MIDDLE TENNESSEE

FOOTBALL GAME NOTES ■ SEPT. 29, 2001 ■ LAFAYETTE, LA ■ CAJUN FIELD (31,000)

Middle Tennessee (3-0) vs UL-Lafayette (1-2)

Date: September 29, 2001; 7 PM CST
Where: Cajun Field (31,000)
Series Record: Tied 1-1
Radio: WBOZ FM 104.9, WMOT FM 89.5, WVRY 105.1 (Dick Palmer, Preston O'Neal & Chip Walters)
TV: None
Last Meeting: Middle Tennessee 41, UL-Lafayette 38 (2ot) (Nov. 18, 2000; Murfreesboro, TN)
Notes: The MT-ULL game marks the first SBC game for UL-Lafayette ... The Blue Raiders will be trying to win their fourth straight road game for the first time since a period from the end of 1984 through the 1985 season when they won eight straight away from the 'Boro ... QB Wes Counts has thrown 91 straight passes without an interception ... This marks the second straight week the Blue Raiders have played in the state of Louisiana and they still have a possibility of playing two more games in the bayou state before the season is over ... The Blue Raiders have scored at least three points in 14 consecutive quarters ... Middle Tennessee is going for its seventh straight win for the first time since 1985 ... The last time MT was 2-0 in league play was 1995.

SERIES RECORD

■ Saturday's football game between Middle Tennessee and Louisiana-Lafayette will be the third meeting on the gridiron between the two schools. The series, which began in 1999, stands tied at 1-1. The Ragin' Cajuns won the first meeting 45-31 in Lafayette and the Blue Raiders returned the favor 41-38 (2ot) last year in Murfreesboro. The winning team has scored at least 40 points in each game of the series.

LAST MEETING NOTES

- The over time win last year marked the Blue Raiders' first-ever I-A overtime game.
- The average score in the series has been ULL 41.5 to MT's 36.0.
- Following a first quarter injury to Dwone Hicks, Don Calloway came in and had career highs in rushing (108) and receiving yards (136).
- PK Brian Kelly kicked the game-winning field goal (21 yards).
- WR Kendall Newson hauled in eight catches for 85 yards.
- QB Jason Johnson completed 16 of 24 passes for 226 yards and a TD.

MT SWEEPS SBC AWARDS

■ The Blue Raiders swept the weekly Sun Belt Conference honors this past week following the win over UL-Monroe. QB Wes Counts was the offensive player of the week, while LB Scotty Brown was the defensive award winner. Punter Robert Billings brought home the special teams player of the week honor.

ON THE ROAD

■ For the first time in the Andy McCollum era, the Blue Raiders are riding a road winning streak. Middle Tennessee enters the UL-Lafayette game having won three straight on the road dating back to the 2000 season. The last time a Middle Tennessee team won four in a row away from Murfreesboro was a period late in the 1984 season through the entire 1985 campaign.

GOOD START

■ The Blue Raiders are 3-0 to start a season for the first time since 1990. The last time Middle Tennessee started a year 4-0 was also 1990. That year the Blue Raiders went 5-0 before losing at Eastern Kentucky.

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2001 BLUE RAIDERS SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Aug. 30	at Vanderbilt	W, 37-28	
Sept. 8	TROY STATE (CSS TV)	W, 54-17	
Sept. 22	*at Louisiana-Monroe	W, 38-20	
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 UL-LAFAYETTE SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Sept. 1	NICHOLLS STATE	W, 20-0
Sept. 8	at Minnesota	L, 44-14
Sept. 22	SOUTHERN MISS	L, 35-10
Sept. 29	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	7 PM
Oct. 6	at Arizona State	9 PM
Oct. 13	at Arkansas State	2 PM
Oct. 20	at Idaho	3 PM
Oct. 27	UL-MONROE	4 PM
Nov. 10	at North Texas	3:05 PM
Nov. 17	NEW MEXICO STATE	2 PM
Nov. 24	at UCF	TBA

Team Comparison

MT		*ULL*
3-0	2001 Records	1-2
Multiple	Primary Offense	Multiple
3-3 Stack	Primary Defense	Multiple 4-3
7	Offensive Starters Returning	5
6	Defensive Starters Returning	10

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	**1-0**	**3-0**
Arkansas State	0-0	0-3
Idaho	0-0	0-3
Louisiana-Lafayette	0-0	1-2
New Mexico State	0-0	0-4
North Texas	0-0	0-3
Louisiana-Monroe	0-1	0-3

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (9/29)

Boise State at **Idaho**
Middle Tennessee at **UL-Lafayette**
New Mexico State at **UL-Monroe**
North Texas at South Florida

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE (10/6)

Arkansas State at Ole Miss
Idaho at **Middle Tennessee**
Louisiana-Lafayette at Arizona State
North Texas at **Louisiana-Monroe**
New Mexico State at Tulsa

CHARTING MIDDLE TENNESSEE'S OPPONENTS

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

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Auburn at Vanderbilt (1-2)
Troy State (1-2) (OPEN)
Middle Tennessee at UL-Lafayette (1-2)
Boise State at Idaho (0-3)
North Texas (0-3) at South Florida
Ole Miss (1-1) at Kentucky
New Mexico State (0-4) at UL-Monroe (0-3)
Arkansas State (0-3) (OPEN)
LSU (2-0) at Tennessee
Connecticut (0-3) at Rutgers

Opponents' Combined Record: 6-26

LAST WEEK'S GAMES

Vanderbilt 28, Richmond 22
Troy State 26, Nicholls State 0
Middle Tennessee 38, Louisiana-Monroe 20
Southern Miss 35, Louisiana-Lafayette 10
Washington 53, Idaho 3
Texas Tech 42, North Texas 14
Kansas State 64, New Mexico State 0
Jacksonville State 31, Arkansas State 28
Buffalo 37, Connecticut 20

Last Week's Opponent Record: 2-7

TALE OF THE TAPE

	Middle Tennessee	*UL-Lafayette*
First Downs	97	34
Rushing Offense (Avg.)	266.3	49.0
Passing Offense (Avg.)	319.7	147.3
Total Offense (Avg.)	586.0	196.3
Scoring Offense (Avg.)	43.0	14.7
Rushing Defense (Avg.)	107.3	164.0
Passing Defense (Avg.)	283.7	158.0
Total Defense (Avg.)	391.0	322.0
Scoring Defense (Avg.)	21.7	26.3
Punting Avg.	41.8	39.4
Penalties (Avg.)	95.3	67.3
CBS Sportsline Ranking	**49**	**114**

STOPPING THE RUN

■ Over the past two games, the Blue Raider defense has done a good job of stopping the run. During that span, Middle Tennessee has held its opponents to an average of 72.5 yards on the ground. For the year, the Blue Raiders are allowing just 107.3 rushing yards per game and have given up just one rushing TD over the past 10 quarters.

SIX IN A ROW

■ The Blue Raiders enter the Louisiana-Lafayette contest having won six games in a row. Middle Tennessee will be trying to extend its win streak to seven straight for the first time since 1985.

2 YARDS FOR A MILE

■ After just three games this year, the Blue Raider offense has traveled just over nine-tenths of a mile (1,758 yards). Middle Tennessee needs two more yards to reach one mile of total offense for the season. The Blue Raiders did not reach their first mile last year until game number five.

COUNTS PASSES HOLCOMB

■ Senior signal-caller Wes Counts tossed two touchdown passes in the win over UL-Monroe to surpass Kelly Holcomb for second place on Middle Tennessee's career list. Counts, who has four TD passes on the season, ran his career total to 37. The southpaw needs only five more to take over the career record of 41 currently held by Teddy Morris.

BRADLEY OFF TO HOT START

■ Senior **Jykine Bradley,** who is tied for first nationally in interceptions, continues to prove why he is one of the better corners in the Sun Belt Conference. In week one he was voted the SBC Defensive Player of the Week following a six-tackle performance, then took team MVP honors after his effort against Troy State. Bradley collected his conference leading third interception last week at UL-Monroe to go along with two pass deflections. In his last 11 games, Bradley has registered six interceptions and has eight for his career (needs two more to tie for sixth on the all-time list).

HICKS VS LOUISIANA

■ In seven career games against teams from the state of Louisiana, **Dwone Hicks** has totaled 525 yards on 83 attempts (6.3 average) and 13 touchdowns. In four of the games, Hicks has received three or fewer carries due to injury and playing behind Jamison Palmer as a freshman. In three games last year against Louisiana schools, Hicks tallied 424 yards on 56 carries.

BLUE RAIDERS GET BLOCK

■ In the win at UL-Monroe, the Blue Raiders collected their second blocked kick in the Andy McCollum era. In the third quarter, Kareem Bland blocked a ULM extra point attempt to stop the Indians momentum. The other block in the McCollum era came last year against Louisiana Tech when Michael Woods blocked a punt.

COMPLETION LEADER

■ Senior **Wes Counts**, who leads the nation in completion percentage (75.8), is the Blue Raiders' career leader in completions with 587. Entering this week's game at ULL, Counts is seventh nationally in number of completions and four of the six players ahead of him have played one more game. Counts is coming off a 28-completion game at ULM, which was one shy of his own school record. Over his career, Counts

GAME CAPTAINS

Vanderbilt: Counts, Newson, Bradley, Brown
Troy State: Scott, H. Johnson, Spray, Hood
UL-Monroe: Counts, Newson, Scott, Bradley

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 12-13, 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, 42, 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 9-2 record at home
- Gone 5-1 in the month of November
- Seen his offense score 30 or more points 13 times in 25 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 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.

has completed 21 or more passes in a game 12 times and eight times he has completed 26 or more passes.

