

Blue Raiders (0-1) vs. #4 Alabama (2-0)

SCHEDULE/SCORES

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

N5 N14 N22 N25 N27 N30 D4 D6 D7	Global Sports VASDA Exhibition East Carolina at Alabama UT Martin at UNC Greensboro Tennessee Tech at Purdue IUPUI or San Diego (@PU	
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'I* (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	N) 7 PM
M7-11	Sun Belt Tournament	TBA

Gameday Information

When: Nov. 25, 2002 (7 PM)

Site: Coleman Coliseum (15,316); Tuscaloosa, AL

TV: WVUA-TV/ESPN Game Plan (GaryHarris & Marcus Campbell) Radio: WBOZ FM 104.9 & WMOT FM 89.5 (Dick Palmer & Jan Stauffer)

Series: UA leads 4-0

Last Meeting: UA 77, MT 74 11/24/96

Notes: The Blue Raiders are playing their first road game of the year ... Tonight's game

continues a stretch of four games in nine days ... The Blue Raiders and Crimson Tide are meeting exactly six years and one day since the last matchup.

MT vs. Alabama

Middle Tennessee and Alabama are meeting on the hardwood for the fifth time tonight. The Crimson Tide owns the lead in the series 4-0. Tonight's matchup comes exactly six years and a day since the last time the teams did battle on Nov. 24, 1996 in Alaska, Alabama took the last meeting by the score of 77-74.

Humphrey Strong in Debut

Guard **John Humphrey** posted a solid debut against East Carolina. Humphrey scored a game high **16 points** in the contest on 5-of-10 shooting including a 2-for-4 effort from behind the arc. Humphrey also led the Blue Raiders in rebounding with seven boards. The Swansboro, NC, native also scored 16 against the Pirates in Greensboro a year ago.

Charity Work

After two subpar performances at the free throw line in the exhibition games, the Blue Raiders had a nice showing against ECU. The Blue Raiders went **14-of-19** from the line in the game for 73.7 percent. John Humphrey led the way with a 4-for-4 effort at the line while Keith Connor. Marcus Robinson, and Tommy Gunn were each 2-for-2.

Against Ranked Teams

The Blue Raiders have played opponents ranked in the Top 25 in six of the last seven seasons. The Blue Raiders have a combined record of **0-8** against ranked teams in the this span. The last ranked opponent that the Blue Raiders faced was Tennessee on Dec. 15, 2000 with the Vols prevailing 99-83. The highest ranked team that MT has faced during this span was Kansas, which was ranked #2 at the time. That game took place on Nov. 27, 2000. The Jayhawks won the game 92-66.

MT vs. Teams From Alabama

Middle Tennessee has a long history of games against teams hailing from Alabama. The Blue Raiders are 36-20 in games with these teams. The Blue Raiders' biggest advantage in a series is 13-5 against North Alabama. MT's biggest deficit is 0-4 againsttonight's opponent, the UAH

MT vs. Teams fr	rom AL
Alabama	0-4
Ala. State	4-2
B'ham Southern	6-1
Jax State	3-1
North Alabama	13-5
Samford	2-1
South Alabama	4-4
Troy State	2-0
UAB	0-2
ПЛП	2.0

University of Alabama. MT now plays a team from Alabama every season in Sun Belt foe South Alabama.

	Probable Starters						
Mi	ddle Tennessee	Ht.	Wt.	CI.	PPG	RPG	APG
F	32 Tommy Gunn	6-3	215	Jr.	14.0	5.0	0.0
F	3 William Pippen	6-8	210	Sr.	7.0	6.0	0.0
С	40 Napoleon Rhodes	6-8	240	Jr.	4.0	5.0	0.0
G	1 Keith Connor	6-0	185	Jr.	10.0	3.0	1.0
G	12 Marcus Robinson	6-3	185	Jr.	5.0	2.0	2.0
ΑI	abama	Ht.	Wt.	CI.	PPG	RPG	APG
F	34 Erwin Dudley	6-8	260	Sr.	12.0	8.0	1.5
С	42 Kenny Walker	6-9	220	Sr.	11.0	7.0	1.5
G	5 Ernest Shelton	6-3	205	So.	4.0	1.5	0.5
G	14 Terrance Meade	6-2	195	Sr.	9.5	4.0	1.0
G	25 Maurice Williams	6-1	195	So.	22.5	4.5	4.0

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 playby-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.

