2008 Middle Tennessee Softball

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Middle Tennessee (18-25, 9-8)
at
Tennessee Tech (23-25-1, 7-9)

April 23, 2008 - Cookeville, Tenn.

History: Middle Tennessee and Tennessee Tech are meeting for the 26th time in school history.

TENNESSEE TECH GOLDEN EAGLES: The Golden Eagles enter Tuesday's doubleheader coming off a series loss to Ohio Valley Conference foe Samford. Middle Tennessee and Tennessee Tech are meeting for the 26th time in school history, with MT holding a 18-17 advantage. The last meeting between the teams occurred on earlier this season on February 9, 2007, when Tennessee Tech defeated Middle Tennessee 7-5 the Kennesaw State Classic in Kennesaw, Ga. The Golden Eagles hold a 23-25-1 record including a 7-9 mark in conference play.

SUN BELT CONFERENCE STARS: Sophomore outfielder Corrie Abel and Junior outfielder Martha Davis have been named the Sun Belt Conference Player of the Week to give a Blue Raider the award two out of the last three weeks. Abel was named on April 7, 2008 after leading the Blue Raiders to a series victory against conference-foe North Texas. She batted .364, including two game-winning hits, in three games against the Mean Green and led the team in homeruns (1), RBI (5), totals bases (7) and slugging percentage (.636) in the series. The Shorewood, Ill. native went 2-for-5 as the Blue Raiders won 8-4 in the first game of the series, driving in what proved to be the game-winning runs in the 6th inning with her first career grand-slam homerun. She went 1-for-2 with a run scored and walk in the second game before finishing off a Middle Tennessee 7th inning rally with the game-winning a RBI single to right field in the deciding game of the series. Davis captured the award on April 21, 2008 after batting .417 with two homeruns, including her first career grand slam, and five RBI in two non-conference doubleheaders against the Jacksonville State and UT Martin. She led the team on the week in homeruns, RBI, hits (5), runs scored (2), total bases (11), slugging percentage (.917) and on-base percentage (.462).

SIGNATURE STEALS: The Blue Raiders stole one base 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 stole one base this week to make it 47 in her career and move her into a tie for sixth place all-time in school history with former Blue Raider Melanie Manley (1997-00). Cline currently leads the 2008 squad with 14 swipes in 18 attempts. She ranks fourth in the Sun Belt with seven steals in conference play.

POWER PLAYERS: Junior Martha Davis leads the team with seven home runs on the season, including a couple last week against Jacksonville State. 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. Corrie Abel nailed a game-winning grand slam, the first of her career, in Middle Tennesee's 8-4 win over North Texas earlier this season. Jessica Ives and Davis have also hit grand slams this season, the first of their careers.

ACES WILD: Sophomore Lindsey Vander Lugt continues to make her mark on the school record books in just her second season. She is currently tops in the nation with just 0.71 walks allowed per seven innings. The Olympia, Wash. native is currently tied for third place in school history for career wins with former Blue Raider Andrea Edwards (1993-95). 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 24 starts this season, going 12-16. Earlier this season, the lefty recorded the fourth longest streak in school history for consecutive innings without a walk. Her 24.3 inning mark over five games from February 23-28 puts her just shy of Jennifer Martinez's (1999-02) 27.0 innings the top spot. The Sophomore is currently tops in the Sun Belt Conference with a 1.49 ERA

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	^Belmont	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)	W, 2-1, L, 5-4
M. 30	*Louisiana-Monroe	W, 11-3
A. 3	Tennessee State (DH)	Cancelled
A. 5	*at North Texas (DH)	W, 8-4, L, 13-4
A. 6	*at North Texas	W, 4-3
A. 9	at Southeast Missouri (DH)	L, 6-4, W, 5-3
A. 10	at Chattanooga (DH)	L, 7-3, L, 7-2
A. 12	*Florida International (DH)	W, 4-0. W, 3-1
A. 13	*Florida International	L, 6-5
A. 15	at Jacksonville State (DH)	L, 6-1, W, 7-4
A. 16	at UT Martin (DH)	L, 5-1, L, 1-0
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

-April 14, 2008 - April 20, 2008-
OF: Martha Davis (Middle Tennessee, Jr.)

SUN BELT PITCHER OF THE WEEK

-April 14, 2008 - April 20, 2008-
P: Ashley Brignac (Louisiana-Lafayette, Fr.)

