MIDDLE TENNESSEE

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2002 LADY RAIDER SOFTBALL

MIDDLE TENNESSEE at Mardi Gras Classic February 15-17, 2002

2002 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
2/15	$Troy State	3 PM
2/16	$Texas A&MCC	10 AM
2/16	$Louisiana Monroe	12 PM
2/16	$Bracket Play	5 PM
2/17	$Bracket Play	TBA
2/23	#Bowling Green	10 AM
2/23	#Virginia	1 PM
2/23	#Tennessee Tech	5:30PM
2/24	#Louisville	10 AM
2/24	#Bradley	3 PM
3/1	%Virginia Tech	10 AM
3/1	%Tennessee Tech	2:30PM
3/2	%Arkansas	12:15
3/2	%Baylor	7 PM
3/3	%Lipscomb	4:45PM
3/3	%Marshall	7 PM
3/5	Lipscomb	3 PM
3/5	Lipscomb	5 PM
3/8	!Auburn	12 PM
3/8	!Florida State	4 PM
3/9	!Iowa State	10 AM
3/9	!FSU Bracket Play	TBA
3/10	!FSU Bracket Play	TBA
3/12	**Western Illinois**	**4 PM**
3/12	**Western Illinois**	**6 PM**
3/14	&Virginia	7 PM
3/15	&Sacramento State	9 AM
3/15	&IUPUI	1 PM
3/15	&UNLV	5 PM
3/16	&Capitol City Bracket Play	TBA
3/17	&Capitol City Bracket Play	TBA
3/22	^Troy State	3 PM
3/22	^Coastal Carolina	8 PM
3/23	^Belmont	1 PM
3/23	^Bracket Play	TBA
3/24	^Bracket Play	TBA
4/2	at UAB	4 PM
4/2	at UAB	6 PM
4/6	*at Florida International	1 PM
4/6	*at Florida International	3 PM
4/7	*at Florida International	11 AM
4/7	*at Florida International	1 PM
4/13	***Louisiana-Lafayette**	**3 PM**
4/13	***Louisiana-Lafayette**	**5 PM**
4/14	***Louisiana-Lafayette**	**12 PM**
4/14	***Louisiana-Lafayette**	**2 PM**
4/20	*at Western Kentucky	1 PM
4/20	*at Western Kentucky	3 PM
4/21	*at Western Kentucky	1 PM
4/21	*at Western Kentucky	3 PM
4/22	Auburn	3 PM
4/22	Auburn	5 PM
4/25	**UT-Chattanooga**	**4 PM**
4/25	**UT-Chattanooga**	**6 PM**
5/4	***New Mexico State**	**3 PM**
4/25	***New Mexico State**	**5 PM**
4/25	***New Mexico State**	**11 AM**
5/4	***New Mexico State**	**1 PM**
5/9-11	SBC Tournament	TBA

*Sun Belt Conference Game ^Buzz Classic
$Mardi Gras Classic
Tennessee Tech Tourn.
% Frost Tourn.
!Tallahassee Decomcrate Inv.

Head Coach Cindy Connelley

The 2002 softball season begins a new era in Middle Tennessee Lady Raider history as **Cindy Connelley** takes over the helm of the squad. She becomes only the second head coach in the nine-year history of the program. Prior to taking over Lady Raider softball in September, Connelley spent two years, 1999-2001, as the head softball coach at Tennessee State University. In the 2001 season she led the Lady Tigers to a record of 13-26, the most wins for any Tiger team, was named the Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year and led her team to a fourth place finish in the nation for team GPA

Revisiting 2001

With the pitching staff leading the way, the Lady Raiders finished the first-ever regular season for SBC play in a third place tie with New Mexico State. The season ended with Middle Tennessee recording a winning mark against every SBC team except nationally-ranked Louisiana-Lafayette, that defeated the Lady Raiders in the tournament finals.

