Middle Tennessee
2002-03 Blue Raider Basketball

Blue Raiders (0-2) vs. UT Martin (2-0)

SCHEDULE / SCORES

OVERALL RECORD: 0-2
HOME: 0-1 **NEUTRAL:** 0-0
AWAY: 0-1 **CONF:** 0-0

N5	**Global Sports**	**L, 73-80**
N14	**VASDA Exhibition**	**W, 86-67**
N22	**East Carolina**	**L, 63-65**
N25	at Alabama	L, 65-80
N27	**UT Martin**	**7 PM**
N30	at UNC Greensboro	6 PM
D4	**Tennessee Tech**	**7 PM**
D6	at Purdue	7 PM
D7	IUPUI or San Diego (@PU)	TBA
D16	**Murray State**	**7 PM**
D18	**Christian Brothers**	**7 PM**
D21	at Austin Peay	7 PM
D27	**Kennesaw State**	**7 PM**
J1	at Murray State	4 PM
J4	**Western Kentucky***	**7 PM**
J9	at Arkansas State*	7 PM
J11	at Arkansas-Little Rock*	7 PM
J16	**South Alabama***	**7 PM**
J18	**New Orleans***	**7 PM**
J23	at New Mexico State*	8 PM
J25	at Louisiana-Lafayette*	7 PM
J28	**IP-Fort Wayne**	**7 PM**
F1	**Florida Int'l* (ESPN)**	**7 PM**
F6	**North Texas***	**7 PM**
F8	at Denver*	8 PM
F13	**Arkansas State***	**7 PM**
F15	**Arkansas-Little Rock***	**7 PM**
F22	at Florida International*	6 PM
M1	at Western Kentucky*(ESPN)	7 PM
M7-11	Sun Belt Tournament	TBA

Gameday Information

When:	Nov. 27, 2002 (7 PM)
Site:	Murphy Center (11,520); Murfreesboro, TN
TV:	None
Radio:	WBOZ FM 104.9 & WMOT FM 89.5 (Dick Palmer & Jan Stauffer)
Series:	MT leads 21-9
Last Meeting:	UTM 76, MT 71 (12/6/01)
Notes:	Middle Tennessee is looking for its first win of the season ... The Blue Raiders are playing their second home game of the year ... MT is averaging 13.5 offensive rebounds per game.

MT vs. UT Martin

Tonight's game marks the first of five games against four former OVC opponents. However, the MT-UTM series is the shortest of these series. MT leads the series **21-9** overall. The Skyhawks took last year's game in Jackson, TN, 76-71. Middle Tennessee has won four of the last five meetings between the two teams.

Jackson Posts Career Numbers

Forward **Steven Jackson** posted career numbers against #4 Alabama on Monday night. The Memphis, TN, native netted **15 points** and **five rebounds** in the game, both of which were career highs. Jackson is now averaging 9.5 points per game. Jackson's excellent start can partially attributed to the fact that he has moved into the paint, which is his more natural position, after spending the first two years of his career on the perimeter.

Charity Work

Middle Tennessee has started the season quite well from the free throw line. The Blue Raiders, who averaged 68.7 percent from the charity stripe a year ago, are shooting **75.9** (22-of-29) percent from the line. In fact, five Blue Raiders have perfect seasons from the charity stripes this season.

Rebounding Raiders

Kermit Davis has emphasized rebounding and defense since taking the MT reins. His message seems to be taking hold with the team. The Blue Raiders outrebounded #4 Alabama **42-34** on Monday night, including a **17-10** advantage on the offensive glass. Both William Pippen and Tommy Gunn snared eight boards in the game to pace the Blue Raiders. MT now sports a rebounding margin of **+3**.

MT vs. Tennessee Teams

The Blue Raiders will stay within the borders of Tennessee for several games this season. Tonight's game marks the **first of four games** against teams hailing from Tennessee. Middle Tennessee will also play Tennessee Tech, Christian Brothers, and Austin Peay this season.

What's Next?

Middle Tennessee takes to the friendly skies this weekend for a game against **UNC-Greensboro**. The team will leave on Friday morning and return on Sunday morning. MT got the best of the Spartans last season with a 74-58 win in the Murphy Center. The series is tied 1-1.

Probable Starters

* blocks

Middle Tennessee			Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	PPG	RPG	APG
F	32	Tommy Gunn	6-3	215	Jr.	14.0	6.5	0.5
F	3	William Pippen	6-8	210	Sr.	8.5	7.0	1.5
C	40	Napoleon Rhodes	6-8	240	Jr.	6.0	4.0	0.0
G	1	Keith Connor	6-0	185	Jr.	10.0	3.0	1.0
G	35	John Humphrey	6-2	215	Sr.	10.5	5.5	1.0

Tennessee-Martin			Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	PPG	RPG	APG
F	30	Joey Walker	6-5	205	Sr.	13.0	9.5	0.0
F	34	David Wilkerson	6-6	240	Jr.	3.5	4.5	1.5
G	0	Okechi Egbe	6-2	190	Sr.	6.5	4.5	2.0
G	2	Earl Bullock	6-1	190	Jr.	19.5	2.0	3.0
G	3	Jeremy Kelly	6-5	190	So.	9.0	4.5	3.0

Media Information

Blue Raiders on Radio

■ All Blue Raider basketball games can be heard on WBOZ FM 104.9 in Rutherford and Cannon counties and all across middle Tennessee on WMOT FM 89.5. WBOZ will be carrying Blue Raider basketball for the fourth straight season, while WMOT is back on board for the fourth straight year. Dick Palmer is in his 21st season as the Blue Raiders' play-by-play announcer, while Jan Stauffer is handling the color commentary for the 11th straight year. MT Marketing and Promotions director, Chip Walters, will be handling all postgame interviews.

Davis Radio Show

■ Coach Kermit Davis' weekly radio show airs each week from Toot's Restaurant in Murfreesboro. The show will be aired on WBOZ 104.9 FM. The show, which is slated to start in January, is hosted by Chip Walters.

