MIDDLE TENNESSEE

2005

COACHING STAFF

ANDY MCCOLLUM ---------- Head Coach
Austin Peay, 1981 ---------- 7th Year at MT

KEVIN FOUQUIER ---------- Asst. HC/Def. Line
ULL, 1989 ---------- 5th Year at MT

*DARIN HINSHAW ---------- Offensive Coordinator/WR
UCF, 1993 ---------- 5th Year at MT

*GLEN ELARBEE ---------- Tight Ends
Middle Tennessee, 2003 ---------- 1st Year at MT

*MARK CRINER --------- Defensive Coordinator/Safeties
Boise State, 1990 ---------- 2nd Year at MT

ART KAUFMAN ---------- Linebackers
Arkansas-Monticello, 1980 ---------- 1st Year at MT

SCOTT FOUNTAIN ---------- Offensive Line
Samford, 1988 ---------- 2nd Year at MT

*DEREK JONES ---------- Cornerbacks
Ole Miss, 1996 ---------- 1st Year at MT

ALEX ROBINS ---------- Quarterbacks
Maryville, 1969 ---------- 23rd Year at MT

FLOYD WALKER ---------- Running Backs
Middle Tennessee, 1989 ---------- 14th Year at MT

*Located in pressbox on gameday

BLUE RAIDER NEWS & NOTES

Middle Tennessee (3-4) vs Louisiana-Monroe (3-5)
November 12, 2005 - Murfreesboro, TN

Kickoff: 2:05 PM CST
Stadium: Floyd Stadium (30,788)
Radio: Blue Raider Network (Dick Palmer, pbp/Chip Walters, color)
TV: MT TV (Campus Station)
Internet: GoBlueRaiders.com
Series: MT leads 4-1 (MT 37, ULM 24, Nov. 13, 2004 in Murfreesboro)

Coaches:

Middle Tennessee: Andy McCollum (Austin Peay, 1981), 33-42 at MT (7th year). McCollum is 4-1 against ULM.

Louisiana-Monroe: Charlie Weatherbie (Oklahoma State, 1977), 54-86 overall (13th year); 9-22 at ULM (3rd year). Weatherbie is 0-1 against MT.

Quick Hitters: Andy McCollum is 5-1 in the final home game of the season ... The Blue Raiders will say farewell to 18 seniors in pregame ceremonies ... Andy McCollum is 13-8 in the month of November ... QB Clint Marks needs one more 200-yard passing game to tie Jonathan Quinn and Kelly Holcomb for second place all-time ... The Blue Raider defense is allowing just 12.0 points a game in conference play ... Eugene Gross needs one more rushing touchdown to tie for sixth place all-time at MT ... MT's defense enters this week's game ranked 22nd in total defense and ninth in scoring defense and both are its highest rankings ever ... Over the last 27 possessions, the MT defense has given up points just three times.

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2005 BLUE RAIDER SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Date	Opponent (Coaches Rank)	TV	Time/Result	Series Standing	Quick Facts
Sept. 3	at Alabama (#24)	WB 58	L, 26-7	UA, 2-0	MT has just 157 yards of total offense
Sept. 10	North Texas (-)	ESPN Reg.	L, 14-7	UNT, 5-0	Blue Raiders commit five turnovers
Sept. 17	Akron (-)	None	L, 17-7	MT, 7-2	Blue Raiders manage just 157 total yards
Oct. 1	at Vanderbilt (-)	UPN 30	W, 17-15	VU, 12-3	Weaver blocks FG to preserve win on last play
Oct. 15	at Florida Atlantic (-)	None	W, 35-14	FAU, 2-1	Blue Raiders rush for 263 yards on 64 attempts
Oct. 22	Louisiana-Lafayette (-)	None	L, 13-10	ULL, 4-3	MT had 11 penalties for 126 yards
Nov. 5	Arkansas State (-)	MT TV	W, 45-7	MT, 6-1	Marks throws 3 TD passes
Nov. 12	Louisiana-Monroe (-)	MT TV	2:05 PM	MT, 4-1	Blue Raiders have won last 4 meetings
Nov. 19	at NC State (-)	None	Noon	NCSU, 1-0	First meeting since 1989
Nov. 26	at Troy (-)	ESPNU	6 PM	MT, 10-2	Second straight year MT closes on road at Troy
TBA	at Florida International (-)	None	TBA	First Meeting	Hurricane Wilma postponed Oct. 29 date

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MEDIA SCHEDULE

AVAILABILITY OVERVIEW

Head Coach Andy McCollum

- Monday, 11:12-11:20 AM
- Tuesday, Noon - 1:00 PM
- Following each day's practice
- Postgame on Saturdays

Blue Raider Assistant Coaches

- Following each day's practice
- Postgame on Saturdays

Blue Raider Players

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday following each practice
- No contact on Thursday & Friday
- Postgame on Saturdays

FOLLOWING EACH GAME

- Upon the conclusion of each Blue Raider football game, cumulative season stats, that particular game's boxscore, notes and quotes will be available on GoBlueRaiders.com.

MONDAYS

- Updated MT game notes and stats are available by 10 AM. To be included on the e-mail list (PDF version), please e-mail Mark Owens at the above address.
- A weekly press conference is scheduled for Noon at Corky's Restaurant in Murfreesboro. Two to three players and Coach McCollum will be made available with McCollum opening with general comments.
- Coach Andy McCollum will be available on the weekly Sun Belt Conference call from 11:12 AM to 11:20 AM. Call 800-819-9193 to participate.

SBC SATELLITE FEED

Highlights, Interviews each week

- Wednesday's 2:00 - 2:15 PM CST
- Satellite: IA5 (C-Band analog)
- Transponder: C-23
- Downlink: 4160 mhz
- Audio: 6.2 - 6.8

Trouble #: 225-336-2268/2269

SERIES RECORD

■ Saturday's football game between Middle Tennessee and Louisiana-Monroe will be the sixth meeting on the gridiron between the two schools. Middle Tennessee leads the overall series, which began in 1999, 4-1. The Indians picked up their lone win in the series in 1999 with a 10-0 shutout of the Blue Raiders in Monroe. It remains just one of two shutouts the Blue Raiders have endured during the I-A era. MT came back in 2000 to blank the Indians at home, 28-0, then won at Monroe in 2001 and again in Murfreesboro in 2002 and 2004. MT is a perfect 3-0 against ULM in Floyd Stadium.

BLUE RAIDERS IN SBC

■ Middle Tennessee has an overall mark of 17-14 in Sun Belt action all-time, including an 12-5 mark at home and a 5-9 record on the road. The 17-14 mark equals the second most wins in league history behind North Texas' 27.

BLUE RAIDERS AT FLOYD

■ Since Floyd Stadium opened in 1933, the Blue Raiders have compiled an overall mark of 248-96-13 (.712), including a record 31-game win streak from 1987-94. MT is 25-14 at Floyd since the renovation in 1998 and has won 21 of its last 31. Under Andy McCollum, the Blue Raiders are 23-12; 12-5 at home.

HOME FINALES

■ Middle Tennessee has a mark of 57-25-6 all-time in its final regular season home game of the year. Since 1979, the Blue Raiders have a mark of 22-4 in their final home game. Under Andy McCollum, MT is 5-1 in the last home game of the year with the lone loss coming in 2003 in four overtimes to Louisiana-Lafayette.

SENIOR DAY AT FLOYD

■ Middle Tennessee will bid farewell to 18 seniors as they prepare for their final home game against Lousiana-Monroe. Five-year players include Nick McAfee, Kyle Ringley, and Paul Wheeler. Four-year players include Dennis Burke, John Crawford, Josh Harris, Jeff Littlejohn, and Devarick Scandrett. Other seniors to be recognized are Raymond Chaney, Jason Elam, DeMarcus Green, Keon Raymond, Cleannord Saintil, Brian Smith, Quinton Staton, Kyle Turnbow, Jeremiah Weaver, and Linnie Yarbrough.

MT-ULM NOTES

■ Middle Tennessee has outscored the Indians in the five meetings, 40-7, in the third quarter.

■ Middle Tennessee has averaged 224 yards through the air against ULM in five meetings while the Indians have passed for 202 yards a contest.

TALE OF THE TAPE

(NCAA Ranking in parenthesis)

Louisiana-Monroe		MT
350.4 (77)	Total Offense	287.6 (111)
134.0 (70)	Rushing Off.	113.1 (97)
12	TD's Rushing	12
216.4 (70)	Passing Off.	174.4 (96)
8	TD's Passing	5
20.0 (92)	Scoring Off.	18.3 (103)
402.3 (80)	Total Defense	318.4 (22)
187.6 (96)	Rushing Def.	129.9 (42)
214.6 (55)	Passing Def.	188.6 (24)
29.4 (85)	Scoring Def.	15.1 (9)
.25 (45)	Turnover Margin	.29 (44)
21-10	Fumbles/Lost	11-5
9	Interceptions Thrown	5
20.1 (77)	KO Ret. Avg.	18.0 (104)
3.4 (117)	Punt Ret. Avg.	6.5 (93)
13-91	Sacks by	12-77
8-64	Sacks Allowed	23-138
30:59	TOP	30:06

■ Turnover Story: ULM 10, MT 7 in the five meetings combined.

■ Middle Tennessee has 12 sacks in the series, while ULM has added seven. MT tallied four in the 2004 game.

■ In the last three meetings, MT has averaged 39.6 points and ULM has tallied 24.0 points during that span.

■ The team that scores first has won every game in the series.

OFFENSE GETS UNTRACK

■ The Middle Tennessee offense has struggled all season to move the ball and score points, but found a rhythm in the win over Arkansas State. The offense posted a season-high 412 yards and scored six touchdowns, three on the ground and three through the air. The last time the offense scored six TD's in a game was last year at home against Arkansas State. The Blue Raiders jumped out to a 31-0 halftime lead which was seven more points they had scored in their previous three home games combined.

RAYMOND GETS PICK

■ Senior Keon Raymond recorded his second interception of the season when he picked off ASU signal-caller Nick Noce in the second quarter last week. Raymond, who also had an interception against FAU, returned the interception 44 yards to set up a Blue Raider touchdown. The interception was the third of Raymond's career and the ninth for the Blue Raiders this season.

MARKS FOR 200

■ After going the first five games of the year

BLUE RAIDER STARTERS/NOTES

PROBABLE OFFENSIVE STARTERS

Pos.	No.	Blue Raider	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	Note(s)
QB	17	Clint Marks	6-2	203	r-Jr.	Fort Myers, FL	A Davey O'Brien candidate ... Is completing 67 percent of his passes
TB	20	Eugene Gross	5-9	208	r-Jr.	Statesboro, GA	Had 131 yards on career-best 30 carries and a personal-high 4 TDs vs FAU
WR (x)	15	Cleannord Saintil	5-11	197	Sr.	Naples, FL	Had a career-high 11 catches for 141 yards against ULL ... Leads team with 39 grabs
WR (y)	13	Taron Henry	6-0	190	r-So.	Murfreesboro, TN	Had a career-best three receptions in win over ASU
WR (Z)	87	Bobby Williams	6-3	183	Fr.	Jacksonville, FL	Had his first career TD when he hauled in a 49-yard strike from Marks vs ASU
WR (H)	88	Michael Cannon	5-10	176	Fr.	Memphis, TN	Made his first collegiate start against Akron ... Sat out vs Vandy & FAU
TE	85	Stephen Chicola	6-5	248	So.	Jacksonville, FL	Had season-best three receptions vs Vandy
LT	60	Willie Hall	6-6	310	r-Jr.	Albany, GA	Has started 18 straight games ... Among the OL leaders in snaps played
LG	54	Franklin Dunbar	6-5	354	r-Fr.	Waycross, GA	Started 2nd half vs UNT & Akron ... Made first collegiate start vs ASU
C	57	Marcus Gates	6-2	281	r-Jr.	LaGrange, GA	Had 15.5 knockdowns against UNT
RG	70	Richard Bortner	6-6	334	r-Fr.	Crestview, FL	Made his first collegiate start against ULL
RT	73	Germayle Franklin	6-4	316	r-Jr.	Waycross, GA	One of the best in the SBC ... Has started a team-high 24 straight games

KEY OFFENSIVE RESERVES

Pos.	No.	Blue Raider	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	Note(s)
RG	75	Brian Smith	6-5	318	Sr.	Mobile, AL	Started first five games then went out with ankle sprain vs FAU
TB	28	Ralph King	5-10	185	r-Jr.	Murfreesboro, TN	Rushed for a career-best 97 yards on 22 attempts and a TD vs FAU
FB	31	Nick McAfee	6-0	248	r-Sr.	Marietta, GA	Has 14 career receptions and five have gone for touchdowns
WR	4	Pierre Ingram	6-4	212	r-Jr.	Stockbridge, GA	Sat out the ASU game with an injury
TE	80	Clint Corder	6-3	240	r-Jr.	Brentwood, TN	Sat out last year with an injury ... Mainly used in blocking situations
LG	79	Brandon Nix	6-4	286	So.	Talladega, AL	Had 10 knockdowns in his first collegiate start vs Alabama

PROBABLE DEFENSIVE STARTERS

Pos.	No.	Blue Raider	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	Note(s)
LE	94	Devarick Scandrett	6-4	281	Sr.	Forsyth, GA	Ranked No. 5 all-time at MT in sacks
NG	92	Jeff Littlejohn	6-2	318	r-Sr.	Gaffney, SC	A first team preseason all-conference selection ... Blocked FG, Sack vs UNT
T	91	Quinton Staton	6-2	270	Sr.	Chattanooga, TN	Collected 7 tackles, 2 TFLs and a sack in win over FAU
RE	43	Erik Walden	6-2	238	r-So.	Dublin, GA	Had the team's lone sack vs Alabama to bump his career total to 7
WILL	33	Jonathan Bonner	6-0	222	r-Jr.	Birmingham, AL	1st career INT vs FAU ... Shared team lead with 9 stops vs ULL
MIKE	25	J.K. Sabb	5-11	230	Jr.	Augusta, GA	Broke the school record with five tackles for loss vs UNT ... MT's leading tackler
SAM	40	Dennis Burke	6-1	236	Jr.	Marietta, GA	INT vs FAU ... 9 stops including a TFL and pass breakup vs ULL
LC	24	Bradley Robinson	5-10	170	r-So.	Duncan, SC	Had a career-best nine stops, an INT vs Alabama ... 2 picks vs Akron
LS	30	Jeremiah Weaver	5-11	187	Sr.	Ashburn, GA	First career interception against Akron ... Blocked FG vs Vandy on last play
RS	8	Jonathan Harris	5-10	207	Jr.	Montgomery, AL	Season-high five tackles vs North Texas ... Grabbed first INT vs Vandy
RC	2	Keon Raymond	5-11	187	Sr.	St. Louis, MO	Picked up second career INT vs FAU

KEY DEFENSIVE RESERVES

Pos.	No.	Blue Raider	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	Note(s)
DB	5	Damon Nickson	6-0	177	So.	Milton, Fla.	Had career-best six stops in win over Vandy ... Has 17 tackles, 3 breakups
DB	6	Roy Polite	6-1	188	So.	Jacksonville, FL	Has 14 tackles on the season
DE	45	Sean Mosley	6-3	265	r-So.	Sylvania, GA	Only has 17 stops on the season ... Collected a sack vs Vandy ... FR vs FAU
DE	96	Bobby Payne	6-4	286	r-Jr.	Morrillton, AR	Missed spring drills and most of fall camp ... Had big pass breakup vs ULL
WILL	1	Justin Rainey	5-10	215	r-Jr.	Rock Hill, SC	Missed Vanderbilt, FAU, ULL and ASU games with a knee injury
LB	11	Chance Dunleavy	6-2	238	Jr.	West Covina, CA	Made first collegiate start against FAU and recorded a sack
DL	44	Brandon Perry	6-2	310	Fr.	Hawkinsville, GA	A highly-rated recruit who saw action at Alabama ... Had first collegiate sack vs Akron

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	No.	Blue Raider	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	Note(s)
PK	46	Colby Smith	5-9	181	r-Jr.	Franklin, TN	Lou Groza Award candidate ... Hit game-winner vs Vandy, but is just 3 for 9 on year
PK	49	Paul Wheeler	6-1	222	r-Sr.	Tullahoma, TN	Handles kickoffs
P	46	Colby Smith	5-9	181	r-Jr.	Franklin, TN	Ranks 3oth nationally and second in the SBC ... Has 9 inside 20 last four games
H	47	Walt Bell	5-10	188	r-Jr.	Dickson, TN	Is also a backup wide receiver
PR	24	Bradley Robinson	5-10	170	r-So.	Duncan, SC	Averaging 5.9 yards a return
KR	15	Cleannord Saintil	5-11	197	Sr.	Naples, FL	Averaging 17.4 yards per return

MT CAPTAINS

UA ..... Littlejohn, Bonner, Marks, C. Henry
UNT .... Saintil, Staton, McAfee, Scandrett
Akron .. Littlejohn, Franklin, Weaver, Gross
Vandy .... Marks, McAfee, Staton, Littlejohn
FAU ..... Burke, Gross, Saintil, Raymond
ULL ..... Scandrett, Gross, McAfee, Staton
ASU ..... Sabb, Bonner, McAfee, Ringley
ULM ..... TBA
NCSU ..... TBA
TU ..... TBA
FIU ..... TBA

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PLAYERS

Cade Becher ..... Beach-er
Dennis Burke ..... Burk
Stephen Chicola ..... Chuh-Cola
Reggie Doucet ..... Dew-SET
Tavares Jones ..... Tuh-VAR-Us
Luke Paschall ..... Pass-Cull
Roy Polite ..... Po-Light
Cleannord Saintil ..... Cluh-NORD SAN-Teel
Devarick Scandrett ..... Duh-VAR-Ick
Quinton Staton ..... State-UN
Alex Suber ..... SUE-burr

COACHES

Mark Criner ..... Cry-Nur
Kevin Fouquier ..... Few-Kway

MT STRENGTH & SPEED LEADERS

Bench Press	Raymond Chaney	425
225-lb. Reps	Raymond Chaney	30
Squat	Bobby Payne	800
	D. Scandrett	800
Power Clean	D. Scandrett	352
10-yd. Dash	Ralph King	*1.62
20-yd. Dash	Ronald Steed	*2.65
40-yd. Dash	Bradley Robinson	*4.43
Vertical Jump	Ralph King	37.0
	Josh Harris	37.0
5-10-5 Shuttle	Jay Robinson	4.13

*electronic times

DAVEY O'BRIEN CANDIDATE

QB CLINT MARKS

6-2, 203, r-Jr.

In the Record Book: Completed a school record 35 passes at Louisiana-Lafayette in 2004 … Set the single-season passing yardage record with 2,749 in 2004 … No. 2 on the single-season completion percentage list (70.4) … Ranks first on the single-season list in passing completions with 259 set in 2004 … His 14 touchdown passes in 2004 ranks tied for seventh … Ranks eighth on the career list with 22 touchdown passes … His nine 200-yard passing games rank fourth all-time, while his three 300-yard games is tied for second on the career list.

2005: Named to the Davey O'Brien Watch List as one of 33 candidates for the nation's top quarterback award ... Enjoyed his best statistical game of the year by completing 19 of 24 passes for a season-high 218 yards against UL-Lafayette ... Had his second straight 200-yard game by completing 14 of 23 passes for 208 yards and three touchdowns in a win over ASU.

2004: Enjoyed a record-breaking season as the team's starter … Played in all 11 games including the last 10 as the starter under center … Ranked second in the nation in completion percentage, sixth in completions per game, 13th in passing yards, 21st in total offense, and 25th in passing efficiency … Led the Sun Belt Conference in passing … Set the single-season passing record with 2,749 yards, while also owning the second-best single-season percentage mark at 70.4 … Also set the single-season record with eight 200-yard passing games … Ranks first on the single-season list in passing completions with 259 and is tied for seventh in touchdown passes (14) … Opened the season by throwing for more than 200 yards in a school record six straight games … Threw for a career-best 447 yards (second-best on single-season list) on 30-for-34 passing to go along with four touchdown passes in a win over Arkansas State … Marks' 88.2 completion percentage versus ASU was the second-best effort in school history … Had 359 yards passing on 27-for-37 throwing against Florida Atlantic, then topped the 300-yard mark for the third time in 2004 with 317 yards on 22-for-32 passing in a win over Utah State …Completed a school record 35 passes on 46 attempts at Louisiana-Lafayette for 242 yards.

2005 Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	Att-Cmp-Int	Yds	TD	Lg
9/3/05	at Alabama	18-12-0	117	1	23
9/10/05	North Texas	21-27-3	195	0	27
9/17/05	Akron	19-33-0	139	1	43
10/1/05	at Vanderbilt	14-22-0	147	0	44
10/15/05	at FAU	11-18-1	116	0	17
10/22/05	UL-Lafayette	19-24-0	218	0	35
11/5/05	Arkansas St.	14-23-1	208	3	49

2004 Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	Att-Cmp-Int	Yds	TD	Lg
9/11/04	at Akron	30-23-1	228	0	27
9/18/04	FAU	37-27-3	359	1	48
9/25/04	at ULL	46-35-1	242	1	16
10/2/04	at UNT	30-22-1	243	1	27
10/9/04	ASU	34-30-0	447	4	80
10/16/04	at Florida	37-25-2	223	1	46
10/23/04	Idaho	26-18-1	194	1	27
10/30/04	Utah St.	32-22-0	317	2	58
11/6/04	at NMSU	28-14-2	124	1	38
11/13/04	ULM	36-26-0	241	2	37
11/20/04	at Troy	32-17-3	131	0	21
Totals		368-259-14	2749	14	80

2003 Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	Att-Cmp-Int	Yds	TD	Lg
9/13/03	at Clemson	4-3-0	36	0	17
10/4/03	Temple	14-10-1	150	2	71
10/11/03	NMSU	12-9-0	208	3	61
10/18/03	at Idaho	10-7-1	71	0	30
11/01/03	at Utah St.	22-11-1	113	2	24
11/8/03	Troy	1-1-0	15	0	15
Totals		63-41-3	593	7	71

without a 200-yard passing game, junior Clint Marks recorded his second in a row in the win over Arkansas State. Marks completed 14-of-23 passes and had a season-high three touchdowns en route to a 208-yard outing. The Fort Myers, Fla., native now has 11 200-yard passing games for his career and stands one behind Jonathan Quinn and Kelly Holcomb, who are tied for second all-time with 12.