Although pitching was the catalyst to Middle Tennessee's record setting season, the offense came alive midway through the year helping the club set a single season record with 17 homeruns.

Jennifer Martinez also tied for second place with the most RBIs in a year while Lindsay Azevedo's 35 ranks third in school history in a single season. Azevedo showed her determination for success catching every pitch of every inning from behind the plate

Living in the Rhythm of the Road

Highway markers, airports, and hotel rooms will be the constant companion of the Lady Raiders as the team opens up the season with three consecutive away tournaments. From February 15 through May 5, Middle Tennessee only has eight home dates for a total of 16 games at Lady Raider Field.

Middle Tennessee opens the season at the Mardi Gras Classic in Monroe, Louisiana and then spends two weeks within the confines of the state lines to compete in the Tennessee Tech Tournament and the Frost Tournament on the UT-Chattanooga campus. Other tournaments for the Lady Raiders include the Florida State Tournament, the Capitol City Classic in Sacramento, CA and the Buzz Classic at Georgia Tech.

In the midst of Sun Belt Conference play, the Lady Raiders will host Southeastern Conference member Auburn on April 22 and intrastate rival UT-Chattanooga on April 25. Middle Tennessee will also get a chance to get a peek at the sight of the Sun Belt Conference Championships as the team travels to play Florida International on April 6-7 and then will head back to Miami, Florida on May 10-12 for the tournament.

the Tennessee Volunteers on Wednesday.

Lady Raiders (0-0)
at
Mardi Gras Classic

When: February 15-17
Where: Monroe, LA
Opponents: Louisiana Monroe, Texas A&M CC, Troy State, Tulsa, Centenary, Southeastern Louisiana, Fordham.

MT Picked Second in Sun Belt Poll

Middle Tennessee's Lady Raider softball team was picked to place second in the Sun Belt Conference pre-season poll.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette has been picked by the Sun Belt Conference head softball coaches to repeat as league champions. Florida International received 14 points, while New Mexico State finished with 13 and one first-place vote. Western Kentucky was fifth with eight points.

PROBABLE STARTING PITCHERS

No. 1	Jennifer Martinez
No. 2	Stayc Preator
No. 3	Amanda Kendall

PROBABLE POSITION STARTERS

Catcher:	Lindsay Azevedo
First Base:	Ashlie Way
Second Base:	Lisa Sherman
Third Base:	Kristina Hieb
Shortstop:	Steffi Silva
Left Field:	Erica Buhl
Center Field:	Kip Phillips
Right Field:	Laura Brockman

How to say it

Lindsay Azevedo ..... A-ze-vee-dough
Erica Buhl ..... B-ue-l
Megan Cherinka ..... Cha-rink-a
Kelly Cormier ..... Core-me-ir
Danielle DeCamino ..... De-ca-me-no
Leah Grothause ..... Graut-house
Kristina Hieb ..... He-ba
Jennifer Polsteen ..... Pole-steen
Stayc Preator ..... Pree-a-tor

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2002 Lady Raider Roster

No.	Name	POS	HT	CL	B/T	Hometown(Previous School)
00	Amanda Kendall	P	5-7	r-Sr	R/R	Largo, FL (Seminole)
1	Erica Buhl	OF	5-9	Jr	R/R	Tucson, AZ (Santa Rita)
2	Katie McGraw	OF	5-7	So	R/R	Knoxville, TN (Farragut)
4	Lisa Sherman	2B	5-6	Sr	R/R	Loomis, CA (Sacramento City)
6	Leah Grothause	C/DH	5-7	Fr	R/R	Naples, FL (Gulf Coast)
8	Lindsay Azevedo	C	5-5	Sr	R/R	Concord, CA (Diablo Valley JC)
10	Jennifer Polsteen	OF	5-6	Jr	L/R	Brentwood, TN (UAB)
11	Ashlie Way	1B/3B	5-9	Sr	R/R	San Marcos, CA (La Costa)
12	Kip Phillips	OF	5-9	Jr	L/R	Tucson, AZ (Catalina Foothills)
14	Jennifer Martinez	P	5-8	Sr	L/L	Fairfield, CA (Fairfield)
15	Danielle DeCamino	3B/DH	5-7	Fr	R/R	Downey, CA (Warren)
17	Laura Brockman	OF	6-0	Sr	R/R	Suwanne, GA (North Gwinnett)
18	Steffi Silva	SS	5-6	Sr	R/R	Livermore, CA (Granada)
19	Kelly Cormier	1B/OF	5-10	Jr	R/L	Sebring, FL (Sebring)
21	Stayc Preator	P/1B	5-10	Jr	R/R	El Cajon, CA (Grossmont)
23	Megan Cherinka	DH/1B	5-10	Jr	L/R	El Dorado Hills, CA (Sierra JC)
30	Kristina Hieb	2B/3B	5-7	So	R/R	Lodi, CA (Tokay)