Hitting the Boards

Kermit Davis has put an emphasis on defense and rebounding since taking the Blue Raider helm in April and, thus far, the message seems to be getting through. The Blue Raiders showed a toughness on D and on the boards against East Carolina. The Blue Raiders were nearly dead even in rebounding against the larger Pirates, getting outrebounded only 34-36. However, the Blue Raiders had the advantage on the offensive glass 10-9.

Glasper Suffers Injury

Redshirt junior **Derek Glasper** suffered a severly 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.

Davis Completes Signing Class

Head Coach Kermit Davis completed his early signing class last week with the announcement that **Alex Weekes** has inked a National Letter of Intent. Weekes, who hails from Lilburn, GA, is rated the **#54 prospect in the nation** by *HoopScoop Magazine*. Weekes is currently playing out his senior season at Berkmar HS, which is the top rated team in the state and is ranked as high as number seven in the country.

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.

What's Next?

The Blue Raiders will return to the Murphy Center on Wednesday night to face former OVC rival **Tennessee-Martin**. The Blue Raiders will have revenge on their minds after suffering a 76-71 loss to the Skyhawks last season in Jackson,

COMPARING NUMBERS				
MT	Stat	UA		
63.0	Points	75.0		
34.0	Rebounds	38.0		
10.0	Offensive Rebounds	13.0		
6.0	Assists	13.0		
6.0	Steals	7.0		
1.0	Blocks	2.0		
38.2	Field Goal Percentage	47.7		
31.8	3-Point Percentage	38.2		
73.7	Free Throw Percentage	67.3		
19.0	Free Throw Attempts	26.0		
15.0	Turnovers	18.0		

TN. The Blue Raider lead the all-time series with UTM 21-9.

Current Sagarin Ratings

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Rivalries Continue

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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.

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.

2003-04 Signees

				2000 01 01911000
Ben Britt	G	6-4	185	Chattanooga, TN (Red Bank HS)
Keith Christmas	F	6-6	225	Gary, IN (Westside HS)
Montrelle Crittendon	G	6-3	175	Newbern, TN (Dyer County HS)
Bryan Smithson	G	5-11	160	Kennesaw, GA (N. Cobb HS)
Kenyona Swader	F	6-8	175	Smyrna, TN (Smyrna HS)
Alex Weekes	F	6-8	200	Lilburn, GA (Berkmar HS)
* according to <i>HoopS</i>	coop	р Мад		
Kenyona Swader F 6-8 175 Alex Weekes F 6-8 200 * according to <i>HoopScoop Magazine</i>		, , ,		

#17 prospect in state*
Led HS team to state title
#2 Prospect in state*
Avg. 21 ppg and 4 apg last yr.
#3 prospect in state*
#54 prospect in the nation*

2002-03 Blue Raider Roster							
No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	CI	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	

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

d Seven players on MT's roster have 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.

cd 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.

cl The Blue Raiders have hit at least one threepointer in **188** 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

cl Napoleon Rhodes (back) is day-to-day cl 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 pre-

SUN BELT

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

WEST DIVISION

	SBC	Overall
Team	Record	Record
Louisiana-Lafayette	0-0	1-0
New Orleans	0-0	1-0
North Texas	0-0	1-0
South Alabama	0-0	1-0
New Mexico State	0-0	1-1
Denver	0-0	0-1
Throug	jh Nov. 23	

COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

November 25

Middle Tennessee at Alabama, 7 p.m. Arkansas State at Samford, TBA

November 26

Florida Gulf Coast at Florida International, 6 p.m. VCU at Western Kentucky, 7 p.m. Denver at Montana, 8 p.m.

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

(o) 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. dicted 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.

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.

