



COACHES



HEAD COACH ANDY MCCOLLUM



Entering his seventh season as the head coach at his alma mater, Andy McCollum has stockpiled a bevy of talent across the board that should give Middle Tennessee the greatest depth it has had since it began playing at the I-A level.

Known for his exciting and unpredictable coaching style, McCollum has compiled a mark of 30-38 since returning to lead the Blue Raiders. McCollum, who has a vote on the USA Today/ESPN Coaches poll for the fourth year in a row, has not shied away from college football's heavyweights as evidenced by contests against 19 teams from the power conferences during his six years at the helm.

McCollum, the 2000 and 2001 Tennessee Sports Writers Association Coach of the Year, is coming off a 5-6 season that saw his team go 4-1 at home and upset MAC foe Akron on the road.

The energetic McCollum, 46, guided the Blue Raiders to an incredible 2001 campaign that saw the team win eight games, grab a share of the Sun Belt Conference championship, set 46 team and individual records, and defeat a team from the SEC.

In just six years as head coach, McCollum has won a league championship, produced the conference player of the year and offensive player of the year, had a freshman All-American, developed the highest NFL draft pick in school history, and placed 11 athletes on the first team all-conference squad. If that isn't impressive enough, the hard-working McCollum has also had a 1,000-yard rusher in three of the last five seasons, the nation's completion percentage leader (2001), the country's no. 2 (2001) and no. 3 (2000) scorers, the nation's fifth rated receiver (2003), and a receiver with back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons for the first time in school history.

Offensively, McCollum's teams have stirred up plenty of conversation in the coaching community. The Blue Raiders had the no. 5 rated offense in the country in 2001 and the No. 16 unit in 2000.

In his short time as a head coach, McCollum has done a great job of not only developing players but also assistant coaches. McCollum has sent 12 coaches on to either the professional, collegiate, or high school ranks. Over the past five seasons, Coach McCollum has placed two assistants in the pros, two at national power Florida, and one each at SEC



UP CLOSE WITH MCCOLLUM

- **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, 11, and daughter, Andrea, 10.
- **PARENTS:** Johnny and Peggy McCollum. Andy has a brother, Davis, and a sister, Angie.
- **COACHING EXPERIENCE:** 1982-88: Head Junior Varsity coach 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 ... 1999-present: Head Coach at Middle Tennessee.
- **HONORS:** 1994: Listed by Max Emfinger as one of the top 10 recruiters in the country ... 1995: Listed by Max Emfinger as one of the top 10 recruiters in America ... 1996: Listed by Bobby Burton as one of top five recruiters in nation ... 2000 and 2001: TSWA Coach of the Year .
- **PLAYING CAREER:** Collegiately at Austin Peay from 1977 to 1980 (honorable mention all-OVC in 1979 as a receiver).
- **RECORD:** At MT: 30-38 (7 years)
- **NOTEWORTHY:** Hobbies include golf, fishing, racquetball, and basketball ... Has coached eight all-Americans.



The Blue Raiders Under McCollum

- Won the Sun Belt Conference Championship in 2001
- Played 22 televised games
- Produced an SBC Player of the Year and an SBC Offensive Player of the Year
- Garnered 13 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 to 2001
- Had a receiver ranked among the nation's top 20 four different years
- Produced a first team Freshman All-American (Brandon Westbrook)
- Sent two coaches to the NFL
- Amassed a 22-9 record at home
- Gone 11-6 in the month of November
- Scored 30 or more points on offense 29 times in 58 games
- Received a vote in the 2002 Preseason Associated Press poll, the first vote in school history



members Arkansas, LSU, and Mississippi State. At the 2002 AFCA Coaches Convention, McCollum and his staff were one of just five such groups in the country selected to speak before their peers.

McCollum, known for his ability to bring in top-notch talent, has not let any of the Blue Raider faithful down during his six seasons. The fearless McCollum has made his mark in the recruiting arena by bringing some of the area's top talent to Murfreesboro. With each recruiting class, McCollum's talent seems to get better and better, which is a mark of a solid program and one that is well respected.

A former coach and player under legendary Blue Raider coach Boots Donnelly, McCollum has brought with him an exciting offensive strategy and a defensive scheme predicated on speed and athleticism.

In his first year, the Blue Raiders set four team records and 15 single-game and/or single-season marks. The Middle Tennessee passing offense ranked 32nd in the nation, and two receivers were rated among the top 26 in catches per game. In his second season, the offense

set a school record with five 40-plus point games and then added three individual single-game marks, five individual single-season records, and five individual career marks.

After serving as an assistant at Middle Tennessee in the '80s, McCollum made his way back to Murfreesboro following nine seasons at Baylor and UTEP.

In 1989, McCollum left Middle Tennessee to become wide receivers coach under offensive coordinator David Culley at Texas-El Paso. That year, UTEP was rated 10th nationally in passing. From 1990 to 1993, McCollum was in charge of the linebackers and also coordinated special teams.

In 1993, McCollum joined Chuck Reedy's staff at Baylor as linebackers coach and immediately earned a reputation as an outstanding recruiter and top-flight tactician. In 1995 and 1996, Max Emfinger rated McCollum among the top 10 recruiters in the nation.

In the spring of 1995, he left for the University of Tennessee to serve as linebackers coach but returned to Baylor seven weeks later to take over the role of assistant head coach





Offensive Production Under McCollum

Passing

In 2004, the Blue Raiders topped the 2,900-yard mark in passing yardage for the first time in school history with 2,945 yards through the air. McCollum has put together the top five single-season passing marks at Middle Tennessee.

