2008 Middle Tennessee Softball

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Louisiana-Monroe (9-20, 1-5)
at
Middle Tennessee (10-16, 3-5)

March 29-30, 2008
Murfreesboro, Tenn.

History: Middle Tennessee and ULM are meeting for the seventh time in school history

Last Game: W, 3-0 (4/1/2007)

Louisiana-Monroe Warhawks: The Warhawks dropped their last game of Thursday night against Centenary 7-1. It does not get any easier for ULM as they begin a nine-game stretch on the road with a visit to Murfreesboro. Middle Tennessee and Louisiana-Monroe are meeting for the seventh time in school history. ULM holds a 4-2 advantage against MT. The last meeting occurred on April 1, 2007 when the Blue Raiders defeated the Warhawks 3-0 in Monroe, La. ULM holds a 9-20 record including a 1-5 mark in Sun Belt Conference play. The Blue Raiders took two of three games against UL-Monroe in the 2007. Today's doubleheader marks the second time Middle Tennessee has hosted a series in Sun Belt Conference play during the 2008 season. The Blue Raiders dropped two games in a weather-shortened series against then-#17 Louisiana-Lafayette earlier in the season. MT has gone a combined 3-3 in out-of-conference home series games against Lipscomb, Evansville and Austin Peay.

SIGNATURE STEALS: The Blue Raiders have stolen eight bases, five by Caitlin McLure, in the last week in an effort to surpass last season's record-breaking total of 111. The 2007 team ranked 12th nationally with 1.85 stolen bases per game. The team's swipes were the third-most in a single-season in school history. Ashley Cline led the Sun Belt with 32 stolen bases, second most in a single season in school history. The Mt. Juliet, Tenn., native was 25th nationally with 0.56 stolen bases per game. The second-year player's 40 career swipes are tied for sixth place all-time in school history with former Blue Raider Steffi Silva for sixth place all-time. Cline currently leads the 2008 squad with eight swipes in 10 attempts.

POWER PLAYERS: Junior Martha Davis leads the team with five home runs on the season, including two in this week's series sweep of mid-state rival Austin Peay. She is currently occupies fifth place in the career home run list with 12 homeruns. Fellow Blue Raider Whitney Darlington is in eighth place on the all-time home run list.

ACES WILD: Sophomore Lindsey Vander Lugt continues to make her mark on the school record books in just her second season. She is currently in sixth place in school history for career wins, four shy of former Blue Raiders Jill Booth (1994-97) and Jaclyn Story (1997) for sixth place. She is already ranked in the Top 10 of 19 other pitching records for both a season and a career. Among these include Vander Lugt's school-record 38 starts during the 2007 campaign. She has made 15 starts this season, going 7-9. Earlier this season, the lefty recorded the fourth longest streak for consecutive inning without a walk in school history. Her 24.3 inning streak over five games from February 23-28 puts her just shy of Jennifer Martinez's (199-02) 27.0 inning outing.

DECISIVE DEFENSE: Blue Raiders have continued their stellar defensive play from the 2007 season in which they ranked 29th nationally with 0.38 double plays per game and 100th nationally with a .961 fielding percentage. Cline leads the squad with 65 assists.

BATTING AROUND: Senior Whitney Darlington (.311, 10th) and Sophomore Corrie Abel (.357, t8th) both came into the 2008 season ranked on the career batting average charts. Abel leads the 2008 team with a .358 batting averages in 81 appearances at the plate.

THE WEATHER EFFECT: The Blue Raiders have had nine games cancelled or postponed this season due to inclement weather. The squad lost one game in the Crimson Classic and their entire schedule in the Buzz Classic. They

