MIDDLE TENNESSEE

17-14, 0-4 SUN BELT

2003 LADY RAIDER SOFTBALL

MIDDLE TENNESSEE vs WESTERN KENTUCKY April 12-13, 2003

2003 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
2/14	$Iowa State	L, 1-3
2/14	$#9 Florida State	L, 0-11
2/15	$#9 Florida State	L, 3-6
2/15	$Iowa State	W, 3-1
2/19	**East Tennessee**	**W, 5-4**
2/19	**East Tennessee**	**W, 7-6**
3/2	**Eastern Kentucky**	**L, 4-3**
3/2	**Eastern Kentucky**	**L, 7-3**
3/3	at Belmont	W, 8-2
3/3	at Belmont	W, 5-1
3/4	at Austin Peay	W, 8-0
3/8	!Drake	W, 3-2
3/8	!Southeast Missouri	W, 6-0
3/8	!Lipscomb	W, 2-1
3/9	!Siena	W, 4-1
3/12	**UAB**	**W, 3-1**
3/12	**UAB**	**L, 3-15**
3/19	**Evansville (DH)**	**PPD**
3/20	**Southeast Missouri**	**W, 5-0**
3/20	**Southeast Missouri**	**W, 10-0**
3/22	^Georgia State	L, 3-5
3/22	^Princeton	W, 5-4
3/22	^#16 Florida State	L, 0-5
3/23	^Nicholls State	W, 4-2
3/26	at Chattanooga	L, 0-1
3/26	at Chattanooga	L, 12-13
4/2	at UT Martin	W, 4-1
4/2	at UT Martin	W, 9-0
4/5	*at #25 Louisiana-Lafayette	L, 4-12
4/5	*at #25 Louisiana-Lafayette	L, 0-5
4/6	*at #25 Louisiana-Lafayette	L, 0-10
4/6	*at #25 Louisiana-Lafayette	L, 3-6
4/9	at Tennessee State (DH)	PPD
4/10	**Lipscomb (DH)**	**PPD**
4/12	***Western Kentucky (DH)**	**1/3 PM**
4/13	***Western Kentucky (DH)**	**1/3 PM**
4/16	at Lipscomb (DH)	2:30 PM
4/17	**Austin Peay (DH)**	**3/5 PM**
4/22	**Tennessee State (DH)**	**4/6 PM**
4/26	*at New Mexico State (DH)	11 AM
4/27	*at New Mexico State (DH)	11 AM
5/3	***Florida International (DH)**	**12 PM**
5/4	***Florida International (DH)**	**1 PM**
5/8-10	**Sun Belt Tournament**	**TBA**

*Sun Belt Conference Game
$Sunshine State Tournament
! Semo Classic
^ Buzz Classic

VICTIM OF MOTHER NATURE: Middle Tennessee was the victim of mother nature this week, as the Lady Raiders' games with Tennessee State and Lipscomb University were each cancelled due to inclement weather. A rescheduled date for the games has not been determined.

SCOUTING WKU: Middle Tennessee will host its first home game since March 12 when the Lady Raiders welcome Sun Belt opponent Western Kentucky on Saturday. Yes, that is a whole month without a home game. Overall, the Lady Raiders hold a 7-3 advantage over the Lady Toppers. This will be the first meeting between the two clubs in Murfreesboro. Last season the teams split a four-game series in Bowling Green. They have met only once in the Sun Belt Touranment as Middle Tennessee won the game 8-0.

STARTING IN THE HOLE: The Lady Raiders opened the Sun Belt Conference with four losses to No. 25 Louisiana-Lafayette. For the third and fourth time of the season Middle Tennessee was shutout over the weekend by the Lady Cajuns. The only other team to shutout the Lady Raiders was top ranked Florida State. So, each of the Lady Raiders four games where they didn't score were by ranked opponents.

POUNDING OUT THE HITS: Cortney Mitchell's two doubles against Louisiana-Lafayette puts her at 18 for the season. She needs just three more to overtake the number one spot in the Lady Raider record books. Mitchell hit her sixth homerun of the season in game one against ULL on Saturday. It now places her in a tie for second place for most homeruns in a season and ties her for third for most in a career. It was also the first homerun given up by the Lady Cajuns since March 13.

Lady Raiders (17-14, 0-4)
vs
Western Kentucky (19-19)

When: April 12-13, 2003
Where: Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Stadium: Lady Raider Field

THIRD IS MINE: Senior Kip Phillips took over third place in the Lady Raider record books when she stole her 53rd base of her career against ULL. It was the 11th stolen base of the season for Phillips.

STROLLIN' A STREAK: Freshman Muriel Ledbetter continues to add to her walk total. She now sits at 29 walks for the season, continuing to add record-setting year. She drew a walk in each of the four games against ULL and is now streakin' it with four consecutive games with a walk.

SWANSON SIGHTING: Freshman Valerie Swanson got her second straight start of the week with a nod in the first game against ULL. Although she was roughed up in the first inning, and was taken out, she returned to the game and settled down to throw a decent game.

