MIDDLE TENNESSEE

GAME NOTES ■ NOV. 15, 2003 ■ MURFREESBORO, TN ■ FLOYD STADIUM (30,788)

Middle Tennessee (3-7) vs UL-Lafayette (3-8)

Date: November 15, 2003; 2 PM CST
Where: Floyd Stadium (30,788)
Series Record: MT leads 3-1
Radio: Blue Raider Network {Dick Palmer (PxP), Chip Walters (color), Neil Price (sideline)}
(Seven Stations on the Network; Locally on WBOZ FM 104.9, WMOT FM 89.5)
Internet: GoBlueRaiders.com (radio and webcast video)
TV: MT TV 10 (campus station)
Last Meeting: MT 48, ULL 35 (10/19/02 in Murfreesboro)
Notes: MT and ULL have combined for at least 76 points in three of the four previous meetings ... The Blue Raiders have a mark of 44-35-6 in regular season home finales and have won 18 of their last 23, including a perfect mark of 4-0 under McCollum ... PK Brian Kelly has scored a total of 26 points in three games against ULL ... FS Will Martin has double-digit tackles in three straight games ... Andrico Hines and Robert Billings earned SBC Player of the Week honors on Nov. 10 ... WR Kerry Wright ranks 5th nationally in receiving yards and 25th in receptions per game.

SERIES RECORD

■ Saturday's football game between Middle Tennessee and Louisiana-Lafayette will be the fifth meeting on the gridiron. The series, which began in 1999, stands in favor of the Blue Raiders, 3-1. The Ragin' Cajuns won the first meeting, 45-31, in Lafayette during the 1999 season before the Blue Raiders responded with three straight victories. MT is 2-0 against ULL in Murfreesboro following last year's 48-35 victory.

BLUE RAIDERS AT FLOYD

■ Since Floyd Stadium opened in 1933, the Blue Raiders have compiled an overall mark of 243-91-13 (.719), including a record 31-game win streak from 1987-94. MT is 20-9 at Floyd since the renovation in 1998 and has won 16 of its last 21. Under Andy McCollum, the Blue Raiders are 18-7; 7-2 at home with the only losses coming to Troy State, UCF, SEMO, UNT (twice), Florida Atlantic and Temple.

OFFENSE LIKES FLOYD

■ The Blue Raiders have found home life enjoyable under Andy McCollum. In the team's 25 games at home under Andy Mac, the offense is churning out an average of **446.3** yards per contest. To break it down even further, the Blue Raiders have accumulated 6.1 miles of offense inside Floyd Stadium under McCollum. Of the 11,158 total yards amassed during this five-year span, 6,057 yards have come through the air and 5,101 have come on the ground. The Blue Raiders have also turned up the scoring at home. The team has rung up 969 points during this stretch for an average of **38.8** points per game. Recent history also favors the Blue Raiders as they have put up 40-plus points in 10 of their last 20 games at Floyd Stadium.

SENIOR DAY AT FLOYD

■ Middle Tennessee will bid farewell to 24 seniors as they prepare for their final home game against Louisiana-Lafayette. Five year players include Randy Arnold, Robert Billings, Chris Johnson, Joey Montalbano, Brandon Westbrook and Josh Willoughby, while the four-year competitors are Wardell Alsup, Don Calloway, Brian Kelly, Brandon Lynch, Muhammad Rashada and Michael Woods. Two and three-year players are Bill Brasch, Ryan Edmiston, Kenny Edwards, Andrico Hines, Dominic Jones, Will Martin, Brandon Parker, Chad Pfalmer, Aaron

BLUE RAIDERS ON THE WEB ■ GOBLUERAIDERS.COM

2003 BLUE RAIDERS SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Aug. 28	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	L, 20-19
Sept. 6	at Georgia (#8 AP, USA Today)	L, 29-10
Sept. 13	at Clemson	L, 37-14
Sept. 20	at Missouri (#23 AP)	L, 41-40 ot
Oct. 4	TEMPLE	L, 44-36
Oct. 11	*NEW MEXICO STATE (HC)	W, 35-18
Oct. 18	at Idaho	W, 28-21 ot
Oct. 25	*NORTH TEXAS (ESPN Reg.)	L, 33-28
Nov. 1	*at Utah State	L, 41-20
Nov. 8	^TROY STATE (ESPN Reg.)	W, 27-20
Nov. 15	*LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	2 PM
Nov. 20	*at Arkansas State (ESPN Reg.)	6 PM

* Sun Belt Conference Games
^Designated Sun Belt Conference Game

2003 UL-LAFAYETTE SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Aug. 30	at South Carolina	L, 14-7
Sept. 6	LOUISIANA TECH	L, 34-3
Sept. 13	HOUSTON	L, 21-14
Sept. 20	at Minnesota	L, 48-14
Sept. 27	at North Texas	L, 44-23
Oct. 4	at Oklahoma State	L, 56-3
Oct. 11	LOUISIANA-MONROE	L, 45-42
Oct. 16	NEW MEXICO STATE	W, 26-24
Oct. 25	IDAHO	W, 31-20
Nov. 1	at Southern Miss	L, 48-3
Nov. 8	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	W, 43-10
Nov. 15	at Middle Tennessee	2 PM

Team Comparison

MT		*ULL*
3-7	2003 Record	3-8
Multiple	Primary Offense	Multiple
3-3 Stack	Primary Defense	Multiple
8	Offensive Starters Returning	5
6	Defensive Starters Returning	4

SBC Video Feed

Every Wednesday at 2 PM CST
Coordinates
AMC 4 (C-band analog)
Transponder: C-18
Downlink Frequency, 4060 mhz
Audio: 6.2-6.8
Trouble Number: 225-336-2268/2269
Interview with head coach, player and previous game highlights.

SUN BELT STANDINGS

Team	SBC	Overall
North Texas	5-0	7-3
Utah State	3-2	3-7
Arkansas State	3-2	5-5
Middle Tennessee	3-2	3-7
Louisiana-Lafayette	3-3	3-8
New Mexico State	2-4	3-7
Idaho	1-4	1-9
Louisiana-Monroe	1-4	1-9

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE (11/15)

Arkansas State at North Texas
Idaho at Louisiana-Monroe
Louisiana-Lafayette at Middle Tennessee
New Mexico State at Arkansas
Troy State at Utah State

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE (11/22)

Middle Tennessee at Arkansas State (11/20)
Utah State at Idaho
Louisiana-Monroe at Troy State
North Texas at New Mexico State (11/25)

CHARTING MIDDLE TENNESSEE'S OPPONENTS

Middle Tennessee's opponents and their current records are listed in parenthesis:

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Siena at Florida Atlantic (7-2)
Auburn at Georgia (6-2)
Duke at Clemson (6-3)
Texas A&M at Missouri (7-3)
Virginia Tech at Temple (1-8)
Idaho (1-9) at UL-Monroe
UL-Lafayette (3-8) at Middle Tennessee
Troy State at Utah State (3-7)
New Mexico State (3-7) at Arkansas
Arkansas State (5-5) at North Texas (6-3)

Opponents' Combined Record: 48-57

TALE OF THE TAPE

	Middle Tennessee	*UL-Lafayette*
First Downs	189	181
Rushing Offense (Avg.)	153.8	114.5
Passing Offense (Avg.)	213.0	199.3
Total Offense (Avg.)	366.8	313.8
Scoring Offense (Avg.)	25.7	19.0
Rushing Defense (Avg.)	178.8	224.5
Passing Defense (Avg.)	240.0	217.6
Total Defense (Avg.)	418.8	442.1
Scoring Defense (Avg.)	30.4	33.1
Punting Avg.	41.4	39.5
Penalty Yards (Avg.)	72.1	57.5
Ranking	NA	NA

Pitts, Tony Sutton, Demetrios Walker and Alex Weaver. Following are a list of accomplishments from 2000 to 2003:

- An overall record of 21-23
- Two winning seasons
- 15-5 home record
- First to have a winning season in I-A
- First to defeat an SEC team in school history
- 2001 Sun Belt Conference Champs
- 10-game home winning streak
- First to score 40 or more points five times in a single-season
- Put together an overall win streak of eight games (from 2000 to 2001), which was longest since 1985
- Had back-to-back undefeated home seasons in 2000 and 2001.
- Played 15 games against teams from BCS conferences and only one was a home contest. That works out to one out of every three games.

MT IN SBC PLAY

■ Middle Tennessee has a mark of 10-7 in Sun Belt action all-time, including a 7-2 mark at home and a 3-5 record on the road. The Blue Raiders are 1-1 in road SBC games this year.

NOTING MT-ULL

■ The Blue Raiders are averaging 191.3 yards (765 yards) a game on the ground against ULL in the four meetings. The Ragin' Cajuns are averaging just 113.0 yards a game (452 yards).

■ MT has 13 turnovers in the series, while the Ragin' Cajuns have committed just eight.

■ The Blue Raiders have not allowed a 100-yard rusher in the four-game series.

■ The Blue Raiders are averaging 260 yards through the air in four games (1,039 yards).

■ MT has 13 sacks in the series, including four in the 2001 game.

■ QB Andrico Hines threw for a career-high 347 yards in the 2002 contest.

■ PK Brian Kelly kicked the game-winning field goal in overtime as the Blue Raiders clinched a 6-5 winning season in 2000. Kelly's kick was good from 21 yards out.

■ The Blue Raiders' top quarter in the series is the third where they have averaged 12.0 points in the series.

■ ULL has scored first in every game but one (2002).

■ PK Brian Kelly has scored 26 points in three games against ULL.

■ MT has entered all four previous meetings following a victory and will make it a perfect five this week.

■ The Blue Raiders have had at least one 100-yard receiver in three of the four meetings.

WRIGHT HITS 1,000

■ WR **Kerry Wright** became the first receiver in school history to hit the 1,000-yard mark for a season when he reeled in four passes for 97 yards in a win over Troy State. The junior enters the ULL game with 1,065 receiving yards this year, which ranks as the second-most in a single season in the history of the Sun Belt Conference. Wright, whose yards per game total of 106.5 currently stands as an SBC record, needs 134 more yards to set a new Sun Belt Conference single-season receiving record.

MORE ON WRIGHT

■ **Kerry Wright** enters the ULL game with

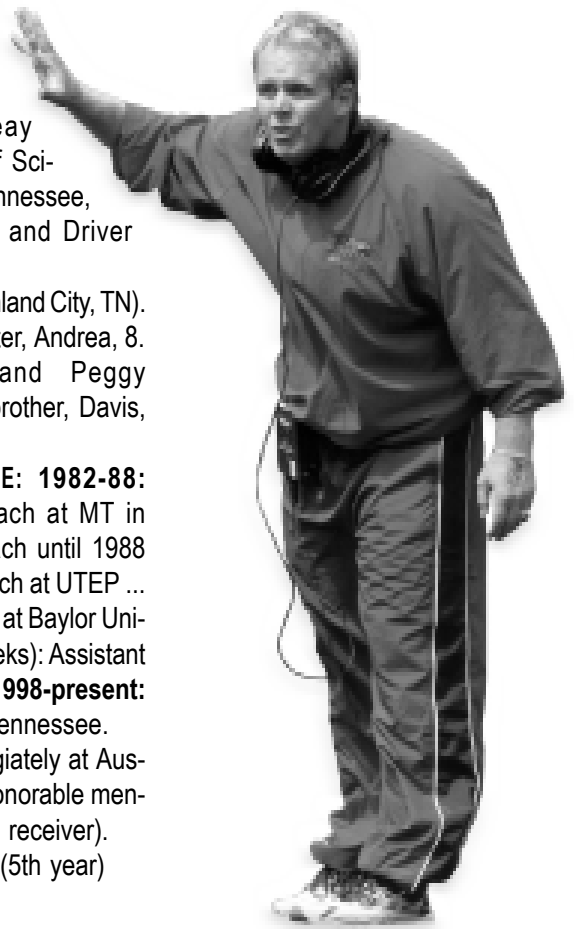
GAME CAPTAINS

FAU: Lynch, Calloway, Hines, Arnold, Montalbano
UGA: Woods, Lynch, Calloway, Montalbano, Kelly
CU: Walker, C. Johnson, Martin, Westbrook, Montalbano
MU: Walker, Brasch, Edwards, Alsup, Montalbano
TU: Arnold, Hines, Calloway, Lynch, Montalbano
NMSU: C. Johnson, Montalbano, Billings, Rashada, Alsup
ID: Lynch, Woods, Calloway, Gant, Montalbano
UNT: Arnold, Hines, Westbrook, Woods, Montalbano
USU: Montalbano, Wright, Hines, Walker, C. Johnson
TSU: Calloway, Willoughby, Fite, Arnold

HEAD COACH

ANDY MCCOLLUM

2000 & 2001 TSWA Coach of the Year



■ **BORN:** March 1, 1959
■ **HIGH SCHOOL:** Marietta (Georgia)
■ **COLLEGE:** Austin Peay State, 1981 (Bachelor of Science Degree); Middle Tennessee, 1983 (Industrial Safety and Driver Safety Education).
■ **FAMILY:** Wife, Gwen (Ashland City, TN). Son, Drew, 9, and daughter, Andrea, 8.
■ **PARENTS:** Johnny and Peggy McCollum. Andy has a brother, Davis, and a sister, Angie.
■ **COACHING EXPERIENCE: 1982-88:** Head Junior Varsity coach at MT in 1982, then assistant coach until 1988 ... **1989-93:** Assistant coach at UTEP ... **1993-98:** Assistant coach at Baylor University ... **1995** (seven weeks): Assistant coach at Tennessee ... **1998-present:** Head coach at Middle Tennessee.
■ **PLAYING CAREER:** Collegiately at Austin Peay from 1977-80 (honorable mention all-OVC in 1979 as a receiver).
■ **RECORD:** At MT: 24-31 (5th year)

The Blue Raiders Under McCollum

- Won the Sun Belt Conference Championship in its first year
- Played 19 televised games
- Produced an SBC Player of the Year and an SBC Offensive Player of the Year
- Garnered 10 SBC first team selections
- Developed a 1,000-yard rusher in three straight seasons (2000-02)
- Had a Heisman Trophy candidate in 2002
- Developed the nation's pass completion percentage leader (Wes Counts, 2001)
- Had the nation's 5th-ranked offense (2001) and 16th-ranked offense (2000)
- Improved 36 spots in total defense from year one to year three (108th-77th-72nd)
- Had the nation's third-leading scorer (2000) and second-leading scorer (2001)
- Improved 87 spots in the national rankings in rushing offense (94th-24th-7th) from 1999-2001
- Has had a receiver ranked among the nation's top 20 two different years
- Produced a first team Freshman All-American (Brandon Westbrook)
- Sent two coaches to the NFL
- Amassed a 18-7 record at home
- Gone 10-5 in the month of November
- Seen his offense score 30 or more points 24 times in 55 games
- 2002 Preseason Associated Press poll saw the Blue Raiders receive one vote, which was their first vote in school history

OVER THE AIR WAVES

■ All Blue Raider football games can be heard on WBOZ FM 104.9 and all across middle Tennessee on WMOT FM 89.5. WBOZ will be carrying Blue Raider football for the eighth straight season, while WMOT is back for a sixth straight year on the network following a six-year absence. Dick Palmer is in his 23rd season as the Blue Raiders' play-by-play announcer, while MT graduate Chip Walters is handling the color analysis for the first year. Broadcast Director Neil Price will be handling sideline commentary during home games, while hosting the pregame and postgame shows. The Blue Raider Network also features six affiliate stations throughout the mid-state area.

INTERNET BROADCAST

■ All Blue Raider football games can be heard over the internet by going to the athletic web site (GoBlueRaiders.com) then clicking on the link located on the top righthand side of the front page.

MCCOLLUM RADIO SHOW

■ Coach Andy McCollum's weekly call-in show, Andy Mac LIVE, airs each Thursday night from 7 PM to 8 PM from the Bunganut Pig in Murfreesboro. The show will be aired on WBOZ FM 104.9 and WGNS 1450 AM, locally.

MCCOLLUM TV SHOW

■ The Andy McCollum television show can be seen each Thursday night at 10:30 PM on CSS (4.1 million homes) (Ch. 27). The show can also be seen Monday-Thursday on MT TV Cable 9 at 9 PM throughout Rutherford County. The show, which is taped each Sunday night, is hosted by Blake Fulton from WTN. Fulton is in his first year.

MT PRESS CONFERENCE

■ Middle Tennessee Head Coach Andy McCollum will hold a weekly football press conference on Mondays at 10:30 AM. The conference will be held in the meeting room at Floyd Stadium adjacent to the weight room. The conference, which will be available over the internet at GoBlueRaiders.com later in the day, will also include three players each week for media convenience.

SBC TELECONFERENCE

■ Middle Tennesee head coach Andy McCollum will appear on the weekly Sun Belt Conference Teleconference call each Monday from 11:15 AM - 11:25 AM. For the call-in number, please contact Mark Owens or the Sun Belt Conference.

59 receptions and eight touchdown grabs. His reception total is currently ranked as the fifth most in a single-season, while his TD grabs are tied for the most in a season. Wright needs 16 more catches to break **Kendall Newson's** single-season mark of 74 receptions and is only one touchdown catch away from owning the single-season record.

BILLINGS GETS SCORE

■ Punter **Robert Billings,** ranked 28th nationally in punting, got Middle Tennessee rolling in the win over Troy State by scoring his first collegiate touchdown on a fake punt. The play went for 54 yards and the senior used some of his high school running back skills to easily run away from the Trojan defenders.

THREE IN A ROW FOR WILL

■ Free safety **Will Martin** has been enjoying a great run over the past three weeks. During that span, the senior has registered double-digit tackles in all three games, including 11 stops in the win over Troy State last week. It marks the first time in his career he has hit double figures in three straight games. Martin enters the ULL game as the team's leading tackler with a career-best 85 stops.

WALKER HAVING BIG YEAR

■ Senior **Demetrios Walker**, who ranks fifth among lineman in the SBC in tackles, is having his best year as a Blue Raider. Entering the ULL contest, Walker paces all Blue Raider linemen with 38 stops to go along with 6.5 tackles for loss, four sacks, two pass breakups and a fumble recovery. The most tackles by a lineman in the I-A era is 54 set by Terrance King in 2000.

KELLY MOVES TO THIRD

■ Senior **Brian Kelly** surpassed Keegan Ray and Joe Lisle for third place on Middle Tennessee's all-time field goals list when he nailed two field goals in the win over Troy State. Kelly, who has made nine of his last 10 field goals, now has connected on 36 career three-pointers and needs two more to tie Garth Petrilli for second.

WRIGHT TEARING UP SBC

■ WR **Kerry Wright** has had an outstanding year thus far, but he has really shone against the Sun Belt. In five games against league opponents, Wright has tallied 603 yards on 30 catches. Wright has also caught five TDs in league games. Against the Sun Belt, Wright is averaging 6.0 catches per game for 120.6 yards. In the five games against the SBC, Wright has had no fewer than 86 yards receiving.

SACKS CONTINUE TO IMPROVE

■ With two sacks in the win over Troy State, Middle Tennessee ran its season total to 18. That figure ranks third in the Sun Belt Conference, but it is five more than the team had all of 2002. **Thomas Johnson**, **Devarick Scandrett** and **Thomas Johnson** are pacing the Blue Raiders with four sacks each.

LIFTER OF THE YEAR

■ The 2003 Lifter of the Year, which is voted on by teammates, was split for the first time with **Joey Montalbano** and **Dominic Jones** sharing the honor. Montalbano, a former walk-on, also won the award in 2001 and 2002, while Jones was also singled out as the team's most improved in the weight room. A defensive end, Jones owns the team's top bench press (415) and top safety squat (870). Montalbano finished in the top five in the bench press (410), safety squat (740) and power clean (352).

IRON MAN

■ Senior **Brandon Westbrook**, a back-to-back first team all-conference selection, is arguably the top lineman in the Sun Belt. The Cumming, GA, native enters the ULL game having played in 42 career games (out of a possible 43) and earning 41 starts, which is tops on the team among offensive and defensive players. Overall, Westbrook has played 2,545 snaps during his three-plus years for an average of 60.6 per game.

BILLINGS REMAINS ON TOP

■ Senior **Robert Billings,** who ranks first all-time at MT in punting average (41.24 yards per punt), is battling all-time Blue Raider leader Mike Shawen (41.00). In 2002, Billings averaged 42.6 yards a kick to rank 17th nationally and first in the Sun Belt Conference. That average went down as the second-best single-season mark in school history for the first team all-SBC selection. The Collierville, TN, native has 197 career punts and 51 of those have been placed inside the opposition's 20-yard line. In 2003, Billings is averaging a career-best 42.7 yards a kick.

BLOCK PARTY

■ The Blue Raiders enjoyed their best season in the I-A era in the blocked kicks department. Middle Tennessee rejected five kicks in 2002, including three extra points, a field goal and a punt. Under McCollum, the Blue Raiders have blocked a total of **12** kicks with four being punts (Michael Woods vs Louisiana Tech in 2000, Chris Johnson vs ASU in 2001; Joey

SUN BELT CONFERENCE PRESEASON HONORS

Coaches, Media

1. North Texas - 186 (20)
2. New Mexico State - 160 (2)
3. Middle Tennessee - 131 (1)
4. Arkansas State - 112
5. Louisiana-Lafayette - 98
6. Utah State - 75
7. Idaho - 59 (1)
8. Louisiana-Monroe - 43

Offense

Offensive Line: Trevor Hutton, Utah State; Kimani Jones, Arkansas State; Jake Scott, Idaho; Brandon Westbrook, Middle Tennessee; Nick Zuniga, North Texas **Tight End**: Chris Cooley, Utah State **Wide Receivers**: Fred Stamps, Louisiana-Lafayette; Mack Vincent, Louisiana-Monroe **Quarterback**: Brian Lindgren, Idaho **Running Backs**: Patrick Cobbs, North Texas; Eric Higgins, New Mexico State

Defense

Defensive Line: Jon Bradley, Arkansas State; Brandon Kennedy, North Texas; Joe Olivo, New Mexico State; Corey Williams, Arkansas State **Linebackers**: Taylor Casey, North Texas; Maurice Sonnier, Louisiana-Monroe; Cody Spencer, North Texas **Defensive Backs**: Jonas Buckles, North Texas; Jonathan Burke, Arkansas State; Chris Harris, Louisiana-Monroe; Craig Jones, North Texas

Special Teams

Kicker: Dario Aguiniga, New Mexico State
Punter: Robert Billings, Middle Tennessee
Return Specialist: Ja'Mel Branch, North Texas

Preseason Offensive Player of the Year:
Patrick Cobbs, Jr., RB, North Texas

Preseason Defensive Player of the Year:
Brandon Kennedy, Sr., DT, North Texas

STORY IDEAS

■ **"Blue Raider Community Day"** was established in 2003. The team delivered meals at the senior citizens home, assisted with small children at Project Help and talked with the people at the Adult Learning Center. The team also went throughout Murfreesboro handing out posters, schedule cards and season ticket information to over 300 businesses.

■ Junior **Pedro Holiday** transferred to MT in January of 2003 and went through spring practice. Following spring drills, Holiday practiced two days with the track team and eventually went on to become an All-American as part of the 4 x 100 relay team.

■ Wide receiver **Jerrin Holt** began his college career as a Vanderbilt signee.

■ **Brandon Westbrook**, the only two-time all-conference performer, was moved from tackle to center during fall camp. When Westbrook makes his first snap to start the year he will have played every position along the offensive line.

■ **Brandon Parker** tutored kids at Erma Siegal Elementary School during the summer on a volunteer basis.

■ Cornerback **Chris Johnson** is studying to be a minister. The Freeport, FL, native gave his first sermon during Middle Tennessee's open week on Sept. 15 of last year. Former running back Dwone Hicks was the best man in Johnson's wedding.

■ Defensive lineman **Demetrios Walker** had his leg broken in four places at the age of 14 when he was run over by a car. After learning how to walk all over again, it's amazing the Kansas City, MO, native is even playing football.

■ On January 29, 2002, lineman **Josh Willoughby** saved the life of a gentleman who was choking on some food at a local restaurant. After a lady had tried unsuccessfully to help the man, Willoughby grabbed him out of the booth and attempted the Heimlich maneuver about 10 times before freeing the lodged food from his throat. At the conclusion of the event, the guy asked Willoughby how he could repay him. Willoughby responded by saying, "just buy season tickets".

■ Senior running back **Don Calloway** has 16 brothers and sisters. His brother Selma was a running back at Georgia.

■ Former walk-on **Joey Montalbano**, who was the 2001, 2002 and 2003 Lifter of the Year for the Blue Raiders, has his own business called "Campus Times". The company publishes calendars.

■ **Andy Mac's Kids** is a group of kids who are invited to each home game by Coach McCollum. Coach McCollum purchases their ticket and goes by to say hello prior to the game.

Montalbano vs ULM in 2002; Thomas Johnson vs UNT in 2002), six being extra points (Kareem Bland vs UL-Monroe in 2001 and two vs UNT in 2002; Pierre Ingram vs Clemson and Missouri in 2003; Thomas Johnson vs Troy State in 2003) and two field goals (Kareem Bland vs UConn in 2001 and Jerry Vanderpool vs Tennessee in 2002). The first multiple block game for MT came against North Texas in 2002 with three.

KELLY IS 6TH ON LIST

■ Senior **Brian Kelly** enters the ULL game ranked sixth all-time in scoring at Middle Tennessee with 252 career points. The Woodstock, GA, native needs nine more points to take over fifth place from Kippy Bayless (1991-94).

MORE ON KELLY

■ **Brian Kelly** has made 80.0 percent of his field goals during his career, which ranks as the best in school history. Kelly has made 36 of 45 attempts to rank over eight percentage points ahead of Gerald Robinson's (1978-80) mark of 71.4 percent.

STRONG IN THE RED ZONE

■ Over the past 44 games, the Blue Raider offense has performed admirably in the red zone. During that span, the offense has appeared inside the opponents' 20-yard line 171 times and has come away with points on 141 occasions. That works out to 82.5 percent. Of the 141 scores, 117 have been touchdowns.

100-YD RECEIVING GAMES

■ Under **Andy McCollum**, the Blue Raiders have had 26 100-yard receiving games with 25 of those coming from wide receivers and one from a running back. RB **Don Calloway (1)** and WR **Kerry Wright (4)** are the only current Blue Raiders to own a 100-yard receiving game.

LOOKING FOR 20

■ Under **Andy McCollum**, the Blue Raiders have compiled a mark of 24-13 when scoring 20 or more points. On the flip side, Middle Tennessee stands 0-18 when scoring less than 20 points for McCollum and Co.

HOW TO SAY IT

Wardell Alsup	all-supp
Bill Brasch	brash
Shavaskey Brown	Shuh-Vah-skee
Andrico Hines	An-Dree-coe
Pedro Holiday	PEA-dro
Dominic Jones	dom-uh-Nick
Hashem Joyner	Hah-Sheem
Luke Paschall	pass-kull
Devarick Scandrett	Duh-Var-ick
Danny Tolbert	toll-burt
Josh Willoughby	willow-bee

BIGGEST COMEBACK EVER

■ In what was the biggest comeback win in school history, the Blue Raiders came from 24 points down in the fourth quarter to defeat New Mexico State at home in 2001. The Blue Raiders registered 289 total yards of offense in the fourth quarter and scored on four straight possessions (70, 88, 80 and 68 yards). QB Wes Counts completed 13 of 16 passes for 218 yards in the final quarter, while receiver Kendall Newson hauled in seven passes for 119 yards. Defensively, the Blue Raiders held the Aggies to just 47 yards of total offense. The 28 fourth-quarter points were the most ever scored in the final period by a McCollum-coached team and matched the most scored in any quarter under McCollum.

NOT SHYING AWAY

■ Middle Tennessee has never backed down from an opponent and it is evidenced by its schedule the past four plus years. During that span, the Blue Raiders have played 18 games against teams from BCS conferences, which works out to 33 percent of the 54 games played. The Blue Raiders have played four BCS teams in 2003.

QUICK HITTERS

■ **Muhammad Rashada** earned four lightning bolts from the coaching staff following the

BLUE RAIDER OFFENSE IN THE I-A ERA

Year	Games	Pts.	Total Yds.	Rushing Yds	Passing Yds	Turnovers
1999	11	272	3936	1225	2711	27
2000	11	350	4769	2138	2631	20
2001	11	408	5295	2614	2681	21
2002	12	297	4,352	2,504	1,848	22
2003	10	257	3,668	1,538	2,130	18
Total	**55**	**1,584**	**21,598**	**10,019**	**12,001**	**108**
Avg.		*(28.8)*	*(392.6)*	*(182.2)*	*(218.2)*	*(1.96)*

Andy Mac LIVE

Weekly Radio Show

Head Coach Andy McCollum's Weekly Call-in radio show will air all 12 weeks live from the Bunganut Pig in Murfreesboro. The show will be heard on 19 different stations throughout the mid-state area. Following is a schedule for the 2003 show:

August 26; September 4, 11, 18; October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; November 6, 13, 18.

Troy State game with three coming on defense and one on special teams. Rashada now has eight bolts on the year.

■ **Joey Montalbano** was selected as the team's special teams player of the game for his effort against Troy State.

■ **Justin Rainey** registered a career-best nine tackles in the win over Troy State.

■ After missing the North Texas game, senior **Don Calloway** bounced back to lead the Blue Raiders with 50 yards rushing on eight carries. Calloway also scored his first touchdown of the year when he scored from two yards out in the fourth quarter.