MOSLEY GETS BLOCK

■ Sophomore **Sean Mosley** blocked the second kick of his career when he rejected an Arkansas State punt late in the second quarter. It marked the third block of the season for the Blue Raiders and the 18th all-time under Andy McCollum. Mosley's rejection was the first blocked punt by the Blue Raiders since Thomas Johnson did it on November 23, 2002, against North Texas. Earlier this year, the Blue Raiders blocked field goals against North Texas and Vanderbilt.

MCAFEE MAKES IT COUNT

■ Senior fullback **Nick McAfee** has a history of making the most of his receptions. Over his career, McAfee has 15 catches with five going for touchdowns. In 2005, McAfee has five receptions with two for scores.

WILLIAMS ON THE BOARD

■ Freshman sensation Bobby Williams, who

MT'S TOLBERT NO. 2

Longtime Middle Tennessee public address announcer **Larry Tolbert** has witnessed a lot of Blue Raider football in his time. The legendary Blue Raider announcer, who doubles as a lawyer during the week, has announced 181 consecutive games entering the 2005 season. Tolbert's streak ranks second in the state of Tennessee behind the Vols' Bobby Denton. Here is a look at the complete list entering 2005:

1.) 246 - Bobby Denton (UT); 1967-2004 (38 yrs.)
2.) 181 - **Larry Tolbert** (MT); 1970-2004 (35 yrs.)
3.) 153 - Tim Barrington (UTM); 1977-2004 (28 yrs.)
4.) 100 - Ernie Allen (TSU): 1985-2004 (20 yrs.)
5.) 90 - Dave Gelinas (Sewanee); 1986-2004 (19 yrs.)
6.) 88 - Philip Gibbons (TTU); 1990-2004 (15 yrs.)
7.) 58 - Steve Willard (APSU); 1993-2004 (12 yrs.)
8.) 42 - Chuck Roberts (Memphis); 1998-2004 (7 yrs.)
9t.) 20 - Brady Palmer (Cumberland); 2001-2004 (4 yrs.)
9t.) 20 - Alden Starnes (C-Newman) 2001-2004 (4 yrs)
11t.) 15 - Richard Donnell (Lane); 2002-2004 (3 yrs.)
11t.) 15 - Greg Judkins (Maryville); 2001-2004 (4 yrs.)
13.) 14 - Mike Maggert (Tusculum); 2002-2004 (3 yrs.)
14.) 12 - Chip Hoback (Vanderbilt); 2003-2004 (2 yrs.)
15.) 5 - David Wade (Lambuth); 2003-04 (2 yrs.)
16.) 3 - Ralph Hatley (Rhodes); 2004 (1 yr.)
17) 2 - Jeff Lewis (UT-Chattanooga); 2004 (part of 1 yr.)

entered the ASU game with 14 catches on the year, reached the endzone for the first time in his young career against Arkansas State. In the second quarter, Williams brought in a beautiful 49-yard strike from Clint Marks to score his first touchdown. The pass was the longest reception for Williams this year and the longest play from scrimmage this season for the Blue Raiders.

DEFENSE PLAYING STRONG

■ After struggling most of the I-A era on the defensive side of the ball, Middle Tennessee has found the right formula for stopping opponents in 2005. Entering the ULM game, the Blue Raiders lead the Sun Belt Conference in virtually every defensive statistical category while ranking 22nd nationally in total defense and ninth in scoring defense. Those rankings are the highest by the Blue Raiders this deep into the season during their I-A existence. Middle Tennessee is allowing just 318 yards a game and 15.1 points per contest while forcing two turnovers a game. In conference action, MT is allowing only 279.0 yards and 12.0 points per game.

GROSS PASSES MOORE

■ **Eugene Gross** scored his seventh and eighth rushing touchdowns of the year in the win over Arkansas State to run his career total to 25. With the two scores, Gross surpassed Mike Moore for eighth place on the all-time rushing touchdown list. The junior needs just one more to tie Dwight Stone and Brigham Lyons for sixth place and two more to tie Walter Dunson and Gerald Anderson for fourth place all-time.

MARKS MOVING UP

■ Quarterback **Clint Marks** is among the school's all-time leaders in the passing department. Seven games into his junior season, Marks has passed for 4,482 yards to rank fifth on the all-time list. The southpaw, who is 9-10 as a starter, needs 318 yards passing to surpass Teddy Morris for fourth place on the all-time list.

HENRY LOST FOR YEAR

■ Senior wide receiver **Chris Henry** was lost for the season when he suffered a dislocated fractured left ankle in the loss to North Texas. Henry, who sustained the injury in the second half, finished the game with six receptions. For the year, Henry collected seven receptions to run his career total to 100 and become the eighth player in school history to reach triple figures.

BLOCKED KICKS

■ Under McCollum, the Blue Raiders have blocked a total of 18 kicks with five being **punts** (Michael Woods vs Louisiana Tech in 2000, Chris Johnson vs ASU in 2001; Joey Montalbano vs ULM in 2002; Thomas Johnson vs UNT in 2002; Sean Mosley vs ASU in 2005), 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 seven **field goals** (Kareem Bland vs UConn in 2001; Jerry Vanderpool vs Tennessee in 2002 and Akron in 2004; Sean Mosley vs FAU in 2004, Pierre Ingram vs ULL in 2004, Jeff Littlejohn vs UNT in 2005, and Jeremiah Weaver vs Vanderbilt in 2005). The first multiple block game for MT came against North Texas in 2002 with three.

GOING OVERTIME

■ Middle Tennessee enters the ULM game having competed in four overtime games as a member of I-A and is 2-2 in those contests. The Blue Raiders had one overtime contest in 2000 and played three in 2003. In 2003, the Blue Raiders lost in one overtime at No. 23 Missouri, then bounced back to take an overtime win at Idaho before losing a four overtime game at home against Louisiana-Lafayette. The four overtime loss to the Ragin' Cajuns was the longest game in the history of Blue Raider football and was the longest in the history of the SBC.

2005 SUN BELT LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	SBC	Overall
Louisiana-Monroe	3-1	3-5
Arkansas State	3-2	4-4
Louisiana-Lafayette	3-2	4-5
Troy	3-2	4-5
Middle Tennessee	2-2	3-4
North Texas	2-2	2-6
Florida International	1-3	2-5
Florida Atlantic	1-3	1-7

Upcoming Schedule
Louisiana-Monroe at Middle Tennessee
Troy at Arkansas State
North Texas at Florida Atlantic
FIU at Louisiana-Lafayette

Last Week's Results
FIU 31, Louisiana-Monroe 29
Troy 28, Florida Atlantic 14
Middle Tennessee 45, Arkansas State 7
Louisiana-Lafayette 31, North Texas 28

LIGHTNING 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. This tradition started in 2003. 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

MT BY THE NUMBERS

Category	2005	Under Andy
Record	3-4	33-42
Sun Belt	2-2	17-14
Non-Conference	1-2	16-28
vs ACC	0-0	0-2
vs Big Ten	0-0	0-1
vs Big East	0-0	0-1
vs Big 12	0-0	0-1
vs MAC	1-1	1-1
vs Pac 10	0-0	0-1
vs SEC	1-1	3-12
vs CUSA	0-0	0-1
vs NCAA I-AA	0-0	5-3
vs Independents	0-0	7-5
Home	1-3	23-12
Away	2-1	10-30
Neutral	0-0	0-0
Day Games	2-2	18-21
Night Games	1-2	15-21
vs Top 25 Teams	0-1	0-9
TV Games	2-2	17-15
CSS TV	0-0	1-0
MT TV	1-0	9-2
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	0-1	4-5
Pay-Per-View	0-0	0-2
WB 58/Fox Local	1-1	1-1
When Scoring First	3-2	25-11
When Opp. Scores First	0-2	8-31
When Leading at Half	3-2	27-5
When Trailing at Half	0-2	5-35
When Tied at Half	0-0	1-2
When Leading after 3rd Q	3-1	30-4
When Trailing after 3rd Q	0-3	3-40
When Tied after 3rd Q	0-0	0-0
In Overtime Games	0-0	2-2
Scoring less than 20	1-4	1-26
Scoring 20+	2-0	32-16
Scoring 30+	2-0	24-7
Rushing for <100 yds	1-3	5-17
Rushing for 100+ yds	2-1	28-25
Rushing for 200+ yds	1-0	16-6
Passing for 200+ yds	1-1	24-18
Passing for 250+ yds	1-0	16-11
Passing for 300+ yds	0-0	11-6
Totaling <300 yds off.	1-3	3-15
Gaining over 300 yds off.	2-1	30-27
Allowing <100 yds rushing	0-0	12-2
Allowing 100+ yds rushing	3-4	21-40
Allowing 200+ yds passing	1-2	21-29
Allowing 250+ yds passing	0-1	11-19
Allowing 300+ yds passing	0-1	5-12
Allowing <300 yds offense	2-1	10-5
Allowing 300+ yds offense	0-3	22-38
Having a 100-yd rusher	1-1	19-11
Opp. has 100-yd rusher	1-1	6-21
Having no turnovers	1-0	7-4
Having 3 or more turnovers	0-1	7-18
Having no takeaways	0-1	2-8
Having 3 or more takeaways	1-0	11-6

COMEBACKS UNDER MCCOLLUM

Last win after trailing after 1st Quarter
10/23/04 vs Idaho ..... trailed 0-7 ..... Won 34-14
Last win after trailing after 1st Half
11/20/03 at Arkansas State ..... trailed 3-7 ..... Won 24-14
Last win after trailing after 3rd Quarter
10/18/03 at Idaho ..... trailed 13-21 ..... Won 28-21 ot
Biggest Comeback Win
24 Points ..... New Mexico State (2001) ..... trailed 35-11 after 3rd Q ..... Won 39-35

Most Points in a Quarter: 28 vs UConn in 2000, vs Idaho in 2001 (2nd Q), New Mex. State in 2001 (4th Q)
Most Points in a Half: 52 vs UConn in 2000

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, 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 at Middle Tennessee ... **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.
- 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 ... 2000: TSWA Coach of the Year ... 2001: TSWA Coach of the Year.
- PLAYING CAREER: Collegiately at Austin Peay from 1977-80 (honorable mention all-OVC in 1979 as a receiver).
- RECORD At MT: 33-42 (7th year)
- NOTEWORTHY: Hobbies include golf, fishing, jogging, racquetball, and basketball ... Has coached eight all-Americans.

MT UNDER MCCOLLUM

- Won the Sun Belt Conference Championship in its first year
- 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 1999-2001
- Has 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 an 23-12 record at home and has gone 13-8 in the month of November
- Seen his offense score 30 or more points 31 times in 75 games
- 2002 Preseason Associated Press poll saw the Blue Raiders receive one vote, which was their first vote in school history

WEAVER COMES UP BIG

■ Senior Jeremiah Weaver added to the Middle Tennessee ledger of blocked kicks but none was bigger for the Blue Raiders than the one he registered at Vanderbilt. Weaver blocked a 36-yard field goal attempt on the game's final play to preserve Middle Tennessee's 17-15 win. The block was the first of Weaver's career and the 17th blocked kick under head coach Andy McCollum. Middle Tennessee has now blocked seven field goals in the I-A era, including two this season (Jeff Littlejohn vs. North Texas).

STRONG IN THE BLUE ZONE

■ Over the past 64 games, the Blue Raider offense has performed admirably in the blue zone. During that span, the offense has appeared inside the opponents' 20-yard line 242 times and has come away with points on 201 occasions. That works out to 84 percent. Of the 201 scores, 160 have been touchdowns. In 2004, the Blue Raiders were 34-for-39 in the blue zone and are 17-for-20 in 2005.

100-YD RECEIVING GAMES

■ Under **Andy McCollum**, MT has had 34 100-yard receiving games with 33 of those coming from wide receivers and one from a running back. WR **Chris Henry** (1) and WR **Cleannord Saintil** (1) 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 32-16 when scoring 20 or more points. On the flip side, Middle Tennessee stands 1-26 when scoring less than 20 points for McCollum and Co.

QUICK HITTERS

■ Middle Tennessee's time of possession of 41:15 against FAU went down as the most in the I-A era to surpass the mark of 39:55 set against Vanderbilt in 2001.

■ Offensive tackle **Germayle Franklin** leads the Blue Raiders with 24 consecutive starts while DL **Quinton Staton** and OL **Willie Hall** are next in line with 18 straight starts. QB **Clint Marks** owns 17 starts in a row.

■ WR **Cleannord Saintil** has caught at least one pass in 18 straight games to pace the Blue Raiders.

■ As a I-A member (75 games), the Blue Raiders have scored 50 or more points nine times.

■ The Blue Raiders are 27-5 under Andy McCollum when leading at the half and are 30-4 when leading a game entering the 4th quarter.

■ When trailing at the half, the Blue Raiders are just 5-35 under McCollum and two of those wins came in 2001.

■ The Blue Raiders have scored in 103 of their last 105 games, including 62 in a row. 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 49 straight home games.

■ Under McCollum, the Blue Raiders are 24-16 on turf, 8-24 on natural grass (11 of the losses came on road to SEC teams) and 1-2 on FieldTurf.

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

■ **Largest Margin of Victory in the I-A era:** 56 points vs UConn 11/4/00 (66-10) ... **Largest Margin of Defeat in the I-A era:** 55 points vs Florida 9/9/00 (55-0).

STORY IDEAS FOR 2005

■ **QB Clint Marks:** In 2002, Clint Marks arrived on campus at 163 pounds and many people never gave him a chance at seeing much time under center. Three years later, Marks is 203 pounds and on the Davey O'Brien Watch List.

■ **New AD:** Chris Massaro took over as MT's new Director of Athletics on May 1 and in his first 100 days a number of highlights have occured. Massaro inked a five-year deal with the University of Memphis to play football, while also adding Virginia to the home schedule in 2007. The long-time South Carolina associate AD also worked out a deal with WB 58 TV to become the new "Home of the Blue Raiders" and added local radio station WGNS 1450 to the Blue Raider Network.

■ **Summer GPA:** Middle Tennessee's football team put 64 players through summer school in 2005 and registered a cumulative GPA of 3.10. The team took a combined 422 hours.

■ **Double Duty:** Lou Groza Award candidate Colby Smith is one of the rare players in college football that handles both the placekicking and punting jobs.

■ **Hosting SBC Hoops:** The city of Murfreesboro at MT will play a part in March Madness this spring when the Blue Raiders play host to the SBC men's and women's basketball tournament March 2-7.

■ **All-Sports Champs:** The Blue Raiders have been a member of the Sun Belt Conference for only five years, but during that span they have won the All-Sports trophy three times. MT has won the honor two years in a row.

■ **Graduates:** Jason Elam, Jerrin Holt, Nick McAfee, and Paul Wheeler all have their degrees entering the 2005 season.

■ **Palmer Stepping Down:** Longtime play-by-play announcer Dick Palmer is in his 25th and final season of calling Blue Raider football. Palmer, who co-hosted the first call-in show in Nashville during the mid-70s, is also very active in Little League baseball.

MEDIA INFORMATION

ON THE AIR

■ In 2005, the Blue Raider Network welcomes WVRY FM 105.1 as its flagship station in Nashville, Tenn., while local stations WGNS 1450 AM and WMOT FM 89.5 will be the Blue Raiders' hometown carriers. The combination of the three stations will provide coverage in a 93-mile radius of Murfreesboro. WVRY and WGNS will carry all Blue Raider football and men's basketball games, along with the Andy Mac LIVE and Kermit Davis radio shows. Dick Palmer is in his 25th season as the Blue Raiders' play-by-play announcer, while MT graduate Chip Walters is handling the color analysis for the third year in a row. The Blue Raider Network also features six affiliate stations throughout the mid-state area.

ON THE NET

■ All Blue Raider football games can be heard over the internet by clicking on GoBlueRaiders.com. A link will be made available on the front page over on the righthand side.

ANDY MAC LIVE

■ Coach Andy McCollum's weekly call-in show, Andy Mac LIVE, airs each Thursday night from 7 to 8 PM from Corky's Restaurant in Murfreesboro. The show will be aired on WVRY FM 105.1 and WGNS 1450 AM, locally. The call-in number is 888-643-8366.

MCCOLLUM TV SHOW

■ The Andy McCollum television show can be seen each Sunday night at 10:30 PM on WB 58 (channel 18 on comcast cable) and each Monday (6:30 AM) and Wednesday (3:30 PM) on CSS. The show can also be seen each Monday at 7:30 PM on CSN 49 and Wednesday's at 2 PM on Fox College Sports. The show, which is taped each Sunday night, is hosted by Blake Fulton from 106.7 The Fan. Fulton is in his third year doing the show.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE
DEPTH CHART

Offense

QB	17	Clint Marks (6-2, 203, r-Jr.)
	16	Josh Harris (6-3, 200, Sr.)
	10	Patrick Jackson (6-2, 189, r-So.)
TB	20	Eugene Gross (5-9, 208, r-Jr.)
	28	Ralph King (5-10, 185, r-Jr.)
FB	31	Nick McAfee (6-0, 248, r-Sr.)
	38	Hunter Birtsch (5-11, 244, r-So.)
X	15	Cleannord Saintil (5-11, 197, Sr.)
	4	Pierre Ingram (6-4, 212, r-Jr.)
Y	13	Taron Henry (6-0, 190, r-So.)
	47	Walt Bell (5-10, 188, r-Jr.)
H	83	Jonathan Grigsby (5-9, 177, r-So.)
	88	Michael Cannon (5-10, 176, Fr.)
Z	87	Bobby Williams (6-3, 183, Fr.)
	89	Linnie Yarbrough (6-3, 190, Sr.)
TE	85	Stephen Chicola (6-5, 248, So.)
	80	Clint Corder (6-3, 240, r-So.)
LT	60	Willie Hall (6-6, 310, r-Jr.)
	50	Paul Cantrell (6-4, 313, r-Jr.)
LG	54	Franklin Dunbar (6-5, 354, r-Fr.)
	79	Brandon Nix (6-4, 286, So.)
C	57	Marcus Gates (6-2, 281, r-Jr.)
	51	Kyle Ringley (6-2, 272, r-Sr.)
RG	70	Richard Bortner (6-6, 334, r-Fr.)
	61	Cade Becher (6-3, 300, r-Jr.)
RT	73	Germayle Franklin (6-4, 316, r-Jr.)
	78	Derek Mason (6-4, 278, Jr.)

Defense

LE	94	Devarick Scandrett (6-4, 281, Sr.)
	95	Jonathan Presley (6-4, 240, Fr.)
	96	Bobby Payne (6-4, 286, r-Jr.)
NG	92	Jeff Littlejohn (6-2, 318, r-Sr.)
	44	Brandon Perry (6-2, 310, Fr.)
T	91	Quinton Staton (6-2, 270, Sr.)
	97	Trevor Jenkins (6-2, 270, Fr.)
RE	43	Erik Walden (6-2, 238, r-So.)
	45	Sean Mosley (6-3, 265, r-So.)
SAM	40	Dennis Burke (6-1, 242, Sr.)
	39	Marcus Brandon (5-11, 216, Jr.)
MIKE	25	J.K. Sabb (5-11, 230, Jr.)
	11	Chance Dunleavy (6-2, 238, Jr.)
WILL	33	Jonathan Bonner (6-0, 222, r-Jr.)
	37	Anthony Glover (6-2, 211, So.)
LC	24	Bradley Robinson (5-10, 170, r-So.)
	6	Roy Polite (6-1, 188, So.)
LS	30	Jeremiah Weaver (5-11, 187, Sr.)
	18	Ronald Steed (5-11, 200, r-Jr.)
RS	8	Jonathan Harris (5-10, 207, Jr.)
	5	Damon Nickson (6-0, 177, So.)
RC	2	Keon Raymond (5-11, 187, Sr.)
	26	Jordan Wilson (5-10, 172, Fr.)

Specialists

PK	46	Colby Smith (5-9, 181, r-Jr.)
	49	Paul Wheeler (6-1, 222, r-Sr.)
P	46	Colby Smith (5-9, 181, r-Jr.)
	13	Michael Hinson (5-10, 188, Fr.)
PR	24	Bradley Robinson (5-10, 170, r-So.)
DS	36	John Crawford (6-0, 240, Sr.)
KR	15	Cleannord Saintil (5-11, 197, Sr.)
	13	Taron Henry (6-0, 190, r-So.)
KO	46	Colby Smith (5-9, 181, r-Jr.)
	49	Paul Wheeler (6-1, 222, r-Sr.)
H	47	Walt Bell (5-10, 188, r-Jr.)
	81	Luke Paschall (5-10, 177, r-Jr.)

INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-GAME HIGHS UNDER ANDY MCCOLLUM

Category	MT Individual Single-Game Highs		OPPONENT Individual Single-Game Highs	
SCORING				
Points	36	Dwone Hicks vs La. Tech, 10/7/00	18	by several players
Touchdowns	6	Dwone Hicks vs La. Tech, 10/7/00	3	by several players
Field Goals	3	Brian Kelly (twice), Colby Smith (twice)	3	by three players (all in 2003)
Extra Points	10	Brian Kelly vs Idaho, 10/6/01	7	by three players
RUSHING				
Attempts	37	Dwone Hicks vs Vanderbilt, 8/30/01	34	Kevin Galbreath, UNT, 10/13/01
Net Yards	311	Dwone Hicks vs La. Tech, 10/7/00	221	Blair Lewis, Idaho, 10/26/02
Touchdowns	6	Dwone Hicks vs La. Tech, 10/7/00	3	by four different players
PASSING				
Completions	35	Clint Marks vs ULL, 9/25/04	49	Brian Lindgren, Idaho, 10/6/01
Attempts	47	Wes Counts vs UCF, 11/13/99	71	Brian Lindgren, Idaho, 10/6/01
Yards	459	Wes Counts vs Idaho, 10/6/01	637	Brian Lindgren, Idaho, 10/6/01
Touchdowns	6	Wes Counts vs Idaho, 10/6/01	5	Brian Lindgren, Idaho, 10/6/01
Interceptions	3	by C. Marks vs Troy, 2004; UNT 2005	4	Elliot Jacobs, ASU, 11/20/03
TOTAL OFFENSE				
Yards	461	Clint Marks vs ASU, 10/9/04	657	Brian Lindgren, Idaho, 10/6/01
RECEIVING				
Receptions	12	Kendall Newson, Tyrone Calico	15	Chris Lacy, Idaho, 10/6/01
Yards	187	Kerry Wright vs NMSU, 10/11/03	221	Chris Lacy, Idaho, 10/6/01
Touchdowns	3	Kerry Wright (twice), Tyrone Calico (twice)	3	Fred Stamps, ULL, 11/15/03
DEFENSE				
Tackles	18	Mario Kelso vs Arizona, 9/11/99	16	Jesse Busta, USU, 11/30/02
Sacks	2	by several players	3	Aubrey Dorisme, NMSU, 10/11/03
Interceptions	2	three times	2	by two players

LONG PLAYS UNDER ANDY MCCOLLUM

Category	MIDDLE TENNESSEE Long Plays		OPPONENT Long Plays	
RUSH	*79	Dwone Hicks vs La. Tech, 10/7/00	*81	Blair Lewis, Idaho, 10/26/02
PASS	*80	Clint Marks vs ASU, 10/9/04	*79	Jose Fuentes, USU, 11/30/02
RECEPTION	*80	Kerry Wright vs ASU, 2004	*79	Kevin Curtis, USU, 11/30/02
KICKOFF RETURN	*86	Kerry Wright vs UConn, 11/17/01	*95	Cedric Cobbs, Arkansas, 10/9/99
PUNT RETURN	*75	Kerry Wright vs Akron, 9/11/04	*80	Dennis Northcutt, Arizona, 11/11/99
INTERCEPTION RETURN	*89	Michael Woods vs NMSU, 10/11/03	99	Maurice Holman, UNT, 9/10/05
PUNT	68	Robert Billings vs NMSU, 11/2/02	79	Jason Ball, North Texas, 10/13/01
FIELD GOAL	47	Brian Kelly (twice)	51	Scott Westerfield, MSU, 9/4/99

**Touchdown Plays*

2005 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	7	9	26:54	25-34-0	13-20-123-1	45-157-1	3-12	0-1-1
at Alabama	26	20	33:06	37-133-2	17-25-212-1	62-345-3	4-11	1-0-1
Middle Tennessee	7	22	32:33	48-188-1	21-27-195-0	75-383-1	7-15	3-2-5
vs North Texas	14	14	27:27	44-152-1	10-16-122-0	60-274-1	6-15	0-0-0
Middle Tennessee	7	9	24:06	23-54-0	23-40-157-1	63-211-1	7-18	0-1-1
vs Akron	17	26	35:54	39-102-0	23-43-319-2	82-421-2	7-14	3-0-3
Middle Tennessee	17	11	24:32	31-62-2	14-22-147-0	53-209-2	4-13	0-0-0
at Vanderbilt	15	23	35:28	33-102-0	26-45-245-1	78-347-1	8-18	1-0-1
Middle Tennessee	35	25	41:15	64-263-5	12-19-115-0	83-378-5	11-19	1-0-1
at Florida Atlantic	14	16	18:45	26-104-2	11-28-165-0	54-269-2	5-11	3-2-5
Middle Tennessee	10	16	28:05	36-45-1	19-25-218-0	61-263-1	4-14	0-1-1
vs Louisiana-Lafayette	13	17	31:55	44-170-2	14-25-138-0	69-308-2	4-14	0-1-1
Middle Tennessee	45	21	33:14	43-146-3	18-28-266-3	71-412-6	8-15	1-0-1
vs Arkansas State	7	16	26:46	35-146-0	16-28-119-1	63-265-1	3-13	1-0-1
Middle Tennessee vs Louisiana-Monroe								
Middle Tennessee at NC State								
Middle Tennessee at Troy								
Middle Tennessee at Florida International								

INSIDE THE BLUE ZONE

Game	Middle Tennessee ● Opponent
Alabama	1-1 (1 TD, 0 FG) ● 4-5 (3 TD, 1 FG)
North Texas	1-3 (1 TD, 0 FG) ● 1-2 (1 TD, 0 FG)
Akron	0-0 (0 TD, 0 FG) ● 2-5 (2 TD, 0 FG)
Vanderbilt	3-3 (2 TD, 1 FG) ● 2-3 (1 TD, 1 FG)
Florida Atlantic	5-5 (5 TD, 0 FG) ● 2-2 (2 TD, 0 FG)
Louisiana-Lafayette	2-3 (1 TD, 1 FG) ● 2-2 (2 TD, 0 FG)
Arkansas State	5-5 (4 TD, 1 FG) ● 1-2 (1 TD, 0 FG)
Louisiana-Monroe	0-0 (0 TD, 0 FG) ● 0-0 (0 TD, 0 FG)
NC State	0-0 (0 TD, 0 FG) ● 0-0 (0 TD, 0 FG)
Troy	0-0 (0 TD, 0 FG) ● 0-0 (0 TD, 0 FG)
Florida International	0-0 (0 TD, 0 FG) ● 0-0 (0 TD, 0 FG)
Total	17-20 (15 TD, 2 FG) ● 14-21 (12 TD, 2 FG)

TAKEAWAY/GIVEAWAY

	Middle Tennessee			Opponents			
Game	FUM	INT	TOT	FUM	INT	TOT	DIF
Alabama	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
North Texas	2	3	5	0	0	0	-5
Akron	1	0	1	0	3	3	0
Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0	1	1	+1
FAU	0	1	1	2	3	5	+4
UL-Lafayette	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
ASU	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
UL-Monroe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NC State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Troy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FIU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5	5	10	3	9	12	+2

BLUE RAIDERS ON OPENING DRIVES

Game	1st Half	2nd Half
Alabama	Punt	Punt
North Texas	Punt	INT
Akron	Punt	Punt
Vanderbilt	Punt	Punt
Florida Atlantic	INT	MFG
Louisiana-Lafayette	TD	Punt
Arkansas State	TD	TD
Louisiana-Monroe		
NC State		
Troy		
Florida International		

KICKOFFS

PAUL WHEELER
Touchbacks: 4
Opponent Returns: 10
Fair Catches: 1
Out of Bounds: 0
Onside Kicks: 0
Average Depth: 6.5 (104) (onside kick not included)
Average Drive Start: 26.5 (397) (onside kick not included)

COLBY SMITH
Touchbacks: 4
Opponent Returns: 6
Fair Catches: 1
Average Depth: 10.5 (115) (onside kick not included)
Average Drive Start: 23.7 (262) (onside kick not included)

4TH DOWN CONVERSIONS

4th and:	1-3	4-6	7-10	11+	Total
Middle Tennessee	2-2	0-0	0-0	1-2	3-4
Percentage	1.000	.000	.000	.500	.750

2005 INDIVIDUAL GAME-BY-GAME STATS

RUSHING

Att-Yds-TD	Gross	Suber	King	Steed	Marks
at Alabama	12-37-0	7-22-0	DNP	0-0-0	6-(-25)-0
North Texas	28-129-1	7-28-0	4-8-0	0-0-0	7-13-0
Akron	11-29-0	DNP	5-14-0	0-0-0	3-13-0
at Vanderbilt	19-72-1	DNP	2-4-0	0-0-0	7-(-12)-1
at Florida Atlantic	30-131-4	2-6-0	22-97-1	0-0-0	7-20-0
Louisiana-Lafayette	15-54-0	DNP	12-52-1	0-0-0	9-(-61)-0
Arkansas State	17-75-2	DNP	7-13-0	12-67-1	4-(-9)-0
Louisiana-Monroe					
at NC State					
at Troy					
at Florida International					

RECEIVING

No-Yds-TD	Saintil	C. Henry	T. Henry	Chicola	Williams	Ingram	Gross	Suber	Cannon	Yarbrough
at Alabama	5-64-0	1-(-4)-0	1-8-0	0-0-0	1-14-0	0-0-0	1-3-0	2-18-0	DNP	1-6-0
North Texas	5-94-0	6-43-0	1-1-0	2-14-0	2-17-0	0-0-0	2-7-0	2-10-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Akron	6-62-1	DNP	2-7-0	2-14-0	3-26-0	1-6-0	5-29-0	DNP	1-3-0	0-0-0
at Vanderbilt	2-11-0	DNP	1-9-0	3-21-0	5-80-0	DNP	2-21-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0
at Florida Atlantic	5-56-0	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-27-0	0-0-0	3-27-0	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0
Louisiana-Lafayette	11-141-0	DNP	2-40-0	0-0-0	1-2-0	0-0-0	5-35-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0
Arkansas State	5-84-1	DNP	3-24-0	1-2-0	2-60-1	DNP	3-29-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0
Louisiana-Monroe										
at NC State										
at Troy										
at Florida International										

PASSING

Cmp-Att-Int-Yds-TD	17 Marks	16 Harris	10 Jackson
at Alabama	12-18-0-117-1	1-2-0-6-0	DNP
North Texas	21-27-3-195-0	DNP	DNP
Akron	19-33-0-139-1	4-7-0-18-0	DNP
at Vanderbilt	14-22-0-147-0	DNP	DNP
at Florida Atlantic	11-18-1-116-0	1-1-0-(-1)-0	DNP
Louisiana-Lafayette	19-24-0-218-0	0-1-0-0-0	DNP
Arkansas State	14-23-1-208-3	3-4-0-50-0	DNP
Louisiana-Monroe			
at NC State			
at Troy			
at Florida International			

PUNTING

No-Avg-In20	46 Smith
at Alabama	8-42.5-1
North Texas	2-44.5-1
Akron	9-39.4-2
at Vanderbilt	8-44.4-4
at Florida Atlantic	3-35.0-3
Louisiana-Lafayette	6-47.0-2
Arkansas State	3-37.0-0
Louisiana-Monroe	
at NC State	
at Troy	
at Florida International	

FIELD GOALS

Made *Missed*	46 Smith
at Alabama	None
North Texas	*42, 25*
Akron	None
at Vanderbilt	29
at Florida Atlantic	*47, 38, 46*
Louisiana-Lafayette	37, *42*
Arkansas State	26
Louisiana-Monroe	
at NC State	
at Troy	
at Florida International	

2005 GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSE

OPPONENT	QB	TB	WR	WR	WR	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT
Alabama	Marks	Gross	Saintil	Birtsch	Chicola (te)	McAfee (fb)	Hall	Nix	Gates	Smith	Franklin
North Texas	Marks	Gross	Saintil	Williams	Chicola (te)	McAfee (fb)	Hall	Nix	Gates	Smith	Franklin
Akron	Marks	Gross	Saintil	Williams	T. Henry	Cannon	Hall	Nix	Gates	Smith	Franklin
Vanderbilt	Marks	Gross	Saintil	Williams	Chicola (te)	McAfee (fb(	Hall	Nix	Gates	Smith	Franklin
FAU	Marks	Gross	Saintil	Williams	Chicola (te)	Bell	Hall	Nix	Gates	Smith	Franklin
ULL	Marks	Gross	Saintil	Williams	Chicola (te)	McAfee (fb)	Hall	Nix	Gates	Bortner	Franklin
Arkansas St.	Marks	Gross	Saintil	Williams	Chicola (te)	Henry	Hall	Dunbar	Ringley	Bortner	Franklin
ULM											
NC State											
Troy											
FIU											

DEFENSE

OPPONENT	LE	NG	T	RE	SAM	MIKE	WILL	LC	LS	RS	RC
Alabama	Scandrett	Littlejohn	Staton	Mosley	Burke	Sabb	Bonner	Robinson	Weaver	Harris	Raymond
North Texas	Scandrett	Littlejohn	Staton	Mosley	Burke	Sabb	Bonner	Robinson	Weaver	Harris	Raymond
Akron	Scandrett	Littlejohn	Staton	Warden	Burke	Sabb	Bonner	Robinson	Weaver	Harris	Raymond
Vanderbilt	Walden	Littlejohn	Staton	Scandrett	Burke	Sabb	Bonner	Robinson	Weaver	Harris	Raymond
FAU	Scandrett	Littlejohn	Staton	Walden	Burke	Dunleavy	Bonner	Robinson	Weaver	Harris	Raymond
ULL	Mosley	Littlejohn	Staton	Scandrett	Burke	Sabb	Bonner	Robinson	Weaver	Harris	Raymond
Arkansas St.	Scandrett	Littlejohn	Staton	Walden	Jones	Sabb	Bonner	Robinson	Weaver	Harris	Raymond
ULM											
NC State											
Troy											
FIU											

2005 GAME-BY-GAME TACKLES CHART

UT-AT-TT	UA	UNT	Akron	Vandy	FAU	ULL	ASU	ULM	NC State	Troy	FIU
Bonner	2-7-9	2-1-3	2-2-4	7-0-7	2-1-3	6-3-9	2-0-2				
Brandon	2-3-5	1-0-1	2-3-5	1-0-1	0-0-0	DNP	0-1-1				
Burke	1-1-2	5-0-5	7-1-8	4-2-6	1-1-2	5-4-9	1-2-3				
Elam	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-0-3				
Glover	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-1-1	2-2-4	1-0-1	1-0-1				
Harris	2-2-4	4-2-6	1-3-4	3-0-3	3-1-4	1-2-3	2-1-3				
Jenkins	1-1-2	0-0-0	2-0-2	0-0-0	DNP	1-0-1	1-0-1				
Jones	0-1-1	1-0-1	2-2-4	0-1-1	0-1-1	1-0-1	2-0-2				
Littlejohn	0-4-4	4-2-6	3-0-3	3-1-4	1-2-3	3-1-4	0-0-0				
Mosley	0-1-1	0-2-2	3-0-3	2-1-3	0-0-0	4-1-5	2-1-3				
Nickson	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-1-2	5-1-6	1-1-2	1-2-3	4-0-4				
Payne	0-0-0	0-1-1	1-1-2	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0				
Perry	0-0-0	DNP	1-0-1	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-1-1	DNP				
Polite	1-1-2	2-0-2	1-1-2	4-0-4	1-1-2	0-0-0	1-1-2				
Rainey	3-2-5	1-1-2	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP				
Raymond	3-2-5	1-1-2	4-2-6	1-1-2	2-0-2	0-1-1	4-0-4				
Robinson	8-1-9	3-1-4	4-1-5	6-0-6	3-0-3	1-0-1	0-0-0				
Sabb	4-3-7	7-0-7	6-0-6	4-4-8	1-3-4	2-4-6	5-0-5				
Sapp	DNP	DNP	0-1-1	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	0-1-1				
Scandrett	0-3-3	3-2-5	1-2-3	2-0-2	2-2-4	0-1-1	1-0-1				
Staton	1-7-8	3-2-5	0-2-2	4-0-4	3-4-7	3-2-5	3-2-5				
Stewart	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP				
Walden	2-2-4	1-1-2	4-1-5	1-0-1	0-0-0	5-1-6	2-2-4				
Weaver	0-5-5	2-4-6	3-0-3	4-0-4	0-1-1	3-1-4	2-3-5				

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2005 PARTICIPATION CHART

No.	Name	1 9/3 UA	2 9/10 UNT	3 9/17 UA	4 10/1 VU	5 10/15 FAU	6 10/22 ULL	7 11/5 ASU	8 11/12 ULM	9 11/19 NCSU	10 11/26 TU	11 TBA FIU
1	Rainey	X	X	X	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP				
2	Raymond	RC	RC	RC	RC	RC	RC	RC				
3	C. Henry	X	X	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP				
4	Ingram	X	X	X	DNP	X	X	DNP				
5	Nickson	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
6	Polite	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
7	Suber	X	X	DNP	DNP	X	DNP	DNP				
8	Jon. Harris	RS	RS	RS	RS	RS	RS	RS				
9	J. Robinson	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP				
10	Jackson	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP				
11	Dunleavy	X	X	X	X	LB	X	X				
12	Craddock	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP				
13	T. Henry	X	X	WR	X	X	X	WR				
15	Saintil	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR				
16	J. Harris	X	DNP	X	DNP	X	X	X				
17	Marks	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB				
18	Steed	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
19	T. Jones	X	X	X	X	X	X	LB				
20	Gross	RB	RB	RB	RB	RB	RB	RB				
21	Green	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
23	Brown	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP				
24	B. Robinson	LC	LC	LC	LC	LC	LC	LC				
25	Sabb	LB	LB	LB	LB	X	LB	LB				
26	Wilson	DNP	DNP	X	X	X	X	X				
27	Doucet	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
28	King	DNP	X	X	X	X	X	X				
29	Clemons	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
30	Weaver	LS	LS	LS	LS	LS	LS	LS				
31	McAfee	FB	FB	X	FB	X	FB	X				
32	Stewart	X	X	X	X	X	X	DNP				
33	Bonner	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB				
34	House	DNP	DNP	DNP	X	X	X	X				
36	Crawford	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
37	Glover	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
38	Birtsch	WR	X	X	X	X	X	X				
39	Brandon	X	X	X	X	X	DNP	X				
40	Burke	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	X				
42	Parks	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP				
43	Walden	X	X	DE	DE	DE	X	DE				
44	Perry	X	DNP	X	X	X	X	DNP				
45	Mosley	RE	RE	X	X	X	DE	X				
46	Smith	P/PK	P/PK	P/PK	P/PK	P/PK	P/PK	P/PK				
47	Bell	X	X	X	X	WR	X	X				
49	Wheeler	X	X	X	DNP	X	X	X				
50	Cantrell	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
51	Ringley	X	DNP	DNP	X	X	DNP	C				
54	Dunbar	X	X	X	X	X	X	LG				
55	Sapp	DNP	DNP	X	DNP	X	DNP	X				
57	Gates	C	C	C	C	C	C	X				
58	Elam	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
60	Hall	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT				
61	Becher	DNP	X	DNP	DNP	DNP	X	X				
62	Thompson	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP				
63	Ritter	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP				
65	Howard	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	X				
70	Bortner	X	X	X	X	X	RG	RG				
72	Turnbow	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	X	DNP	X				
73	Franklin	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT				
75	B. Smith	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	DNP	DNP				
78	Mason	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP				
79	Nix	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	X				
80	Corder	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
81	Paschall	DNP	DNP	X	DNP	DNP	DNP	X				
82	Stephens	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	X	X	X				
83	Grigsby	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	X				
84	Galvin	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP				
85	Chicola	TE	TE	X	TE	TE	TE	TE				
86	Honeycutt	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP				
87	Williams	X	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR				
88	Cannon	DNP	X	WR	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP				
89	Yarbrough	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
90	Anderson	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP				
91	Staton	T	T	T	T	T	T	T				
92	Littlejohn	NG	NG	NG	NG	NG	NG	NG				
94	Scandrett	LE	LE	LE	RE	LE	RE	LE				
95	Presley	DNP	DNP	DNP	X	X	X	X				
96	Payne	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
97	Jenkins	X	X	X	X	DNP	X	X				
98	McCoy	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP				
99	Chaney	DNP	X	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP				

