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Football Camp Notebook for Thursday

Practice cut short due to weather

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DAILY STOCK REPORT:

Today's practice: "We got a little bit done before the storm forced us off the field. We were able to do some inside work, goal-line, red-zone passing, skeleton; we got a little bit of individual work and competition, so it wasn't a completely wasted day. You wish we could have got a full day in but with (Friday) being the last day of school if this happens again we will be able to move practices around and get everything we need done in practice. It wasn't completely a wash but we didn't get as much done as we would have liked."

On the receivers being challenged: "I thought they came out wanting to get better. I challenged the receivers today. I met with them and just kind of talked to them about guys I've coached in the past and how they practiced - Rod Gardner, who was a first-round pick, and Troy Williamson. I told them this is how those guys practiced and if you want to be good this is what you have to do. Maybe they are starting to catch on to what we are saying and what we mean by working as hard as you can every day. The receivers did come out and make some nice catches and they seemed to compete better than they have the last couple of day."

On shortened camp time and practicing while summer school is in session: "Right now their heads are everywhere. They are doing homework last week and this week. They have exams today and (Friday). There is a lot on their plate right now but when we get through tomorrow and get through school and just focus on football for the next three weeks I think that will help them a little bit, also."

RB ALEX SUBER ON TODAY'S PRACTICE: "The offense came out more enthusiastic today. We had a bad day yesterday and everyone came out wanting to get better today. Coach 'Stock' knows what he is doing and it showed today because guys understood we can't worry about what happened yesterday but we have to take it, use it, and come back with a will to get better the next day. I think we did."

MISCELLANEOUS: The Blue Raiders moved practice up 15 minutes today due to the threat of thunderstorms coming into the area later in the evening. They did the same thing Wednesday and were able to get through the entire practice; however, the Blue Raiders weren't as fortunate Thursday. The scheduled practice (1 hour, 50 minutes) was halted just more than an hour into the workout when severe thunderstorms rolled through the Murfreesboro area ...

NEXT PRACTICE: The Blue Raiders will hold their eighth practice of fall camp on Friday from 6 PM to 7:50 PM

BLUE RAIDER BLAST: The final "Blue Raider Blast" will be held in Downtown Murfreesboro on the square, Thursday, August 24, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This event is



Following practice, the Blue Raiders donned their new Nike uniforms to "Stock Holders" as part of the "Stock Party" held tonight on campus. (MT Media Relations) 📷

geared toward Blue Raider fans, alumni, and supporters in Rutherford County and surrounding areas and all interested parties are encouraged to attend and meet Middle Tennessee players, coaches, athletic administrators and University administrators as the athletic department gears up for the start of the 2006-07 school year. Admission to the "Blue Raider Blast" is free; however, food provided by Whitt's Barbecue will be available for \$5 per plate. The blast will include music, inflatables, face painting and a special guest appearance by Middle Tennessee mascot, "Lightning," to entertain the youngsters.

FAN/MEDIA DAY: Middle Tennessee's annual Fan/Media Day is scheduled for August 19 at Noon in Murphy Center. There will be free hot dogs and cokes given away while supplies last, games for the kids, and various drawings. Also, tickets will be on sale as well as this year's football media guide. As always, fans can get player autographs and photos so make plans now to check out this year's team as they prepare for the season-opener on Aug. 31.

FENTON PAYNE AND FRED 5K: On Saturday morning, Aug. 19, the third annual Fenton Payne and Fred 5K Run/Walk to take place on the campus of Middle Tennessee with Head Football Coach Rick Stockstill firing the starting gun. The event will get underway at 7:30 AM with registration at Peck Hall. The cost is \$25 with cash prizes going to the winning male and female and the overall masters (40 years and over). There will also be awards to the top three finishers in all divisions, male and female, 9 and under, then 5 year age groups through 80 and over. For more information, contact Mark Hardison at 615-848-9063.

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