300 EFFORT: Cortney Mitchell and Kip Phillips put together decent games against ULL. Mitchell had a .364 batting average with two doubles, one homerun, one run scored and three RBI. Phillips had a .333 batting average, scored two runs, had one RBI and one stolen base.

PROBABLE STARTING PITCHERS

No. 1	Stayc Preaor 10-6, 2.63 ERA, 99 K's
No. 2	Muriel Ledbetter 3-4, 4.75 ERA, 30 K's
No. 3	Tiffany Childress 3-2, 4.50 ERA, 17 K's

PROBABLE POSITION STARTERS

Catcher:	Leah Grothause .279 BA, 1 HR, 8 RBI
First Base:	Megan Cherinka .333 BA, 2 HR, 17 RBI
Second Base:	Jennifer Dorais .202 BA, 1 HR, 13 RBI
Third Base:	Dani DeCamino .262 BA, 2 HR, 11 RBI
Shortstop:	Cortney Mitchell .420 BA, 6 HR, 18 RBI
Left Field:	Erica Buhl .278 BA, 2 HR, 18 RBI
Center Field:	Kip Phillips . 291 BA, 11 SB, 6 RBI
Right Field:	Kristinia Hieb .158 BA, 0 HR, 6 RBI
Designated Player:	Muriel Ledbetter .237 BA, 29 BB, 3 RBI

How to say it

Erica Buhl ..... B-ue-l
Megan Cherinka ..... Cha-rink-a
Danielle DeCamino ..... De-ca-me-no
Jennifer Dorais ..... Door-a
Leah Grothause ..... Graut-house
Kristina Hieb ..... Hee-b
Stayc Preator ..... Pree-a-tor

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2003 Lady Raider Roster

No.	Name	POS	HT	CL	B/T	Hometown(Previous School)
00	Kari Crandell	C	5-6	Jr	R/R	Hendersonville, TN (Ohio State)
1	Erica Buhl	OF	5-9	Sr	R/R	Tucson, AZ (Santa Rita)
2	Michelle Wilkes	UT	5-6	Fr	R/R	Bartlett, TN (St. Benedict)
3	Cortney Mitchell	SS	5-4	Jr	R/R	Mt. Juliet, TN (Arkansas)
4	Leah Grothause	C/DH	5-7	So	R/R	Naples, FL (Gulf Coast)
5	Tiffany Childress	P	5-7	Fr	R/R	Columbia, TN (Central)
6	Valerie Swanson	P	6-0	Sr	L/L	Rancho Cordova, CA (Loretto)
8	Megan Stapleton	C	5-5	So	R/R	Lewisburg, TN (Marshall Co)
9	Katie Tompkins	OF	5-7	Jr	L/R	Commerce, OK (Neosho CC)
11	Brandy Davis	UT	5-8	Jr	R/R	Dayton, TN (Cleveland State)
12	Kip Phillips	OF	5-9	Sr	L/R	Tucson, AZ (Catalina Foothills)
15	Dani DeCamino	3B/DH	5-7	So	R/R	Downey, CA (Warren)
17	Leora Brannon	IF/P	5-5	Fr	R/L	Winchester, VA (James Wood)
18	Muriel Ledbetter	IF/P	5-3	Fr	R/R	Collierville, TN (Collierville)
21	Stayc Preator	P/1B	5-10	Sr	R/R	El Cajon, CA (Grossmont)
23	Megan Cherinka	DH/1B	5-10	Jr	L/R	El Dorado Hills, CA (Sierra JC)
30	Kristina Hieb	2B/3B	5-7	So	R/R	Lodi, CA (Tokay)

DECAMINO BACK TO DL: After being back just two games, sophomore Dani DeCamino was put on the disabled list again against ULL. In the first game of the series, DeCamino sprained her ankle attempting to tag a runner out at third. She was out for the remainder of the series. She is expected to be back this week.

OTHER INJURIES OF NOTE: Kristina Hieb fractured her finger on the first day of action, but was able to return to the line-up. In the final game, Erica Buhl was tracking a ball in left field and hit the wooden fence. She was shaken up but was able to continue. Overall, the Lady Raiders were hit by a pitch three times by ULL.

STANDINGS IN SUN BELT: Junior Cortney Mitchell ranks third in the Sun Belt in individual batting with a .420 ... She leads the league in doubles with 18 ... Ranks third in hits with 42 and fourth in runs scored with 29. Senior hurler Stayc Preator ranks fourth in the conference in strikeouts with 99.

ON DECK: Middle Tennessee will travel to Lipscomb University on April 16 to face the Lady Bisons for the second time this season. The two clubs were supposed to play earlier in the week, but the games were cancelled due to inclement weather.

