# 2002 Blue Raider Baseball

## Blue Raiders (1-0; 0-0) vs. Troy State (5-5)

### 2002 Schedule/Results

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **F17** | **Austin Peay** | **W, 6-5** |
| F22 | at Troy State | 6:30 PM |
| F23 | at Troy State | 1 PM |
| F24 | at Troy State | 1 PM |
| **F26** | **Eastern Michigan** | **3 PM** |
| **F27** | **Eastern Michigan** | **3 PM** |
| M1 | Illinois State | 11 AM |
| M2 | Eastern Michigan | 11 AM |
| M5 | at Lipscomb | 2 PM |
| **M6** | **Lipscomb** | **3 PM** |
| M9 | at Tennessee Tech | 2 PM |
| **M10** | **Tennessee Tech** | **2 PM** |
| M12 | at Memphis # | 3 PM |
| M13 | at Memphis # | 3 PM |
| **M15** | **Southwest Missouri** | **3 PM** |
| **M16** | **Southwest Missouri#** | **2 PM** |
| **M17** | **Southwest Missouri#** | **1 PM** |
| **M19** | **East Tennessee** | **7 PM** |
| **M20** | **East Tennessee** | **3 PM** |
| **M22** | **Austin Peay#** | **7 PM** |
| **M23** | **Austin Peay#** | **2 PM** |
| M24 | at Austin Peay | 2 PM |
| **M26** | **Troy State** | **7 PM** |
| **M27** | **Troy State** | **3 PM** |
| M29 | at New Orleans*# | 6:30 PM |
| M30 | at New Orleans*# | 1 PM |
| M31 | at New Orleans*# | 1 PM |
| **A2** | **Memphis#** | **7 PM** |
| **A3** | **Memphis#** | **3 PM** |
| A5 | at New Mexico State*# | 5:05 PM |
| A6 | at New Mexico State*# | 5:05 PM |
| A7 | at New Mexico State*# | 10 AM |
| A9 | at East Tennessee | 6 PM |
| A10 | at East Tennessee | 2 PM |
| **A12** | **Western Kentucky*#** | **7 PM** |
| **A13** | **Western Kentucky*#** | **2 PM** |
| **A14** | **Western Kentucky*#** | **1 PM** |
| **A16** | **Belmont** | **7 PM** |
| A19 | at South Alabama*# | 6 PM |
| A20 | at South Alabama*# | 1 PM |
| A21 | at South Alabama*# | 1 PM |
| A23 | at Vanderbilt# | 7 PM |
| A24 | at Belmont | 6 PM |
| **A26** | **UL-Lafayette*#** | **7 PM** |
| **A27** | **UL-Lafayette*#** | **2 PM** |
| **A28** | **UL-Lafayette*#** | **1 PM** |
| **M3** | **Arkansas State*#** | **7 PM** |
| **M4** | **Arkansas State*#** | **2 PM** |
| **M5** | **Arkansas State*#** | **1 PM** |
| **M10** | **Arkansas-Little Rock*#** | **7 PM** |
| **M11** | **Arkansas-Little Rock*#** | **2 PM** |
| **M12** | **Arkansas-Little Rock*#** | **1 PM** |
| **M14** | **Vanderbilt#** | **7 PM** |
| M17 | at Florida International*# | 6 PM |
| M18 | at Florida International*# | Noon |
| M19 | at Florida International*# | Noon |
| M22-25 | Sun Belt Tournament; Mobile, AL# | TBA |

### Gameday Information

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|---|---|
| **When:** | Feb 22-23, 2002; 6:30 PM, 1PM, 1 PM CST |
| **Site:** | Troy, AL |
| **TV:** | Fri. Only: Comcast Sports Southeast (Barry McKnight, Graham Dunn) |
| **Radio:** | None |
| **Series Notes:** | MT won its season opener against Austin Peay last Sunday ... John Williams is now unbeated in his last seven starts ... Marshall Nisbett's hitting streak is now at two games ... Travis Horschel and Adam Larson are scheduled to make their first starts in a Blue Raider uniform this weekend. |

### *Williams Opens With a Win*

Sophomore **John Williams** (1-0) got the opening day nod against Austin Peay and brought home a 6-5 victory. Williams went six innings, allowing five hits and two earned runs while striking out five and walking none. The Murfreesboro native is now unbeaten in his last seven starts. The win marks the eighth of his career.

### *Larson Gets Save*

Senior **Adam Larson** saw his first mound action as a Blue Raider on Sunday, picking up a **save** against the Govs. He pitched the last three innings of the contest, allowing three hits and two earned runs while striking out four and walking one. Larson, who is scheduled to start on Saturday afternoon, picked up the 16th save of his career. The first 15 came at his previous school, Mississippi State.

### *Sims Back in Form*

It didin't take junior outfielder **Justin Sims** long to show the form that made his an All-Sun Belt selection a year ago. The Knoxville native went **3-for-4** in the game with two doubles, a homer, and two RBIs. Sims was the team's second-leading hitter a year ago in terms of average while leading the club in triples, homers, and RBIs. Sims was listed as the sixth-best prospect in the SBC, according to *Baseball America*.

### *On the Tube*

The Blue Raiders are beginning to get accustomed to playing on television. The team has been featured in regional broadcasts in four of its last five games dating back to last season. The team had a span of three straight on TV last season beginning with the finals of the Sun Belt Tournament and lasting through the NCAA Regional in Knoxville.

### *Jaggers Gets First Start*

Freshman Nate Jaggers made his first collegiate start at third base and made his debut an auspicious one. The Louisville, KY, native went 2-for-3 at the plate with two doubles against Austin Peay. Jaggers, who battled with fellow freshman Brett Carroll for the starting nod at the hot corner, also made a couple of outstanding defensive plays during the course of the game.

### *Display of Power*

The Blue Raiders put on a display of power on Sunday against Austin Peay. The team combined for **two homers and six doubles** in the contest. The team's slugging percentage in the game was **.735**. Of those extra-base hits, four came from returning players while four came from newcomers.

### *Opening Day Record*

The Blue Raiders have been a part of several records over the past year or so, but one more came the team's way on Sunday. The largest crowd to ever see an opening day game was on hand at Reese Smith Field. The announced attendance of **2,317** is the third-largest crowd to ever gather at the Blue Raiders' home park.

### *Peterson Closing on 600*

**Steve Peterson** is closing in on yet another coaching milestone. Peterson brings **597** career wins into this weekend's action. He has accumulated **444** of those as the skipper at Middle Tennessee. Peterson's remaining **153** wins came while he was at the helm of the Roane State program. Peterson's first win last season (number 403) made him the winningest coach in Middle Tennessee history.