■ **Eugene Gross** caught a personl-best four passes against Utah State, then equalled the feat vs Troy State.

■ **WR Luke Paschall** reeled in the first two passes of his career in the loss to Utah State.

■ **Pedro Holiday**, who equaled his season-best with two receptions vs USU, hauled in his first collegiate touchdown pass against the Aggies.

■ WS **Kevin Copeland** recorded his first collegiate sack against Utah State.

■ QB **Andrico Hines** has thrown for 200 or more yards six times in his career to rank tied for fifth all-time at MT.

■ DL **Devarick Scandrett** is tied for eighth all-time at MT with six sacks.

■ LB **Dennis Burke** recorded a personal-best three tackle s for loss in the win over Idaho to go along with a career-high nine total stops.

■ C **Brandon Westbrook** collected a season-high 13 knockdowns vs. Temple and graded out at 90 percent. Westbrook leads the team with 54 knockdowns.

■ WR **Chris Henry's** nine-yard reception vs. Temple was his first of the 2003 season.

■ Senior **Michael Woods** recorded his first career sack at Clemson.

■ WR **Ryan Edmiston** hauled in his first collegiate receptions at Clemson. Edmiston, who finished with two catches, grabbed both passes during the third quarter.

■ PK **Brian Kelly** has connected on 16 of his last 18 field goals.

■ As a I-A member (55 games), the Blue Raiders have scored 50 or more points eight times.

■ The Blue Raiders are **20-2** under Andy McCollum when leading at the half and are 21-3 when leading a game entering the 4th quarter.

■ When trailing at the half, the Blue Raiders are just 4-28 under McCollum and two of those wins came in 2001.

■ The Blue Raiders have scored in 83 of their last 85 games. The two miscues were a 10-0 shutout on the road against UL-Monroe in 1999 and a 55-0 loss in 2000 at Florida. MT has scored in 41 straight home games.

■ Under McCollum, the Blue Raiders are 19-10 on turf, 5-20 on natural grass (10 of the losses came on road to SEC teams) and 0-1 on FieldTurf.

■ Under McCollum, the Blue Raiders have scored 70 or more points on two occasions.

THE BEGINNING OF THE BOLT

A lightning bolt will be presented to a player following each game when he has fulfilled one of the requirements to earn such an honor. The bolt will then be added to the back of the player's helmet. The Bolt is defined as a flash of "Blue" light conceived as a dart hurled from the heavens and one that acts with sudden and destructive fury. It represents a glorious and fearsome majesty. Following is a breakdown of the three different types of lightning bolts that can be earned by the Blue Raider players:

BLUE BOLT: *Offensive and Defensive Players*
Big Play, Great Effort Play, Big Hit, Gamebreaker, Unselfish Play

BLACK BOLT: *Special Teams*
Big Play, Great Effort Play, Big Hit, Gamebreaker, Unselfish Play

SILVER BOLT: *Entire Team*
Putting Team First, An Extraordinary Play, Beyond the Normal

NCAA FOOTBALL 2003 RANKINGS

TEAM

Category	Rank	Actual
Rushing Offense	60	153.8
Passing Offense	62	213.0
Total Offense	68	366.8
Scoring Offense	69	25.7
Rushing Defense	84	178.8
Pass Eff. Defense	100	143.8
Total Defense	89	418.8
Scoring Defense	88	30.4
Net Punting	91	34.2
Punt Returns	110	5.8
Kickoff Returns	114	16.2
Turnover Margin	58	.00
Pass Defense	88	240.0
Passing Efficiency	41	133.5

INDIVIDUAL

Category	Player	Rank	Actual
Rushing	Gross	87	62.20
Passing Eff.	Hines	61	124.73
Total Offense	Hines	66	190.56
Rec. Per Game	Wright	25	5.90
Rec. Yds/Game	Wright	5	106.50
Punting	Billings	28	42.73
Kickoff Returns	Gross	95	18.92
Punt Returns	Wright	89	7.58
Field Goals	Kelly	65	.90
All-Purpose	Wright	25	128.60
	Gross	42	121.90

SUN BELT RANKINGS

TEAM

Category	Rank	Actual
Rushing Offense	4	153.8
Passing Offense	3	213.0
Total Offense	3	366.8
Scoring Offense	2	25.7
Rushing Defense	5	178.8
Pass Eff. Defense	7	143.8
Total Defense	5	418.8
Scoring Defense	5	30.4
Net Punting	4	34.2
Punt Returns	6	5.8
Kickoff Returns	8	16.2
Turnover Margin	4	0.00
Pass Defense	7	240.0
Passing Efficiency	2	133.5
First Downs	2	189
Sacks by	3	18
Time of Possession	5	29:20
Red Zone Offense	4	85.3%
Red Zone Defense	8	87.8%

SBC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Sept. 22: Andrico Hines - Offensive
Sept. 22: Brandon Lynch - Defensive
Oct. 13: Michael Woods - Defensive
Oct. 20: Andrico Hines - Offensive
Nov. 10: Andrico Hines - Offensive
Robert Billings - Special Teams

CAREER WATCH LIST

SCORING

Points Scored

358	Dwone Hicks (59 TD, 2 PAT)	1999-02
280	Garth Petrilli (166 PAT)	1991-94
272	Joe Campbell (45 TD)	1988-91
261	Kelly Potter (52 FG)	1981-84
260	Kippy Bayless (43 TD)	1991-94
252	**Brian Kelly (36 FG, 2PT PAT)**	**2000-Pre**
214	Keegan Ray (109 PAT, 14 FG)	1996-99
191	Bobby Young	1951-53
180	Gerald Anderson (30 TD)	1984-87
176	Joe Lisle (35 FG)	1987-89

Points Scored by Kicking

280	Garth Petrilli (166 PAT)	1991-94
261	Kelly Potter (52 FG)	1981-84
250	**Brian Kelly (36 FG)**	**2000-Present**
214	Keegan Ray (109 PAT, 14 FG)	1996-99
176	Joe Lisle (35 FG)	1987-89
121	Archie Arrington (55 PAT)	1970, 72-74
117	Dick Martin (14 FG)	1985-86
110	Matt Crews (19 FG)	1988-90
101	M.A. Robinson (16 FG)	1974-77
70	Paul Barnett (64 PAT)	1965-67

KICKING

Field Goals Made

52	Kelly Potter (52-78)	1981-84
38	Garth Petrilli (38-60)	1991-94
36	**Brian Kelly (36-45)**	**2000-Present**
35	Joe Lisle (35-52)	1987-89
35	Keegan Ray (35-57)	1996-99
22	A. Arrington (22-40)	1970,72-74
19	Matt Crews (19-31)	1988-90
17	Kenny Nolan (17-29)	1971-72
16	M.A. Robinson (16-24)	1975-77
15	Gerald Robinson (15-21)	1978-80

Field Goals Attempted

78	Kelly Potter (52-78)	1981-84
60	Garth Petrilli (38-60)	1991-94
57	Keegan Ray (35-57)	1996-99
52	Joe Lisle (35-52)	1987-89
45	**Brian Kelly (36-45)**	**2000-Present**
40	Archie Arrington (22-40)	1970,72-74
31	Matt Crews (19-31)	1988-90
29	Kenny Nolan (17-29)	1971-72
27	Dick Martin (14-27)	1985-86
24	M.A. Robinson (16-24)	1975-77

PAT Kicks Made

166	Garth Petrilli (166-170)	1991-94
142	**Brian Kelly (142-153)**	**2000-Present**
109	Keegan Ray (109-119)	1996-99
105	Kelly Potter (105-109)	1981-84
75	Dick Martin (75-80)	1985-86
71	Joe Lisle (71-74)	1987-89
64	Paul Barnett (64-72)	1965-67
55	Archie Arrington (55-58)	1970,72-74
53	Matt Crews (53-58)	1988-90
52	M.A. Robinson (52-55)	1975-77

PAT Kicks Attempted

170	Garth Petrilli (166-170)	1991-94
153	**Brian Kelly (142-153)**	**2000-Present**
119	Keegan Ray (109-119)	1996-99
109	Kelly Potter (105-109)	1981-84
80	Dick Martin (75-80)	1985-86
74	Joe Lisle (71-74)	1987-89
72	Paul Barnett (64-72)	1965-67
58	Matt Crews (53-58)	1988-90
58	Archie Arrington (55-58)	1970,72-74
55	M.A. Robinson (52-55)	1975-77

PUNTING

Punt Yards

10947	Mike Shawen (267-10947)	1971-74
8728	Chuck Daniel (221-8728)	1987-90
8370	Ron Taylor (216-8370)	1968-70
8356	Mark Morrison (209-8356)	1983-86
8125	**Robert Billings (197-8125)**	**2000-Present**
7209	Randy Saunders (183-7209)	1975-78
6915	Billy Walker (191-6915)	1964-67
6424	Brandon Thomas (160-6424)	1994-97
5316	Jimmy Merryman (150-5316)	1981-82
4116	Bill Ming (114-4116)	1976-77,79

Punt Attempts

267	Mike Shawen (267-10947)	1971-74
221	Chuck Daniel (221-8728)	1987-90
216	Ron Taylor (216-8370)	1968-70
209	Mark Morrison (209-8356)	1983-86
197	**Robert Billings (197-8125)**	**2000-Present**
191	Billy Walker (191-6915)	1964-67
183	Randy Saunders (183-7209)	1975-78
160	Brandon Thomas (160-6424)	1994-97
150	Jimmy Merryman (150-5316)	1981-82
114	Bill Ming (114-4116)	1976-77,79

Avg. Yds/Punt (min. 80 att.)

41.24	**Robert Billings (197-8125)**	**2000-Present**
41.00	Mike Shawen (267-10947)	1971-74
40.15	Brandon Thomas (160-6424)	1994-97
39.98	Mark Morrison (209-8356)	1983-86
39.63	Randy Saunders (175-6936)	1976-78
39.49	Chuck Daniel (221-8728)	1987-90
38.75	Ron Taylor (216-8370)	1968-70
37.64	Joel Alsobrook (80-3011)	1991-92
36.37	Frank Halliburton (83-3019)	1960-61,63
36.20	Billy Walker (191-6915)	1964-67

Blue Raiders at a Glance

Category	2003	Under Andy
Record	3-7	24-31
Sun Belt	3-2	10-7
Non-Conference	0-5	14-24
vs ACC	0-1	0-2
vs Big Ten	0-0	0-1
vs Big East	0-1	0-1
vs Big 12	0-1	0-1
vs Pac 10	0-0	0-1
vs SEC	0-1	2-10
vs CUSA	0-0	0-1
vs NCAA I-AA	0-1	4-3
vs Independents	0-0	7-4
Home	2-3	18-7
Away	1-4	6-24
Neutral	0-0	0-0
Day Games	2-4	13-20
Night Games	1-3	11-11
vs Top 25 Teams	0-2	0-7
TV Games	2-2	11-9
CSS TV	0-0	1-0
MT TV	1-0	6-1
CSSE TV	0-0	0-1
Fox Sports Net Florida	0-0	1-0
Fox Sports Northwest	0-0	0-1
WSMV TV 4	0-0	1-2
Jefferson-Pilot	0-0	0-1
ESPN Regional	1-1	3-2
Pay-Per-View	0-1	0-1
When Scoring First	2-3	18-7
When Opponent Scores First	1-4	6-24
When Leading at Half	2-1	20-2
When Trailing at Half	1-6	4-28
When Tied at Half	0-0	0-1
When Leading after 3rd Q	2-2	21-3
When Trailing after 3rd Q	1-5	3-28
When Tied after 3rd Q	0-0	0-0
In Overtime Games	1-1	2-1
When Scoring less than 20	0-3	0-18
When Scoring 20+	3-4	24-13
When Scoring 30+	1-2	18-6
When Rushing for <100 yards	1-3	1-10
When Rushing for 100+ yards	2-4	23-21
When Rushing for 200+ yards	1-0	14-6
When Passing for 200+ yards	2-3	17-12
When Passing for 250+ yards	1-2	11-9
When Passing for 300+ yards	0-0	7-5
When Totaling <300 yds offense	1-2	2-11
When Gaining over 300 yds Off.	2-5	22-20
When Allowing <100 yds rushing	1-1	10-1
When Allowing 100+ yds rushing	2-6	14-30
When Allowing 200+ yds passing	2-5	15-22
When Allowing 250+ yds passing	0-3	8-13
When Allowing 300+ yds passing	0-2	4-7
When Allowing <300 yds offense	0-1	7-3
When Allowing 300+ yds offense	3-6	17-28
When having a 100-yd rusher	2-0	18-9
When opp. has 100-yd rusher	3-3	5-18
When having no turnovers	1-2	5-4
When having 3 or more turnovers	1-2	6-12
When having no takeaways	0-3	2-6
When having 3 or more takeaways	0-1	7-5

MIDDLE TENNESSEE
DEPTH CHART

Offense

QB	9	Andrico Hines (6-2, 209, r-Sr.)
	17	Clint Marks (6-2, 188, r-Fr.)
	16	Josh Harris (6-3, 180, So.)
TB	25	Eugene Gross (5-9, 208, r-Fr.)
	28	Don Calloway (5-6, 186, Sr.)
FB	31	Nick McAfee (6-0, 248, Jr.)
	48	Ralph Gunter (6-0, 265, Fr.)
X	1	Kerry Wright (5-9, 176, r-Jr.)
	87	Ryan Edmiston (6-0, 200, r-Sr.)
Y	82	Jerrin Holt (6-3, 228, r-So.)
	47	Walt Bell (5-10, 190, r-Fr.)
H	12	Wardell Alsup (5-9, 152, Sr.)
	85	Chris Henry (5-8, 163, r-So.)
Z	11	Pedro Holiday (6-1, 175, Jr.)
	3	Tony Sutton (5-11, 196, Sr.)
TE	37	Clinton Corder (6-3, 243, Fr.)
	84	Chris Sapp (6-5, 258, r-Fr.)
LT	59	Brandon Westbrook (6-6, 305, r-Sr.)
	60	Willie Hall (6-6, 318, r-Fr.)
	69	Brett Trott (6-4, 295, r-So.)
LG	73	Bill Brasch (6-3, 308, Sr.)
	76	Shavaskey Brown (6-1, 338, r-So.)
C	55	Josh Willoughby (6-4, 354, r-Sr.)
	59	Brandon Westbrook (6-6, 305, r-Sr.)
RG	61	Germayle Franklin (6-4, 304, r-Fr.)
	71	Joe Evilsizer (6-1, 298, Jr.)
RT	67	Julius Gant (6-4, 310, r-Jr.)
	75	Brandon Parker (6-7, 306, Sr.)

Defense

LE	98	Demetrios Walker (6-3, 254, Sr.)
	96	Bobby Payne (6-4, 258, r-Fr.)
	57	Marcus Gates (6-2, 262, r-Fr.)
T	93	Thomas Johnson (6-2, 289, r-Jr.)
	92	Jeff Littlejohn (6-2,318, r-So.)
	97	Jerry Vanderpool (6-3, 306, r-Jr.)
RE	94	Devarick Scandrett (6-4, 262, So.)
	95	Jonathan Callahan (6-3, 258, r-So.)
LB	33	Jonathan Bonner (6-0, 220, So.)
	53	Joey Montalbano (5-9, 210, r-Sr.)
MIKE	40	Dennis Burke (6-1, 227, So.)
	54	Randy Arnold (5-11, 231, r-Sr.)
RB	56	Kenny Edwards (6-0, 229, Sr.) **OR**
	23	Alvin Fite (6-0, 227, Jr.)
SS	15	Justin Rainey (5-10, 198, r-Fr.)
	41	Marcel Horne (6-1, 215, Fr.)
WS	2	Michael Woods (6-1, 211, Sr.)
	34	Kevin Copeland (5-9, 188, r-Fr.)
LC	5	Muhammad Rashada (5-11, 174, r-Sr.)
	10	Chris Johnson (5-10, 188, r-Sr.)
FS	6	Will Martin (5-11, 205, Sr.)
	19	Aaron Pitts (5-11, 188, Sr.)
RC	7	Danny Tolbert (5-10, 170, Jr.)
	18	Shawn Allen (6-0, 195, r-So.)

Specialists

PK	22	Brian Kelly (6-0, 186, Sr.)
	49	Paul Wheeler (6-1, 226, r-So.)
P	20	Robert Billings (6-0, 209, r-Sr.)
	46	Colby Smith (5-9, 183, r-Fr.)
PR	1	Kerry Wright (5-9, 176, r-Jr.)
	7	Danny Tolbert (5-10, 170, Jr.)
DS	36	John Crawford (6-0, 266, So.)
KR	25	Eugene Gross (5-9, 208, r-Fr.)
	1	Kerry Wright (5-9, 176, r-Jr.)
KO	49	Paul Wheeler (6-1, 226, r-So.)
	46	Colby Smith (5-9, 183, r-Fr.)
H	46	Colby Smith (5-9, 183, r-Fr.)

BLUE RAIDER STARTERS/NOTES

PROBABLE OFFENSIVE STARTERS

Pos.	No.	Blue Raider	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	Note(s)
QB	9	Andrico Hines	6-2	209	r-Sr.	Riverdale, GA	Ranks 3rd in SBC in Total Offense ... Thrown fewest INTs in SBC ... Three-time SBC Offensive POW
TB	25	Eugene Gross	5-9	208	r-Fr.	Statesboro, GA	Leads team with 7 rushing TDs & 622 rushing yards ... 42nd nationally in all-purpose Yds
WR (x)	1	Kerry Wright	5-9	176	r-Jr.	East Point, GA	Leads team with 59 catches ... 1st 1,000-yd rec in school history ... 5th nationally in rec. yds/game
WR (y)	82	Jerrin Holt	6-3	228	r-So.	Grand Prairie, TX	Is second on team with 25 catches ... Had career long 36-yard TD grab vs Temple
WR	11	Pedro Holiday	6-1	175	Jr.	Rome, GA	Has 9 catches on year ... A track All-American ... 1st TD came at Utah State
WR (h)	12	Wardell Alsup	5-9	152	Sr.	Murfreesboro, TN	Reeled in his first collegiate TD catch at Missouri ... Has 18 receptions on the season
TE	37	Clinton Corder	6-3	243	Fr.	Brentwood, TN	Has played in all 10 games ... Does not have a catch ... Is turning into a solid blocker
LT	59	Brandon Westbrook	6-6	305	r-Sr.	Cumming, GA	Lombardi Candidate ... Two-time All-SBC ... 2nd on MT with 683 snaps ... Leads w/ 54 knockdowns
LG	73	Bill Brasch	6-3	308	Sr.	Jones, OK	4th on MT with 40 knockdowns ... Has graded 83% or better 7 times
C	55	Josh Willoughby	6-4	354	r-Sr.	Antioch, TN	Voted Most Valuable Lineman twice ... Has 43 knockdowns ... Graded 80% or better 10 times
RG	61	Germayle Franklin	6-4	304	r-Fr.	Waycross, GA	Graded out at 92% and was the most valuable lineman vs FAU ... Has 22 knockdowns
RT	67	Julius Gant	6-4	310	r-Jr.	Atlanta, GA	Moved to guard at Clemson from LT ... Has 44 knockdowns and overall grade of 84%

KEY OFFENSIVE RESERVES

Pos.	No.	Blue Raider	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	Note(s)
QB	17	Clint Marks	6-2	188	r-Fr.	Fort Myers, FL	Has 7 TD passes on the season ... Is completing 65.1 percent of his passes ... Played in 6 games
TB	28	Don Calloway	5-6	186	Sr.	Colquitt, GA	Second on team with 355 rushing yards ... Long run is 20 yards ... Has seven catches
WR (h)	85	Chris Henry	5-8	163	r-So.	Kingsport, TN	Had a career-high 5 catches vs Idaho, including a 25-yd grab to setup winning score
RT	75	Brandon Parker	6-7	306	Sr.	Catoosa, OK	Equaled career-high with 8 knockdowns at Missouri ... Has an overall season grade of 75%
LT	60	Willie Hall	6-6	318	r-Fr.	Albany, GA	Earned 1st career start at Clemson ... Played career-high 84 snaps vs Idaho ... Has 28 knockdowns
TE	84	Chris Sapp	6-5	258	r-Fr.	Albany, GA	Does not have a catch ... Has become a very solid blocker

PROBABLE DEFENSIVE STARTERS

Pos.	No.	Blue Raider	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	Note(s)
RE	94	Devarick Scandrett	6-4	262	So.	Forsyth, GA	Shares team lead with 4 sacks ... Has 20 total tackles
T	93	Thomas Johnson	6-2	289	r-Jr.	Memphis, TN	Has started 8 of 10 games... Owns 31 tackles on the year and 4 sacks
LE	98	Demetrios Walker	6-3	254	Sr.	Kansas City, MO	His 38 tackles is first among d-linemen ... Had career-high 8 tackles vs Idaho
LLB	33	Jonathan Bonner	6-0	220	So.	Birmingham, AL	Is second on the team with 66 stops & 2 sacks ... Had career-best 14 stops vs Idaho
MIKE	40	Dennis Burke	6-1	227	So.	Marietta, GA	Had eight tackles in his first start vs NMSU ... Had career-best 3 tackles for loss vs Idaho
RLB	56	Kenny Edwards	6-0	229	Sr.	Madison, FL	Has played in every game this year ... Collected a season-best 7 tackles vs NMSU
SS	15	Justin Rainey	5-10	198	r-Fr.	Rock Hill, SC	Made his first career start vs Temple ... Noted as one of the team's top hitters ... Has 28 stops
WS	2	Michael Woods	6-1	211	Sr.	Valdosta, GA	SBC Defensive POW on Oct. 13 ... 80-yd INT return for TD vs NMSU was longest in SBC history
LC	5	Muhammad Rashada	5-11	174	r-Sr.	Augusta, GA	Started against UNT and USU ... Has 26 tackles on the season
FS	6	Will Martin	5-11	205	Sr.	Clarksville, TN	Leads team with 85 tackles ... Had 13 stops vs UNT ... Has 3 straight double-digit tackle games
RC	7	Danny Tolbert	5-10	170	Jr.	Okeechobee, FL	Has started the last nine games in a row ... Has 28 total tackles and team-best 7 PB

KEY DEFENSIVE RESERVES

Pos.	No.	Blue Raider	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	Note(s)
DT	92	Jeff Littlejohn	6-2	318	r-So.	Gaffney, SC	Owns 27 tackles and a sack ... Has started 7 of 10 games
DL	96	Bobby Payne	6-4	258	r-Fr.	Morrillton, AR	Has 12 tackles and two sacks on the year
DL	99	Dominic Jones	6-3	294	Sr.	Coffeeville, MS	Played in all 10 games and has 10 tackles ... Was Co-Lifter of Year in offseason
RLB	54	Randy Arnold	5-11	231	r-Sr.	Nashville, TN	Has 31 tackles ... Started against Georgia and Temple ... INT vs NMSU and Troy State
RLB	23	Alvin Fite	6-0	227	Jr.	Nashville, TN	Started first five games ... Fifth on team with 45 stops ... Has 4.5 tackles for loss
WS	34	Kevin Copeland	5-9	188	r-Fr.	Warm Springs, GA	Made the game-saving interception in overtime against Idaho ... Had first sack at Utah State
LC	10	Chris Johnson	5-10	188	r-Sr.	Freeport, FL	Owns 18 total tackles ... Is studying to be a minister

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	No.	Blue Raider	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	Note(s)
PK	22	Brian Kelly	6-0	186	Sr.	Woodstock, Ga	Leads team with 55 pts ... Is 9-10 on FGs ... Is No. 1 in career FG % at 80.0 (36-45)
PK	49	Paul Wheeler	6-1	226	r-So.	Tullahoma, TN	Handles kickoff duties ... Has 13 touchbacks in 43 kicks ... Average depth of kicks is the 4.7 yard line
P	20	Robert Billings	6-0	209	r-Sr.	Collierville, TN	SBC POW on Nov. 10 ... Averaging 42.7 yards a kick ... Averaged 46.0 yards vs Missouri
H	46	Colby Smith	5-9	183	r-Fr.	Franklin, TN	Is the backup punter ... This marks first year as holder ... Averaging 38.7 yards a punt
PR	1	Kerry Wright	5-9	176	r-Jr.	East Point, GA	Only has 12 returns for a 7.6 yard average ... Ranks 89th nationally
KR	25	Eugene Gross	5-9	208	r-Fr.	Statesboro, GA	Leads MT with an 18.9-yard average on 24 returns ... Had 122 yards in returns at Clemson

