuck Folino kick)
3rd 04:20 MT HICKS, Dwone 2 yd run (KELLY, Brian kick failed)
4th 00:21 MT COUNTS, Wes 9 yd run (KELLY, Brian kick)

	MT	**VU**
FIRST DOWNS	37	17
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	52-300	28-177
PASSING YDS (NET)	308	300
Passes Att-Comp-Int	36-27-0	32-13-0
TOT. OFF. PLAYS-YDS	88-608	60-477
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-20	3-26
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-52	4-98
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-42.7	5-43.6
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	9-56	11-83
Possession Time	39:55	20:05
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	2-15

RUSHING: Middle Tennessee-HICKS, Dwone 37-203; LEE, Reshard 7-48; WRIGHT, Kerry 2-31; COUNTS, Wes 6-18. Vanderbilt-Lew Thomas 7-71; Rodney Williams 12-60; Dan Stricker 2-25; Chris Young 2-23; Greg Zolman 3-11; Jason Mathenia 1-1; Justin Purkey 1-minus 14.

PASSING: Middle Tennessee-COUNTS, Wes 27-36-0-308. Vanderbilt-Greg Zolman 13-32-0-300.

RECEIVING: Middle Tennessee-NEWSON, Kendall 9-113; CALICO, Tyrone 6-83; JOHNSON, H. 5-48; YOUELL, David 4-34; LEE, Reshard 2-22; PAYNE, Nick 1-8. Vanderbilt-M.J. Garrett 8-219; Dan Stricker 3-70; N. Hasanoglu 1-9; Rodney Williams 1-2.

INTERCEPTIONS: Middle Tennessee-None. Vanderbilt-None.

FUMBLES: Middle Tennessee-CALICO, Tyrone 1-0; NEWSON, Kendall 1-1. Vanderbilt-Greg Zolman 1-0; Justin Purkey 1-0.

Attendance: 39885
Total elapsed time: 3:25
Temperature: 79 Wind: SW-10 Weather: Partly Cloudy

2001 MIDDLE TENNESSEE FOOTBALL
Middle Tennessee Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 03, 2001)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(1-0-0)	(0-0-0)	(1-0-0)	(0-0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(0-0-0)	(0-0-0)	(0-0-0)	(0-0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(1-0-0)	(0-0-0)	(1-0-0)	(0-0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
8/30/01	at Vanderbilt	W	37-28	39885

* denotes conference game

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
HICKS, Dwone	1	37	207	4	203	5.5	4	33	203.0
LEE, Reshard	1	7	48	0	48	6.9	0	17	48.0
WRIGHT, Kerry	1	2	31	0	31	15.5	0	20	31.0
COUNTS, Wes	1	6	33	15	18	3.0	1	11	18.0
Total.....	1	52	319	19	300	5.8	5	33	300.0
Opponents.....	1	28	193	16	177	6.3	2	26	177.0

PASSING	GP	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
COUNTS, Wes	1	146.87	36-27-0	75.0	308	0	28	308.0
Total.....	1	146.87	36-27-0	75.0	308	0	28	308.0
Opponents.....	1	140.00	32-13-0	40.6	300	2	73	300.0

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
NEWSON, Kendall	1	9	113	12.6	0	28	113.0
CALICO, Tyrone	1	6	83	13.8	0	21	83.0
JOHNSON, H.	1	5	48	9.6	0	16	48.0
YOUELL, David	1	4	34	8.5	0	15	34.0
LEE, Reshard	1	2	22	11.0	0	14	22.0
PAYNE, Nick	1	1	8	8.0	0	8	8.0
Total.....	1	27	308	11.4	0	28	308.0
Opponents.....	1	13	300	23.1	2	73	300.0

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
KELLY, Brian	1-2	50.0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	22	0

SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
			|------ PATs ------|						
HICKS, Dwone	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
KELLY, Brian	0	1-2	4-5	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	7
COUNTS, Wes	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Total.....	5	1-2	4-5	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	37
Opponents.....	4	0-0	4-4	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	28

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Middle Tennessee....	14	10	6	7	- 37
Opponents.....	0	28	0	0	- 28