Career Games Played/Started

No.	Name	Career GP-GS	2004 GP-S	2003 GP-S	2002 GP-S
1	J. Rainey	15-8	-	12-8	-
2	K. Raymond	17-8	10-1	-	-
3	C. Henry	35-16	11-7	10-4	12-5
4	P. Ingram	21-3	10-3	6-0	-
5	D. Nickson	18-6	11-6	-	-
6	Polite	18-1	11-1	-	-
7	A. Suber	3-0	-	-	-
8	J. Harris	18-14	9-8	2-0	-
9	J. Robinson	0-0	-	-	-
10	P. Jackson	0-0	-	-	-
11	C. Dunleavy	7-1	-	-	-
12	J. Craddock	0-0	-	-	-
13	T. Henry	16-4	9-2	-	-
15	C. Saintil	18-13	11-6	-	-
16	J. Harris	16-2	5-1	4-0	2-1
17	C. Marks	25-19	11-10	7-2	-
18	R. Steed	18-0	11-0	-	-
19	T. Jones	18-1	11-0	-	-
20	E. Gross	30-19	11-5	12-7	
21	Green	16-1	9-1	-	-
23	E. Brown	0-0	-	-	-
24	Robinson	18-17	11-10	-	-
25	J.K. Sabb	7-6	-	-	-
26	J. Wilson	5-0	-	-	-
27	R. Doucet	7-0	-	-	-
28	R. King	6-0	-	-	-
29	L. Clemons	7-0	-	-	-
30	J. Weaver	18-14	11-7	-	-
31	N. McAfee	41-13	11-5	12-4	11-0
32	Stewart	16-0	10-0	-	-
33	J. Bonner	32-17	1-1	12-9	12-0
34	B. House	4-0	-	-	-
36	J. Crawford	41-41	11-11	11-11	12-12
37	A. Glover	18-0	11-0	-	-
38	H. Birtsch	11-2	3-0	1-1	-
39	M. Brandon	8-0	2-0	-	-
40	D. Burke	40-23	11-10	10-7	12-0
42	J. Parks	12-0	1-0	11-0	-
43	E. Walden	17-8	10-4	-	-
44	B. Perry	5-0	-	-	-
45	S. Mosley	18-12	11-9	-	-
46	C. Smith	30-19	11-11	12-1	-
47	W. Bell	22-1	11-0	4-0	-
49	P. Wheeler	41-38	11-10	12-12	12-12
50	P. Cantrell	14-0	7-0	-	-
51	K. Ringley	11-4	7-3	-	-
54	F. Dunbar	7-1	-	-	-
55	C. Sapp	18-4	5-1	10-3	-
57	M. Gates	30-15	11-9	12-0	-
58	J. Elam	17-0	10-0	-	-
60	W. Hall	26-24	11-11	8-6	-
61	C. Becher	5-0	2-0	-	-
62	M. Thompson	0-0	-	-	-
63	C. Ritter	0-0	-	-	-
65	D. Howard	1-0	-	-	-
70	R. Bortner	7-2	-	-	-
72	K. Turnbow	4-0	2-0	-	-
73	G. Franklin	29-28	11-11	11-10	-
75	B. Smith	16-6	11-1	-	-
78	D. Mason	0-0	-	-	-
79	B. Nix	15-6	8-0	-	-
80	C. Corder	19-3	-	12-3	-
81	L. Paschall	10-0	4-0	4-0	-
82	Stephens	3-0	-	-	-
83	J. Grigsby	1-0	-	-	-
84	D. Galvin	0-0	-	-	-
85	S. Chicola	18-8	11-4	-	-
86	P. Honeycutt	0-0	-	-	-
87	B. Williams	7-6	-	-	-
88	M. Cannon	2-1	-	-	-
89	L. Yarbrough	12-0	5-0	-	-
90	C. Anderson	0-0	-	-	-
91	Q. Staton	18-18	11-11	-	-
92	J. Littlejohn	40-21	11-5	12-8	12-1
94	D. Scandrett	42-15	11-4	12-4	12-0
95	J. Presley	4-0	-	-	-
96	B. Payne	29-7	11-4	-	-
97	T. Jenkins	6-0	-	-	-
98	C. McCoy	0-0	-	-	-
99	R. Chaney	8-0	7-0	-	- -

2005 LIGHTNING BOLT WINNERS

	UA	UNT	UA	VU	FAU	ULL	ASU	ULM	NCSU	TU	FIU
W. Bell	-	-	-	1 (o)	1 (o)	-	5 (o)				
H. Birtsch	-	-	-	-	3 (o)	1 (o)	3 (o)				
J. Bonner	1 (d)	-	2 (d)	2 (d)	-	-	2 (d)				
R. Bortner	-	-	-	1 (o)	2 (o)	1 (o)	4 (o)				
M. Brandon	2 (st)	-	1 (st)	2 (d)	-	-	-				
D. Burke	1 (d)	1 (d)	1 (d)	1 (d)	2 (d)	5 (d)	1 (d)				
M. Cannon	-	-	1 (o)	-	-	-	-				
P. Cantrell	-	-	-	1 (o)	-	-	-				
S. Chicola	1 (o)	1 (o)	1 (o)	2 (o)	3 (o)	1 (o)	4 (o)				
C. Corder	-	1 (o)	1 (o)	2 (o)	3 (o)	1 (o)	5 (o)				
J. Crawford	-	-	-	-	1 (st)	-	3 (st)				
R. Doucet	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 (st)				
F. Dunbar	-	-	-	1 (o)	1 (o)	-	5 (o)				
C. Dunleavy	-	-	-	1 (d)	1 (d)	-	-				
J. Elam	1 (st)	-	-	-	1 (d)	-	2 (st)				
G. Franklin	1 (o)	1 (o)	1 (o)	2 (o)	3 (o)	1 (o)	5 (o)				
M. Gates	1 (o)	1 (o)	1 (o)	2 (o)	2 (o)	1 (o)	3 (o)				
A. Glover	-	-	-	-	1 (d)	-	-				
D. Green	-	-	-	1 (st)	-	-	1 (d)				
J. Grigsby	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 (o)				
E. Gross	1 (o)	1 (o)	1 (o)	3 (o)	4 (o)	1 (o)	5 (o)				
W. Hall	1 (o)	1 (o)	1 (o)	2 (o)	3 (o)	1 (o)	4 (o)				
Jon. Harris	-	-	-	4 (d)	-	1 (d)	1 (o)				
Jos. Harris	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 (d)				
C. Henry	1 (o)	1 (o)	-	-	-	-	-				
T. Henry	1 (o)	1 (o)	1 (o)	2 (o)	4 (3 o, st)	1 (o)	5 (o)				
T. Jenkins	-	-	1 (d)	-	-	-	-				
T. Jones	-	-	-	-	-	1 (d)	1 (d)				
P. Ingram	-	-	-	-	3 (o)	-	-				
R. King	-	-	-	1 (o)	4 (o)	1 (o)	1 (o)				
J. Littlejohn	-	4 (st, 3 d)	2 (d)	2 (d)	1 (d)	1 (d)	1 (d)				
C. Marks	1 (o)	1 (o)	1 (o)	2 (o)	3 (o)	1 (o)	4 (o)				
N. McAfee	1 (o)	1 (o)	1 (o)	2 (o)	3 (o)	1 (o)	5 (o)				
S. Mosley	-	1 (d)	-	1 (d)	3 (d)	-	6 (2 st, 4 d)				
D. Nickson	-	-	1 (d)	5 (4 d, st)	1 (d)	-	1 (d)				
B. Nix	1 (o)	1 (o)	1 (o)	2 (o)	2 (o)	1 (o)	2 (o)				
L. Paschall	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 (o)				
B. Payne	-	-	1 (d)	1 (d)	-	1 (d)	-				
B. Perry	-	-	-	1 (d)	-	-	-				
R. Polite	-	-	1 (st)	4 (2 d, 2 st)	-	-	3 (d)				
J. Presley	-	-	-	-	1 (d)	-	-				
K. Raymond	1 (d)	-	1 (st)	2 (d)	1 (d)	-	2 (d)				
K. Ringley	-	-	-	-	1 (o)	-	2 (o)				
B. Robinson	3 (d)	-	2 (d)	2 (d)	-	-	1 (st)				
J.K. Sabb	1 (d)	1 (d)	-	2 (d)	1 (d)	-	1 (d)				
C. Saintil	1 (o)	1 (o)	1 (o)	3 (2 o, st)	3 (o)	1 (o)	5 (o)				
D. Scandrett	2 (d)	1 (d)	-	1 (d)	3 (d)	-	2 (d)				
B. Smith	1 (o)	1 (o)	1 (o)	2 (o)	3 (o)	-	-				
C. Smith	-	-	-	4 (st)	1 (st)	-	3 (st)				
Q. Staton	-	1 (d)	1 (d)	1 (d)	3 (d)	1 (d)	1 (d)				
R. Steed	1 (st)	-	-	-	-	-	2 (o)				
J.M. Stephens	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 (o)				
D. Stewart	-	-	1 (st)	-	-	-	-				
A. Suber	1 (o)	1 (o)	-	-	-	-	-				
E. Walden	2 (d)	-	2 (d)	1 (d)	3 (d)	1 (d)	1 (d)				
J. Weaver	-	-	2 (st, d)	3 (d)	-	3 (d)	1 (d)				
B. Williams	1 (o)	1 (o)	1 (o)	2 (o)	3 (o)	1 (o)	5 (o)				
J. Wilson	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 (d)				
L. Yarbrough	-	-	-	-	3 (o)	-	1 (o)				

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

2005 MT SCORING DRIVES

Q P-YD TOP SCORE

ALABAMA

2 9-80 2:59 McAfee 14 pass from Marks (Smith PAT)

Q P-YD TOP SCORE

NORTH TEXAS

2 14-65 5:42 Gross 6 run (Smith PAT)

Q P-YD TOP SCORE

AKRON

2 5-61 1:54 Saintil 43 pass from Marks (Smith PAT)

Q P-YD TOP SCORE

VANDERBILT

2 3-2 :48 Marks 3 run (Smith PAT)
2 8-84 3:32 Gross 8 run (Smith PAT)
4 9-53 3:18 Smith 29 FG

Q P-YD TOP SCORE

FLORIDA ATLANTIC

1 1-2 :06 Gross 2 run (Smith PAT)
2 10-70 3:53 King 19 run (Smith PAT)
2 11-85 5:33 Gross 5 run (Smith PAT)
4 12-69 3:56 Gross 11 run (Smith PAT)
4 5-16 1:59 Gross 1 run (Smith PAT)

Q P-YD TOP SCORE

LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE

1 13-76 6:29 King 3 run (Smith PAT)
1 7-26 3:18 Smith 37 FG

Q P-YD TOP SCORE

ARKANSAS STATE

1 14-80 5:46 Gross 1 run (Smith PAT)
2 11-55 4:16 Smith 26 FG
2 2-58 :31 Williams 49 pass from Marks (Smith PAT)
2 1-14 :07 McAfee 14 pass from Marks (Smith PAT)
2 3-12 1:06 Gross 2 run (Smith PAT)
3 10-71 5:16 Saintil 30 pass from Marks (Smith PAT)
4 10-86 4:16 Steed 1 run (Wheeler PAT)

2005 MIDDLE TENNESSEE DRIVES

Game 1 Alabama

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
5-18	4:31	Punt	0-0
3-(-9)	2:01	Safety	0-2
6-17	3:08	Punt	0-2
9-80	2:59	TD	7-9
4-4	2:57	Punt	7-9
3-3	1:48	Punt	7-9
3-(-10)	2:47	Punt	7-16
6-7	3:09	Punt	7-23
3-5	1:57	Punt	7-26
3-7	1:37	Punt	7-26

Game 2 North Texas

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
3-9	1:56	Punt	0-0
8-55	3:24	INT	0-0
7-38	3:10	MFG	0-0
14-65	5:42	TD	7-0
8-50	3:04	Fumble	7-0
11-59	4:22	INT	7-7
3-5	1:01	Punt	7-7
4-21	1:34	Fumble	7-7
18-72	8:14	MFG	7-14
1-0	:06	INT	7-14

Game 3 Akron

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
3-7	1:48	Punt	0-7
3-7	1:21	Punt	0-7
3-7	1:54	Punt	0-7
5-61	1:54	TD	7-7
6-13	3:15	Punt	7-7
9-28	2:19	Clock	7-14
3-7	1:31	Punt	7-14
11-19	4:26	Punt	7-17
6-15	1:26	Punt	7-17
3-4	:33	Punt	7-17
3-(-1)	1:47	Punt	7-17
1-6	:07	Fumble	7-17
7-6	1:45	Downs	7-17

Game 4 Vanderbilt

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
3-8	2:04	Punt	0-0
3-(-5)	1:38	Punt	0-0
6-25	2:30	Punt	0-3
3-2	:48	TD	7-3
8-84	3:32	TD	14-3
1-(-2)	:16	Clock	14-6
6-22	2:58	Punt	14-6
3-4	1:46	Punt	14-6
3-(-5)	1:41	Punt	14-9
3-1	1:21	Punt	14-15
9-53	3:18	FG	17-15
6-12	2:40	Punt	17-15

Game 5 Florida Atlantic

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
5-18	2:32	INT	0-0
1-2	:06	TD	7-0
8-50	3:47	MFG	7-0
5-19	2:30	FG Blocked	7-0
10-70	3:53	TD	14-0
11-85	5:33	TD	21-0
3-9	1:07	Punt	21-7
10-19	4:46	MFG	21-7
7-31	4:41	Punt	21-14
12-69	3:56	TD	28-14
5-16	1:59	TD	35-14
6-2	4:10	Punt	35-14
3-(-11)	2:01	Clock	35-14

Game 6 Louisiana-Lafayette

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
13-76	6:29	TD	7-0
7-26	3:18	FG	10-0
4-10	2:27	Punt	10-7
3-7	1:26	Punt	10-7
6-40	1:20	MFG	10-7
3-9	1:42	Punt	10-7
3-(-13)	1:57	Punt	10-7
11-53	4:46	Fumble	10-7
3-6	2:10	Punt	10-7
3-8	1:26	Punt	10-7
7-27	1:04	Clock	10-13

Game 7 Arkansas State

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
14-80	5:46	TD	7-0
3(-5)	1:33	Punt	7-0
3-3	1:39	INT	7-0
11-55	4:16	FG	10-0
2-58	:31	TD	17-0
1-14	:07	TD	24-0
3-12	1:06	TD	31-0
3-9	1:29	Clock	31-0
10-71	5:16	TD	38-0
3-0	1:49	Punt	38-0
10-86	4:16	TD	45-0
3-5	1:42	Punt	45-7
6-14	3:44	Clock	45-7

2005 MIDDLE TENNESSEE OPPONENT DRIVES

Game 1 Alabama

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
4-22	1:41	Punt	0-0
4-22	2:58	Punt	0-0
4-2	2:06	INT	2-0
10-51	4:30	TD	9-0
6-36	2:33	Downs	9-7
1-1	:36	Clock	9-7
6-58	2:48	TD	16-7
4-(-9)	1:49	MFG	16-7
6-59	2:55	TD	23-7
7-62	2:34	FG	26-7
5-(-6)	4:14	Punt	26-7
7-32	4:22	Clock	26-7

Game 2 North Texas

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
7-37	4:13	Punt	0-0
3-4	1:06	Punt	0-0
4-7	2:36	Punt	0-0
7-34	2:34	Downs	0-7
10-46	2:15	MFG	0-7
3-(-5)	1:50	Punt	0-7
9-48	3:40	Blocked FG	7-7
3-46	:37	TD	14-7
9-35	4:58	Punt	14-7
7-20	3:38	Clock	14-7

Game 3 Akron

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
6-72	1:59	TD	7-0
12-54	5:47	Punt	7-0
7-37	1:34	Downs	7-0
3-8	:27	Punt	7-0
5-11	1:11	INT	7-7
10-89	6:31	TD	14-7
8-31	2:50	FG	17-7
9-65	2:28	INT	17-7
4-19	1:58	INT	17-7
5-18	2:56	Punt	17-7
6-13	3:50	Punt	17-7
7-15	3:49	Downs	17-7
1-(-2)	:34	Clock	17-7

Game 4 Vanderbilt

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
5-15	3:27	Punt	0-0
6-20	3:00	Punt	0-0
10-40	4:20	FG	3-0
3-(-2)	1:04	INT	3-0
6-25	3:52	Punt	3-7
11-78	3:29	FG	6-14
6-15	4:53	Punt	6-14
9-54	2:36	FG	9-14
8-43	3:11	TD	15-14
3-1	1:35	Punt	15-14
3-(-5)	1:14	Punt	15-17
12-81	2:47	Blocked FG	15-17

Game 5 Florida Atlantic

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
1-0	:07	INT	0-0
3-9	1:34	Punt	0-7
3-10	:40	Fumble	0-7
5-0	2:32	Punt	0-7
4-36	2:17	Punt	0-14
8-69	2:13	TD	7-21
5-33	:48	Clock	7-21
3-(-7)	1:40	Punt	7-21
8-71	3:13	TD	14-21
3-0	:34	Punt	14-21
2-0	:19	INT	14-28
2-13	:31	INT	14-35
7-20	1:51	Fumble	14-35

Game 6 Louisiana-Lafayette

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
3-15	:54	Fumble	0-7
11-81	6:05	TD	7-10
3-7	1:59	Punt	7-10
13-45	5:59	Downs	7-10
1-(-1)	:03	Clock	7-10
10-46	4:25	Downs	7-10
3-8	2:15	Punt	7-10
4-13	1:13	Punt	7-10
7-36	2:51	Punt	7-10
3-8	2:00	Punt	7-10
11-71	4:11	TD	13-10

Game 7 Arkansas State

PL-YDS	Time	Result	Score
3-9	1:40	Punt	0-7
3(-7)	1:43	Punt	0-7
4-9	1:32	Downs	0-7
3-(-2)	1:40	Punt	0-10
5-15	1:56	INT	0-17
6-15	3:12	Blocked Punt	0-24
6-30	1:50	Punt	0-31
4-21	2:55	Punt	0-31
9-20	3:11	Downs	0-38
5-18	2:05	Punt	0-38
6-60	1:40	TD	7-45
10-36	3:22	MFG	7-45

2005 COACHES AWARDS

Game	MVP Lineman	Knockdowns	Scout Team	Most Valuable Skill Player
Alabama	Brian Smith	Marcus Gates/Brandon Nix	Brad Nix	Eugene Gross
North Texas	Richard Bortner	Marcus Gates	(O) J. Robinson, P. Honeycutt, (D) Chris McCoy	Eugene Gross
Akron	Germayle Franklin	Brandon Nix	David Price	No award presented
Vanderbilt	Willie Hall	Brandon Nix	(D) “Blue Curtain”, (O) Tom Osteen, D. McNair	Eugene Gross
Florida Atlantic	Germayle Franklin	Germayle Franklin	(D) Brandon Davis, (O) Chris Ritter	Eugene Gross, Ralph King
ULL	Franklin Dunbar	Marcus Gates	(D) Josh Dutton, (O) DeMarco McNair	Cleannord Saintil
Arkansas State	W. Hall/F. Dunbar	Franklin Dunbar	(D) Chris McCoy, (O) Hunter Patterson	Marks, Gross, Saintil
ULM				
NC State				
Troy				
Florida International				

OFFENSIVE LINE STATISTICS

Game (P-K-Grade Avg.)	Hall	Nix	Gates	Smith	Franklin	Dunbar	Ringley	Bortner	Cantrell
Alabama	52-5-82%	42-7-64%	49-10-82%	50-5-79%	52-8-82%	11-2-63%	3-0-89%	4-1-77%	1-0-NG
North Texas	77-10-84%	60-11-78%	77-15.5-75%	56-3.5-73%	77-13.5-82%	20-5.5-54%	DNP	26-5.5-71%	3-0-NG
Akron	65-5.5-89%	48-8-84%	65-4.5-85%	50-.5-72%	65-3-89%	18-2-74%	DNP	17-1.5-77%	1-0-NG
Vanderbilt	52-8-83%	35-8.5-72%	52-6-78%	55-6.5-78%	52-7-77%	22-3-79%	1-0-NG	4-0-NG	3-0-NG
FAU	74-13-74%	69-21-81%	59-14-81%	59-7-79%	81-24-88%	45-11.5-75%	33-5-84%	47-11.5-66%	21-1-77%
ULL	62-4.5-86%	41-12-81%	64-14.5-83%	DNP	64-12-86%	41-5.5-79%	DNP	54-9-81%	3-0-NG
Arkansas St.	51-9-87%	28-8.5-76%	29-3-87%	DNP	64-5.5-86%	74-15.5-72%	44-4-78%	65-10.5-77%	15-2-79%
ULM									
NCSU									
Troy									
FIU									
Tot.	433-55-84%	323-76-77%	395-67.5-82%	270-22.5-76%	455-73-84%	231-45-71%	81-9-84%	217-39-75%	47-3-78%

Keys:

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

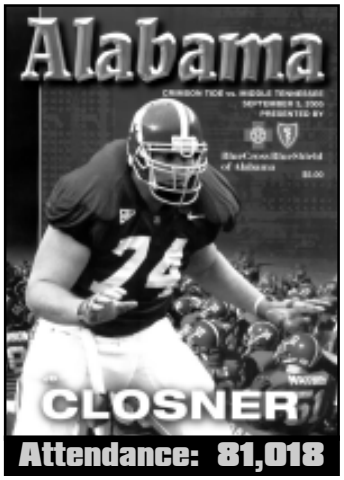
THE LAST TIME ...

