Blue Raiders Move Three Games to Winchester

UT and Mississippi State games will be played at Gamble Sports Complex

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee has moved its home game with Tennessee and its two-game series with Mississippi State to the Gamble Sports Complex in Winchester, Tenn., as announced by Director of Athletics Chris Massaro. "We are expecting large crowds for all three games which could present a capacity problem at Reese Smith Field due to our on-going construction," said Massaro. "It is also a great opportunity to showcase Middle Tennessee athletics and engage our surrounding counties to Blue Raider baseball, particularly to the South of Murfreesboro." Loel E. Bennett Stadium at Gamble Sports Complex was originally built for an independent minor league baseball team, the Tennessee Tomahawks, who played in Winchester from 1996 to 1998. The stadium has a seating capacity of 2,000. "I personally want to thank Franklin County High School athletic director Morris Rogers and baseball coach Phillip King for extending us this invitation and adjusting their schedule," said Steve Peterson, Middle Tennessee Head Baseball Coach. "They knew our situation and wanted to help us out anyway they could. Both guys have been a joy to work with over the last few weeks. "I am very impressed with the facility and we are honored to bring college baseball to the Winchester community. Middle Tennessee will play host to the Volunteers on Tuesday, April 15 at 6 p.m. The Blue Raiders will face Mississippi State three weeks later on May 6-7 with both games set for 6 p.m. "The Mississippi State series will be the last opportunity for fans to show their appreciation to legendary MSU coach Ron Polk who will be coaching his last game in the state of Tennessee as he will retire at the conclusion of the season," added Peterson. Tickets to each game will be $10. For more information on tickets please contact the Middle Tennessee ticket office at (615) 898-5198 or 1-888-YES-MTSU. Fans with season passes to Middle Tennessee home games will be able to use

their passes at the games in Winchester. Also, those who have already purchased single-game tickets to these contests will be able to use those tickets. Only cash will be accepted at the gate, while MTSU students will be admitted free with a valid student I.D. **Directions to Gamble Sports Complex from Middle Tennessee State University:** - Start out going WEST on E MAIN ST toward 4TH AVE.

- Turn LEFT onto S TENNESSEE BLVD.
- S TENNESSEE BLVD becomes SANBYRN DR.
- Turn LEFT onto S CHURCH ST/ US-231 S/ TN-10 S.
- Merge onto I-24 E via the ramp on the LEFT toward CHATTANOOGA.
- Take the US-41 exit, EXIT 114, toward MANCHESTER.
- Turn LEFT onto US-41/ HILLSBORO BLVD/ TN-2. Continue to follow US-41/ TN-2.
- Turn RIGHT onto WINCHESTER HWY/ TN-127.
- Turn LEFT onto AEDC RD/ TN-127. Continue to follow TN-127.
- Turn LEFT onto DECHERD BLVD/ US-41 ALT/ TN-16.
- Turn RIGHT onto SHARP SPRINGS RD.
- Turn RIGHT onto BIBLE CROSSING RD/ MILL RD.
- Turn LEFT onto OLD ESTILL SPRINGS RD.
- End at 211 Old Estill Springs Rd Winchester, TN 37398

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