BACK-TO-BACK 600

■ For the first time in school history, the Blue Raiders put together back-to-back games with over 600 yards of total offense when they accomplished the feat against Vanderbilt and Troy State. In all, the Blue Raiders have registered four 600-plus yard outings and three of those have come under head coach Andy McCollum. Against Troy State, Middle Tennessee racked up 641 yards, which was the second most in school history behind the 660 yards put up by the 1990 team versus UT-Martin.

YOUELL SETS CAREER-HIGH

■ Junior wide receiver **David Youell** hauled in a personal best seven receptions for a career-high 83 yards in the win over UL-Monroe. Youell's previous high was a six-catch game at Maryland last year. The Sevierville, TN, native is third on the team in receptions with 12.

NATION'S TOP SCORER

■ With 11 total touchdowns to start the season, **Dwone Hicks** has run his career total to 35. That ranks third on the all-time touchdowns scored list and puts him only nine away from surpassing Kippy Bayless (1991-94) for second place. Ranked No. 1 nationally in scoring, Hicks has 68 points this season and is No. 6 on the school's career scoring list with 212 points. Hicks needs just three more points to take over fifth place from Keegan Ray (1996-99).

200 FOR HICKS

■ All-America candidate **Dwone Hicks** has tallied two 200-yard rushing games in his career, which is only one shy of equalling the school record of three set by Joe Campbell. Hicks, who had a 311-yard game last year against Louisiana Tech, picked up his second 200+ outing in the season opener at Vanderbilt. Against the Commodores, Hicks rushed 37 times for 203 yards and four touchdowns.

HICKS THE RECEIVER

■ Known for his tough running style and nose for the endzone, **Dwone Hicks** has been trying to fine tune his receiving the past two weeks. Over the last two games, Hicks has totaled nine catches for 105 yards and two touchdowns. The nine grabs are the most Hicks has ever recorded in a two-game span.

COUNTS FOR 300

■ 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 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.

THE LONGEST DRIVE ... EVER

■ In the second quarter at UL-Monroe, Middle Tennessee put together a 14-play drive that covered 99 yards and 35 inches for a touchdown. It was the longest drive in Blue Raider history. The Blue Raiders were backed up to the one-inch line following a ULM punt that was perfectly downed just outside the goal line. The most interesting stat of the drive, however, was the fact MT was never faced with a third down.

HICKS OVER 100

■ 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 UL-Lafayette 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 third with 16, but only five behind all-time leader Herbert Owenby (21).

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 UL-Lafayette game with at least one reception in **35** 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** en-

Active Consecutive Receptions Streak

1.	John Simon, Sr., RB, La. Tech	37
	Ron Johnson, Sr., Minnesota	37
3.	**Kendall Newson, Sr., MT**	35
4.	Delwyn Daigre, Sr., La. Tech	34
	Orlando Iglesias, Sr., Houston	34
6.	Kurt Gerling, Sr., Bowling Green	31
	Tim Stratton, Sr., Purdue	31
8.	Jake Schifino, Jr., Akron	27
9.	Kelly Campbell, Sr., Ga. Tech	26
	Terrence Edwards, Jr., Georgia	26
	Keenan Howry, Jr., Oregon	26
12.	**Tyrone Calico, Jr., MT**	25
	Kareem Kelly, Jr., USC	25

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 Receiver**s: 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 **Linebacker**s: *Brad Kassell, Sr., North Texas; Brad Rice, Sr., Idaho; D'Wayne Taylor, Sr., New Mexico State **Defensive Back**s: 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 **Punte**r: Jason Ball, Sr., North Texas **Return Specialis**t: 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

2001 SUN BELT PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Sept. 3: Dwone Hicks, offensive
Jykine Bradley, defensive
Sept. 24: Wes Counts, offensive
Scotty Brown, defensive
Robert Billings, special teams

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.

ters the UL-Lafayette game with a catch in 25 straight games.

100-YD RECEIVING GAMES

■ Under Andy McCollum, the Blue Raiders have had 16 100-yard receiving games with 15 of those coming from wide receivers and one from a running back. **Kendall Newson**, who owns the school record with 12, has had 10 under Coach Mac, while **Tyrone Calico** has registered four. **Hansford Johnson** also has one, while **Don Calloway** owns the other.

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 47 punts for 529 yards and brought back 21 kickoffs for 201 yards. All of this and he has still managed to register 100 catches for 1,043 yards and seven TDs. 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** (1995).

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 UL-Lafayette contest with 125 career receptions to stand No. 2 behind Newson's 193.

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 UL-Monroe 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

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

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 2-for-3 in the field goal department this season.

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.

QUICK HITTERS

■ The Blue Raiders have scored on their opening drive two straight games.

■ In his last four games against Louisiana schools, senior **Kendall Newson** has hauled in a combined 31 passes.

■ **Michael Woods**' fumble recovery at ULM was the first of his career and the first by the Blue Raiders this season.

■ Dwone Hicks has at least one rushing touchdown in three straight games and in six of his last seven outings.

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	3	129	1758	799	959	6
Total	**25**	**751**	**10463**	**4162**	**6301**	**54**
Avg.		*(30.0)*	*(418.5)*	*(166.5)*	*(252.0)*	*(2.2)*

HICKS IN SI

RB Dwone Hicks was featured in the Sept. 24 edition of *Sports Illustrated* as a dark horse candidate for the Heisman Trophy.

■ On every third down play that **Kendall Newson** has received the ball this season (5-for-5) he has gotten the first down.

■ Middle Tennessee's 55 rushing attempts against Troy State was the third most in school history.

■ Ten different receivers caught passes against Troy State.

■ The Blue Raiders' six QB sacks in the win over Troy State ranks as the second most in school history. The record is seven set by the 1987 team against Murray State.

■ The Blue Raiders are 7-0 all-time when **Dwone Hicks** gets at least 18 carries in a game.

■ **Reshard Lee's** 80-yard kickoff return against Troy State was the longest by a Blue Raider since **Sulecio Sanford** returned one 99 yards at Illinois in 1998.

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

■ The Blue Raiders tallied a school record 37 first downs at Vanderbilt.

■ Middle Tennessee's second quarter scoring drive against UL-Monroe lasted 6:51 on the clock, which is the longest drive (time-wise) in the McCollum era.

■ In his last 14 games, **Dwone Hicks** has tallied 28 rushing touchdowns.

■ The Blue Raiders are 11-0 under Andy McCollum when leading at the half and are 11-0 when leading a game entering the fourth quarter.

■ In 35 career games played, **Kendall Newson** has caught at least eight passes in a game 12 times.

INJURIES

■ None.

TRAVEL PLANS

■ The Blue Raiders will depart Nashville Airport via charter plane at 10 AM and will arrive in Lafayette at approximately 11:15 AM. The team will conduct a brief walk-thru at Cajun Field Friday afternoon. The team headquarters will be the Hotel Acadiana (337-237-8363). The team will return to Murfreesboro immediately following the game.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN ...

Middle Tennessee Leads After
- First Quarter ---------- 3-0
- Second Quarter ---------- 2-0
- Third Quarter ---------- 3-0

Middle Tennessee Trails After
- First Quarter ---------- 0-0
- Second Quarter ---------- 1-0
- Third Quarter ---------- 0-0

The Score is Tied After
- First Quarter ---------- 0-0
- Second Quarter ---------- 0-0
- Third Quarter ---------- 0-0

Middle Tennessee Scoring
- 40+ ---------- 1-0
- 30-39 ---------- 2-0
- 20-29 ---------- 0-0
- 10-19 ---------- 0-0
- 0-9 ---------- 0-0

Total Offense
- 500+ ---------- 3-0
- 400-499 ---------- 0-0
- 300-399 ---------- 0-0
- 299 or less ---------- 0-0
- Higher Than Opponent ---------- 0-0

Rushing Yards
- 200+ ---------- 2-0
- 150-199 ---------- 1-0
- 100-149 ---------- 0-0
- 99 or less ---------- 0-0
- Higher Than Opponent ---------- 3-0
- 100-yard Rusher ---------- 1-0

Passing Yards
- 300+ ---------- 3-0
- 200-299 ---------- 0-0
- 199 or less ---------- 0-0
- Higher Than Opponent ---------- 3-0
- 300-yard Passer ---------- 1-0
- 100-yard Receiver ---------- 2-0

Time of Possession
- 35:00+ ---------- 2-0
- 30:00-34:59 ---------- 1-0
- 25:00-29:59 ---------- 0-0
- 24:59 or less ---------- 0-0

Turnovers
- 3+ ---------- 1-0
- 1-2 ---------- 2-0
- 0 ---------- 0-0
- More Than Opponent ---------- 2-0

Time of Day
- Day Games ---------- 0-0
- Night Games ---------- 3-0

Miscellaneous
- Blue Jersey/White Pants ---------- 2-0
- White Jersey/White Pants ---------- 1-0
- Televised Games ---------- 1-0