The USA Today/National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division I Top 25

School	Record	Pts.	Ranking
1. Arizona (20)	65-4	668	1
2. UCLA (7)	60-6	655	2
3. Stanford	54-16-1	604	3
4. LSU	59-11	591	3
5. California	54-17	543	6
6. Iowa	49-14	492	7
7. Oklahoma	50-9	485	5
8. Arizona State	36-22	469	9
9. Washington	40-23	431	13
10. Cal State Fullerton	48-14	424	12
11. Michigan	43-17-1	414	8
12. Nebraska	51-15	341	14
13. Alabama	50-11	297	10
14. Notre Dame	54-7	281	11
15. Florida State	58-12	261	15
16. Fresno State	39-19	239	22
17. Southwest Texas State	54-12	220	16
18. Oregon State	43-24	207	20
19. (tie) DePaul	51-16-1	198	19
(tie) Pacific	50-13	198	18
21. Louisiana-Lafayette	51-10	184	17
22. South Carolina	40-20-1	144	23
23. San Diego State	41-25	67	24
24. Massachusetts	44-13	59	25
25. South Florida	43-34	50	21

Others Receiving Votes: Hawaii 37, Texas 36, Ohio State 31, Wisconsin 30, Florida Atlantic 18, North Carolina 14, Cal State Northridge 12, Virginia 8, Hofstra 2. Six other teams (totaling 49 points) were listed on only one ballot and are not included among others receiving votes.

LADY RAIDER RECORD BOOK

CAREER PITCHING

Wins

1.	**Jennifer Martinez, 1999-**	**59**
2.	Andrea Edwards, 1993-95	33
2.	Jill Booth, 1994-95	33
4.	Jaclyn Story, 1997	32
5.	**Stayc Preator, 2000-**	29

ERA

1.	**Jennifer Martinez, 1999-**	**1.32**
2.	**Stayc Preator, 2000-**	**1.60**
3.	Andrea Edwards, 1993-95	1.89
4.	**Amanda Kendall, 1998-**	**2.15**
5.	Jennifer Fine, 1994-95	2.32

Appearances

1.	**Jennifer Martinez, 1999-**	**102**
2.	Andrea Edwards, 1993-95	74
3.	Jaclyn Story, 1997-98	71
3.	Courtney Wallace, 1998-2001	71
5.	Jill Booth, 1994-95	62

Complete Games

1.	**Jennifer Martinez, 1999-**	**82**
2.	Andrea Edwards, 1993-95	65
3.	Jaclyn Story, 1997	62
4.	Jill Booth, 1994-95	52
5.	**Stayc Preator, 2000-**	**42**

Shutouts

1.	**Jennifer Martinez, 1999-**	**28**
2.	**Stayc Preator, 2000-**	**15**
3.	Andrea Edwards, 1993-95	13
3.	Jaclyn Story, 1997	13
5.	Courtney Wallace, 1998-99	12