Davis Television Show

■ Coach Kermit Davis' television show is aired each week on Comcast Sports Southeast. Davis and Chip Walters will review the previous week with commentary and highlights as well as preview the week ahead. The Davis show is also aired each week on MTTV Cable 10 Rutherford County.

Interview Protocol

■ After a 10-minute cooling off period, requested players and head coach Kermit Davis will be available for members of the media The Blue Raider locker room is **CLOSED** both at home and on the road. At home, the interview area is located just off the northwest corner of the playing floor. On the road, requested players and Coach Davis will be brought to an area designated by the home team, or just outside the Blue Raiders' locker room facility. Player requests should be directed to assistant media relations director Ryan Simmons.

Gameday Media Services

■ Pregame packets including notes, statistics, and programs will be available upon arrival. Statistics will be provided thoughout the game via courtside monitors. Final statistics, including a running play-by-play, postgame notes, and quotes will be made available immediately following the game. A phone line and fax machine is available in the media relations office for media use. Any other services required should be requested in advance.

Gunn Headed for Milestone

Junior **Tommy Gunn**'s quest to become the 27th MT player to net 1,000 points is off to a good start. Gunn's 14 point scoring average has thrust him over the 600 point mark for his career with **615**. Gunn, who started the year with 587 career points, would have to average **14.8** points per game for the rest of the season to reach the 1,000-point milestone as a junior.

Briefly ...

Should the Blue Raiders connect on a three-point shot tonight, it would mark **190** consecutive games with a trey ... The Blue Raiders have only lost back-to-back games to UT-Martin twice in the history of the series between the two schools ... The Blue Raiders are on pace to attempt **630** treys on the year, which would total the second-most in school history.

Glasper Suffers Injury

Redshirt junior **Derek Glasper** suffered a severely sprained ankle last week in practice and is expected to miss the next two weeks. The injury was a tough one for the New Britain, CT, native who missed nearly all of last season after knee surgery. Glasper was one of three Blue Raiders to miss the season opener with an injury.

Watson's Surgery Successful

Redshirt senior **Demario Watson** underwent arthroscopic surgery on Nov. 14 to repair a damaged meniscus suffered in practice earlier that week. Watson is expected to miss approximately four weeks with the injury. The forward from Memphis was slated to return to the team after sitting out last year with a redshirt.

Rivalries Continue

Of Middle Tennessee's 10 most extensive rivalries, the top four have found their way onto the Blue Raiders' schedule this season. The Blue Raiders have played **506** combined games against **Tennessee Tech, Murray State, Austin Peay, and Western Kentucky** through the years. The Golden Eagles hold the distinction of being the longest-standing of these series at 140 games. MT has played Murray State 133 times, Austin Peay 130 times, and Western Kentucky 103 times. These games make up **28.7** percent of the 1,762 games Middle Tennessee had played coming into this season.

COMPARING NUMBERS

MT	Stat	UTM
64.0	Points	70.0
38.0	Rebounds	34.0
13.5	Offensive Rebounds	8.5
8.5	Assists	18.0
6.0	Steals	11.5
1.5	Blocks	4.5
38.0	Field Goal Percentage	47.3
31.1	3-Point Percentage	37.5
75.9	Free Throw Percentage	87.5
14.5	Free Throw Attempts	12.0
18.0	Turnovers	17.0
231	Current Sagarin Ratings	262

Anniversary Season

Middle Tennessee will celebrate **30 years** of games inside the **Murphy Center** this season. The building opened with a game against Vanderbilt on Dec. 11, 1972. Since the Murphy Center opened, the Blue Raiders have compiled an overall record of 313-104, for a winning percentage of 75.1. The Blue Raiders have averaged 10.8 wins per season on the Monte Hale Arena playing floor. Middle Tennessee will hold its official celebration this year on Jan. 4 when Western Kentucky visits Murfreesboro.

Notable

d Purdue and Christian Brothers are on the MT schedule for the first time ever this season and San Diego, a possible opponent, would also be a first timer.

d Of the 23 possible opponents on this year's schedule, 13 have played MT five times or less and four have played MT 100 times or more.

d The Blue Raiders' appearance in the Boilermaker Invitational this season marks the first such appearance since playing in the San Juan Shootout in the 1998-99 season.

d Former OVC foes Tennessee Tech, Murray

2003-04 Signees

Ben Britt	G	6-4	185	Chattanooga, TN (Red Bank HS)	#17 prospect in state*
Keith Christmas	F	6-6	225	Gary, IN (Westside HS)	Led HS team to state title
Montrelle Crittendon	G	6-3	175	Newbern, TN (Dyer County)	#2 Prospect in state*
Bryan Smithson	G	5-11	160	Kennesaw, GA (N. Cobb HS)	Avg. 21 ppg and 4 apg last yr.
Kenyona Swader	F	6-8	175	Smyrna, TN (Smyrna HS)	#3 prospect in state*

* according to *HoopScoop Magazine*

2002-03 Blue Raider Roster

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Cl	Hometown/High School/Other
1	Keith Connor	G	6-0	180	Jr.	Plfugerville, TX/Temple JC
3	William Pippen	F	6-8	200	Sr.	Hamburg, AR/Connors State JC
4	Steven Jackson	G/F	6-6	215	Jr.	Memphis, TN/Craigmont
10	Wes Durrant	G	5-10	145	Fr.	Bowling Green, KY/Warren Central HS
11	Eric Parham	G	5-11	175	Sr.	Nashville, TN/Aquinas JC
12	Marcus Robinson	G	6-2	185	Jr.	Newnan, GA/Grayson Co. JC
23	Derek Glasper	G	6-3	205	r-Jr.	New Britain, CT/Neosho JC
32	Tommy Gunn	G	6-3	205	Jr.	Syracuse, NY/Bridgton Academy
34	Bryant Mitchell	F	6-7	215	Sr.	Lawrenceburg, TN/NE Oklahoma A&M JC
35	John Humphrey	G	6-2	210	Jr.	Swansboro, NC/Louisburg JC
40	Napoleon Rhodes	F/C	6-9	240	Jr.	Ocala, FL/Central Florida JC
44	Kyle Young	F	6-9	195	Fr.	Lewisburg, TN/Marshall Co. HS
50	Demario Watson	F/C	6-8	220	r-Sr.	Memphis, TN/NE Mississippi JC
54	Adam Osborne	F/C	6-8	225	So.	Murfreesboro, TN/Riverdale HS