NCAA FOOTBALL RANKINGS

TEAM

Category	Rank	Actual
Rushing Offense	6	266.33
Passing Offense	9	319.67
Total Offense	2	586.0
Scoring Offense	8	43.00
Rushing Defense	33	107.33
Pass Eff. Defense	80	127.16
Total Defense	82	391.0
Scoring Defense	62	21.67
Net Punting	43	37.50
Punt Returns	79	7.25
Kickoff Returns	14	28.50
Turnover Margin	84	-.67
Pass Defense	108	283.67

INDIVIDUAL

Category	Player	Rank	Actual
Rushing	Hicks	22	111.0
Passing Eff.	Counts	11	164.36
Total Offense	Counts	15	282.33
Receptions/Game	Newson	18	6.67
	Calico	95	4.33
Rec. Yds./Game	Newson	33	83.67
Interceptions	Bradley	1	1.00
Punt Returns	H. Johnson	75	7.25
Field Goals	Kelly	66	.67
Scoring	Hicks	1	22.67
All-Purpose	Hicks	27	146.0
	Lee	99	104.33

SUN BELT RANKINGS

TEAM

Category	Rank	Actual
Rushing Offense	1	266.33
Passing Offense	1	319.67
Total Offense	1	586.0
Scoring Offense	1	43.0
Rushing Defense	1	107.33
Passing Efficiency	1	167.1
Pass Eff. Defense	2	127.16
Total Defense	3	391.0
Scoring Defense	1	21.67
Net Punting	2	37.50
Punt Returns	2	7.25
Kickoff Returns	1	28.50
Turnover Margin	4	-.67
Pass Defense	6	283.67
First Downs	1	97
Sacks by	2	7
Time of Possession	1	36:26

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
1792	**Dwone Hicks (294-1792)**	**1999-**

Rushing TDs

44	Joe Campbell	1988-91
38	Kippy Bayless	1991-94
31	**Dwone Hicks**	**1999-01**
27	Walter Dunson	1990-92
27	Gerald Anderson	1984-87
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

911	**Wes Counts (587-911-20)**	**1998-01**
861	Kelly Holcomb (501-861-25)	1991-94
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

587	**Wes Counts (587-911-20)**	**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
6482	**Wes Counts (587-911-20)**	**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
37	**Wes Counts**	**1998-00**
36	Kelly Holcomb	1991-94
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
6557	**Wes Counts (1134-68)**	**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)

1134	**Wes Counts**	**1998-Present**
1085	Marvin Collier	1985-88
918	Teddy Morris	1962-65
888	Mike Robinson	1974-77
809	Mike Moore	1974-77
714	Kelly Holcomb	1991-94

RECEIVING

Receiving Yards

2529	**Kendall Newson (193-2529)**	**1998-01**
2205	D. Mostiller (110-2205)	1993-96
1757	Herbert Owenby (110-1757)	1964-67
1616	**Tyrone Calico (125-1616)**	**1999-01**
1558	Vince Parks (81-1558)	1988-92
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

1893	**Kendall Newson (193-2529)**	**1998-01**
125	**Tyrone Calico(125-1616)**	**1999-01**
110	D. Mostiller (110-2205)	1993-96
110	Herbert Owenby (110-1757)	1964-67
100	**H. Johnson (100-1043)**	**1998-01**
99	Matt Lowe (99-1176)	1995-98
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	**Kendall Newson**	**1998-00**
16	George Dykes	1961-63
16	G.E. McCormack	1955-58
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
212	**Dwone Hicks (35 TD, 1 2PT)**	**1999-**
191	Bobby Young	1951-53
180	Gerald Anderson (30 TD)	1984-87
176	Joe Lisle (35 FG)	1987-89
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
90	**Brian Kelly (13 FG)**	**2000-Present**
70	Paul Barnett (64 PAT)	1965-67

Touchdowns Scored

45	Joe Campbell	1988-91
43	Kippy Bayless	1991-94
35	**Dwone Hicks**	**1999-01**
30	Gerald Anderson	1984-87
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

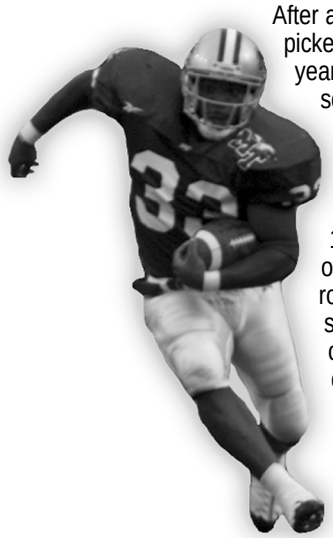
Punt Return Yards

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
529	**Hansford Johnson (47-529)**	**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	**Hansford Johnson (47-529)**	**1998-01**
47	Demetric Mostiller (47-355)	1993-96
46	Robert Alford (46-598)	1984-87
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 has picked up where he left off and is on pace for another brilliant year. Hicks enters this week's game as the nation's leading scorer.

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	69	333	4.8	33	9
Total	294	1792	6.1	79	31
Receiving	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**LG**	**TD**
1999	5	18	3.6	13	0
2000	19	181	9.5	28	2
2001	9	105	11.7	37	2
Total	33	304	9.2	37	4

Hicks Game-By-Game

2001	
at Vanderbilt	37-203-4
Troy State	12-55-2
UL-Monroe	20-75-3

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

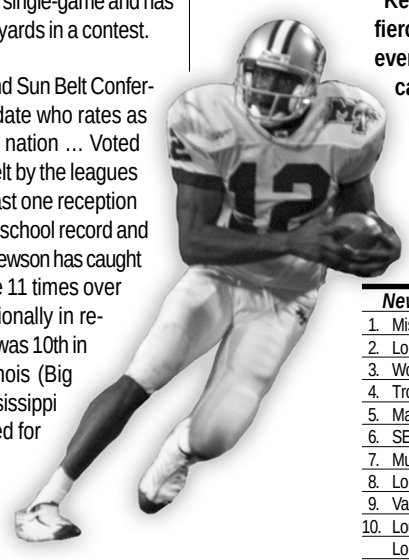
1999	No.	Yds	TD	Lg
at Mississippi State	2	16	0	11
at Arizona Wildcats	5	61	0	32
Wofford	11	162	2	39
at Louisiana-Lafayette	7	170	0	58
Troy State	8	138	0	41
at Arkansas	7	35	0	11
at Louisiana Tech	8	117	1	49
at Louisiana-Monroe	5	51	0	18
UT Martin	3	29	1	13
UCF	7	87	1	48
East Tennessee	6	52	0	13

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
Troy State	3	35	1	25
at UL-Monroe	8	103	1	38

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 third 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 35 straight games, which is a school record and ranks tied for third nationally … Newson has caught at least eight passes in a game 11 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-Monroe (9/22/01)	102
	Louisiana Tech (10/7/00)	103
12.	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-Sr.)
WR	80	David Youell (5-11, 178, r-Jr.)
	84	Reggie Jones (6-3, 225, Jr.)
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	92	Tanaka Scott (6-2, 267, Sr.)
	90	Samuel Smith (6-4, 248, Jr.)
T	93	Thomas Johnson (6-3, 286, So.)
	97	Jerry Vanderpool (6-3, 272, r-Fr.)
	99	Kai Zeigler (6-4, 285, Jr.)
RE	58	Anthony Hood (6-2, 232, Sr.)
	96	Curtis Daniely (6-5, 280, Jr.)
	86	Wes Stephens (6-4, 253, r-Sr.)
LLB	47	Sheldon Durham (6-2, 223, Jr.)
	40	Chris Gatlin (6-1, 223, Jr.)
MIKE	54	Randy Arnold (5-11, 222, Jr.)
	26	Blake Morris (6-3, 213, Fr.)
RLB	41	Scotty Brown (6-2, 231, Sr.)
	52	Louis Kemp (5-8, 210, r-Sr.) **OR**
	46	Chris Hough (6-1, 200, r-Fr.)
OLB	2	Michael Woods (6-2, 203, So.)
	10	Chris Johnson (5-10, 180, Jr.)
OLB	42	Brandon Lynch (6-1, 185, 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.)

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
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	37	37	39:55	52-300-5	27-36-308-0	88-608-5	7-13	0-1-1
at Vanderbilt	28	17	20:05	28-177-2	13-32-300-2	60-477-4	2-10	0-0-0
Middle Tennessee	54	29	33:24	55-313-6	20-28-328-2	83-641-8	11-15	1-1-2
vs Troy State	17	22	26:36	27-61-0	25-42-268-2	69-329-2	4-14	2-0-2
Middle Tennessee	38	31	36:00	48-186-3	30-37-323-2	85-509-5	7-12	0-3-3
at UL-Monroe	20	23	24:00	23-84-1	23-41-283-2	64-367-3	4-11	1-1-2
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: (17-for-19) Opp: (6-for-10)

Total Scores
Touchdowns 16, Field Goals 1

Non Scores
Missed Field Goals 2
Loss of Downs 0
Clock 0
Turnovers 0 (fumbles 0, Interceptions 0)

Opponent Total Scores
Touchdowns 5, Field Goals 1

Opponent Non Scores
Missed Field Goals 1
Loss of Downs 3
Turnovers 0 (fumbles 0, Interceptions 0)
Clock 0

TURNOVERS

Takeaways: 4
Giveaways: 6
Difference: -2.0
Points Off Turnovers: MT: 17
Opp: 35
Points Off Turnovers/Game: MT: 5.6; Opp: 11.6