Middle Tennessee

SHUT OUT AN OPPONENT: October 30, 2004, vs Utah State. Score: 21-0
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 30, 2004 vs Utah State (317 yards)
HAD MORE THAN 500 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE: October 9, 2004, vs Arkansas State (551 yards)
HAD MORE THAN 600 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE: October 6, 2001, vs Idaho (685 yards)
SCORED MORE THAN 50 POINTS: November 15, 2003, vs Louisiana-Lafayette (51 points)
FAILED TO RUSH FOR MORE THAN 100 YARDS: October 22, 2005 vs Louisiana-Lafayette (36 carries, 59 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 30, 2004, vs Utah State (30 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: October 30, 2004, vs Utah State (156 yards)
HELD AN OPPONENT TO LESS THAN 300 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE: November 5, 2005, vs Arkansas State (265 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: September 11, 2004 vs Akron (Kerry Wright - 75 yards)
RETURNED A BLOCKED PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN: Nov. 16, 2002, vs UL-Monroe (Chris Henry - 5 yards)
BLOCKED AN OPPONENT PUNT: November 5, 2005, vs Arkansas State (Sean Mosley)
BLOCKED A FIELD GOAL: October 1, 2005 vs Vanderbilt (Jeremiah Weaver)
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 15, 2005, vs Florida Atlantic (Eugene Gross - 131 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 22, 2005 vs Louisiana-Lafayette (Cleannord Saintil - 11-141)
TWO PLAYERS HAD 100 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS: October 9, 2004, vs Arkansas St. (Kerry Wright (178) & Chris Henry (100))
PLAYED AN OVERTIME GAME: November 15, 2003 vs Louisiana-Lafayette (ULL 57, MT 51)
DID NOT COMMIT A TURNOVER: October 1, 2005 vs Vanderbilt

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: September 17, 2005 vs Akron (319 yards)
PASSED FOR MORE THAN 400 YARDS: November 15, 2003, by UL-Lafayette (435 yards)
HAD MORE THAN 500 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE: November 6, 2004 by New Mexico State (606 yards)
HAD MORE THAN 600 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE: November 6, 2004 by New Mexico State (606 yards)
SCORED 50 POINTS: October 16, 2004, by Florida (52 points)
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: October 15, 2005, by Florida Atlantic (Jervonte Jackson)
RETURNED A PASS INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN: September 10, 2005, vs North Texas (Maurice Holman)
SCORED A SAFETY: September 3, 2005 by Alabama
PLAYER RUSHED FOR 100 YARDS: November 5, 2005, Arkansas State (Antonio Warren - 113 yards)
PLAYER HAD 100 OR MORE YARDS RECEIVING: September 17, 2005 by Akron (D. Hixon - 169)
HAD A 100-YARD RUSHER AND RECEIVER: October 2, 2003, North Texas (Jamario Thomas - 179 yards rushing; J. Quinn -153 yards rec.)
PLAYER RUSHED FOR 200 YARDS: October 26, 2002, by Idaho (Blair Lewis - 221 yards)



Scoring Summary

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
Middle Tennessee	0	7	0	0	7
Alabama	2	7	14	3	26

1st Quarter

3:49 UA Team Safety

2nd Quarter

9:05 UA Castille 1 run (Saxby PAT)
6:06 MT McAfee 14 pass from Marks (Smith PAT)

3rd Quarter

10:34 UA Prothro 13 pass from Croyle (Saxby PAT)
2:53 UA Castille 1 run (Saxby PAT)

4th Quarter

12:14 UA Saxby 32 FG

Game Notes

- FB Nick McAfee's second quarter touchdown reception was the 11th catch of his career and the fourth for a touchdown.
- Sophomore Bradley Robinson recorded his third career interception when he picked off Brodie Croyle in the second quarter.
- WR Chris Henry extended his streak to 18 straight games with at least one reception.
- QB Clint Marks' second quarter touchdown was the 22nd of his career which tied him with Bob Hallum for eighth place all-time.
- The following Middle Tennessee players played in their first collegiate game as a Blue Raider: S Lonnie Clemons, S Reggie Doucet, LB Chance Dunleavy, DL Trevor Jenkins, OL Brandon Nix, DL Brandon Perry, LB J.K. Sabb, RB Alex Suber and WR Bobby Williams.
- Middle Tennessee gave up a safety in the first quarter to mark the first time a Blue Raider team has surrendered a safety since Louisiana-Lafayette registered one against MT on Oct. 19, 2002.
- Middle Tennessee is now 2-12 all-time against teams from the SEC.

ALABAMA 26, MIDDLE TENNESSEE 7

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by Adam Sparks, Daily News Journal

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - Consider MTSU a loser by technical knockout to Alabama Saturday.

The Blue Raiders went toe-to-toe for 12 rounds with a heavy hitter amid 81,018 at Bryant-Denny Stadium.

They just couldn't deliver a blow to the Crimson Tide's chin, and they couldn't withstand Alabama's body shots in the late rounds.

"Our kids played their butts off and fought one of the best teams in the SEC toe-to-toe," said MTSU head coach Andy McCollum, whose squad lost 26-7 to Alabama in its season opener.

"There are not a lot of negatives I have to say on our team. They fought the whole game, and there was still fire in their eyes in the fourth quarter."

MTSU hung around with a team some have picked to win the SEC West, but Alabama's sheer numbers eventually overwhelmed the Blue Raiders.

The Tide produced 345 hard-fought yards on the night but were outgained by MTSU in the first half.

Incidentally, everything that makes Alabama an SEC power showed in the second half, where the Tide outscored the Blue Raiders 17-0.

"We came out of that locker room at halftime with some fire, so our feelings were a little hurt in that second half because we felt good about ourselves," McCollum said.

Alabama quarterback Brodie Croyle completed 16-of-24 passes for 210 yards, while tailback Kenneth Darby rushed for 90 yards on 17 carries.

However, neither seemed too much for MTSU to handle.

The Blue Raider defense made a habit of bottling up the Tide on key third-down plays, including holding Alabama to no points when an MTSU fumble turned the ball over 20 yards shy of the end zone.

"We competed the whole game, and we're proud of that," said MTSU senior defensive lineman Jeff Littlejohn.

While MTSU uncharacteristically relied on its defense to keep the game close, the offense struggled against the Tide's speedy veteran stop squad.

Alabama's offense finally broke MTSU's resolve, putting together three quick-hit scoring drives in the second half.

On the flip side, MTSU made only one first down and gained just 22 yards in the second half, leaving its defense on the field late in the game.

Coming off a record-setting sophomore season, quarterback Clint Marks couldn't solve Alabama's No. 1-rated secondary from a year ago or its relentless pass rush.

Marks was sacked five times and limited to only 117 yards on 12-of-18 passing.

"They just have a great defense, and they're so fast at every position," Marks said. "We tried to do a few different things against them, and they didn't do much different than we thought they would.

MTSU's lone score came by marching 80 yards to paydirt in the second quarter, mostly with the ball in two true freshmen's hands.

Alex Suber had four touches (three rushes, one reception) for 24 yards on the scoring drive, and Bobby Williams hauled in a key 14-yard catch on third down.

Marks tossed a 14-yard touchdown pass to senior fullback Nick McAfee, only the 10th catch of his career.

"It was a play-action, and we faked the reverse. Nick McAfee just found that corner and got open," Marks said. "I guess that's exactly how you draw it up."

Alabama took an early but unimpressive 9-0 lead on MTSU miscues and a short scoring drive.

The Tide sacked Marks for a safety when the Blue Raider quarterback hesitated to throw the pass away. On the previous snap, MTSU tackle Germayle Franklin was penalized for holding, negating a 16-yard pass play and backing up the Blue Raiders to their own 7-yard line.

Alabama's next drive was halted by an MTSU interception by sophomore Bradley Robinson.

But the Tide soon answered with a 10-play, 51-yard drive, ending with a 1-yard dive into the end zone by Tim Castille to take a 9-0 lead. Castille later scored on another 1-yard run in the third quarter.

Alabama also scored on a Tyrone Prothro's 13-yard catch in the third quarter and Ryan Saxby's 32-yard field goal in the fourth quarter.

Senior Cleannord Saintil led MTSU with five receptions for 64 yards, as eight different Blue Raiders caught at least one pass.

Junior Eugene Gross and Suber combined for 59 yards on 19 rushes against a stacked defensive front.

Robinson and linebacker Jonathan Bonner, a Birmingham, Ala., native, led MTSU with nine tackles apiece.

MTSU stretched its road losing streak to six games, with its last road win coming in the 2004 season opener at Akron.

It was only the second all-time meeting between the schools. The last staged a near upset for MTSU, which lost 39-34 in 2002.

"Obviously this was a struggle for us, and we already knew that Middle Tennessee is a good football team," said Alabama coach Mike Shula. "They did a great job of hanging in there. You could tell they were not awed or intimidated by anything. They're obviously a very well-coached football team."

Game Statistics

	MT	UA
FIRST DOWNS	9	20
RUSHES-YDS (NET)	25-34	37-133
PASSING YDS (NET)	123	212
Passes Att-Comp-Int	20-13-0	25-17-1
TOT. OFF. PLYS-YDS	45-157	62-345
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-11	3-39
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-56	3-59
Interception Returns-Yds	1-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	8-42.5	3-36.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	8-70	7-50
Possession Time	26:54	33:06
Third-Down Conv.	3 of 12	4 of 11
Fourth-Down Conv.	0 of 0	0 of 1
Red-Zone	1-1	4-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-9	5-25

RUSHING: Middle Tennessee-Gross, Eugene 12-37; Suber, Alex 7-22; Marks, Clint 6-minus 25. Alabama Crimson Tide-Kenneth Darby 17-90; Jimmy Johns 5-35; Glen Coffee 7-11; Tim Castille 5-7; Brodie Croyle 1-2; TEAM 1-minus 3; JP Wilson 1-minus 9.

PASSING: Middle Tennessee-Marks, Clint 12-18-0-117; Harris, Josh 1-2-0-6. Alabama Crimson Tide-Brodie Croyle 16-24-1-210; JP Wilson 1-1-0-2.

RECEIVING: Middle Tennessee-Saintil, C. 5-64; Suber, Alex 2-18; Williams, Bobby 1-14; McAfee, Nick 1-14; Henry, Taron 1-8; Yarbrough, L. 1-6; Gross, Eugene 1-3; Henry, Chris 1-minus 4. Alabama Crimson Tide-Keith Brown 5-84; Matt Caddell 3-50; Ezekial Knight 2-21; Kenneth Darby 2-17; Tim Castille 2-13; Tyrone Prothro 1-13; Glen Coffee 1-8; DJ Hall 1-6.

INTERCEPTIONS: Middle Tennessee-Robinson, B. 1-0. Alabama Crimson Tide-None.

FUMBLES: Middle Tennessee-Saintil, C. 1-1. Alabama Crimson Tide-Tyrone Prothro 1-0; JP Wilson 1-0.

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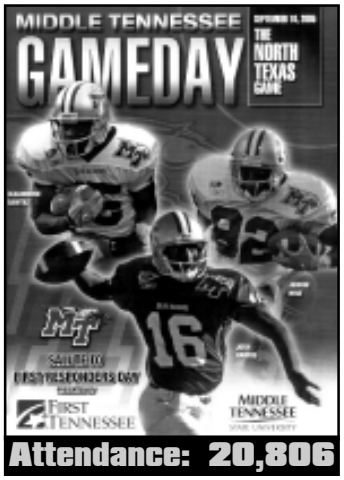


Scoring Summary

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

2nd Quarter

7:53 MT Gross 6 run (Smith PAT)

3rd Quarter

8:48 NT Holman 99 Interception Return (Bazaldua PAT)
1:56 NT Cobbs 4 run (Bazaldua PAT)

Game Notes

- Eugene Gross rushed for 129 yards on a career-high 28 attempts. It marked Gross' fourth career 100-yard game and his second against the Mean Green. The junior's 28 attempts were the most by a Blue Raider back since Dwone Hicks carried 37 times against Vanderbilt in 2001.
- LB J.K. Sabb recorded a school record five tackles for loss.
- Senior Jeff Littlejohn's sack in the third quarter was Middle Tennessee's first-ever sack against North Texas in five meetings.
- Jeff Littlejohn blocked a field goal in the third quarter. It was the first of his career and the 16th under Andy McCollum.
- Senior wide receiver Cleannord Saintil had five receptions for a career-high 94 yards. Saintil's previous yardage high was 75 yards against Florida Atlantic in 2004.
- With 195 yards passing against UNT, Clint Marks moved all the way to seventh on the all-time passing yardage list. Marks passed Andrico Hines and Phil Ironside and now has 3,654 career passing yards.
- A record five NFL scouts attended the MT-North Texas game.
- The 99-yard interception return by North Texas was the longest in school history against the Blue Raiders.
- RB Ralph King played in his first collegiate game against MT.
- WR Chris Henry ran his streak to 19 straight games with at least one reception.

NORTH TEXAS 14, MIDDLE TENNESSEE 7

Sept. 10, 2005 • Floyd Stadium • Murfreesboro, TN

by Adam Sparks, Daily News Journal

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - There was little more than silence in MTSU's Floyd Stadium.

No stirring from an estimated crowd of 20,806, no victory parade from a historic win and certainly no tectonic shift of the Sun Belt Conference's landscape.

MTSU lost 14-7 to four-time defending Sun Belt champion North Texas to extend the Mean Green's league winning streak to 26 games. It dropped MTSU to 0-5 against North Texas (1-0, 1-0 in Sun Belt) all-time, and the Blue Raiders (0-2, 0-1) also suffered their fourth straight defeat in a home opener.

"This has nothing to do with a lack of effort or a lack of desire," said MTSU coach Andy McCollum. "What hurts is that it wasn't a matter of them stopping us. It was a matter of us stopping ourselves.

"We had every chance to put ourselves in a great position because I really believe that if we could have got up 10-0 or 14-0, I don't think they could've scored twice on our defense."

MTSU committed a long list of miscues with the football in its hands, including five turnovers and two missed field goals.

The tide-turning error came when MTSU quarterback Clint Marks was intercepted just shy of the goal line by Maurice Holman, who rumbled 99 yards to tie the score at 7 midway through the third quarter.

From there, North Texas put together what little offense it could muster on the night, punching in a third-quarter score on Patrick Cobbs' four-yard touchdown run after MTSU fumbled on its own 46-yard line to take a 14-7 lead.

"This is real tough. But put it on my shoulders. This all my fault," said Marks, who finished 21-of-27 passing for 195 yards and three interceptions. "On the three interceptions? The first one I had the guy, but I threw it too high. On the second one, it was pretty much a bad decision on my part.

"And on the third one, I kind of got hit in the back and the ball died on me, and there was a linebacker waiting right there for it."

Marks' last pick ended MTSU's hopes of a late rally when he was intercepted on the first play after the Blue Raiders took possession with 3:44 remaining in the game on their own 16-yard line.

However, several other blown offensive opportunities led to that final nail in the coffin.

MTSU squandered three scoring opportunities in the first half, with drives deep into North Texas territory ending with an interception, missed field goal and fumble.

Marks was picked off by Aaron Weathers after completing his first six passes of the night.

That ended a 55-yard drive in the first quarter that included a 27-yard reception by Cleannord Saintil.

The Blue Raiders marched 38 more yards on their next possession, but junior Colby Smith missed a 42-yard field goal on his first attempt of the year.

After taking a 7-0 lead, MTSU stopped North Texas on a fourth-and-1 run, traveled 34 yards, but fumbled when Chris Henry lost the handle after a 16-yard catch.

"There's no finger-pointing, and I hurt for them, ... but what hurts is that we moved it up and down the field on them. We just committed critical turnovers. We just did things you can't do," McCollum said. "It's just that five turnovers is tough to overcome, and we couldn't overcome it."

MTSU outgained North Texas 383 to 274, including 188 yards rushing yards.

Junior running back Eugene Gross had a career-high 28 carries for 129 yards and one touchdown.

Saintil led MTSU with five catches for 94 yards, and Henry had six receptions for 43 yards, but suffered a season-ending leg injury in the fourth quarter.

MTSU drew first blood with a steady 14-play, 65-yard drive that ended with Gross' six-yard touchdown run with 7:53 remaining in the second quarter. Marks completed 4-of-5 passes on the drive, and Gross added six rushes for 31 yards.

Meanwhile, the MTSU's defense shone throughout the night, holding North Texas' star running backs Jamario Thomas and Patrick Cobbs, the last two NCAA rushing champions, to a combined 161 rushing yards on 38 carries.

"But I'm not going to sit here and blame this on my offense. We're a whole team, and this is on all of us," said MTSU nose guard Jeff Littlejohn, who had a sack and blocked a North Texas field goal.

"We could've all done more. Defense wins championships, and the offense pleases the crowd. We all put a lot on ourselves for this game, and we didn't finish it off, and that goes for the whole team."

The Blue Raiders also held North Texas freshman quarterback Daniel Meager to 122 yards on 10-of-15 passing.

Meanwhile, linebacker J.K. Sabb led MTSU with seven tackles and set a school record with five tackles for loss.

Game Statistics

	NT	MT
FIRST DOWNS	14	22
RUSHES-YDS (NET)	44-152	48-188
PASSING YDS (NET)	122	195
Passes Att-Comp-Int	16-10-0	27-21-3
TOT. OFF. PLYS-YDS	60-274	75-383
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1--2	3-4
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-56	1-7
Interception Ret.-Yds	3-115	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-35.0	2-44.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	6-35	6-53
Possession Time	27:27	32:33
Third-Down Conv.	6 of 15	7 of 15
Fourth-Down Conv.	0 of 1	2 of 2
Red-Zone Chances	1-2	1-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-3	1-7

RUSHING: North Texas-Cobbs, Patrick 28-103; Thomas, Jamario 10-58; TEAM 2-minus 4; Meager, Daniel 4-minus 5. Middle Tennessee-Gross, Eugene 28-129; Suber, Alex 7-28; Marks, Clint 7-13; Williams, Bobby 1-9; King, Ralph 4-8; Henry, Chris 1-1.

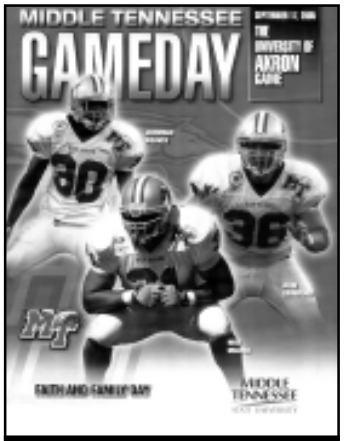
PASSING: North Texas-Meager, Daniel 10-15-0-122; TEAM 0-1-0-0. Middle Tennessee-Marks, Clint 21-27-3-195.

RECEIVING: North Texas-Cobbs, Patrick 4-36; Quinn, Johnny 2-56; Nwigwe, Joel 1-14; Mitchell, James 1-7; Davidson, Beau 1-6; Branch, JaMel 1-3. Middle Tennessee-Saintil, C. 5-94; Henry, Chris 5-37; Williams, Bobby 2-17; Chicola, S. 2-14; Suber, Alex 2-10; Gross, Eugene 2-7; McAfee, Nick 1-9; Craddock, Joe 1-6; Henry, Taron 1-1.

INTERCEPTIONS: North Texas-Mendoza, Derek 1-0; Weathers, Aaron 1-16; Holman, Maurice 1-99. Middle Tennessee-None.

FUMBLES: North Texas-Muzzy, Zach 1-0. Middle Tennessee-King, Ralph 1-0; Marks, Clint 1-1; Henry, Chris 1-1.

Attendance: 20,806
Total elapsed time: 3:13
Weather: Clear, Sunny
Temperature: 85



Attendance: 12,411

Scoring Summary

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
Akron	7	7	3	0	17
Middle Tennessee	0	7	0	0	7

1st Quarter

13:01 UA Biggs 13 pass from Getsy (Swiger PAT)

2nd Quarter

13:16 MT Saintil 43 pass from Marks (Smith PAT)
2:19 UA Hixon 12 pass from Getsy (Swiger PAT)

3rd Quarter

10:39 UA Swiger 49 FG

Game Notes

- Middle Tennessee leading receiver Cleannord Saintil hauled in his first touchdown reception of the season and just the second of his career in the second quarter against Akron. The 43-yard reception was the longest of Saintil's career and the longest pass play of the season for the Blue Raiders.

- Middle Tennessee has scored just 21 points this season and all 21 have come in the second quarter.

- Freshman wide receiver Michael Cannon made his first collegiate start against Akron.

- Freshman Brandon Perry collected his first collegiate sack against the Zips.

- Sophomore Bradley Robinson recorded his team-leading second and third interceptions against Akron when he made a circus catch in the back of the endzone to stop a Zip scoring threat to go along with another one on the very next possession. It marks the second time in Robinson's career he has hauled in two interceptions in a single-game (2 vs Arkansas State in 2004). For his career, Robinson now has five interceptions.

- Safety Jeremiah Weaver picked up his first interception as a Blue Raider in the loss to Akron.

- The Blue Raiders are now 0-25 in the I-A era when scoring less than 20 points.

AKRON 17, MIDDLE TENNESSEE 7

Sept. 17, 2005 • Floyd Stadium • Murfreesboro, TN

by Adam Sparks, Daily News Journal

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - It was the same old blues tune for the Blue Raiders Saturday.

The offense struggled, the defense was a few plays shy of a job well done and the result followed suit, as MTSU lost 17-7 to Akron amid 12,411 at Floyd Stadium.

"We're not playing very good. We're just not a very good offensive football team right now," said MTSU coach Andy McCollum. "We make too many mistakes, and we don't make plays. We can't do anything offensively, and it's very disappointing."

The defeat dropped MTSU to 0-3 on the year and marked the first time the Blue Raiders have lost home games in back-to-back weeks since 1980.

It was Akron's first non-conference road win in six years and the first victory over MTSU since 1982, a span of six meetings.

Furthermore, MTSU's offensive struggles reached nearly unprecedented lows on the scoreboard.

The Blue Raiders scored less than 10 points in a second straight home game for the first time in 36 years, spanning 201 home games over that period of consistent scoring.

It was also the third straight game that MTSU's offense scored only seven points, again coming in the second quarter.

"We know we're better than the offense that we're showing people out there," said junior quarterback Clint Marks. "We're hurting ourselves. We're not being consistent in anything.

"We show what we can do when we drive down the field, but we're not doing it enough, and we're not scoring. So that's a problem."

MTSU had only 211 total yards and eight first downs. Marks completed 19-of-32 passes for 139 yards, one touchdown and no interceptions.

The Blue Raiders didn't pick up their initial first down until the second play of the second quarter, and only one offensive drive traveled farther than 30 yards.

"We came out slow on offense, and you have to be focused when you're coming out playing at home," said running back Eugene Gross, who rushed for a season-low 29 yards on 11 carries.

"At the beginning of the game, we just couldn't get into a groove, and everything built up to the end of the game when it was too late to put anything together."