2008 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULTS
F. 8	!vs Georgetown	W, 2-1
F. 8	!vs Ole Miss	L, 4-0
F. 9	!vs Tennessee Tech	L, 8-2
F. 9	!at Kennnesaw State	L, 7-1
F. 15	%vs. #27 Georgia Tech	L, 2-1
F. 15	%at #2 Alabama	L, 6-0
F. 16	%vs. New Mexico	L, 7-5
F. 16	%at #2 Alabama	L, 7-1
F. 17	% vs. New Mexico	Cancelled
F. 23	^UT Martin	W, 5-1
F. 23	^Belmon	W, 12-1
F. 24	^#29 Southern Illinois	W, 6-0
F. 24	UT Martin	L, 4-2
F. 28	Lipscomb (DH)	W, 3-2, L, 4-3
M. 4	*at Troy (DH)	W, 4-1, W, 11-0
M. 5	*at Troy	L, 4-0
M. 7	&vs Western Michigan	Cancelled
M. 7	&vs Furman	Cancelled
M. 8	&vs Florida A&M	Cancelled
M. 8	&vs Jacksonville State	Cancelled
M. 13	Evansville (DH)	L, 8-3 L, 5-3
M. 16	*#17 La.-Lafayette (DH)	L, 8-1, L, 12-1
M. 21	*at South Alabama (DH)	L, 2-0, L, 9-1
M. 22	*at South Alabama	W, 5-2
M. 26	Austin Peay (DH)	W, 8-2, W, 11-3
M. 29	*Louisiana-Monroe (DH)	1/3 PM
M. 30	*Louisiana-Monroe	Noon
A. 3	Tennessee State (DH)	2/4 PM
A. 5	*at North Texas (DH)	2/4 PM
A. 6	*at North Texas	1 PM
A. 9	at Southeast Missouri (DH)	4/6 PM
A. 10	at Chattanooga (DH)	4/6 PM
A. 12	*Florida International (DH)	1/3 PM
A. 13	*Florida International	1 PM
A. 15	at Jacksonville State (DH)	2/4 PM
A. 16	at UT Martin (DH)	3/5 PM
A. 23	at Tennessee Tech (DH)	4/6 PM
A. 26	*at Florida Atlantic (DH)	5/7 PM
A. 27	*at Florida Atlantic	Noon
M. 2	*Western Kentucky (DH)	3/5 PM
M. 3	*Western Kentucky	1 PM
M. 8-11	Sun Belt Tournament	TBA

! - Kennesaw State Classic
% - Crimson Classic
^ - Middle Tennessee Classic
& - Buzz Classic
* - Sun Belt Conference Game

2008 PRESEASON ALL-SUN BELT CONFERENCE

P: Brittany Cueveas (Louisiana-Lafayette, Sr.)
P: Jennifer Kempf (Western Kentucky, Jr.)
C: Rachelle Boucher (Western Kentucky, So.)
1B: Jessica Lyle (Troy, Sr.)
2B: Jenny Stevens (South Alabama, So.)
SS: Katya Muller (North Texas, Sr.)
3B: Rebecca Horesky (Western Kentucky, Jr.)
OF: Kim Rodriguez (Florida International, Jr.)
OF: Karli Hubbard (Louisiana-Lafayette, Jr.)
OF: Evelyne Pare (South Alabama, Sr.)
OF: Heidi Johnson (Troy, Jr.)
DP: Holly Tankersley (Louisiana-Lafayette, Sr.)

PRESEASON PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Holly Tankersley (Louisiana-Lafayette, Sr., DP)

PRESEASON PITCHER OF THE YEAR

Jennifer Kempf (Western Kentucky, Jr., P)

SUN BELT PLAYER OF THE WEEK

-March 17, 2007 - March 23, 2007-

IF: Rebecca Waters (North Texas, So.)

SUN BELT PITCHER OF THE WEEK

-March 17, 2007 - March 23, 2007-

P: Brittany Cuevas (Louisiana-Lafayette, So.)

Sun Belt Standings

March 29, 2008

Team	Sun Belt		Overall	
Florida International	4-1	.800	18-22	.450
Florida Atlantic	4-2	.667	22-18	.550
North Texas	6-3	.667	16-18	.471
Louisiana-Lafayette	3-2	.600	21-10	.677
Troy	5-4	.556	20-15	.571
South Alabama	3-3	.500	17-14	.548
Middle Tennessee	3-5	.375	10-16	.385
Western Kentucky	2-6	.250	14-16	.448
Louisiana-Monroe	1-5	.167	9-20	.310

had one conference game cancelled against #17 Louisiana-Lafayette because of rain. It will not be rescheduled.

NEVAR'S NEWEST: Thus far in 2008, Head Coach Sue Nevar has played just one team she previously matched up against in her 11 year coaching career. The Blue Raiders defeated the Southern Illinois Salukis 6-0 for Nevar's second win all-time versus the Carbondale, Ill. squad.

DEFEATING RANKED FOES: The Blue Raiders have played six games against teams receiving votes in the USA Today/NFCA Poll, going 1-5. Their sole win came against the Southern Illinois Salukis at the Middle Tennessee Classic earlier this season. The Blue Raiders went 2-4 against ranked opponents in 2007, with each loss coming by four runs or less.