KICKOFFS

BRAD COOPER
Touchbacks: 4
Opponent Returns: 16
Fair Catches: 0
Out of Bounds: 0
Onside Kicks: 0
Average Depth: 6.9 (138)
Average Drive Start: 29.1 (581)

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	1-1	1-1	1-1	3-3
Percentage	.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	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	12-55-2	20-95-2	6-74-0	9-68-2	5-19-0	0-0-0
at UL-Monroe	20-75-3	7-24-0	8-40-0	3-19-0	6-8-0	2-26-0
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	82 Frost
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	0-0-0
TROY STATE	3-35-1	2-38-0	2-44-0	1-26-0	0-0-0	1-4-0	5-74-1	1-0-0	1-5-0	0-0-0
at UL-Monroe	8-103-1	5-48-0	3-31-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	7-83-0	4-31-1	0-0-0	2-16-0	1-11-0
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	14-20-0-220-2	6-8-1-108-0
at UL-Monroe	28-35-0-274-2	2-2-0-49-0
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.	1-36.0-1	--
at UL-Monroe	2-43.5-2	--
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.	*43 (BLK)*
at UL-Monroe	**42**
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)

Q P-YD TOPSCORE

TROY STATE

1 9-76 2:51 Newson 25 pass from Counts (Kelly PAT)
1 7-73 1:33 Hicks 4 run (run failed)
2 10-69 4:23 Hicks 3 run (pass failed)
2 4-15 1:17 Hicks 15 pass from Counts (Hicks run)
2 4-80 1:15 Calloway 2 run (run failed)
3 10-83 3:30 Calloway 9 run (Kelly PAT)
3 4-46 1:57 Palmer 37 run (Kelly PAT)
4 5-51 2:28 Palmer 3 run (Kelly PAT)

Q P-YD TOPSCORE

UL-MONROE

1 12-72 4:57 Newson 21 pass from Counts (Kelly PAT)
2 14-99 6:51 Hicks 10 pass from Counts (Kelly PAT)
2 9-37 3:00 Kelly 42 FG
3 7-40 3:04 Hicks 3 run (Kelly PAT)
4 12-88 4:28 Hicks 1 run (Kelly PAT)
4 9-80 4:50 HIcks 1 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	Counts	Hicks	Johnson	Calico	Newson	Youell	Westbrook	Coy	Elarbee	Pascoe	Gant
Louisiana-Monroe	Counts	Hicks	Johnson	Calico	Newson	Frost (te)	Westbrook	Coy	Elarbee	Pascoe	Gant
Louisiana-Lafayette											
Idaho											
North Texas											
Mississippi											
New Mexico State											
Arkansas State											
LSU											
Connecticut											

DEFENSE

OPPONENT	LE	T	RE	LLB	MIKE	RLB	OLB (left)	OLB (right)	LC	FS	RC
Vanderbilt	Smith	Johnson	Scott	S. Durham	Brown	Kemp	Woods	Lynch	Bradley	Bland	Alsup
Troy State	Scott	Johnson	Hood	S. Durham	Brown	Kemp	Woods	Lynch	Bradley	Bland	Alsup
Louisiana-Monroe	Scott	Johnson	Hood	S. Durham	Arnold	Brown	Woods	Lynch	Bradley	Bland	Alsup
Louisiana-Lafayette											
Idaho											
North Texas											
Mississippi											
New Mexico State											
Arkansas State											
LSU											
Connecticut											

2001 GAME-BY-GAME COACHES DEFENSE

UT-AT-TT	VU	TSU	ULM	ULL	UI	UNT	UM	NMSU	ASU	LSU	UConn
Alsup	0-1-1	2-0-2	3-3-6								
Arnold	1-1-2	3-1-4	3-3-6								
Bland	2-2-4	**4-2-6**	2-8-10								
Bradley	3-1-4	**6-0-6**	1-1-2								
S. Brown	5-1-6	2-3-5	**3-8-11**								
Daniely	1-0-1	0-0-0	1-0-1								
S. Durham	2-0-2	3-1-4	2-0-2								
Hough	2-0-2	1-2-3	4-3-7								
T. Johnson	1-1-2	2-1-3	3-0-3								
Kemp	2-2-4	**4-2-6**	1-3-4								
Lynch	4-2-6	4-0-4	2-1-3								
McClendon	3-2-5	3-1-4	3-1-4								
Rashada	1-0-1	0-1-1	3-1-4								
Scott	1-1-2	3-2-5	3-0-3								
Shaw	3-1-4	1-1-2	1-1-2								
Vanderpool	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0								
Woods	**6-3-9**	3-1-4	4-3-7								
Ziegler	DNP	1-0-1	0-0-0								
D. Walker	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0								
Montalbano	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0								
S. Smith	0-0-0	1-1-2	0-0-0								
C. Johnson	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1								
Hood	0-0-0	4-1-5	0-1-1								

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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	X	X								
2	M. Woods	OLB	OLB	OLB								
3	H. Johnson	WR	WR	WR								
4	N. Payne	X	X	X								
5	M. Rashada	X	X	X								
6	W. Alsup	RC	RC	RC								
8	H. Joyner	X	X	X								
10	C. Johnson	X	X	X								
11	K. Bland	FS	FS	FS								
12	K. Newson	WR	WR	WR								
13	Q. Domineck	DNP	X	X								
15	L. Phillips	DNP	X	DNP								
16	J. Johnson	DNP	X	X								
17	W. Counts	QB	QB	QB								
18	J. McClendon	X	X	X								
19	J. Bradley	LC	LC	LC								
20	R. Billings	P	P	P								
21	J. Palmer	X	X	X								
22	B. Kelly	X	X	X								
23	A. Fite	X	X	X								
24	R. Lee	X	X	X								
25	C. Berry	DNP	DNP	DNP								
26	B. Morris	X	X	X								
27	T. Calico	WR	WR	WR								
28	D. Calloway	X	X	X								
29	K. Higgins	X	X	X								
30	P.J. Johnson	DNP	DNP	DNP								
31	R. Newson	DNP	DNP	DNP								
32	A. Norris	DNP	DNP	DNP								
33	D. Hicks	RB	RB	RB								
36	S. Allen	DNP	DNP	DNP								
37	C. Matusek	DS	DS	DS								
38	J. Shaw	X	X	X								
39	J. Madrick	DNP	X	DNP								
40	C. Gatlin	DNP	X	X								
41	S. Brown	MIKE	MIKE	MIKE								
42	B. Lynch	OLB	OLB	OLB								
43	A. Hatten	X	X	X								
45	B. Durham	DNP	X	DNP								
46	C. Hough	X	X	X								
47	S. Durham	LLB	LLB	LLB								
48	J. Spray	X	X	X								
49	B. Cooper	KO	KO	KO								
50	G. Sanders	DNP	DNP	DNP								
52	L. Kemp	RLB	RLB	X								
53	J. Montalbano	X	X	X								
54	R. Arnold	X	X	RLB								
55	J. Willoughby	DNP	X	X								
57	G. Elarbee	C	C	C								
58	A. Hood	X	LE	LE								
59	B. Westbrook	LT	LT	LT								
65	J. Moos	DNP	X	DNP								
67	J. Gant	RT	RT	RT								
70	S. Grabo	DNP	DNP	DNP								
71	J. Barry	X	X	X								
72	D. Coy	LG	LG	LG								
73	B. Brasch	DNP	X	X								
74	J. Proby	X	X	X								
75	B. Parker	DNP	X	X								
77	K. Pascoe	RG	RG	RG								
80	D. Youell	WR	WR	X								
81	R. Polk	DNP	X	DNP								
82	L. Frost	X	X	TE								
83	S. Saylor	X	X	DNP								
84	R. Jones	DNP	X	DNP								
85	C. Henry	DNP	DNP	DNP								
86	W. Stephens	X	X	X								
88	B. Bucher	X	X	X								
90	S. Smith	LE	X	X								
91	S. Ellison	DNP	DNP	DNP								
92	T. Scott	RE	LE	LE								
93	T. Johnson	DT	DT	DT								
95	J. Callahan	DNP	DNP	DNP								
96	C. Daniely	X	X	X								
97	J. Vanderpool	X	X	X								
98	D. Walker	X	X	X								
99	K. Zeigler	DNP	X	X								