## PROBABLE STARTING PITCHERS

| | |
|---|---|
| **Friday:** | Travis Horschel (RHP) NA |
| **Saturday:** | Adam Larson (RHP) 0-0, 6.00, 4 K |
| **Sunday:** | John Williams (LHP) 1-0, 3.00, 5 K |

## PROBABLE POSITION STARTERS

| | |
|---|---|
| **Catcher:** | Derek Phillips .000 BA, 0 HR, 0 RBI |
| **First Base:** | Doug Kunicki .250 BA, 0 HR, 2 RBI |
| **Second Base:** | Chad Cooper .200 BA, 1 HR, 1 RBI |
| **Third Base:** | Nate Jaggers or Brett Carroll .667 BA, 0 HR, 0 RBI/NA |
| **Shortstop:** | Jason Howarth .000 BA, 0 HR, 0 RBI |
| **Left Field:** | Justin Sims .750 BA, 1 HR, 2 RBI |
| **Center Field:** | Chuck Akers .333 BA, 0 HR, 0 RBI |
| **Right Field:** | Marshall Nisbett .600 BA, 0 HR, 0 RBI |

## How to say it

Mark Corrado ..... Cor-AH-do
Travis Horschel ..... HOR-shel
Jason Howarth ..... HOW-arth
Jason Kuhn ..... COON
Chris Kurtz ..... Curts
Doug Kunicki ..... CUHN-icky
Chris Leguenec ..... Le-GWEN-ic
Kevin Suba ..... SOOBA

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# 2002 Blue Raider Roster

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | B/T | Hometown (Previous School) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Marshall Nisbett | OF/P | 5-10 | 160 | Sr. | L/R | Tullahoma, TN (NW Shoals CC) |
| 3 | Justin Sims | OF | 5-10 | 175 | Jr. | L/R | Knoxville, TN (Karns) |
| 4 | Nathan Jaggers | IF | 5-11 | 170 | Fr. | R/R | Louisville, KY (Pleasure Ridge Park) |
| 5 | Chad Cooper | IF | 6-0 | 175 | Jr. | R/R | Picture Rocks, PA (Garrett CC) |
| 6 | Jason Howarth | IF | 6-0 | 175 | Sr. | R/R | Germantown, TN (Germantown) |
| 7 | Chuck Akers | IF/OF | 5-11 | 175 | So. | R/R | Murfreesboro, TN (Oakland) |
| 8 | Seth Yarbrough | OF | 5-11 | 180 | Sr. | R/R | Montgomery, AL (Enterprise St. C.C.) |
| 9 | Brett Carroll | IF | 5-11 | 170 | Fr. | R/R | Knoxville, TN (Bearden) |
| 10 | Josh Archer | C/1B | 6-3 | 215 | Fr. | R/R | Paris, TN (Henry Co.) |
| 11 | Kyle Sparkman | P | 6-2 | 170 | Sr. | R/R | Nashville, TN (Overton) |
| 12 | Troy Harp | C | 6-1 | 185 | So. | R/R | Louisville, KY (Pleasure Ridge Park) |
| 14 | Joe Capone | IF | 6-1 | 185 | So. | R/R | Churchville, PA (U. of New Haven) |
| 15 | Doug Kunicki | IF | 6-1 | 195 | Jr. | L/R | Knoxville, TN (Bearden) |
| 16 | Chase Swing | P | 6-3 | 180 | Fr. | R/R | Shelbyville, TN (Shelbyville) |
| 19 | Steven Kines | P | 6-2 | 210 | Jr. | R/R | Germantown, TN (Germantown) |
| 21 | Mark Corrado | IF | 6-4 | 195 | Fr. | R/R | Dayton, OH (Oakwood) |
| 23 | John Williams | P | 6-3 | 180 | So. | L/L | Murfreesboro, TN (Oakland) |
| 24 | Jason Kuhn | P | 6-2 | 170 | Sr. | R/R | Hendersonville, TN (Tennessee Tech) |
| 27 | Kevin Suba | 1B/C | 6-3 | 220 | Fr. | L/R | Griffith, IN (Griffith) |
| 28 | Chris Mobley | P | 6-0 | 165 | Fr. | R/R | Kingsport, TN (Dobyns-Bennett) |
| 29 | Danny Borne | P | 6-3 | 180 | Fr. | L/L | Lewisburg, TN (Marshall Co.) |
| 30 | Travis Horschel | P | 6-3 | 200 | Fr. | R/R | Smyrna, TN (Tennessee Tech) |
| 31 | Derek Phillips | C | 6-1 | 190 | So. | L/R | Knoxville, TN (Halls) |
| 32 | Kris Smith | OF | 6-2 | 160 | Sr. | R/R | Nashville, TN (Antioch HS) |
| 33 | Adam Larson | P | 6-2 | 240 | Sr. | R/R | Germantown, TN (Mississippi State) |
| 34 | Jeremy Armstrong | P | 6-1 | 225 | Sr. | R/R | Murfreesboro, TN (Columbia State CC) |
| 35 | Jeff Marcus | P | 6-2 | 185 | So. | R/R | Gaithersburg, MD (Gaithersburg) |
| 36 | Chris Kurtz | P | 6-2 | 175 | Fr. | R/R | Richboro, PA (Archbishop Wood) |
| 37 | Chris Leguenec | C | 6-0 | 170 | Fr. | R/R | Jackson, TN (Jackson-Central Merry) |
| 38 | Tim Crunk | C | 5-10 | 200 | So. | R/R | Murfreesboro, TN (Roane State CC) |

### *It's Been Awhile*

The Blue Raiders and the Trojans have not met on the diamond since the 1994 season. Duing that campaign the Trojans got the better of the Blue Raiders in the series **3-2**. **Steve Peterson** is **5-6** all-time against the Trojans. The squads will meet again in Murffreesboro on Mar. 26-27 for a two-game set. That series is the final tune-up prior to beginning Sun Belt Conference play.

### *Sun Belt Tournament*

This year's Sun Belt Conference baseball tournament will be held in Mobile, Ala., at South Alabama's Stanky Field. The event is slated for May 22-25 and will determine the league's automatic qualifier into the NCAA Tournament. Tickets may be purchased by calling the South Alabama Ticket Office.

### *Harp Injured*

Sophomore **Troy Harp**, who had been penciled in as the team's starting catcher last fall, broke his wrist over the holidays and is out for an undetermined amount of time. Harp is currently undergoing rehab for the wrist and could begin throwing again as early as the end of this month. However, a date for his return has not yet been set. The MT training staff is hopeful that he will be able to return this season.

### *GoBlueRaiders.com*

Middle Tennessee baseball statistics and notes are available 24-hours a day, seven days a week on GoBlueRaiders.com. Media are invited to use the official web site for Middle Tennessee athletics for information regarding all Blue Raider athletic teams. Aside from baseball related materials, feature stories, game previews and wrap-ups, stats, and notes are available for every athletic team.

## BLUE RAIDER HITTING BY THE NUMBERS

| | Avg | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | TB | Slg | BB | HBP | K | SF | SH | SB-A | Fld % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Overall | .382 | 34 | 6 | 13 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 25 | .735 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0-1 | .976 |
| Sun Belt | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Home | .382 | 34 | 6 | 13 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 25 | .735 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0-1 | .976 |
| Away | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Neutral | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |

## BLUE RAIDER HITTING BY THE NUMBERS

| | ERA | W-L | G | CG | SHO | S | IP | H | R-ER | BB | K | 2B | 3B | HR |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Overall | 4.00 | 1-0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9.0 | 8 | 5-4 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Sun Belt | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Starters | 3.00 | 1-0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6.0 | 5 | 3-2 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Relievers | 6.00 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3.0 | 3 | 2-2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Home | 4.00 | 1-0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9.0 | 8 | 5-4 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Away | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Neutral | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

## HOME RUNS (2)

**Solo (1):** Cooper (1)
**2-Run (1):** Sims (1)
**3-Run (0):**
**Grand Slams (0):**
**Back-to-Back (0):**
**2-HR Games (0):**
**Leadoff HR (0):**
**Pinch Hit HR (0):**