QUICK FACTS

Location	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	Record at MT/Year	8-16/1st year
Founded	1911	Career Record	297-307-1/11
Enrollment	22,264	Assistant Coach	Lisa Allen
Nickname	Blue Raiders	Graduate Assistant	Krista Barts
Colors	Royal Blue & White	2007 Record	30-30/6-9 SBC
Mascot	Lightning	MT Overall Record	389-379-1
Conference	Sun Belt	Secretary	Debbie Bartlett
Affiliation	NCAA Division I	Media Relations Director	Mark Owens
Field	Blue Raider Softball Field	Media Relations Contact	David Powell
President	Dr. Sidney A. McPhee	Athletic Trainer	Kristin Midkiff
Faculty Representative	Terry Whiteside	Manager	Phillip Elliot
Director of Athletics	Chris Massaro	Athletics Phone	(615) 904-2450
Head Coach	Sue Nevar		

Statistics Corner

When MT scores...

0 Runs	0-4
1 Run	0-6
2 Runs	1-2
3 Runs	1-3
4 Runs	1-0
5 Runs	2-1
6 Runs	1-0
7 Runs	0-0
8 Runs	1-0
9 Runs	0-0
10+ Runs	3-0

When opponents score...

0 Runs	2-0
1 Run	4-0
2 Runs	3-2
3 Runs	1-0
4 Runs	0-4
5 Runs	0-1
6 Runs	0-1
7 Runs	0-3
8 Runs	0-3
9 Runs	0-1
10+ Runs	0-1

When MT gets...

0 Hits	0-0
1-3 Hits	0-6
4-5 Hits	0-4
6-7 Hits	4-2
8-9 Hits	3-2
10+ Hits	3-1

When...

Vander Lugt Starts	6-9
Head Starts	4-7
MT pitcher strikes out 5+	3-4
Opponent pitcher strikes out 5+	1-8
MT Homers	6-4
Opponent Homers	0-8
MT has 0 Errors	3-2
MT has 1+ Errors	6-12
Opponent has 0 Errors	1-6
Opponent has 1+ Errors	8-8
In one-run games	2-2
In extra-inning games	0-0
MT out-hits opponent	7-1
MT gets out-hit by opponent	0-14
Hits are tied	3-1

2008 ROSTER

Numerical

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.-Exp.	B-T	Hometown/High School (Last School)
_00	Ashley Cline	UT	5-5	SR-1L	L-R	Gallatin, Tenn./Gallatin HS (Univ. of Tennessee)
1	Martha Davis	OF	5-4	JR-2L	R-R	Signal Mountain, Tenn./Red Bank HS
2	Kandra Singleton	UT	5-0	FR-HS	R-R	Clarksville, Tenn./Northwest H
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5	Katie Mielke	C/UT	5-8	SR-2L	R-R	Lombard, Ill./Glenbard East HS (Illinois State Univ.)
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7	Kelsey Dortch	OF	5-11	FR-HS	R-L	Milan, Tenn./Milan HS
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11	Brittney Banania	IF	5-5	FR-HS	L-R	San Pedro, Calif./San Pedro HS
12	Kellie Head	P	5-7	FR-HS	R-R	Paris, Texas/Paris HS
13	Justine Cerda	UT	5-5	JR-2L	R-R	Grants Pass, Ore./Grants Pass HS
14	Jessica Ives	C/1B	5-9	SO-1L	R-R	Chattanooga, Tenn./Boyd-Buchanan HS
15	Whittney Padgett	IF	5-4	JR-JC	R-R	Chatsworth, Ga./Murray County HS (Motlow State CC)
16	Amy Candioto	P	6-0	SR-1L	R-R	Portland, Ore./Milwaukee HS (Central Michigan Univ.)
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Assistant Coach: Lisa Allen (Oregon State, 2006)
Graduate Assistant: Krista Barts (Auburn, 2007)
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Pronunciation Guide

Corrie Abel . . . . . AA-bull
Brittney Banania . . . . . buh-NON-yuh
Amy Candioto . . . . . CAN-dee-oh-toe
Justine Cerda . . . . . SIR-duh
Kelsey Dortch . . . . . DOORCH
Jessica Ives . . . . . EYEVS (like knives)
Caitlin McLure . . . . . KATE-lynn MC-Lure
Katie Mielke . . . . . MILK-ee
Sue Nevar . . . . . KNEE-var (like far)
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