RK	YEAR	YARDS	HEAD COACH
1.	2004	2,945	McCollum
2.	2003	2,720	McCollum
3.	1999	2,711	McCollum
4.	2001	2,681	McCollum
5.	2000	2,631	McCollum

Total Offense

Against the toughest competition in school history, the Blue Raiders have churned up the yardage during McCollum's reign. Under his leadership, the Blue Raiders have posted three of the top five total offense marks, including a school record 5,295 yards in 2001.

RK	YEAR	YARDS	HEAD COACH
1.	2001	5,295	McCollum
2.	1990	5,155	Donnelly
3.	2000	4,769	McCollum
4.	1991	4,523	Donnelly
5.	2003	4,455	McCollum

Receiver Production

During McCollum's six seasons at the helm he has produced the three most effective wide receivers in school history. The threesome of Kendall Newson, Tyrone Calico, and Kerry Wright are 1-2-3 in receptions, yardage, and 100-yard games.

RK	PLAYER	YARDS	HEAD COACH
1.	Kendall Newson	3,074	McCollum
2.	Tyrone Calico	2,636	McCollum
3.	Kerry Wright	2,589	McCollum
4.	D. Mostiller	2,205	Donnelly
5.	Herbert Owenby	1,757	Murphy

and defensive coordinator.

As defensive coordinator in 1995, the Bears ranked no. 5 nationally in total defense, no. 5 in pass defense, no. 9 in scoring defense, and no. 12 in rushing defense. As special teams coordinator that same season, McCollum's squad was rated the SWC's top unit after recording eight blocked punts and converting four of those into touchdowns.

McCollum, who was named Middle Tennessee's 13th head coach on Dec. 8, 1998, got his start in coaching when Donnelly picked up the phone in 1981 and asked him to be a graduate assistant. After just one year as a graduate assistant in which he was head coach of the junior varsity squad, McCollum was named full-time in 1982.

From 1981 to 1984, McCollum served as an assistant coach working with wide receivers, tight ends, and special teams. In 1985, MT was ranked No. 1 in I-AA, going 11-0 in regular season play. In 1988, McCollum's Blue Raider secondary led the nation in pass defense and set three new NCAA records.

During his time as an assistant at Middle Tennessee, McCollum recruited or coached the likes of Dwight Stone, Tony Burse, David Little, Don Griffin, Vince Hall, Kenny Tippens, Marty Carter, Walter Dunson, Steve Dark, and Ricky Martin. All of the above are former Blue Raider greats who are either playing in the NFL or did at one time.

McCollum, from Marietta, Ga., graduated from Austin Peay in 1981, where he was a four-year letterman as an offensive guard and tight end. He earned his master's degree from MT in 1983. A four-year starter, McCollum played offensive guard in 1977 and then was a tight end/receiver from 1978 to 1980.

As a prep player for Ray Broadaway at Marietta High School, McCollum was a three-year starter at quarterback. As a senior, he earned third team all-state honors and was selected Cobb County Player of the Year, North Georgia Athlete of the Year, and Most Valuable Player at Marietta. In his final year, McCollum led the Blue Devils to a 10-2 record and the region championship.

McCollum, who has coached eight All-Americans, 67 all-conference picks, and 31 players who have moved to the NFL, is married to the former Gwen Wilkinson. The couple has a son, Drew, and a daughter, Andrea.



MARK CRINER



Mark Criner, who coached the Blue Raider secondary in 2004, was elevated to defensive coordinator in February 2005 by Head Coach Andy McCollum. The former University of Cincinnati assistant is in his second year with the Blue Raiders.

"Moving Mark to defensive coordinator was an easy decision," McCollum said. "Mark has a great coaching background and is extremely knowledgeable in the game of football. He is a great teacher and has an unbelievable attitude and enthusiasm. This will be a great fit for Middle Tennessee and this program."

Criner spent two seasons at Cincinnati under Rick Minter. He coached the Bearcat linebackers in 2002 and 2003 and was the team's co-defensive coordinator during the 2003 campaign.

In 2003, the Bearcats ranked 27th nationally in total defense after giving up just 333.0 yards a game and were 28th in pass efficiency defense. Cincinnati ranked 21st in total defense in 2002 and finished 17th in pass efficiency defense. While at Cincinnati, Criner coached three linebackers (Tyjuan Hagler, Andre Frazier, and Jamar Enzor) who were taken in the 2005 NFL Draft.

In 2001, Criner took over as defensive coordinator with the Las Vegas Outlaws of the XFL, a position he held until the league folded after one season. The Outlaws ranked first in the league in scoring defense and No. 1 in total defense. Criner also headed up the defensive draft for the Outlaws during his brief stay.

In taking over the Blue Raider secondary in 2004, Criner inherited a unit that mainly played three freshmen and two newcomers. The group showed a lot of improvement and accounted for four of the team's seven interceptions.

A 12-year coaching veteran, Criner learned the finer points of coaching from his father, Jim, who had head coaching tenures at Boise State and Iowa State along with a stint in NFL Europe.

A 1990 graduate of Boise State with a degree in physical education, Criner played one year at Iowa State (1986) and four at Boise State (1987-90).

Criner began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Utah State, working with the secondary in 1991 and the defensive line in 1992. He also worked with special teams both years.