State, and Austin Peay are on the Blue Raider schedule for the first time since 1999-00.

d Seven players on MT's roster began the season with less than 30 games of playing experience.

d **Kermit Davis** is one of only two new coaches in the Sun Belt this season. John Pelphrey at South Alabama is the other.

d Middle Tennessee is **43-28** all-time in overtime games (2-1 in double OT). The Blue Raiders are 8-4 in its last 12 overtime games.

d The Blue Raiders have hit at least one three-pointer in **189** straight games. The last time MT failed to hit a shot from behind the arc was Jan. 20, 1996 at Morehead State.

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Infirmary Report

d **Kyle Young** (stress fracture in foot) out 6-8 weeks

d **Demario Watson** (knee surgery) out for 2-3 weeks

d **Napoleon Rhodes** (back) is day-to-day

d **Derek Glasper** (sprained ankle) out for 2-3 weeks.

Gunn Takes SBC Honor

Junior guard **Tommy Gunn** was named Third Team All-Sun Belt in the league's preseason awards presentation during October. Gunn, who averaged 12.5 points per contest as a sophomore, was named Honorable Mention All-SBC at the conclusion of last season.

Blue Raiders Picked Fourth

The Sun Belt Conference's coaches chose the Blue Raiders **fourth** in the East Division in the preseason coaches poll. The coaches predicted that Western Kentucky would win the division, followed by Arkansas-Little Rock and Florida International. Arkansas State rounded out the poll in fifth place in the East.

Sun Belt Conference Tournament

The Sun Belt Conference Tournament is slated for March 7-11 at Diddle Arena in Bowling Green, KY. The event combines the men's and women's tournament at one site and all 11 teams from the league will participate. Ticket packages are available through the Western Kentucky ticket office by calling (270) 745-5222.

SUN BELT

EAST DIVISION

Team	*SBC Record*	*Overall Record*
Florida International	0-0	2-0
Arkansas State	0-0	1-1
Arkansas-Little Rock	0-0	1-1
Western Kentucky	0-0	0-1
Middle Tennessee	**0-0**	**0-2**

WEST DIVISION

Team	*SBC Record*	*Overall Record*
Louisiana-Lafayette	0-0	1-0
New Orleans	0-0	1-0
North Texas	0-0	1-0
South Alabama	0-0	1-1
New Mexico State	0-0	1-1
Denver	0-0	0-1

Through Nov. 25

COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

November 27
UT Martin at Middle Tennessee, 7 p.m.
Central Arkansas at UALR, 7:05 p.m.
Birmingham Southern at South Alabama, 7:05 p.m.
Colorado at New Mexico State, 8:05 p.m.
Louisiana-Lafayette at McNeese State, TBA

November 29
Air Force at Arkansas State, 7:05 p.m.
North Texas at SMU, TBA

November 30
Colorado State at Arkansas-Little Rock, 1 p.m.
Eastern Washington at Denver, 5 p.m.
Middle Tennessee at UNC-Greensboro, 6 p.m.
Florida International at Princeton, 6:30 p.m.
Rollins College at New Orleans, 7:05 p.m.
New Mexico at New Mexico State, 8:05 p.m.
South Alabama at Southern Mississippi, TBA

December 1
Auburn at Western Kentucky, 2 p.m.
North Texas at Indiana, TBA

December 2
Jacksonville at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Samford at Arkansas State, 7:05 p.m.

December 3
George Washington at Florida International, 6 p.m.
Arkansas-Little Rock at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Tennessee Tech at Middle Tennessee, 7 p.m.
Western Kentucky at Evansville, 7 p.m.
UMKC at Denver, 8 p.m.
MD-Eastern Shore at New Mexico State, 8 p.m.

December 4
North Georgia at South Alabama, TBA

Blue Raider Ticket Information

Single game tickets are available for purchase through the Middle Tennessee Ticket Office. Single game tickets are $8 and may be purchased by calling the ticket office at (615) 898-2103 or 1-888-YES-MTSU.

GoBlueRaiders.com

Middle Tennessee basketball 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 basketball related materials, feature stories, game previews and wrap-ups, stats, and notes are available for every athletic team.

2002-03 Raider Ratings

	Sagarin	*RPI*
Final 01-02	199	206
Nov. 18	226	No Poll
Nov. 25	244	No Poll

MT Under Davis

	Overall	02-03
Overall Record	0-2	0-2
Home	0-1	0-1
Away	0-1	0-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0
vs. Sun Belt	0-0	0-0
Home	0-0	0-0
Away	0-0	0-0
Tourney	0-0	0-0
Nonconference	0-2	0-2
Home	0-1	0-1
Away	0-1	0-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0
In Overtime	0-0	0-0
Leading at the Half	0-1	0-1
Leading with 5:00 Left	0-1	0-1
vs. Ranked Opponents	0-1	0-1
In Televised Games	0-1	0-1
MT Shoots >50%	0-0	0-0
MT Shoots <50%	0-2	0-2
Opponent Shoots >50%	0-0	0-0
Opponent Shoots <50%	0-2	0-2
MT Shoots Better than Opp.	0-0	0-0
MT Outrebounds Opp.	0-1	0-1
Opp. Outrebounds MT	0-1	0-1
MT Attempts More FTs	0-0	0-0
Opp. Attempts More FTs	0-2	0-2
In November	0-2	0-2
In December	0-0	0-0
In January	0-0	0-0
In February	0-0	0-0
In March	0-0	0-0
In April	0-0	0-0
Final Margin < 10 points	0-1	0-1
Final Margin > 20 points	0-0	0-0
MT Scores < 60 points	0-0	0-0
MT Scores 60+ points	0-2	0-2
MT Scores 70+ points	0-0	0-0
MT Scores 80+ points	0-0	0-0
MT Scores 90+ points	0-0	0-0
MT Scores 100+ points	0-0	0-0