2003 MT NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	B'DAY	LETTERS	HOMETOWN/HS/JC
1	Kerry Wright	WR	5-9	176	r-Jr.	7/30/81	2	East Point, GA/Tri-Cities HS
2	Michael Woods	SS	6-1	211	Sr.	4/3/82	3	Valdosta, GA/Lowndes Co. HS
3	Tony Sutton	DB/WR	5-11	196	Sr.	2/11/81	1	Troup, TX/Tyler (TX) JC
4	Tyrone Hicks	DB	5-10	204	Fr.	6/27/83	0	Huntsville, AL/Lee HS
5	Muhammad Rashada	DB	5-11	174	r-Sr.	10/4/80	3	Augusta, GA/Richmond Academy
6	Will Martin	FS	5-11	205	Sr.	4/13/82	1	Clarksville, TN/Coffeyville (Kan.) CC
7	Danny Tolbert	DB	5-10	170	Jr.	1/3/83	0	Okeechobee, FL/Coffeyville CC
8	Hashem Joyner	WR	5-9	160	r-Jr.	9/16/80	2	College Park, GA/North Clayton HS
9	Andrico Hines	QB	6-2	209	r-Sr.	12/10/80	1	Riverdale, GA/Southwest Miss. CC
10	Chris Johnson	DB	5-10	188	r-Sr.	11/3/80	3	Freeport, FL/Niceville HS
11	Pedro Holiday	WR	6-1	175	Jr.	3/1/82	0	Rome, GA/SW Mississippi CC
12	Wardell Alsup	WR	5-9	152	Sr.	1/17/82	3	Murfreesboro, TN/Oakland HS
13	Sam Hunt	QB	6-3	210	Fr.	12/8/84	0	Cedartown, GA/Cedartown HS
15	Justin Rainey	SS	5-10	198	r-Fr.	5/4/84	0	Rock Hill, SC/Northwestern HS
16	Josh Harris	QB	6-3	180	So.	7/3/84	0	Union, SC/Union HS
17	Clint Marks	QB	6-2	188	r-Fr.	12/23/83	0	Fort Myers, FL/Estero HS
18	Shawn Allen	DB	6-0	195	r-So.	3/2/81	0	LaGrange, GA/Troup Co.
19	Aaron Pitts	DB	5-11	188	Sr.	2/15/82	1	Silver Creek, MS/Copiah-Lincoln JC
20	Robert Billings	P	6-0	209	r-Sr.	9/23/80	3	Collierville, TN/Collierville HS
21	Jonathan Harris	DB	5-10	185	Fr.	2/25/85	0	Montgomery, AL/Jefferson Davis HS
22	Brian Kelly	PK	6-0	186	Sr.	2/15/82	3	Woodstock, GA/Sequoyah HS
23	Alvin Fite	LB	6-0	227	Jr.	6/18/83	2	Nashville, TN/Hillsboro HS
24	LaRue Beck	WS	6-2	216	So.	8/4/82	0	Marietta, GA/Marietta HS
25	Eugene Gross	RB	5-9	208	r-Fr.	2/26/83	0	Statesboro, GA/Statesboro HS
26	Terry Jackson	RB	5-10	185	Fr.	10/12/84	0	Memphis, TN/Kingsbury HS
27	Kelvin German	RB	5-11	203	So.	5/20/84	1	Fairburn, GA/Sandy Creek HS
28	Don Calloway	RB	5-6	186	Sr.	11/14/80	3	Colquitt, GA/Miller County HS
29	Jonathan Parks	DS	6-0	226	Fr.		0	Nashville, TN/Hunters Lane HS
30	Alex Weaver	RB	5-10	186	r-Sr.	1/22/81	1	Hephzibah, GA/Hephzibah HS
31	Nick McAfee	FB	6-0	248	Jr.	1/2/81	1	Marietta, GA/Marietta HS
32	Kevin Davis	RB	5-9	220	r-Fr.	9/4/83	0	Pine Mtn., GA/Manchester HS
33	Jonathan Bonner	LB	6-0	220	So.	2/24/84	1	Birmingham, AL/Huffman HS
34	Kevin Copeland	WS	5-9	188	r-Fr.	11/27/83	0	Warm Springs, GA/Manchester HS
35	Jonathan Ward	LB	6-1	222	Fr.	1/19/85	0	Collinwood, TN/Collinwood HS
36	John Crawford	DS	6-0	260	So.	1/23/84	1	Knoxville, TN/Karns HS
37	Clinton Corder	TE	6-3	243	Fr.	7/24/84	0	Brentwood, TN/CPA
38	Hunter Birtsch	FB	5-11	249	Fr.	8/14/85	0	Knoxville, TN/Bearden HS
40	Dennis Burke	LB	6-1	227	So.	12/24/83	1	Marietta, GA/Sprayberry HS
41	Marcel Horne	LB	6-1	215	Fr.	2/28/85	0	Stone Mountain, GA/Clarkston HS
42	Brandon Lynch	WS	6-0	188	Sr.	1/31/82	3	Hephzibah, GA/Hephzibah HS
43	Darren Mustin	LB	6-1	224	Fr.	9/24/84	0	Franklin, TN/Brentwood Academy
44	Matt Little	FB	6-0	228	r-Fr.	2/9/84	0	Houston, TX/Cypress Creek HS
45	Sean Mosley	LB	6-3	253	Fr.	10/4/84	0	Sylvania, GA/Screven Co. HS
46	Colby Smith	P	5-9	183	r-Fr.	9/26/83	0	Franklin, TN/Franklin HS
47	Walt Bell	DB	5-10	190	r-Fr.	6/7/84	0	Dickson, TN/Dickson Co. HS
48	Ralph Gunter	FB	6-0	265	Fr.	2/3/85	0	Hephzibah, GA/Hephzibah HS
49	Paul Wheeler	K	6-1	226	r-So.	5/21/83	1	Tullahoma, TN/Tullahoma HS
50	Paul Cantrell	OL	6-4	324	r-Fr.	10/11/83	0	Canton, GA/Sequoyah HS
51	Kyle Ringley	OL	6-2	256	r-So.	11/23/82	0	Oliver Springs, TN/Oliver Springs HS
52	Leon Cesar	LB	6-1	236	Jr.	9/7/82	0	Miami, FL/Dodge City CC
53	Joey Montalbano	LB	5-9	210	r-Sr.	12/26/80	3	Nashville, TN/Father Ryan HS
54	Randy Arnold	LB	5-11	231	r-Sr.	3/21/81	3	Nashville, TN/Glencliff HS
55	Josh Willoughby	OL	6-4	354	r-Sr.	10/9/80	2	Antioch, TN/Brentwood Academy
56	Kenny Edwards	LB	6-0	229	Sr.	2/3/81	1	Madison, FL/Georgia Military JC
57	Marcus Gates	DL	6-2	262	r-Fr.	11/5/83	0	LaGrange, GA/LaGrange HS
59	Brandon Westbrook	OL	6-6	305	r-Sr.	12/17/80	3	Cumming, GA/Forsyth Central HS
60	Willie Hall	OL	6-6	318	r-Fr.	9/20/82	0	Albany, GA/Dougherty HS
61	Germayle Franklin	OL	6-4	304	r-Fr.	3/20/84	0	Waycross, GA/Ware Co. HS
62	Lance McCullough	OL	6-4	309	Fr.	1/29/85	0	Gaylesville, AL/Cedar Bluff HS
64	Ryan Hornsby	OL	6-2	287	Fr.	1/14/85	0	Brentwood, TN/Brentwood HS
67	Julius Gant	OL	6-4	310	r-Jr.	1/14/82	2	Atlanta, GA/Southside
69	Brett Trott	OL	6-4	295	r-So.	12/31/82	1	Murfreesboro, TN/Oakland HS
71	Joe Evilsizer	OL	6-1	298	Jr.	1/2/82	0	Broken Arrow, OK/Northeast Oklahoma JC
73	Bill Brasch	OL	6-3	308	Sr.	1/21/81	2	Jones, OK/NE Oklahoma A&M
74	Ty Goodrich	OL	6-5	300	Fr.	9/9/84	0	Union City, TN/Union City HS
75	Brandon Parker	OL	6-7	306	Sr.	10/27/80	2	Catoosa, OK/NE Oklahoma A&M
76	Shavaskey Brown	OL	6-1	338	r-So.	12/7/82	0	LaGrange, GA/LaGrange HS
77	John Henry	DL	6-4	315	r-Fr.	10/27/83	0	Nashville, TN/Hillsboro HS
78	Kenyon Buford	OL	6-6	385	Fr.	5/29/85	0	Murfreesboro, TN/Riverdale HS
81	Luke Paschall	WR	5-10	184	r-Fr.	12/9/83	0	Dickson, TN/Dickson Co. HS
82	Jerrin Holt	WR	6-3	228	r-So.	5/9/83	0	Grand Prairie, TX/Ranger JC
83	Pierre Ingram	WR	6-4	204	r-Fr.	5/15/84	0	Stockbridge, GA/Stockbridge HS
84	Chris Sapp	TE	6-5	258	r-Fr.	9/8/83	0	Albany, GA/Dougherty HS
85	Chris Henry	WR	5-8	163	r-So.	8/25/82	1	Kingsport, TN/Dobyns-Bennett HS
87	Ryan Edmiston	WR	6-0	200	r-Sr.	4/28/81	1	Fayetteville, TN/Lincoln Co. HS
92	Jeff Littlejohn	DL	6-2	318	r-So.	2/14/83	1	Gaffney, SC/Gaffney HS
93	Thomas Johnson	DL	6-2	289	r-Jr.	6/24/81	2	Memphis, TN/Hamilton
94	Devarick Scandrett	DL	6-4	262	So.	1/23/84	1	Forsyth, GA/Mary Persons HS
95	Jonathan Callahan	DL	6-3	258	r-So.	5/10/83	1	Tyrone, GA/Sandy Creek HS
96	Bobby Payne	DL	6-4	258	r-Fr.	12/18/83	0	Morrilton, AR/Morrilton HS
97	Jerry Vanderpool	DL	6-3	306	r-Jr.	9/22/82	2	Nashville, TN/Brentwood Academy
98	Demetrios Walker	DL	6-3	254	Sr.	4/21/81	2	Kansas City, MO/Ft. Scott (KS) CC
99	Dominic Jones	DL	6-3	294	Sr.	2/26/82	1	Coffeeville, MS/NW Miss. JC

2003 TEAM GAME-BY-GAME

Game	Score	1st Downs	T.O.P	Rushing (No.-Yds-TD)	Passing (Cmp-Att-Yds-TD)	Total Offense (TP-Yds-TD)	3rd Down Conversions	Turnovers (Int.-Fum-Tot)
Middle Tennessee	19	18	32:44	44-183-1	19-35-160-1	79-343-2	4-18	0-0-0
vs Florida Atlantic	20	11	27:16	32-42-0	18-29-215-2	61-257-3	4-14	2-2-4
Middle Tennessee	10	13	27:39	27-67-0	18-25-173-1	52-240-1	5-11	0-1-1
at Georgia	29	25	32:21	36-150-3	25-35-317-0	71-467-3	5-12	0-0-0
Middle Tennessee	14	21	26:30	38-194-2	15-26-170-0	64-364-2	6-12	1-0-1
at Clemson	37	31	33:30	44-183-1	23-28-298-4	72-481-5	6-10	0-0-0
Middle Tennessee	40	27	32:38	56-197-3	20-32-286-2	88-483-5	8-15	0-0-0
at Missouri	41	26	27:22	43-296-2	22-32-192-3	75-488-5	8-15	0-0-0
Middle Tennessee	36	24	30:28	55-227-3	18-29-205-2	84-432-5	8-17	2-2-4
vs Temple	44	24	29:32	40-170-4	18-38-197-1	78-367-6	3-13	0-1-1
Middle Tennessee	35	9	24:49	37-85-1	9-12-208-3	49-293-4	3-13	0-0-0
vs New Mexico State	18	28	35:11	54-318-2	18-32-207-0	86-525-2	7-15	3-1-4
Middle Tennessee	28	21	32:37	51-222-4	18-29-298-0	80-520-4	9-18	1-2-3
at Idaho	21	19	27:23	38-95-1	22-33-296-2	71-391-3	9-16	1-1-2
Middle Tennessee	28	21	30:34	37-75-3	23-33-252-1	70-327-4	7-14	1-1-2
vs North Texas	33	16	29:26	40-138-1	10-13-230-2	53-368-3	2-10	0-1-1
Middle Tennessee	20	19	25:17	29-93-1	22-45-196-2	74-289-3	5-17	2-1-3
at Utah State	41	23	34:43	39-194-2	22-35-301-3	74-495-5	6-16	0-1-1
Middle Tennessee	27	16	30:00	42-195-2	16-23-182-1	65-377-3	5-15	0-1-1
vs Troy State	20	23	30:00	46-202-2	12-29-147-1	75-349-3	8-15	1-1-2
Middle Tennessee vs Louisiana-Lafayette								
Middle Tennessee at Arkansas State								

INSIDE THE BLUE ZONE

Game	Middle Tennessee ● Opponent
Florida Atlantic	4-5 (2 TD, 2 FG) ● 1-1 (1 TD, 0 FG)
Georgia	1-2 (0 TD, 1 FG) ● 5-5 (3 TD, 2 FG)
Clemson	2-2 (2 TD, 0 FG) ● 3-3 (3 TD, 0 FG)
Missouri	7-7 (5 TD, 2 FG) ● 7-7 (5 TD, 2 FG)
Temple	3-4 (3 TD, 0 FG) ● 7-7 (5 TD, 2 FG)
New Mexico State	1-1 (1 TD, 0 FG) ● 3-6 (2 TD, 1 FG)
Idaho	2-4 (1 TD, 1 FG) ● 3-3 (3 TD, 0 FG)
North Texas	4-4 (4 TD, 0 FG) ● 2-3 (1 TD, 1 FG)
Utah State	3-3 (3 TD, 0 FG) ● 2-2 (2 TD, 0 FG)
Troy State	2-2 (0 TD, 2 FG) ● 3-4 (3 TD, 0 FG)
Louisiana-Lafayette	0-0 (0 TD, 0 FG) ● 0-0 (0 TD, 0 FG)
Arkansas State	0-0 (0 TD, 0 FG) ● 0-0 (0 TD, 0 FG)
Total	29-34 (21 TD, 8 FG) ● 36-41 (28 TD, 8 FG)

TAKEAWAY/GIVEAWAY

	Middle Tennessee			Opponents			
Game	FUM	INT	TOT	FUM	INT	TOT	DIF
Florida Atlantic	0	0	0	2	2	4	+4
Georgia	1	0	1	0	0	0	-1
Clemson	0	1	1	0	0	0	-1
Missouri	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Temple	2	2	4	1	0	1	-3
New Mex. State	0	0	0	1	3	4	+4
Idaho	2	1	3	1	1	2	-1
North Texas	1	1	2	1	0	1	-1
Utah State	1	2	3	1	0	1	-2
Troy State	1	0	1	1	1	2	+1
UL-Lafayette	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arkansas State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8	7	15	8	7	15	0

BLUE RAIDERS ON OPENING DRIVES

Game	1st Half	2nd Half
Florida Atlantic	Downs	Punt
Georgia	Punt	Punt
Clemson	Punt	Punt
Missouri	TD	FG
Temple	Fumble	Punt
New Mexico State	TD	Punt
Idaho	Punt	Blocked FG
North Texas	Punt	TD
Utah State	Punt	Punt
Troy State	TD	TD
Louisiana-Lafayette		
Arkansas State		

KICKOFFS

PAUL WHEELER

Touchbacks: 13
Opponent Returns: 30
Fair Catches: 0
Out of Bounds: 1
Onside Kicks: 4
Average Depth: 4.7 (203) (onside kick not included)
Average Drive Start: 22.7 (976) (onside kick not included)

4TH DOWN CONVERSIONS

4th and:	1-3	4-6	7-10	11+	Total
Middle Tennessee	4-7	0-1	0-0	0-1	4-9
Percentage	.571	.000	.000	.000	.444

2003 INDIVIDUAL GAME-BY-GAME STATS

RUSHING

Att-Yds-TD	Calloway	German	Davis	Gross	Hines
FLORIDA ATLANTIC	14-84-0	0-0-0	1-(-6)-0	19-86-1	9-16-0
at Georgia	6-35-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	5-9-0	14-39-0
at Clemson	13-62-0	5-29-0	6-61-1	8-37-1	5-1-0
at Missouri	18-71-0	0-0-0	14-28-1	14-77-1	10-21-1
TEMPLE	3-16-0	1-9-0	16-91-0	14-80-2	7-6-0
NEW MEXICO STATE	DNP	2-0-0	2-19-0	25-102-1	DNP
at Idaho	4-12-0	2-9-0	DNP	26-141-1	14-61-2
NORTH TEXAS	DNP	2-19-1	DNP	14-50-0	18-29-2
at Utah State	8-50-1	4-5-0	DNP	7-19-0	9-16-0
TROY STATE	8-25-0	DNP	DNP	17-21-0	9-90-1
UL-LAFAYETTE					
at Arkansas State					

RECEIVING

No-Yds-TD	Wright	Williams	Joyner	Alsup	Ingram	Holiday	Henry	Calloway	Gross	Holt
FLORIDA ATLANTIC	8-85-0	2-9-0	1-(-2)-0	2-19-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-17-0	2-17-0	1-5-0
at Georgia	5-103-1	1-5-0	1-5-0	3-34-0	0-0-0	1-7-0	0-0-0	2-(-9)-0	1-3-0	4-25-0
at Clemson	4-36-0	2-19-0	0-0-0	1-11-0	0-0-0	2-28-0	0-0-0	1-14-0	0-0-0	3-42-0
at Missouri	7-144-1	5-26-0	0-0-0	4-43-1	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	1-16-0	0-0-0	2-53-0
TEMPLE	5-94-1	DNP	0-0-0	2-9-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-9-0	0-0-0	3-18-0	4-59-1
NEW MEXICO ST	5-187-3	DNP	1-9-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-7-0	0-0-0	DNP	1-2-0	0-0-0
at Idaho	2-86-0	“DNP	0-0-0	3-32-0	DNP	1-11-0	5-76-0	1-16-0	2-32-0	4-45-0
NORTH TEXAS	10-144-0	DNP	0-0-0	1-9-0	DNP	0-0-0	4-33-0	DNP	3-35-0	4-26-1
at Utah State	9-89-1	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	2-16-1	1-7-0	0-0-0	4-13-0	2-18-0
TROY STATE	4-97-1	DNP	DNP	2-8-0	DNP	2-10-0	1-15-0	0-0-0	4-23-0	1-12-0
UL-LAFAYETTE										
at Arkansas State										

PASSING

Cmp-Att-Int-Yds-TD	9 Hines	Other
FL ATLANTIC	19-34-0-160-1	
at Georgia	18-25-0-173-1	
at Clemson	10-15-0-103-0	5-11-1-67-0
at Missouri	19-31-0-248-2	1-1-0-38-0
TEMPLE	4-10-1-23-0	14-19-1-182-2
NEW MEX. ST	DNP	9-12-0-208-3
at Idaho	11-19-0-227-0	7-10-1-71-0
UNT	23-33-1-252-1	
at Utah State	11-23-1-83-0	11-22-1-113-2
TROY STATE	15-22-0-167-1	1-1-0-15-0
UL-LAFAYETTE		
at Arkansas State		

PUNTING

No-Avg-In20	20 Billings	46 Smith
FL ATLANTIC	DNP	9-38.7-2
at Georgia	5-36.4-0	0-0-0
at Clemson	5-39.8-1	0-0-0
at Missouri	4-46.0-1	0-0.0
TEMPLE	6-45.3-1	0-0.0
NEW MEX. ST	7-44.3-1	0-0.0
at Idaho	4-42.0-0	0-0.0
NORTH TEXAS	4-42.5-0	0-0.0
at Utah State	8-44.0-2	0-0.0
TROY STATE	6-42.8-0	0-0.0
UL-LAFAYETTE		
at Arkansas State		

FIELD GOALS

Made *Missed*	22 Kelly
FL ATLANTIC	**37**, **25**
at Georgia	**41**
at Clemson	No Attempts
at Missouri	**19, 21**
TEMPLE	No Attempts
NEW MEX. ST	No Attempts
at Idaho	**41**, **35**, 26
NORTH TEXAS	No Attempts
at Utah State	No Attempts
TROY STATE	**32**, **29**
UL-LAFAYETTE	
at Arkansas State	

2003 GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSE

OPPONENT	QB	TB	WR	WR	WR	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT
Florida Atlantic	Hines	Calloway	Wright	Alsup	McAfee (fb)	Corder (te)	Gant	Brasch	Westbrook	Willoughby	Franklin
Georgia	Hines	Calloway	Wright	Alsup	Joyner	Holt	Gant	Brasch	Westbrook	Willoughby	Franklin
Clemson	Gross	Calloway	Wright	Alsup	Davis (rb)	Sapp (te)	Hall	Brasch	Westbrook	Gant	Franklin
Missouri	Hines	Calloway	Wright	Alsup	Corder (te)	Sapp (te)	Parker	Brasch	Westbrook	Gant	Franklin
Temple	Hines	Calloway	Wright	Alsup	Sapp (te)	McAfee (fb)	Hall	Brasch	Westbrook	Gant	Parker
New Mexico State	Marks	Gross	Wright	Alsup	Henry	Holt	Hall	Brasch	Westbrook	Gant	Parker
Idaho	Marks	Gross	Wright	Alsup	Henry	Holt	Hall	Brasch	Westbrook	Gant	Franklin
North Texas	Hines	Gross	Wright	Alsup	Henry	Holt	Hall	Brasch	Westbook	Gant	Franklin
Utah State	Hines	Gross	Wright	Alsup	McAfee (fb)	Holt	Hall	Willoughby	Westbrook	Franklin	Gant
Troy State	Hines	Gross	Wright	Alsup	Holiday	Holt	Westbrook	Brasch	Willoughby	Franklin	Gant
UL-Lafayette											
Arkansas State											

DEFENSE

OPPONENT	LE	T	RE	LLB	MIKE	RLB	SS	WS	LC	FS	RC
Florida Atlantic	Callahan	Johnson	Walker	Littlejohn (T)	Fite	Bonner	Woods	Lynch	Sutton	Martin	Rashada
Georgia	Walker	Johnson	Scandrett	Burke	Fite	Arnold	Woods	Lynch	Sutton	Martin	Tolbert
Clemson	Walker	Johnson	Scandrett	Littlejohn (dt)	Fite	Bonner	Woods	Lynch	Johnson	Martin	Tolbert
Missouri	Walker	Johnson	Callahan	Littlejohn (dt)	Fite	Bonner	Woods	Lynch	Johnson	Martin	Tolbert
Temple	Payne	Johnson	Walker	Woods (nickel)	Fite	Arnold	Rainey	Lynch	Johnson	Martin	Tolbert
New Mexico State	Walker	Jones	Payne	Littlejohn (dt)	Burke	Bonner	Rainey	Lynch	Johnson	Martin	Tolbert
Idaho	Walker	Johnson	Callahan	Littlejohn (dt)	Burke	Bonner	Rainey	Lynch	Johnson	Martin	Tolbert
North Texas	Walker	Johnson	Scandrett	Edwards	Burke	Bonner	Woods	Rainey	Rashada	Martin	Tolbert
Utah State	Payne	Littlejohn	Walker	Edwards	Burke	Bonner	Woods	Rainey	Rashada	Martin	Tolbert
Troy State	Walker	Littlejohn	Callahan	T. Johnson (dt)	Burke	Bonner	Woods	Rainey	Rashada	Martin	Tolbert
UL-Lafayette											
Arkansas State											

2003 GAME-BY-GAME TACKLES CHART

UT-AT-TT	FAU	UGA	CU	MU	TU	NMSU	UI	UNT	USU	TSU	ULL	ASU
Lynch	8-1-9	9-2-11	6-1-7	7-4-11	5-2-7	5-4-9	0-3-3	DNP	DNP	DNP		
Fite	7-2-9	3-2-5	7-2-9	5-0-5	1-2-3	3-1-4	0-1-1	2-1-3	2-0-2	2-1-3		
Bonner	3-3-6	5-3-8	8-1-9	6-1-7	5-0-5	5-0-5	5-9-14	1-2-3	2-1-3	5-1-6		
Walker	4-0-4	2-1-3	2-0-2	3-0-3	3-2-5	3-1-4	4-4-8	3-2-5	0-1-1	3-1-4		
T. Johnson	2-2-4	0-2-2	1-0-1	1-2-3	1-2-3	2-3-5	2-4-6	0-3-3	2-1-3	1-0-1		
Woods	2-1-3	4-3-7	5-0-5	3-1-4	5-0-5	2-4-6	2-3-5	0-1-1	5-5-10	2-3-5		
Rashada	2-1-3	0-0-0	1-0-1	1-1-2	1-0-1	3-1-4	1-1-2	3-1-4	3-0-3	2-3-5		
Scandrett	1-2-3	1-0-1	3-1-4	2-1-3	0-1-1	2-2-4	1-1-2	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0		
Arnold	2-0-2	0-2-2	2-0-2	3-0-3	3-1-4	2-2-4	0-1-1	1-2-3	3-2-5	3-0-3		
Littlejohn	1-1-2	1-2-3	1-0-1	3-0-3	0-0-0	2-1-3	2-4-6	1-1-2	0-1-1	4-1-5		
Jones	1-1-2	1-0-1	0-0-0	1-0-1	3-1-4	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-2	0-0-0		
Martin	0-2-2	4-2-6	8-0-8	5-4-9	4-2-6	2-6-8	1-8-9	10-3-13	6-4-10	5-6-11		
Sutton	1-0-1	6-2-8	5-1-6	2-0-2	1-1-2	2-0-2	0-1-1	1-0-1	1-0-1	0-0-0		
Burke	1-0-1	1-0-1	DNP	DNP	2-0-2	6-2-8	3-6-9	3-2-5	3-2-5	6-3-9		
Payne	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	2-2-4	1-1-2	0-0-0	2-0-2	3-0-3	0-0-0		
Tolbert	1-0-1	3-2-5	3-1-4	4-0-4	0-0-0	3-1-4	3-1-4	1-0-1	3-1-4	3-0-3		
Vanderpool	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	2-0-2	0-0-0		
Rainey	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	1-2-3	4-1-5	1-1-2	1-2-3	2-2-4	6-3-9		
Allen	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-3-3		
Edwards	0-0-0	1-1-2	3-0-3	0-0-0	1-0-1	5-2-7	0-3-3	2-0-2	2-1-3	0-0-0		
Gates	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0		
Callahan	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0		
C. Johnson	0-0-0	0-0-0	6-0-6	2-0-2	4-2-6	1-2-3	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0		
Copeland	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-2	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	2-0-2	1-0-1	0-0-0		

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No.	Name	1 8/28 FAU	2 9/6 UGA	3 9/13 CU	4 9/20 MU	5 10/4 TU	6 10/11 NMSU	7 10/18 UI	8 10/25 UNT	9 11/1 UTS	10 11/8 TSU	11 11/15 ULL	12 11/20 ASU
1	K. Wright	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR		
2	M. Woods	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	X	X	WS	WS	WS		
3	T. Sutton	LC	LC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
4	T. Hicks	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP		
5	M. Rashada	RC	X	X	X	X	X	X	LC	LC	LC		
6	W. Martin	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS		
7	D. Tolbert	X	RC	RC	RC	RC	RC	RC	RC	RC	RC		
8	H. Joyner	X	WR	X	X	X	X	X	X	DNP	DNP		
9	A. Hines	QB	QB	X	QB	QB	DNP	X	QB	QB	QB		
10	C. Johnson	X	X	LC	LC	LC	LC	LC	X	X	X		
11	P. Holiday	X	X	X	DNP	X	X	X	X	X	WR		
12	W. Alsup	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR		
15	J. Rainey	X	X	X	X	LB	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS		
16	J. Harris	DNP	X	X	DNP	X	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP		
17	C. Marks	DNP	DNP	X	DNP	X	QB	QB	DNP	X	X		
18	S. Allen	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
19	A. Pitts	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
20	R. Billings	DNP	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
21	Jon. Harris	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	X	X	DNP		
22	B. Kelly	PK	PK	PK	PK	PK	PK	PK	PK	PK	PK		
23	A. Fite	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	X	X	X	X	X		
24	L. Beck	X	X	X	X	X	X	DNP	x	DNP	X		
25	E. Gross	X	X	QB	X	X	RB	RB	RB	RB	RB		
27	K. German	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	DNP		
28	D. Calloway	RB	RB	RB	RB	RB	DNP	X	DNP	X	X		
29	J. Parks	DNP	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
30	A. Weaver	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP		
31	N. McAfee	FB	X	X	X	FB	X	X	X	FB	X		
32	K. Davis	X	X	RB	X	X	X	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP		
33	J. Bonner	LB	X	LB	LB	X	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB		
34	K. Copeland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
35	J. Ward	X	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP		
36	J. Crawford	DNP	DS	DS	DS	DS	DS	DS	DS	DS	DS		
37	C. Corder	TE	X	X	TE	X	X	X	X	X	X		
38	H. Birtsch	DS	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP		
40	D. Burke	X	LB	DNP	DNP	X	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB		
41	M. Horne	DNP	DNP	DNP	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
42	B. Lynch	WS	WS	WS	WS	WS	WS	WS	DNP	DNP	DNP		
43	D. Mustin	DNP	X	X	X	X	X	X	x	X	X		
44	M. Little	DNP	DNP	X	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP		
45	S. Mosley	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP		
46	C. Smith	P	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
47	W. Bell	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	X	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	X		
48	R. Gunter	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP		
49	P. Wheeler	KO	KO	KO	KO	KO	KO	KO	KO	KO	KO		
50	P. Cantrell	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP		
52	L. Cesar	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
53	J. Montalbano	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
54	R. Arnold	X	LB	X	X	LB	X	X	x	X	X		
55	J. Willoughby	RG	RG	X	X	X	X	X	X	LG	C		
56	K. Edwards	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	LB	LB	X		
57	M. Gates	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
59	B. Westbrook	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	LT		
60	W. Hall	DNP	X	LT	X	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	DNP		
61	G. Franklin	RT	RT	RT	RT	X	DNP	RT	RT	RG	RG		
67	J. Gant	LT	LT	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RT	RT		
69	B. Trott	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	X	DNP	X	DNP	X	X		
71	J. Evilsizer	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	X	DNP		
73	B. Brasch	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	X	LG		
75	B. Parker	X	X	X	LT	RT	RT	X	X	X	X		
76	S. Brown	X	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	X	X		
77	J. Henry	DNP	DNP	X	DNP	X	DNP	DNP	DNP	X	DNP		
81	L. Paschall	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	X	DNP	DNP	X	DNP		
82	J. Holt	X	WR	X	X	X	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR		
83	P. Ingram	X	X	X	X	X	X	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP		
84	C. Sapp	DNP	X	TE	TE	TE	X	X	DNP	X	X		
85	C. Henry	X	DNP	X	DNP	X	WR	WR	WR	X	X		
87	R. Edmiston	DNP	X	X	X	X	DNP	X	X	X	DNP		
88	S. Williams	X	X	X	X	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP		
92	J. Littlejohn	DT	X	DT	DT	X	DT	DT	X	DT	DT		
93	T. Johnson	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	X	DT	DT	X	DT		
94	D. Scandrett	X	RE	RE	X	X	X	X	RE	X	X		
95	J. Callahan	LE	X	X	RE	X	X	RE	X	X	RE		
96	B. Payne	X	X	X	DNP	RE	RE	X	X	LE	X		
97	J. Vanderpool	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
98	D. Walker	RE	LE	LE	RE	LE	LE	LE	LE	RE	LE		
99	D. Jones	X	X	X	X	X	DT	X	X	X	X		

Career Games Played/Started

No.	Name	Career GP-GS	2002 GP-S	2001 GP-S	2000 GP-S
1	K. Wright	33-19	12-6	11-3	0-0
2	M. Woods	44-25	12-6	11-11	11-0
3	T. Sutton	22-14	12-12	-	-
4	T. Hicks	0-0	-	-	-
5	M. Rashada	44-18	12-12	11-2	11-0
6	W. Martin	22-22	12-12	-	-
7	D. Tolbert	10-9	-	-	
8	H. Joyner	20-1	2-0	10-0	–
9	A. Hines	20-17	11-10	-	-
10	C. Johnson	44-15 (11-5 in '99)	1-0	11-1	11-4
11	P. Holiday	9-1	-	-	-
12	W. Alsup	38-22	11-6	6-5	11-1
15	J. Rainey	10-6	-	-	-
16	J. Harris	5-1	2-1	-	-
17	C. Marks	6-2			
18	S. Allen	10-0	-	-	-
19	A. Pitts	21-1	11-1	-	-
20	R. Billings	43-43	12-12	11-11	11-11
21	J. Harris	2-0	-	–	–
22	B. Kelly	43-43	12-12	11-11	10-10
23	A. Fite	30-6	12-1	8-0	–
24	L. Beck	8-0	-	-	-
25	E. Gross	10-6	0	0	0
27	K. German	18-0	9-0	-	-
28	D. Calloway	34-5	11-0	6-0	9-0
29	J. Parks	9-0			
30	A. Weaver	9-0	9-0	-	-
31	N. McAfee	21-3	11-0	0-0	–
32	K. Davis	6-1	-	-	-
33	J. Bonner	22-8	12-0	-	-
35	J. Ward	1-0	-	-	-
36	J. Crawford	21-21	12-12	-	-
37	C. Corder	10-2	-	-	-
38	H. Birtsch	1-1	-	-	-
40	D. Burke	20-6	12-0	-	-
41	M. Home	7-0	-	-	-
42	B. Lynch	38-29	12-12	10-10	9-0
43	D. Mustin	9-0	-	-	-
44	M. Little	1-0	-	-	-
45	S. Mosley	0-0	-	-	-
46	C. Smith	10-1	-	-	-
47	W. Bell	2-0	-	-	-
49	P. Wheeler	22-22	12-12	-	-
50	P. Cantrell	0-0	-	-	-
52	L. Cesar	10-0	-	-	-
53	J. Montalbano	43-0	12-0	11-0	10-0
54	R. Arnold	42-24	12-11	11-9	2-0
55	J. Willoughby	32-11	12-6	10-1	0-0
56	K. Edwards	21-7	11-5	-	-
57	M. Gates	10-0	-	-	-
59	B. Westbrook	42-41	11-10	11-11	10-10
60	W. Hall	8-6	-	-	-
61	G. Franklin	9-8	-	-	-
67	J. Gant	32-24	11-6	11-8	–
69	B. Trott	7-0	3-0	-	-
71	J. Evilsizer	2-0	-	-	-
73	B. Brasch	22-9	2-0	10-0	–
75	B. Parker	26-6	7-3	9-0	–
76	S. Brown	4-0	1-0	-	-
77	J. Henry	3-0	-	-	-
81	L. Paschall	2-0	-	-	-
82	J. Holt	10-6	-	-	-
83	P. Ingram	6-0	-	-	-
84	C. Sapp	8-3	-	-	-
85	C. Henry	20-8	12-5	–	–
87	R. Edmiston	14-0	7-0	-	-
88	S. Williams	4-0	0-0	-	-
92	J. Littlejohn	22-8	12-1	-	-
93	T. Johnson	30-16	10-4	10-4	–
94	D. Scandrett	22-3	12-0	-	-
95	J. Callahan	12-4	2-0	–	–
96	B. Payne	9-3	-	-	-
97	J. Vanderpool	32-11	12-10	10-1	–
98	D. Walker	33-15	12-5	11-0	–
99	D. Jones	19-1	9-0	-	-