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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	Davi	S
	Overall	
Overall Record	0-1	0-1
Home	0-1	0-1
Away	0-0	0-0
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	0-1	0-1
Home	0-1	0-1
Away	0-0	0-0
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	0-0	0-0
In Televised Games	0-0	0-0
MT Shoots >50%	0-1	0-1
MT Shoots <50%	0-0	0-0
Opponent Shoots >50%	0-0	0-0
Opponent Shoots < 50%	0-1	0-1
MT Shoots Better than Opp	0. 0-0	0-0
MT Outrebounds Opp.	0-0	0-0
Opp. Outrebounds MT	0-1	0-1
MT Attempts More FTs	0-0	0-0
Opp. Attempts More FTs	0-1	0-1
In November	0-1	0-1
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	0-1	0-1
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

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		AV/AX
Opponent	Largest Lead	Largest
East Carolina	7	
at Alabama		
UT Martin		
at UNCG		
Tenn. Tech		
at Purdue		
IUPUI or USD		
Murray State		
Christian Bros.		
at Austin Peay		
Kennesaw State	e	
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.

Record

0-1

Kermit Davis

Head Coach ◆ Mississippi State, 1982 ◆ First Season ◆ 0-1 (.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 lowa 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-

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

cl Was the youngest JC head coach in the country when he took over at Southwest (MS) JC at age 24.

d Was the youngest Div. I head coach in the nation when he took over at Idaho at age 28. d Has an overall record af 137-75 as a head coach including his junior college record.

cl Has worked for Tim Floyd (former Chicago Bulls coach), Larry Eustachy (lowa State), and John Brady (LSU) during his career.

NOTING THE BLUE RAIDERS

Keith Connor

6-0+190+Jr.

cl Scored 13 points in VASDA exhibition on 4-of-63-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

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 Career Double Figure Scoring Games: 10 Career Double Figure Rebounding Games: 0

Games Led MT in Scoring: 4 Games Led MT in Rebounding: 3 Games with 20+ points: 3

Double-Doubles: 0

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

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

11 Eric Parham

5-11+175+<u>Sr.</u>

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

6-3◆185◆Jr. 12 Marcus Robinson

d Scored 10 points in VASDA exhibition

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 Career Double Figure Scoring Games: 33 Career Double Figure Rebounding Games: 0

Games Led MT in Scoring: 12 Games Led MT in Rebounding: 7 Games with 20+ points: 4 Double-Doubles: 0

Bryant Mitchell 6-7 • 215 • Sr. 34

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

John Humphrey 6-2 ◆ 210 ◆ Sr.

cl 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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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

NOTING THE BLUE RAIDERS

44 Kyle Young 6-9 • 195 • Fr.

d Will miss first six weeks of season with stress fracture infoot

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

<u>Player</u>	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, vs. ECU (11/22/02)
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, three times	9, vs. ECU (12/20/01	18, vs. NMSU (1/10/02)	4, vs. Tenn. State (12/8/01)	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	10, vs. Ark. State (1/24/02)	4, three times	4, twice	7, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	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)
<u>Parham</u>	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
<u>Pippen</u>	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	4, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	5, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	1, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	5, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	0	0
Robinson	5, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	2, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	1, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	4, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	1, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	3, vs. ECU (11/22/02)
Watson	14, vs. Tennessee (12/25/00)	6, vs. Tennessee (12/25/00	0) 6, twice	8, vs. Tennessee (12/25/00)	0	0
Young	0	0	0	0	0	0

Player	Free Throws	FTAttempts	Assists	Steals	Blocks	Minutes Played
Connor	2, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	2, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	1, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	2, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	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
<u>Parham</u>	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, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	5, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	0	1, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	0	23, vs. ECU (11/22/02)
Robinson	2, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	2, vs. ECU (11/22/02)	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,
1. Connor, Robinson, Gunn, Pippen, Rhodes (0-1)
Games Led MT in Scoring* Humphrey1
Games Led MT in Rebounding* Humphrey1
Games Led MT in Assists* Robinson 1 Jackson 1 (Includes games when 2 or more tied for team lead)
Double Figure Scoring Games Humphrey 1 Gunn 1 Connor 1
20-Point Games None
Double Figure Rebound Games None
<i>Double-Doubles</i> None
Charges Drawn Parham 1 Pippen 1 Humphrey 1 Total 3
Floor Burns Connor 1 Parham 1 Jackson 1 Rhodes 1 Total 4
Dunks None Total0
Bench Scoring 12 Opponents 23
Technical Fouls Opponents0 MT0
Technical Foul Free Throws Opponents0-0 MT0-0
Jump Balls Controlled Opponents1 MT0
Lane Violations Opponents0 MT0
Shot Clock Violations Opponents0 MT1