The Blue Raiders' lone score came when senior Cleannord Saintil snatched a reception at the 20-yard line, then spun and juked three defenders to score on a 43-yard touchdown pass from Marks.

"I settled in their zone, got the ball and tried to make a play. I spun off a couple of guys and used my instincts to get by and get to the end zone," said Saintil about his career-long reception. "But I should've made the other catch in the fourth (quarter), so I blame this loss on myself."

Saintil dropped an over-the-shoulder catch from backup quarterback Josh Harris when he broke wide open behind the Akron secondary with 10:12 remaining in the game. It would've been a 91-yard score to cut the Zips' lead to 17-14.

"That's what you want. It's your best receiver 25 yards behind their secondary, and we don't make the play," McCollum said.

Akron (1-1) finished one yard shy of doubling MTSU's offensive production, gaining 421 yards and 26 first downs.

Quarterback Luke Getsy completed 23-of-43 passes for 319 yards, two touchdowns and three interceptions.

However, the Blue Raiders' three picks — two by Bradley Robinson — were turned around for only two offensive first downs and no points.

"Sometimes the offense makes plays, and sometimes the defense makes plays," Robinson said. "It looks like we've just both got to make more to win right now."

For all of Akron's production, it squandered scoring opportunities early. The Zips reached MTSU territory on their first three possessions but came away with only one score.

Akron took the game's opening kickoff and drove 72 yards in just six plays and 1:59 to score on Getsy's pass to Brett Biggs.

Akron threatened to score on its next two drives but stalled on a dropped third-down pass and a failed fourth-down conversion.

Meanwhile, MTSU appeared to be playing in sand, picking up only 17 yards in its first three possessions.

The Blue Raiders wasted a prime opportunity to steal momentum when a second-quarter Akron scoring drive featured a third-and-28 conversion, a dropped interception and personal foul by MTSU and a Zips' touchdown catch between Blue Raider defenders.

After Akron holding penalties on back-to-back snaps, MTSU linebacker Jonathan Bonner dropped an interception that struck his hands with only the end zone in front of him 15 yards away.

On the next play, Akron converted on third-and-28 with a 43-yard pass to Domenik Hixon capped off by an MTSU face mask penalty — counting for a 63-yard gain.

Five plays later, Hixon made a sliding touchdown catch on third-and-seven to go ahead 14-7 with 2:19 remaining in the second quarter.

After MTSU's offense went three plays and out to start the second half, Akron took a 17-7 lead on Jason Swiger's 49-yard field goal to cap a 31-yard drive.

Game Statistics

	UA	MT
FIRST DOWNS	26	9
RUSHES-YDS (NET)	39-102	23-54
PASSING YDS (NET)	319	157
Passes Att-Comp-Int	43-23-3	40-23-0
TOT. OFF. PLYS-YDS	82-421	63-211
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	4-16	1-10
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-26	2-52
Interception Returns-Yds	0-0	3-12
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-31.5	9-39.4
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	8-49	10-100
Possession Time	35:54	24:06
Third-Down Conv.	7 of 14	7 of 18
Fourth-Down Conv.	0 of 2	0 of 1
Red-Zone Chances	2-5	0-0
Sacks By: Number-Yds	3-15	1-3

RUSHING: Akron-BIGGS, Brett 25-83; GETSY, Luke 5-10; KENNEDY, Dennis 4-6; McDANIEL, Joe 4-5; TEAM 1-minus 2. Middle Tennessee-Gross, Eugene 11-29; King, Ralph 5-14; Marks, Clint 3-13; Harris, Josh 4-minus 2.

PASSING: Akron-GETSY, Luke 23-43-3-319. Middle Tennessee-Marks, Clint 19-33-0-139; Harris, Josh 4-7-0-18.

RECEIVING: Akron-HIXON, Domenik 9-169; BIGGS, Brett 7-79; MONTGOMERY, Jas 3-20; LONG, Johnny 2-31; RINGER, Jerell 1-11; POINDEXTER, Mer 1-9. Middle Tennessee-Saintil, C. 6-62; Gross, Eugene 5-29; Williams, Bobby 3-26; Chicola, S. 2-14; Henry, Taron 2-7; King, Ralph 2-6; Ingram, Pierre 1-6; McAfee, Nick 1-4; Cannon, M. 1-3.

INTERCEPTIONS: Akron-None. Middle Tennessee-Robinson, B. 2-12; Weaver, J. 1-0.

FUMBLES: Akron-None. Middle Tennessee-Ingram, Pierre 1-1; Gross, Eugene 1-0.

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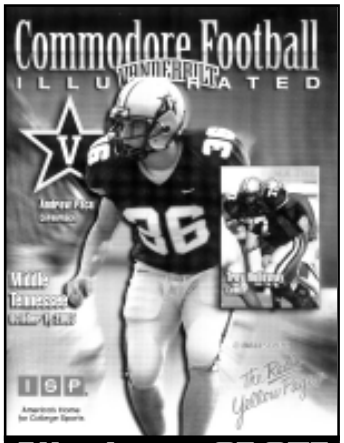

Attendance: 37,257

Scoring Summary

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
Middle Tennessee	0	14	0	3	17
Vanderbilt	3	3	3	6	15

1st Quarter

:31 VU Hahnfeldt 42 FG

2nd Quarter

11:09 MT Marks 3 run (Smith PAT)
3:45 MT Gross 8 run (Smith PAT)
:16 VU Hahnfeldt 20 FG

3rd Quarter

2:47 VU Hahnfeldt 42 FG

4th Quarter

12:55 VU Davis 16 pass from Cutler (pass failed)
6:41 MT Smith 29 FG

Game Notes

● Senior Jeremiah Weaver added to the Middle Tennessee ledger of blocked kicks, but none has been bigger for the Blue Raiders. Weaver blocked a final field goal try of the contest, preserving the 17-15 victory. The block was the first of Weaver's career and the 17th blocked kick under head coach Andy McCollum. Middle Tennessee has now blocked seven field goals in the I-A era, including two this season (Jeff Littlejohn vs. North Texas).

● Junior Colby Smith made his first field goal of the season and it came at a very good time for the Blue Raiders. After missing two field goals against North Texas, Smith nailed his first three-pointer of the season late in the fourth quarter from 29 yards out to put the Blue Raiders ahead, 17-15. It went down as the 16th made field goal of Smith's career, which ties him with Michael Robinson for ninth place on the all-time list.

● Sophomore defensive end Eric Mosley recorded a sack in the fourth quarter, the fourth of his career and the fourth for the Blue Raiders this season. Mosley collected three sacks in 2004, tying for third on the team in that category.

● ESPN2 broke in to cover the final minute of the contest, catching Jeremiah Weaver's game-saving blocked field goal.

● This marked the first game in the Andy McCollum era the Blue Raiders have won when scoring less than 20 points.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE 17, VANDERBILT 15

Oct. 1, 2005 • Vanderbilt Stadium • Nashville, TN

by Adam Sparks, Daily News Journal

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - MTSU took a familiar victory lap at a track called Vanderbilt Stadium.

After a spirited 17-15 win over Vanderbilt, the Blue Raiders strutted about the turf amid 37,257 as though conquering a castle — only for the third time.

"There's so much pride in playing this game on this field, and each time we've won here, we've let people know what we stand for," said MTSU senior Dennis Burke.

"There are so many fans that come into this stadium on the fence about who to root for. When they leave, we make sure they're not on the fence anymore.

"We proved our character to everybody, and this is just the best feeling I've ever had in my life."

MTSU (1-3) beat Vanderbilt (4-1) for the third straight time in a five-year span, only this victory meant a little more.

Vanderbilt entered the game 4-0 and almost tasting its first bowl berth in 23 years. MTSU came in winless and rabid for a victory.

"Our backs were against the wall, and these kids were hungry for a win," said MTSU coach Andy McCollum, who is now 3-0 versus the neighboring Commodores. "But this was something special. In the past, people have taken Vanderbilt for granted, but they won't take this one for granted because we beat an undefeated first-place SEC team.

"In the history of our school, I don't think we've ever beaten a first-place SEC team."

Living up to the drama of recent meetings, Saturday's game was decided on the last snap when MTSU senior Jeremiah Weaver blocked Vanderbilt's potential game-winning field goal, a 36-yard attempt as time expired.

"I just cut through the side and slapped the ball down," Weaver said. "It stung at first, but it felt so good after that.

"That's the kind of pain you dream about."

The victory mirrored MTSU's new defensive character, as the Blue Raiders won by scoring less than 20 points for the first time in McCollum's career — a series of 26 games.

Vanderbilt's offense, led by preseason All-SEC quarterback Jay Cutler, was held to a season-low 347 yards, and the Blue Raider defense dictated the game's tone wire-to-wire.

MTSU's defense held the Commodores to three field goals through three quarters, finally allowing a 43-yard touchdown drive capped by Cutler's 16-yard scoring toss to Erik Davis in the fourth quarter.

Vandy's two-point conversion attempt failed, and the Commodores took a 15-14 lead with 12:55 remaining in the game.

Though stifled much of the night, the Blue Raiders' offense answered with a 53-yard drive that ended on Colby Smith's 29-yard field goal to take a 17-15 lead.

Later in the fourth quarter, Smith landed a punt one foot shy of the end zone, pinning the Commodores down in the shadow of the MTSU cheering section.

Cutler drove Vandy 81 yards before Weaver batted down Bryant Hahnfeldt's field goal.

Early on, MTSU sucked the momentum from Vanderbilt Stadium in its most productive scoring flurry of the season, posting two scores in less than eight minutes.

Jonathan Harris intercepted Cutler's pass across the middle of the field for his first career pick, returning the football three yards shy of the end zone.

Three plays later, Marks sliced through on a quarterback draw for a three-yard score.

Marks then went to the air to set up MTSU's second touchdown with a 44-yard pass to freshman Bobby Williams, the longest pass play of the season for the Blue Raiders.

Stephen Chicola followed with a key third-down catch to keep the drive alive, and tailback Eugene Gross broke two tackles en route to an eight-yard touchdown.

The scoring drive covered 84 yards in just eight plays and put MTSU ahead 14-3.

"Our defense played great all game, and we weren't going to let them down," Marks said. "We knew we had to score on our own to win this game.

"We did what we had to, and that goes for everybody. I've never felt so satisfied in my lifetime as I did when that last kick got blocked."

After its offense's long scoring drive, the MTSU defense again stiffened its back to the Vanderbilt attack, making a goal line stand to take the momentum into halftime.

After Cutler connected on three straight passes for a combined 50 yards, the Blue Raiders kept Vandy from paydirt despite a first-and-goal from the 5-yard line.

Damon Nickson had a touchdown-saving shoestring tackle on second-and-goal, and Jeff Littlejohn made a tackle for a one-yard loss to force Hahnfeldt's 20-yard field goal to cut MTSU's lead to 14-6 at the half.

Vanderbilt struck first in the game on Hahnfeldt's 42-yard field goal to cap a 10-play, 40-yard drive late in the first quarter.

Marks went 14-of-22 passing for 147 yards, while Gross finished with 19 rushes for 72 yards.

Williams set two career highs with five catches for 80 yards.

Cutler was 26-of-44 passing for 245 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

Game Statistics

	MT	VU
FIRST DOWNS	11	23
RUSHES-YDS (NET)	31-62	33-102
PASSING YDS (NET)	147	245
Passes Att-Comp-Int	22-14-0	45-26-1
TOT. OFF. PLYS-YDS	53-209	78-347
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	6-27	4-25
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-46	1-16
Interception Returns-Yds	1-16	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	8-44.4	6-40.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	5-40	4-32
Possession Time	24:32	35:28
Third-Down Conv.	4 of 13	8 of 18
Fourth-Down Conv.	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Chances	3-3	2-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-5	2-14

RUSHING: Middle Tennessee-Gross, Eugene 19-72; King, Ralph 2-4; Henry, Taron 1-3; TEAM 2-minus 5; Marks, Clint 7-minus 12. Vanderbilt-Cassen Garrison 9-46; Jay Cutler 8-21; Jeff Jennings 10-18; Chris Nickson 3-13; Earl Bennett 2-9; Team 1-minus 5.

PASSING: Middle Tennessee-Marks, Clint 14-22-0-147. Vanderbilt-Jay Cutler 26-44-1-245; Team 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING: Middle Tennessee-Williams, Bobby 5-80; Chicola, S. 3-21; Gross, Eugene 2-21; Saintil, C. 2-11; Henry, Taron 1-9; McAfee, Nick 1-5. Vanderbilt-Erik Davis 7-92; Earl Bennett 7-63; Dustin Dunning 5-56; Marlon White 3-28; Jeff Jennings 2-minus 3; Chris Nickson 1-10; Cassen Garrison 1-minus 1.

INTERCEPTIONS: Middle Tennessee-Harris, J. 1-16. Vanderbilt-None.

FUMBLES: Middle Tennessee-TEAM 1-0; Marks, Clint 1-0. Vanderbilt-Cassen Garrison 1-0; Team 1-0.

Attendance: 37,257
Total elapsed time: 3:10
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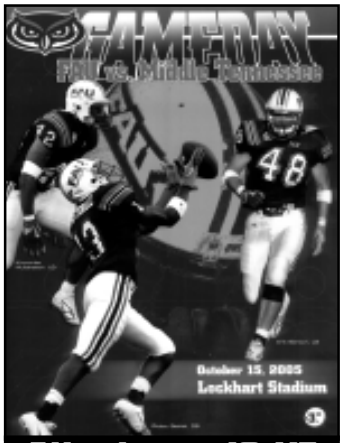


Attendance: 10,117

Scoring Summary

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
Middle Tennessee	7	14	0	14	35
Florida Atlantic	0	7	7	0	14

1st Quarter

12:15 MT Gross 2 run (Smith PAT)

2nd Quarter

12:14 MT King 19 run (Smith PAT)
4:24 MT Gross 5 run (Smith PAT)
2:04 FA Pierre 12 run (Kennard PAT)

3rd Quarter

5:21 FA Embick 1 run (Kennard PAT)

4th Quarter

1105 MT Gross 11 run (Smith PAT)
8:39 MT Gross 1 run (Smith PAT)

Game Notes

- LB Dennis Burke recorded his third career interception on FAU's first offensive play of the game that led to a Blue Raider touchdown. All three of Burke's interceptions have come against Sun Belt teams.

- Middle Tennessee played a total of 55 players in the first half.

- RB Ralph King scored his first collegiate touchdown when he ran one in from 19 yards in the second quarter.

- MT rushed for 263 yards on 64 attempts and scored five rushing touchdowns. That rushing total went down as the most by a Blue Raider team since gaining 319 yards against Utah State in 2002 - a span of 28 games. The 64 rushing attempts was the second most in school history.

- RB Eugene Gross picked up his fifth career 100-yard rushing game with 131 yards on a career-best 30 carries. Gross also registered a personal-best four rushing touchdowns which equaled the second-most in a game at Middle Tennessee.

- The Middle Tennessee defense forced four turnovers, allowed just 14 points, and came away with a season-high four sacks.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE 35, FAU 14

Oct. 15, 2005 • Lockhart Stadium • Ft. Lauderdale, FL

by Adam Sparks, Daily News Journal

FT. LAUDERDALE, Fla. - The Sunshine State brightened MTSU's skies, as the Blue Raiders claimed a critical win in the rarest of places.

MTSU beat Florida Atlantic 35-14 amid 10,117 at Lockhart Stadium, marking the Blue Raiders' first win in the state of Florida in 38 years and the first road Sun Belt victory since 2003.

It also avenged a pair of FAU comeback wins over the Blue Raiders in back-to-back seasons on MTSU's home turf.

"This team can win big games on the road, and we believed that we would come down here to Florida and win this game," said MTSU quarterback Clint Marks, a Fort Myers, Fla. native. "This is an experienced team, a team with a lot of character, and everything's in our hands right now.

"We had lost to (FAU) in some tough games, but we went on the road to get back what we lost."

MTSU (2-3, 1-1 in Sun Belt) dominated the game beyond the scoreboard.

The Blue Raiders rushed for a season-high 263 yards and forced five FAU (1-6, 1-2) turnovers. They also controlled possession for nearly 70 percent of the game and took 29 more offensive snaps than the Owls.

Junior tailbacks Eugene Gross and Ralph King had the best games of their respective careers.

Gross rushed for a season-high 131 yards and a career-high four touchdowns. King, a former Riverdale High star, added a career-high 97 rushing yards and one score.

"I had some flashbacks of high school when I was running it so much (22 carries)," King said. "It felt great to be running the ball for Murfreesboro again."

MTSU's key drive came with FAU threatening to pull a third straight comeback in the second half.

FAU answered a 21-0 early deficit with two unanswered touchdowns, but the Blue Raiders marched 69 yards on 12 plays to put the game virtually out of reach in the fourth quarter.

Gross and King carried the ball a combined eight times for 46 yards on the drive, and Gross scored on an 11-yard run to take a 28-14 lead.

"That's when our offense got their confidence. They buckled down and got a big drive, and it was probably the drive of the game," said MTSU coach Andy McCollum. "(FAU) scored before the half and then scored after the half, but we settled down on offense and brought it right down the field."

But it was the defense that finished off the win.

After their pivotal scoring drive, the Blue Raiders made two interceptions on FAU's next four plays.

Keon Raymond picked off FAU quarterback Danny Embick, setting up Gross' one-yard touchdown run. Jonathan Bonner followed with an interception, and MTSU held on to an insurmountable 35-14 lead.

"Our defensive line put a lot of pressure on (Embick). We contained him from running a lot, we blitzed him, and we forced him into some bad throws," Raymond said.

FAU gained only 269 total yards, and Embick was sacked four times. MTSU's Quinton Staton had a team-high seven tackles and one sack.

Marks, meanwhile, was 11-of-18 passing for 116 yards and one interception.

MTSU burst out to a 21-0 lead in the second quarter, scoring three times on the ground.

MTSU linebacker Dennis Burke intercepted an Embick pass on FAU's first offensive snap, returning the ball six yards to the 2-yard line.

Gross scored on the next play, diving over left guard to give MTSU a 7-0 lead just 2:45 into the game.

The Blue Raiders' next two drives stalled, ending in a 47-yard missed field goal and a 38-yard blocked field.

Kicker Colby Smith also missed a 46-yard field goal.

But MTSU rebounded with consecutive scoring drives of 70 and 85 yards in the second quarter.

Among the 21 plays in the two drives, MTSU had 16 runs.

King broke three tackles on a 19-yard touchdown run with 12:14 remaining in the second quarter, and Gross capped the latter drive with a 5-yard scoring run from the shot-gun quarterback position.

"We played with heart, and we didn't panic," Marks said. "They gained a little momentum in the middle of the game, but we came right back at them. The defense never let up, and the offense took back the momentum for good.

"We won a big game, and we're in control of our season right now."

Game Statistics

	MT	FAU
FIRST DOWNS	25	16
RUSHES-YDS (NET)	64-263	26-104
PASSING YDS (NET)	115	165
Passes Att-Comp-Int	19-12-1	28-11-3
TOT. OFF. PLYS-YDS	83-378	54-269
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-14	1-9
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-75	4-52
Interception Returns-Yds	3-40	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-35.0	5-38.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	11-158	10-91
Possession Time	41:15	18:45
Third-Down Conv.	11 of 19	5 of 11
Fourth-Down Conv.	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Chances	5-5	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yds	4-24	1-4

RUSHING: Middle Tennessee-Gross, Eugene 30-131; King, Ralph 22-97; Marks, Clint 7-20; Yarbrough, L. 1-13; Suber, Alex 2-6; Harris, Josh 2-minus 4. Florida Atlantic-Pierre, Charles 8-47; Embick, Danny 10-25; Edgecomb, D. 3-18; Hall, Terence 2-9; Walker, D. 1-4; Manley, B.J. 2-1.

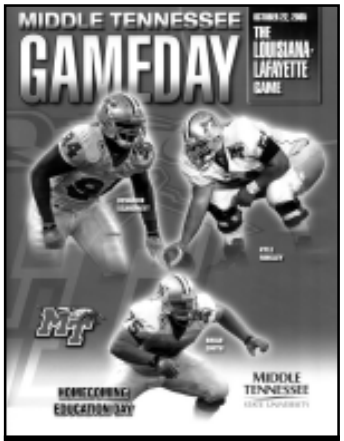
PASSING: Middle Tennessee-Marks, Clint 11-18-1-116; Harris, Josh 1-1-0-minus 1. Florida Atlantic-Embick, Danny 10-24-3-151; Clayton, Sean 1-4-0-14.

RECEIVING: Middle Tennessee-Saintil, C. 5-56; Gross, Eugene 3-27; Williams, Bobby 2-27; Birtsch, Hunter 1-6; King, Ralph 1-minus 1. Florida Atlantic-Pierre, Charles 3-22; McGahee, Casey 2-48; Parker, Thomas 2-27; Simeon, Frantz 1-27; Dareus, Dantson 1-15; Wilkes, Chad 1-14; Edgecomb, D. 1-12.

INTERCEPTIONS: Middle Tennessee-Raymond, Keon 1-31; Burke, Dennis 1-4; Bonner, J. 1-5. Florida Atlantic-Joseph, Greg 1-0.

FUMBLES: Middle Tennessee-None. Florida Atlantic-Manley, B.J. 2-2; Parker, Thomas 1-0.