## RUNS BY INNING

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | EI | Tot | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Blue Raiders | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6.0 |
| Opponents | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5.0 |

## STARTERS BY POSITION

C - Phillips (1)
1B - Kunicki (1)
2B - Cooper (1)
3B - Jaggers (1)
SS - Howarth (1)
LF - Sims (1)
CF - Akers (1)
RF - Nisbett (1)
DH - Archer (1)

## STARTERS BY BATTING ORDER

1. Cooper (1)
2. Nisbett (1)
3. Sims (1)
4. Archer (1)
5. Kunicki (1)
6. Akers (1)
7. Howarth (1)
8. Phillips (1)
9. Jaggers (1)

## SUN BELT STANDINGS

as of 2/19

| | SBC | Pct | All | Pct |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Middle Tennessee | 0-0 | .000 | 1-0 | 1.000 |
| Florida International | 0-0 | .000 | 7-1 | .875 |
| UL-Lafayette | 0-0 | .000 | 5-1 | .833 |
| Arkansas State | 0-0 | .000 | 3-1 | .750 |
| New Mexico State | 0-0 | .000 | 10-4 | .714 |
| Arkansas-Little Rock | 0-0 | .000 | 7-3 | .700 |
| South Alabama | 0-0 | .000 | 4-2 | .667 |
| New Orleans | 0-0 | .000 | 2-1 | .667 |
| Western Kentucky | 0-0 | .000 | 3-3 | .500 |

## 2002 COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

**Friday, Feb. 22**
Asbury at Western Kentucky 2 p.m.
South Alabama at Mississippi 3 p.m.
UL-Lafayette at Rice (Coca Cola Classic) 4:30 p.m.
FIU at Miami (Homestead Challenge) 6 p.m.
Arkansas State at Alabama 6:30 p.m.
Middle Tennessee at Troy State 6:30 p.m.
Southern Illinois vs. New Orleans 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 23**
Illinois State at Western Kentucky (DH) 12 p.m.
Jackson State at UALR (DH) 12 p.m.
Lipscomb at FIU (Homestead Challenge) 12 p.m.
Middle Tennessee at Troy State 1 p.m.
Notre Dame vs. New Orleans 1 p.m.
South Alabama at Mississippi 1:30 p.m.
Arkansas State at Alabama 4 p.m.
UL-Lafayette vs. Texas-Arlington 4:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Feb. 24**
FIU vs. Kansas State 12 p.m.
UL-Lafayette vs. South Florida 12 p.m.
Illinois State at Western Kentucky 1 p.m.
Middle Tennessee at Troy State 1 p.m.
Missouri vs. New Orleans 1 p.m.
South Alabama at Mississippi 1:30 p.m.
Arkansas State at Alabama 2 p.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 26**
Murray State at Arkansas State 2 p.m.
Eastern Michigan at Middle Tennessee 3 p.m.
New Mexico State at Arizona 4 p.m.
UL-Lafayette at Tulane 6:30 p.m.
Southern Mississippi at New Orleans 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 27**
Western Kentucky at Louisville 2 p.m.
Eastern Michigan at Middle Tennessee 3 p.m.
South Alabama at Auburn 3 p.m.
New Orleans at Southeastern Louisiana 6 p.m.

**Friday, March 1**
Middle Tennessee vs. Illinois State 11 a.m.
New Mexico State at New Mexico 3 p.m.
UALR vs. Louisiana Tech 4 p.m.
Fordham at South Alabama 6 p.m.
Arkansas State at Louisiana-Monroe 6:30 p.m.
Texas-Pan American at UL-Lafayette 6:30 p.m.

## PITCHERS GAME-BY-GAME

### Adam Larson (1 App.)

| Date | Opponent | S/R | IP | H | R-ER | BB | SO | 2B | 3B | HR | WP | BK | HBP | W-L-S |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2/17/02 | Austin Peay | R | 3.0 | 3 | 2-2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | S |

### John Williams (1 App.)

| Date | Opponent | S/R | IP | H | R-ER | BB | SO | 2B | 3B | HR | WP | BK | HBP | W-L-S |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2/17/02 | Austin Peay | S | 6.0 | 5 | 3-2 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | W |

## MULTIPLE HIT GAMES

| Player | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5+ | Tot |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Archer | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Sims | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Jaggers | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Nisbett | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |

## MULTIPLE RBI GAMES

| Player | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5+ | Tot |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sims | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Kunicki | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |

## HITTING STREAKS

| Player | Longest | Current |
|---|---|---|
| Nisbett | 2 | 2 |
| Sims | 1 | 1 |
| Kunicki | 1 | 1 |
| Jaggers | 1 | 1 |
| Akers | 1 | 1 |
| Cooper | 1 | 1 |
| Archer | 1 | 1 |

## W-L SUMMARY

| | W | L | T | Pct |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Conference | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Non-Conf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Home | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Away | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Neutral | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Day | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Nite | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| vs Left | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| vs Right | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| 1-Run games | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 2-Run games | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| 5+Run games | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Extra inns | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Shutouts | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |

# Steve Peterson

**Head Coach ◆ Jacksonville State '73 ◆ 15th Season ◆ 443-347-2 (.559)**

Steve Peterson is the personification of Middle Tennessee baseball.

After 14 years as the team's skipper, Peter-son has become the program's winningest coach with a record ot 443-347-2.

In fact, Peterson has produced eight seasons with 30 or more wins, including a school record 42 victories during the 1990 slate.

Long known for his keen managerial mind, Peterson teaches a hard-nosed and aggressive style of baseball. His personable demeanor has made him a big hit among fans, boosters, players, and recruits alike.

Peterson also adheres to the philosophy that defense and pitching wins championships. He has long been known for outstanding defensive teams, and the Blue Raiders have featured some of the area's most feared hurlers throughout the years.

Peterson has seen three of his pitchers earn All-America honors, including the only First Team All-American in school history, Dewon Brazelton. Under his watch, the Blue Raiders have seen eight single season and eight career pitching records established.

The offensive output of the team has not been ignored under Peterson. Most of the offensive records held at Middle Tennessee were established by Peterson's recruits. Peterson has developed three players that have hit .400 or better in a season along with the school's season and career home run records. His 1997 squad established the all-time record for batting average with a .323 clip.

However, aside from wins and losses, Peterson has been instrumental in leaving the Blue Raiders' mark on college baseball in other ways. He brought home seven consecutive conference championships (either regular season or tournament) during one stretch and has guided his team to the NCAA Regional on six different occasions. During his tenure, Peterson has captured one Sun Belt crown, eight OVC titles, and seven OVC tournament titles. For his efforts, Peterson has twice been named OVC Coach of the Year.

He brought national attention to the program in the 2001 season as his team found itself in the national rankings for the first time since 1982.

His efforts were clearly in evidence during the magical 2001 season. The Blue Raiders established the single game attendance record at Reese Smith Field with a crowd of 2,733 on hand to witness the Blue Raiders' Friday night tilt against South Alabama. The team went on to set the season attendance mark as well with 26,218 coming through the gate at Reese Smith Field. Peterson's squad saw 10 crowds of 1,000 or more during the season.

If the team accolades and accomplishments aren't enough, consider that Peterson has coached a Sun Belt Player of the Year and six OVC Players of the Year, a Sun Belt Pitcher of the Year and an OVC Pitcher of the Year, a first team All-American, four third-team All-Americans, two freshman All-Americans, and 31 first team All-Conference players.