Sun Belt Standings

April 23, 2008

Team	Sun Belt		Overall	
Louisiana-Lafayette	12-2	.857	34-10	.773
Florida Atlantic	13-6	.684	31-22	.585
Troy	12-6	.667	29-18	.617
Middle Tennessee	9-8	.529	18-25	.419
Florida International	9-9	.500	25-30	.455
Louisiana-Monroe	7-11	.389	17-30	.362
North Texas	9-12	.429	24-28	.462
South Alabama	5-13	.278	21-26	.447
Western Kentucky	4-13	.235	18-26	.409

in conference play.

DECISIVE DEFENSE: Blue Raiders have continued their stellar defensive play throughout the season and currently rank 38th nationally with 0.38 double plays per game. Whittney Padgett currently leads the squad with 118 assists.

BATTING AROUND: The Blue Raiders rank 24th nationally with 0.28 triples per game. Senior Whitney Darlington (.311, 10th) and Sophomore Corrie Abel (.357, t8th) both came into this season ranked on the career batting average charts. Abel ranks eighth in the Sun Belt Conference with a .366 batting average in 123 appearances at the plate.

THE WEATHER EFFECT: The Blue Raiders have had 12 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 had one conference game cancelled against #17 Louisiana-Lafayette because of rain. It will not be rescheduled. MT's doubleheader on April 3rd against local rivals Tennessee State, originally scheduled for March 19 but postponed due to poor weather conditions, was delayed for a second time due to inclement weather.

NEVAR'S NEWEST: Thus far in 2008, Head Coach Sue Nevar has played just three teams she previously matched up against during her 11 year coaching career. The Blue Raiders defeated the Southern Illinois Salukis 6-0 and took two of three from SBC foe Louisana-Monroe before dropping a doubleheader against Chattanooga to improve her record against those teams to 5-4.

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	18-25/1st year
Founded	1911	Career Record	307-316-1/11
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	Administrative Assistant	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	0-5
1 Run	0-8
2 Runs	2-3
3 Runs	2-4
4 Runs	3-3
5 Runs	3-2
6 Runs	1-0
7 Runs	1-0
8 Runs	2-0
9 Runs	0-0
10+ Runs	4-0

When opponents score...

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

When MT gets...

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

When...

Vander Lugt Starts	11-15
Head Starts	7-10
MT pitcher strikes out 5+	5-5
Opponent pitcher strikes out 5+	4-12
MT Homers	9-7
Opponent Homers	2-13
MT has 0 Errors	6-4
MT has 1+ Errors	12-21
Opponent has 0 Errors	3-10
Opponent has 1+ Errors	15-15
In one-run games	4-5
In extra-inning games	0-1
MT out-hits opponent	12-2
MT gets out-hit by opponent	3-22
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
4	Whitney Darlington	UT	5-7	SR-1L	R-R	Tullahoma, Tenn./Tullahoma HS (Motlow State CC)
5	Katie Mielke	C/UT	5-8	SR-2L	R-R	Lombard, Ill./Glenbard East HS (Illinois State Univ.)
6	Corrie Abel	OF	5-5	SO-1L	L-L	Shorewood, Ill./Joliet West HS
7	Kelsey Dortch	OF	5-11	FR-HS	R-L	Milan, Tenn./Milan HS
8	Caitlin McLure	OF	5-4	SO-1L	L-R	Anaheim, Calif./Troy H
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
16	Amy Candioto	P	6-0	SR-1L	R-R	Portland, Ore./Milwaukee HS (Central Michigan Univ.)
19	Whittney Padgett	IF	5-4	JR-JC	R-R	Chatsworth, Ga./Murray County HS (Motlow State CC)
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Head Coach: Sue Nevar (Indiana, 1981)
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)
Whittney Padgett . . . . . PADG-et
Kandra Singleton . . . . . CAN-druh
Lindsey Vander Lugt . . . . . VAN-der -luckt

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Overall Statistics for Middle Tennessee (as of Apr 23, 2008)

(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 18-25 Home: 10-8 Away: 7-12 Neutral: 1-5 Sun Belt: 9-8