Career Games Played/Started

No.	Name	Career GP-GS	2000 GP-S	1999 GP-S	1998 GP-S
1	K. Wright	3-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
2	M. Woods	14-3	0-0	11-0	–
3	H. Johnson	33-22	11-8	11-11	8-0
4	N. Payne	20-0	9-0	8-0	–
5	M. Rashada	14-0	11-0	–	–
6	W. Alsup	14-4	11-1	–	–
8	H. Joyner	3-0	–	–	–
10	C. Johnson	25-9	11-4	11-5	–
11	K. Bland	24-13	10-9	11-1	–
12	K. Newson	35-28	11-10	11-11	10-4
13	Q. Domineck	2-0	–	–	–
15	L. Phillips	11-0	10-0	--	--
16	J. Johnson	13-2	11-2	–	–
17	W. Counts	35-32	11-9	11-11	10-9
18	J. McClendon	14-2	11-2	–	–
19	J. Bradley	25-21	11-11	11-7	–
20	R. Billings	14-14	11-11	–	–
21	J. Palmer	15-4	1-1	11-3	–
22	B. Kelly	13-13	10-10	–	–
23	A. Fite	3-0	–	–	–
24	R. Lee	3-0	–	–	–
25	C. Berry	0-0	--	--	--
26	B. Morris	3-0	–	–	–
27	T. Calico	25-22	11-10	11-9	–
28	D. Calloway	12-0	9-0	–	–
29	K. Higgins	11-0	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	25-14	11-9	11-2	–
36	S. Allen	0-0	–	–	–
37	C. Matusek	35-35	11-11	11-11	10-10
38	J. Shaw	3-0	–	–	–
39	J. Madrick	1-0	0-0	0-0	--
40	C. Gatlin	16-8	9-8	5-0	–
41	S. Brown	29-14	11-10	11-0	4-1
42	B. Lynch	12-3	9-0	–	–
43	A. Hatten	3-0	–	–	–
45	B. Durham	23-2	11-2	8-0	3-0
46	C. Hough	3-0	–	–	–
47	S. Durham	3-3	–	–	–
48	J. Spray	23-2	10-2	10-0	–
49	B. Cooper	11-0	8-0	–	–
50	G. Sanders	0-0	0-0	–	–
52	L. Kemp	16-4	11-2	2-0	–
53	J. Montalbano	13-0	10-0	–	–
54	R. Arnold	14-1	4-0	7-0	–
55	J. Willoughby	2-0	0-0	–	–
57	G. Elarbee	15-3	5-0	7-0	–
58	A. Hood	14-7	11-5	–	–
59	B. Westbrook	13-13	10-10	–	–
65	J. Moos	9-0	8-0	–	–
67	J. Gant	3-3	–	–	–
70	S. Grabo	0-0	–	–	–
71	J. Barry	4-0	0-0	1-0	–
72	D. Coy	13-4	10-1	–	–
73	B. Brasch	2-0	–	–	–
74	J. Proby	22-0	9-0	10-0	–
75	B. Parker	2-0	–	–	–
77	K. Pascoe	22-8	9-4	10-1	–
80	D. Youell	24-9	11-6	11-1	–
81	R. Polk	1-0	0-0	0-0	–
82	L. Frost	25-4	11-3	11-0	–
83	S. Saylor	15-0	11-0	2-0	–
84	R. Jones	1-0	–	–	–
85	C. Henry	0-0	–	–	–
86	W. Stephens	33-13	9-5	11-1	10-7
88	B. Bucher	8-1	5-1	–	–
90	S. Smith	3-1	–	–	–
91	S. Ellison	8-0	8-0	–	–
92	T. Scott	14-13	11-10	–	–
93	T. Johnson	3-3	–	–	–
95	J. Callahan	0-0	–	–	–
96	C. Daniely	18-2	10-0	5-2	–
97	J. Vanderpool	3-0	–	–	–
98	D. Walker	3-0	–	–	–
99	K. Zeigler	2-0	–	–	–

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

Game 2 Troy State

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
9-76	2:51	TD	7-0
4-(-2)	1:18	Punt	7-0
7-73	1:33	TD	13-0
10-69	4:23	TD	19-0
4-15	1:17	TD	27-3
4-80	1:50	TD	33-3
1-(-2)	:02	Clock	33-3
10-83	3:30	TD	40-3
4-3	1:22	INT	40-3
4-46	1:57	TD	47-10
12-41	5:20	BK FG	47-10
5-51	2:28	TD	54-10
2-4	:46	Fumble	54-10
8-19	4:47	Clock	54-17

Game 3 UL-Monroe

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
12-72	4:57	TD	7-0
14-99	6:51	TD	14-0
9-37	3:00	FG	17-0
9-37	2:20	Punt	17-0
2-(-1)	:13	Clock	17-0
6-36	2:49	Fumble	17-0
5-21	2:19	Punt	17-6
7-40	3:04	TD	24-6
1-1	:07	Fumble	24-6
12-88	4:28	TD	31-6
2-7	1:02	Fumble	31-12
9-80	4:50	TD	38-20

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

Game 2 Troy State

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
4-26	2:06	Punt	0-0
3-(-4)	1:47	Punt	0-7
11-56	4:56	MFG	0-7
6-5	1:55	Punt	0-13
10-50	3:19	FG	3-19
5-18	1:39	Punt	3-27
6-31	1:04	Downs	3-33
3-(-6)	1:42	Punt	3-40
5-42	1:56	TD	10-40
2-20	:48	INT	10-47
4-15	:50	INT	10-47
6-4	2:47	Punt	10-54
6-52	1:47	TD	17-54

Game 3 UL-Monroe

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
5-7	3:09	INT	0-0
7-27	3:00	Punt	0-7
8-35	3:34	Fumble	0-14
6-44	1:43	Punt	0-17
8-39	1:13	Downs	0-17
3-43	1:09	TD	6-17
3-3	:56	Punt	6-17
9-58	3:13	MFG	6-24
4-9	:57	Downs	6-24
4-72	1:15	TD	12-31
7-52	3:10	TD	20-31
2-5	:41	Clock	20-38

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.	David Coy	Reshard Lee	Wes Counts	Kevin Pascoe	S. Brown/PJ Johnson	Anthony Hood	Wes Counts
UL-Monroe	Brandon Westbrook	Brian Kelly	D. Youell/L. Frost	Kevin Pascoe	R. Polk/B. Howze	Tanaka Scott	David Youell
UL-Lafayette							
Idaho							
North Texas							
Mississippi							
New Mex. St.							
Arkansas St.							
LSU							
Connecticut							

OFFENSIVE LINE STATISTICS

Game	Westbrook	Coy	Elarbee	Pascoe	Gant	Proby	Barry	Willoughby	Moos	Brasch	Parker
Vandy	73-14.5-73%	96-3.5-73%	98-15-81%	98-9-71%	85-4-64%	40-3-68%	3-0-NG	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Troy St.	60-2-61%	52-6-65%	75-6-79%	57-10-55%	60-3-56%	35-3-65%	29-1-56%	14-1-43%	16-2-60%	27-3-56%	30-2-56%
UL-Monroe	78-11-75%	80-10-61%	89-11.5-75%	78-12.5-70%	86-11-58%	15-1-50%	7-0-57%	7-0-43%	DNP	4-0-25%	6-1-33%
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.	Glen Elarbee	David Coy	Brandon Westbrook
UL-Monroe	Glen Elarbee	Brandon Westbrook	Jonathan Proby
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:	5 vs Troy State (9/8/01)
Receiving Yards:	74 vs Troy State (9/8/01)
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)

Reshard Lee - RB ● 5-10 ● 219 ● So.

Rushing Yards:	74 vs Troy State (9/8/01)
Rushing Attempts:	8 vs Louisiana-Monroe (9/22/01)
Rushing TDs:	None
Long Run:	52 vs Troy State (9/8/01)
Receptions:	2 vs Vanderbilt (8/30/01); UL-Monroe (9/22/01)
Receiving Yards:	22 vs Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
TD Receptions:	None
Long Reception:	14 vs Vanderbilt
Long Kickoff Return:	80 vs Troy State (9/8/01)
Kickoff Return Yards:	80 vs Troy State (9/8/01)

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:	7 vs Louisiana-Monroe (9/22/01)
Receiving Yards:	83 vs Louisiana-Monroe (9/22/01)
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:	2 vs Troy State (9/8/01)
Pass Breakups:	4 vs Louisiana Tech (10/7/00); Troy State (9/8/01)

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:	5 vs Troy State (9/8/01)
Solo Tackles:	3 vs UAB (10/21/00)
Sacks:	2 vs Troy State (9/8/01)
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:	1 vs Troy State (9/8/01)
Tackles for Loss:	1 vs UL-Lafayette (11/18/00), 1 vs Troy St. (9/8/01)
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 Miss. State (10/28/00); UL-Monroe (9/22/01)

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:	9 vs Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
Solo Tackles:	2, twice
Sacks:	None
Tackles for Loss:	1 vs Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
Blocked Kicks:	1 vs Louisiana Tech (Punt)
Pass Breakups:	1 vs Troy State (9/8/01)

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

Game 2

Middle Tennessee 54, Troy State 17
Sept. 8, 2001; Murfreesboro, TN

by Tony Stinnett
Daily News Journal

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — Middle Tennessee feared a Troy State ambush in the home opener with the Blue Raiders coming off the emotional 37-28 win at Vanderbilt just nine days earlier.

There was an ambush, all right, but it was provided by the Blue Raiders as they waylaid Division I-A newcomer Troy State 54-17 in front of 21,723 at Floyd Stadium for their fifth straight win.

The Blue Raiders avenged a 48-31 home loss to the Trojans two years ago and started the season 2-0 for the first time since the 1990. It also was the seventh straight win for MTSU at Floyd Stadium.

"To come out and beat a team that whipped us two years ago shows the improvement we are trying to gain," MTSU coach Andy McCollum said. "We wanted to represent in our house. We don't want anyone dancing on our field like (Troy State) did here two years ago."

Troy State (0-2) had little chance to do a victory dance this time, as the Blue Raiders dominated every phase of the game in the impressive thrashing.

The Blue Raiders piled up 641 yards total offense one week after rolling up 608 at Vanderbilt. It's the first time in school history MTSU has produced more than 600 yards in consecutive games.

It got ugly for Troy State early as MTSU reached the end zone on five of its six first-half pos-

sessions to roll to a 33-3 halftime advantage.

So much for the possibility of a letdown.