In terms of sending players to the next level, Peterson is second to none. Professional baseball has seen 40 former Peterson proteges pass through the ranks with four players logging time in the Major Leagues.

Aside from playing baseball for a living, numerous former players have entered the coaching profession. Currently 25 former Blue Raiders are coaching at the high school, college, or professional level.

He has also been responsible for the tremendous growth of Blue Raider baseball camps. Since taking over the camp program in 1984, Peterson has developed one of the area's premier camps with most sessions becoming sold out.

Peterson took two separate tours with the Blue Raiders as an assistant coach under Stanford prior to becoming the team's skipper. During his runs between 1976-78 and 1984-87, the Blue Raiders won two OVC titles and four southern division crowns.

During the interim, Peterson served as the head coach at Roane State Community College in Harriman, Tenn. During his tenure of 1978-1984, Peterson took his team to a Tennessee Junior College title in 1981 and was twice named TJCAA Coach of the Year (1981 and 1984).

While at Roane State, Peterson put together a sparkling record of 153-96, a .614 winning percentage.

His expertise also ranges away from on-the-field coaching. He is known as one of the top recruiters in the region and has a knack for keeping local talent close to home.

Peterson's reputation extends into fundraising as well. Events such as the annual Chuck Taylor Golf Tournament have become mainstays on the calendars of baseball supporters across middle Tennessee and have served to raise thousands of dollars for the improvement of Blue Raider baseball.

He spearheaded the effort to pay for the construction of the Stephen B. Smith Clubhouse and Indoor Training Facility, which opened its doors in 1998. One look around inside the facility shows the amount of time and effort spent toward this endeavor. It has become known as one of the finest collegiate clubhouses and training facilities in the entire country.

Reese Smith Field has also benefited from Peterson's fundraising abilities. He has helped transform the park into a fan-friendly area by expanding the seating area, putting up a new information center just inside the gate, and expanding the restroom and concessions facilities.

Peterson guided efforts during the summer of 2001 to expand the dugouts at Reese Smith Field. He is also currently spearheading an effort that would totally renovate the current stadium. The plans would call for a significant remodeling of the concession stand, improved and expanded restroom facilities, and a modern press box that would accomodate radio and television along with print media.

Peterson, a native of Huntsville, Ala., spent his playing days at Jacksonville State under the legendary Rudy Abbott where he stood out as a catcher. He earned his bachelor's degree from Jacksonville State in 1973 and later earned a master's degree from Middle Tennessee in 1977.

Peterson is married to the former Rita Albert and the couple has three children, Jill, Jenny, and John. Away from the diamond, he enjoys fishing for smallmouth bass.

## MIDDLE TENNESSEE MILESTONES

| *Win* | *Date* | *Opponent (Score)* |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2/20/88 | Memphis State (5-4) |
| 50 | 4/19/89 | Tennessee (13-0) |
| 100 | 5/14/90 | Eastern Kentucky (7-1) |
| 150 | 4/15/92 | Kentucky (8-3) |
| 200 | 3/20/94 | Northeastern Illinois (13-3) |
| 250 | 5/7/95 | Austin Peay (14-7) |
| 300 | 3/28/97 | Eastern Illinois (7-4) |
| 350 | 4/21/99 | Tennessee (6-3) |
| 400 | 5/20/00 | Southeast Missouri (11-4) |
| 403 | 2/17/01 | UNC Asheville (6-2) |

## Chuck Akers 7

**OF ◆ 5-11 ◆ 175 ◆ So.**
**Murfreesboro, TN**
**Oakland HS**

**General:** Should find his way to the top of the order after an excellent freshman campaign ... Possesses great range in centerfield ... Is a threat to run any time he's on base.

**2001:** Played in all 58 games, starting 57 ... Stole 13 bases in 16 tries ... Drove in two runs in a 2-for-4 performance against Arkansas State in the Sun Belt Tournament ... Went 3-for-5 against Cumberland ... Was 2-for-3 against Belmont ... Went 5-for-10 in Florida International series with two RBIs ... Raised his batting average 110 points in a three game span ... Went 4-for-5 with a homer against Lipscomb.

**High School:** Played at Oakland High School for Coach Mack Hawks ... Team won back-to-back state titles ... Honorable mention *USA Today* All-American ... Named All-District, All-Region, All-Midstate, and All-State as a senior ... MVP of the 2000 USA Classic Tournament ... 1999 All-State Tournament Team ... 2000 *Daily News Journal* Rutherford County Position Player of the Year ... 2000 National High School Baseball Coaches Association All-District 3 team member, which recognizes the 15 best players in a seven state region ... Batted .431 with 48 RBIs as a senior ... Set a school record in 2000 for runs scored with 66 ... Stole 54 bases in 57 attempts during his prep career.

**Personal:** Charles Richard Akers, Jr. was born 11/13/81 ... Son of Charlie and Susan Akers ... Is undecided on a major ... Enjoys hunting, fishing, and racquetball.

## Jeremy Armstrong 34

**RHP ◆ 6-1 ◆ 225 ◆ Sr.**
**Murfreesboro, TN**
**Columbia State CC**

**General:** Could work his way into the weekend rotation this season ... Features an outstanding curve ... Makes life tough on right-handed hitters ... Will be a key to the Blue Raiders' success in any role.

**2001:** Earned a win in relief over WKU in the Sun Belt Tournament ... Named Second Team All-Sun Belt ... Picked up first win of the year against Cumberland ... Struck out six over three innings in earning a save against Louisiana Tech ... Hurled three scoreless innings to earn a save at UL-Lafayette ... Pitched 1-2/3 innings of hitless ball against Samford ... Struck out five in 3-1/3 against Tennessee Tech ... Earned first save of the season against Jacksonville State on 3/8/01.

**2000:** Went 1-1 in 20 appearances ... Was second on the relief staff in innings pitched with 43-1/3 ... Struck out 42 hitters while walking only 16 ... Picked up two saves on the year ... Struck out a season-high five batters in 2-2/3 innings of work against UAB ... Struck out three or more hitters seven times and struck out at least one hitter in 18 of 20 appearances ... Right-handers hit only .258 against Armstrong.

**Junior College:** Played for Jim Painter at Columbia State.

**High School:** Played baseball for Buddy Powers at Riverdale High School ... Named All-District as a senior ... Named to *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

**Personal:** Jeremy Wayne Armstrong is the son of Deborah Graham ... Born March 25, 1979 ... Enjoys hiking, camping, and fishing.

## Troy Harp 12

**C ◆ 6-1 ◆ 185 ◆ So.**
**Louisville, KY**
**Pleasure Ridge Park HS**

**General:** Was projected as the team's starting catcher, but a broken wrist prior to the beginning of the season will hamper his progress ... Is the team's best defensive catcher ... Also features a great arm from behind the plate.

**2001:** Drove in seven runs in limited duty ... Blasted first career homer against Cumberland ... Doubled and drove in a run against Tennessee Tech.

**High School:** Played for Coach Bill Miller at Pleasure Ridge Park ... Hit .358 with seven homers and 30 RBIs as a senior ... Was a three-time All-State selection in Kentucky ... Also picked for All-Region team three times.

**Personal:** Gary Troy Harp was born 11/5/81 ... Son of Gary and Sharry Harp ... Enjoys fishing during his time away from the diamond.