He moved to Portland State in 1993,

Defensive Coordinator/Safeties

Personal

Birthdate: 12/18/66
Hometown: Boise, Idaho
Family: *Wife:* Angie; *Daughter:* Madison; *Son:* Calin, twins Jackson and Brooklyn

Education

High School: Ames (Iowa) High
College: Boise State (1990)

Playing Experience

1986 Iowa State; 1987-90 Boise State

Coaching Experience

2004-Present Middle Tennessee; 2002-03 Cincinnati;
2000 Las Vegas Outlaws; 1993-99 Portland State;
1991-92 Utah State (GA)

starting a seven-year coaching stint. He started as secondary coach and special teams coordinator and was promoted to defensive coordinator in 1997.

While at Portland State, Criner worked with three linebackers - Sammy Burroughs, Rick Cruz and Jeff Bockert - who went on to sign NFL contracts.

Criner and his wife, Angie, have two children, daughter Madison (9) and son Calin (6) and twins Jackson and Brooklyn (1).





GLEN ELARBEE



Glen Elarbee, an All-Sun Belt Conference lineman under Andy McCollum at Middle Tennessee, begins his first season as a full-time coach with the football program. Elarbee, who was with the Blue Raiders all during the 2004 season,

will coach the tight ends.

Prior to making the move back to Murfreesboro, Elarbee was an assistant coach at Texas A&M-Commerce for a little over four months from late January 2005 through June 2005.

A native of Carrollton, Georgia, Elarbee played in 35 career games, started the last 23 in a row, and earned all-conference honors as a junior and senior. A four-year letterman from 1999 to 2002, Elarbee had the distinction of playing in Middle Tennessee's first season as a I-A member while also competing on the first Sun Belt Conference Championship team in 2001.

Noted for being one of the most improved players ever under McCollum, Elarbee led the Blue Raiders in snaps played as a senior with 735 while also recording 91 knockdowns.

Elarbee played his prep football at Central High School in Carrollton and was a first team all-state selection and team MVP for coach Bill Bailey.

Elarbee, the winner of the 2002 Ray Neal award, earned his degree in Math Education from Middle Tennessee in 2003.



Tight Ends

Personal

Birthdate: 2/27/80
Hometown: Carrollton, GA
Family: Single

Education

High School: Central (GA) (1998)
College: Middle Tennessee (2003)

Playing Experience

1998-2002: Middle Tennessee

Coaching Experience

2005-Present Middle Tennessee; 2004 Texas A&M-Commerce; 2003 Middle Tennessee (GA)

Security and Technical Support



Roger Evans
Technician



Chip Miller
Tennessee
Highway Patrol



John Albertson
Tennessee
Highway Patrol



Tommy Wright
MTSU Public Safety



KEVIN FOUQUIER



One of the brightest and most innovative young coaches in college football, assistant head coach Kevin Fouquier is in his fifth season as a member of Andy McCollum's staff at Middle Tennessee. Fouquier, who recruits south Georgia, will coach

the Blue Raider defensive line for the second straight year after coaching the linebackers his previous three seasons. Fouquier also serves as the program's recruiting coordinator.

Fouquier, who was elevated to assistant head coach in February of 2002, came to Middle Tennessee after serving as defensive coordinator at Central Arkansas in 2000.

In his first season, Fouquier was instrumental in the development of Scotty Brown, one of the Sun Belt's top linebackers. Brown, a first team all-SBC pick, was a three-time player of the week winner and finished third in the league in sacks and 12th in total tackles.

In 2002, Fouquier had the team's top two tacklers in Sheldon Durham and Randy Arnold, and both players turned in career years. Last season, young guns Jonathan Bonner, Dennis Burke, and Alvin Fite all had career campaigns under Fouquier's tutelage.

Fouquier took over the defensive line in 2004 and promptly guided the unit to 21 of the team's school record 29 sacks, while quickly molding freshmen Sean Mosley, Erik Walden, and Antoine Owens into pass rush specialists. The trio collected 12 sacks in 2004.

He got his coaching start as a student assistant at Louisiana-Lafayette from 1985 to 1989. There he was the tight ends coach while assisting with the wide receivers and offensive line.

Fouquier spent the 1990 season as a graduate assistant at Texas-El Paso, working with wide receivers and the scout team defense. At UTEP, Fouquier was able to work with Blue Raider head coach Andy McCollum, who was the Miners' linebackers and special teams coach.

In the spring of 1991, Fouquier moved to Tuerlings High School in Lafayette, Louisiana, to become the defensive coor-

Asst. Head Coach/Defensive Line

Personal

Birthdate: 6/24/65
Hometown: Franklin, LA
Family: *Wife:* Christine; *Children:* Kevin, Victoria, Analise, Carmen-Louise

Education

High School: Hanson Memorial
College: Louisiana-Lafayette (1989)

Playing Experience

1985 Louisiana-Lafayette (walk-on)

Coaching Experience

2001 - Present Middle Tennessee; 2000 Central Arkansas; 1995-99 Louisiana Tech; 1993-94 Sam Houston State; 1991-92 Texas A&M; 1991 Tuerlings High School (spring only); 1990 UTEP (GA); 1985-89 Louisiana-Lafayette (SA)

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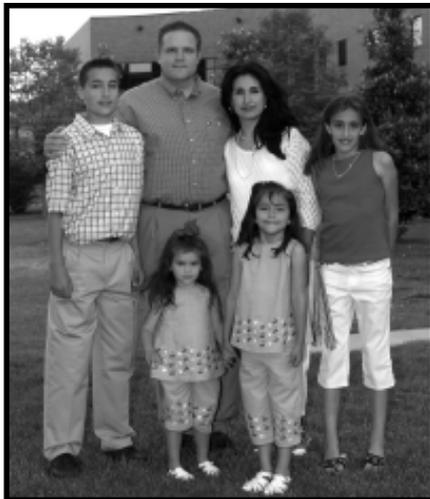
Fouquier then moved to Texas A&M, where he assisted with the defensive line, scout team, and special teams in 1991 and 1992. In 1991, the Aggies were Southwest Conference Champions, had the no. 1 ranked defense in the country, and finished with a number five team ranking. Both seasons at Texas A&M for Fouquier ended in Cotton Bowl berths.