"When you have to get up Friday morning and go to class at 8 following a big win after Vanderbilt, you get your feet back on the ground pretty fast," said MTSU quarterback Wes Counts. "(Players) weren't worried about a letdown. It really wasn't a big deal and we had nine days to get ready for it. We wanted to prove to a lot of people that last week wasn't a fluke."

Hard to argue.

Counts was clicking again, going 14-of-20 for 220 yards and hooking up with Dwone Hicks for one scoring pass and connecting with Kendall Newson on a 25-yard acrobatic, one-handed grab in the end zone to get the offensive highlights started.

Ten different MTSU players, led by Dwone Hicks' 74 yards on five receptions, had at least one catch.

Hicks also rushed for two touchdowns and had 55 yards on 12 carries.

MTSU's backfield had four backs with at least 55 yards. Sophomore Don Calloway led the way with 95 yards and two scores on 20 carries. Reshard Lee finished with 75 yards on six carries, all in the first half, and Jamison Palmer finished with 69 yards and two scores on just nine carries.

As a result, MTSU finished with 313 yards rushing and six touchdowns on the ground.

"It felt good to see everyone get in the game, and it felt good to get a little rest in the third and fourth quarters," said Hicks, who had a career-high 37 carries against Vanderbilt. "It felt good to beat a team that came in here and whipped us two years ago. We played as a complete unit."

And the defense was not to be ignored.

MTSU dominated Troy State's "Trojan Spread" offense, limiting it to 329 yards and only 61 yards rushing. Troy State was held out of the end zone until midway through the third quarter, when Heyward Skipper hauled in a 29-yard pass from Brock Nutter.

The Blue Raiders pass rush was strong out of the gate as evidenced by six sacks - the most for MTSU under McCollum.

"Last week we didn't have a strong pass rush," said defensive end Anthony Hood, who had two sacks and five tackles. "It didn't hurt us, but it didn't help us. Defensively, everything was clicking. We were challenged and we came out and performed."

Hood also had two tackles for loss, as did Louis Kemp. The Blue Raiders finished with seven tackles for loss and senior defensive back Jykine Bradley got into the act with a pair of interceptions and four passes defended.

"We wanted to see some (defensive) improvement," McCollum said. "We were able to get some turnovers and we had six sacks, which is good against a veteran quarterback. "The defensive front came out to play. Defensively you can see where we grew up in this game."

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
TSU	0	3	7	7	17
Middle Tennessee	13	20	14	7	54

Scoring Summary:

1st 10:03 MT NEWSON, Kendall 25 yd pass from COUNTS, Wes (KELLY, Brian kick)
00:29 MT HICKS, Dwone 4 yd run (YOUELL, David rush failed)
2nd 09:11 MT HICKS, Dwone 3 yd run (COUNTS, Wes pass failed)
05:52 TSU BOTELER,Drew 35 yd field goal
04:35 MT HICKS, Dwone 15 yd pass from COUNTS, Wes (HICKS, Dwone rush)
01:06 MT CALLOWAY, Don 2 yd run (CALLOWAY, Don rush fumbld)
3rd 11:30 MT CALLOWAY, Don 9 yd run (KELLY, Brian kick)
06:30 TSU SKIPPER,Heyward 29 yd pass from NUTTER,Brock (BOTELER,Drew kick)
04:33 MT PALMER, Jamison 37 yd run (KELLY, Brian kick)
4th 10:07 MT PALMER, Jamison 3 yd run (KELLY, Brian kick)
04:47 TSU SKIPPER,Heyward 14 yd pass from BEARDEN,Hansell (BOTELER,Drew kick)

	TSU	MT
FIRST DOWNS	22	29
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	27-61	55-313
PASSING YDS (NET)	268	328
Passes Att-Comp-Int	42-25-2	28-20-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	69-329	83-641
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	2-9
Kickoff Returns-Yards	7-143	4-175
Interception Returns-Yards	1-2	2-15
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-36.3	1-36.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	9-59	14-127
Possession Time	26:36	33:24
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	6-36

RUSHING: TSU-CARTER,Dem. 10-55; BLACK,LeBarron 6-19; BETTERSON,De. 3-15; BEARDEN,Hansell 3-5; NUTTER,Brock 5-minus 33. Middle Tennessee-CALLOWAY, Don 20-95; LEE, Reshard 6-74; PALMER, Jamison 9-68; HICKS, Dwone 12-55; COUNTS, Wes 5-19; SPRAY, Jason 1-4; HATTEN, Avery 1-0; PHILLIPS, Lance 1-minus 2.

PASSING: TSU-NUTTER,Brock 19-33-1-204; BEARDEN,Hansell 6-9-1-64. Middle Tennessee-COUNTS, Wes 14-20-0-220; JOHNSON, Jason 6-8-1-108.

RECEIVING: TSU-SKIPPER,Heyward 10-133; CARTER,Dem. 5-34; O'BRIEN,Daniel 3-31; DAY,Chris 2-36; LUCAS,Chad 2-11; BLACK,LeBarron 1-10; SAMPLES,Jason 1-8; COX,Chris 1-5. Middle Tennessee-HICKS, Dwone 5-74; NEWSON, Kendall 3-35; JOYNER, Hashem 2-80; JOHNSON, H. 2-44; CALICO, Tyrone 2-38; PALMER,
Jamison 2-22; WRIGHT, Kerry 1-26; LEE, Reshard 1-5; YOUELL, David 1-4; CALLOWAY, Don 1-0.

INTERCEPTIONS: TSU-HARPER,Ronald 1-2. Middle Tennessee-BRADLEY, Jykine 2-15.

FUMBLES: TSU-None. Middle Tennessee-HATTEN, Avery 1-1.

Stadium: Floyd Attendance: 21723
Total elapsed time: 3:19
Temperature: 86 Wind: S 11 Weather: Partly Cloudy

Game 3

Middle Tennessee 38, UL-Monroe 20
Sept. 22, 2001; Monroe, LA

by Tony Stinnett
Daily News Journal

MONROE, LA — Experts believe Middle Tennessee's powerful offense will spark a run at the first Sun Belt Conference championship.

Defense, however, is the reason the Blue Raiders sit atop the Sun Belt standings this morning after turning back UL-Monroe, 38-20, in the first conference game in league history in front of 9,730 at Malone Stadium on Saturday.

"It's a win and we just beat a good football team," MTSU coach Andy McCollum said. "We knew it was going to be tough coming in here and it was. It's great to get that first one, and I thought our defense did a tremendous job in the first half. They were the difference."

MTSU (3-0, 1-0) won its sixth straight and started 3-0 for the first time since 1990 with a stifling defense that not only hindered the Indians (0-3, 0-1) early, but set up two of the Blue Raiders' three first-half scores.

The Blue Raiders completely shut down the ground game, limiting the Indians to 84 yards rushing and tailback Ivory Brown to just 17 yards. UL-Monroe finished with 367 yards but more than 100 of those came in the fourth quarter after MTSU had built 31-6 lead.

"Defensive-wise we did what we were supposed to do," defensive end Tanaka Scott said. "We stuffed the run and made them throw it. I'm disappointed with the two touchdowns we gave up in the fourth quarter, but it was a good win."

Jykine Bradley's third interception of the season ended the Indians' first drive, and the offense converted the miscue into a 7-0 lead when quarterback Wes Counts connected with Kendall Newson for a 21-yard scoring strike.

UL-Monroe, trailing 14-0, was driving toward its first score when Michael Woods pounced on a fumble and returned possession to the Middle Tennessee offense.

Kicker Brian Kelly ripped a 42-yard field goal to put the Blue Raiders on top 17-0 eight plays later.

"We know our offense will put up points, and it's up to us to keep other teams from scoring," said linebacker Scotty Brown, who led MTSU with 11 tackles. "We knew coming into the game that for us to win the defense had to make plays. We gave up too much at the end and that must be corrected, but overall our defense played well."

It wasn't as if the offense didn't.

After all, the Blue Raiders had 509 yards total offense, led by Counts' 28-of-35 passing for 274 yards and two touchdowns, but losing three of four fumbles didn't sit well with the unit.

"It feels good to be 1-0 and have the first conference win," said receiver David Youell, who had a career-best seven receptions. "A win is always pleasing, but we have a lot to go back and work on. They gave us fits defensively."

In addition to Counts' big night, Newson had eight catches for 103 yards and running back Dwone Hicks scored four of the team's five touchdowns and finished with 74 yards rushing.

"They have the total package and we couldn't slow them up," UL-Monroe coach Bobby Keasler said. "Offensively, they are very strong. They have weapons and they use all of them."

MTSU went the distance on one of its drives - literally, when it marched 99 yards on 14 plays and never had to convert a third down.

The longest drive in school history concluded with Counts' 10-yard pass to Hicks and provided the Blue Raiders an early 14-0 lead.

"That was a humongous drive," McCollum said. "We were backed up on the inch line and Monroe was trying to get field position. I thought that was a big key

early, but I want to give credit to the defense for what it did early."