2003 LIGHTNING BOLT WINNERS

	FAU	UGA	CU	MU	TU	NMSU	UI	UNT	USU	TSU	ULL	ASU
Allen	-	1 (st)	-	1 (st)	-	1 (st)	1 (st)	-	-	2 (st)		
Alsup	-	-	-	4 (o)	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Arnold	-	-	-	1 (d)	2 (d)	1 (d)	-	-	-	3 (1 st, 2 d)		
Beck	-	-	-	-	-	1 (st)	-	-	-	-		
Bell	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 (st)		
Billings	-	-	-	1 (st)	1 (st)	-	1 (st)	-	-	1 (st)		
Bonner	1 (d)	1 (d)	-	1 (d)	1 (d)	-	3 (d)	-	-	1 (d)		
Brasch	-	-	1 (o)	3 (o)	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Burke	-	-	-	-	2 (d, st)	1 (d)	1 (d)	-	1 (d)	2 (st, d)		
Callahan	-	-	-	1 (st)	-	-	-	-	-	1 (st)		
Calloway	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 (o)	-	-	-		
Cesar	-	-	-	1 (st)	-	2 (st)	1 (st)	-	-	-		
Copeland	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 (silver)	-	1 (d)	1 (st)		
Corder	-	-	-	3 (o)	-	-	-	-	-	1 (st)		
Crawford	-	1 (st)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 (st)		
Davis	-	-	1 (o)	3 (o)	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Edmiston	-	-	-	3 (o)	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Edwards	-	-	-	-	-	1 (st)	-	-	-	-		
Fite	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 (st)		
Franklin	-	-	-	3 (o)	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Gant	-	-	-	3 (o)	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Gates	-	-	-	1 (st)	-	-	-	-	-	1 (st)		
German	-	-	-	-	-	1 (st)	3 (2 st, 1 o)	1 (o)	-	-		
Gross	1 (o)	-	1 (st)	3 (o)	1 (o)	-	2 (o)	-	-	-		
Calloway	1 (o)	-	1 (o)	3 (o)	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Harris	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 (st)	-	-		
Henry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 (o)		
Hines	-	1 (o)	-	4 (o)	-	-	1 (o)	2 (o)	-	1 (o)		
Holiday	-	-	1 (o)	-	1 (o)	-	-	-	1 (o)	-		
Holt	-	-	-	4 (o)	1 (o)	-	-	2 (o)	-	1 (o)		
Horne	-	-	-	-	-	2 (st)	-	-	-	-		
Ingram	-	-	-	5 (3 o-2st)	1 (o)	2 (st, o)	-	-	-	-		
C. Johnson	-	-	2 (d)	1 (d)	1 (d)	1 (d)	1 (st)	-	-	1 (st)		
T.Johnson	1 (d)	-	-	1 (st)	1 (d)	1 (d)	2 (d)	-	-	1 (st)		
Joyner	-	-	-	3 (o)	-	-	1 (st)	-	-	-		
Kelly	2 (st)	1 (st)	-	-	-	1 (st)	2 (st)	1 (st)	-	-		
Littlejohn	1 (d)	2 (d-st)	-	1 (st)	-	1 (d)	-	-	-	2 (st, d)		
Lynch	2 (d-st)	-	-	2 (1 silver, 1 st)	-	-	2 (st)	-	-	-		
Marks	-	-	-	-	-	1 (o)	-	-	-	-		
Martin	1 (d)	1 (st)	1 (d)	1 (st)	1 (st)	-	2 (st, d)	-	-	3 (2 st, 1 d)		
McAfee	1 (o)	-	2 (o-st)	3 (o)	-	2 (st)	1 (o)	-	-	-		
Montalbano	-	-	-	1 (st)	-	1 (st)	2 (st)	-	-	2 (st)		
Mustin	-	-	-	-	-	1 (st)	-	-	-	1 (st)		
Parker	-	-	-	3 (o)	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Parks	-	1 (st)	-	-	-	1 (st)	-	-	-	-		
Payne	1 (d)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 (d)	1 (d)	-		
Pitts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 (st)		
Rainey	-	-	-	-	1 (d)	2 (st, 1 silver)	-	1 (d)	-	2 (d)		
Rashada	-	-	1 (d)	-	1 (d)	-	1 (st)	1 (d)	-	4 (1 st, 3 d)		
Sapp	-	-	-	3 (o)	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Scandrett	1 (d)	1 (d)	-	1 (d)	-	1 (st)	1 (d)	-	-	-		
Smith	-	-	-	-	-	1 (st)	-	-	-	-		
Sutton	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 (st)	-	-	1 (st)		
Tolbert	-	2 (d)	-	1 (st)	1 (d)	2 (d)	3 (1 st, 2 d)	-	-	3 (1 st, 2 d)		
Walker	-	-	-	1 (d)	-	2 (d)	1 (d)	-	-	1 (d)		
Westbrook	-	-	1 (o)	4 (o)	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Wheeler	-	1 (st)	-	-	1 (st)	-	1 (st)	-	-	1 (st)		
Williams	-	-	-	3 (o)	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Willoughby	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 (o)	-	-	-		
Woods	2 (d-st)	-	1 (d)	-	1 (d)	2 (d)	1 (st)	-	-	4 (2 st, 2 d)		
Wright	-	2 (o)	1 (o)	5 (4o-1silv.)	1 (o)	3 (st, 2 o)	1 (st)	2 (o)	1 (o)	1 (o)		

Keys: o=offense, d=defense, st=special teams

2003 MT SCORING DRIVES

Q	P-YD	TOP	SCORE
FLORIDA ATLANTIC			
2	7-40	2:50	McAfee 10 pass from Hines
2	5-31	:43	Kelly 37 FG
4	12-64	5:32	Kelly 25 FG
4	2-15	:36	Gross 11 run (Kelly PAT)

Q	P-YD	TOP	SCORE
GEORGIA			
2	17-64	7:00	Kelly 41 FG
4	1-71	:23	Wright 71 pass from Hines (Kelly PAT)

Q	P-YD	TOP	SCORE
CLEMSON			
2	10-81	4:27	Gross 4 run (Kelly PAT)
4	10-78	2:23	Davis 1 run (Kelly PAT)

Q	P-YD	TOP	SCORE
MISSOURI			
1	16-82	7:10	Alsup 4 pass from Hines (Kelly PAT)
2	6-65	1:32	Gross 1 run (Kelly PAT)
2	17-81	4:15	Wright 21 pass from Hines (Kelly PAT)
3	13-78	4:31	Kelly 19 FG
3	6-42	2:08	Davis 6 run (Kelly PAT)
4	11-61	5:37	Kelly 21 FG
ot	4-25	0:00	Hines 4 run (Kelly PAT Failed)

Q	P-YD	TOP	SCORE
TEMPLE			
1	2-72	:43	Wright 71 pass from Marks (Kelly PAT)
2	5-30	1:38	Gross 24 run (Kelly PAT)
4	11-65	3:12	Gross 4 run (Kelly PAT)
4	2-50	:24	Holt 36 pass from Marks (Kelly PAT)
4	7-65	1:44	Marks 1 run (Marks to Wright)

Q	P-YD	TOP	SCORE
NEW MEXICO STATE			
1	1-32	:17	Wright 32 pass from Marks (Kelly PAT)
1	5-76	2:14	Gross 2 run (Kelly PAT)
2	4-80	1:49	Wright 39 pass from Marks (Kelly PAT)
4	3-65	1:00	Wright 61 pass from Marks (Kelly PAT)
4			Woods 89 INT return (Kelly PAT)

Q	P-YD	TOP	SCORE
IDAHO			
2	12-56	4:26	Kelly 41 FG
2	3-59	:54	Gross 51 run (Kelly PAT)
3	4-4	1:15	Kelly 35 FG
4	7-64	2:32	Hines 7 run (Wright from Hines)
ot	8-25	0:00	Hines 1 run (Kelly PAT)

Q	P-YD	TOP	SCORE
NORTH TEXAS			
2	15-87	5:32	Holt 9 pass from Hines (Kelly PAT)
3	12-78	5:39	Hines 1 run (Kelly PAT)
4	10-68	4:28	German 1 run (Kelly PAT)
4	9-67	2:18	Hines 1 run (Kelly PAT)

Q	P-YD	TOP	SCORE
UTAH STATE			
4	6-55	1:14	Holiday 7 pass from Marks (Kelly PAT)
4	6-55	1:22	Calloway 2 run (Kelly PAT failed)
4	6-32	1:28	Wright 1 pass from Marks (Kelly PAT)

Q	P-YD	TOP	SCORE
TROY STATE			
1	4-63	2:07	Billlings 54 run (Kelly PAT)
2	12-27	5:13	Kelly 32 FG
3	9-79	3:10	Hines 40 run (Kelly PAT)
4	3-76	:37	Wright 56 pass from Hines (Kelly PAT)
4	10-39	4:16	Kelly 29 FG

Q	P-YD	TOP	SCORE
LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE			
TBD			

Q	P-YD	TOP	SCORE
ARKANSAS STATE			
TBD			

2003 MIDDLE TENNESSEE DRIVES

Game 1 Florida Atlantic

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
4-(-12)	2:00	Downs	0-0
8-22	3:35	Punt	0-0
6-15	2:07	Punt	0-0
3-(-6)	1:12	Punt	0-0
7-40	2:50	TD	6-0
5-19	1:58	Punt	6-0
3-2	1:42	Punt Blocked	6-7
3-0	1:04	Punt	6-7
5-31	:43	FG	9-7
3-5	1:26	Punt	9-7
10-45	3:17	Punt	9-7
4-9	2:12	Punt	9-7
12-64	5:32	FG	12-7
3-8	1:19	Punt	12-7
2-15	:36	TD	19-7
3-7	1:11	Punt	19-7

Game 2 Georgia

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
5-5	3:21	Punt	0-3
17-64	7:00	FG	3-3
8-51	3:24	Fumble	3-3
2-11	1:17	Clock	3-10
4-9	2:52	Punt	3-10
3-(-9)	2:18	Punt	3-13
3-6	2:00	Punt	3-13
9-28	4:58	Punt	3-23
1-71	:23	TD	10-29
1-(-2)	:06	Clock	10-29

Game 3 Clemson

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
3-8	1:39	Punt	0-0
5-14	2:07	Punt	0-6
9-41	4:28	Punt	0-6
10-81	4:27	TD	7-13
3-8	1:40	Punt	7-20
1-2	:46	Clock	7-27
10-39	5:39	Punt	7-27
10-78	2:23	TD	14-34
7-38	2:03	INT	14-37
6-45	1:18	Clock	14-37

Game 4 Missouri

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
16-82	7:10	TD	7-0
3-4	:24	Punt	7-0
4-14	1:10	Punt	7-7
3-6	1:50	Punt	7-13
6-65	1:32	TD	14-16
17-81	4:15	TD	21-23
13-78	4:31	FG	24-23
6-42	2:08	TD	31-23
5-19	2:33	Punt	31-26
11-61	5:37	FG	34-26
2-8	1:11	Clock	34-26
4-25	0:00	TD	40-34

Game 5 Temple

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
9-41	3:30	Fumble	0-0
5-29	2:35	Punt	0-0
2-72	:43	TD	7-0
5-30	1:38	TD	14-0
3-1	2:06	Punt	14-0
3-(-3)	1:29	INT	14-7
2-(-7)	:37	Fumble	14-10
6-22	3:38	Punt	14-17
1-(-1)	:03	Clock	14-24
11-65	3:12	TD	21-41
2-50	:24	TD	28-41
7-55	1:44	TD	36-44
14-40	3:31	Downs	36-44

Game 6 New Mexico St.

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
1-32	:17	TD	7-0
3-(-3)	1:59	Punt	7-3
5-76	2:14	TD	14-3
4-6	2:03	Punt	14-10
4-80	1:49	TD	21-10
4-(-14)	1:58	Punt	21-10
5-14	2:26	Clock	21-10
3-5	1:40	Punt	21-10
7-21	3:06	Downs	21-10
4-(-7)	2:14	Punt	21-10
3-65	1:00	TD	28-18
3-9	1:37	Punt	28-18
3-9	2:26	Punt	35-18

Game 7 Idaho

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
3-7	1:07	Punt	0-0
3-5	1:14	Interception	0-7
12-56	4:26	FG	3-14
6-33	3:33	Punt	3-14
3-49	:54	TD	10-14
7-40	2:42	Fumble	10-14
1-(-2)	:23	Clock	10-14
8-79	3:57	MFG	10-14
11-80	4:53	Fumble	10-14
4-4	1:15	FG	13-21
10-53	4:17	Punt	13-21
7-64	2:32	TD	21-21
5-9	1:28	Punt	21-21

Game 8 North Texas

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
9-41	4:11	Punt	0-0
3-(-20)	1:49	Fumble	0-14
3-2	1:31	Punt	0-14
15-89	5:32	TD	7-17
1-(-2)	:41	Clock	7-20
12-78	5:39	TD	14-20
3-9	1:28	Punt	14-20
3-(-5)	2:14	Punt	14-20
10-68	4:28	TD	21-26
2-2	:43	INT	21-33
9-67	2:18	TD	28-33

Game 9 Utah State

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
3-8	1:22	Punt	0-0
3-9	1:49	Punt	0-0
3-9	1:56	Punt	0-0
3-(-9)	1:02	Fumble	0-7
3-5	1:23	Punt	0-7
3-(-2)	1:34	Punt	0-7
11-21	4:34	Punt	0-14
7-25	1:05	Punt	0-21
5-26	1:28	Punt	0-28
2-0	:13	INT	0-28
8-36	3:00	Downs	0-35
6-39	1:13	INT	0-35
6-55	1:14	TD	7-35
5-55	1:22	TD	13-41
6-32	1:28	TD	20-41

Game 10 Troy State

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
4-63	2:07	TD	7-0
5-18	2:55	Punt	7-0
6-37	2:25	Fumble	7-0
3-9	1:17	Punt	7-0
3-3	1:42	Punt	7-7
12-27	5:13	FG	10-7
9-69	3:10	TD	17-7
3-(-18)	2:24	Punt	17-7
4-4	2:00	Punt	17-14
3-76	:37	TD	24-20
10-39	4:16	FG	27-20
3-2	1:12	Punt	27-20
2-(-4)	:42	Clock	27-20

2003 OPPONENT DRIVES

Game 1 Florida Atlantic

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
4-(-9)	2:15	Punt	0-0
4-(-3)	1:18	Downs	0-0
3-(-9)	1:48	Punt	0-0
4-8	2:09	Punt	0-0
4-12	2:18	Punt	0-6
3-(-3)	2:19	Punt	0-6
2-5	:33	INT	7-6
1-(-1)	:09	Clock	7-9
6-27	3:00	Punt	7-9
6-15	3:13	Punt	7-9
3-3	2:25	Punt	7-12
2-(-1)	:49	INT	7-12
12-75	3:18	TD	14-19
8-98	1:42	TD	20-19

Game 2 Georgia

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
11-63	4:16	FG	3-0
8-18	4:53	Punt	3-0
7-81	2:42	TD	10-3
7-48	3:07	MFG	10-3
8-49	2:25	FG	13-3
6-40	3:04	TD	20-3
14-53	5:23	FG	23-3
11-64	4:28	TD	29-3
3-(-11)	2:03	Punt	29-10

Game 3 Clemson

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
6-80	1:44	TD	6-0
3-7	1:36	Punt	6-0
11-88	4:29	TD	13-0
9-69	4:01	TD	20-7
7-73	3:03	TD	27-7
7-21	2:50	Punt	27-7
11-80	5:05	TD	34-7
9-56	4:29	FG	37-14
10-47	6:13	Punt	37-14

Game 4 Missouri

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
4-18	1:40	Punt	0-0
6-28	2:16	Punt	0-7
7-58	2:08	TD	7-7
4-77	1:27	TD	13-7
10-41	3:10	FG	16-7
5-72	2:34	TD	23-14
3-2	:50	Punt	23-24
9-31	4:11	Punt	23-31
13-74	4:42	FG	26-31
11-73	3:54	TD	34-34
5-25	0:00	TD	41-40

Game 5 Temple

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
10-43	3:44	MFG	0-0
5-23	2:45	Punt	0-0
1-7	:13	Fumble	0-7
8-34	1:32	Punt	0-14
5-37	1:46	TD	7-14
4-6	1:24	FG	10-14
5-18	2:04	TD	17-14
2-13	:12	TD	24-14
3-4	1:36	Punt	41-14
3-4	2:12	Punt	41-21
4-3	1:31	FG	44-28
2-(-2)	:50	Clock	44-36

Game 6 New Mexico St.

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
12-66	4:28	FG	3-7
3-17	:27	INT	3-7
9-80	3:45	TD	10-14
10-83	4:42	Fumble	10-14
3-(-3)	2:11	Punt	10-21
3-20	1:41	Punt	10-21
3-5	:52	Punt	10-21
3-(-6)	1:31	Punt	10-21
3-4	2:09	Punt	10-21
12-40	4:55	TD	18-21
7-64	4:21	Downs	18-28
8-35	2:01	INT	18-35
3-27	:36	INT	18-35
8-72	1:32	Clock	18-35

Game 7 Idaho

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
7-35	3:39	Punt	0-0
8-63	3:29	TD	7-0
3-3	1:21	TD	14-0
7-38	2:44	Punt	14-3
3-(-5)	2:15	Punt	14-3
3-4	1:11	Punt	14-10
4-11	:53	Punt	14-10
5-75	1:22	TD	21-10
2-1	:27	Fumble	21-13
9-31	4:45	Punt	21-13
3-1	1:50	Punt	21-13
7-55	2:06	MFG	21-13
7-41	1:08	MFG	21-21

Game 8 North Texas

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
7-63	3:24	MFG	0-0
12-80	5:33	TD	7-0
6-18	3:24	FG	17-0
8-38	3:55	FG	20-7
3-1	2:38	Punt	20-14
3-9	2:13	Punt	20-14
2-65	:48	TD	26-14
5-80	2:16	TD	33-21
6-4	3:44	Fumble	33-21
4-(-9)	1:31	Punt	33-28

Game 9 Utah State

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
3-8	2:18	Punt	0-0
4-17	1:41	Punt	0-0
6-14	2:05	Punt	0-0
3-3	1:24	Punt	7-0
8-66	2:47	TD	14-0
5-87	1:23	TD	21-0
11-51	0:00	Downs	21-0
3-65	1:02	TD	28-0
15-71	8:31	TD	35-0
5-14	2:32	Punt	35-0
5-8	2:44	Punt	35-0
2-71	:50	TD	41-7
3-0	2:34	Punt	41-13
2-(-3)	1:17	Clock	41-20

Game 10 Troy State

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
6-12	3:36	Punt	0-7
11-39	3:35	Punt	0-7
8-23	2:52	Downs	0-7
8-65	2:41	TD	7-7
3-15	1:19	Fumble	7-7
1-(-3)	:18	Clock	7-10
3-7	1:34	Punt	7-10
4-12	1:57	Punt	7-17
6-41	2:56	TD	14-17
12-79	5:49	TD	20-17
3-0	:41	Punt	20-24
8-41	2:17	Downs	20-27
2-18	:25	Interception	20-27

2003 COACHES AWARDS

Game	MVP Lineman	Knockdowns	Scout Team	Most Valuable Skill Player
Florida Atlantic	Germayle Franklin	Josh Willoughby	Jason Elam	Eugene Gross
Georgia	Brandon Westbrook	Willie Hall	Pfalmer/Elam	Kerry Wright
Clemson	Brandon Parker	Bill Brasch	Tony Insignares	Nick McAfee
Missouri	Julius Gant	Brandon Parker	Josh "Rocky" Dutton	Andrico Hines
Temple	Brandon Parker	Brandon Westbrook	Jonathan Harris	Eugene Gross
New Mex. St.	Willie Hall	Willie Hall/Wardell Alsup	Marcus Brandon	Kerry Wright
Idaho	Josh Willoughby	Bill Brasch	N A	Andrico Hines
North Texas	Josh Willoughby	Brandon Westbrook	Jason Elam	Kerry Wright
Utah State	Julius Gant	Julius Gant	Chad Pfalmer	Kerry Wright
Troy State	Julius Gant	Josh Willoughby	N A	Andrico Hines
UL-Lafayette				
Arkansas State				

OFFENSIVE LINE STATISTICS

Game	Gant	Brasch	Westbrook	Willoughby	Franklin	Trott	Parker	Hall	Evilsizer	Brown
Florida Atlantic	85-5-83%	85-4-88%	85-4-78%	85-6-87%	84-5-92%	DNP	1-0-100%	DNP	DNP	DNP
Georgia	33-2-89%	57-3-84%	57-2-85%	57-3-82%	57-2-78%	DNP	4-0-100%	20-6-84%	DNP	DNP
Clemson	71-4-80%	65-10-87%	71-5-87%	6-1-66%	71-4-81%	DNP	65-3-87%	6-0-83%	DNP	DNP
Missouri	92-5-89%	92-5-83%	92-3-88%	4-0-100%	85-1-85%	DNP	92-8-81%	7-2-85%	DNP	DNP
Temple	65-7-84%	85-3-89%	86-13-90%	27-3-92%	25-2-80%	0-0-0	78-5-91%	78-8-89%	DNP	DNP
New Mex. St.	51-3-76%	31-1-74%	50-2-76%	22-3-90%	DNP	DNP	51-5-62%	51-5-78%	DNP	DNP
Idaho	84-2-82%	84-9-86%	15-2-86%	69-7-82%	84-4-75%	0-0-0	15-5-73%	84-6-75%	DNP	DNP
North Texas	82-4-81%	5-0-80%	81-12-77%	78-6-80%	82-2-70%	DNP	5-0-20%	82-5-70%	DNP	DNP
Utah State	78-9-84%	7-0-71%	79-6-79%	57-7-85%	77-0-83%	19-1-89%	3-0-66%	61-1-88%	2-0-100%	15-2-86%
Troy State	67-3-88%	67-5-89%	67-5-85%	67-7-86%	32-2-75%	0-0-0	3-0-66%	DNP	DNP	35-1-80%
UL-Lafayette										
Arkansas State										
Tot. (P-K-Grade Avg.)	**708-44-84%**	**578-40-83%**	**683-54-83%**	**472-43-85%**	**597-22-80%**	**19-1-89%**	**317-26-75%**	**338-28-82%**	**2-0-100%**	**50-3-83%**

Keys:

1st number: Plays
2nd number: Knockdowns
3rd number: Grade
NG: No Grade

Most Physical: FAU (Willoughby); UGA (Westbrook); CU (Brasch); MU (Parker); TU (Westbrook); NMSU (Hall); UI (Hall); NT (Westbrook); USU (Julius Gant); TSU (Willoughby)
Best Finisher: FAU (Franklin); UGA (Brasch); CU (Brasch); MU (Parker); TU (Willie Hall); NMSU (Gant); UI (Brasch); NT (Willoughby): USU (Josh Willoughby); TSU (Brasch)

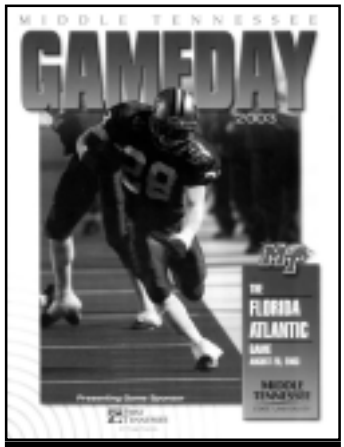
THE LAST TIME ...

Middle Tennessee

SHUT OUT AN OPPONENT: October 14, 2000, vs Louisiana-Monroe. Score: 28-0
RUSHED FOR MORE THAN 300 YARDS: November 30, 2002, vs Utah State (316 yards)
RUSHED FOR MORE THAN 400 YARDS: November 7, 1998, vs Tennessee-Martin (469 yards)
PASSED FOR MORE THAN 300 YARDS: October 27, 2001, vs New Mexico State (383 yards)
HAD MORE THAN 500 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE: October 18, 2003, vs Idaho (520 yards)
HAD MORE THAN 600 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE: October 6, 2001, vs Idaho (685 yards)
SCORED MORE THAN 50 POINTS: November 3, 2001, vs Arkansas State (54 points)
FAILED TO RUSH FOR MORE THAN 100 YARDS: November 1, 2003 vs Utah State (29 carries, 93 yards)
FAILED TO PASS FOR MORE THAN 100 YARDS: Nov. 23, 2002, vs North Texas (84 yards)
HELD AN OPPONENT TO LESS THAN 100 YARDS RUSHING: October 18, 2003, vs Idaho (95 yards)
HELD AN OPPONENT TO LESS THAN 100 YARDS PASSING: November 3, 2001, vs Arkansas State (72 yards)
HELD AN OPPONENT TO LESS THAN 200 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE: November 3, 2001, vs Arkansas State (174 yards)
HELD AN OPPONENT TO LESS THAN 300 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE: August 28, 2003 vs Florida Atlantic (257 yards)
RETURNED A KICKOFF FOR A TOUCHDOWN: November 17, 2001, vs Connecticut (Kerry Wright - 86 yards)
RETURNED OPENING KICKOFF FOR A TOUCHDOWN: September 7, 1985, vs Lenori-Ryne (Robert Alford)
RETURNED A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN: November 13, 1997, vs Chattanooga (Sulecio Sanford - 85 yards)
RETURNED A BLOCKED PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN: Nov. 16, 2002, vs UL-Monroe (Chris Henry - 5 yards)
BLOCKED AN OPPONENT PUNT: November 23, 2002, vs North Texas (Thomas Johnson)
BLOCKED A FIELD GOAL: September 7, 2002, vs Tennessee (Kareem Bland)
RETURNED A PASS INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN: October 11, 2003 vs New Mexico State (Michael Woods - 89 yards)
RETURNED A FUMBLE FOR A TOUCHDOWN: November 30, 2002, vs Utah State (Dennis Burke - 61 yards)
SCORED A SAFETY: October 24, 1998, vs Eastern Illinois
PLAYER RUSHED FOR MORE THAN 100 YARDS: October 18, 2003, vs Idaho (Eugene Gross - 141 yards)
TWO PLAYERS RUSHED FOR MORE THAN 100 YARDS: Nov. 2, 2002, vs New Mexico St. (Dwone Hicks 120 yds & ReShard Lee 116 yds)
PLAYER RUSHED FOR MORE THAN 200 YARDS: October 26, 2002, vs Idaho (Dwone Hicks (25 carries - 202 yards)
PLAYER HAD 100 OR MORE YARDS RECEIVING: October 11, 2003 vs New Mexico State (Kerry Wright - 5-187)
TWO PLAYERS HAD 100 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS: October 27, 2001, vs New Mexico St. (Kendall Newson (181) & David Youell (104))
PLAYED AN OVERTIME GAME: October 18, 2003, vs Idaho (MT 28, Idaho 21)
DID NOT COMMIT A TURNOVER: October 11, 2003 vs New Mexico State

Opponent

MIDDLE TENNESSEE WAS SHUT OUT: September 9, 2000, by Florida. Score: 55-0
RUSHED FOR MORE THAN 250 YARDS: October 11, 2003, by New Mexico State (318 yards)
RUSHED FOR MORE THAN 400 YARDS: September 12, 1992, by Nebraska (490 yards)
PASSED FOR MORE THAN 300 YARDS: November 1, 2003, by Utah State (301 yards)
PASSED FOR MORE THAN 400 YARDS: November 30, 2002, by Utah State (426 yards)
HAD MORE THAN 500 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE: September 21, 2002, by Kentucky (510 yards)
HAD MORE THAN 600 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE: October 6, 2001, by Idaho (760 yards)
SCORED 50 POINTS: October 6, 2001, by Idaho (760 yards)
RETURNED A KICKOFF FOR A TOUCHDOWN: October 9, 1999, by Arkansas (Cedric Cobbs - 95 yards)
RETURNED A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN: September 11, 1999, by Arizona (Dennis Northcutt - 80 yards)
RETURNED A BLOCKED PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN: August 28, 2003 vs Florida Atlantic (S. Earls)
BLOCKED A PUNT: August 28, 2003 vs Florida Atlantic (S. Earls)
BLOCKED A FIELD GOAL: November 17, 2001, by Connecticut (Justin Perkins)
RETURNED A PASS INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN: October 5, 2002, vs Arkansas State (Jonathan Burke)
SCORED A SAFETY: October 19, 2002, by ULL
PLAYER RUSHED FOR 100 YARDS: November 8, 2003, by Troy State (Betterson - 177 yards)
PLAYER HAD 100 OR MORE YARDS RECEIVING: October 18, 2003, vs Idaho (O. Winston - 144 yards)
HAD A 100-YARD RUSHER AND RECEIVER: October 18, 2003, vs Idaho (Zach Gerstner - 114 yards rushing; O. Winston -144 yards rec.)
PLAYER RUSHED FOR 200 YARDS: October 26, 2002, by Idaho (Blair Lewis - 221 yards)



ATTENDANCE: 23,261

SCORING SUMMARY

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
Florida Atlantic	0	7	0	13	20
Middle Tennessee	0	9	0	10	19

2ND QUARTER

10:46 MT McAfee, Nick 10 yd pass from Hines, Andrico (Kelly, Brian kick failed)
02:29 FAU OSBORNE, T 0 yd blocked punt return (MYERS, M kick)
00:09 MT Kelly, Brian 37 yd field goal

4TH QUARTER

11:20 MT Kelly, Brian 25 yd field goal
06:11 MT Gross, Eugene 11 yd run (Kelly, Brian kick)
02:53 FAU BYNES, R 7 yd pass from ALLEN, J (MYERS, M kick)
00:00 FAU BYNES, R 62 yd pass from ALLEN, J

GAME NOTES

- Brandon Lynch was voted by the media as the Alexander Automotive Family Player of the Game after collecting nine tackles, an interception and a fumble recovery.
- WR Kerry Wright hauled in a career-high eight receptions.
- In his first-ever game as a Blue Raider, running back Eugene Gross led the team with 86 yards rushing and a touchdown.
- DE Jonathan Callahan made his first collegiate start as did running back Don Calloway.
- FB Nick McAfee's second career reception in the second quarter resulted in his first collegiate touchdown. Andrico Hines hit McAfee for a 10-yard score.
- The Blue Raiders collected four sacks against FAU, which ranked as the fourth most in school history.
- True freshman tight end Clinton Corder made his first collegiate start against FAU.
- Andrico Hines, who completed 19 passes, hit eight different receivers.