2003 Sun Belt Conference Softball Standings

	SBC GAMES			ALL GAMES		
TEAM	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**W**	**L**	**PCT**
Louisiana-Lafayette	4	0	1.000	24	5	.828
Florida International	4	0	1.000	26	19	.578
Western Kentucky	0	0	.000	19	19	.500
Middle Tennessee	0	4	.000	17	14	.548
New Mexico State	0	4	.000	7	40	.149

LADY RAIDER RECORD BOOK

CAREER PITCHING

Wins

1.	Jennifer Martinez, 1999-	75
2.	**Stayc Preator, 2000-**	**49**
3.	Andrea Edwards, 1993-95	33
4.	Jill Booth, 1994-95	33
5.	Jaclyn Story, 1997	32

ERA

1.	Jennifer Martinez, 1999-2002	1.51
2.	**Stayc Preator, 2000-**	**1.65**
3.	Andrea Edwards, 1993-95	1.89
4.	Jennifer Fine, 1994-95	2.32
5.	Amanda Kendall, 1998-2002	2.64

Appearances

1.	Jennifer Martinez, 1999-2002	134
2.	**Stayc Preator, 2000-**	**103**
3.	Andrea Edwards, 1993-95	74
4.	Jaclyn Story, 1997-98	71
4.	Courtney Wallace, 1998-2001	71

Complete Games

1.	Jennifer Martinez, 1999-2002	103
2.	Andrea Edwards, 1993-95	65
2.	**Stayc Preator, 2000-**	**65**
4.	Jaclyn Story, 1997	62
5.	Jill Booth, 1994-95	52

Shutouts

1.	Jennifer Martinez, 1999-2002	37
2.	**Stayc Preator, 2000-**	**25**
3.	Andrea Edwards, 1993-95	13
3.	Jaclyn Story, 1997	13
5.	Courtney Wallace, 1998-99	12

Innings Pitched

1.	Jennifer Martinez, 1999-2002	786.0
2.	**Stayc Preator, 2000-**	**561.2**
3.	Andrea Edwards, 1993-95	418.2
4.	Jaclyn Story, 1997-98	408.2
5.	Courtney Wallace, 1998-99	380.2

Strikeouts

1.	Jennifer Martinez, 1999-2002	898
2.	**Stayc Preator, 2000-**	**517**
3.	Jill Booth, 1994-95	342
4.	Andrea Edwards, 1993-95	327
5.	Amanda Kendall, 1998-2002	186

CAREER HITTING

Hits

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

Runs

1.	Melanie Manley, 1997-2000	106
2.	Jamie Polsteen, 1995-98	100
3.	Allison Cheatham, 1995-98	96
3.	Steffi Silva, 1999-2002	96
5.	Courtney Wallace, 1998-01	89

Doubles

1.	Rachel Actkinson, 1996-99	36
2.	Melanie Manley, 1997-2000	35
3.	Jennifer Martinez, 1999-2002	30
4.	Courtney Wallace, 1998-01	29
5.	Shay Haskell, 1997-2000	28

Triples

1.	Allison Cheatham, 1995-98	9
2.	Kandal Walker, 1996-97	6
2.	Kerry Allen, 1998-2000	6
4.	Laura Brockman, 1999-2002	5

Homeruns

1.	Laura Brockman, 1999-2002	23
2.	Lindsay Azevedo, 2001-02	7
2.	**Erica Buhl, 2000-**	**7**
3.	**Dani DeCamino, 2002-**	**6**
3.	**Cortney Mitchell, 2003-**	**6**
3.	Shay Haskell, 1997-2000	6
4.	Ashlie Way, 1999-2002	5
4.	Jennifer Martinez, 1999-2002	5

Runs Batted In

1.	Laura Brockman, 1999-	80
2.	Charlotte Peay, 1994-97	79
3.	Rachel Actkinson, 1997-99	77
4.	Jamie Estepa, 1994-96	73
5.	Pierrecia Lyons, 1995-98	72

Stolen Bases

1.	Jamie Polsteen, 1995-98	69
2.	Allison Cheatham, 1995-98	60
3.	**Kip Phillips, 2000-**	**53**
4.	Kim Blair, 1996	52
5.	Steffi Silva, 1999-	40

Batting Average

1.	Kim Blair, 1996	.431
2.	Kandal Walker, 1996	.375
3.	Allison Cheatham, 1997	.374
4.	Jamie Estepa, 1995	.360
5.	Stacy Gafford, 1994	.358
6.	Jennifer Fine, 1994	.357
7.	Rachel Actkinson	.328
8.	Melanie Manley, 1998	.325
9.	Jennifer Martinez, 1999-2002	.322
10.	Laura Brockman, 1999-2002	.270

Middle Tennessee When it...

Scores First	15-4
Scores Second	2-5
Times Team Has Been Shutout	4
Plays Extra Innings	0-1
Scores One Run	0-1
Scores Two Runs	1-1
Scores Three+Runs	15-7
Out-Hits Opponent	12-2
Is Out-Hit by Opponent	3-9
Has Same Number of Hits	0-1
Commiits No Errors	13-2
Commits One or Two Errors	4-6
Commits Three+Errors	0-4
Hits a Home Run	3-2
Hits two or more home runs	4-0
Day	16-12
Night	1-2
vs Left	1-1
vs Right	16-13