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Middle Tennessee	7	10	7	14	38
Louisiana-Monroe	0	0	6	14	20

Scoring Summary:
1st 06:54 MT NEWSON, Kendall 21 yd pass from COUNTS, Wes (KELLY, Brian kick)
2nd 12:03 MT HICKS, Dwone 10 yd pass from COUNTS, Wes (KELLY, Brian kick)
05:29 MT KELLY, Brian 42 yd field goal
3rd 11:02 ULM Vincent, Mack 16 yd pass from Chance, Andy (Francis, Daniel kick blockd)
04:43 MT HICKS, Dwone 3 yd run (KELLY, Brian kick)
4th 10:58 MT HICKS, Dwone 1 yd run (KELLY, Brian kick)
09:43 ULM Chance, Andy 1 yd run (Chance, Andy pass failed)
05:31 ULM Wright, Ben 7 yd pass from Chance, Andy (Donald, Dwayne pass)
00:41 MT HICKS, Dwone 1 yd run (KELLY, Brian kick)

	MT	ULM
FIRST DOWNS	31	23
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	48-186	23-84
PASSING YDS (NET)	323	283
Passes Att-Comp-Int	37-30-0	41-23-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	85-509	64-367
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-18
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-58	7-153
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-43.5	3-34.0
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	1-1
Penalties-Yards	11-103	10-84
Possession Time	36:00	24:00
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-4	1-8

RUSHING: Middle Tennessee-HICKS, Dwone 20-75; LEE, Reshard 8-40; JOHNSON, H. 2-26; CALLOWAY, Don 7-24; PALMER, Jamison 3-19; COUNTS, Wes 6-8; SPRAY, Jason 1-4; WRIGHT, Kerry 1-minus 10. Louisiana-Monroe-Chance, Andy 10-44; Brown, Ivory 5-17; Patterson, Trey 6-15; Jacobs, Bryant 2-8.

PASSING: Middle Tennessee-COUNTS, Wes 28-35-0-274; JOHNSON, Jason 2-2-0-49. Louisiana-Monroe-Chance, Andy 23-41-1-283.

RECEIVING: Middle Tennessee-NEWSON, Kendall 8-103; YOUELL, David 7-83; CALICO, Tyrone 5-48; HICKS, Dwone 4-31; JOHNSON, H. 3-31; LEE, Reshard 2-16; FROST, Lucas 1-11. Louisiana-Monroe-Vincent, Mack 9-120; Adams, H.J. 5-56; Washington, K. 3-27; Thomas, Keith 2-39; Greer, Brooks 2-26; Winchester, J. 1-8; Wright, Ben 1-7.

INTERCEPTIONS: Middle Tennessee-BRADLEY, Jykine 1-0. Louisiana-Monroe-None.

FUMBLES: Middle Tennessee-HICKS, Dwone 2-1; WRIGHT, Kerry 1-1; NEWSON, Kendall 1-1. Louisiana-Monroe-Brown, Ivory 1-1.

Stadium: Malone Attendance: 9730
Total elapsed time: 3:07
Temperature: 81 Wind: calm Weather: Partly Cloudy

2001 MIDDLE TENNESSEE FOOTBALL
Middle Tennessee Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 23, 2001)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(3-0-0)	(1-0-0)	(2-0-0)	(0-0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(1-0-0)	(0-0-0)	(1-0-0)	(0-0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(2-0-0)	(1-0-0)	(1-0-0)	(0-0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
8/30/01	at Vanderbilt	W	37-28	39885
9/8/01	TSU	W	54-17	21723
*9/22/01	at Louisiana-Monroe	W	38-20	9730

* denotes conference game

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
HICKS, Dwone	3	69	342	9	333	4.8	9	33	111.0
LEE, Reshard	3	21	163	1	162	7.7	0	52	54.0
CALLOWAY, Don	3	27	120	1	119	4.4	2	20	39.7
PALMER, Jamison	3	12	88	1	87	7.2	2	37	29.0
COUNTS, Wes	3	17	74	29	45	2.6	1	11	15.0
JOHNSON, H.	3	2	26	0	26	13.0	0	14	8.7
WRIGHT, Kerry	3	3	31	10	21	7.0	0	20	7.0
SPRAY, Jason	3	2	8	0	8	4.0	0	4	2.7
HATTEN, Avery	3	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
PHILLIPS, Lance	1	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-2.0
Total.....	3	155	852	53	799	5.2	14	52	266.3
Opponents.....	3	78	383	61	322	4.1	3	26	107.3

PASSING	GP	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
COUNTS, Wes	3	164.36	91-69-0	75.8	802	4	37	267.3
JOHNSON, Jason	2	191.88	10-8-1	80.0	157	0	69	78.5
Total.....	3	167.09	101-77-1	76.2	959	4	69	319.7
Opponents.....	3	127.20	115-61-3	53.0	851	6	73	283.7

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
NEWSON, Kendall	3	20	251	12.6	2	38	83.7
CALICO, Tyrone	3	13	169	13.0	0	21	56.3
YOUELL, David	3	12	121	10.1	0	23	40.3
JOHNSON, H.	3	10	123	12.3	0	29	41.0
HICKS, Dwone	3	9	105	11.7	2	37	35.0
LEE, Reshard	3	5	43	8.6	0	14	14.3
JOYNER, Hashem	3	2	80	40.0	0	69	26.7
PALMER, Jamison	3	2	22	11.0	0	23	7.3
WRIGHT, Kerry	3	1	26	26.0	0	26	8.7
FROST, Lucas	3	1	11	11.0	0	11	3.7
PAYNE, Nick	3	1	8	8.0	0	8	2.7
CALLOWAY, Don	3	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	3	77	959	12.5	4	69	319.7
Opponents.....	3	61	851	14.0	6	73	283.7

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
KELLY, Brian	2-4	50.0	0-0	1-2	0-0	1-2	0-0	42	1

SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
			|------ PATs ------|						
HICKS, Dwone	11	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0-0	0	0	68
KELLY, Brian	0	2-4	13-14	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	19
NEWSON, Kendall	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
CALLOWAY, Don	2	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	12
PALMER, Jamison	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
COUNTS, Wes	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	6
YOUELL, David	0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	0
BLAND, Kareem	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Total.....	18	2-4	13-14	1-3	0	0-1	0	0	129
Opponents.....	9	1-3	6-7	0-0	1	1-2	0	0	65

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		Total
Middle Tennessee....	34	40	27	28	-	129
Opponents.....	0	31	13	21	-	65

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
COUNTS, Wes	3	108	45	802	847	282.3
HICKS, Dwone	3	69	333	0	333	111.0
LEE, Reshard	3	21	162	0	162	54.0

TEAM STATISTICS	MT	OPP
FIRST DOWNS.....	97	62
Rushing.....	43	20
Passing.....	43	35
Penalty.....	11	7
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	799	322
Yards gained rushing...	852	383
Yards lost rushing.....	53	61
Rushing Attempts.....	155	78
Average Per Rush.....	5.2	4.1
Average Per Game.....	266.3	107.3
TDs Rushing.....	14	3
PASSING YARDAGE.....	959	851
Att-Comp-Int.....	101-77-1	115-61-3
Average Per Pass.....	9.5	7.4
Average Per Catch.....	12.5	14.0
Average Per Game.....	319.7	283.7
TDs Passing.....	4	6
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	1758	1173
Total Plays.....	256	193
Average Per Play.....	6.9	6.1
Average Per Game.....	586.0	391.0
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS....	10-285	18-394
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS....	4-29	3-26
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	3-15	1-2
FUMBLES-LOST.....	7-5	3-1
PENALTIES-YARDS.....	34-286	30-226
PUNTS-AVG.....	6-41.8	14-38.4
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME..	36:26	23:34
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	25/40	10/35
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	3/3	0/6

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
BRADLEY, Jykine	3	15	5.0	0	12
Total.....	3	15	5.0	0	12
Opponents.....	1	2	2.0	0	2

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
BILLINGS, R.	6	251	41.8	58	0	0	3	0
Total.....	6	251	41.8	58	0	0	3	0
Opponents.....	14	538	38.4	53	3	3	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
JOHNSON, H.	4	29	7.2	0	11
Total.....	4	29	7.2	0	11
Opponents.....	3	26	8.7	0	15

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
LEE, Reshard	3	108	36.0	0	80
WRIGHT, Kerry	3	92	30.7	0	49
RASHADA, M.	2	37	18.5	0	24
JOHNSON, Chris	1	33	33.0	0	33
PALMER, Jamison	1	15	15.0	0	15
Total.....	10	285	28.5	0	80
Opponents.....	18	394	21.9	0	38

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
HICKS, Dwone	3	333	105	0	0	0	438	146.0
LEE, Reshard	3	162	43	0	108	0	313	104.3
NEWSON, Kendall	3	0	251	0	0	0	251	83.7
JOHNSON, H.	3	26	123	29	0	0	178	59.3
CALICO, Tyrone	3	0	169	0	0	0	169	56.3
Total.....	3	799	959	29	285	15	2087	695.7
Opponents.....	3	322	851	26	394	2	1595	531.7

2001 MIDDLE TENNESSEE FOOTBALL

Middle Tennessee Overall Team Statistics (as of Sep 23, 2001)