Innings Pitched

1.	**Jennifer Martinez, 1999-**	**592.1**
2.	Andrea Edwards, 1993-95	418.2
3.	Jaclyn Story, 1997-98	408.2
4.	Courtney Wallace, 1998-99	380.2
5.	**Stayc Preator, 2000-**	**322.3**

Strikeouts

1.	**Jennifer Martinez, 1999-**	**698**
2.	Jill Booth, 1994-95	342
3.	Andrea Edwards, 1993-95	327
4.	**Stayc Preator, 2000-**	**301**
5.	**Amanda Kendall, 1998-**	**160**

CAREER HITTING

Hits

1.	Allison Cheatham, 1995-98	195
2.	Melanie Manley, 1997-2000	188
3.	Jamie Polsteen, 1995-98	178
4.	Courtney Wallace, 1998-01	164
5.	Rachel Actkinson, 1997-99	162

Runs

1.	Melanie Manley, 1997-2000	106
2.	Jamie Polsteen, 1995-98	100
3.	Allison Cheatham, 1995-98	96
4.	Courtney Wallace, 1998-01	89
5.	**Laura Brockman, 1999-**	**55**

Doubles

1.	Rachel Actkinson, 1996-99	36
2.	Melanie Manley, 1997-2000	35
3.	Courtney Wallace, 1998-01	29
4.	Shay Haskell, 1997-2000	28
5.	Charlotte Peay, 1994-97	26
5.	Pierrecia Lyons, 1995-98	26

Triples

1.	Allison Cheatham, 1995-98	9
2.	Kandal Walker, 1996-97	6
2.	Kerry Allen, 1998-2000	6
4.	**Laura Brockman, 1999-**	**5**

Homeruns

1.	**Laura Brockman, 1999-**	**17**
2.	Shay Haskell, 1997-2000	6
3.	**Ashlie Way, 1999-**	**5**
4.	**Lindsay Azevedo, 2001**	**4**
5.	**Erica Buhl, 2000-**	**3**
5.	Tamara Davis, 1997-2000	3

Runs Batted In

1.	Charlotte Peay, 1994-97	79
2.	Rachel Actkinson, 1997-99	77
3.	Jamie Estepa, 1994-96	73
4.	Pierrecia Lyons, 1995-98	72
5.	**Laura Brockman, 1999-**	**61**

Stolen Bases

1.	Jamie Polsteen, 1995-98	69
2.	Allison Cheatham, 1995-98	60
3.	Kim Blair, 1996	52
4.	**Kip Phillips, 2000-**	**34**
5.	**Steffi Silva, 1999-**	**33**

Batting Average

1.	Kim Blair, 1996	.431
2.	Kandal Walker, 1996	.375
3.	Allison Cheatham, 1997	.374
4.	Jamie Estepa, 1995	.360
5.	Stacy Gafford, 1994	.358
6.	Jennifer Fine, 1994	.357
7.	**Laura Brockman, 1999**	**.341**
8.	Rachel Actkinson	.328
9.	Melanie Manley, 1998	.325
10.	**Jennifer Martinez, 1999-**	**.321**

Middle Tennessee When it...

Scores First	0-0
Scores Second	0-0
Plays Extra Innings	0-0
Scores One Run	0-0
Scores Two Runs	0-0
Scores Three+Runs	0-0
Out-Hits Opponent	0-0
Is Out-Hit by Opponent	0-0
Has Same Number of Hits	0-0
Commiits No Errors	0-0
Commits One or Two Errors	0-0
Commits Three+Errors	0-0
Hits a Home Run	0-0
Wears Black Uniform	0-0
Wears Blue Uniform	0-0
Wears White Uniform	0-0
Wears Pinstripe Uniform	0-0
Wears Silky Uniform	0-0

Sun Belt Conference Standings

	SBC GAMES			ALL GAMES		
TEAM	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**W**	**L**	**PCT**
Louisiana	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Fla International	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
New Mexico State	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Middle Tennessee	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Western Kentucky	0	0	.000	0	0	.000