TRACKING THE BLUE RAIDERS

Opponent	Largest Lead	Largest Deficit	Best Run	Opp. Run	Deflections	Record
East Carolina	7	4	11-2	8-0	7	0-1
at Alabama	1	22	9-2	9-0	7	0-2
UT Martin						
at UNCG						
Tenn. Tech						
at Purdue						
IUPUI or USD						
Murray State						
Christian Bros.						
at Austin Peay						
Kennesaw State						
at Murray State						
Western Ky.						
at Ark. State						
at UALR						
South Alabama						
New Orleans						
at NMSU						
at UL-Lafayette						
IPFW						
FIU						
North Texas						
at Denver						
Ark. State						
UALR						
at FIU						
at Western Ky.						

Kermit Davis

Head Coach ◆ Mississippi State, 1982 ◆ First Season ◆ 0-2 (.000)

The objective was clear when Middle Tennessee athletic director Boots Donnelly set out to hire the school's 19th men's basketball coach – find the person that could lead the program back to its past glory and once again contend for conference titles and NCAA appearances.

On April 12, 2002, Donnelly introduced Kermit Davis, Jr., as the man to do just that.

"I wanted to bring someone in here that wanted to be here, not just to be a head coach, but who wanted to take over our program," Donnelly stated. "I wanted a person that believed very, very strongly in discipline, because that's the process that gets it all started. I wanted a heck of a recruiter, and I also wanted a teacher. I think we fulfilled every one of those things with Kemit Davis, Jr."

Davis brings the credentials that Donnelly was seeking along with him to Middle Tennessee. He has shown throughout his career the ability to rebuild programs and put them on the national map in a hurry. He has displayed success at every stop along his career track and has done so with a hard-nosed style of defense, uptempo offensive play, and a work ethic that is second-to-none.

"One thing our team will do is play with a great deal of energy," Davis stated. "We would like to play a hard-nosed, aggressive style that our fans will enjoy watching night in and night out. We're going to share and value the basketball, rebound on both ends, and attempt to get a quality shot on each possession."

Davis' strategic knowledge isn't his only weapon in building a competitive program. The Blue Raider skipper has long been known as an outstanding recruiter that is willing to go after the nation's top talent. His recruits value character, have a high level of toughness, and have a desire to obtain a college degree. He is committed to landing the state's top prospects as well as reaching out to the best players in the region and in the country.

"Our state has produced some outstanding players over the years, and we are going to be very aggressive in our approach to keeping those players at home," said Davis. "The quality of high school and junior college coaching in our state is excellent and we would like to be an extension of the parents and the coach when those student-athletes come to our campus."

Davis comes to Middle Tennessee after spending the past five seasons as the associate head coach at Louisiana State University under head coach John Brady. Prior to Davis' arrival with Brady at LSU, the Tigers had been languishing near the bottom of the Southeastern Conference.

It didn't take long for the team's fortunes to change. After two seasons of putting the pieces together, the Tigers captured the SEC title in 2000 and went on to an appearance in the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16. The Tigers returned to the post season in 2002 with a trip to the National Invitational Tournament. In the three years immediately preceeding Davis' arrival in Murfreesboro, LSU averaged 20-plus wins per season.

Davis said of his time with the Tigers, "I enjoyed five years at LSU working with a close friend and one of the outstanding coaches in college basketball in John Brady."

Prior to coming to LSU, Davis spent one season as the head coach at the University of Idaho. However, his stint with the Vandals was his second tour of duty in Moscow. He also served as the school's head coach from 1988-1990. During his three years as the head coach at Idaho, he compiled a record of 63-29, the best three-year total in the program's history. Davis posted two of the best single season tallies in school history during his first two seasons at Idaho as well, turning in 25-6 marks in both of those seasons.

His Idaho squad won the Big Sky championship in 1989 and went on to capture the league's tournament crown and a berth into the NCAA Tournament as well. For his efforts Davis was named the Big Sky Coach of the Year at the conclusion of the season.

History repeated itself in 1990 when Davis once again led the Vandals to the Big Sky title in both the regular season and tournament, garnering another NCAA berth.

In fact, Davis himself made history when he became the Vandals' head coach in 1988. Upon his hiring, Davis became the youngest Division I head coach in the nation at age 28.

However, it was not the first time that Davis had been the youngest coach in the country. When Davis took the head coaching position at Southwest Mississippi Junior College in 1984, he became the youngest junior college coach in the nation at age 24. His youth served him well at Southwest Mississippi, putting together a 39-20 record in two seasons. His 1986 squad won 22 games, posting the school's first 20-win season in 17 years.

His success at the junior college level landed him a spot on Tim Floyd's staff at Idaho, where he served as an assistant for two years prior to taking the reigns of the Vandal program.

After spending the 1988-89 and 1989-90 seasons at Idaho, Davis went on to become the head coach at Texas A&M for the 1990-91 campaign.

From Texas A&M, Davis moved to serve as the associate head coach at Chipola Junior College for two seasons before ascending to the top spot for the 1993-94 campaign.

During his season as the team's head coach, Chipola finished the season ranked #4 in the national polls and posted a 27-5 record, giving the team the second-most wins in school history.

Davis headed to Utah State as the team's associate head coach from 1994-96. At Utah State, Davis coached under current Iowa State head coach Larry Eustachy and the pair combined to win the Big West Championship in 1995.

His Utah State tenure ended with his return to Idaho as the Vandals' head coach and the rest is history.

Davis' rapid ascent up the coaching ladder is no coincidence. Davis has been around the game for his entire life as he grew up watching one of the preeminent coaches in the country operate on a daily basis.

Kermit Davis, Sr., Davis' father, was one of the most respected college coaches in the nation and the younger Davis spent many hours around his dad in the gym and even on the bench during games.