FL ATLANTIC 20, MIDDLE TENNESSEE 19

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by Tony Stinnett, Daily News Journal

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - And you thought the Southeast Missouri setback in the 2002 home opener was demoralizing.

Shock, disbelief and dismay were apparent in the MTSU locker room -and throughout Floyd Stadium - after Florida Atlantic receiver Roosevelt Bynes went 62 yards for the game-winning touchdown with no time remaining to send the Blue Raiders to a stunning 20-19 setback in front of 23,261.

In the Florida Atlantic locker room, legendary coach Howard Schnellenberger was praising his upstart program's comeback win. The third-year Division I-AA opponent had gone on the road and came from behind to deal the Blue Raiders their most crushing setback since the program upgraded to Division I-A in 1999.

At the same time, the Owls recorded their first win against a I-A opponent in four tries over the past three-plus seasons.

"This was one of the most courageous wins I have ever been connected with," Schnellenberger said. "If we can play at this level or above it for the rest of the season, this game will go down in the annals of history for this team."

It may go down in the annals of history for the Blue Raiders, because for the second time in as many years MTSU suffered a setback in front of a record crowd - and against a Division I-AA team, at that.

More than 50,000 fans have attended the team's previous two season openers - both against I-AA foes - and each time the team has sent its fans away shaking their collective hands in disbelief.

"This will definitely break your spirit. It hurt, and rightfully so," MTSU football coach Andy McCollum said. "I still don't know what happened. That's the worst I've ever hurt, the worst I've ever hurt on a football field. But it shouldn't have come down to that last play."

That last play proved to be the biggest of the game.

On a night where the Blue Raiders killed themselves offensively and were shoddy on special teams, they still appeared to be in position to secure the victory when what had been a stellar defense stepped on the field to stop the Owls' final drive.

FAU, trailing 19-14, started at its 2 with only 1:42 and no timeouts remaining.

Eight plays later the Owls faced a fourth-and-9 with less than seven seconds remaining and the clock running.

Victory seemed within grasp, particularly after the manner in which MTSU's defense had dominated the game from start to finish.

That's when MTSU's opening night fell apart.

FAU quarterback Jared Allen dropped back and was under heavy duress from Devarick Scandrett and Bobby Payne, who batted the ball, but Allen was able to maintain the pigskin and threw a wobbly pass downfield.

As Bynes had to come back to make the play, corner Muhammad Rashada went for the interception, missed the tackle and Bynes was off to the races, sending the Owls to an improbable win and the Blue Raiders to a loss which was hard to absorb.

"We are just in shock right now," MTSU linebacker Alvin Fite said. "FAU made more plays then we did, and they played their butts off.

"On the last play, (Allen) broke containment and the receiver got open. The rest is history."

Despite being flagged for 120 yards in penalties, including seven holding calls, and having several breakdowns on special teams, MTSU still should have won the game, and it seemed the Blue Raiders had it in hand after going up 19-7 on Eugene Gross' first career touchdown with 6:11 remaining.

Had MTSU's offense taken care of business in the "blue zone" the game would have never come down to the final play.

The Blue Raiders had a first down at the FAU 11 in the third quarter and didn't score when quarterback Andrico Hines was stopped at the 2 on a fourth-and-1 play, and the offense later had to settle for a 25-yard Brian Kelly field goal after having first-and-goal at the 2 midway through the fourth quarter. Gross actually scored on the drive, but the score was called back when the Blue Raiders were called for holding.

"We just killed ourselves," Hines said. "We have to execute offensively and cut down on penalties because this game should have never come down to the last play. Our defense played too well for that to happen. You can't blame the defense for this one."

MTSU held FAU to 11 first downs and 257 yards total offense, much of which came on the Owls' final two drives - both resulting in touchdowns.

The defense, which was led by nine tackles each from Brandon Lynch and Fite, recorded six sacks and hauled in two interceptions.

MTSU, which was led by Gross' 86 yards rushing and 84 more from Don Calloway, scored first when Nick McAfee hauled in a 10-yard pass from Hines with 10:46 remaining in the first half, but Kelly's extra point was off the mark following a bad snap.

The Owls got on the board when Thomas Osborne blocked a MTSU punt in the end zone, but Kelly's 37-yard field goal with nine seconds remaining in the half sent the Blue Raiders into the break with a 9-7 lead.

GAME STATISTICS

	MT	FAU
FIRST DOWNS	11	18
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	32-42	44-183
PASSING YDS (NET)	215	160
Passes Att-Comp-Int	29-18-2	35-19-0
TOT. OFF. PLAYS-YDS	61-257	79-343
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	5-44	5-5
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-55	0-0
Int. Returns-Yards	0-0	2-20
Punts (Number-Avg)	8-46.9	10-34.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	5-0
Penalties-Yards	10-81	11-120
Possession Time	27:16	32:44
3rd-Down Conv.	4 of 14	4 of 18
Fourth-Down Conv.	1 of 2	0 of 2
Red-Zone	1-1	4-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-4	5-30

RUSHING: Florida Atlantic-BARRON, D 8-22; PARKER, D 11-22; ALLEN, J 10-5; HARPER, E 1-1; TEAM 1-minus 1; EMBICK, D 1-minus 7. Middle Tennessee-Gross,Eugene 19-86; Calloway, Don 14-84; Hines, Andrico 9-16; Alsup, Wardell 1-3; Davis, Kevin 1-minus 6.

PASSING: Florida Atlantic-ALLEN, J 17-28-2-208; EMBICK, D 1-1-0-7. Middle Tennessee-Hines, Andrico 19-34-0-160; Smith, Colby 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING: Florida Atlantic-BYNES, R 6-126; PARKER, D 4-19; CRISSINGER-HILL 3-33; TAYLOR, L 2-13; PRUDENTI, M 1-15; HARPER, E 1-8; BARRON, D 1-1. Middle Tennessee-Wright, Kerry 8-85; Alsup, Wardell 2-19; Calloway, Don 2-17; Gross, Eugene 2-17; Williams, Sam 2-9; McAfee, Nick 1-10; Holt, Jerrin 1-5; Joyner, Hashem 1-minus 2.

INTERCEPTIONS: Florida Atlantic-None. Middle Tennessee-Lynch, Brandon 1-18; Woods, Michael 1-2.

FUMBLES: Florida Atlantic-TELLIS, B 2-2. Middle Tennessee-Hines, Andrico 2-0; Williams, Sam 1-0; Henry, Chris 1-0; Davis, Kevin 1-0.

Total elapsed time: 3:08
Temperature: 86 Wind: Calm
Weather: Clear

#8 GEORGIA 29, MIDDLE TENNESSEE 10

Sept. 6, 2003 • Sanford Stadium • Athens, GA

by Tony Stinnett, Daily News Journal

ATHENS, Ga. - More than 92,000 fans - the vast majority clad in red and black - packed Sanford Stadium as No. 8 Georgia played its home opener as defending SEC champions for the first time since 1983.

The Bulldog faithful were frenzied as the SEC championship banner was lifted prior to kickoff, but the crowd noise steadily dropped to lower decibels throughout the first half as MTSU put up a strong fight and went into the locker room trailing 10-3 at intermission.

Georgia (2-0) flexed its muscle and slowly pulled away in the second half on the way to a 29-10 triumph in front of 92,058 - the largest crowd in school and state history - to win its seventh straight home opener.

"No one is more disappointed than our players with this loss," MTSU coach Andy McCollum said. "We know we have a good team - even though we are 0-2. We didn't come here to play close. We came here to win the football game, but there were positives, and we can build on those."

One such positive was an impressive 17-play, 64-yard drive on MTSU's second offensive series, capped by Brian Kelly's 41-yard field goal, which enabled the Blue Raiders to even the score at 3 with 10:30 remaining in the second quarter. The points were the first allowed by the Bulldogs in 2003 after blanking Clemson 30-0 a week earlier.

It proved to be the only points, however, until quarterback Andrico Hines connected with receiver Kerry Wright for a 71-yard scoring strike with 2:09 remaining, and Kelly added the point after to get the Blue Raiders within 29-10. The long bomb also resulted in the first touchdown allowed by the Georgia defense in two games.

"Our game plan was to take what the Georgia defense was giving us, and we were able to move the ball, especially in the first half," said Wright, who led MTSU with five receptions for a career-high 103 yards. "The touchdown was just a simple post route, and luckily I was able to run past the (defensive back) and make the catch."

The Blue Raiders (0-2) kept themselves in the game with an efficient offense, formidable defense and solid execution in the first half, as they won time of possession, moved the ball with consistency, demonstrated balance and converted four-of-six third downs.

"Middle Tennessee had some great athletes, and they executed well," Georgia coach Mark Richt said. "They really came to play and gave us all we wanted. I take my hat off to Andy and his football team. They were ready."

For all MTSU did to keep itself in the game in the first half, an inability to do much offensively in the third quarter weighed heavily in the Bulldogs seizing control and slowly pulling away.

The Blue Raiders, who got the ball to start the second half, managed just 16 yards (27 passing and minus 11 rushing) in the decisive third quarter as the Bulldogs increased their edge to 20-10.

"We came in here, played hard and gave ourselves a chance against one of the best teams in the country," Hines said. "We were able to move the ball, make some things happen and take their crowd out of the game (in the first half), but we still hurt ourselves too much at times, and we are not good enough to have setbacks, especially against a team as talented as Georgia."

Georgia was led by quarterback David Greene, who completed 21-of-28 passes for 267 yards, and tailback Michael Cooper, who rushed for 90 yards and two touchdowns on just 12 carries. The Bulldogs' offense piled up 467 yards total offense but killed itself by committing a school-record 18 penalties for 129 yards.

MTSU was led by Hines offensively.

The senior quarterback was responsible for 212 of the team's 240 yards total offense. Hines was 18-of-29 passing for 173 yards and led the Blue Raiders with 39 yards rushing.

"I feel like I missed a couple of reads that hurt us, but I thought we put forth a great effort on both sides of the ball," Hines said. "A loss is a loss, but we didn't play as bad as we did (in a 20-19 loss to Florida Atlantic in MTSU's season opener). It was really more a matter of us hurting ourselves with mistakes when we had breakdowns."

Georgia went on top 3-0 when Billy Bennett connected for a 35-yard field goal on the Bulldogs' opening drive, but those proved to be the only points in a fast-paced first quarter.

After Kelly's 41-yard kick evened the score at 3 in the second quarter, Georgia went back ahead 10-3 when Cooper scored on an 8-yard run, and Bennett added the point after. MTSU was trying to answer and had marched to the Bulldogs' 20, but tailback Don Calloway fumbled after catching a pass out of the backfield, and Georgia's Kedric Golston pounced on the pigskin to deny the Blue Raiders' scoring bid. It was their first turnover of the year.

MTSU's defense, led by Brandon Lynch's 11 tackles, rose to the occasion following the miscue and forced a 45-yard field-goal try, which Bennett missed.

"Defensively, we played pretty well (Saturday)," McCollum said. "Our defense has got to get better even though we did well (Saturday) holding Georgia to no big plays. One of our goals was not to allow Georgia a big play because they thrive on that."

GAME STATISTICS

	MT	UGA
FIRST DOWNS	13	25
RUSHES-YDS (NET)	27-67	36-150
PASSING YDS (NET)	173	317
Passes Att-Comp-Int	25-18-0	35-25-0
TOT. OFF. PLYS-YDS	52-240	71-467
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	3-45
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-89	2-10
Interception Returns-Yds	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-36.4	2-45.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-0
Penalties-Yards	9-88	18-129
Possession Time	27:39	32:21
3rd Down Conv.	5 of 11	5 of 12
4th Down Conv.	0 of 0	1 of 1
Red-Zone Chances	1-2	5-5
Sacks By: No.-Yards	2-14	2-19

RUSHING: Middle Tennessee-Hines, Andrico 14-39; Calloway, Don 6-35; Gross, Eugene 5-9; TEAM 2-minus 16. Georgia Bulldogs-Michael Cooper 12-90; Ronnie Powell 7-31; Tony Milton 7-24; David Greene 6-6; Jamario Smith 1-4; Joe Tereshinski 1-minus 2; D.J. Shockley 2-minus 3.

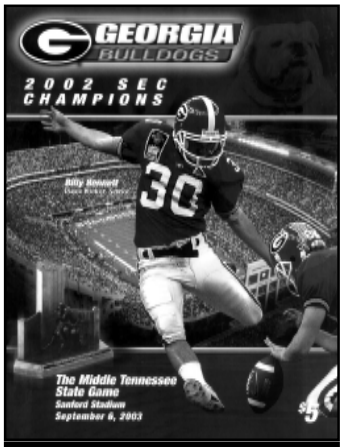
PASSING: Middle Tennessee-Hines, Andrico 18-25-0-173; TEAM 0-0-0-0. Georgia Bulldogs-David Greene 21-28-0-267; D.J. Shockley 4-7-0-50.

RECEIVING: Middle Tennessee-Wright, Kerry 5-103; Holt, Jerrin 4-25; Alsup, Wardell 3-34; Calloway, Don 2-minus 9; Holiday, Pedro 1-7; Williams, Sam 1-5; Joyner, Hashem 1-5; Gross, Eugene 1-3. Georgia Bulldogs-Reggie Brown 7-88; Fred Gibson 5-81; Damien Gary 5-61; Sean Bailey 2-26; Tony Milton 2-24; Leonard Pope 1-21; Michael Johnson 1-13; Michael Cooper 1-2; D.J. Shockley 1-1.

INTERCEPTIONS: Middle Tennessee-None. Georgia Bulldogs-None.

FUMBLES: Middle Tennessee-Calloway, Don 1-1; TEAM 1-0. Georgia Bulldogs-Jeff Lyons 1-0; David Greene 1-0; Joe Tereshinski 1-0.

Total elapsed time: 2:50
Temperature: 73
Weather: Clear



ATTENDANCE: 92,058

SCORING SUMMARY

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
MT	0	3	0	7	10
Georgia	3	7	10	9	29

1ST QUARTER

10:44 UGA Billy Bennett 35 yd field goal

2ND QUARTER

10:30 MT Kelly, Brian 41 yd field goal
07:48 UGA Michael Cooper 8 yd run (Billy Bennett kick)

3RD QUARTER

09:43 UGA Billy Bennett 20 yd field goal
04:21 UGA Michael Cooper 3 yd run (Billy Bennett kick)

4TH QUARTER

11:58 UGA Billy Bennett 24 yd field goal
02:32 UGA Ronnie Powell 1 yd run (Billy Bennett pass failed)
02:09 MT Wright, Kerry 71 yd pass from Hines, Andrico (Kelly, Brian kick)

GAME NOTES

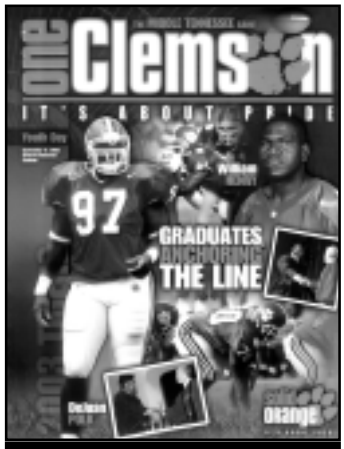
- QB Andrico Hines and WR Kerry Wright hooked up on the longest career play for both players on a 71-yard TD strike in the fourth quarter. For Hines, it bested his career long of 69 yards, turned in last year against Utah State. The play also established a new career-high TD pass, topping a 63-yard TD pass in the USU game. On Wright's end, the play out-did his personal best catch of 58 yards registered against Idaho in 2001.

- The crowd of 92,058 was the second largest the Blue Raiders have ever played in front of, and it was the largest to ever see a game in the state of Georgia.

- DB Danny Tolbert and WR Jerrin Holt both made their first career starts against the Bulldogs.

- Middle Tennessee's 10 points against UGA marked the first points the Bulldogs had given up all season.

- Middle Tennessee's second quarter fumble was its first turnover of the season and kept the Blue Raiders out of what was looking like a scoring opportunity.



ATTENDANCE: 71,000

SCORING SUMMARY

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
Middle Tennessee	0	7	0	7	14
Clemson	6	21	7	3	37

1ST QUARTER

11:37 CU Hamilton, D 29 yd pass from Whitehurst, C (Hunt, A kick blockd)

2ND QUARTER

13:57 CU Coleman, D 34 yd pass from Whitehurst, C (Hunt, A kick)
09:30 MT Gross, Eugene 4 yd run (Kelly kick)
05:29 CU Jasmin, C 3 yd run (Hunt, A kick)
00:46 CU Hamilton, D 19 yd pass from Whitehurst, C (Hunt, A kick)

3RD QUARTER

01:26 CU Currie, A 4 yd pass from Whitehurst

4TH QUARTER

14:03 MT Davis, Kevin 1 yd run (Kelly kick)
09:34 CU Hunt, A 42 yd field goal

GAME NOTES

- WR Pierre Ingram came up with his first career blocked kick when he rejected Clemson's extra point following their first quarter touchdown to start the game. Under McCollum, the Blue Raiders have now blocked 10 kicks with four being punts, four extra points and two field goals.

- Redshirt freshman Kevin Davis was given his opportunity today and he seized the moment. The Pine Mountain, Ga., native rushed for 61 yards on six carries and added his first career touchdown when he scored on a one-yard run.

- Sophomore Josh Harris, a native of Union, SC, entered the game in the third quarter and promptly drove the Blue Raiders 78 yards in 10 plays for a touchdown. It was Harris' first collegiate touchdown drive at the helm of the offense. Harris finished the day 2-for-7 passing for 31 yards.

- Eugene Gross had 122 yards on kickoff returns today, which was good enough to place seventh on the all-time single-game list. Gross had a total of six returns, which tied for the sixth most in school history. Gross entered the day with just five returns for 89 yards on the season.

- Ryan Edmiston recorded his first career reception today when he hauled one in for 10 yards in the third quarter. Edmiston finished with two catches.

CLEMSON 37, MIDDLE TENNESSEE 14

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by Tony Stinnett, Daily News Journal

CLEMSON, S.C. - MTSU players believed they had a legitimate shot to pull off a major upset against Clemson.

Instead, the Blue Raiders were administered an old-fashioned whipping in a 37-14 loss in front of 71,000 at Memorial Stadium.

"They just whipped us up front," MTSU football coach Andy McCollum said. "They outcoached us and outplayed us. We felt like our strength would be an ability to do some things up front, but their offensive line just whipped us. I thought it was the difference in the game. Charlie Whitehurst is a great quarterback and we gave him too much time."

Clemson rode the strong arm of Whitehurst and a dominant offensive front to punish the Blue Raiders who, despite dropping as many as five into coverage at times, couldn't find an answer for the sophomore passer.

Whitehurst riddled the MTSU defense by completing 23-of-28 passes for 298 yards and four touchdowns as Clemson voided the Blue Raiders' upset hopes by storming out to a 27-7 halftime lead and never looked back.

A defensive front which had been MTSU's strength in the first two games was unable to get consistent pressure and found its way to Whitehurst just once when Michael Woods finally took the sophomore quarterback down in the backfield in the third quarter.

Whitehurst took full advantage.

And while Clemson (2-1) played pitch and catch against a hapless MTSU defense, the Blue Raiders were called for two critical penalties that halted drives after they had driven deep into Tiger territory and the outcome still in doubt.

Those infractions not only killed momentum, but curtailed scoring situations and left the Blue Raiders in what proved to be an insurmountable hole.

"We have to eliminate the penalties and stop killing ourselves," said MTSU senior tailback Don Calloway, who was the game's leading rusher with 62 yards on 13 carries. "Offensively, we have to find ways to put points on the board and then there are times when we are driving to do that and then just kill ourselves. It's very frustrating."

The Tigers demonstrated balance on their way to piling up a season-high 481 yards total offense, getting 298 through the air and a season-high 183 on the ground. Receiver Airese Currie hauled in 12 catches, a Clemson single-game record, for 133 yards and a touchdown, to key the Tigers' aerial attack.

"To this point, we have played well defensively and (Saturday) we didn't," McCollum said. "We have to make sure we have the right people on the field. I think that their offensive line played better than we thought going into the game and, to me, that was the difference."

The Blue Raiders (0-3) managed 194 yards rushing and 364 yards total offense - both season highs - but they were only able to score two touchdowns. Aside from Calloway's game-high 62 yards rushing, Kevin Davis picked up 61 yards on just six carries and a touchdown, while Eugene Gross finished with 37 yards on eight carries, including a touchdown.

Quarterback Andrico Hines was 10-of-15 for 103 yards and was sacked twice.

"It's not like we are not getting the job done, but we make mistakes that just kill us at the wrong time," Hines said. "I just think we got beat by a better team when you get right down to it."

Clemson scored first when Derrick Hamilton hauled in the first of four Whitehurst scoring strikes, a 29-yarder with less than four minutes elapsed, but MTSU's Pierre Ingram blocked the extra point and the Tigers led 6-0.

After both teams went three-and-out, MTSU was driving for a potential go-ahead score and had the ball at the 14-yard-line following a Gross 14-yard-run, but the Blue Raiders were called for a holding penalty and were backed up to the 36. Three plays later they were facing fourth-and-23 and punting from the Clemson 42.

Clemson extended the lead to 13-0 when Duane Coleman caught a pass out of the backfield and went 34 yards after Woods missed a tackle along the sideline with 13:57 remaining in the half.

"They pretty much did whatever they wanted when they wanted," said MTSU sophomore linebacker Alvin Fite, who tied Jonathan Bonner for the team high in tackles with nine, including two for loss. "When they needed a big play, they got it and we were not able to get pressure on (Whitehurst). We couldn't get off the field and we didn't do our jobs. This one hurts."

Whitehurst completed 16-of-18 passes for 210 yards in the decisive first half.

MTSU showed signs of life by coming back and cutting into the score when Gross capped an impressive 10-play, 81-yard drive with his 4-yard burst through the middle of the line, but Clemson scored two touchdowns to close out the half and had the only score of the third quarter to pull away.

The Blue Raiders limited Clemson to the one touchdown and a 42-yard Aaron Hunt field goal in the second half, but MTSU's offense could muster just one score when Kevin Davis collected his first college touchdown - a 1-yard run with 14:03 remaining to cut the deficit to 34-14.

GAME STATISTICS

	MT	CU
FIRST DOWNS	21	31
RUSHES-YDS (NET)	38-194	44-183
PASSING YDS (NET)	170	298
Passes Att-Comp-Int	26-15-1	28-23-0
TOT. OFF. PLYS-YDS	64-364	72-481
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-4	1-13
Kickoff Returns-Yards	7-138	2-45
Int. Returns-Yards	0-0	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-39.8	3-35.7
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	8-75	4-20
Possession Time	26:30	33:30
3rd-Down Conv.	6 of 12	6 of 10
4th-Down Conv.	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Chances	2-2	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-9	2-13

RUSHING: Middle Tennessee-Calloway, Don 13-62; Davis, Kevin 6-61; Gross, Eugene 8-37; German, Kelvin 5-29; Harris, Josh 1-4; Hines, Andrico 5-1. Clemson Tigers-Browning, K 11-53; Whitehurst, C 9-41; Coleman, D 9-38; Merriweather, R 8-27; Jasmin, C 3-10; Elliott, T 1-10; Harrell, C 2-4; Stuckey, C 1-0.

PASSING: Middle Tennessee-Hines, Andrico 10-15-0-103; Harris, Josh 2-7-1-31; Marks, Clint 3-4-0-36. Clemson Tigers-Whitehurst, C 23-28-0-298.

RECEIVING: Middle Tennessee-Wright, Kerry 4-36; Holt, Jerrin 3-42; Holiday, Pedro 2-28; Edmiston, Ryan 2-20; Williams, Sam 2-19; Calloway, Don 1-14; Alsup, Wardell 1-11. Clemson Tigers-Currie, A 12-133; Youngblood, K 5-49; Hamilton, D 4-78; Coleman, D 1-34; Williamson, B 1-4.

INTERCEPTIONS: Middle Tennessee-None. Clemson Tigers-Pugh, T 1-0.

FUMBLES: Middle Tennessee-None. Clemson Tigers-Whitehurst, C 1-0.

Total elapsed time: 2:52
Temperature: 84 Wind: NW 6 MPH
Weather: Clear and Sunny

MISSOURI 41, MIDDLE TENNESSEE 40 OT

Sept. 20, 2003 • Memorial Stadium • Columbia, MO

by Tony Stinnett, Daily News Journal

COLUMBIA, MO - Within a matter of minutes, MTSU went from being on the brink of securing a win of historical perspective to being dealt a dose of misery against No. 23-ranked Missouri at Memorial Stadium.

Missouri place-kicker Michael Matheny's extra point was the decisive blow as the Tigers narrowly escaped MTSU's upset bid with a 41-40 overtime win in front of 55,075 at Faurot Field and prevented the Blue Raiders from notching their first win against a nationally ranked opponent - in seven tries - since becoming a Division I-A member in 1999.

"Close just doesn't get it done," MTSU senior defensive lineman Demetrios Walker said. "A lot of people doubted us, but nobody had doubts on our sideline. We knew we could do this, and we almost did, but almost isn't good enough. We are not trying to play these teams close. We are trying to win football games."

The Blue Raiders were on the threshold of history - leading 34-26 - when Missouri took over on its 27 with five minutes remaining, but the Tigers put the game in the hands of Brad Smith, their Heisman Trophy candidate, and the sophomore delivered.

Smith capped an 11-play, 73-yard drive when he connected with receiver Darius Outlaw on a flag pass for a 12-yard score to get the Tigers within 34-32 with 1:17 remaining.

The Tigers (4-0) still had to convert a two-point conversion to even the score, and there was little doubt who they would turn to with the game on the line.

"We knew Brad Smith was going to keep the ball in his hands with the game on the line because of the caliber athlete he is," MTSU senior safety Brandon Lynch said. "He's a difference maker, and he came through."

Smith ran in from 3 to even the slate at 34 with 1:17 remaining, and MTSU ran two plays before deciding to take its chances in overtime.

"If we are able to crack the first run and get some yards or get the kickoff return out in good field position, then we were going to try to get downfield, but with the ball at the 22 and just one timeout, we decided to play for overtime after we got just five yards on the first carry," MTSU head football coach Andy McCollum said. "Missouri executed, made plays and did what it had to do to find a way to win. When you are on the road against the Big 12 in a packed house and you've got your team a chance to win the game, it's all you can ask for."

The Blue Raiders, who fell to 0-4 with the gut-wrenching defeat, went on offense first in overtime and scored on their fourth play when quarterback Andrico Hines ran in from the 4 to put MTSU on top 40-34, but place-kicker Brian Kelly's extra-point attempt went off the left upright.

"Kelly missing the extra point had nothing to do with the loss because we still had a chance to go out there on defense and make (a) play, stop them or block their kick," McCollum said.

MTSU, however, was unable to stop the Tigers from getting into the end zone, and Missouri tied the game at 40 when Smith scored from the 3, setting up Matheny's decisive extra point.

