MIDDLE TENNESSEE

31-16, 7-5 SUN BELT

2003 LADY RAIDER SOFTBALL

MIDDLE TENNESSEE vs FIU May 3-4, 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
4/12	***Western Kentucky**	**W, 3-2**
4/12	***Western Kentucky**	**L, 3-6**
4/13	***Western Kentucky**	**W, 10-2**
4/13	***Western Kentucky**	**W, 5-4**
4/16	at Lipscomb	W, 2-0
4/16	at Lipscomb	W, 8-0
4/17	**Austin Peay**	**W, 5-2**
4/17	**Austin Peay**	**W, 3-0**
4/18	**Lipscomb**	**W, 4-0**
4/18	**Lipscomb**	**L, 4-5**
4/22	**Tennessee State**	**W, 5-0**
4/22	**Tennessee State**	**W, 8-0**
4/26	*at New Mexico State	W, 9-0
4/26	*at New Mexico State	W, 2-0
4/27	*at New Mexico State	W, 8-2
4/27	*at New Mexico State	W, 4-0
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

PREATOR STREAKING: In five appearances last week, Stayc Preator picked up four wins and one save. She threw 25.1 scoreless innings, struck out 33, allowed 11 hits and walked two. She extends her overall streak to 52.1 innings without allowing a run in nine appearances. Her 21 wins is career high and she is the first Lady Raider in three years to top the 20-win plateau. She is also ranked No. 22 in the NCAA for wins and 28th in saves with three.

DECAMINO HITTER OF THE WEEK: In six games, Dani DeCamino recorded a .300 batting average, with two homeruns, two doubles, 10 RBI and three runs scored. In game one on Sunday against New Mexico State, she hit a monster homerun that sailed 240 feet over the left field wall. She also made two phenomenal plays at third base, to turn away Aggie threats in key moments of the game.

THE SWEEP: Middle Tennessee picked up their first four-game sweep in the Sun Belt with their wins over New Mexico State.

DANI GOES YARD: Dani DeCamino hit two homeruns against New Mexico State on Sunday. Her first homerun was a monster shot over the left field wall, and helped the Lady Raiders break the school record for most homeruns in a season with 20. She hit her second homerun in game two. It puts her at 10 homeruns for her career and moves her into second place in the Lady Raider record books.

PREATOR'S HIT: Preator got the second hit of her career and then scored the second run of her career on an RBI double by Hieb in game one against New Mexico State on Sunday.

SECOND HIT BOMB: Junior Katie Tompkins got her first homerun as a Lady Raider as she plated two runs with a long ball over the left field wall in the top of the second against New Mexico State. The hit was just the second of the season for Tompkins.

Lady Raiders (31-16, 7-5)
at
FIU (32-22, 8-2)

When: May 3-4, 2003
Where: Murfreesboro, Tenn.

MITCHELL'S MARK: Cortney Mitchell currently leads the NCAA and Sun Belt in doubles with 24 and needs just six doubles to take over the lead for doubles in a season in the NCAA, and is ranked No. 1 in the Sun Belt in batting average with .409.

SCOUTING FIU: The last four games in the Sun Belt for the Lady Raiders is turning out to be an interesting set of events. If Middle Tennessee can put together a four-game sweep of the Panthers, the team can clinch second place in the conference, but if they stumble they will fall to third. Either way, the two teams will meet each other in the Sun Belt Tournament next week in Bowling Green, KY. Preservation is the key, as the Lady Raiders will try to extend their four game winning streak, and pitcher Stayc Preator will try to continue her streak of scoreless innings. In the match-up, Preator has the best record of the two squads pitchers and her ERA of 1.64 bests FIU ace Amanda Nealor who has a 1.74 ERA. As a team FIU is hitting .270 and MT is at .294. Leading hitter Jennifer Owens is at .380 in batting average and Cortney Mitchell leads with .409. It is an alumni weekend to celebrate the Lady Raiders 10 year anniversary and it is also senior weekend. Overall, the Lady Raiders are 5-6 against FIU. In the regular season in 2002, Middle Tennessee went 1-3 against the Panthers and defeated them 1-0 in the semi-finals of the Sun Belt Conference Tournament.