Upon the completion of his playing career, Davis began his coaching career at his alma mater. He served as a graduate assistant on Bob Boyd's staff at Mississippi State from 1982-84.

Davis earned his bachelor's degree from Mississippi State in 1982 and went on to receive his master's degree from Mississippi State in 1984.

Davis, a native of Leakesville, Miss., and his wife Betty have two daughters, Ally (14) and Claire (10).

Noting Davis

- Was the youngest JC head coach in the country when he took over at Southwest (MS) JC at age 24.
- Was the youngest Div. I head coach in the nation when he took over at Idaho at age 28.
- Has an overall record af 137-75 as a head coach including his junior college record.
- Has worked for Tim Floyd (former Chicago Bulls coach), Larry Eustachy (Iowa State), and John Brady (LSU) during his career.

NOTING THE BLUE RAIDERS

1 Keith Connor 6-0◆190◆Jr.

d Scored 13 points in VASDA exhibition on 4-of-6 3-point shooting
d Dished out six assists with only one turnover in exhibitions
d Scored 10 points against East Carolina
Career Double Figure Scoring Games: 1
Career Double Figure Rebounding Games: 0
Games Led MT in Scoring: 0
Games Led MT in Rebounding: 0
Games with 20+ points: 0
Double-Doubles: 0

3 William Pippen 6-8◆215◆Sr.

d Led team with 20 points in Global Sports exhibition
d Averaged 13.5 points per game in exhibitions
d Posted six rebounds against East Carolina
d Paced team with eight rebounds against #4 Alabama
Career Double Figure Scoring Games: 11
Career Double Figure Rebounding Games: 0
Games Led MT in Scoring: 4
Games Led MT in Rebounding: 4
Games with 20+ points: 3
Double-Doubles: 0

4 Steven Jackson 6-6◆215◆Jr.

d Averaged 7.5 boards in exhibition games
d Scored 14 points in 27 minutes against VASDA
d Played career high 25 minutes against ECU
d Turned in career high 15 points and five rebounds against #4 Alabama
Career Double Figure Scoring Games: 2
Career Double Figure Rebounding Games: 0
Games Led MT in Scoring: 0
Games Led MT in Rebounding: 0
Games with 20+ points: 0
Double-Doubles: 0

11 Eric Parham 5-11◆175◆Sr.

d Started exhibition against Global Sports
Career Double Figure Scoring Games: 6
Career Double Figure Rebounding Games: 0
Games Led MT in Scoring: 1
Games Led MT in Rebounding: 0
Games with 20+ points: 2
Double-Doubles: 0

12 Marcus Robinson 6-3◆185◆Jr.

d Scored 10 points in VASDA exhibition
d Played point guard for first time in career against #4 Alabama
Career Double Figure Scoring Games: 0
Career Double Figure Rebounding Games: 0
Games Led MT in Scoring: 0
Games Led MT in Rebounding: 0
Games with 20+ points: 0
Double-Doubles: 0

23 Derek Glasper 6-3◆205◆r-Jr.

d Returning after missing most of last season with a knee injury
d Averaged 6.5 points in exhbition games
d Missed season opener with ECU due to sprained ankle
Career Double Figure Scoring Games: 0
Career Double Figure Rebounding Games: 0
Games Led MT in Scoring: 0
Games Led MT in Rebounding: 0
Games with 20+ points: 0
Double-Doubles: 0

32 Tommy Gunn 6-3◆205◆Jr.

d Led team with a 14.0 average in exhbition games
d Preseason Third Team All-Sun Belt
d Scored 14 points against East Carolina
d Netted 14 points and team high eight boards against #4 Alabama
Career Double Figure Scoring Games: 34
Career Double Figure Rebounding Games: 0
Games Led MT in Scoring: 12
Games Led MT in Rebounding: 8
Games with 20+ points: 4
Double-Doubles: 0

34 Bryant Mitchell 6-7◆215◆Sr.

d Saw limited action in exhbitions with recurring knee problem
Career Double Figure Scoring Games: 11
Career Double Figure Rebounding Games: 2
Games Led MT in Scoring: 2
Games Led MT in Rebounding: 14
Games with 20+ points: 0
Double-Doubles: 1

35 John Humphrey 6-2◆210◆Sr.

d Averaged 11 points and 6 boards in exhibition games
d Paced the Blue Raiders with 16 points and seven rebounds off the bench against East Carolina.
Career Double Figure Scoring Games: 11
Career Double Figure Rebounding Games: 0
Games Led MT in Scoring: 4
Games Led MT in Rebounding: 1
Games with 20+ points: 1
Double-Doubles: 0

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40 Napoleon Rhodes 6-8◆240◆Jr.

d Turned in a double-double with 10 points and 13 boards in VASDA exhibition in first extended action of the year
d Made first career start against East Carolina
Career Double Figure Scoring Games: 0
Career Double Figure Rebounding Games: 0
Games Led MT in Scoring: 0
Games Led MT in Rebounding: 0
Games with 20+ points: 0
Double-Doubles: 0

44 Kyle Young 6-9◆195◆Fr.

d Will miss first six weeks of season with stress fracture in foot
Career Double Figure Scoring Games: 0
Career Double Figure Rebounding Games: 0
Games Led MT in Scoring: 0
Games Led MT in Rebounding: 0
Games with 20+ points: 0
Double-Doubles: 0

50 Demario Watson 6-8◆225◆r-Sr.

d Returning after a redshirt season
d Will miss first two weeks of the season following knee surgery
Career Double Figure Scoring Games: 0
Career Double Figure Rebounding Games: 0
Games Led MT in Scoring: 0
Games Led MT in Rebounding: 0
Games with 20+ points: 0
Double-Doubles: 0