10-Second Violations Opponents 0 MT 0
Middle Tennessee's First Sub Jackson1
Scored MT's First Points Robinson1
How MT Scored 1st Points Three-Point Goal 1 Lay-up 0 Short Jumper 0 Long Jumper 0 Free Throw 0 Short Hook 0 Dunk 0
Francisco I and A Minutes
Free Throws Last 4 Minutes Gunn 2-2 Rhodes 0-2 Total 2-4 (500)
Gunn 2-2 Rhodes 0-2
Gunn 2-2 Rhodes 0-2 Total 2-4 (500) Old Fashioned 3-PT Play

Middle Tennessee Record When				
Controlling the Tip	0-0			
Scoring First	0-1			
Leading at Half				
Trailing at Half	0-0			
Tied at Half	0-0			
Leading with 5:00 Left	0-1			
Trailing with 5:00 Left				
Tied with 5:00 Left				
In Overtime	0-0			
When MT Outschounds Opponent	0.0			
When MT Outrebounds Opponent	0-0			
When MT is Outrebounded				
When Rebounds are Even				
When MT Commits More Turnovers				
When Opponent Commits More Turnovers				
When Turnovers are the Same				
When MT Has More Free Throw Attempts				
When Opponent Has More Free Throw Attempts				
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				
When Opponent Shoots 50 Percent or Better				
When Opponent Shoots Less Than 50 Percent				
When MT Shoots Better Than Opponent				
When wit Shous better than Opponent	0-0			
When MT Bench Outscores Opponent	0-1			
When Opponent Bench Outscores MT	0-0			
When Bench Points are Even	0-0			
When MT Scores Less Than 70	0.1			
When MT Scores Between 70-79				
When MT Scores Between 80-89				
When MT Scores Between 90-99				
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				
When Opponent Scores Potween 00 00				

This 'N' That	
Middle Tennessee's All-Time Record	900-862 (.511)
Middle Tennessee's All-Time NCAA Record	2-6 (6 appearances)
Consecutive Games with a 3PT Field Goal	186
Consecutive Games Holding Opponent Under 100 Pts	59
100-Point Games in MTSU History	63
100-Point Games Under Davis	0
MT's Record vs Top 25 Teams under Davis	0-0
MT's Record from 1913-30	73-37 (.664)
MT's Record from 1931-40	
MT's Record from 1941-50	69-68 (.504)
MT's Record from 1951-60	103-145 (.415)
MT's Record from 1961-70	
MT's Record from 1971-80	
MT's Record from 1981-90	178-120 (.597)
MT's Record from 1991-00	146-135 (.520)
MT's Record from 2001-Present	19-37 (339)

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game 1 Murphy Center (2,714)
EAST CAROLINA 65
MIDDLE TENNESSEE 63

Nov. 22, 2002/Murfreesboro, TN ECU (65) FG 3FG FT Rivers* 2-9 2-6 6-6 4 4 12 4 0 1 35 Wiley* 0 36 4-11 0-1 3-4 5 4 11 2 3 0 1-2 0-0 2-6 8 3 4 1 0 24 Bing* 0 5 2 11 4 4 0 Holcomb-Faye* 4-8 0-2 3-5 1 36 7-13 0-0 Mikulas* 1-3 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 TFAM 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 AT B SMIN Connor* 3-7 2-5 2-2 3 1 10 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 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 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 Periods1st2ndTotalEast Carolina323365Middle Tennessee342963