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
6 Abel, Corrie.....	.356	43-43	135	26	48	5	2	3	18	66	.489	11	1	13	0	.408	0	0	5-5	59	7	0	1.000
0 Cline, Ashley....	.333	43-43	141	19	47	7	2	0	15	58	.411	5	2	13	0	.362	1	4	14-18	93	95	15	.926
5 Mielke, Katie....	.277	33-33	94	18	26	5	1	3	12	42	.447	14	1	24	0	.376	0	3	9-10	107	32	2	.986
1 Davis, Martha....	.268	43-43	123	14	33	5	0	7	25	59	.480	13	1	20	1	.341	1	4	1-2	41	0	3	.932
13 Cerda, Justine...	.261	42-41	119	6	31	3	1	1	18	39	.328	6	0	19	2	.291	2	0	0-2	194	12	2	.990
11 Banania, Brittney	.239	41-41	113	16	27	5	0	0	5	32	.283	9	2	18	0	.306	0	5	1-1	72	102	7	.961
4 Darlington, Whitn	.226	42-38	106	16	24	3	3	1	10	36	.340	12	2	13	0	.317	0	5	0-0	154	11	1	.994
8 McLure, Caitlin..	.214	43-43	112	21	24	3	2	0	5	31	.277	18	2	21	0	.333	0	6	8-10	47	4	1	.981
19 Padgett, Whittney	.179	42-42	117	9	21	4	1	3	17	36	.308	11	0	28	2	.244	3	1	0-0	38	118	20	.886
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14 Ives, Jessica....	.188	24-18	48	3	9	1	0	3	8	19	.396	7	1	17	1	.304	0	0	0-1	29	6	0	1.000
7 Dortch, Kelsey...	.000	20-1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	2	0	.250	0	0	1-3	0	0	1	.000
2 Singleton, Kandra	.000	24-1	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	1-3	0	0	0	.000
Totals.....	.261	43-43	1112	159	290	41	12	21	133	418	.376	107	12	189	6	.330	7	28	40-55	841	443	64	.953
Opponents.....	.310	43-43	1176	185	364	65	8	24	168	517	.440	46	6	113	3	.337	8	30	33-46	855	357	65	.949

LOB - Team (256), Opp (242). DPs turned - Team (15), Opp (14). CI - Team (0), Opp (2). Picked off - Davis 2, Singleton 1, Cline 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
21 VanderLugt, Linds	2.23	12-16	33	26	24	2/1	2	198.0	225	97	63	20	98	43	6	5	799	.282	0	2	1	3	23
12 Head, Kellie.....	5.53	6-9	19	17	10	0/1	0	82.1	139	88	65	26	15	22	2	19	377	.369	6	4	5	5	7
Totals.....	3.20	18-25	43	43	34	3/1	2	280.1	364	185	128	46	113	65	8	24	1176	.310	6	6	6	8	30
Opponents.....	2.82	25-18	43	43	20	5/1	4	285.0	290	159	115	107	189	41	12	21	1112	.261	21	12	2	7	28

PB - Team (5), Ives 3, Mielke 2, Opp (8). Pickoffs - Team (6), Mielke 5, Ives 1, Opp (4). SBA/ATT - Mielke (23-35), VanderLugt (21-30), Head (12-16), Ives (10-11).

Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders

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(All games Sorted by Fielding pct)

Player	C	PO	A	E	FLD%	DPs	SBA	CSB	SBA%	PB	CI
6 Abel, Corrie.....	66	59	7	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
14 Ives, Jessica....	35	29	6	0	1.000	0	10	1	.909	3	0
4 Darlington, Whitn	166	154	11	1	.994	5	0	0	---	0	0
13 Cerda, Justine...	208	194	12	2	.990	3	0	0	---	0	0
5 Mielke, Katie....	141	107	32	2	.986	3	23	12	.657	2	0
8 McLure, Caitlin..	52	47	4	1	.981	0	0	0	---	0	0
11 Banania, Brittney	181	72	102	7	.961	2	0	0	---	0	0
1 Davis, Martha....	44	41	0	3	.932	1	0	0	---	0	0
0 Cline, Ashley....	203	93	95	15	.926	8	0	0	---	0	0
19 Padgett, Whittney	176	38	118	20	.886	6	0	0	---	0	0
12 Head, Kellie.....	16	1	13	2	.875	0	12	4	.750	0	0
21 VanderLugt, Linds	59	6	43	10	.831	0	21	9	.700	0	0
7 Dortch, Kelsey...	1	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
2 Singleton, Kandra	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Totals.....	1348	841	443	64	.953	15	33	13	.717	5	0
Opponents.....	1277	855	357	65	.949	14	40	15	.727	8	2

Hitting minimums - 1 Games 1.2 AB/Game

Pitching minimums - 1.0 IP/Game