In 1993 and 1994, Fouquier was the defensive line coach at Sam Houston State, where he also assisted in all phases of special teams.

The former Louisiana-Lafayette walk-on then joined the staff at Louisiana Tech in 1995, where he served as defensive line coach through the 1999 season. Fouquier also added the title of recruiting coordinator for the Bulldogs in 1999.

The Franklin, Louisiana, native received his bachelor's degree from USL (now Louisiana-Lafayette) in 1989 and took courses toward a master's in education at UTEP and Texas A&M.

Fouquier is married to the former Christine Rodriguez of El Paso, Texas, and they have four children: Kevin, 11; Victoria, 10; Analise, 5; and Carmen-Louise, 2.





SCOTT FOUNTAIN



Scott Fountain, a seven-year veteran at UCF before making his way to Murfreesboro, is in his second season at Middle Tennessee. Fountain, who recruits south Alabama, northwest Florida, and the Mississippi junior colleges, coaches the Blue

Raiders offensive line.

In 2004, Fountain took over a group that lost its best player prior to the season, did not have a proven center, and had to fill both guard spots. The unit quickly came together to help form the top passing offense in the Sun Belt Conference and the 15th best in the nation.

At UCF, Fountain coached offensive tackles and tight ends for six years while also doubling as the program's recruiting coordinator. Under Fountain's guidance, tight end Mario Jackson excelled in the UCF system and was signed as a free agent by New Orleans following the 2003 NFL Draft, offensive lineman Cornell Green became a free agent with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and Steve Edwards became a starter along the offensive line for the Chicago Bears. Tight end Michael Gaines, who was coached by Fountain, was drafted in the sixth round by the Carolina Panthers in 2004.

In 1997, he coached the guards/centers at UCF and was the co-recruiting coordinator.

During his tenure at UCF, the Golden Knights offense ranked among the nation's top 30 in six of seven years, and three recruiting classes ranked in the top 50 according to various recruiting analysts. The 2002 class ranked in the top 30 as rated by VandezSports.com, and the 2000 class was rated no. 46 by Rivals.com.

Fountain went to UCF after earning his master's degree in educational leadership and spending three seasons as a graduate assistant offensive line coach at Florida State under Head Coach Bobby Bowden. Fountain was on staff with the Seminoles from 1994 to 1996 and was a part of three ACC Championship teams. Along with helping coach the offensive line, Fountain handled film breakdown and scouting reports and organized



Offensive Line

Personal

Birthdate: 2/28/66
Hometown: East Brewton, AL
Family: *Wife:* Rosie; *Sons:* Brookes, Hunter, and Tanner

Education

High School: W.S. Neal
College: Samford (1988); Masters: FSU (1998)

Playing Experience

1985-88 Samford

Coaching Experience

2004-Present Middle Tennessee; 1997-03 UCF; 1994-96 Florida State (GA); 1993 Monroe Co. HS (Ala.); 1990-92 Frisco City HS (Ala.); 1989 W.S. Neal HS (Ala.); 1988 Flomaton HS (Ala.)

Bobby Bowden's Summer Camps.

Prior to joining FSU, Fountain was a high school coach in Alabama for six years. He served as the head coach for Monroe County High in 1993 and for Frisco City High from 1990 to 1992. In his last season at Frisco City, the team went 12-1 and advanced to the semifinals of the state playoffs. Prior to his stint at Frisco City, Fountain was an assistant coach at his alma mater, W.S. Neal High School, in 1989 and an assistant coach at Flomaton High in 1988.

A 1988 graduate of Samford University with a degree in physical education, Fountain was a four-year letterman for the Bulldogs. He started every game of his career, spending most of his time at tight guard on the offensive line.

As a senior at Samford in 1987, Fountain helped the Terry Bowden-coached Bulldogs average an NCAA Division III record 51.7 points and 523 yards per game. He was a four-year starter for the Bulldogs and helped lead them to a 9-1 mark his senior year.

Fountain is a native of East Brewton, Ala. He and his wife Rosie have three sons: Brookes, Hunter, and Tanner.



DARIN HINSHAW



A former UCF record holder and passing great, Darin Hinshaw is set to begin his fifth year as a member of Andy McCollum's staff. Hinshaw, who served as running backs coach his first two years, was elevated to co-offensive coordinator in

February of 2003 and then became offensive coordinator in June of 2005. Hinshaw, who also took over the wide receiver duties in June of 2005, recruits north Florida.

Hinshaw's offense in 2004 led the Sun Belt and ranked 15th nationally in passing and ranking 31st in the country in passing efficiency. The unit also tallied 47 plays of 20 yards or more.

