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This Week in Blue Raider Baseball

Three players named to Sun Belt All-Tournament Team, Blue Raiders receive Sun Belt Academic Award, Middle Tennessee awarded 2010 SBC Tournament, Chuck Taylor Golf Tournament next week, and summer camp dates announced.

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - [Wayne Kendrick](#), [Rawley Bishop](#) and Brad Robinson were all voted to the Sun Belt All-Tournament team, announced by the conference office at the conclusion of the SBC Tournament.

Kendrick batted .458 (11-for-24) with eight runs scored, three doubles, one triple and five RBIs in Middle Tennessee's five tournament games. The Murfreesboro, Tenn., native had at least two hits in all five contests and ended the year batting .405 overall with 100 hits, setting a school single-season record for hits.

Bishop hit .421 (8-for-19) in the five games with six runs scored, two doubles, one home run and 10 RBIs. He also added three walks. The Germantown, Tenn., native collected two hits in the first two games of the tournament and went 3-for-5 with three runs scored and five RBIs on Friday against New Orleans. Bishop ended the year with a .329 batting average and 15 doubles and ranked first on the club with 17 home runs, 65 RBIs and 36 walks.

Robinson tossed one of his best games of the season in the tournament opener on Wednesday against Florida Atlantic, the league's top hitting club. The Blue Raider righthander tossed 7.2 scoreless innings, giving up seven hits. He did not walk a batter and struck out seven. For the season Robinson was 8-2 with a 4.00 ERA in 16 appearances with 12 starts, working 83.1 innings and striking out 74. Opponents batted just .255 against Robinson and he won four of his last five starts.

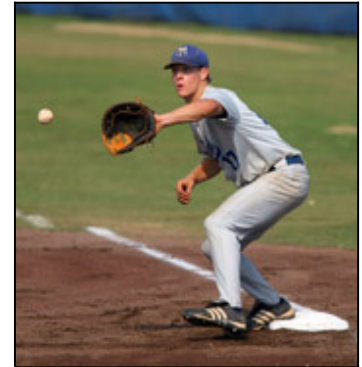
The Sun Belt began all All-Tournament team in 2004 and three Middle Tennessee players have been voted to the team in all four seasons since it began.

2007 Sun Belt All-Tournament Team

Kevin Nabors (South Alabama, Jr., P)
 Brad Robinson (Middle Tennessee, Jr., P)
 Brent Solich (Louisiana-Lafayette, Jr., P)
 Bryan Cryer (New Orleans, Jr., P)
[Rawley Bishop](#) (Middle Tennessee, So., 1B)
 Matt Casbon (Louisiana-Lafayette, Sr., 1B)
 Daniel Bomback (Florida Atlantic, Jr., 2B)
[Wayne Kendrick](#) (Middle Tennessee, Sr., 2B)
 Johnny Giavotella (New Orleans, So., 2B)
 David Doss (South Alabama, So., 3B)
 Jeffries Tatford (Louisiana-Lafayette, Sr., OF)
 Brandon Bowser (New Orleans, Sr., OF)
 Joey Butler (New Orleans, Jr., OF)

RAIDERS RECEIVE ACADEMIC AWARD: Middle Tennessee's baseball team received the academic award for the Sun Belt's baseball program's at last week's Spring Meetings in Destin, Fla. The award was for the 2005-06 academic year. The Blue Raiders posted the highest team GPA of the then nine baseball playing schools in the Sun Belt with a 2.96 cumulative mark. Middle Tennessee should be in line for next year's award as well after posting semester GPA's of 3.01 in Fall 2006 and 3.08 in Spring 2007. Also, 11 current or former Blue Raider players graduated during this academic year, including [Josh Anderson](#), [Chase Eakes](#), [Shay Horseman](#), [Allan Woodward](#), Aaron Wallus, [Jeff Beachum](#), [Matt Campbell](#), [Josh Horn](#), [Jeff Kasser](#), [Matt Scott](#) and Adam Larson.

BLUE RAIDERS AWARDED 2010 BASEBALL TOURNAMENT: During last week's Sun Belt Spring Meetings, Middle Tennessee was awarded the 2010 Sun Belt Baseball Championships. The tournament will take place May 19-22 at Reese Smith Field. The Blue Raiders have not hosted the SBC Baseball Tournament since joining the league and last hosted a conference baseball tournament in 1997. Middle Tennessee has hosted eight previous conference tournaments, all while in the OVC, in 1976, 1986, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996 and 1997. Middle Tennessee will begin a \$5 million renovation of Reese Smith Field in the coming weeks for the 2008 season.



Sophomore Rawley Bishop (above) along with Wayne Kendrick and Brad Robinson were all voted to the Sun Belt All-Tournament team, announced by the conference office at the conclusion of the SBC Tournament. (Dan Anderson)

CHUCK TAYLOR GOLF TOURNAMENT SET: Middle Tennessee head baseball coach Steve Peterson has announced the annual Chuck Taylor Golf Tournament will be played at Indian Hills Golf Course on Tuesday, June 5, 2006. The event will be a four-person scramble with prizes awarded for first through fifth place. Prizes will also be given for Closest-to-the-Pin and Longest Drive. A hole-in-one on any par 3 on the course will be awarded prizes as well. Each entry into the tournament will receive a barbecue lunch, a goody bag, free beverages on the course, a red tee and mulligan, and a chance for a big money prize for an ace on hole number seven. The entry fee is \$115 per player. The tournament committee is also seeking hole sponsors for \$100 each. Registration for the tournament is slated to begin at 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start scheduled for 1 p.m. For further information please contact Pam Humphrey at Stones River Nissan at 615/893-0252. Entries may be mailed to: Blue Raider Baseball, MTSU Box 90, Murfreesboro, TN 37132. When sending in an entry, please include the names and addresses of each player in the foursome along with your entry fee. Entry forms can be found on the baseball page at GoBlueRaiders.com.

TEAM CAMP DATES SET: The Blue Raider baseball program will host its third annual Team Camp, July 9-12, at Reese Smith Field. The camp includes five games plus instruction, as well as a pro-style workout with area scouts on the first evening. Team coaches and players receive instruction each afternoon of the session from Middle Tennessee coaches, current and former players, as well as area high school and college coaches and scouts. Registration forms may be found at GoBlueRaiders.com on the baseball age or by calling Associate Head Coach Jim McGuire at 615/898-2961.

OTHER SUMMER CAMP DATES: Three other summer baseball camps will be held in June, starting the 10th and running until the 21st of the month. The Pitcher-Catcher Camp runs June 10-12 and the Hitting Camp is June 12-14, with both camps for ages 13-2006 High School senior. The Day Camp for ages 7-12 ONLY is June 18-21. For information on these camps please call the main athletic department number at 615/898-2450 or you may access a camp brochure on the baseball page at GoBlueRaiders.com.

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