All games

TEAM STATISTICS	MT	OPP
SCORING	129	65
Points Per Game	43.0	21.7
FIRST DOWNS	97	62
Rushing	43	20
Passing	43	35
Penalty	11	7
RUSHING YARDAGE	799	322
Yards gained rushing	852	383
Yards lost rushing	53	61
Rushing Attempts	155	78
Average Per Rush	5.2	4.1
Average Per Game	266.3	107.3
TDs Rushing	14	3
PASSING YARDAGE	959	851
Att-Comp-Int	101-77-1	115-61-3
Average Per Pass	9.5	7.4
Average Per Catch	12.5	14.0
Average Per Game	319.7	283.7
TDs Passing	4	6
TOTAL OFFENSE	1758	1173
Total Plays	256	193
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KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	10-285	18-394
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	4-29	3-26
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	3-15	1-2
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	28.5	21.9
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	7.2	8.7
INT RETURN AVERAGE	5.0	2.0
FUMBLES-LOST	7-5	3-1
PENALTIES-YARDS	34-286	30-226
Average Per Game	95.3	75.3
PUNTS-YARDS	6-251	14-538
Average Per Punt	41.8	38.4
Net punt average	37.5	36.4
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	36:26	23:34
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	25/40	10/35
3rd-Down Pct	62%	29%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	3/3	0/6
4th-Down Pct	100%	0%
SACKS BY-YARDS	7-40	3-23
MISC YARDS	0	18
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	18	9
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	2-4	1-3
PAT-ATTEMPTS	13-14	6-7
ATTENDANCE	21723	49615
Games/Avg Per Game	1/21723	2/24808

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		Total
Middle Tennessee	34	40	27	28	-	129
Opponents	0	31	13	21	-	65

2001 MIDDLE TENNESSEE FOOTBALL
Middle Tennessee Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Sep 23, 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	Saf
41 BROWN, Scotty	3	7	14	21	1-3	1-3	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
42 LYNCH, Brandon	3	11	7	18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2 WOODS, Michael	3	10	7	17	1-1	.	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
19 BRADLEY, Jykine	3	10	2	12	1-1	.	3-15	5	.	.	.	.	.
18 MCCLENDON, Joe	3	8	4	12	1-4	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
11 BLAND, Kareem	3	3	8	11	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
52 KEMP, Louis	3	6	5	11	2-9	1-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46 HOUGH, Chris	3	3	7	10	1-9	1-9	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
92 SCOTT, Tanaka	3	4	5	9	.	.	.	1	1	.	1	.	.
93 JOHNSON, Thomas	3	4	5	9	1-8	1-8	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
54 ARNOLD, Randy	3	3	6	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47 DURHAM, Sheldon	3	4	3	7	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
6 ALSUP, Wardell	3	5	2	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
53 MONTALBANO, J.	3	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
38 SHAW, J.	3	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58 HOOD, Anthony	3	5	.	5	2-8	2-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5 RASHADA, M.	3	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96 DANIELY, Curtis	3	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98 WALKER, D.	3	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26 MORRIS, Blake	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29 HIGGINS, K.	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
86 STEPHENS, Wes	3	2	.	2	1-4	1-4	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
40 GATLIN, Chris	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90 SMITH, Samuel	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48 SPRAY, Jason	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80 YOUELL, David	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27 CALICO, Tyrone	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23 FITE, Alvin	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45 DURHAM, Billy	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37 MATUSEK, Chris	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21 PALMER, Jamison	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97 VANDERPOOL, J.	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10 JOHNSON, Chris	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....	3	109	88	197	11-47	7-40	3-15	15	1	1-0	1	.	.
Opponents.....	3	-	-	-	-	3-23	1-2	9	3	5-18	4	1	.

2001 MIDDLE TENNESSEE FOOTBALL
Middle Tennessee Game Superlatives (as of Sep 23, 2001)
All games

INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes.....	37	HICKS, Dwone at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
Yards Rushing.....	203	HICKS, Dwone at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
TD Rushes.....	4	HICKS, Dwone at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
Long Rush.....	52	LEE, Reshard vs TSU (9/8/01)
Pass attempts.....	36	COUNTS, Wes at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
Pass completions....	28	COUNTS, Wes at Louisiana-Monroe (9/22/01)
Yards Passing.....	308	COUNTS, Wes at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
TD Passes.....	2	COUNTS, Wes vs TSU (9/8/01)
		COUNTS, Wes at Louisiana-Monroe (9/22/01)
Long Pass.....	69	JOHNSON, Jason vs TSU (9/8/01)
Receptions.....	9	NEWSON, Kendall at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
Yards Receiving.....	113	NEWSON, Kendall at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
TD Receptions.....	1	HICKS, Dwone vs TSU (9/8/01)
		NEWSON, Kendall vs TSU (9/8/01)
		NEWSON, Kendall at Louisiana-Monroe (9/22/01)
		HICKS, Dwone at Louisiana-Monroe (9/22/01)
Long Reception.....	69	JOYNER, Hashem vs TSU (9/8/01)
Field Goals.....	1	KELLY, Brian at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
		KELLY, Brian at Louisiana-Monroe (9/22/01)
Long Field Goal.....	42	KELLY, Brian at Louisiana-Monroe (9/22/01)
Punts.....	3	BILLINGS, R. at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
Punting Avg.....	43.5	BILLINGS, R. at Louisiana-Monroe (9/22/01)
Long Punt.....	58	BILLINGS, R. at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
Long Punt Return....	11	JOHNSON, H. at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
Long Kickoff Return.	80	LEE, Reshard vs TSU (9/8/01)
Tackles.....	11.0	BROWN, Scotty at Louisiana-Monroe (9/22/01)
Sacks.....	2.0	HOOD, Anthony vs TSU (9/8/01)
Tackles For Loss....	2.0	KEMP, Louis vs TSU (9/8/01)
		HOOD, Anthony vs TSU (9/8/01)
Interceptions.....	2	BRADLEY, Jykine vs TSU (9/8/01)

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TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes.....	55	vs TSU (9/8/01)
Yards Rushing.....	313	vs TSU (9/8/01)
Yards Per Rush.....	5.8	at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
TD Rushes.....	6	vs TSU (9/8/01)
Pass attempts.....	37	at Louisiana-Monroe (9/22/01)
Pass completions....	30	at Louisiana-Monroe (9/22/01)
Yards Passing.....	328	vs TSU (9/8/01)
Yards Per Pass.....	11.7	vs TSU (9/8/01)
TD Passes.....	2	vs TSU (9/8/01)
		at Louisiana-Monroe (9/22/01)
Total Plays.....	88	at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
Total Offense.....	641	vs TSU (9/8/01)
Yards Per Play.....	7.7	vs TSU (9/8/01)
Points.....	54	vs TSU (9/8/01)
Sacks By.....	6	vs TSU (9/8/01)
First Downs.....	37	at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
Penalties.....	14	vs TSU (9/8/01)
Penalty Yards.....	127	vs TSU (9/8/01)
Turnovers.....	3	at Louisiana-Monroe (9/22/01)
Interceptions By....	2	vs TSU (9/8/01)

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OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes.....	12	Rodney Williams, at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
Yards Rushing.....	71	Lew Thomas, at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
TD Rushes.....	1	Rodney Williams, at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
		Lew Thomas, at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
		Chance, Andy, at Louisiana-Monroe (9/22/01)
Long Rush.....	26	Lew Thomas, at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
Pass attempts.....	41	Chance, Andy, at Louisiana-Monroe (9/22/01)
Pass completions....	23	Chance, Andy, at Louisiana-Monroe (9/22/01)
Yards Passing.....	300	Greg Zolman, at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
TD Passes.....	2	Greg Zolman, at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
		Chance, Andy, at Louisiana-Monroe (9/22/01)
Long Pass.....	73	Greg Zolman, at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
Receptions.....	10	SKIPPER,Heyward, vs TSU (9/8/01)
Yards Receiving.....	219	M.J. Garrett, at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
TD Receptions.....	2	SKIPPER,Heyward, vs TSU (9/8/01)
Long Reception.....	73	M.J. Garrett, at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
Field Goals.....	1	BOTELER,Drew, vs TSU (9/8/01)
Long Field Goal.....	35	BOTELER,Drew, vs TSU (9/8/01)
Punts.....	6	SCHATZ,Jeremy, vs TSU (9/8/01)
Punting Avg.....	43.6	Joe Webb, at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
Long Punt.....	53	SCHATZ,Jeremy, vs TSU (9/8/01)
Long Punt Return....	15	Ronald Hatcher, at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
Long Kickoff Return.	38	Ronald Hatcher, at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
Tackles.....	13.0	Hall, Calvin, at Louisiana-Monroe (9/22/01)
Sacks.....	1.0	A. Bradford, at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
		H. Hillenmeyer, at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
		Wilson, Marbrae, at Louisiana-Monroe (9/22/01)
Tackles For Loss....	2.0	A. Bradford, at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
		H. Hillenmeyer, at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
Interceptions.....	1	HARPER,Ronald, vs TSU (9/8/01)

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OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes.....	28	at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
Yards Rushing.....	177	at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
Yards Per Rush.....	6.3	at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
TD Rushes.....	2	at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
Pass attempts.....	42	vs TSU (9/8/01)
Pass completions....	25	vs TSU (9/8/01)
Yards Passing.....	300	at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
Yards Per Pass.....	9.4	at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
TD Passes.....	2	at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
		vs TSU (9/8/01)
		at Louisiana-Monroe (9/22/01)
Total Plays.....	69	vs TSU (9/8/01)
Total Offense.....	477	at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
Yards Per Play.....	7.9	at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
Points.....	28	at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
Sacks By.....	2	at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
First Downs.....	23	at Louisiana-Monroe (9/22/01)
Penalties.....	11	at Vanderbilt (8/30/01)
Penalty Yards.....	84	at Louisiana-Monroe (9/22/01)
Turnovers.....	2	vs TSU (9/8/01)
		at Louisiana-Monroe (9/22/01)
Interceptions By....	1	vs TSU (9/8/01)