## Jason Howarth 6

**IF ◆ 6-0 ◆ 175 ◆ Sr.**
**Germantown, TN**
**Germantown HS**

**General:** Penciled in as the team's starting shortstop ... Had a breakout year in his first season as a full time starter ... Will be a leader in the clubhouse as well as on the field.

**2001:** Hit a career best three homers ... Recorded 146 assists from the shortstop position ... Went 5-for-10 in Arkansas-Little Rock series ... Was 2-for-4 with 2 RBIs against Vanderbilt ... Went 3-for-3 against UL-Lafayette in hearbreaking 9-8 loss ... Broke out of a 0-for-26 slump with a 2-for-5 effort against Memphis ... Blasted first career homer against Lipscomb ... Returned against Tennessee Tech after missing five games.

**2000:** Played in 20 games, starting 11 ... Drove in one run and scored five ... Majority of playing time came at second base .

**1999:** Played in 48 games, starting 38 ... Spent a majority of time at second and third ... Struggled at the plate, hitting .195 with six doubles and 12 RBIs ... Was solid in the field with a .960 fielding percentage.

**High School:** Hit .394 with four homers, 42 RBI and 20 stolen bases as a senior for coach Phil Clark at Germantown ... Was District Player of the Year, All-State, and *USA Today* All-Southeast ... Also lettered in basketball.

**Personal:** Richard Jason Howarth is the son of Rick and Teresa Howarth ... Has not yet chosen a major ... Lists winning the national championship as a freshman as his biggest sports thrill ... Born March 13, 1980.

## Steven Kines 19

**RHP ◆ 6-2 ◆ 210 ◆ Jr.**
**Germantown, TN**
**Germantown HS**

**General:** Turned in a good fall performance ... Should see considerable work this season ... Could see time as a starter or out of the bullpen.

**2001:** Did not post a decision in six appearances ... Got first career start against Cumberland ... Saw first action in two years against Tennessee Tech.

**2000:** Took a medical redshirt year.

**1999:** Made seven appearances, all in relief ... Struck out six and walked seven in 12.2 innings of work ... Finished the year with a 9.24 ERA ... Longest outing was 2.2 innings against Southwest Missouri.

**High School:** Was 11-0 as a senior for coach Phil Clark at Germantown ... Senior season ERA was 1.52 with 72 strikeouts ... Also batted .321 with four

homers ... Named All-District, All-Region, All-Metro, and All-State Tournament ... *USA Today* All-Southeast Team.

## Jason Kuhn 24

**RHP ◆ 6-2 ◆ 170 ◆ Sr.**
**Hendersonville, TN**
**Tennessee Tech**

**General:** A sidearm pitcher ... Should continue his role as a reliever ... Has good control ... Features a good breaking pitch.

**2001:** Was second on the team in bullpen appearances ... Went 4-3 in relief ... Struck out 22 hitters in 30.1 innings ... Earned first save against New Orleans ... Only allowed one hit in 1-1/3 innings against Arkansas State ... First MT win came in relief against Lipscomb ... Pitched five innings allowing only one unearned run and one hit against Southeastern Louisiana.

**Tennessee Tech:** Was 2-0 with a 5.71 ERA in 15 appearances as a sophomore ... Was used solely as a reliever ... Struck out seven batters in 17-1/3 innings of work in 2000.

**High School:** Played for Coach Mike Hendrix at Hendersonville High School ... Went 9-3 on the mound as a senior ... also batted .325 ... named All-District and team MVP ... All-Tournament selection in USA Classic.

**Personal:** Jason Michael Kuhn was born Feb. 21, 1980 ... Son of Perry and Jennifer Kuhn ... Enjoys the outdoors ... Majoring in business.

## Jeff Marcus 35

**RHP ◆ 6-2 ◆ 185 ◆ r-Fr.**
**Gaithersburg, MD**
**Gaithersburg HS**

**General:** Could see a few opportunities this season, mostly out of the bullpen ... Has battled arm problems since coming to campus three years ago.

**2001:** Did not see action.

**2000:** Took a medical redshirt.

**High School:** Went 21-3 in his career at Gaithersburg ... Went 7-2 as a senior with a 1.82 ERA ... Played for coach Paul Kane ... Won Montgomery County Baseball Association Sportsmanship Award in 1996 and 1997.

**Personal:** Jeffrey Chapin Marcus was born August 5, 1981 ... Is the son of Ron Marcus and Karen Davis ... Hopes to become a baseball coach ... His grandfather was inducted into the the U.S. Military Academy's National Football Hall of Fame.

## Doug Kunicki 15

**IF ◆ 6-1 ◆ 200 ◆ r-Jr.**
**Knoxville, TN**
**Tennessee**

**General:** Looks to be the starter at first ... Has good power from the left side ... Seems healthy after missing the 2001 season following back surgery.

**2001:** Took a medical redshirt.

**2000:** Saw limited duty, mostly at first base ... Played in 15 games, starting seven ... Went 4-for-19 at the plate ... Scored two runs.

**Tennessee:** Played in 10 games getting one start ... Had one hit with an RBI in 12 at-bats.

**High School:** Played baseball at Bearden High School ... Hit .450 with five homers as a senior ... Was a three-year All-KIL member.

**Personal:** Douglas Stuart Kunicki is the son of Stuart and Cynthia Kunicki ... Born October 15, 1979 ... Enjoys hiking and camping.

## Marshall Nisbett 1

**OF ◆ 5-10 ◆ 160 ◆ Sr.**
**Tullahoma, TN**
**NW Shoals CC**

**General:** Is an All-Star candidate ... Has great speed both on the bases and defensively ... Will hit in the top of the order ... Also possesses good power from the left side of the plate.

**2002:** Went 3-for-5 on opening day against Austin Peay.

**2001:** Hit .346 in his first season with the Blue Raiders ... Drove in 46 runs ... Started in all 58 games ... Stole 11 bags in 14 attempts ... Had a team-high nine outfield assists ... Blasted a homer in the NCAA Regional against Wake Forest ... Went 2-for-5 with a homer and three RBIs against Western Kentucky in the SBC Tourney ... Turned in a 7-for-12 performance against USA with a homer ... Batted .556 with a double and a homer for the week of April 16 ... Went 3-for-6 against Belmont ... Was 2-for-4 with a triple against Belmont ... Went 3-for-5 with a triple and three RBIs against Vanderbilt ... Tripled and scored two runs in win over New Orleans ... Hit a triple and drove in two runs against Arkansas State ... Went 6-for-10 in Lipscomb series ... Put together three assists in two games against Tennessee Tech ... Went 2-for-4 with an RBI against Jacksonville State ... hit first career homer against SE Louisiana.

**NW Shoals:** Batted .405 with eight homers and 52 RBIs.

**Wallace-Hanceville C.C.:** Went 6-0 with a 2.58 ERA as a pitcher.

**High School:** Played for coach Jerry Mathis at Tullahoma High School ... Set the school batting average record with a .535 clip as a senior ... voted All-State in 1997 and 1998 ... An All-Region selection 1997-98

**Personal:** Marshall Nisbitt was born 12/5/79 ... Son of Denis and Lynn Nisbitt ... Is majoring in business management ... Hopes to become a master chef ... Enjoys golf and cooking in his spare time.