Attendance: 10,117
Total elapsed time: 3:11
Weather: Cloudy
Temperature: 83



Attendance: 17,806

Scoring Summary

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
Louisiana-Lafayette	0	7	0	6	13
Middle Tennessee	10	0	0	0	10

1st Quarter

8:31 MT King 3 run (Smith PAT)
4:19 MT Smith 37 FG

2nd Quarter

13:14 UL Harrison 2 run (Comiskey PAT)

4th Quarter

1:04 ULL Harrison 6 run (Kick Failed)

Game Notes

- WR Cleannord Saintil reeled in a career-high 11 receptions for a personal-best 141 yards. The 11 grabs tie for the third most in school history.
- Middle Tennessee was flagged for 11 penalties for 112 yards.
- RB Ralph King scored his second collegiate touchdown in the first quarter.
- Jeremiah Weaver recovered the first fumble of his career early in the game and also was credited with the force.
- Linebackers Jonathan Bonner and Dennis Burke both led the Blue Raiders with nine tackles. Burke also added a tackle for loss and a pass breakup.
- Middle Tennessee scored on its opening drive of the game for the first time this season.
- Middle Tennessee fell to 0-3 at home on the season and dropped to 5-2 all-time under Andy McCollum on Homecoming.

ULL 13, MIDDLE TENNESSEE 10

Oct. 22, 2005 • Floyd Stadium • Murfreesboro, TN

by Adam Sparks, Daily News Journal

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Saturday staged a snapshot of MTSU's season — so close, but so far away.

A routinely stern defense kept a crowd of 17,806 on its collective seat's edge for the better part of three hours, but the outcome left the stands in a familiar state — empty.

The Blue Raiders lost their third straight home game at Floyd Stadium, falling 13-10 to Louisiana-Lafayette and virtually dropping out of the Sun Belt race.

"This is so disappointing because we should win every game at home," said MTSU senior defensive tackle Quinton Staton. "But so far, we're winless at home, and we've won two games on the road.

"How does that happen? I don't know."

Well, one major factor was an offense that did an about face from the previous week's success.

MTSU (2-4, 1-2) posted 10 points in the first eight minutes of the game, but never visited the scoreboard again.

On the season, the Blue Raiders have yet to score in the second half at home.

"Once again, it seems like we're right back where we were at the beginning of the season. We're shooting ourselves in the foot and stopping drives, just things of that nature," said MTSU tailback Eugene Gross. "As an offense, I thought we were on the uphill where we could start putting it together.

"We had too many penalties and mistakes, and that (fourth-quarter) fumble I had cost us the game."

The Blue Raiders committed 11 penalties for 126 yards, and quarterback Clint Marks was sacked a season-high nine times.

The offense also only produced 263 yards, a season-low mark allowed by the conference's worst-rated defense.

But despite its offensive woes, the final body shot was delivered on the MTSU defense.

UL-Lafayette (2-5, 1-2) drove 71 yards in 11 plays late in the fourth quarter for the game-winning drive.

The Cajuns converted on a fourth-and-4 play, and fullback Booker Jenkins followed with a six-yard touchdown run off an option pitch.

Kicker Sean Comiskey missed the extra-point attempt, but the Blue Raiders could not take advantage of the ray of hope.

"With them going down and scoring on us late was not a good situation to put our offense in," said senior linebacker Dennis Burke. "We just panicked. Everybody just panicked, and we got away from what we worked on all week."

Marks was 19-of-24 passing for a season-high 218 yards, but he was sacked twice on MTSU's last-minute possession.

Senior receiver Cleannord Saintil had career highs of 11 catches for 141 yards.

"We moved the ball and made passes and made good runs, but we just made a lot of dumb mistakes," Saintil said. "You can't overcome that many dumb mistakes with yards."

MTSU was both precise and penalized on its first two drives of the afternoon.

The Blue Raiders overcame 30 yards in penalties on their opening possession to march 76 yards in 13 plays. Marks completed six straight passes on the drive, including back-to-back third-down connections to Taron Henry and Saintil.

Ralph King put MTSU on the board with a two-yard touchdown run over left guard.

The Cajuns' fumble on their ensuing possession was recovered by MTSU's Jeremiah Weaver at the UL-Lafayette 46-yard line.

Colby Smith made a 37-yard field goal seven plays later to put MTSU ahead 10-0.

UL-Lafayette answered with an 11-play, 81-yard drive highlighted by Josh Harrison's 27-yard scamper, 16-yard reception and two-yard touchdown run.

Desormeaux led the Cajuns with 138 yards passing and 30 rushing. He connected on 14-of-25 passes.

The loss ended MTSU's hopes of its first three-game winning streak since 2001.

Meanwhile, the Cajuns improved to only 3-21 on the road under coach Rickey Bustle, with two of those victories coming against the Blue Raiders.

"This win is a testament to this team never giving up," Bustle said. "It has been tough on everybody, and this really was a turning point for us."

It was only MTSU's second Homecoming loss in the past 18 years and the second under McCollum.

"We let our fans down," Saintil said. "Last year, we only lost one game at home. We go out trying to play hard, but it's not happening for us here at home. We're killing ourselves in these games."

Game Statistics

	ULL	MT
FIRST DOWNS	17	16
RUSHES-YDS (NET)	44-170	36-45
PASSING YDS (NET)	138	218
Passes Att-Comp-Int	25-14-0	25-19-0
TOT. OFF. PLYS-YDS	69-308	61-263
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-24	3-8
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	3-34
Interception Returns-Yds	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-38.8	6-47.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	6-65	11-112
Possession Time	31:55	28:05
Third-Down Conv.	4 of 14	4 of 14
Fourth-Down Conv.	2 of 4	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores	2-2	2-3
Sacks By: Number-Yds	9-62	1-2

RUSHING: Louisiana-Lafayette-Harrison, Josh 12-55; Fenroy, Tyrell 13-53; Desormeaux, Mic 10-30; Lindon, Dwight 5-13; Smith, Derrick 1-12; Jenkins, Booker 2-8; Team 1-minus 1. Middle Tennessee-Gross, Eugene 15-54; King, Ralph 12-52; Marks, Clint 9-minus 47.

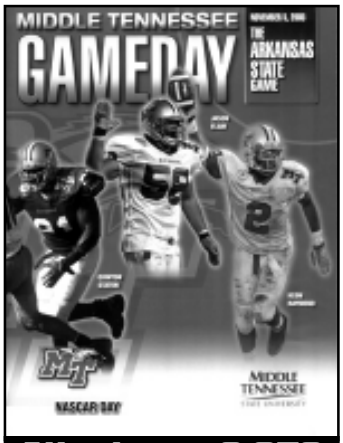
PASSING: Louisiana-Lafayette-Desormeaux, Mic 14-25-0-138. Middle Tennessee-Marks, Clint 19-24-0-218; Harris, Josh 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING: Louisiana-Lafayette-Fredrick, Corey 4-51; Sampy, Bill 2-20; Jenkins, Booker 2-14; Harrison, Josh 1-16; Jones, Erik 1-16; Smith, Derrick 1-11; Lindon, Dwight 1-9; Belton, Kevin 1-1; Robbins, Kevin 1-0. Middle Tennessee-Saintil, C. 11-141; Gross, Eugene 5-35; Henry, Taron 2-40; Williams, Bobby 1-2.

INTERCEPTIONS: Louisiana-Lafayette-None. Middle Tennessee-None.

FUMBLES: Louisiana-Lafayette-Desormeaux, Mic 1-0; Fenroy, Tyrell 1-1. Middle Tennessee-Marks, Clint 2-0; Gross, Eugene 1-1.

Attendance: 17,806
Total elapsed time: 2:47
Weather: Clear
Temperature: 63



Attendance: 9,952

Scoring Summary

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
Arkansas State	0	0	0	7	7
Middle Tennessee	7	24	7	7	45

1st Quarter

9:14 MT Gross 1 run (Smith PAT)

2nd Quarter

11:51 MT Smith 26 FG
9:40 MT Williams 49 pass from Marks (Smith PAT)
7:37 MT McAfee 14 pass from Marks (Smith PAT)
3:19 MT Gross 2 run (Smith PAT)

3rd Quarter

6:49 MT Saintil 30 pass from Marks (Smith PAT)

4th Quarter

10:28 MT Steed 1 run (Wheeler PAT)
8:48 AS Vincent 13 pass from Noce (Niehouse PAT)

Game Notes

- Sean Mosley blocked a punt in the second quarter to give the Blue Raiders three blocked kicks on the season. It marked the first blocked punt by the Blue Raiders since Nov. 23, 2002 against North Texas.

- Freshman wide receiver Bobby Williams recorded his first collegiate touchdown reception when he hauled in a 49-yard strike from Clint Marks in the second quarter.

- FB Nick McAfee registered his fifth career touchdown grab in the second quarter. It was just McAfee's 14th career reception.

- Middle Tennessee's 31-0 halftime lead was its largest margin at the break since jumping out to a 42-10 lead against Idaho in 2001.

- In his first game rushing the football, Ronald Steed carried it 12 times for 67 yards and a touchdown.

- QB Clint Marks recorded his 11th career 200-yard passing game to rank third all-time in that category. It was his second straight game over 200 yards after failing to reach that plateau in the season's first five games.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE 45, Arkansas St. 7

Nov. 5, 2005 • Floyd Stadium • Murfreesboro, TN

by Adam Sparks, Daily News Journal

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Just when MTSU needed to let off some steam, its whipping boy came to town.

With shades of the Blue Raiders' 45-17 spanking of Arkansas State last season, MTSU delivered a second knockout punch to its favorite sparring partner in front of a mere 9,952 ringside fans at Floyd Stadium.

The Blue Raiders (3-4) pounded Arkansas State 45-7 for its first home win of the season, moving to 2-2 in Sun Belt play.

"There's always been an internal rivalry between us. There's been things said and things that have happened in these games with Arkansas State, and it always lights a spark under us," said MTSU linebacker Dennis Burke.

"From the start to the finish, we were firing off the ball and executing everything we tried. This was definitely the most complete game we've played."

For MTSU, the win marked the most dominant performance on both sides of the ball for the season.

The MTSU offense produced season highs in yards (412) and points, while the Blue Raider defense also posted a season best by allowing only 265 yards.

"Our kids came out and played with passion ... and took their house back," said MTSU coach Andy McCollum. "In all areas of the game, it's hard for me to find a negative."

MTSU scored early and often, exploding for 45 unanswered points, including 31 in the first half.

The Blue Raiders methodically marched 80 yards on 14 plays on their opening drive, hitting paydirt on Eugene Gross' one-yard touchdown plunge.

After a short hiatus from the scoreboard, MTSU had four straight scoring drives in the second quarter. The three consecutive touchdown drives in the aforementioned series took a combined six plays.

"It started, and then it all clicked," said MTSU receiver Cleannord Saintil, who had five catches for 84 yards and a touchdown. "Defense gets an interception, and we score. We block a punt, and we score. We wanted to score everytime, and we felt like we could."

ASU (4-4, 3-2) was stopped on fourth-and-1 early in the second quarter, and MTSU went 55 yards to set up Colby Smith's 26-yard field goal.

ASU was then held to three-and-out — a common occurrence for the afternoon — and MTSU scored on its second play of the ensuing possession with a 49-yard pass from Clint Marks to Bobby Williams, the freshman receiver's first career touchdown.

Keon Raymond's 44-yard interception set up MTSU's next score less than two minutes later.

Marks hit senior fullback Nick McAfee tip-toeing in the corner of the end zone for a 14-yard touchdown with 7:37 remaining in the second quarter.

The Indians' next offensive series ended on Sean Mosley's punt block, which MTSU converted to another touchdown on Gross' two-yard run.

"We really got into a rhythm where it seemed like everything was working," said Marks, who was 14-of-23 passing for 208 yards and a season-high three touchdowns.

"We were in that kind of mood where we kept moving the ball, and it was big play after big play."

The Blue Raiders scored twice more in the second half.

Marks connected with Saintil for a 30-yard touchdown pass to cap a 71-yard drive in third quarter, and tailback Ronald Steed scored his first career touchdown on a one-yard dive.

Lost in the shuffle of the offense's onslaught was an MTSU defense that didn't allow an ASU first down until 8:42 remaining in the second quarter.

"(MTSU) gave it everything they had ... and they just beat us," said ASU quarterback Nick Noce. "That's all I can say."

J.K. Sabb, Quinton Staton and Jeremiah Weaver led MTSU with five tackles apiece. Mosley, Sabb and Erik Walden added one sack each.

ASU's Gary Vincent caught a 13-yard touchdown pass from Noce in the fourth quarter to end the shutout, but the score was all that changed.

"We felt good from start to finish about this game, and we felt like we controlled it," Raymond said. "All night, we worked together real well. The defense has got to cause turnovers and give their offense a chance, and the offense wants to take advantage of their opportunities," Raymond said. "We've got to step up and help each other. We did that, and it's a real good feeling."

Game Statistics

	ASU	MT
FIRST DOWNS	16	21
RUSHES-YDS (NET)	35-146	43-146
PASSING YDS (NET)	119	266
Passes Att-Comp-Int	28-16-1	28-18-1
TOT. OFF. PLYS-YDS	63-265	71-412
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-38	4-50
Kickoff Returns-Yards	6-101	0-0
Interception Returns-Yds	1-0	1-44
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-34.6	3-37.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-51	5-27
Possession Time	26:46	33:14
Third-Down Conv.	3 of 13	8 of 15
Fourth-Down Conv.	0 of 2	0 of 0
Red-Zone Chances	1-2	5-5
Sacks By: Number-Yds	2-15	3-27

RUSHING: Arkansas State-Warren, Antonio 18-113; Easley, Chris 3-25; James, Chris 3-16; Hollins, Devin 2-8; O'Neal, Oren 2-2; Noce, Nick 7-minus 18. Middle Tennessee-Gross, Eugene 17-75; Steed, Ronald 12-67; King, Ralph 7-13; Henry, Taron 1-4; TEAM 2-minus 4; Marks, Clint 4-minus 9.

PASSING: Arkansas State-Noce, Nick 15-24-1-107; Hollins, Devin 1-4-0-12. Middle Tennessee-Marks, Clint 14-23-1-208; Harris, Josh 3-4-0-50; Gross, Eugene 1-1-0-8.

RECEIVING: Arkansas State-Dejohnette, Lev 5-44; Jones, Kevin 2-21; Vincent, Gary 2-18; Smith, Joe 2-11; Higgins, Patric 2-10; Miller, Chris 1-12; Burton, Manuel 1-7; Warren, Antonio 1-minus 4. Middle Tennessee-Saintil, C. 5-84; Gross, Eugene 3-29; Henry, Taron 3-24; Williams, Bobby 2-60; Grigsby, J. 2-45; McAfee, Nick 1-14; Robinson, B. 1-8; Chicola, S. 1-2.

INTERCEPTIONS: Arkansas State-Johnson, James 1-0. Middle Tennessee-Raymond, Keon 1-44.

FUMBLES: Arkansas State-Toney, Darren 1-0; Noce, Nick 1-0. Middle Tennessee-None.

Attendance: 9,952
Total elapsed time: 2:50
Weather: Mostly Cloudy
Temperature: 82

2005 Middle Tennessee Football
Middle Tennessee Game Results (as of Nov 07, 2005)
All games

Date	Opponent		Score		Overall Record	Conference Record	Time	Attend
9/3/05	at Alabama Crimson Tide		7-26	L	0- 1- 0	0- 0- 0	3:01	81018
* 9/10/05	NORTH TEXAS		7-14	L	0- 2- 0	0- 1- 0	3:13	20806
9/17/05	AKRON		7-17	L	0- 3- 0	0- 1- 0	2:52	12411
10/1/05	at Vanderbilt	W	17-15		1- 3- 0	0- 1- 0	3:10	37257
**10/15/05	at Florida Atlantic	W	35-14		2- 3- 0	1- 1- 0	3:11	10117
* 10/22/05	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE		10-13	L	2- 4- 0	1- 2- 0	2:47	17806
* 11/5/05	ARKANSAS STATE	W	45-7		3- 4- 0	2- 2- 0	2:50	9952

* indicates conference game

Opponent	Score	First Downs	----RUSHING---- Number-Yards	----------PASSING---------- Attempts-Comp-Int	Yards	--TOTAL OFFENSE-- Plays	Yards	Return Yards	Penalty Yards	Turn-Overs
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Alabama Crimson Tide	7-26	9/20	25-34 / 37-133	20-13- 0 / 25-17- 1	123/212	45/62	157/345	67/98	70/50	1/1
NORTH TEXAS.....	7-14	22/14	48-188 / 44-152	27-21- 3 / 16-10- 0	195/122	75/60	383/274	11/169	53/35	5/0
AKRON.....	7-17	9/26	23-54 / 39-102	40-23- 0 / 43-23- 3	157/319	63/82	211/421	74/42	100/49	1/3
Vanderbilt.....	17-15	11/23	31-62 / 33-102	22-14- 0 / 45-26- 1	147/245	53/78	209/347	89/41	40/32	0/1
Florida Atlantic....	35-14	25/16	64-263 / 26-104	19-12- 1 / 28-11- 3	115/165	83/54	378/269	129/61	90/91	1/5
LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE.	10-13	16/17	37-45 / 44-170	25-19- 0 / 25-14- 0	218/138	62/69	263/308	42/24	112/65	1/1
ARKANSAS STATE.....	45-7	21/16	43-146 / 35-146	28-18- 1 / 28-16- 1	266/119	71/63	412/265	94/139	27/51	1/1
Totals.....	128-106	113/132	271-792 /258-909	181-120- 5/210-117- 9	1221/1320	452/468	2013/2229	506/574	492/373	10/12

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category

2005 Middle Tennessee Football
Middle Tennessee Overall Team Statistics (as of Nov 07, 2005)
All games

TEAM STATISTICS	MT	OPP
SCORING	128	106
Points Per Game	18.3	15.1
FIRST DOWNS	113	132
Rushing	50	53
Passing	57	66
Penalty	6	13
RUSHING YARDAGE	792	909
Yards gained rushing	1006	1091
Yards lost rushing	214	182
Rushing Attempts	271	258
Average Per Rush	2.9	3.5
Average Per Game	113.1	129.9
TDs Rushing	12	7
PASSING YARDAGE	1221	1320
Att-Comp-Int	181-120-5	210-117-9
Average Per Pass	6.7	6.3
Average Per Catch	10.2	11.3
Average Per Game	174.4	188.6
TDs Passing	5	5
TOTAL OFFENSE	2013	2229
Total Plays	452	468
Average Per Play	4.5	4.8
Average Per Game	287.6	318.4
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	15-270	18-310
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	19-124	17-149
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	9-112	5-115
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	18.0	17.2
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	6.5	8.8
INT RETURN AVERAGE	12.4	23.0
FUMBLES-LOST	11-5	12-3
PENALTIES-YARDS	56-492	49-373
Average Per Game	70.3	53.3
PUNTS-YARDS	39-1637	35-1284
Average Per Punt	42.0	36.7
Net punt average	38.2	33.1
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	30:06	29:54
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	44/106	37/96
3rd-Down Pct	42%	39%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	3/4	2/10
4th-Down Pct	75%	20%
SACKS BY-YARDS	12-77	23-138
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	17	13
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	3-9	5-10
PAT-ATTEMPTS	17-17	11-12
ATTENDANCE	60975	128392
Games/Avg Per Game	4/15244	3/42797
Neutral Site Games		0/0

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		Total
Middle Tennessee	24	73	7	24	-	128
Opponents	12	31	41	22	-	106

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Middle Tennessee Overall Individual Statistics (as of Nov 07, 2005)
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RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Gross, Eugene	7	132	553	26	527	4.0	8	20	75.3
King, Ralph	6	52	200	12	188	3.6	2	19	31.3
Steed, Ronald	7	12	67	0	67	5.6	1	29	9.6
Suber, Alex	3	16	63	7	56	3.5	0	17	18.7
Yarbrough, L.	7	1	13	0	13	13.0	0	13	1.9
Williams, Bobby	7	1	9	0	9	9.0	0	9	1.3
Henry, Taron	7	2	7	0	7	3.5	0	4	1.0
Henry, Chris	2	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.5
Harris, Josh	5	6	7	13	-6	-1.0	0	7	-1.2
TEAM	3	4	0	9	-9	-2.2	0	0	-3.0
Marks, Clint	7	44	86	147	-61	-1.4	1	11	-8.7
Total.....	7	271	1006	214	792	2.9	12	29	113.1
Opponents.....	7	258	1091	182	909	3.5	7	34	129.9

PASSING	GP	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Marks, Clint	7	128.64	165-110-5	66.7	1140	5	49	162.9
Harris, Josh	5	100.88	15-9-0	60.0	73	0	25	14.6
Gross, Eugene	7	167.20	1-1-0	100.0	8	0	8	1.1
Total.....	7	126.55	181-120-5	66.3	1221	5	49	174.4
Opponents.....	7	107.80	210-117-9	55.7	1320	5	48	188.6

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Saintil, C.	7	39	512	13.1	2	43	73.1
Gross, Eugene	7	21	151	7.2	0	22	21.6
Williams, Bobby	7	16	226	14.1	1	49	32.3
Henry, Taron	7	10	89	8.9	0	26	12.7
Chicola, S.	7	8	51	6.4	0	9	7.3
Henry, Chris	2	7	39	5.6	0	17	19.5
McAfee, Nick	7	5	46	9.2	2	14	6.6
Suber, Alex	3	4	28	7.0	0	13	9.3
King, Ralph	6	3	5	1.7	0	4	0.8
Grigsby, J.	1	2	45	22.5	0	25	45.0
Robinson, B.	7	1	8	8.0	0	8	1.1
Yarbrough, L.	7	1	6	6.0	0	6	0.9
Ingram, Pierre	5	1	6	6.0	0	6	1.2
Birtsch, Hunter	7	1	6	6.0	0	6	0.9
Cannon, M.	2	1	3	3.0	0	3	1.5
Total.....	7	120	1221	10.2	5	49	174.4
Opponents.....	7	117	1320	11.3	5	48	188.6