In 2003, the Blue Raider offense went down as the highest scoring unit in the Sun Belt Conference at 27.7 points a contest, including four games of 35 points or more. The unit ranked 37th nationally in passing efficiency and had the fifth-ranked receiver in the country.

In 2002, the Blue Raiders had the nation's no. 21 ranked rushing offense, a 1,000-yard rusher, and two of the top eight ground gainers in the Sun Belt Conference.

In 2001, the Blue Raiders had two of the top five rushers in the SBC along with the top overall rushing attack. Record breaker Dwone Hicks, who rushed for over 1,000 yards, finished the year as the nation's second leading scorer.

Hinshaw, 32, made his way to Middle Tennessee after serving on Mike Kruczek's staff at UCF from 1999 to 2000. The 1993 UCF graduate spent the 1999 campaign as a graduate assistant with the responsibility of coaching tight ends and assisting the head coach with the quarterbacks.

In 2000, the former Golden Knight signal-caller took over the quarterback coaching duties: the first time someone other than Kruczek had guided the quarterbacks since 1985. In that first season, Ryan Schneider threw for 2,334 yards and 21 touchdowns and completed 62 percent of his passes. In a win over Alabama, Schneider registered 283 yards through the air.



Offensive Coordinator

Personal

Birthdate: 6/6/72
Hometown: Punta Gorda, FL
Family: Wife: Pam; Children: Sydney, Hayley, Darin Jr., Carley

Education

High School: Charlotte
College: Central Florida (1993)

Playing Experience

1991-94 UCF; 1994-95 Orlando Predators; 1996 Granite State Warriors; 1997 Nashville Kats

Coaching Experience

2001-Present Middle Tennessee; 1999-00 UCF

As a player, Hinshaw set numerous school records for the Golden Knights, including the career passing mark with 9,000 yards. During his time under center, UCF had a combined 28-16 record, including a 9-3 mark and an appearance in the I-AA playoffs in 1993.

Following his playing days at UCF, Hinshaw tried his hand at professional football. After a brief stint with the Cleveland Browns, Hinshaw spent two years with the Orlando Predators of the Arena Football League, helping the Preds to the Arena Bowl where they lost to the Tampa Bay Storm in 1995.

In 1996, Hinshaw played quarterback and was the offensive coordinator for the Granite State Warriors of the Eastern Football League, which was made up of teams from New York and New England. Hinshaw inherited a team that went 2-8 in 1995 and led it to a 14-2 record and a trip to the national championship game.

Following a year in the EFL, Hinshaw went back to the Arena League to play for the Nashville Kats. After a short stay in Nashville, Hinshaw decided to pursue college coaching at UCF.

Hinshaw earned his master's in business administration from UCF in 1996. He and his wife Pam have three daughters, Sydney, Hayley, and Carley, and a son, Darin Jr.



DEREK JONES



After five seasons at Murray State, Derek Jones begins his first year on Andy McCollum's staff at Middle Tennessee. Jones, who coached the secondary for the Racers, will be in charge of the Blue Raider

cornerbacks.

Last season, Jones' secondary played a major role in Murray State ranking 11th nationally in total defense and 23rd in scoring defense. Jones tutored two first team all-conference players in 2004 with Laroni Gallishaw (went on to sign with the Minnesota Vikings) and Onsha Whitaker. Whitaker registered seven interceptions in 2004 to rank fourth nationally.

In 2003, Jones' secondary was instrumental in leading the Racer defensive unit to a no. 2 ranking in pass defense. During his five seasons at Murray State, Jones coached a total of seven players who earned either first or second team All-OVC honors.

Jones joined the staff at Murray State in the spring of 2000 after serving as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, Mississippi, for more than a year. Following a professional playing career, Jones returned to Oxford to serve as a graduate assistant coach where he helped to tutor current Carolina Panther cornerback Ken Lucas.

Jones enjoyed a stellar playing career at Ole Miss, earning second-team All-SEC honors as a junior and senior cornerback. As a senior, Jones served as the Rebels' permanent team captain and won the prestigious Chucky Mullins Courage Award, given annually to the Rebels' best defensive player.

For that honor, he also wore Mullins' no. 38 in his senior season, winning the Team Leadership Award that year.

Following his senior season, Jones was selected to play in the 1996 Blue-Gray All-Star Classic.

In addition to football, Jones was



Cornerbacks

Personal

Birthdate: 6/6/74
Hometown: Moore, SC
Family: *Wife:* Nakita; *Daughters:* Darquisha, Madison

Education

High School: Woodruff
College: Ole Miss (1996)

Playing Experience

1993-96 Ole Miss

Coaching Experience

2005-Present Middle Tennessee; 2000-04 Murray State; 1998-99 Ole Miss (GA)

also a standout in track and field at Ole Miss, earning All-American honors in the 4x400-meter relay. A member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity at Ole Miss, Jones was a fraternity scholar from 1994 to 1996. Jones graduated from Ole Miss with a bachelor's degree in public administration in 1996.

He played professionally for the Toronto Argonauts and Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League and the Nashville Kats of the Arena Football League. After a ruptured disk ended his playing career in 1998, Jones returned to Ole Miss to begin his coaching career.

A native of Moore, S.C., Jones was a standout in both football and track at Woodruff High School. He was an all-state selection as a defensive back as a junior and senior in addition to being the team MVP in those years. He was also a three-time all-state pick in track and field.

Jones is married to the former Naketa White of Oxford, Miss. The couple has a daughter, Madison, 7, and Jones has a daughter, Darquisha, 13.