## Derek Phillips 31

**C ◆ 6-1 ◆ 190 ◆ So.**
**Knoxville, TN**
**Halls HS**

**General:** Will see considerable action behind the plate ... Provides a good left-handed bat in the lineup ... Will also play first base and DH.

**2001:** Drove in 10 runs in limited duty ... Played in 30 games, starting in 12 ...Picked up two hits in three tries off the bench for the week of May 7 ... Blasted first career homerun against Belmont ... Drove in a key run against UL-Lafayette ... Got first career start against Lipscomb.

**High School:** A four-year letterman at Halls High School for Coach Doug Polston ... A two-time All-Region and All-State selection ... Named All KIC and All-East Tennessee as a junior ... Hit 12 homers during his junior campaign ... Also starred in football, garnering All-Region honors.

**Personal:** Clifford Reginald Derek Phillips was born 10/6/81 ... Son of Eugene and Cindy Phillips ... Is undecided on a major ... Enjoys fishing.

## Justin Sims 3

**OF ◆ 5-10 ◆ 175 ◆ Jr.**
**Knoxville, TN**
**Karns HS**

**General:** Was a tremendous force in the three hole last year ... Is a definite draft prospect ... Has good speed ... Hits for power and average ... Enters the year as an All-America candidate.

**2002:** Kicked off the 2002 Campaign with a 3-for-4 outing including two doubles and a homer.

**2001:** Was second on the team with a .377 average ... Led the team in RBI with 66 and homers with 10 ... Tallied a team-leading six triples ... First Team All-Sun Belt selection ... Knocked in seven runs in three games against South Alabama while hitting .385 ... Went 2-for-4 against Tennessee with and RBI ... Batted .500 against New Mexico State ... Hit .526 for week of April 16 with nine RBIs ... Went 4-for-5 with two RBIs against Belmont ... Was 2-for-5 with a homer against Cumberland ... Went 3-for-5 against Vanderbilt with two RBIs ... Batted .583 (7-for-12) in UL series with two doubles, two homers, and 6 RBIs ... Hit sixth homer of the year against New Orleans ... Drove in all three runs against UAB ... Batted .400 in the Arkansas State series ... Ripped homers in back-to-back games against Lipscomb and drove in nine runs in the series ... Blasted second homer against Tennessee Tech ... Hit first career homer against Memphis ... went 4-for-4 against SE Louisiana.

**2000:** Played in 30 games with six starts ... Was perfect in 16 defensive chances ... Two of his three hits were for extra bases ... Drove in four runs and scored six.

**High School:** Played for coach Danny Sharp at Karns ... Hit .469 with 27 homers during his career ... Four-time All-District, three-time All-Region, and two-time All-State player ... Twice named District Player of the Year ... Honorable mention All-American ... Drafted by the Chicago Cubs ... Also lettered in football and basketball.

**Personal:** Michael Justin Sims was born December 18, 1980 ... The son of Mike and Faye Sims ... Was a Wendy's High School Heisman nominee.

## Kris Smith 32

**OF ◆ 6-2 ◆ 182 ◆ Sr.**
**Nashville, TN**
**Antioch HS**

**General:** Will help the team as an outfielder and on the bases ... Has great speed ... Is the team's top runner off the bench.

**2001:** Scored 13 runs in limited duty ... Saw action in 31 games, mainly as a pinch runner or defensive replacement ... Got first start against Tennessee Tech ... Went 2-for-2 against Trevecca in his first career plate appearances.

**High School:** Played for Keith Dickey at Antioch ... Also attended Spring HS in Spring, Texas ... Named to the All-District Team in 1997.

**Personal:** Kristofer Anthony Smith was born 11/7/79 ... Majoring in business education/marketing ... Was involved in several community service organizations in high school, including S.U.R.E, Students United for Racial Equality, and Inroads of Nashville ... Son of William and Margaret Smith ... Father William is a member of the U.S. Masters Track and Field Hall of Fame ... Grandfather Jessie Williams played baseball for Jacksonville of the Negro League.

## Kyle Sparkman 30

**RHP ◆ 6-2 ◆ 175 ◆ Sr.**
**Nashville, TN**
**Overton HS**

**General:** Will help shore up the bullpen ... Could find work as a starter during the mid-week ... Has the experience to be effective in nearly any situation.

**2001:** Did not earn a decision in 11 appearances ... Struck out two in 1.1 innings against Memphis ... Returned from an elbow injury to work a perfect inning against Tennessee.

**2000:** Put together a five-appearance streak without allowing an earned run ... Struck out three in two innings against Vanderbilt ... Struck out 18 hitters in 22-1/3 innings ... His longest outing of the year was three innings in the NCAA Regional against Clemson.

**1999:** Made 19 appearances with two starts ... Went 1-3 with three saves ... Struck out 34 in 26.2 innings ... Finished with an 8.44 ERA.

**High School:** Went 24-9 during his career at Overton High School under coach James Fuller ... Had 298 career strikeouts ... Went 6-3 with a 1.53 ERA as a senior including 92 K's ... Named All-District, All-Region, and All-Midstate.

**Personal:** Justin Kyle Sparkman has not yet declared a major ... Chose MT over Belmont, Union University, and Columbia State C.C. ... Born February 12, 1980 ... Son of Danny and Deborah Sparkman.

## Kevin Suba 27

**1B/C ◆ 6-3 ◆ 220 ◆ Fr.**
**Griffith, IN**
**Griffith HS**

**General:** Should see majority of playing time at first base and DH ... learning to make adjustments at the plate is a key for Suba ... hitting will determine playing time.

**High School:** Played for Coach Brian Jennings at Griffith ... hit .483 with five homers and 42 RBIs as a senior ... committed only three fielding errors at first base ... two-time First Team All-Conference and Honorable Mention All-State ... named Honorable Mention All-Area as a senior.

**Personal:** Kevin Daniel Suba was born 8/3/81 ... son of Rick and Darlene Suba ... has not yet decided on a major ... enjoys deer hunting.

## John Williams 23

**LHP ◆ 6-3 ◆ 180 ◆ So.**
**Murfreesboro, TN**
**Oakland HS**

**General:** A solid left-handed starter ... Improved as his freshman year went along ... Will be one of the team's top starters ... Coming off of a freshman All-American season.

**2002:** Earned first win of the year over Austin Peay in the season opener.

**2001:** Named freshman All-American by Collegiate Baseball ... Went 7-1 with a 3.59 ERA ... Limited opponents to a .222 batting average ... was second on the staff in wins ... had fewest losses among regular starters ... Hurled the Blue Raiders to a share of the SBC title with his first nine inning complete game ... Pitched well in no-decision at Western Kentucky ... Hurled first complete game and shutout with 1-0 decision over Ark.-Litttle Rock ... Pitched six solid innings in a no-decision against UNO ... Picked up a win against Arkansas State ... Struck out seven against Trevecca ... Earned first collegiate start against UNC-Asheville, striking out six in five innings.

**High School:** Played for Coach Mack Hawks at Oakland High School ... A part of first back-to-back state champions in history ... Went 38-2 in his career at Oakland and didn't lose a game for the final two years of his career ... Four-time All-District pick ... Three-times named All-Region and two-time All-State winner ... *Daily News Journal* Pitcher of the Year twice ... MVP of the USA Classic as a freshman.