The Tigers were penalized 15 yards for unsportsmanlike conduct following their score, forcing Matheny, who already had one extra point blocked by MTSU's Pierre Ingram, to kick from 36 yards away. He split the uprights to send the Tigers to their best start since 1981 and keep MTSU winless in 2003.

"It's a real disappointing loss because everybody knows we could have walked out of here with the win," Hines said. "We didn't lose because we missed an extra point. We lost because we had a couple of drives stall inside the 5 when we had to settle for field goals instead of touchdowns."

The loss overshadowed MTSU's best offensive game of the season as the Blue Raiders piled up 483 yards of total offense with a steady balance of run and pass plays that Missouri defenders could not seem to stop with any consistency.

MTSU, led by 77 yards from Eugene Gross and 71 more from Don Calloway, ran for 197 yards and three rushing touchdowns - one each from Gross, Davis and Hines.

MTSU also enjoyed success through the air as Hines completed 19-of-31 passes for 248 yards and a pair of scores - a 4-yard strike to Wardell Alsup to start the scoring in the first quarter, and he connected with Kerry Wright on a 21-yard post to pull the Blue Raiders within two at 23-21 at the half.

Wright had another sensational afternoon against a ranked team with seven catches for 144 yards, including the touchdown.

"We thought that if we could pick up the blitz and control the blitz, we could control the game," Hines said. "We watched some film that showed they like to blitz, so we figured if we picked up the blitz we could pretty much do what we wanted to do."

And the Blue Raiders did, particularly in the second half when they marched the ball downfield with consistency and scored on four of their five possessions.

MTSU's defense, meanwhile, held the Tigers to just a field goal on their first three second-half possessions before Smith took over on their final drive of regulation and again in overtime.

MTSU took a 24-23 lead when Kelly capped an impressive 13-play, 74-yard drive with his 19-yard field goal on MTSU's first possession of the second half, and Kevin Davis stretched the advantage to 31-23 when he scored from the 6 on the team's next possession.

After Matheny nailed a 25-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter, Kelly answered with a 21-yarder to keep the spread at eight points with 5:16 remaining.

GAME STATISTICS

	MT	MU
FIRST DOWNS	27	26
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	56-197	43-296
PASSING YDS (NET)	286	192
Passes Att-Comp-Int	32-20-0	32-22-0
TOT. OFF. PLYS-YDS	88-483	75-488
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-2	2-39
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-48	6-125
Int. Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-46.0	4-32.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-43	5-55
Possession Time	32:38	27:22
Third-Down Conv.	8 of 15	8 of 15
Fourth-Down Conv.	1 of 1	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores	7-7	7-7
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	2-13

RUSHING: Middle Tennessee-Gross, Eugene 14-77; Calloway, Don 18-71; Davis,Kevin 14-28; Hines, Andrico 10-21. Missouri Tigers-Abron, Zack 18-138; Smith, Brad 15-136; Nash, Damien 9-24; James, Marcus 1-minus 2.

PASSING: Middle Tennessee-Hines, Andrico 19-31-0-248; Gross, Eugene 1-1-0-38. Missouri Tigers-Smith, Brad 22-32-0-192.

RECEIVING: Middle Tennessee-Wright, Kerry 7-144; Williams, Sam 5-26; Alsup, Wardell 4-43; Holt, Jerrin 2-53; Calloway, Don 1-16; Davis, Kevin 1-4. Missouri Tigers-Outlaw, Darius 6-39; Omboga, Thomson 5-56; Coffey, Sean 3-34; Mccoy, J. D. 2-21; Nash, Damien 2-13; James, Marcus 2-10; Sesay, Victor 1-18; Abron, Zack 1-1.

INTERCEPTIONS: Middle Tennessee-None. Missouri Tigers-None.

FUMBLES: Middle Tennessee-None. Missouri Tigers-Mitchell, Shird 1-0.

Total elapsed time: 3:20
Temperature: 64 Wind: 6 MPH
Weather: Clear and Sunny

ATTENDANCE: 55,075

SCORING SUMMARY

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	OT	F
Middle Tennessee	7	14	10	3	6	40
Missouri	7	16	0	11	7	41

1ST QUARTER

06:10 MT Alsup, Wardell 4 yd pass from Hines, Andrico (Kelly, Brian kick)
01:22 MU Mccoy, J. D. 17 yd pass from Smith, Brad (Matheny,Michael kick)

2ND QUARTER

13:40 MU Outlaw, Darius 5 yd pass from Smith, Brad (Matheny,Michael kick blockd)
08:40 MU Matheny,Michael 21 yd field goal
07:08 MT Gross, Eugene 1 yd run (Kelly kick)
04:28 MU Abron, Zack 8 yd run (Matheny,Michael kick)
00:07 MT Wright, Kerry 21 yd pass from Hines, Andrico (Kelly kick)

3RD QUARTER

10:29 MT Kelly, Brian 19 yd field goal
07:26 MT Davis, Kevin 6 yd run (Kelly kick)

4TH QUARTER

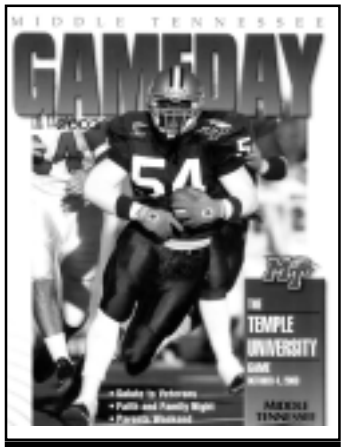
10:53 MU Matheny,Michael 25 yd field goal
05:16 MT Kelly, Brian 21 yd field goal
01:17 MU Outlaw, Darius 12 yd pass from Smith, Brad (Smith, Brad rush)

OT

15:00 MT Hines, Andrico 4 yd run (Kelly kick failed)
15:00 MU Smith, Brad 3 yd run (Matheny,Michael kick)

GAME NOTES

- WR Kerry Wright had seven receptions for a career-high 144 yards and one touchdown.
- The 40 points scored today by the Blue Raiders is the most ever scored against a ranked team in the history of the school
- WR Sam Williams had a personal-best five receptions.
- The Blue Raiders rushed for a season-high 197 yards, while passing for a season-best 286 yards.
- RB Eugene Gross led MT with 77 yards on the ground and also completed his first collegiate pass for 38 yards to Kerry Wright.



ATTENDANCE: 13,829

SCORING SUMMARY

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
Temple	0	24	17	3	44
Middle Tennessee	7	7	0	22	36

1ST QUARTER

01:43 MT Wright, Kerry 71 yd pass from Marks, Clint (Kelly, Brian kick)

2ND QUARTER

14:52 MT Gross, Eugene 24 yd run (Kelly, Brian kick), 5-30 1:38
09:28Temple MCGANN, Mike 1 yd run (PRICE, Roger kick)
06:35Temple DAVIS, Jared 35 yd FG
03:54Temple FERGUSON, Umar 2 yd run (DAVIS, Jared kick)
00:04Temple MCGANN, Mike 13 yd run (DAVIS, Jared kick)

3RD QUARTER

09:34TEMPLEGOODMAN, Phil 2 yd pass from MCGANN, Mike (DAVIS, Jared kick)
05:40TEMPLEDAVIS, Jared 27 yd field goal
01:31TEMPLEFERGUSON, Umar 2 yd run (DAVIS, Jared kick)

4TH QUARTER

10:12 MT Gross, Eugene 4 yd run (Kelly, Brian kick)
07:36 MT Holt, Jerrin 36 yd pass from Marks, Clint (Kelly, Brian kick)
06:05TEMPLEDAVIS, Jared 42 yd field goal
04:21 MT Marks, Clint 1 yd run (Wright, Kerry pass)

GAME NOTES

- RB Kevin Davis rushed for a career-high 91 yards on 16 carries.
- Backup quarterback Clint Marks enjoyed a career night by completing 10 of 14 passes for 150 yards and two touchdowns. One scoring strike was a 71-yard pass to Kerry Wright.
- Jerrin Holt equaled his personal-best with four catches for 59 yards and a touchdown. The score was the first of Holt's career.
- Andrico Hines threw his first interception in 126 passing attempts when he got picked off in the second half against Temple.
- After committing just two turnovers in the first four games, MT gave it away four times vs the Owls.

TEMPLE 44, MIDDLE TENNESSEE 36

Oct. 4, 2003 • Floyd Stadium • Murfreesboro, TN

by Tony Stinnett, Daily News Journal

MURFREESBORO, TN - MTSU squandered an early 14-0 lead in the second quarter by giving up 41 unanswered points before coming off the deck and staging what would have been an improbable comeback against Temple.

In the end, however, it was too little, too late as the Blue Raiders suffered a 44-36 loss in front of 13,829 at Floyd Stadium to start the season 0-5 for the second straight year.

Temple, the first team from a BCS eligible conference (Big East) to play at Floyd Stadium, earned its first win in five games by turning back the Blue Raiders on four consecutive plays after they faced first-and-goal from the Owls' 8 with less than two minutes remaining, and MTSU needing a touchdown and two-point conversion to force overtime.

"It was just too little, too late," MTSU guard Julius Gant. "We fought back and had a chance, but we couldn't execute there at the end. We just didn't do enough earlier in the game when it would have made a difference."

Redshirt freshman quarterback Clint Marks, subbing for Andrico Hines, who suffered a back injury on the team's second possession, almost led a comeback for the ages, throwing for a pair of touchdowns and running for another in his most extensive action as a Blue Raider - and his first under center with the game on the line.

"To be honest, it really sucks," said Marks, who was 10-of-14 for 150 yards and one interception. "It doesn't matter that we got close. We play to win, and that's all that matters. We didn't win the game, so it's very disappointing."

After appearing to be blown out and trailing 41-14 with 11 minutes remaining, it was remarkable MTSU even had a chance, but when kickoff specialist Paul Wheeler's onside kick attempt went off a Temple player and was recovered by Wheeler, you got the feeling the Blue Raiders were onto something special with 4:21 remaining.

Marks calmly led the Blue Raiders downfield and had them at the 8 after a clutch 7-yard completion to Jerrin Holt on a third-and-6 play.

Kevin Davis, who rushed for a game-high 91 yards, picked up two yards to the 6 on first down, but he was dropped for an 8-yard loss on a shovel pass, and the Blue Raiders had two chances from the 14.

Marks' third-down pass - intended for Wardell Alsup at the 2 - was incomplete, and his final attempt in the direction of Kerry Wright in the end zone also was off the mark.

"Both of those passes were my fault," Marks said. "We had it, and I just threw the passes at their feet. I thought we had a good shot, and we got to a point there where we really believed we were going to do it."

The Blue Raiders piled up 432 yards total offense - including a season-high 227 on the ground - but they erupted for 225 of those yards in the fourth quarter after managing a meager eight yards and no first downs during the pivotal third quarter when Temple stretched its lead from 24-14 at the half to 41-14 entering the final frame.

In addition to Davis' big night on the ground, Eugene Gross ran for 80 yards and a pair of scores. Hines was 4-of-10 for 23 yards and his first interception of the season before leaving for good with the back injury.

Two quarters of dismal football spelled doom for MTSU in its pursuit of the first win.

After committing just two turnovers in the previous four games combined, MTSU was guilty of four against Temple - two interceptions and two fumbles - and those miscues not only afforded the Owls a short field, but the opposition converted the opportunities into 13 points.

"We really hurt ourselves with the turnovers, the interception(s)," MTSU football head coach Andy McCollum said. "The turnovers, that's the one thing we haven't done this year. We gave up some big plays, and they were on the short field a long time. We really put our defense in a bad situation."

The field position weighed in Temple's favor as the Owls had to go just 37, 24, 18 and 13 yards, respectively, to score on four straight third-quarter possessions and take a 24-14 lead into the half.

MTSU got on the board first when Marks connected with Wright on a screen pass, and Wright turned on the burners to go 71 yards for the score.

Gross, operating at quarterback and out of the shotgun, gave MTSU a 14-0 lead with his 24-yard run with 14:52 remaining in the first half, but MTSU surrendered 41 unanswered points before getting back into a groove.

Redshirt freshman quarterback Josh Harris led a fourth-quarter scoring drive that culminated with Gross' 4-yard run. Brian Kelly's point after cut the deficit to 41-21 with 10:12 remaining.

After MTSU's defense held Temple to three-and-out, Marks connected with Holt for a 36-yard scoring strike down the middle of the field to get MTSU within 41-28.

After recovering the Blue Raiders' onside kick, Temple went down and connected for a 42-yard field goal to stretch the lead to 44-28, but MTSU wasn't finished.

Marks capped a 65-yard drive with a 1-yard run and then connected with Wright for the two-point conversion to close the gap to 44-36 with 4:21 remaining, but the Blue Raiders still needed an onside kick, score and two-point conversion.

They got the first part when Wheeler recovered his own kick, but the stirring comeback bid ended 14 yards shy.

GAME STATISTICS

	Temple	MT
FIRST DOWNS	24	24
RUSHES-YDS (NET)	40-170	55-227
PASSING YDS (NET)	197	205
Passes Att-Comp-Int	38-18-0	29-18-2
TOT. OFF. PLYS-YDS	78-367	84-432
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	3-96	2-11
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-73	8-98
Interception Returns-Yds	2-33	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-38.6	6-45.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-2
Penalties-Yards	5-44	10-81
Possession Time	29:32	30:28
Third-Down Conv.	3 of 13	8 of 17
Fourth-Down Conv.	1 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone Chances	7-7	3-4
Sacks By: Number-Yds	5-29	1-7

RUSHING: Temple-Fenton, Makonne 12-77; McGann, Mike 7-45; Ferguson, Umar 12-36; Washington, Wal 7-14; Team 2-minus 2. Middle Tennessee-Davis, Kevin16-91; Gross, Eugene 14-80; Henry, Chris 1-18; Calloway, Don 3-16; Joyner, Hashem 1-11; Harris, Josh 3-10; German, Kelvin 1-9; Hines, Andrico 7-6; Team 1-minus 1; Marks, Clint 8-minus 13.

PASSING: Temple-McGann16-34-0-186; Washington 2-4-0-11. Middle Tennessee-Marks 10-14-1-150; Hines, Andrico 4-10-1-23; Harris, Josh 4-5-0-32.

RECEIVING: Temple-Cobb 9-99; Ferguson, Umar 2-22; Goodman 2-17; Harris 1-19; Stubbs 1-13; Hannigan, Colli 1-12; Chuku1-9; Fenton 1-6. Middle Tennessee-Wright 5-94; Holt 4-59; Gross, Eugene 3-18; Alsup, Wardell 2-9; German, Kelvin 1-17; Henry, Chris 1-9; Edmiston, Ryan 1-7; Davis, Kevin 1-minus 8.

INTERCEPTIONS: Temple-Coleman, Donnie 1-12; Holley, Mike 1-21. Middle Tennessee-None.

FUMBLES: Temple-Fenton, Makonne 1-1; Ferguson, Umar 1-0. MT-Hines, Andrico 2-1; Calloway, Don 1-1.

Total elapsed time: 2:52
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Weather: Mostly Sunny, Windy

MIDDLE TENNESSEE 35, NEW MEX. ST. 18

Oct. 11, 2003 • Floyd Stadium • Murfreesboro, TN

by Tony Stinnett, Daily News Journal

MURFREESBORO, TN - If indeed MTSU's football season started with the conference opener, as players would lead you to believe, then the Blue Raiders secured their first win of the year in the game that mattered most to date.

Five weeks of frustration and ridicule were put to rest as MTSU used a patchwork offense and opportunistic defense to start the Sun Belt Conference portion of its schedule with a rousing 35-18 win against New Mexico State in front of 9,114 on homecoming at Floyd Stadium.

"Coming off 0-5, we never gave up and came in like a 5-0 team," MTSU sophomore linebacker Dennis Burke said. "We never got down and knew we needed a win, because our season started (Saturday)."

Redshirt freshman quarterback Clint Marks, making his first career start in place of injured starter Andrico Hines, completed 9-of-12 passes for 208 yards and three touchdowns, while dynamic receiver Kerry Wright continued to riddle opposing defenses with another monster game.

The Blue Raiders not only were without Hines, but starting tailback Don Calloway (broken bone in the right foot) also was out, and the backfield became even more thin when Kevin Davis, who suffered what was believed to be a broken femur, was injured midway through the first half and didn't return.

Wright made sure it didn't matter as he hauled five catches for 187 yards - third most in a single-game - and tied a single-game mark with three touchdown receptions as the Blue Raiders (1-5, 1-0 Sun Belt) jumped out to an early 7-0 lead on the game's first possession and never trailed.

A conservative offensive approach was more than enough because of a playmaking defense that gave up some yards but came away with four turnovers - three interceptions and a fumble - to keep the Aggies at bay.

Leading 21-10 at halftime, MTSU kept the Aggies (1-5, 0-2) out of the end zone in the third quarter and allowed just one second-half score to lead the victory.

"I was very proud of the defensive effort," MTSU football coach Andy McCollum said. "We gave up some yards, especially in the first half, but the defense came back and played very well in the second half. That was a big difference in the game, particularly against what can be an explosive offensive football team."

Michael Woods sealed the win with his 89-yard interception return for a touchdown with 4:34 remaining and the Aggies, trailing 28-18, driving for a potential score.

Woods' pick and return capped the scoring, and Randy Arnold put the finishing touches on the triumph with his first interception of the season a possession later.

"I was feeling I had to make a big play because a couple plays before I had messed up and missed a tackle so coach was on me," Woods said. "New Mexico State tried to run that same play on me in the first half and the receiver dropped the ball. I knew they were going to try and throw the out route so as soon as (Paul Dombrowski) threw the ball, I just broke on it and took it to the house."

New Mexico State dominated the statistical battle, racking up 525 yards total offense to MTSU's 293, but the Aggies scored on just three of six red-zone opportunities.

It went MTSU's way from the beginning when Shawn Allen took the opening kickoff - a sky kick - and returned it 35 yards to the Aggies' 32.

On the first play from scrimmage, Marks dropped back and connected with a wide open Wright in the end zone to stake the Blue Raiders to a 7-0 lead they wouldn't relinquish. It was one of three MTSU offensive touchdowns that covered 30 yards or more and Wright was on the receiving end of each one.

The Aggies trimmed the deficit to 7-3 on Dario Aguiniga's 27-yard field goal with 10:15 remaining in the first quarter and held MTSU to three-and-out and were driving again when Burke leveled Dombrowski, forcing an errant pass.

Danny Tolbert made the pick and MTSU converted it into a touchdown when Eugene Gross, who led the ground attack with 102 yards, scored from the 2 to giveMTSU a 14-3 lead, following Brian Kelly's point after.

The Aggies made it 14-10 when Dombrowski scored from the 1 on a quarterback keeper late in the first half and were driving for the go-ahead score when receiver Chris Lumpkin hauled in a pass at the 1, but was hit by Tolbert and fumbled the ball out of the end zone for a touchback.

MTSU again converted the turnover into points when Marks connected with Wright for a 39-yard score to put the Blue Raiders on top 21-10, which was the halftime score.

"The biggest play was the touchback when we were on the verge of scoring," Samuel said. "(MTSU) then took the ball downfield and scored, but I was still feeling pretty good going into the third quarter."

So was the MTSU defense.

The Blue Raiders defense set the tone at the outset of the third quarter by holding the Aggies to three-and-out three straight possessions, but MTSU's offense was unable to pull away.

Buck Pierce's 1-yard scoring run cut the deficit to 21-18 with 13:33 remaining and the third straight nail-biter between the two teams in as many years appeared to be on the horizon.

That's when MTSU's defense clamped down even more and Wright provided breathing room when he took a slant from Marks and turned it into a 61-yard scoring reception to stake the Blue Raiders to a 28-18 lead with 12:33 remaining.

The defense kept NMSU out of the end zone the remainder of the game and sealed it with opportunistic plays in the waning minutes to put the Blue Raiders in the win column when it mattered most.

GAME STATISTICS

	NMSU	MT
FIRST DOWNS	28	9
RUSHES-YDS (NET)	54-318	37-85
PASSING YDS (NET)	207	208
Passes Att-Comp-Int	32-18-3	12-9-0
TOT. OFF. PLYS-YDS	86-525	49-293
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-27	1-4
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-69	2-48
Int. Returns-Yards	0-0	3-115
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-42.0	7-44.3
Fumbles-Lost	4-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	8-76	6-60
Possession Time	35:11	24:49
Third-Down Conv.	7 of 15	3 of 13
Fourth-Down Conv.	0 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone Chances	3-6	1-1
Sacks By: No.-Yards	4-22	2-2

RUSHING: NMSU-Tony Joseph 19-115; Buck Pierce 12-72; Paul Dombrowski 14-71;Tony Bostic 7-26; Chris Duncan 1-17; Marcus Dixon 1-2; Nick Cole 0-15. Middle Tennessee-Gross, Eugene 25-102; Davis, Kevin 2-19; German, Kelvin 2-0; Alsup, Wardell 1-minus 5; Marks, Clint 7-minus 31.

PASSING: NMSU-Paul Dombrowski 6-19-3-84; Buck Pierce 12-13-0-123. Middle Tennessee-Marks, Clint 9-12-0-208.

RECEIVING: NMSU-Ronshay Jenkins 8-103; Chris Lumpkin 4-40; Chris Duncan 2-29; Tony Bostic 2-15; Tony Joseph 1-11; Alex Davis 1-9. Middle Tennessee-Wright, Kerry 5-187; Joyner, Hashem 1-9; Holiday, Pedro 1-7; Davis, Kevin 1-3; Gross, Eugene 1-2.

INTERCEPTIONS: NMSU-None. Middle Tennessee-Tolbert, Danny 1-12; Arnold, Randy 1-14; Woods, Michael 1-89.

FUMBLES: NMSU-Ronshay Jenkins 1-0; Buck Pierce 1-0; Tony Joseph 1-0; Chris Lumpkin 1-1. Middle Tennessee-Gross, Eugene 1-0; Marks, Clint 1-0.

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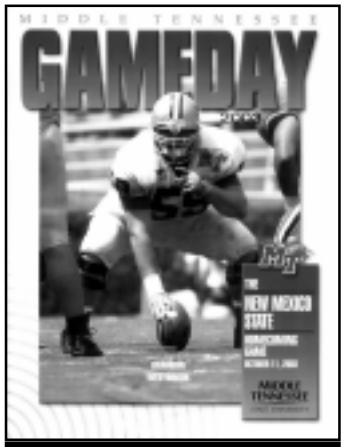

ATTENDANCE: 9,114

SCORING SUMMARY

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
New Mexico State	10	0	0	8	18
Middle Tennessee	14	7	0	14	35

1ST QUARTER

14:43 MT Wright, Kerry 32 yd pass from Marks, Clint (Kelly, Brian kick)
10:15NMSU Dario Aguiniga 27 yd field goal
05:35 MT Gross, Eugene 2 yd run (Kelly, Brian kick)
01:50NMSU Paul Dombrowski 1 yd run (Dario Aguiniga kick)

2ND QUARTER

08:16 MT Wright, Kerry 39 yd pass from Marks, Clint (Kelly, Brian kick)

4TH QUARTER

13:33NMSU Buck Pierce 1 yd run (Buck Pierce rush)
12:33 MT Wright, Kerry 61 yd pass from Marks, Clint (Kelly, Brian kick)
04:34 MT Woods, Michael 89 yd interception return (Kelly, Brian kick)

GAME NOTES

- QB Clint Marks made his first collegiate start today and responded by throwing for a career-best 208 yards and three touchdowns.
- WR Kerry Wright hauled in five passes for a career-high 187 yards and three touchdowns. His yardage ranked as the third most in school history, while his three TD grabs equalled the school record.
- Eugene Gross recorded his first collegiate 100-yard rushing game when he tallied 102 yards on 25 carries against the Aggies. It was also the first 100-yard rushing game of the year for MT.
- The game deciding play came with less than five minutes to play when Michael Woods stepped in front of a Paul Dombroski pass and returned it 89 yards for a touchdown. The return ranked as the third longest in school history and the longest in the three years of the Sun Belt Conference.
- The Blue Raiders forced four turnovers against the Aggies and three were interceptions. It was the most pickoffs in a game since the Blue Raiders had four against Connecticut in 2000.
- Dennis Burke made his first start of the year and had a season-high eight tackles.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE 28, IDAHO 21 OT

Oct. 18, 2003 • Kibbie Dome • Moscow, ID

by Tony Stinnett, Daily News Journal

MOSCOW, ID - So this is what it feels like to win a Sun Belt Conference football game away from home?

MTSU football players had almost forgotten what it felt like to celebrate following conference road games, but they ended two seasons of frustration by securing a 28-21 overtime win against Idaho when redshirt freshman Kevin Copeland came up with his first career interception at the goal line on Idaho's first overtime possession.

The Blue Raiders, who had lost four previous conference road games by a combined 15 points dating back to the 2001 season, mobbed Copeland near midfield after he collected his first career interception to secure the victory in front of 9,752 at the Kibbie Dome.

"I'm very proud of my football team," MTSU football coach Andy McCollum said. "To come on the road in a tough place like this is to play and overcome some things to get a win, it just shows the character of these guys, and that was a big play (Copeland) made."

As a result, MTSU improved to 2-5 overall but, more importantly, 2-0 in the Sun Belt heading into a home game against two-time defending champion North Texas, while sending Idaho (1-7, 1-2) to another excruciating setback that all but eliminated it from title contention.

"In order to be champions you have to win big games on the road, and we did that today," said MTSU sophomore linebacker Dennis Burke, who finished with nine tackles. "We had opportunities, and we made the most of them. There is no quit in this team. We just kept fighting and found a way to win."

MTSU took its only lead of the game in overtime when Hines, who didn't start but came on to replace Clint Marks in the second quarter, scored on a quarterback keeper. The touchdown run - Hines' second of the game - followed a 25-yard completion to Chris Henry, and place-kicker Brian Kelly nailed the extra point to put the Blue Raiders in front 28-21, but Idaho still had a possession coming.

"I really don't think there was ever a doubt we were going to win this football game," said Hines, who threw for 227 yards and rushed for another 62. "We had some things go against us, but we kept fighting. It was a hard-fought game and one we knew we had to win."

The Vandals had just picked up a first down to the 14 on their overtime possession when they tried to fool MTSU with the halfback pass.

Idaho tailback Zach Gerstner took the handoff from quarterback Brian Lindgren, went to his right and threw back to the left.

Gerstner's pass was slightly underthrown and Lindgren, who was covered tight by Copeland, had to reach back for the ball.

Both Copeland and Lindgren actually had the ball in their grasp at one point, but Copeland wrestled the ball away and sent the Blue Raiders into a celebration.

"We were both battling for it," Copeland said.

"It was really a good call by. He made the call, and I just stayed at home."

Idaho coach Tom Cable said he believed the play was a safe call under the circumstances.

"We just got a first down, so it's a safe call," Cable said. "Either you're going to get it, or it's going to be incomplete. Unfortunately, two guys went up and got it, and they took it away from Brian. Brian had it, but (Copeland) took it away from him."

MTSU piled up 520 yards total offense - 298 passing and 222 on the ground - but it was fortunate to reach overtime because of three turnovers and an inability to score inside the 6-yard line.

The Blue Raiders had the ball inside the 6 three times and failed to score. They fumbled two balls out of the end zone at the 2 - returning possession to Idaho on touchbacks - and also failed to score when they had the ball first-and-goal at the 2, and they couldn't get in the end zone and then Kelly had his 18-yard field goal blocked.

"I've never seen anything like it," said MTSU tailback Eugene Gross, who rushed for a career-high 141 yards, including a 51-yard touchdown. "We just kept hurting ourselves, but we didn't let it keep us down."

Especially for a MTSU defense that put forth a stellar performance against a dangerous Idaho offense. Lindgren, who had thrown for more than 400 yards the previous two weeks, was held to 296 through the air, and the Blue Raiders allowed just 95 yards on the ground.

One of the three Idaho touchdowns occurred after the Vandals intercepted a Clint Marks pass and returned it to the 3.

"We put the defense in some bad situations, but they continued to rise to the occasion and make plays," MTSU receiver Kerry Wright said. "I have never seen that many things go wrong, but the defense just kept making plays. They never gave in."

After falling behind 14-0 in the first quarter, MTSU got on the board when Kelly boomed a 41-yard field goal with 14:48 remaining in the second quarter, and then Gross ripped off a 51-yard run with 5:16 to play before the half to narrow the deficit to 14-10.

Idaho increased its margin to 21-10 with 9:41 remaining in the third quarter, but Kelly answered with a 35-yard field goal to keep MTSU within eight.

With time starting to become a factor, MTSU put together its most important drive of the game and scored when Hines ran in from the 7 with 4:42 remaining in regulation, but the Blue Raiders still needed the two-point conversion.

That was accomplished when Hines hit Wright to tie the game at 21.

MTSU dodged two potential game-winning field goal attempts by Brian Pope in the final 2:36 of regulation to set up the overtime.