INDIVIDUAL CAREER HIGHS

Player	Points	Rebounds	Field Goals	FG Attempts	3-pt. FG	3-pt. FG Att.
Connor	10, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	3, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	3, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	7, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	2, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	5, twice
Glasper	5, vs. UTPA (12/15/01)	3, vs. ECU (12/20/01)	1, vs. UTPA (12/15/01)	2, vs. UTPA (12/15/01)	1, vs. UTPA (12/15/01)	2, vs. UTPA (12/15/01)
Gunn	27, vs. NMSU (1/10/02)	8, four times	9, vs. ECU (12/20/01	18, vs. NMSU (1/10/02)	4, twice	8, vs. Belmont (11/26/01)
Humphrey	26, vs. Western KY (2/23/02)	6, vs. ECU (12/20/01)	9, vs. Western KY (2/23/02)	16, vs. Western KY (2/23/02)	8, vs. Western KY (2/23/02)	12, vs. Western KY (2/23/02)
Jackson	15, vs. Alabama (11/25/02)	5, vs. Alabama (11/25/02)	7, vs. Alabama (11/25/02)	9, vs. Alabama (11/25/02)	3, vs. FIU (2/2/02)	4, three times
Mitchell	17, vs. North Texas (1/6/01)	11, twice	7, twice	13, vs. North Texas (1/6/01)	1, three times	3, vs. Ark. State (1/4/01)
Parham	20, twice	6, twice	8, vs. North Texas (1/19/02)	12, vs. NMSU (1/10/02)	3, vs. Tenn. State (12/8/01)	6, twice
Pippen	25, vs. UNCG (11/24/01)	8, twice	10, vs. UNCG (11/24/01)	17, twice	4, vs. Tenn. State (12/8/01)	10, vs. Tenn. State (12/8/01)
Rhodes	8, vs. Alabama (11/25/02)	5, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	3, vs. Alabama (11/25/02)	7, vs. Alabama (11/25/02)	0	0
Robinson	5, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	5, vs. Alabama (11/25/02)	1, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	4, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	1, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	3, twice
Watson	14, vs. Tennessee (12/25/00)	6, vs. Tennessee (12/25/00)	6, twice	8, vs. Tennessee (12/25/00)	0	0
Young	0	0	0	0	0	0

Player	Free Throws	FT Attempts	Assists	Steals	Blocks	Minutes Played
Connor	2, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	2, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	3, vs. Alabama (11/25/02)	2, twice	0	33, vs. ECU (11/22/02)
Glasper	2, vs. UTPA (12/15/01)	4, vs. UTPA (12/15/01)	1, vs. UTPA (12/15/01)	0	0	8, vs. UTPA (12/15/01)
Gunn	9, vs. NMSU 1/10/02	10, vs. NMSU 1/10/02	5, four times	5, vs. Bryan (11/17/01)	2, vs. Western KY (1/16/02)	48, vs. NMSU 1/10/02
Humphrey	6, vs. UALR (1/26/02)	6, vs. UALR (1/26/02)	2, twice	3, vs. Bryan (11/17/01)	3, vs. IUPUI (11/21/01)	31, vs. WKU (2/23/02)
Jackson	2, vs. Ark. State (1/24/02)	4, vs. UL-Lafayette (1/12/02)	2, six times	1, four times	1, twice	23, vs. ECU (11/22/02)
Mitchell	4, vs. Kansas (11/27/02)	7, vs. Ark. State (2/10/01)	3, twice	3, twice	3, vs. NMSU (2/22/01)	31, twice
Parham	4, vs. IPFW (1/31/02)	4, vs. IPFW (1/31/02)	11, twice	4, twice	1, twice	36, vs. Tenn. State (12/8/01)
Pippen	4, vs. Radford (12/1/01)	5, vs. IUPUI (11/21/01)	6, vs. Bryan (11/17/01)	6, vs. Rice (12/4/01)	2, vs. Radford (12/1/01)	40, vs. NMSU (1/10/02)
Rhodes	2, twice	5, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	0	1, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	0	23, vs. ECU (11/22/02)
Robinson	2, twice	2, twice	2, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	0	0	21, vs. ECU (11/22/02)
Watson	3, vs. Ark. State (1/4/01)	4, vs. Ark. State (1/4/01)	1, four times	1, vs. UALR (1/29/01)	2, vs. St. Francis (11/17/00)	20, vs. UALR (1/29/01)
Young	0	0	0	0	0	0

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

Starting Lineups (Record)
1. Connor, Robinson, Gunn, Pippen, Rhodes (0-1)
2. Connor, Humphrey, Gunn, Pippen, Rhodes (0-1)

Games Led MT in Scoring*
Humphrey ---------- 1
Jackson ---------- 1

Games Led MT in Rebounding*
Humphrey ---------- 1
Pippen ---------- 1
Gunn ---------- 1

Games Led MT in Assists*
Robinson ---------- 1
Jackson ---------- 1
Pippen ---------- 1
Connor ---------- 1
(includes games when 2 or more tied for team lead)

Double Figure Scoring Games
Gunn ---------- 2
Humphrey ---------- 1
Connor ---------- 1
Jackson ---------- 1
Pippen ---------- 1

20-Point Games
None

Double Figure Rebound Games
None

Double-Doubles
None

Charges Drawn
Parham ---------- 1
Pippen ---------- 1
Humphrey ---------- 1
Total ---------- 3

Floor Burns
Connor ---------- 2
Parham ---------- 1
Jackson ---------- 1
Rhodes ---------- 1
Pippen ---------- 1
Total ---------- 6

Dunks
None
Total ---------- 0

Bench Scoring
Opponents ---------- 39
MT ---------- 45

Technical Fouls
Opponents ---------- 0
MT ---------- 0

Technical Foul Free Throws
Opponents ---------- 0-0
MT ---------- 0-0

Jump Balls Controlled
Opponents ---------- 2
MT ---------- 0

Lane Violations
Opponents ---------- 0
MT ---------- 0

Shot Clock Violations
Opponents ---------- 0
MT ---------- 1

10-Second Violations
Opponents ---------- 0
MT ---------- 0

Middle Tennessee's First Sub
Jackson ---------- 1
Robinson ---------- 1

Scored MT's First Points
Robinson ---------- 1
Rhodes ---------- 1

How MT Scored 1st Points
Three-Point Goal ---------- 1
Lay-up ---------- 1
Short Jumper ---------- 0
Long Jumper ---------- 0
Free Throw ---------- 0
Short Hook ---------- 0
Dunk ---------- 0