ART KAUFMAN



Art Kaufman, a veteran of 21 years of coaching at the collegiate level, begins his first season as a member of Andy McCollum's staff at Middle Tennessee. Kaufman will coach the linebackers.

Kaufman, who has coached in six bowl games during his career, makes his way to Murfreesboro after two seasons as defensive line coach at East Carolina.

Prior to joining the staff at ECU, Kaufman spent two seasons as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Arkansas Tech.

A 1980 graduate of the University of Arkansas at Monticello, Kaufman spent 10 years as an assistant coach at the University of Mississippi including six years as defensive coordinator and linebackers coach.

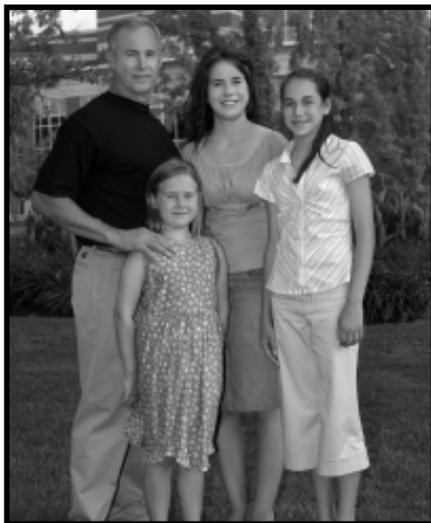
Kaufman, a two-time All-American linebacker during his playing days at Arkansas-Monticello, followed his four-year career with the Boll Weevils by taking a graduate assistant position at Delta State University.

Kaufman earned his first full-time coaching job in 1983 when he became the outside linebackers coach at Northwestern State University (La.). In 1987, he was named as the defensive coordinator/linebackers coach at Northwestern State. He left there the following year for Ole Miss to coach the

Rebels' outside linebackers and defensive ends. While at Ole Miss, Kaufman helped guide the Rebels to back-to-back bowl appearances (1989 Liberty Bowl and 1991 Gator Bowl) for the first time since the 1970s.

Four years later, Kaufman was named the defensive coordinator/linebacker coach at Louisiana Tech University where he remained until returning to Ole Miss in 1995. In 1992, his defensive unit ranked in the top five nationally.

He served again as the



Linebackers

Personal

Birthdate: 12/23/57
Hometown: Dermott, AR
Family: *Daughters:* Tara, Taylor, Madison

Education

High School: Dermott HS
College: Arkansas-Monticello (1980)

Playing Experience

1976-79 Arkansas-Monticello

Coaching Experience

2005-Present Middle Tennessee; 2003-04 East Carolina; 2000-02 Arkansas Tech; 1994-00 Ole Miss; 1992-93 Louisiana Tech; 1988-91 Ole Miss; 1987 Northwestern State; 1983-84 Northwestern State; 1982 Delta State (GA)

Rebels' defensive coordinator/linebacker coach for the next six years. During his second stint at Ole Miss, Kaufman helped the Rebels to four straight bowl berths (1997-2000) and his 1999 defense ranked fourth nationally in rushing defense.

Kaufman, a native of Dermott, Ark., has three daughters: Tara, Taylor, and Madison.



ALEX ROBINS



Entering his 23rd season at Middle Tennessee, Alex Robins is regarded as one of the top quarterback coaches in the country. The respected Robins has developed seven of the top 10 passers in school history including the top three completion

and yardage leaders.

Robins has developed the likes of Mickey Corwin, Marvin Collier, Wes Counts, Phil Ironside, Kelly Holcomb, and Jonathan Quinn. That group accounts for a total of eight first team all-conference selections and two league players of the year. Holcomb, the MVP of the Gray team at the 1994 Blue-Gray All-Star game, and Quinn are backups on NFL rosters. Counts competed in the Arena2 league for one year before an injury ended his career.

During his tenure at Middle Tennessee, Robins has guided his signal-callers to top 25 national rankings in passing efficiency 10 times, including two who finished in the top five.

His latest upstart is Clint Marks, who finished 21st nationally in total offense, 24th in passing efficiency, and set single-season records in passing yards and completions in 2004.

One of his most memorable jobs came in 2003 when Robins had three guys see significant playing time. The threesome of Andrico Hines, Marks, and Jonathan Harris all completed over 60 percent of their passes and threw for 18 touchdowns and only had eight interceptions.

In 2002, Robins had the task of breaking in newcomer Hines. As he has done for over 20 years, Robins got the most out of his signal-caller: Hines completed 58 percent of his passes and registered the fifth most yards of total offense in school history.

In 2001, the Blue Raider offense was ranked No. 5 nationally, and a big key in the team's success was the continued growth of Counts. Counts, who ended his career owning every passing record in school history, was ranked third in the nation in efficiency and was the nation's completion percentage leader in 2001. Counts was also the 2001 Sun Belt Conference's Player of the Year.



Quarterbacks

Personal

Birthdate: 5/4/44
Hometown: Richmond, VA
Family: *Wife:* Peggy; *Children:* Trey, Matt

Education

High School: Woodberry Forest
College: Maryville College

Playing Experience

1965-69 Maryville College

Coaching Experience

1983-Present Middle Tennessee; 1973-82 Mars Hill
1971-72 University of Richmond (GA); 1969-70
Brunswick High School

During Middle Tennessee's 2000 campaign, Robins platooned quarterbacks Counts and Jason Johnson. The two combined for 2,542 passing yards and 12 touchdowns and completed 59.3 percent of their passes. With the two capable juniors under center, the Blue Raiders finished with the 16th-rated offense in the nation.