GAME STATISTICS

	MT	ID
FIRST DOWNS	21	19
RUSHES-YDS (NET)	51-222	38-95
PASSING YDS (NET)	298	296
Passes Att-Comp-Int	29-18-1	33-22-1
TOT. OFF. PLYS-YDS	80-520	71-391
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-44	1-2
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	2-40
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	1-31
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-42.0	7-45.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-38	6-47
Possession Time	32:37	27:23
Third-Down Conv.	9 of 18	9 of 16
Fourth-Down Conv.	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Chances	2-4	3-3
Sacks By: No.-Yards	3-23	1-4

RUSHING: Middle Tennessee-Gross, Eugene 26-141; Hines, Andrico 14-61; Calloway, Don 4-12; German, Kelvin 2-9; Joyner, Hashem 1-6; TEAM 1-minus 2; Marks, Clint 3-minus 5. University of Idaho-Gerstner, Zach 33-110; Lindgren, Brian 5-minus 15.

PASSING: Middle Tennessee-Hines, Andrico 11-19-0-227; Marks, Clint 7-10-1-71. University of Idaho-Lindgren, Brian 22-32-0-296; Gerstner, Zach 0-1-1-0.

RECEIVING: Middle Tennessee-Henry, Chris 5-76; Holt, Jerrin 4-45; Alsup, Wardell 3-32; Wright, Kerry 2-86; Gross, Eugene 2-32; Calloway, Don 1-16; Holiday, Pedro 1-11. University of Idaho-Winston, O 10-144; Labita, Jimmy 5-60; Gerstner, Zach 3-27; McCoy, Mike 2-49; Stowe, Jeff 1-12; Octave, Wendell 1-4.

INTERCEPTIONS: Middle Tennessee-Copeland, Kevin 1-0. University of Idaho-Anderson, Mike 1-31.

FUMBLES: Middle Tennessee-Joyner, Hashem 1-1; Henry, Chris 1-1; Marks, Clint 1-0. University of Idaho-Gerstner, Zach 1-1.

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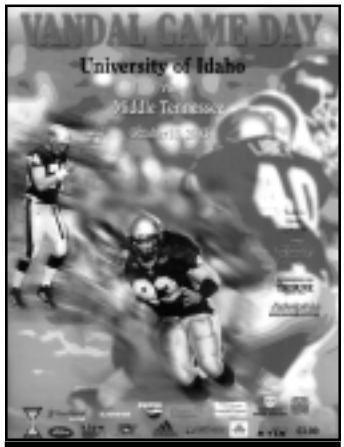

ATTENDANCE: 9,752

SCORING SUMMARY

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	OT	F
Middle Tennessee	0	10	3	8	7	28
Idaho	14	0	7	0	0	21

1ST QUARTER

06:49 UI Winston, O 31 yd pass from Lindgren, Brian (Pope, Brian kick)
04:14 UI Gerstner, Zach 1 yd run (Pope, Brian kick)

2ND QUARTER

14:48 MT Kelly, Brian 41 yd field goal
05:16 MT Gross, Eugene 51 yd run (Kelly, Brian kick),

3RD QUARTER

09:41 UI Stowe, Jeff 12 yd pass from Lindgren, Brian (Pope, Brian kick)
03:06 MT Kelly, Brian 35 yd field goal

4TH QUARTER

04:42 MT Hines, Andrico 7 yd run (Wright, Kerry pass)

OT

00:00 MT Hines, Andrico 1 yd run (Kelly, Brian kick)

GAME NOTES

- The win over Idaho was the Blue Raiders' first road league victory since downing ULL on Sept. 29, 2001.
- The Blue Raider offense registered a season-high 520 total yards, which is their most in a game since gaining 520 yards against ULL in 2002.
- Freshman running back Eugene Gross rushed for a career-high 141 yards and a touchdown. Gross also had a personal long run of 51 yards.
- WR Chris Henry hauled in a personal-best five catches for 76 yards. Henry, who entered the game with only one reception on the year, had a crucial 25-yard grab in overtime to setup the game-winning TD.
- LB Jonathan Bonner recorded a personal-high 14 tackles to go along with a forced fumble.
- LB Dennis Burke had a career-best three tackles for loss.

NORTH TEXAS 33, MIDDLE TENNESSEE 28

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by Tony Stinnett, Daily News Journal

MURFREESBORO, TN - It appears there will be no shift in power in the Sun Belt Conference for at least another season.

North Texas, the two-time defending Sun Belt Conference champs, moved one step closer to a three-peat by dealing MTSU a 33-28 loss in a showdown of the league's only remaining unbeaten teams in front of 9,049 at Floyd Stadium.

The Mean Green (5-3, 4-0 Sun Belt) jumped out to a 17-0 lead after the first 20 minutes and held off the Blue Raiders' second-half charge to win their 15th consecutive conference game, dating to the 2001 season.

"We are a hurting ball club," MTSU football coach Andy McCollum said. "This was a tough loss for us because I think the team was ready. We have to stay together because the kids really played hard. We just have to continue to try and get better and finish up strong."

MTSU (2-6, 2-1) pulled to within six on two occasions in the second half but each time the Blue Raiders got to within striking distance, North Texas quarterback Scott Hall had an answer. The junior signal-caller hit the Blue Raiders for a pair of long touchdown passes - a 63-yarder and a 46-yarder - both to Joel Nwigwe, to curtail MTSU's upset bid. Hall was an extremely efficient 10-of-13 for 230 yards.

"I am very proud of our players," North Texas coach Darrell Dickey said. "Middle Tennessee is a very good team. It was an excellent football game. We just made a couple more plays than they did. To their credit, Middle Tennessee never gave up and just kept fighting. Fortunately, we escaped here with a win because this is a tough place to play."

The final nail appeared to be hammered into MTSU's coffin when Nwigwe beat Muhammad Rashada for a 46-yard touchdown to give the Mean Green a 33-21 cushion with 8:16 remaining.

The long touchdown pass came one possession and four plays after corner Tony Sutton was beat for a 63-yard bomb on the final play of the third quarter.

"The secondary takes full blame for this one," said MTSU free safety Will Martin, who had a game-high 13 tackles, including 10 solo. "The (long) touchdown passes they got, 14 points is too much in the secondary, way too much. The coaches put us in position to make plays and we didn't. That's really all they can do, is put us in position, then it's on us to make the plays. I didn't think the deep ball would get us, but it did."

MTSU's comeback hopes appeared to take a hit when quarterback Andrico Hines was intercepted late in the fourth quarter, his second interception in 163 attempts this season, but the Blue Raiders got the ball back when Bobby Payne hit Patrick Cobbs and forced a fumble, which was recovered by Justin Rainey at the MTSU 18.

Nine plays later, Hines scored on a keeper and Brian Kelly added the point after to cut the margin to 33-28 with 1:31 remaining, but the Blue Raiders, who had just one timeout left, didn't get the onside kick and the Mean Green was able to run out the clock.

"You can't hurt yourself against a defense like North Texas has, and we did," said Hines, who completed 23-of-33 passes for 252 yards and a touchdown. He also ran for a pair of scored. The attempts and completions were career highs for the senior quarterback.

"Words can't describe how I feel right now," Hines continued. "I'm down on myself."

The Blue Raiders managed 327 yards total offense, but most all of the damage was down through the air as they were never able to establish a ground attack against the nation's No. 32-ranked run defense. Kerry Wright led the air attack with a career-high 10 receptions for 144 yards.

Eugene Gross was held to 50 yards on 14 carries as the Blue Raiders managed just 75 yards on the ground. Only Georgia had limited MTSU to fewer, holding them to 67 yards in the second game of the season.

"We came into the game wanting to throw the ball deep, stretch the field and loosen (North Texas) up so we could run the ball," Hines said. "That was the plan going in, but we had a hard time getting the (ground) game going."

North Texas, which managed 368 yards total offense, started the scoring when Cobbs capped an 80-yard drive with his 3-yard plunge. The bruising back finished with 133 yards on 32 carries.

The biggest blow of the first half occurred at the end of the first quarter when long snapper John Crawford's snap sailed over punter Robert Billings' head and was recovered in the end zone by James Mitchell to put the Mean Green on top 14-0. It was the first errant snap of Crawford's two-year career.

"We have to understand we can't give up the big play," McCollum said. "Two critical errors on special teams cost us 10 points. You just can't do that with a good football team like North Texas."

North Texas stretched its lead to 17-0 before the Blue Raiders got on the board when Hines connected with Jerrin Holt for a 9-yard scoring strike with 4:36 remaining before halftime, but Mean Green kicker Nick Bazaldua connected for a 25-yard field goal just before the half to stake his team to a 17-7 halftime advantage.

Hines capped a 12-play, 78-yard drive at the start of the third quarter to get MTSU within 20-14 but each time the team got within a touchdown, North Texas came up with a big play of its own.

After Nwigwe's 63-yard score stretched the lead to 26-14, sophomore tailback Kelvin German capped a 10-play drive with a 1-yard run, the first of his MTSU career.

GAME STATISTICS

	NT	MT
FIRST DOWNS	16	21
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	40-138	37-75
PASSING YDS (NET)	230	252
Passes Att-Comp-Int	13-10-0	33-23-1
TOT. OFF. PLYS-YDS	53-368	70-327
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1–2
Punt Returns-Yards	1-7	1-1
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-66	5-48
INT Returns-Yards	1-1	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-38.0	4-42.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	4-1
Penalties-Yards	14-121	9-61
Possession Time	29:26.	30:34
Third-Down Conv	2 of 10	7 of 14
Fourth-Down Conv.	1 of 2	1 of 1
Red-Zone Chances	2-3	4-4
Sacks By: No.-Yards	3-12	0-0

RUSHING: NT-Cobbs,Patrick 32-133; Hall,Scott 2-10; Branch,Ja'Mel 2-4; Team 4-minus 9. Middle Tennessee-Gross, Eugene 14-50; Hines, Andrico 18-29; German, Kelvin 2-19; TEAM 3-minus 23.

PASSING: NT-Hall,Scott 10-13-0-230. Middle Tennessee-Hines, Andrico 23-33-1-252.

RECEIVING: NT-Nwigwe,Joel 3-158; Quinn,Johnny 2-40; Branch,Ja'Mel 2-18; Blount,Andy 2-16; Culberson,T.J. 1-minus 2. Middle Tennessee-Wright, Kerry 10-144; Henry, Chris 4-33; Holt, Jerrin 4-26; Gross, Eugene 3-35; Alsup, Wardell 1-9; German, Kelvin 1-5.

INTERCEPTIONS: NT-Knowlton,M 1-1. Middle Tennessee-None.

FUMBLES: NT-Cobbs,Patrick 1-1. Middle Tennessee-TEAM 2-0; Gross, Eugene 1-0.

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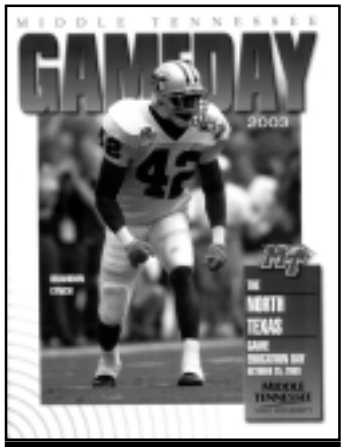
Temperature: 70 Wind: S14 MPH
Weather: Cloudy



ATTENDANCE: 9,049

SCORING SUMMARY

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
North Texas	14	6	6	7	33
Middle Tennessee	0	7	7	14	28

1ST QUARTER

01:52 NT Cobbs,Patrick 3 yd run (Bazaldua,Nick kick)
00:03 NT Mitchell,James 0 yd fumble recovery (Bazaldua,Nick kick)

2ND QUARTER

10:08 NT Bazaldua,Nick 49 yd field goal
04:36 MT Holt, Jerrin 9 yd pass from Hines, Andrico (Kelly, Brian kick)
00:41 NT Bazaldua,Nick 25 yd field goal

3RD QUARTER

09:21 MT Hines, Andrico 1 yd run (Kelly, Brian kick)
00:00 NT Nwigwe,Joel 63 yd pass from Hall,Scott (Cobbs,Patrick rush failed)

4TH QUARTER

10:32 MT German, Kelvin 1 yd run (Kelly, Brian kick)
08:16 NT Nwigwe,Joel 46 yd pass from Hall,Scott (Bazaldua,Nick kick)
01:31 MT Hines, Andrico 1 yd run (Kelly, Brian kick)

GAME NOTES

- WR Kerry Wright hauled in a career-high 10 receptions for 144 yards. It marked Wright's fourth 100-yard game of the season.
- FS Will Martin collected a season and game-high 13 tackles.
- Eugene Gross equaled his career-high with three catches.
- Andrico Hines accounted for 281 yards and three touchdowns. He tallied 252 yards through the air and 29 on the ground. Hines finished 23-for-33 through the air with both totals being career highs.
- Kerry Wright had 144 yards in receptions and 53 of those yards were after the grab.
- RB Kelvin German registered his first career touchdown in the loss to the Mean Green.

UTAH STATE 41, MIDDLE TENNESSEE 20

Nov. 1, 2003 • Romney Stadium • Logan, UT

by Tony Stinnett, Daily News Journal

LOGAN, UT - Temperature at kickoff between MTSU and Utah State was a frosty 30 degrees and never got warmer.

The Blue Raiders also started cold and never heated up until it was much too late as they suffered a 41-20 setback in front of 6,988 at Romney Stadium — a loss that doomed MTSU (2-7, 2-2 Sun Belt Conference) to its second straight losing season with three games remaining.

"Starting with me, I didn't have them prepared well enough, the staff and everything else," said MTSU football coach Andy McCollum, obviously dejected following the team's most lopsided Sun Belt loss in three years. "I'm very disappointed because I thought we would play better. We just got whipped, and we didn't do anything well.

"I wish I could make (the weather) an excuse, but I can't. We just got beat by a team that outplayed us today."

Utah State outplayed the Blue Raiders in every facet, as a matter of fact.

More than 8 inches of snow had fallen in Logan Thursday and created sloppy field conditions, but Utah State (3-6, 3-1) had no problems executing its offense against a hapless Blue Raider defense, while the Aggies defense dominated MTSU's offense.

The Blue Raiders were held to 289 yards of total offense — the second-lowest total of the season. They couldn't run the football and never got into a rhythm passing until redshirt freshman quarterback Clint Marks engineered three fourth-quarter touchdowns after Utah State had employed several of its reserves.

"We were not able to run, and the passing game was not clicking," said MTSU junior receiver Kerry Wright, who had 89 yards on nine receptions to supplant former wideout Kendall Newson as the all-time, single-season leader in receiving yards with 968.

"We count on having balance, and we didn't have that. We came out flat and didn't get going until it was too late."

Led by senior Don Calloway's 50 yards on eight carries, MTSU was held to a meager 93 yards rushing and had just one first down in the first half. The offense was held to three-and-out on its four of its first five possessions and fumbled on the second play of the other possession. The Blue Raiders crossed midfield just once in the opening half.

"Middle Tennessee is a very talented team. They are as talented as any team in our league," Utah State coach Mick Dennehy said. "I really think our guys came out focused, and it seemed like they were almost a step ahead for three and a half quarters."

Utah State had its way against MTSU's defense after a sluggish start. The Aggies piled up 498 yards total offense and had two scoring plays of 59 yards or more.

"We just got our butts whipped," MTSU linebacker Jonathan Bonner said. "We didn't play well, and the weather really didn't have anything to do with it. (Utah State) had to play in the same conditions."

Utah State broke a scoreless deadlock in the first quarter without its offense on the field when MTSU quarterback Andrico Hines fumbled a snap at the 15-yard line. Hines tried to fall on the ball, but he couldn't get a grasp on the pigskin, and Michael Gates scooped it up at the 4 and ran it in for the touchdown.

"I should have got on the ball; it was my fault," Hines said. "The footing was rough early, and we got off to a slow start and just never recovered."

Bonner said the fumble return seemed to jump-start the Aggies.

"They made that big play, and it seemed to jump-start their offense," Bonner said. "We couldn't stop them. We didn't do our part. This one is tough to take."

The Aggies carried a 21-0 lead into the half after quarterback Travis Cox found his groove. The Sun Belt leader in total offense threw for 301 yards in three quarters of action, including three touchdown passes.

The Blue Raiders finally got on the board when Marks capped a 55-yard drive with a 7-yard strike to Pedro Holiday — his first career touchdown reception — but Utah State answered with a 69-yard touchdown run from Travis Davis.

"You have a deep ball thrown on you and you let them break a run up the middle late in the game, that's just very poor defense," McCollum said. "We didn't improve on the defensive side of the ball, and that bothers me. Defensively, I am as disappointed as I've ever been, and we have some things to get straightened out because that's enough."

Trailing 41-7 with fewer than seven minutes remaining, MTSU scored the final two times it had the ball — one score coming on a Calloway 2-yard plunge, his first score of the season — and the other coming on Wright's 1-yard reception from Marks.

GAME STATISTICS

	MT	USU
FIRST DOWNS	19	23
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	29-93	39-194
PASSING YDS (NET)	196	301
Passes Att-Comp-Int	45-22-2	35-22-0
TOT. OFF. PLYS-YDS	74-289	74-495
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-4
Punt Returns-Yards	2-29	6-113
Kickoff Returns-Yards	6-119	2-26
Int. Returns-Yards	0-0	2-17
Punts (Number-Avg)	8-44.0	7-33.1
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	7-72	17-130
Possession Time	25:17	34:43
Third-Down Conv.	5 of 17	6 of 16
Fourth-Down Conv.	1 of 2	1 of 1
Red-Zone Chances	3-3	2-2
Sacks By: No.-Yards	2-17	1-3

RUSHING: Middle Tennessee-Calloway, Don 8-50; Gross, Eugene 7-19; Hines, Andrico 9-16; German, Kelvin 4-5; Marks, Clint 1-3. Utah State-Fiefia, David 23-101; Davis, Travis 6-92; McKinney, Tyron 3-8; TM 2-minus 3; Cox, Travis 5-minus 4.

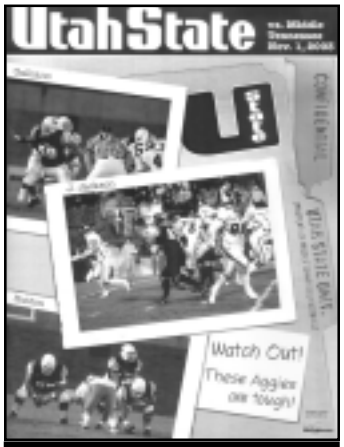
PASSING: Middle Tennessee-Hines, Andrico 11-23-1-83; Marks, Clint 11-22-1-113. Utah State-Cox, Travis 22-34-0-301; Black, Bryan 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING: Middle Tennessee-Wright, Kerry 9-89; Gross, Eugene 4-13; Paschall, Luke 2-35; Holt, Jerrin 2-18; Holiday, Pedro 2-16; McAfee, Nick 1-9; Edmiston, Ryan 1-9; Henry, Chris 1-7. Utah State-Stallworth, Chr 6-61; Cooley, Chris 4-56; Hicks, Raymond 3-67; Fiefia, David 3-24; Coleman, Kenny 3-16; Tolli, Barry 1-59; Eason, Jerome 1-14; Higginson, Joel 1-4.

INTERCEPTIONS: Middle Tennessee-None. Utah State-Washington, Ter 1-17; Shank, Derrek 1-0.

FUMBLES: Middle Tennessee-Holt, Jerrin 1-0; Hines, Andrico 1-1. Utah State-Pennyman, Tony 1-1.

Total elapsed time: 3:17
Temperature: 30 Wind: 0
Weather: Snow



ATTENDANCE: 6,988

SCORING SUMMARY

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
Middle Tennessee	0	0	0	20	20
Utah State	7	14	14	6	41

1ST QUARTER

02:47 USU Gates, Michael 4 yd fumble recovery (Hamblin, Justin kick)

2ND QUARTER

10:39 USU Fiefia, David 3 yd run (Hamblin, Justin kick)
04:35 USU Tolli, Barry 59 yd pass from Cox, Travis (Hamblin, Justin kick)

3RD QUARTER

13:58 USU Stallworth, Chr 24 yd pass from Cox, Travis (Hamblin, Justin kick)
03:40 USU Coleman, Kenny 6 yd pass from Cox, Travis (Hamblin, Justin kick)

4TH QUARTER

07:51 MT Holiday, Pedro 7 yd pass from Marks, Clint (Kelly, Brian kick)
06:55 USU Davis, Travis 69 yd run (Washington, Ter rush failed)
05:25 MT Calloway, Don 2 yd run (Kelly, Brian kick failed)
01:18 MT Wright, Kerry 1 yd pass from Marks, Clint (Kelly, Brian kick)

GAME NOTES

- With 89 yards on nine receptions, Kerry Wright broke Kendall Newson's single-season receiving mark. Wright now has 969 yards on the year, which is 24 more yards better than Newson's 2000 record.
- This marked the coldest game (30 degrees) the Blue Raiders have played in the McCollum era.
- Eugene Gross hauled in a personal-best four receptions.
- Pedro Holiday's fourth quarter touchdown reception was his first collegiate score. Holiday finished with two catches to equal his personal-best.
- The Blue Raiders gained just 93 yards on the ground, which marked the second straight contest they have been helded under 100 yards.
- Don Calloway led the Blue Raiders with 50 rushing yards and scored his first TD of the season.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE 27, TROY STATE 20

Nov. 8, 2003 • Floyd Stadium • Murfreesboro, TN

by Adam Sparks, Daily News Journal

MURFREESBORO, TN - In case the rest of Middle Tennessee didn't realize it, the Blue Raiders still have a bit of football left in them.

With a 27-20 win over Troy State (4-6), MTSU (3-7, 3-2) made a flat denial that it had nothing left to play for after falling out of the Sun Belt title race and a chance at a winning season over the past few weeks.

"When we went into the season, we had something to play for and that hasn't changed," said MTSU head coach Andy McCollum. "Nobody here has ever thought that there was nothing to play for.

"When you get into tough times, it takes tough kids to get out of it."

And for a team that has suffered through the disappointment that accompanies bad timing, MTSU finally enjoyed the flip side of good timing and late breaks versus the Trojans.

"The team didn't let themselves get down when we made plays that hurt ourselves," said MTSU quarterback Andrico Hines. "We just kept fighting."

The Blue Raiders, who have suffered numerous defeats this year via late lapses, cleaned up a mediocre performance with a handful of clutch fourth-quarter plays on both sides of the ball.

Trailing 20-17 in the fourth quarter after the Trojans had stolen the game's momentum, MTSU found its go-to guy just in time.

With 9:33 left, Andrico Hines hit Kerry Wright for a 56-yard touchdown on a deep slant behind the Troy State secondary.

It was only Wright's third catch of the night after averaging more than six receptions through his first nine outings this season.

"You can't keep a great player down all night," Hines said. "And they couldn't keep (Wright) down. He's our playmaker, and they couldn't hold him down forever."

With the TD catch, Wright became the Blue Raiders' first single-season 1,000-yard receiver in school history and tied the single-season TD receiving record with his eighth trip to the end zone.

After holding the Trojans to three-plays-and-out on the ensuing possession, MTSU marched down to the TSU three-yard line and ultimately tacked on a 29-yard field goal to extend its lead to seven points.

With the memory of a few late lapses hovering over the MTSU sideline, the Blue Raider defense slammed the door on a Trojans' last-minute drive when Randy Arnold picked off a Troy State pass with 42 seconds remaining in the game.

"It could've been, 'Here we go again,'" McCollum said. "But we needed a break, and we made a break.

"That was just a big play, and I was just happy to see his hands on the ball."

Without a couple other big plays, the game could have slipped out of MTSU's hands earlier in the night.

MTSU first got on the board when it followed up three short gains with a 54-yard touchdown run by Robert Billings on a fake punt to cap its first possession.

"The kids have been on me all year to call it, but I'm not a real big fake punt caller," McCollum said. "But they gave us the numbers and Billings can run."

The gimmick play highlighted an otherwise lackluster showing by the Blue Raiders offense in the first half.

Tailbacks Eugene Gross and Don Calloway combined for just 18 yards in the first half and 46 yards on the night.

MTSU's only other notable run came from under center when Hines broke 40-yard option keeper early in the third quarter to put the Blue Raiders up 17-7.

Troy State, on the other hand, kept pace with MTSU via a straight forward running game.

DeWhitt Betterson rushed for a season-high 177 yards on 33 carries, including two touchdowns through the MTSU defensive front.

"I was disappointed how they ran the ball right through the middle of our defense," McCollum said. "But their tailback is very good, and we made enough plays in the fourth quarter to win the game."

GAME STATISTICS

	TSU	MT
FIRST DOWNS	23	16
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	46-202	42-195
PASSING YDS (NET)	147	182
Passes Att-Comp-Int	29-12-1	23-16-0
TOT. OFF. PLYS-YDS	75-349	65-377
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-29
Punt Returns-Yards	5-38	4-11
Kickoff Returns-Yards	6-127	4-59
INT Returns-Yards	0-0	1-3
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-37.2	6-42.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	4-1
Penalties-Yards	5-30	10-83
Possession Time	30:00	30:00
Third-Down Conv.	8 of 15	5 of 15
Fourth-Down Conv.	0 of 2	1 of 1
Red-Zone Chances	3-4	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-4	2-13

RUSHING: Troy State-DeW. Betterson 33-177; Aaron Leak 7-26; Jason Samples 1-14; Marlo East 3-0; TEAM 1-minus 3; Josh Russell 1-minus 12. Middle Tennessee-Hines, Andrico 9-90; Billings, R. 1-54; Calloway, Don 8-25; Gross, Eugene 17-21; Holiday, Pedro 1-7; Marks, Clint 4-2; TEAM 2-minus 4.

PASSING: Troy State-Aaron Leak 12-29-1-147; Josh Russell 0-0-0-0. Middle Tennessee-Hines, Andrico 15-22-0-167; Marks, Clint 1-1-0-15.

RECEIVING: Troy State-Jason Samples 7-91; Toris Rutledge 2-26; Bryant Stewart 1-13; Eugene Hampton 1-12; Adrian Moore 1-5. Middle Tennessee-Wright, Kerry 4-97; Gross, Eugene 4-23; McAfee, Nick 2-17; Holiday, Pedro 2-10; Alsup, Wardell 2-8; Henry, Chris 1-15; Holt, Jerrin 1-12.

INTERCEPTIONS: Troy State-None. Middle Tennessee-Arnold, Randy 1-3.

FUMBLES: Troy State-Rayshun Reed 1-0; DeW. Betterson 1-1. Middle Tennessee-Gross, Eugene 2-0; Calloway, Don 1-1; Wright, Kerry 1-0.

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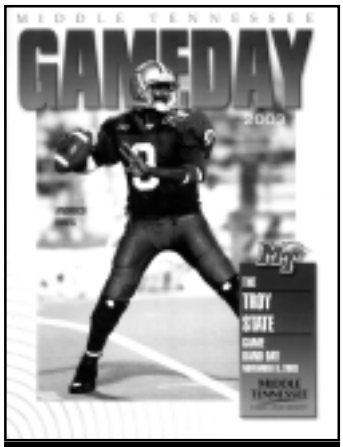

ATTENDANCE: 6,563

SCORING SUMMARY

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
Troy State	0	7	7	6	20
Middle Tennessee	7	3	7	10	27

1ST QUARTER

12:53 MT Billings, R. 54 yd run (Kelly, Brian kick)

2ND QUARTER

08:32 TSU DeW. Betterson 7 yd run (Thomas Olmsted kick)
00:18 MT Kelly, Brian 32 yd field goal

3RD QUARTER

10:16 MT Hines, Andrico 40 yd run (Kelly, Brian kick)
02:59 TSU DeW. Betterson 3 yd run (Thomas Olmsted kick)

4TH QUARTER

10:10 TSU Jason Samples 5 yd pass from Aaron Leak (Thomas Olmsted kick blockd)
09:33 MT Wright, Kerry 56 yd pass from Hines, Andrico (Kelly, Brian kick)
04:36 MT Kelly, Brian 29 yd field goal

GAME NOTES

- QB Andrico Hines' 40-yard touchdown run was the longest run from scrimmage of his career.
- The Blue Raiders are now 20-2 under Andy McCollum when leading at the half.
- P Robert Billings scored his first collegiate touchdown when he ran a fake punt 54 yards for MT's first score of the game.
- Brian Kelly's two field goals ran his career total to 36 to place him third on the all-time list.
- Eugene Gross equaled his career-best with four receptions.
- WR Kerry Wright had 97 yards in receiving to move him over the 1,000-yard mark for the season. Wright became the first 1,000-yard receiver in school history.
- LB Randy Arnold came up with his second interception of the season.
- FB Nick McAfee reeled in a career-best two receptions.