Free Throws Last 4 Minutes
Gunn ---------- 2-2
Jackson ---------- 1-1
Rhodes ---------- 1-4
Total ---------- 4-7 (.571)

Old Fashioned 3-PT Play
Humphrey ---------- 1-1
Parham ---------- 1-1
Jackson ---------- 1-1
(Conversions-Attempts)

4-PT Play
None
(Conversions-Attempts)

Games Missed Due to Injury
Glasper ---------- 2
Watson ---------- 2
Young ---------- 2
Total ---------- 6

This 'N' That

Middle Tennessee's All-Time Record	900-863 (.510)
Middle Tennessee's All-Time NCAA Record	2-6 (6 appearances)
Consecutive Games with a 3PT Field Goal	187
Consecutive Games Holding Opponent Under 100 Pts	60
100-Point Games in MTSU History	63
100-Point Games Under Davis	0
MT's Record vs Top 25 Teams under Davis	0-1
MT's Record from 1913-30	73-37 (.664)
MT's Record from 1931-40	49-80 (.380)
MT's Record from 1941-50	69-68 (.504)
MT's Record from 1951-60	103-145 (.415)
MT's Record from 1961-70	101-133 (.432)
MT's Record from 1971-80	162-105 (.607)
MT's Record from 1981-90	178-120 (.597)
MT's Record from 1991-00	146-135 (.520)
MT's Record from 2001-Present	19-38 (.333)

Middle Tennessee Record When

Controlling the Tip	0-0
Scoring First	0-1
Leading at Half	0-1
Trailing at Half	0-1
Tied at Half	0-0
Leading with 5:00 Left	0-1
Trailing with 5:00 Left	0-1
Tied with 5:00 Left	0-0
In Overtime	0-0
When MT Outrebounds Opponent	0-1
When MT is Outrebounded	0-1
When Rebounds are Even	0-0
When MT Commits More Turnovers	0-1
When Opponent Commits More Turnovers	0-1
When Turnovers are the Same	0-0
When MT Has More Free Throw Attempts	0-0
When Opponent Has More Free Throw Attempts	0-2
When Free Throw Attempts are the Same	0-0
When MT Shoots 50 Percent or Better	0-0
When MT Shoots Less Than 50 Percent	0-2
When Opponent Shoots 50 Percent or Better	0-0
When Opponent Shoots Less Than 50 Percent	0-2
When MT Shoots Better Than Opponent	0-0
When MT Bench Outscores Opponent	0-1
When Opponent Bench Outscores MT	0-1
When Bench Points are Even	0-0
When MT Scores Less Than 70	0-2
When MT Scores Between 70-79	0-0
When MT Scores Between 80-89	0-0
When MT Scores Between 90-99	0-0
When MT Scores 100 or more	0-0
When Opponent Scores Less Than 70	0-1
When Opponent Scores Between 70-79	0-0
When Opponent Scores Between 80-89	0-1
When Opponent Scores Between 90-99	0-0
When Opponent Scores 100 or more	0-0

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Team	Score	1st-2nd	FG-FGA	Pct.	3PT-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	O	D	Tot.	Pf-Dq	A	TO	BL	ST	Backcourt	Frontcourt	Bench
MT	63	34-29	21-55	38.2	7-22	31.8	14-19	73.7	10	24	34	19-0	6	15	1	6	15	25	23
East Carolina	65	32-33	22-49	44.9	4-13	30.8	17-25	68.0	9	27	36	20-0	13	16	4	5	23	30	12
MT	65	25-40	25-66	37.9	7-23	30.4	8-10	80.0	17	25	42	20-0	11	21	2	6	20	23	22
Alabama	80	42-38	27-59	45.8	8-24	33.3	18-23	78.3	10	24	34	13-0	16	13	6	10	22	31	27

Game 1 Murphy Center (2,714)

EAST CAROLINA 65

MIDDLE TENNESSEE 63

Nov. 22, 2002/Murfreesboro, TN

ECU (65)	FG	3FG	FT	R	F	TP	A	T	B	S	MIN
Rivers*	2-9	2-6	6-6	4	4	12	4	2	0	1	35
Wiley*	4-11	0-1	3-4	5	4	11	2	3	0	0	36
Bing*	1-2	0-0	2-6	8	3	4	1	2	0	0	24
Holcomb-Faye*	4-8	0-2	3-5	5	2	11	4	4	0	1	36
Mikulas*	7-13	1-3	0-0	6	2	15	1	3	0	3	33
MacKay	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	10
Rouse	0-0	0-0	1-2	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
Badiane	3-5	0-0	2-2	4	3	8	0	1	4	0	24
TEAM				3							
Totals	**22-49**	**4-13**	**17-25**	**36**	**20**	**65**	**13**	**16**	**4**	**5**	**200**
FG% (44.9%)	3FG% (30.8%)			FT % (68.0%)							

MT (63)	FG	3FG	FT	R	F	TP	A	T	B	S	MIN
Connor*	3-7	2-5	2-2	3	1	10	1	1	0	2	33
Pippen,*	3-7	0-3	1-2	6	3	7	0	3	0	0	31
Robinson*	1-4	1-3	2-2	2	2	5	2	2	0	0	21
Gunn*	5-10	2-4	2-2	5	4	14	0	3	1	2	25
Rhodes*	1-5	0-0	2-5	5	3	4	0	0	0	1	23
Jackson	2-7	0-2	0-0	4	2	4	2	2	0	0	25
Parham	1-5	0-1	1-2	0	0	3	1	2	0	1	17
Mitchell	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Humphrey	5-10	2-4	4-4	7	4	16	0	1	0	0	24
TEAM				2				1			
Totals	**21-55**	**7-22**	**14-19**	**34**	**19**	**63**	**6**	**15**	**1**	**6**	**200**
FG% (38.2%)	3FG% (31.8%)			FT % (73.7%)							

Officials: Sam Croft, Gene Menees, James Breeding
Technical fouls: ECU-None. MT-None.