**Personal:** John Douglas Williams was born 12/19/81 ... Son of Larry and Debby Williams ... Hopes to play professional baseball ... Is undecided on a major ... Enjoys fishing ... Named to *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

## Seth Yarbrough 8

**OF ◆ 5-11 ◆ 180 ◆ Jr.**
**Montgomery, AL**
**Enterprise State CC**

**General:** Could find a spot as a DH as well as play in the outfield ... Ability to hit will determine playing time ... a solid defensive player.

**2001:** Saw action in 13 games ... Was hampered by a broken foot in the fall season.

**Enterprise State:** Played for Coach Tim Hulsey ... Batted .385 with four homers as a freshman and .466 with 12 home runs as a sophomore ... named First Team All-American following sophomore season ... Also selected as All-Region and All-Southern Junior College.

**High School:** Played for Coach Vanvendor at Jefferson Davis High School ... Lettered in baseball for three years and football for one ... Named All-Metro and was an East-West All-Star selection.

**Personal:** William Seth Yarbrogh was born 6/7/78 ... Son of Ron Yarbrough and Suzanne Pugh ... Majoring in physical education ... Father Ron played linebacker at Auburn.

# NEWCOMERS

## Josh Archer 10

**C/1B ◆ 6-3 ◆ 215 ◆ Fr.**
**Paris, TN**
**Henry Co. HS**

**General:** Possesses great size and power … A catcher by trade but could see time at first base or DH … Will be a contributor at some point during the season.

**2002:** Went 2-for-4 with a double in first collegiate game against Austin Peay.

**High School:** Batted .620 with 11 homers as a senior … Voted First Team All-State … A three-time selection to the All-Region and All-District team … Drafted in the 40th round by the San Diego Padres following his senior season … Also played four years of football.

**Personal:** Born 11/8/82 … Son of Wes Archer and Vicky Qualls … Undecided on a major.

## Danny Borne 29

**LHP ◆ 6-3 ◆ 180 ◆ Fr.**
**Lewisburg, TN**
**Marshall Co. HS**

**General:** Showed great potential during fall workouts ... Will start the year in the bullpen, but could work into the rotation as the year moves along.

**High School:** Posted 9-1 mark with 1.58 ERA and 104 strikeouts in 58 innings for coach Joe George … Named All-Midstate as a sophomore and district MVP as a junior … Four-time All-District selection and two-time All-Region honoree … Struck out 14 in one game … Recognized as *Who's Who Among American High School Students* … Also lettered in football and basketball.

**Personal:** Born 5/5/83 … Son of Jeff and Sharon Borne … Enjoys weightlifting.

## Joe Capone 14

**IF ◆ 6-0 ◆ 190 ◆ So.**
**Churchville, PA**
**U. of New Haven**

**General:** Played freshman season at the University of New Haven in West Haven, CT … Should see some action at first base ... Shows power potential at the plate.

**High School:** Earned two letters in baseball … Did not commit an error as a senior … Member of *Courier Times* Gold Team.

**Personal:** Born 11/25/82 … Son of Felix and Patricia Capone … Has not decided on a major.

## Brett Carroll 9

**IF ◆ 5-11 ◆ 170 ◆ Fr.**
**Knoxville, TN**
**Bearden HS**

**General:** A talented infielder … will contend for a starting spot, most likely at third … his performance at the plate will dictate playing time … could also DH.

**High School:** An All-District selection at Bearden High School under coach Mitch Carter … led his team to a district title and an appearance in the regional championship game … also lettered in golf and basketball.

**Personal:** Born 10/3/82 … son of Mike Carroll and Laura Carroll-Kinzel … named to *Who's Who Among American High School Students* … undecided about a major … enjoys playing basketball and attending church.

## Chad Cooper 5

**IF ◆ 6-0 ◆ 175 ◆ Jr.**
**Picture Rocks, PA**
**Garrett CC**

**General:** A solid defensive infielder … Can play second or shortstop … Can hit in the top of the order … Is projected as a starter ... Runs well on the bases.

**Garrett CC:** An All-Region and All-Conference player … Hit .372 during his two-year career … Averaged 22 stolen bases during his career … Scored 89 runs and drove in 100 during his career … Hit career best .396 as a sophomore … Helped lead his team to the Region XX title game as a freshman.

**High School:** Earned four letters in baseball at Hughesville High School … Named American Legion East All-Star … Played in the Pennsylvania Keystone State Games … Also played basketball.

**Personal:** Born 1/31/81 … Son of Kelly and Jill Cooper … Enjoys the outdoors and paintball … Hoping to major in graphic design.

## Mark Corrado 21

**IF◆ 6-4 ◆ 195 ◆ Fr.**
**Dayton, OH**
**Oakwood HS**

**General:** Could see some time at third base ... A hard-worker ... Continued development will help his future in the program.

**High School**: Led his Oakwood High School team to back-to-back district crowns in his junior and senior seasons … A First Team All-League selection as a junior and senior … A four-time letterman for coach Rick Grigsby … Also played two years of basketball.

**Personal:** Son of Bob and Ann Corrado … Born 9/15/82 … Undecided about a major … Brother Rob pitches at the University of Kentucky … Is considering a career in the concrete industry.

## Tim Crunk 39

**C ◆ 5-10 ◆ 200 ◆ So.**
**Murfreesboro, TN**
**Roane State CC**

**General:** Primary duty will be handling pitchers in the bullpen ... Has good knowledge of the game ... Hopes to get into coaching one day.

**High School:** Earned *Daily News Journal* All-District and All-Area as a senior for coach Buddy Powers … Graduated with honors.

**Personal:** Born 5/14/81 … Son of Tim Crunk, Sr., and Beverly Morris … Majoring in mathematical science … Wants to coach or teach at the high school or college level … Enjoys golf.

## Travis Horschel 30

**RHP ◆ 6-3 ◆ 200 ◆ r-Fr.**
**Smyrna, TN**
**Tennessee Tech**

**General:** Could be a factor this season … Was banged up in the fall, so his level of contribution will be determined by recovery … Will be utilized as both a starter and reliever.

**Tennessee Tech:** Took a redshirt.

**High School:** Posted a career 20-4 record with nine saves at Franklin Road Academy … Hurled a no-hitter in the district tourney … Tallied a career 2.41 ERA … A three-time All-District choice … Twice named All-Region … Named All-Midstate and All-State as a senior … Was an honorable mention pick for the *USA Today* Tennessee Player of the Year award.

**Personal:** Born 6/12/81 … Son of Larry and Debbie Horschel … Majoring in secondary education … Hopes to play pro ball … Aspires to become a high school baseball coach … Enjoys reading civil war literature and playing ping pong.

## Nathan Jaggers 4

**IF ◆ 5-11 ◆ 170 ◆ Fr.**
**Louisville, KY**
**Pleasure Ridge Park HS**

**General:** In the mix to start at third ... Solid defensive player ... Great bat control ... Has great knowledge of the game.

**High School:** Batted .404 with five home runs as a senior for coach Bill Miller … Named all-region and all-district three years and all-state as a junior and senior … Participated in Kentucky East-West All-Star game as a junior and senior … Earned all-tournament accolades at Sarasota Classic and Pensacola tournament … Batted .410 with four round-trippers as a junior and .379 as a sophomore.

**Personal:** Born 3/28/83 … Son of Earl and Tina Jaggers … Majoring in concrete industry management … Enjoys fishing.

## Chris Kurtz 38

**RHP ◆ 6-2 ◆ 175 ◆ Fr.**
**Richboro, PA**
**Archbishop Wood HS**

**General:** An extremely hard worker ... Needs to work on physical development ... Will begin in the bullpen ... Mound time will depend on level of improvement throughout the year.