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
COUNTS, Wes	1	42	18	308	326	326.0
HICKS, Dwone	1	37	203	0	203	203.0
LEE, Reshard	1	7	48	0	48	48.0
WRIGHT, Kerry	1	2	31	0	31	31.0
Total.....	1	88	300	308	608	608.0
Opponents.....	1	60	177	300	477	477.0

TEAM STATISTICS	MT	OPP
FIRST DOWNS.....	37	17
Rushing.....	16	9
Passing.....	15	8
Penalty.....	6	0
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	300	177
Yards gained rushing...	319	193
Yards lost rushing.....	19	16
Rushing Attempts.....	52	28
Average Per Rush.....	5.8	6.3
Average Per Game.....	300.0	177.0
TDs Rushing.....	5	2
PASSING YARDAGE.....	308	300
Att-Comp-Int.....	36-27-0	32-13-0
Average Per Pass.....	8.6	9.4
Average Per Catch.....	11.4	23.1
Average Per Game.....	308.0	300.0
TDs Passing.....	0	2
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	608	477
Total Plays.....	88	60
Average Per Play.....	6.9	7.9
Average Per Game.....	608.0	477.0
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS....	3-52	4-98
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS....	2-20	3-26
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	0-0	0-0
FUMBLES-LOST.....	2-1	2-0
PENALTIES-YARDS.....	9-56	11-83
PUNTS-AVG.....	3-42.7	5-43.6
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME..	39:55	20:05
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	7/13	2/10
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	1/1	0/3

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Total.....	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents.....	0	0	0.0	0	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
BILLINGS, R.	3	128	42.7	58	0	0	0	0
Total.....	3	128	42.7	58	0	0	0	0
Opponents.....	5	218	43.6	49	2	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
JOHNSON, H.	2	20	10.0	0	11
Total.....	2	20	10.0	0	11
Opponents.....	3	26	8.7	0	15

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
LEE, Reshard	2	28	14.0	0	29
RASHADA, M.	1	24	24.0	0	24
Total.....	3	52	17.3	0	29
Opponents.....	4	98	24.5	0	38

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
HICKS, Dwone	1	203	0	0	0	0	203	203.0
NEWSON, Kendall	1	0	113	0	0	0	113	113.0
LEE, Reshard	1	48	22	0	28	0	98	98.0
CALICO, Tyrone	1	0	83	0	0	0	83	83.0
JOHNSON, H.	1	0	48	20	0	0	68	68.0
Total.....	1	300	308	20	52	0	680	680.0
Opponents.....	1	177	300	26	98	0	601	601.0

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	Tackles Solo	Tackles Ast	Tackles Total	TFL/Yds	Sacks No-Yds	Pass Def Int-Yds	Pass Def BrUp	Pass Def QBH	Fumbles Rcv-Yds	Fumbles FF	Blkd Kick	Blkd Saf
2 WOODS, Michael	1	6	3	9	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41 BROWN, Scotty	1	5	1	6	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
42 LYNCH, Brandon	1	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18 MCCLENDON, Joe	1	3	2	5	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.

2001 MIDDLE TENNESSEE FOOTBALL
Middle Tennessee Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Sep 03, 2001)
All games

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	Tackles Solo	Tackles Ast	Tackles Total	TFL/Yds	Sacks No-Yds	Pass Def Int-Yds	Pass Def BrUp	Pass Def QBH	Fumbles Rcv-Yds	FF	Blkd Kick	Blkd Saf
2 WOODS, Michael	1	6	3	9	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42 LYNCH, Brandon	1	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41 BROWN, Scotty	1	5	1	6	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
18 MCCLENDON, Joe	1	3	2	5	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
19 BRADLEY, Jykine	1	3	1	4	1-1	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
52 KEMP, Louis	1	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
38 SHAW, J.	1	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11 BLAND, Kareem	1	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93 JOHNSON, Thomas	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54 ARNOLD, Randy	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47 DURHAM, Sheldon	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46 HOUGH, Chris	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
92 SCOTT, Tanaka	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
97 VANDERPOOL, J.	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
53 MONTALBANO, J.	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6 ALSUP, Wardell	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5 RASHADA, M.	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37 MATUSEK, Chris	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96 DANIELY, Curtis	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....	1	40	18	58	2-2	0-0	.	5	1	.	.	.	.
Opponents.....	1	-	-	-	-	2-15	.	4	3	1-0	2	.	.