PROBABLE STARTING PITCHERS

No. 1 Stayc Preaor
21-6, 1.64 ERA, 167 K's

No. 2 Valerie Swanson
1-3, 4.38 ERA, 14 K's

No. 3 Jennifer Dorais
2-0, 0.81 ERA, 5 K's

PROBABLE POSITION STARTERS

Catcher: Leah Grothause
.308 BA, 2 HR, 20 RBI

First Base: Megan Cherinka
.346 BA, 3 HR, 23 RBI

Second Base: Cortney Mitchell
.409 BA, 24 2B, 29 RBI

Third Base: Dani DeCamino
.288 BA, 6 HR, 28 RBI

Shortstop: Jennifer Dorais
.221 BA, 1 HR, 21 RBI

Left Field: Erica Buhl
.316 BA, 3 HR, 23 RBI

Center Field: Kip Phillips
. 281 BA, 14 SB, 8 RBI

Right Field: Katie Tompkins
.250 BA, 1 HR, 3 RBI

Designated Player: Kristina Hieb
.270 BA, 0 HR, 10 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)
7	Jennifer Dorais	IF	5-6	Fr.	R/R	Sacramento, CA (Hiram J.)
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)

IN THE CONFERENCE: Cortney Mitchell continues to lead the conference in doubles with 24 and also leads in overall batting average with .409 ... She is second in total bases with 105 ... Third in hits with 61 ... Stayc Preator ranks third in overall pitching with a 1.64 ERA .. Third in strikeouts with 168.

IN THE NEWS: Middle Tennessee softball is experiencing an unprecedented amount of media exposure in the last week. A companion feature story on Stayc Preator and Cortnely Mitchell ran in the Daily News Journal on Wednesday, a story in the Tennesseean on Preator ran on Thursday and Channel 2 is doing a feature story on Preator on its Sunday Sports Extra segement on May 4.

ON DECK: Middle Tennessee travels to Bowling Green, KY to participate in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament. For the past two years, the Lady Raiders have been tournament runner-up.

2003 Sun Belt Conference Softball Standings

	SBC GAMES			ALL GAMES		
TEAM	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Louisiana-Lafayette	10	2	.833	35	7	.833
Florida International	8	2	.800	32	22	.593
Middle Tennessee	7	5	.583	31	16	.660
Western Kentucky	4	6	.400	26	26	.500
New Mexico State	1	15	.083	8	53	.131

LADY RAIDER RECORD BOOK

CAREER PITCHING

Wins

1.	Jennifer Martinez, 1999-	75
2.	**Stayc Preator, 2000-**	**59**
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-**	**1.64**
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-**	**114**
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.	**Stayc Preator, 2000-**	**70**
3.	Andrea Edwards, 1993-95	65
4.	Jaclyn Story, 1997	62
5.	Jill Booth, 1994-95	52

Shutouts

1.	Jennifer Martinez, 1999-2002	37
2.	**Stayc Preator, 2000-**	**29**
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-**	**631.2**
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-**	**600**
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
5.	**Kip Phillips, 2000-**	**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.	**Erica Buhl, 2000-**	**91**

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.	**Dani DeCamino, 2002-**	**10**
3.	**Erica Buhl, 2000-**	**8**
4.	Lindsay Azevedo, 2001-02	7
5.	**Cortney Mitchell, 2003-**	**6**
5.	Shay Haskell, 1997-2000	6

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-**	**56**
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	27-7
Scores Second	4-5
Times Team Has Been Shutout	4
Plays Extra Innings	2-1
Scores One Run	0-1
Scores Two Runs	3-1
Scores Three+Runs	27-9
Out-Hits Opponent	25-2
Is Out-Hit by Opponent	4-10
Has Same Number of Hits	0-2
Commits No Errors	21-3
Commits One or Two Errors	10-6
Commits Three+Errors	0-5
Hits a Home Run	7-3
Hits two or more home runs	5-0
Day	30-14
Night	1-2
vs Left	2-2
vs Right	29-14