In 1999, he was instrumental in Counts having one of the best seasons ever for a Middle Tennessee quarterback. Counts broke five single-game records and set six new single-season marks including passing yards and 300-yard games. As a freshman in 1998, Counts was rated 16th nationally in passing efficiency.

Robins made his way to Murfreesboro in 1983 after working with the offensive backs for 10 seasons at Mars Hill (N.C.) College.

He coached for two years at the University of Richmond and served another two-year hitch at Brunswick (Ga.) High School.

The likable and efficient Robins was a star running back at Woodberry Forest School in Orange, Va., and then at Maryville (Tenn.) College, where he played for John Tomlinson and was a three-time all-area player.

Robins is married to the former Peggy Smith and they have two sons, Trey and Matt.



FLOYD WALKER



Floyd Walker, who has been involved with Blue Raider football as a player or coach since 1983, begins his 14th season as a full-time assistant at Middle Tennessee. Walker will coach the running backs for a third straight season after handling the tight ends the previous four years for head coach Andy McCollum.

In 2003, Walker took over the most inexperienced group in the I-A Era and produced the league's fifth-leading rusher and second-leading touchdown scorer.

Walker, who was a player on Blue Raider teams for which McCollum was an assistant coach, arrived on campus at Middle Tennessee in the fall of 1983 as a walk-on. One of the smallest collegiate football players in NCAA history (5-3, 139 pounds), Floyd quickly became a crowd favorite as a darting runner who was willing to play hard-nosed football. Walker averaged nearly four yards per carry despite his lack of size.

After redshirting in 1983, Walker was a part of the 1984 and 1985 teams that made the I-AA playoffs. The 1984 club finished 11-3 and advanced to the third round of the playoffs. The 1985 team earned a no. 1 national ranking and registered a perfect 11-0 regular season. During Walker's four years, the Blue Raiders went 34-14-0.

A native of Clarksville, Tennessee, Walker has worked at four different positions since his start on the coaching staff in 1988. Walker started his career with the running backs before moving to the other side of the ball as outside linebackers coach. Walker then went back to teaching the running backs and later returned to coach the outside linebackers before moving to receivers coach in 1997. Walker handled his fourth position as tight ends coach beginning with the 1999 campaign.

Walker earned his bachelor's degree from

Running Backs

Personal

Birthdate: 7/25/65
Hometown: Clarksville, TN
Family: Single

Education

High School: Montgomery Central
College: Middle Tennessee (1989)

Playing Experience

1983-87 Middle Tennessee

Coaching Experience

1988-Present Middle Tennessee

Middle Tennessee in 1989. He recruits Chattanooga and east Tennessee, northeast Georgia, and Atlanta.

Walker is single.

Since stepping on the field for the first time at MT in 1983, Floyd Walker has been a part of 149 wins, 13 postseason games, and five conference championships in his 22 seasons.





RICHARD BURNOSKI



Richard Burnoski, who spent the 2004 season as a graduate assistant on Andy McCollum's staff, was elevated to Director of Football Operations in June 2005.

Burnoski's new role will see him assisting the head coach with the day-to-day administration of the Blue Raider football program, overseeing the football budget, and serving as the Summer Football Camp Director. Burnoski will also act as the Director of High School Relations and Community Relations.

Among his other duties, Burnoski will assist with the head coaches radio and television shows, coordinate all recruiting and the annual coaching clinic, while serving as the liason for the Blue and Silver Club, the NFL, and the compliance office.

The Jacksonville, Fla., native made his presence felt in a big way in 2005 by signing highly touted players Alex Suber, Jordan Wilson, Eddie Brown, and Dale Galvin.

Burnoski made his way to Murfreesboro after serving as head coach at Mandarin High School in Jacksonville, Fla., from 2000 to 2003. Burnoski, who was Mandarin's offensive coordinator from 1997 to 1999, is the winningest coach in school history and took MHS from last place in the district to district champs in just two years.

During his head coaching tenure, Burnoski led MHS to three consecutive state top ten rankings, placed 34 players in the collegiate ranks, and had five high school all-Americans. Burnoski, who was the US Army All-American Bowl Coach in 2004 and the Team Florida Coach in 2001, 2002, and 2003, was crowned the FACA 6A District Coach of the Year in 2001.

Burnoski, better known as "Coach Bruno," graduated from Eastern Oregon in 1996 where he was an Academic/Athletic All-American as a running back. He also earned all-conference honors as a junior and senior while serving as team captain his final year.

Burnoski and his wife Nicole have two children: Brittany and Bruno.

Director of Football Operations

Personal

Birthdate: 4/13/72

Hometown: Jacksonville, FL

Family: *Wife:* Nicole; *Son:* Bruno, *Daughter:* Brittany

Education

High School: University Christian School

College: Eastern Oregon, 1996

Previous Experience

2004-Present Middle Tennessee



"Coach Bruno is a valuable member to our staff. I count on him to do a lot for this program and he does them all extremely well. We are fortunate to have someone of his character in our program and representing Middle Tennessee."

- Andy McCollum



JOE-JOE PETRONE



One of the most respected men in his field, Joe-Joe Petrone begins his fourth year at Middle Tennessee as the program's head athletic trainer.