**High School:** Posted 1.23 ERA with 70 strikeouts in 40 innings and one no-hitter as a senior for coach Jim Diguisseppe … Four-time All-District honoree.

**Personal:** Born 10/1/83 … Son of Paul Kurtz and Colette Buccella … Has not decided on a major … Enjoys lifting weights, swimming and listening to music.

## Adam Larson 33

**RHP ◆ 6-2 ◆ 240 ◆ Sr.**
**Germantown, TN**
**Mississippi State**

**General:** Primarily a reliever at Mississippi State, but will be given every opportunity to nail down a spot in the starting rotation this season.

**2002:** Hurled last three innings of season opener against Austin Peay to earn a save.

**Mississippi State:** Compiled an 8-8 career mark with 15 saves in 66 appearances over three seasons for the Bulldogs … Struck out 119 in 133.2 innings with 4.11 ERA … Compiled 3-0 record with three saves as a freshman, striking out 35 in 42.1 innings of work … Earned second win of season with six innings versus Southern Miss … Converted save opportunities against Ole Miss in last regular season series of year and again in SEC Tournament … Also picked up a win and a save in Columbus Regional, working four innings during the tourney … Ranked second in SEC with 12 saves as a sophomore, the third-most in a season in Bulldog history … Went 3-3 with 4.17 ERA in 29 appearances … Struck out career-high nine versus Arkansas-Little Rock … Preseason All-America candidate as a junior (NCBWA and Collegiate Baseball) … Compiled 2-5 mark in 17 appearances with seven starts, striking out 49 in 50.1 innings of work … Threw career-high 7.0 innings vs. UT Martin.

**High School:** Four-year letterman and standout pitcher for coach Phil Clark at Germantown HS … Earned 1998 Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association and Tennessee Sports Writers Association All-State honors after helping lead the Red Devils to a 40-4 mark, state runner-up honors and a No. 18 national ranking (*Baseball America*) … Posted an 8-2 record with a 1.17 ERA … Recorded 77 strikeouts over 60 innings and tossed a pair of no-hitters … Also played first base and batted .439 with seven home runs, 26 RBI and a .732 slugging percentage … Tabbed for honorable mention All-America honors by High School Baseball USA and *Collegiate Baseball* … Finalist for *Commercial Appeal's* "Best of Preps" award … Compiled a 22-6 pitching record his final three seasons … Went 6-2 with a team-best 0.71 ERA as a junior and 8-0 with a 1.45 ERA as a sophomore … Played summer league AABC baseball with the Memphis Tigers, earning a berth on the AABC National Team … GHS Faculty Honor Roll student.

**Personal:** Born 12/6/79 … Son of Doug and Denise Larson … Majoring in liberal arts … Interests include golf, swimming, working out and billiards.

## Chris LeGuenec 37

**C ◆ 6-0 ◆ 170 ◆ Fr.**
**Jackson, TN**
**Central Merry HS**

**General:** Has shown great improvement during the fall ... Will help out in the bullpen and is likely to see action behind the plate ... Has also worked at first ... His offensive production will help determine his level of contribution.

**High School:** Batted .519 with seven home runs as a senior for coach Kevin Kennedy … Earned All-District honors as a sophomore and senior … Batted .420 with pair of home runs as a sophomore.

**Personal:** Born 1/31/83 … Son of Paul and Tessie LeGuenec … Has not decided on a major … Attended Boys State.

## Chris Mobley 28

**RHP ◆ 6-0 ◆ 165 ◆ Fr.**
**Kingsport, TN**
**Dobyns-Bennett HS**

**General:** Is vying for one of the five starting spots ... Great fastball and hard breaking ball ... Has to be more consistent ... Should see a majority of mound time as a starter.

**High School:** Tallied 130 strikeouts in 60 innings as a senior and set career strikeout record at school with 287 ... Named First Team All-State and All-Region as a senior ... Also named Region I and TBCA Player of the Year as a senior ... Three-time All-District honoree for coach Mike Ritz ... Earned all-district tournament twice and Super 22 three times ... Member of golf team.

**Personal:** Born 8/16/83 ... Son of Mike and Jan Mobley ... Has not decided on a major ... Recognized as *Who's Who Among American Athletes* ... Enjoys golf in free time.

## Chase Swing 23

**RHP ◆ 6-3 ◆ 180 ◆ Fr.**
**Shelbyville, TN**
**Shelbyville HS**

**General:** A solid right-hander ... Will be a contributor this season ... Will be utilized as a starter and out of the bullpen ... Unlimited potential.

**High School:** Turned in a 2.84 ERA as a senior at Shelbyville High School under coach Scott Hall ... Struck out 107 batters while walking only 27 in 82.1 innings of work ... Posted a 9-5 record with one save ... Limited the opposition to a .210 batting average.

**Personal:** Born 1/2/83 ... Son of Frankie and Sherri Swing ... Undecided about a major ... Attended Boys State and was a member of the National Honor Society ... Enjoys hunting and fishing.

# 2002 Blue Raider Baseball

## Overall Statistics for Middle Tennessee (as of Feb 20, 2002)

(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 1-0  Home: 1-0  Away: 0-0  Sun Belt: 0-0

| Player | AVG | GP-GS | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | TB | SLG% | BB | HBP | SO | GDP | OB% | SF | SH | SB-ATT | PO | A | E | FLD% |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SIMS, Justin..... | .750 | 1-1 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 2.000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .750 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| JAGGERS, Nate..... | .667 | 1-1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1.333 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .750 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | .833 |
| NISBETT, Marshall... | .600 | 1-1 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | .600 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .600 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 |
| ARCHER, Josh..... | .500 | 1-1 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | .750 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .500 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| AKERS, Chuck..... | .333 | 1-1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .333 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| KUNICKI, Doug..... | .250 | 1-1 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | .500 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .250 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| COOPER, Chad..... | .200 | 1-1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | .800 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | .200 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1.000 |
| HOWARTH, Jason..... | .000 | 1-1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .250 | 0 | 0 | 0-1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1.000 |
| PHILLIPS, Derek..... | .000 | 1-1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .250 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Totals..... | .382 | 1-1 | 34 | 6 | 13 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 25 | .735 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | .447 | 0 | 0 | 0-1 | 27 | 14 | 1 | .976 |
| Opponents..... | .235 | 1-1 | 34 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 11 | .324 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 0 | .257 | 0 | 1 | 1-1 | 24 | 14 | 0 | 1.000 |

LOB - Team (8), Opp (4). Picked off - NISBETT 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

| Player | ERA | W-L | APP | GS | CG | SHO/CBO | SV | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | 2B | 3B | HR | AB | B/Avg | WP | HBP | BK | SFA | SHA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAMS, John..... | 3.00 | 1-0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0/0 | 0 | 6.0 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 23 | .217 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| LARSON, Adam..... | 6.00 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 1 | 3.0 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 11 | .273 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Totals..... | 4.00 | 1-0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0/0 | 1 | 9.0 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 34 | .235 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Opponents..... | 6.75 | 0-1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0/0 | 0 | 8.0 | 13 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 34 | .382 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Pickoffs - Team (0), Opp (1). SBA/ATT - PHILLIPS (1-1), WILLIAMS (1-1).