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
East Carolina	32	33	65
Middle Tennessee	34	29	63

Game 2 Coleman Coliseum (8,097)

MIDDLE TENNESSEE 65

ALABAMA 80

Nov. 25, 2002/Tuscaloosa, AL

MT (65)	FG	3FG	FT	R	F	TP	A	T	B	S	MIN
Pippen*	5-9	0-2	0-0	8	3	10	3	5	1	1	34
Rhodes*	3-7	0-0	2-4	3	4	8	0	1	0	0	19
Connor*	2-9	2-5	0-0	1	4	6	3	4	0	2	27
Gunn*	5-16	4-7	0-0	8	1	14	1	5	1	2	35
Humphrey*	1-9	1-5	2-2	4	3	5	2	0	0	1	32
Parham	2-4	0-1	1-1	1	0	5	1	1	0	0	8
Robinson	0-3	0-3	2-2	5	1	2	1	3	0	0	19
Jackson	7-9	0-0	1-1	5	4	15	0	1	0	0	20
Mitchell	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6
TEAM				7							
Totals	**25-66**	**7-23**	**8-10**	**42**	**20**	**65**	**11**	**21**	**2**	**6**	**200**
FG% (37.9%)	3FG% (30.4%)			FT % (80.0%)							

UA (80)	FG	3FG	FT	R	F	TP	A	T	B	S	MIN
Dudley*	6-11	0-0	5-6	10	2	17	1	1	3	1	34
Walker*	4-6	0-0	6-7	6	4	14	2	3	2	1	27
Shelton*	1-8	1-7	2-4	3	0	5	2	2	0	1	24
Meade*	1-4	0-2	1-2	1	1	3	1	1	0	2	20
Williams*	5-13	2-8	2-2	2	1	14	5	3	0	2	31
Davis	2-2	0-0	0-0	2	2	4	0	2	0	0	4
Thomas	4-7	4-6	0-0	3	2	12	1	0	0	0	23
Rambo	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Brock	2-4	0-0	2-2	3	0	6	1	1	0	1	15
Smith	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Pettway	2-3	1-1	0-0	1	1	5	3	0	1	2	19
TEAM				3							
Totals	**27-59**	**8-24**	**18-23**	**34**	**13**	**80**	**16**	**13**	**6**	**10**	**200**
FG% (45.8%)	3FG% (33.3%)			FT % (78.3%)							

Officials: Mike Kitts, John Hampton, Kyle Chambers
Technical fouls: MT.-None. UA-None.

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Middle Tennessee	25	40	65
Alabama	42	38	80

2002-03 BLUE RAIDER BASKETBALL
Middle Tennessee Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 26, 2002)
All games

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

				---TOTAL---			---3-PTS---					----REBOUNDS----										
## Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
01 Connor, Keith.....	2-2	60 30.0	5-16	.313	4-10	.400	2-2	1.000	1	3	4	2.0	5	0	4	5	0	4	16	8.0
03 Pippen, William....	2-2	65 32.5	8-16	.500	0-5	.000	1-2	.500	6	8	14	7.0	6	0	3	8	1	1	17	8.5
04 Jackson, Steven....	2-0	45 22.5	9-16	.563	0-2	.000	1-1	1.000	0	9	9	4.5	6	0	2	3	0	0	19	9.5
11 Parham, Eric.....	2-0	25 12.5	3-9	.333	0-2	.000	2-3	.667	0	1	1	0.5	0	0	2	3	0	1	8	4.0
12 Robinson, Marcus...	2-1	40 20.0	1-7	.143	1-6	.167	4-4	1.000	2	5	7	3.5	3	0	3	5	0	0	7	3.5
32 Gunn, Tommy.....	2-2	60 30.0	10-26	.385	6-11	.545	2-2	1.000	3	10	13	6.5	5	0	1	8	2	4	28	14.0
34 Mitchell, Bryant...	2-0	7 3.5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
35 Humphrey, John.....	2-1	56 28.0	6-19	.316	3-9	.333	6-6	1.000	7	4	11	5.5	7	0	2	1	0	1	21	10.5
40 Rhodes, Napoleon...	2-2	42 21.0	4-12	.333	0-0	.000	4-9	.444	1	7	8	4.0	7	0	0	1	0	1	12	6.0
TEAM.....									7	2	9	4.5	0			1				
Total.....	2	400	46-121	.380	14-45	.311	22-29	.759	27	49	76	38.0	39	0	17	36	3	12	128	64.0
Opponents.....	2	400	49-108	.454	12-37	.324	35-48	.729	19	51	70	35.0	33	-	29	29	10	15	145	72.5

TEAM STATISTICS	MT	OPP
SCORING.....	128	145
Points per game.....	64.0	72.5
Scoring margin.....	-8.5	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	46-121	49-108
Field goal pct.....	.380	.454
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	14-45	12-37
3-point FG pct.....	.311	.324
3-pt FG made per game..	7.0	6.0
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	22-29	35-48
Free throw pct.....	.759	.729
REBOUNDS.....	76	70
Rebounds per game.....	38.0	35.0
Rebounding margin.....	+3.0	-
ASSISTS.....	17	29
Assists per game.....	8.5	14.5
TURNOVERS.....	36	29
Turnovers per game.....	18.0	14.5
Turnover margin.....	-3.5	-
Assist/turnover ratio..	0.5	1.0
STEALS.....	12	15
Steals per game.....	6.0	7.5
BLOCKS.....	3	10
Blocks per game.....	1.5	5.0
WINNING STREAK.....	0	-
Home win streak.....	0	-
ATTENDANCE.....	2714	8097
Home games-Avg/Game....	1-2714	1-8097
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	0-0

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
11/22/02	EAST CAROLINA	L	63-65	2714
11/25/02	at University Of Alabama	L	65-80	8097

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd		Total
Middle Tennessee.....	59	69	-	128
Opponents.....	74	71	-	145