A native of Nashville and a graduate of Father Ryan High School, Petrone oversees the entire training operation and is also the primary liaison for the football program.

Petrone came to the Middle Tennessee family after spending five years as the athletic trainer and therapist at HealthSouth Sports Medicine Center in Tampa, Florida. He was responsible for the rehabilitation of all injuries and in charge of the sports medicine outreach program.

Prior to his time at HealthSouth, Petrone was the assistant athletic trainer for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 1987 to 1996. While with the Buccaneers, he saw to the care and prevention of player injuries and handled all road trip needs for his team physicians.

From 1981 to 1987, Petrone was the assistant athletic trainer at the University of Mississippi. At Ole Miss, he assisted with the football program and was the head athletic trainer for basketball. For five years, Petrone worked as an athletic trainer for the New York Yankees Fantasy Camp and also donated his time and knowledge as an athletic trainer for Florida College and Hillsborough High School football.

During the summers of 1979 and 1980, Petrone served as a summer assistant athletic trainer for the New York Jets Football Club in Hempstead, New York.

A certified member of the National Athletic Trainers Association, Petrone earned his bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University in 1980. In 1994, he received his master of science degree from the University of South Florida.

Petrone has also been very active in the community, offering his services and expertise in a number of ways. While living in the Tampa area, he delivered lectures on athletic training and steroid education at several schools. He also participated in the Great American Teach-In at four schools.

Petrone's efforts didn't stop there. For four years he was a co-organizer of the American Cancer Society's Longest Day of Golf Fundraiser, and he was a three-

Head Athletic Trainer

Personal

Birthdate: 2/15/58
Hometown: Nashville, TN
Family: *Wife:* Allyson; *Sons:* Chas, Michael

Education

High School: Father Ryan
College: Vanderbilt (1980); South Florida (1994)

Experience

2002-Present Middle Tennessee; 1997-02 HealthSouth Sports Medicine; 1997-02 NY Yankees Fantasy Camp; 1987-96 Tampa Bay Buccaneers; 1981-87 University of Mississippi; 1980-81 University of Kentucky (GA); 1979-80 New York Jets (summers)

year volunteer with the University of Tampa's Renne Martinez Golf Fundraiser. He also participated in Paint Your Heart Out Tampa for four years.

Petrone and his wife Allyson have 14-year-old twin sons, Chas and Michael. His hobbies include yard work, golf, and Little League baseball with his kids.





FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF

CHRIS MATUSEK



Administrative Asst.

Chris Matusek, a four-year letterman at Middle Tennessee, is in his third year with the program. Matusek spent the first two years as the program's equipment manager before being elevated to Administrative Assistant in June 2005.

Matusek will oversee the equipment operation and staff, handle all travel, including team meals, hotel arrangements, practice, team escort and overall itinerary, while also assisting with the Blue and Silver Club, and overseeing the teams practice facility. Matusek will also act as the programs former player contact.

A native of Shelbyville, Tennessee, Matusek played and started all 43 games as a deep snapper from 1998 to 2001. Matusek was a member of the 2001 team that went 8-3, won a share of the Sun Belt Conference Championship and became the first team to ever win a game against a team from the SEC. He also carries the distinction of being on the last I-AA team at Middle Tennessee and on the first I-A team.

Matusek, who went his entire career without a bad snap, was originally a walk-on before being put on scholarship for his final two years.

Matusek earned his degree in Industrial Technology.

BRENDAN FARRELL



Graduate Assistant

Brendan Farrell begins his second season at Middle Tennessee, but his first as a graduate assistant on Andy McCollum's staff. Farrell, who will work on the offensive side of the ball, spent the 2004 campaign

as the program's video coordinator.

Prior to his arrival in Murfreesboro, Farrell served as a graduate assistant coach for two years at Wayne State University working primarily with the running backs. He also served as the program's video coordinator.

A 2000 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Farrell also has a master's of arts degree from WSU in sports administration.

The Fairport, N.Y., native earned one monogram during his four years (1996-1999) in South Bend as a strong safety and linebacker. He was a member of teams that participated in the 1997 Independence Bowl and the 1999 Gator Bowl.

Prior to joining the WSU staff, the 1996 graduate of McQuaid Jesuit High School in Rochester, New York, spent two years as a legal research assistant at a law firm.

BLUE AND SILVER CLUB

The Blue and Silver Club is an exclusive membership for football fans of Middle Tennessee. If you want to get the real inside scoop and get a better understanding of the game, the Blue and Silver Club is for you.



Members are invited to attend the annual preseason staff cookout, will receive a pass for home games to come down on the field to view pregame workouts, and will have the opportunity to have lunch with Head Coach Andy McCollum on Friday's before home games to discuss the upcoming opponent, watch film, and get an understanding of the gameplan. Other members of the staff will also be on hand to provide commentary and answer any questions.

Anyone who is not a member and wants to join the club, please call Richard Burnoski at 615-898-2311.

JAN WORLEY



Executive Aide

Jan Worley is in her 16th year in the Middle Tennessee Athletic Department and currently has the role of executive aide for the Blue Raider football program.

The Manchester, Tennessee, native graduated from Middle Tennessee in 1980 and earned her Certified Professional Secretary rating in 1993.

Before coming to Middle Tennessee, Worley lived in Atlanta, where she worked at a computer company called Data General.

Worley now resides in Murfreesboro with her husband, Mike, and daughter, Lyndsay, who is a student at Blackman High School.

Video Staff



Erik Bartlett



Glenn Suggs