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Robinson, B.	14	83	5.9	0	14
Henry, Chris	3	10	3.3	0	11
Saintil, C.	1	3	3.0	0	3
Mosley, Sean	1	11	11.0	0	0
Sabb, J.K.	0	17	0.0	0	17
Total.....	19	124	6.5	0	17
Opponents.....	17	149	8.8	0	20

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Robinson, B.	3	12	4.0	0	12
Raymond, Keon	2	75	37.5	0	44
Bonner, J.	1	5	5.0	0	5
Burke, Dennis	1	4	4.0	0	4
Harris, J.	1	16	16.0	0	16
Weaver, J.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	9	112	12.4	0	44
Opponents.....	5	115	23.0	1	99

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Saintil, C.	8	139	17.4	0	28
Henry, Taron	6	109	18.2	0	41
Henry, Chris	1	22	22.0	0	22
Total.....	15	270	18.0	0	41
Opponents.....	18	310	17.2	0	36

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Total.....	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents.....	0	0	0.0	0	0

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SCORING	TD	FGs	PATs Kick	PATs Rush	PATs Rcv	PATs Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
Gross, Eugene	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	48
Smith, Colby	0	3-9	16-16	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	25
King, Ralph	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
McAfee, Nick	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Saintil, C.	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Steed, Ronald	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Marks, Clint	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Williams, Bobby	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Wheeler, Paul	0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	1
Total.....	17	3-9	17-17	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	128
Opponents.....	13	5-10	11-12	0-0	0	0-1	0	1	106

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Marks, Clint	7	209	-61	1140	1079	154.1
Gross, Eugene	7	133	527	8	535	76.4
King, Ralph	6	52	188	0	188	31.3
Steed, Ronald	7	12	67	0	67	9.6
Harris, Josh	5	21	-6	73	67	13.4
Suber, Alex	3	16	56	0	56	18.7
Yarbrough, L.	7	1	13	0	13	1.9
Williams, Bobby	7	1	9	0	9	1.3
Henry, Taron	7	2	7	0	7	1.0
Henry, Chris	2	1	1	0	1	0.5
TEAM	3	4	-9	0	-9	-3.0
Total.....	7	452	792	1221	2013	287.6
Opponents.....	7	468	909	1320	2229	318.4

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Smith, Colby	3-9	33.3	0-0	2-3	1-2	0-4	0-0	37	1

FG SEQUENCE	Middle Tennessee	OPPONENTS
Alabama Crimson Tide	-	45,(32)
North Texas	42,25	52,42
Akron	-	(49)
Vanderbilt	(29)	(42),(20),(42),36
Florida Atlantic	47,38,46	-
Louisiana-Lafayette	(37),42	-
Arkansas State	(26)	23

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Smith, Colby	39	1637	42.0	55	1	11	13	0
Total.....	39	1637	42.0	55	1	11	13	0
Opponents.....	35	1284	36.7	51	4	5	8	1

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
Wheeler, Paul	18	983	54.6	4	0			
Smith, Colby	10	558	55.8	4	0			
Total.....	28	1541	55.0	8	0	470	38.2	26
Opponents.....	25	1521	60.8	10	0	470	42.0	22

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ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Gross, Eugene	7	527	151	0	0	0	678	96.9
Saintil, C.	7	0	512	3	139	0	654	93.4
Williams, Bobby	7	9	226	0	0	0	235	33.6
Henry, Taron	7	7	89	0	109	0	205	29.3
King, Ralph	6	188	5	0	0	0	193	32.2
Robinson, B.	7	0	8	83	0	12	103	14.7
Suber, Alex	3	56	28	0	0	0	84	28.0
Raymond, Keon	7	0	0	0	0	75	75	10.7
Henry, Chris	2	1	39	10	22	0	72	36.0
Steed, Ronald	7	67	0	0	0	0	67	9.6
Chicola, S.	7	0	51	0	0	0	51	7.3
McAfee, Nick	7	0	46	0	0	0	46	6.6
Grigsby, J.	1	0	45	0	0	0	45	45.0
Yarbrough, L.	7	13	6	0	0	0	19	2.7
Sabb, J.K.	7	0	0	17	0	0	17	2.4
Harris, J.	7	0	0	0	0	16	16	2.3
Mosley, Sean	7	0	0	11	0	0	11	1.6
Ingram, Pierre	5	0	6	0	0	0	6	1.2
Birtsch, Hunter	7	0	6	0	0	0	6	0.9
Bonner, J.	7	0	0	0	0	5	5	0.7
Burke, Dennis	7	0	0	0	0	4	4	0.6
Cannon, M.	2	0	3	0	0	0	3	1.5
Harris, Josh	5	-6	0	0	0	0	-6	-1.2
TEAM	3	-9	0	0	0	0	-9	-3.0
Marks, Clint	7	-61	0	0	0	0	-61	-8.7
Total.....	7	792	1221	124	270	112	2519	359.9
Opponents.....	7	909	1320	149	310	115	2803	400.4

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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
25 Sabb, J.K.	7	29	14	43	8.5-32	1-14	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
33 Bonner, J.	7	22	15	37	4.5-16	1-5	1-5	.	.	.	.	.	.
91 Staton, Quinton	7	14	22	36	3.5-11	1-5	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
40 Burke, Dennis	7	23	12	35	3.0-15	.	1-4	1	.	.	.	.	.
24 Robinson, B.	7	24	4	28	2.0-2	.	3-12	4	.	.	.	.	.
30 Weaver, J.	7	13	15	28	.	.	1-0	2	.	1-0	.	1	.
8 Harris, J.	7	16	11	27	2.5-6	1-2	1-16	.	.	.	.	.	.
92 Littlejohn, J.	7	14	10	24	4.5-12	1-7	.	1	1	.	.	1	.
2 Raymond, Keon	7	14	8	22	1.0-2	.	2-75	3	.	.	1	.	.
43 Walden, Erik	7	15	7	22	6.0-23	3-17	.	2	.	.	1	.	.
94 Scandrett, D.	7	9	10	19	3.5-11	1-6	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
45 Mosley, Sean	7	11	6	17	2.5-14	2-12	.	.	.	1-0	.	1	.
5 Nickson, Damon	7	12	5	17	0.5-2	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
6 Polite, Roy	7	8	6	14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39 Brandon, Marcus	6	5	8	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
11 Dunleavy, C.	7	10	2	12	1.0-6	1-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19 Jones, Tavares	7	6	5	11	1.0-2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
37 Glover, Anthony	7	4	4	8	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
1 Rainey, Justin	3	4	3	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97 Jenkins, Trevor	6	5	1	6	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95 Presley, J.	4	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
58 Elam, Jason	7	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96 Payne, Bobby	7	1	3	4	1.0-2	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
18 Steed, Ronald	7	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44 Perry, Brandon	5	2	1	3	1.0-3	1-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32 Stewart, Dana	6	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21 Green, DeMarcus	7	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55 Sapp, C.	3	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36 Crawford, John	6	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29 Clemons, Lonnie	7	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27 Doucet, Reggie	7	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34 House, Bryant	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
26 Wilson, Jordan	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3 Henry, Chris	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20 Gross, Eugene	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....	7	277	184	461	48-163	12-77	9-112	21	4	3-0	5	3	.
Opponents.....	7	309	168	477	49-189	23-138	5-115	16	4	5-0	7	1	1

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TEAM

		RUSHING				RECEIVING				PASSING						KICK RET				PUNT RET				All
Date	Opponent	No.	Yds	TD	Lg	No.	Yds	TD	Lg	Att-Cmp-Int			Yds	TD	Lg	No	Yds	TD	Lg	No	Yds	TD	Lg	Purp
9/3/05	at Alabama Crimson Tide	25	34	0	10	13	123	1	23	20-	13-	0	123	1	23	3	56	0	22	1	11	0	11	224
9/10/05	NORTH TEXAS.....	48	188	1	17	21	195	0	27	27-	21-	3	195	0	27	1	7	0	7	3	4	0	5	394
9/17/05	AKRON.....	23	54	0	11	23	157	1	43	40-	23-	0	157	1	43	2	52	0	28	1	10	0	10	285
10/1/05	at Vanderbilt.....	31	62	2	20	14	147	0	44	22-	14-	0	147	0	44	3	46	0	21	6	27	0	12	298
10/15/05	at Florida Atlantic....	64	263	5	19	12	115	0	17	19-	12-	1	115	0	17	3	75	0	41	1	14	0	14	507
10/22/05	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE....	37	45	1	13	19	218	0	35	25-	19-	0	218	0	35	3	34	0	23	3	8	0	3	305
11/5/05	ARKANSAS STATE.....	43	146	3	29	18	266	3	49	28-	18-	1	266	3	49	0	0	0	0	4	50	0	17	506
Totals.....		271	792	12	29	120	1221	5	49	181-	120-	5	1221	5	49	15	270	0	41	19	124	0	17	2519
Opponent.....		258	909	7	34	117	1320	5	48	210-	117-	9	1320	5	48	18	310	0	36	17	149	0	20	2803

Games played: 7
Avg per rush: 2.9
Avg per catch: 10.2
Pass efficiency: 126.55
Kick ret avg: 18.0
Punt ret avg: 6.5
All purpose avg/game: 359.9
Total offense avg/gm: 287.6

		TACKLES					SACKS	FUMBLE			Pass Blkd			Kicks-XPTS				
Date	Opponent	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds		No-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	QBH	Brk	Kick	Att-Mad	Run	Rcv	Saf	Pts
9/3/05	at Alabama Crimson Tide	31	48	79	5.0-25		1-9	2	0-0	1-0	0	3	0	1-1	0	0	0	7
9/10/05	NORTH TEXAS.....	41	20	61	8.0-23		1-7	0	0-0	0-0	0	3	1	1-1	0	0	0	7
9/17/05	AKRON.....	48	26	74	10.0-22		1-3	0	0-0	3-12	0	3	0	1-1	0	0	0	7
10/1/05	at Vanderbilt.....	43	26	69	9.0-23		1-5	0	0-0	1-16	4	5	1	2-2	0	0	0	17
10/15/05	at Florida Atlantic....	27	22	49	7.0-31		4-24	1	2-0	3-40	0	1	0	5-5	0	0	0	35
10/22/05	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE....	44	26	70	5.0-8		1-2	2	1-0	0-0	0	4	0	1-1	0	0	0	10
11/5/05	ARKANSAS STATE.....	43	16	59	4.0-31		3-27	0	0-0	1-44	0	2	1	6-6	0	0	0	45
Totals.....		277	184	461	48.0-163		13-77	5	3-0	9-112	4	21	3	17-17	0	0	0	128
Opponent.....		309	168	477	49.0-189		26-138	7	5-0	5-115	4	16	1	12-11	0	0	1	106

		PUNTING									FIELD GOALS			KICKOFFS				
Date	Opponent	No	Yds	Avg	Long	Blkd	TB	FC	50+	I20	Att-Made	Lg	Blkd	No	Yds	Avg	TB	OB
9/3/05	at Alabama Crimson Tide	8	340	42.5	49	0	0	3	0	1	0-0	0	0	3	174	58.0	0	0
9/10/05	NORTH TEXAS.....	2	89	44.5	48	0	0	1	0	1	2-0	0	0	2	87	43.5	0	0
9/17/05	AKRON.....	9	355	39.4	52	0	0	4	1	2	0-0	0	0	2	103	51.5	0	0
10/1/05	at Vanderbilt.....	8	355	44.4	52	0	0	0	2	4	1-1	29	0	4	259	64.8	3	0
10/15/05	at Florida Atlantic....	3	105	35.0	45	0	0	1	0	3	3-0	0	1	6	303	50.5	2	0
10/22/05	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE....	6	282	47.0	55	0	1	2	1	2	2-1	37	0	3	145	48.3	1	0
11/5/05	ARKANSAS STATE.....	3	111	37.0	44	0	0	0	0	0	1-1	26	0	8	470	58.8	2	0
Totals.....		39	1637	42.0	55	0	1	11	4	13	9-3	37	1	28	1541	55.0	8	0
Opponent.....		35	1284	36.7	51	1	4	5	3	8	10-5	49	2	25	1521	60.8	10	0

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INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes.....	30	Gross, Eugene at Florida Atlantic (10/15/05)
Yards Rushing.....	131	Gross, Eugene at Florida Atlantic (10/15/05)
TD Rushes.....	4	Gross, Eugene at Florida Atlantic (10/15/05)
Long Rush.....	29	Steed, Ronald vs Arkansas State (11/5/05)
Pass attempts.....	33	Marks, Clint vs Akron (9/17/05)
Pass completions....	21	Marks, Clint vs North Texas (9/10/05)
Yards Passing.....	218	Marks, Clint vs Louisiana-Lafayette (10/22/05)
TD Passes.....	3	Marks, Clint vs Arkansas State (11/5/05)
Long Pass.....	49	Marks, Clint vs Arkansas State (11/5/05)
Receptions.....	11	Saintil, C. vs Louisiana-Lafayette (10/22/05)
Yards Receiving.....	141	Saintil, C. vs Louisiana-Lafayette (10/22/05)
TD Receptions.....	1	McAfee, Nick at Alabama Crimson Tide (9/3/05)
		Saintil, C. vs Akron (9/17/05)
		Saintil, C. vs Arkansas State (11/5/05)
		McAfee, Nick vs Arkansas State (11/5/05)
		Williams, Bobby vs Arkansas State (11/5/05)
Long Reception.....	49	Williams, Bobby vs Arkansas State (11/5/05)
Field Goals.....	1	Smith, Colby at Vanderbilt (10/1/05)
		Smith, Colby vs Louisiana-Lafayette (10/22/05)
		Smith, Colby vs Arkansas State (11/5/05)
Long Field Goal.....	37	Smith, Colby vs Louisiana-Lafayette (10/22/05)
Punts.....	9	Smith, Colby vs Akron (9/17/05)
Punting Avg.....	47.0	Smith, Colby vs Louisiana-Lafayette (10/22/05)
Long Punt.....	55	Smith, Colby vs Louisiana-Lafayette (10/22/05)
Long Punt Return....	17	Sabb, J.K. vs Arkansas State (11/5/05)
Long Kickoff Return.	41	Henry, Taron at Florida Atlantic (10/15/05)
Tackles.....	9	Robinson, B. at Alabama Crimson Tide (9/3/05)
		Bonner, J. at Alabama Crimson Tide (9/3/05)
		Bonner, J. vs Louisiana-Lafayette (10/22/05)
		Burke, Dennis vs Louisiana-Lafayette (10/22/05)
Sacks.....	1.0	Walden, Erik at Alabama Crimson Tide (9/3/05)
		Littlejohn, J. vs North Texas (9/10/05)
		Perry, Brandon vs Akron (9/17/05)
		Mosley, Sean at Vanderbilt (10/1/05)
		Harris, J. at Florida Atlantic (10/15/05)
		Dunleavy, C. at Florida Atlantic (10/15/05)
		Bonner, J. at Florida Atlantic (10/15/05)
		Staton, Quinton at Florida Atlantic (10/15/05)
		Scandrett, D. at Florida Atlantic (10/15/05)
		Walden, Erik vs Louisiana-Lafayette (10/22/05)
		Sabb, J.K. vs Arkansas State (11/5/05)
		Walden, Erik vs Arkansas State (11/5/05)
		Mosley, Sean vs Arkansas State (11/5/05)
Tackles For Loss....	5.0	Sabb, J.K. vs North Texas (9/10/05)
Interceptions.....	2	Robinson, B. vs Akron (9/17/05)

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Rushes.....	64	at Florida Atlantic (10/15/05)
Yards Rushing.....	263	at Florida Atlantic (10/15/05)
Yards Per Rush.....	4.1	at Florida Atlantic (10/15/05)
TD Rushes.....	5	at Florida Atlantic (10/15/05)
Pass attempts.....	40	vs Akron (9/17/05)
Pass completions....	23	vs Akron (9/17/05)
Yards Passing.....	266	vs Arkansas State (11/5/05)
Yards Per Pass.....	9.5	vs Arkansas State (11/5/05)
TD Passes.....	3	vs Arkansas State (11/5/05)
Total Plays.....	83	at Florida Atlantic (10/15/05)
Total Offense.....	412	vs Arkansas State (11/5/05)
Yards Per Play.....	5.8	vs Arkansas State (11/5/05)
Points.....	45	vs Arkansas State (11/5/05)
Sacks By.....	4	at Florida Atlantic (10/15/05)
First Downs.....	25	at Florida Atlantic (10/15/05)
Penalties.....	11	at Florida Atlantic (10/15/05)
		vs Louisiana-Lafayette (10/22/05)
Penalty Yards.....	112	vs Louisiana-Lafayette (10/22/05)
Turnovers.....	5	vs North Texas (9/10/05)
Interceptions By....	3	vs Akron (9/17/05)
		at Florida Atlantic (10/15/05)

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OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes.....	28	Cobbs, Patrick, vs North Texas (9/10/05)
Yards Rushing.....	113	Warren, Antonio, vs Arkansas State (11/5/05)
TD Rushes.....	2	Tim Castille, at Alabama Crimson Tide (9/3/05)
Long Rush.....	34	Thomas, Jamario, vs North Texas (9/10/05)
Pass attempts.....	44	Jay Cutler, at Vanderbilt (10/1/05)
Pass completions....	26	Jay Cutler, at Vanderbilt (10/1/05)
Yards Passing.....	319	GETSY, Luke, vs Akron (9/17/05)
TD Passes.....	2	GETSY, Luke, vs Akron (9/17/05)
Long Pass.....	48	GETSY, Luke, vs Akron (9/17/05)
Receptions.....	9	HIXON, Domenik, vs Akron (9/17/05)
Yards Receiving.....	169	HIXON, Domenik, vs Akron (9/17/05)
TD Receptions.....	1	Tyrone Prothro, at Alabama Crimson Tide (9/3/05)
		HIXON, Domenik, vs Akron (9/17/05)
		BIGGS, Brett, vs Akron (9/17/05)
		Erik Davis, at Vanderbilt (10/1/05)
		Vincent, Gary, vs Arkansas State (11/5/05)
Long Reception.....	48	HIXON, Domenik, vs Akron (9/17/05)
Field Goals.....	3	B. Hahnfeldt, at Vanderbilt (10/1/05)
Long Field Goal.....	49	SWIGER, Jason, vs Akron (9/17/05)
Punts.....	6	B. Hahnfeldt, at Vanderbilt (10/1/05)
		Neihouse, Eric, vs Arkansas State (11/5/05)
Punting Avg.....	40.8	B. Hahnfeldt, at Vanderbilt (10/1/05)
Long Punt.....	51	B. Hahnfeldt, at Vanderbilt (10/1/05)
		Brown, Mike, at Florida Atlantic (10/15/05)
		Neihouse, Eric, vs Arkansas State (11/5/05)
Long Punt Return....	20	Adams, Michael, vs Louisiana-Lafayette (10/22/05)
		Johnson, James, vs Arkansas State (11/5/05)
Long Kickoff Return.	36	Cobbs, Patrick, vs North Texas (9/10/05)
Tackles.....	15	Bartels, Kris, at Florida Atlantic (10/15/05)
Sacks.....	2.0	Chris Booker, at Vanderbilt (10/1/05)
		Kwarteng, Eugen, vs Louisiana-Lafayette (10/22/05)
		Burkhalter, Bre, vs Louisiana-Lafayette (10/22/05)
		Isaac, Curtis, vs Louisiana-Lafayette (10/22/05)
Tackles For Loss....	3.0	Kwarteng, Eugen, vs Louisiana-Lafayette (10/22/05)
		Anderson, Myron, vs Arkansas State (11/5/05)
Interceptions.....	1	Weathers, Aaron, vs North Texas (9/10/05)
		Holman, Maurice, vs North Texas (9/10/05)
		Mendoza, Derek, vs North Texas (9/10/05)
		Joseph, Greg, at Florida Atlantic (10/15/05)
		Johnson, James, vs Arkansas State (11/5/05)

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Rushes.....	44	vs North Texas (9/10/05)
		vs Louisiana-Lafayette (10/22/05)
Yards Rushing.....	170	vs Louisiana-Lafayette (10/22/05)
Yards Per Rush.....	4.2	vs Arkansas State (11/5/05)
TD Rushes.....	2	at Alabama Crimson Tide (9/3/05)
		at Florida Atlantic (10/15/05)
		vs Louisiana-Lafayette (10/22/05)
Pass attempts.....	45	at Vanderbilt (10/1/05)
Pass completions....	26	at Vanderbilt (10/1/05)
Yards Passing.....	319	vs Akron (9/17/05)
Yards Per Pass.....	8.5	at Alabama Crimson Tide (9/3/05)
TD Passes.....	2	vs Akron (9/17/05)
Total Plays.....	82	vs Akron (9/17/05)
Total Offense.....	421	vs Akron (9/17/05)
Yards Per Play.....	5.6	at Alabama Crimson Tide (9/3/05)
Points.....	26	at Alabama Crimson Tide (9/3/05)
Sacks By.....	9	vs Louisiana-Lafayette (10/22/05)
First Downs.....	26	vs Akron (9/17/05)
Penalties.....	10	at Florida Atlantic (10/15/05)
Penalty Yards.....	91	at Florida Atlantic (10/15/05)
Turnovers.....	5	at Florida Atlantic (10/15/05)
Interceptions By....	3	vs North Texas (9/10/05)