2003 Middle Tennessee Statistics
Middle Tennessee Overall Team Statistics (as of Nov 08, 2003)
All games

TEAM STATISTICS	MT	OPP
SCORING	257	304
Points Per Game	25.7	30.4
FIRST DOWNS	189	226
Rushing	76	96
Passing	94	113
Penalty	19	17
RUSHING YARDAGE	1538	1788
Yards gained rushing	1812	1992
Yards lost rushing	274	204
Rushing Attempts	416	412
Average Per Rush	3.7	4.3
Average Per Game	153.8	178.8
TDs Rushing	19	18
PASSING YARDAGE	2130	2400
Att-Comp-Int	289-178-7	304-190-7
Average Per Pass	7.4	7.9
Average Per Catch	12.0	12.6
Average Per Game	213.0	240.0
TDs Passing	13	18
TOTAL OFFENSE	3668	4188
Total Plays	705	716
Average Per Play	5.2	5.8
Average Per Game	366.8	418.8
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	40-647	33-636
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	19-111	29-424
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	7-138	7-82
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	16.2	19.3
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	5.8	14.6
INT RETURN AVERAGE	19.7	11.7
FUMBLES-LOST	25-8	18-8
PENALTIES-YARDS	80-721	92-733
Average Per Game	72.1	73.3
PUNTS-YARDS	59-2442	48-1915
Average Per Punt	41.4	39.9
Net punt average	34.2	37.6
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	29:20	30:40
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	60/150	58/136
3rd-Down Pct	40%	43%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	4/9	6/11
4th-Down Pct	44%	55%
SACKS BY-YARDS	18-115	22-123
MISC YARDS	27	4
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	33	39
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	9-10	12-17
PAT-ATTEMPTS	28-31	30-33
ATTENDANCE	61816	234873
Games/Avg Per Game	5/12363	5/46975

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT		Total
Middle Tennessee	35	67	27	115	13	-	257
Opponents	61	102	68	66	7	-	304

2003 Middle Tennessee Statistics
Middle Tennessee Overall Individual Statistics (as of Nov 08, 2003)
All games

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Gross, Eugene	10	149	655	33	622	4.2	7	51	62.2
Calloway, Don	8	74	365	10	355	4.8	1	20	44.4
Hines, Andrico	9	95	379	100	279	2.9	6	40	31.0
Davis, Kevin	6	39	212	19	193	4.9	2	63	32.2
German, Kelvin	9	16	71	0	71	4.4	1	19	7.9
Billings, R.	9	1	54	0	54	54.0	1	54	6.0
Henry, Chris	8	1	18	0	18	18.0	0	18	2.2
Joyner, Hashem	8	2	17	0	17	8.5	0	11	2.1
Harris, Josh	3	4	14	0	14	3.5	0	6	4.7
Holiday, Pedro	9	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7	0.8
Alsup, Wardell	10	2	3	5	-2	-1.0	0	3	-0.2
Marks, Clint	6	23	17	61	-44	-1.9	1	3	-7.3
TEAM	7	9	0	46	-46	-5.1	0	0	-6.6
Total.....	10	416	1812	274	1538	3.7	19	63	153.8
Opponents.....	10	412	1992	204	1788	4.3	18	69	178.8

PASSING	GP	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Hines, Andrico	9	124.73	212-130-3	61.3	1436	6	71	159.6
Marks, Clint	6	171.29	63-41-3	65.1	593	7	71	98.8
Harris, Josh	3	77.43	12-6-1	50.0	63	0	18	21.0
Gross, Eugene	10	419.20	1-1-0	100.0	38	0	38	3.8
Smith, Colby	10	0.00	1-0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
TEAM	7	0.00	0-0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	10	133.50	289-178-7	61.6	2130	13	71	213.0
Opponents.....	10	143.75	304-190-7	62.5	2400	18	63	240.0

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Wright, Kerry	10	59	1065	18.1	8	71	106.5
Holt, Jerrin	10	25	285	11.4	2	36	28.5
Gross, Eugene	10	20	143	7.2	0	22	14.3
Alsup, Wardell	10	18	165	9.2	1	22	16.5
Henry, Chris	8	12	140	11.7	0	30	17.5
Williams, Sam	4	10	59	5.9	0	10	14.8
Holiday, Pedro	9	9	79	8.8	1	20	8.8
Calloway, Don	8	7	54	7.7	0	16	6.8
McAfee, Nick	10	4	36	9.0	1	16	3.6
Edmiston, Ryan	7	4	36	9.0	0	10	5.1
Joyner, Hashem	8	3	12	4.0	0	9	1.5
Davis, Kevin	6	3	-1	-0.3	0	4	-0.2
Paschall, Luke	2	2	35	17.5	0	18	17.5
German, Kelvin	9	2	22	11.0	0	17	2.4
Total.....	10	178	2130	12.0	13	71	213.0
Opponents.....	10	190	2400	12.6	18	63	240.0

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Wright, Kerry	12	91	7.6	0	24
Henry, Chris	7	20	2.9	0	11
Total.....	19	111	5.8	0	24
Opponents.....	29	424	14.6	1	74

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Woods, Michael	2	91	45.5	1	89
Arnold, Randy	2	17	8.5	0	14
Lynch, Brandon	1	18	18.0	0	18
Copeland, Kevin	1	0	0.0	0	0
Tolbert, Danny	1	12	12.0	0	12
Total.....	7	138	19.7	1	89
Opponents.....	7	82	11.7	0	31

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Gross, Eugene	24	454	18.9	0	36
Wright, Kerry	9	130	14.4	0	22
Johnson, Chris	2	12	6.0	0	6
Montalbano, J.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Beck, LaRue	1	0	0.0	0	0
Allen, Shawn	1	38	38.0	0	38
Rainey, Justin	1	4	4.0	0	4
German, Kelvin	1	16	16.0	0	16
Holiday, Pedro	0	-7	0.0	0	0
Total.....	40	647	16.2	0	38
Opponents.....	33	636	19.3	0	37

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Rainey, Justin	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
Burke, Dennis	1	29	29.0	0	29
Total.....	2	27	13.5	0	29
Opponents.....	1	4	4.0	2	4

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SCORING	TD	FGs	PATs Kick	PATs Rush	PATs Rcv	PATs Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
Kelly, Brian	0	9-10	28-31	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	55
Wright, Kerry	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0-0	0	0	52
Gross, Eugene	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	42
Hines, Andrico	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-1	0	0	36
Davis, Kevin	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Holt, Jerrin	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
McAfee, Nick	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Billings, R.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
German, Kelvin	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Alsup, Wardell	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Holiday, Pedro	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Woods, Michael	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Marks, Clint	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-1	0	0	6
Calloway, Don	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Ingram, Pierre	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Total.....	33	9-10	28-31	0-0	2	2-2	0	0	257
Opponents.....	39	12-17	30-33	2-4	0	0-1	0	0	304

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Hines, Andrico	9	307	279	1436	1715	190.6
Gross, Eugene	10	150	622	38	660	66.0
Marks, Clint	6	86	-44	593	549	91.5
Calloway, Don	8	74	355	0	355	44.4
Davis, Kevin	6	39	193	0	193	32.2
Harris, Josh	3	16	14	63	77	25.7
German, Kelvin	9	16	71	0	71	7.9
Billings, R.	9	1	54	0	54	6.0
Henry, Chris	8	1	18	0	18	2.2
Joyner, Hashem	8	2	17	0	17	2.1
Holiday, Pedro	9	1	7	0	7	0.8
Alsup, Wardell	10	2	-2	0	-2	-0.2
TEAM	7	9	-46	0	-46	-6.6
Total.....	10	705	1538	2130	3668	366.8
Opponents.....	10	716	1788	2400	4188	418.8

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Kelly, Brian	9-10	90.0	1-2	3-3	3-3	2-2	0-0	41	1

FG SEQUENCE	Middle Tennessee	OPPONENTS
Florida Atlantic	(37),(25)	-
Georgia Bulldogs	(41)	(35),45,(20),(24)
Clemson Tigers	-	(42)
Missouri Tigers	(19),(21)	(21),(25)
Temple	-	43,(35),(27),(42)
NMSU	-	(27)
University of Idaho	(41),8,(35)	42,49
North Texas	-	34,(49),(25)
Utah State	-	-
Troy State	(32),(29)	-

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Billings, R.	49	2094	42.7	58	9	5	6	0
Smith, Colby	9	348	38.7	53	1	0	2	1
TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Total.....	59	2442	41.4	58	10	5	8	1
Opponents.....	48	1915	39.9	57	4	7	15	0

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ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Wright, Kerry	10	0	1065	91	130	0	1286	128.6
Gross, Eugene	10	622	143	0	454	0	1219	121.9
Calloway, Don	8	355	54	0	0	0	409	51.1
Holt, Jerrin	10	0	285	0	0	0	285	28.5
Hines, Andrico	9	279	0	0	0	0	279	31.0
Davis, Kevin	6	193	-1	0	0	0	192	32.0
Henry, Chris	8	18	140	20	0	0	178	22.2
Alsup, Wardell	10	-2	165	0	0	0	163	16.3
German, Kelvin	9	71	22	0	16	0	109	12.1
Woods, Michael	10	0	0	0	0	91	91	9.1
Holiday, Pedro	9	7	79	0	-7	0	79	8.8
Williams, Sam	4	0	59	0	0	0	59	14.8
Billings, R.	9	54	0	0	0	0	54	6.0
Allen, Shawn	10	0	0	0	38	0	38	3.8
McAfee, Nick	10	0	36	0	0	0	36	3.6
Edmiston, Ryan	7	0	36	0	0	0	36	5.1
Paschall, Luke	2	0	35	0	0	0	35	17.5
Joyner, Hashem	8	17	12	0	0	0	29	3.6
Lynch, Brandon	7	0	0	0	0	18	18	2.6
Arnold, Randy	10	0	0	0	0	17	17	1.7
Harris, Josh	3	14	0	0	0	0	14	4.7
Tolbert, Danny	10	0	0	0	0	12	12	1.2
Johnson, Chris	10	0	0	0	12	0	12	1.2
Rainey, Justin	10	0	0	0	4	0	4	0.4
Marks, Clint	6	-44	0	0	0	0	-44	-7.3
TEAM	7	-46	0	0	0	0	-46	-6.6
Total.....	10	1538	2130	111	647	138	4564	456.4
Opponents.....	10	1788	2400	424	636	82	5330	533.0

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DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	Tackles Solo	Tackles Ast	Tackles Total	TFL/Yds	Sacks No-Yds	Pass Def Int-Yds	Pass Def BrUp	Pass Def QBH	Fumbles Rcv-Yds	Fumbles FF	Blkd Kick	Blkd Saf
6 Martin, Will	10	42	43	85	1.0-2	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.
33 Bonner, Jon.	10	43	23	66	6.0-17	2-13	.	2	1	.	1	.	.
42 Lynch, Brandon	7	37	19	56	1.0-5	.	1-18	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
2 Woods, Michael	10	30	21	51	3.0-17	1-9	2-91	2	.	.	1	.	.
23 Fite, Alvin	10	29	16	45	4.5-17	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
40 Burke, Dennis	8	25	15	40	6.0-16	.	.	.	.	1-29	.	.	.
98 Walker, Demet.	10	26	12	38	6.5-19	4-14	.	2	.	1-0	1	.	.
93 Johnson, Thomas	10	12	19	31	5.5-20	4-17	.	.	1	1-0	.	1	.
54 Arnold, Randy	10	19	12	31	0.5-1	.	2-17	1	.	.	1	.	.
15 Rainey, Justin	10	16	12	28	2.0-2	.	.	1	.	1--2	.	.	.
7 Tolbert, Danny	10	23	5	28	.	.	1-12	7	.	.	1	.	.
92 Littlejohn, J.	10	15	12	27	2.5-6	1-4	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
5 Rashada, M.	10	17	9	26	2.5-8	1-6	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
3 Sutton, Tony	10	17	7	24	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56 Edwards, Kenny	10	13	8	21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94 Scandrett, D.	10	11	9	20	5.0-27	4-22	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10 Johnson, Chris	10	13	5	18	.	.	.	2	.	1-0	.	.	.
96 Payne, Bobby	9	9	3	12	2.5-15	2-15	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
53 Montalbano, J.	10	7	5	12	0.5-6	1-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99 Jones, Dominic	10	8	2	10	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
34 Copeland, Kevin	10	7	.	7	2.0-11	1-9	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
18 Allen, Shawn	10	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43 Mustin, Darren	9	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97 Vanderpool, J.	10	3	1	4	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95 Callahan, J.	10	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49 Wheeler, Paul	10	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52 Cesar, Leon	10	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19 Pitts, Aaron	10	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41 Horne, Marcel	7	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
57 Gates, Marcus	10	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20 Billings, R.	9	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
25 Gross, Eugene	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
38 Birtsch, Hunter	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
27 German, Kelvin	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11 Holiday, Pedro	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47 Bell, Walt	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
73 Brasch, Bill	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
59 Westbrook, B.	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22 Kelly, Brian	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21 Harris, Jon.	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36 Crawford, John	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM TEAM	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
83 Ingram, Pierre	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.
Total.....	10	448	272	720	52-190	18-115	7-138	25	2	8-27	10	3	.
Opponents.....	10	444	272	716	52-190	22-123	7-82	24	2	8-4	11	2	.

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RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G		GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Gross, Eugene	10	149	655	33	622	4.2	7	51	62.2	.....	10	149	655	33	622	4.2	7	51	62.2
Calloway, Don	8	74	365	10	355	4.8	1	20	44.4	.....	34	231	1208	34	1174	5.1	12	63	34.5
Hines, Andrico	9	95	379	100	279	2.9	6	40	31.0	.....	21	245	1024	259	765	3.1	16	40	36.4
Davis, Kevin	6	39	212	19	193	4.9	2	63	32.2	.....	6	39	212	19	193	4.9	2	63	32.2
German, Kelvin	9	16	71	0	71	4.4	1	19	7.9	.....	18	18	85	0	85	4.7	1	19	4.7
Billings, R.	9	1	54	0	54	54.0	1	54	6.0	.....	32	1	54	0	54	54.0	1	54	1.7
Henry, Chris	8	1	18	0	18	18.0	0	18	2.2	.....	20	3	32	0	32	10.7	0	18	1.6
Joyner, Hashem	8	2	17	0	17	8.5	0	11	2.1	.....	20	2	17	0	17	8.5	0	11	0.9
Harris, Josh	3	4	14	0	14	3.5	0	6	4.7	.....	5	6	24	0	24	4.0	0	10	4.8
Holiday, Pedro	9	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7	0.8	.....	9	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7	0.8
Alsup, Wardell	10	2	3	5	-2	-1.0	0	3	-0.2	.....	38	6	19	6	13	2.2	1	8	0.3
Marks, Clint	6	23	17	61	-44	-1.9	1	3	-7.3	.....	7	23	17	61	-44	-1.9	1	3	-6.3
TEAM	7	9	0	46	-46	-5.1	0	0	-6.6	.....	49	29	0	151	-151	-5.2	0	0	-3.1
Total.....	10	416	1812	274	1538	3.7	19	63	153.8										
Opponents.....	10	412	1992	204	1788	4.3	18	69	178.8										

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Hines, Andrico	9	124.73	212-130-3	61.3	1436	6	71	159.6	.....	21	122.96	455-272-10	59.8	3189	12	71	151.9
Marks, Clint	6	171.29	63-41-3	65.1	593	7	71	98.8	.....	7	171.29	63-41-3	65.1	593	7	71	84.7
Harris, Josh	3	77.43	12-6-1	50.0	63	0	18	21.0	.....	5	67.47	16-7-1	43.8	69	0	18	13.8
Gross, Eugene	10	419.20	1-1-0	100.0	38	0	38	3.8	.....	10	419.20	1-1-0	100.0	38	0	38	3.8
Smith, Colby	10	0.00	1-0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	.....	10	0.00	1-0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
TEAM	7	0.00	0-0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	.....	49	0.00	0-0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	10	133.50	289-178-7	61.6	2130	13	71	213.0									
Opponents.....	10	143.75	304-190-7	62.5	2400	18	63	240.0									

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Wright, Kerry	10	59	1065	18.1	8	71	106.5	.....	33	77	1326	17.2	10	71	40.2
Holt, Jerrin	10	25	285	11.4	2	36	28.5	.....	10	25	285	11.4	2	36	28.5
Gross, Eugene	10	20	143	7.2	0	22	14.3	.....	10	20	143	7.2	0	22	14.3
Alsup, Wardell	10	18	165	9.2	1	22	16.5	.....	38	28	322	11.5	1	39	8.5
Henry, Chris	8	12	140	11.7	0	30	17.5	.....	20	26	320	12.3	1	44	16.0
Williams, Sam	4	10	59	5.9	0	10	14.8	.....	7	10	59	5.9	0	10	8.4
Holiday, Pedro	9	9	79	8.8	1	20	8.8	.....	9	9	79	8.8	1	20	8.8
Calloway, Don	8	7	54	7.7	0	16	6.8	.....	34	22	254	11.5	1	59	7.5
McAfee, Nick	10	4	36	9.0	1	16	3.6	.....	22	5	40	8.0	1	16	1.8
Edmiston, Ryan	7	4	36	9.0	0	10	5.1	.....	13	4	36	9.0	0	10	2.8
Joyner, Hashem	8	3	12	4.0	0	9	1.5	.....	20	6	100	16.7	0	69	5.0
Davis, Kevin	6	3	-1	-0.3	0	4	-0.2	.....	6	3	-1	-0.3	0	4	-0.2
Paschall, Luke	2	2	35	17.5	0	18	17.5	.....	2	2	35	17.5	0	18	17.5
German, Kelvin	9	2	22	11.0	0	17	2.4	.....	18	2	22	11.0	0	17	1.2
Total.....	10	178	2130	12.0	13	71	213.0								
Opponents.....	10	190	2400	12.6	18	63	240.0								

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G		G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Hines, Andrico	9	307	279	1436	1715	190.6	.....	21	700	765	3189	3954	188.3
Gross, Eugene	10	150	622	38	660	66.0	.....	10	150	622	38	660	66.0
Marks, Clint	6	86	-44	593	549	91.5	.....	7	86	-44	593	549	78.4
Calloway, Don	8	74	355	0	355	44.4	.....	34	231	1174	0	1174	34.5
Davis, Kevin	6	39	193	0	193	32.2	.....	6	39	193	0	193	32.2
Harris, Josh	3	16	14	63	77	25.7	.....	5	22	24	69	93	18.6
German, Kelvin	9	16	71	0	71	7.9	.....	18	18	85	0	85	4.7
Billings, R.	9	1	54	0	54	6.0	.....	32	1	54	0	54	1.7
Henry, Chris	8	1	18	0	18	2.2	.....	20	3	32	0	32	1.6
Joyner, Hashem	8	2	17	0	17	2.1	.....	20	2	17	0	17	0.9
Holiday, Pedro	9	1	7	0	7	0.8	.....	9	1	7	0	7	0.8
Alsup, Wardell	10	2	-2	0	-2	-0.2	.....	38	6	13	0	13	0.3
TEAM	7	9	-46	0	-46	-6.6	.....	49	29	-151	0	-151	-3.1
Total.....	10	705	1538	2130	3668	366.8							
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			|------ PATs ------|															
SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points		TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
Kelly, Brian	0	9-10	28-31	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	55	.....	0	36-45	142-153	1-1	0	0-0	0	0	252
Wright, Kerry	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0-0	0	0	52	.....	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0-0	0	0	70
Gross, Eugene	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	42	.....	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	42
Hines, Andrico	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-1	0	0	36	.....	16	0-0	0-1	1-2	0	1-2	0	0	98
Holt, Jerrin	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12	.....	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Davis, Kevin	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12	.....	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
German, Kelvin	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	.....	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Calloway, Don	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	.....	13	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	78
Billings, R.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	.....	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Marks, Clint	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-1	0	0	6	.....	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-1	0	0	6
McAfee, Nick	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	.....	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Woods, Michael	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	.....	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Alsup, Wardell	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	.....	2	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0-0	0	0	14
Holiday, Pedro	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	.....	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Ingram, Pierre	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.....	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Total.....	33	9-10	28-31	0-0	2	2-2	0	0	257										
Opponents.....	39	12-17	30-33	2-4	0	0-1	0	0	304										

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Wright, Kerry	12	91	7.6	0	24	.....	24	145	6.0	0	24
Henry, Chris	7	20	2.9	0	11	.....	7	25	3.6	1	11
Total.....	19	111	5.8	0	24						
Opponents.....	29	424	14.6	1	74						

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Gross, Eugene	24	454	18.9	0	36	.....	24	454	18.9	0	36
Wright, Kerry	9	130	14.4	0	22	.....	26	544	20.9	1	86
Johnson, Chris	2	12	6.0	0	6	.....	7	97	13.9	0	33
Rainey, Justin	1	4	4.0	0	4	.....	1	4	4.0	0	4
Allen, Shawn	1	38	38.0	0	38	.....	1	38	38.0	0	38
Beck, LaRue	1	0	0.0	0	0	.....	1	0	0.0	0	0
Montalbano, J.	1	0	0.0	0	0	.....	1	0	0.0	0	0
German, Kelvin	1	16	16.0	0	16	.....	13	206	15.8	0	25
Holiday, Pedro	0	-7	0.0	0	0	.....	0	-7	0.0	0	0
Total.....	40	647	16.2	0	38						
Opponents.....	33	636	19.3	0	37						

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Arnold, Randy	2	17	8.5	0	14	.....	3	37	12.3	0	20
Woods, Michael	2	91	45.5	1	89	.....	4	129	32.2	1	89
Lynch, Brandon	1	18	18.0	0	18	.....	2	55	27.5	0	37
Tolbert, Danny	1	12	12.0	0	12	.....	1	12	12.0	0	12
Copeland, Kevin	1	0	0.0	0	0	.....	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	7	138	19.7	1	89						
Opponents.....	7	82	11.7	0	31						

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Burke, Dennis	1	29	29.0	0	29	.....	2	90	45.0	1	61
Rainey, Justin	1	-2	-2.0	0	0	.....	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
Total.....	2	27	13.5	0	29						
Opponents.....	1	4	4.0	2	4						

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ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G		G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Wright, Kerry	10	0	1065	91	130	0	1286	128.6		33	147	1326	145	544	0	2162	65.5
Gross, Eugene	10	622	143	0	454	0	1219	121.9		10	622	143	0	454	0	1219	121.9
Calloway, Don	8	355	54	0	0	0	409	51.1		34	1174	254	0	87	0	1515	44.6
Holt, Jerrin	10	0	285	0	0	0	285	28.5		10	0	285	0	0	0	285	28.5
Hines, Andrico	9	279	0	0	0	0	279	31.0		21	765	0	0	0	0	765	36.4
Davis, Kevin	6	193	-1	0	0	0	192	32.0		6	193	-1	0	0	0	192	32.0
Henry, Chris	8	18	140	20	0	0	178	22.2		20	32	320	25	98	0	475	23.8
Alsup, Wardell	10	-2	165	0	0	0	163	16.3		38	13	322	0	292	6	633	16.7
German, Kelvin	9	71	22	0	16	0	109	12.1		18	85	22	0	206	0	313	17.4
Woods, Michael	10	0	0	0	0	91	91	9.1		44	0	0	19	14	129	162	3.7
Holiday, Pedro	9	7	79	0	-7	0	79	8.8		9	7	79	0	-7	0	79	8.8
Williams, Sam	4	0	59	0	0	0	59	14.8		7	0	59	0	0	0	59	8.4
Billings, R.	9	54	0	0	0	0	54	6.0		32	54	0	0	0	0	54	1.7
Allen, Shawn	10	0	0	0	38	0	38	3.8		10	0	0	0	38	0	38	3.8
McAfee, Nick	10	0	36	0	0	0	36	3.6		22	0	40	0	0	0	40	1.8
Edmiston, Ryan	7	0	36	0	0	0	36	5.1		13	0	36	0	0	0	36	2.8
Paschall, Luke	2	0	35	0	0	0	35	17.5		2	0	35	0	0	0	35	17.5
Joyner, Hashem	8	17	12	0	0	0	29	3.6		20	17	100	0	0	0	117	5.8
Lynch, Brandon	7	0	0	0	0	18	18	2.6		38	0	0	0	13	55	68	1.8
Arnold, Randy	10	0	0	0	0	17	17	1.7		43	0	0	19	0	37	56	1.3
Harris, Josh	3	14	0	0	0	0	14	4.7		5	24	0	0	0	0	24	4.8
Tolbert, Danny	10	0	0	0	0	12	12	1.2		10	0	0	0	0	12	12	1.2
Johnson, Chris	10	0	0	0	12	0	12	1.2		44	0	0	0	97	0	97	2.2
Rainey, Justin	10	0	0	0	4	0	4	0.4		10	0	0	0	4	0	4	0.4
Marks, Clint	6	-44	0	0	0	0	-44	-7.3		7	-44	0	0	0	0	-44	-6.3
TEAM	7	-46	0	0	0	0	-46	-6.6		49	-151	0	-26	0	0	-177	-3.6
Total.....	10	1538	2130	111	647	138	4564	456.4									
Opponents.....	10	1788	2400	424	636	82	5330	533.0									

FIELD GOALS	Att	Good	Long	Blkd		Att	Good	Long	Blkd	Pct.
Kelly, Brian	10	9	41	1		45	36	47	3	80.0
Total.....	10	9	41	1						
Opponents.....	17	12	49	0						

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	Blkd		No.	Yds	Avg	Long	Blkd
Billings, R.	49	2094	42.7	58	0		145	6174	42.6	68	2
Smith, Colby	9	348	38.7	53	1		9	348	38.7	53	1
TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0		7	41	5.9	22	0
Total.....	59	2442	41.4	58	1						
Opponents.....	48	1915	39.9	57	0						

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DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	Int	PBU	FR	FF	Blk	GP	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	Int	PBU	FR	FF	Blk
6 Martin, Will	10	42	43	85	1.0	.	.	4	.	.	.	22	95	68	163	1.0	.	2	6	2	1	.
33 Bonner, Jon.	10	43	23	66	6.0	2	.	2	.	1	.	10	43	23	66	6.0	2	.	2	.	1	.
42 Lynch, Brandon	7	37	19	56	1.0	.	1	.	1	.	.	38	117	84	201	13.5	2	2	4	4	1	.
2 Woods, Michael	10	30	21	51	3.0	1	2	2	.	1	.	44	114	78	192	8.5	1	4	5	2	2	1
23 Fite, Alvin	10	29	16	45	4.5	.	.	1	.	.	.	30	34	20	54	4.5	.	.	1	.	.	.
40 Burke, Dennis	8	25	15	40	6.0	.	.	.	1	.	.	20	32	17	49	6.0	.	.	.	2	.	.
98 Walker, Demet.	10	26	12	38	6.5	4	.	2	1	1	.	10	26	12	38	6.5	4	.	2	1	1	.
93 Johnson, Thomas	10	12	19	31	5.5	4	.	.	1	.	1	20	23	27	50	7.5	5	.	1	2	.	1
54 Arnold, Randy	10	19	12	31	0.5	.	2	1	.	1	.	43	100	78	178	6.0	2	3	2	.	3	.
7 Tolbert, Danny	10	23	5	28	0.0	.	1	7	.	1	.	10	23	5	28	0.0	.	1	7	.	1	.
15 Rainey, Justin	10	16	12	28	2.0	.	.	1	1	.	.	10	16	12	28	2.0	.	.	1	1	.	.
92 Littlejohn, J.	10	15	12	27	2.5	1	.	.	.	1	.	22	19	21	40	4.0	1	.	.	.	1	.
5 Rashada, M.	10	17	9	26	2.5	1	.	3	.	.	.	44	90	36	126	6.5	1	4	12	1	.	.
3 Sutton, Tony	10	17	7	24	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	22	61	18	79	1.0	.	3	3	.	2	.
56 Edwards, Kenny	10	13	8	21	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	21	29	13	42	3.0	1	.	1	.	.	.
94 Scandrett, D.	10	11	9	20	5.0	4	.	.	.	.	.	22	19	12	31	7.0	6	.	.	.	.	.
10 Johnson, Chris	10	13	5	18	0.0	.	.	2	1	.	.	44	66	30	96	4.0	2	.	6	1	1	1
96 Payne, Bobby	9	9	3	12	2.5	2	.	.	.	1	.	9	9	3	12	2.5	2	.	.	.	1	.
53 Montalbano, J.	10	7	5	12	0.5	1	.	.	.	.	.	33	30	19	49	0.5	1	.	.	.	.	1
99 Jones, Dominic	10	8	2	10	0.5	.	.	.	.	1	.	19	9	3	12	0.5	.	.	.	.	1	.
34 Copeland, Kevin	10	7	.	7	2.0	1	1	.	.	.	.	16	8	1	9	2.0	1	1	.	.	1	.
18 Allen, Shawn	10	1	4	5	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	1	4	5	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
43 Mustin, Darren	9	2	2	4	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	9	2	2	4	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
97 Vanderpool, J.	10	3	1	4	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	32	40	16	56	5.5	1	.	2	.	.	1
19 Pitts, Aaron	10	1	2	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	21	10	7	17	0.0	.	1	4	.	.	.
52 Cesar, Leon	10	2	1	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	2	1	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
41 Horne, Marcel	7	3	.	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	1	.	7	3	.	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	1	.
49 Wheeler, Paul	10	.	3	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	22	4	4	8	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
57 Gates, Marcus	10	3	.	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	3	.	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
95 Callahan, J.	10	2	1	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	13	2	1	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
20 Billings, R.	9	2	1	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	1	.	32	2	1	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	1	.
38 Birtsch, Hunter	1	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	1	.	.
25 Gross, Eugene	10	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
27 German, Kelvin	9	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	18	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
11 Holiday, Pedro	9	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	9	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
36 Crawford, John	9	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	21	2	.	2	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
21 Harris, Jon.	2	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
22 Kelly, Brian	10	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	43	2	1	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
47 Bell, Walt	3	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
59 Westbrook, B.	10	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	42	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
73 Brasch, Bill	10	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	21	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
83 Ingram, Pierre	6	.	.	.	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	2	6	.	.	.	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	2
TM TEAM	7	.	.	.	0.0	.	.	.	1	.	.	49	.	.	.	0.0	.	.	.	4	.	.
Total.....	10	448	272	720	52	18	7	25	8	10	3											
Opponents.....	10	-	-	-	-		22	7	24	8	11	2										