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This week in Blue Raider Baseball

Collegiate summer leagues wrap-up; Elite Camp date set

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Thirteen Blue Raiders played in collegiate wood bat summer leagues across the nation and are preparing to return to Murfreesboro, Tenn. as classes begin on Monday, Aug. 25.

[Ben Darlington](#) had one of the best performances for the Blue Raiders as he batted .273 for the Fort Mill Carolina Thunder in 39 games with 30 hits, five doubles, one triple, two home runs, 23 RBI and scored 15 runs. Darlington stole five bases in seven attempts. Darlington was also named to the Southern Collegiate League South All-Star Team.

[Chad Coley](#) played with Darlington and posted a 4.50 ERA in four appearances with the Thunder. Coley had a 1-1 record with 10 strikeouts in 14 innings of work.

[Tyler Burnett](#) also performed well playing in 36 games starting 34 for the Delaware Cows in the Great Lakes League. The Murfreesboro, Tenn., native batted .252 with 30 hits, five doubles, two triples, two home runs, 14 RBI and scored 17 runs.

The Cows went two and out in the Great Lakes league playoffs losing first to Lima 1-0 and then to Cincinnati 7-4.

[Blake McDade](#) also represented the Blue Raiders well as he batted .301 in 49 games with 53 hits, 11 doubles, three triples, eight home runs, 42 RBI and scored 31 runs. McDade also stole six bases in nine attempts.

[Chad Edwards](#) posted a 2.83 ERA in nine starts with the Dubois County Bombers. Edwards had a record of 3-1 in 10 appearances with 34 strikeouts in 54 innings of work.

[Kenneth Roberts](#) ended the summer season 0-1 with a 3.41 ERA in 10 appearances for the Edenton Steamers. The Murfreesboro, Tenn., native struck out 27 batters in 37.0 innings of work as batters hit .262 against him.

The Edenton Steamers, seeded third in Petitt Cup Tournament went 1-2 with its one win coming against seventh-seeded Outer Banks 4-1.

[Hunter Dawson](#) batted .283 with 56 hits, 15 doubles, two triples and five home runs for the Fulton County Railroaders appearing in all 49 games. Dawson drove in 20 runs while scoring 53.

[Stuart Meinhart](#) appeared in 41 games for the Railroaders batting .257 with 10 doubles, five home runs, 35 RBI and has scored 26 runs. Meinhart led the league in runs batted in along with his teammate Louie Haseltine.

The Railroaders were seeded second in the playoffs and fell 5-3 and 6-5 to the Owensboro Oilers in a best of three series in the second round. The Oilers won the KIT league tournament winning five straight games.

[Justin Miller](#) batted .303 with 60 hits, 11 doubles and five home runs in 50 games for the Union City Greyhounds. Miller also drove in 26 runs while scoring 39.

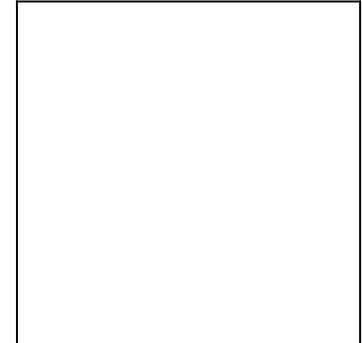
[Tyler Acker](#) played in 40 games for the Greyhounds and batting .202 with three doubles, one home run, 23 RBI and 19 runs scored. Freshman Jud Stoltz ended the season 5-3 for the Greyhounds in 10 appearances. The Lewisburg, Tenn., native struck out 57 batters in 68.67 innings of work.

[Zach Hudson](#) played in 25 games starting 24 for the Manchester Silkworms. The Nashville, Tenn., native is batted .247 with 22 hits, four doubles, two triples, one home run, 12 RBI and 12 runs scored.

[Tyler Hyde](#) also played for the Silkworms posting a 3.34 ERA with a 1-1 record in 32.1 innings of work. Hyde struck out 28 batters in eight appearances as batters hit .231 against him.

Professional Update

Former Blue Raider Brett Carroll is the only player in the major leagues and is still on the 60-day disabled list for the Florida Marlins. Carroll is on rehab assignment in Jupiter, Fla., with the Florida State League. In four games, he is batting .105 with two hits and scoring one run in four games.



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Five former Blue Raiders are in the minor leagues for professional organizations

[Jordan Alvis](#) is 2-1 with a 9.50 ERA in 13 games for the Pulaski Mariners. Alvis has struck out 10 batters in 18 innings of work. Alvis signed with the Seattle Mariners after being drafted in the 21st round.

Todd Martin is batting .209 with 14 hits, four doubles and six RBI for the Kinston Indians. Martin has played in 21 games scoring six runs. Martin has been placed on the seven-day disabled list.

Michael McKenry has played in 99 games for the Modesto Nuts with 89 hits, 27 doubles and 15 home runs as he is batting .249. McKenry has also driven in 64 runs and scored 50 more.

Chris Mobley is 4-2 with a 2.21 ERA with the Carolina Mudcats. Mobley has appeared in 48 games striking out 61 in 53 innings of work.

Matt Ray is batting .248 in 93 games with the Kane County Cougars. Ray has 82 hits, 11 doubles, two home runs, 31 RBI and scored 45 runs. Ray has also stolen 12 bases.

Three former players, Josh Horn, Eric McNamee and Jeremy Owens are playing with independent baseball organizations.

Josh Horn is batting .297 in 79 games with the Windy City Thunderbolts. Horn has 92 hits with 13 doubles, five home runs, 37 RBI and has scored 50 runs. Horn has also stolen six bases. The Thunderbolts are currently second in the West Division of the Frontier League behind Southern Illinois.

Eric McNamee is batting .298 with the Gary Southshore Railcats in 63 games. McNamee has 75 hits with 10 doubles, 27 RBI and 34 runs scored. He has also stolen eight bases.

Jeremy Owens has played in 75 games for the Maryland Blue Crabs batting .244 with 69 hits. Owens has also hit 14 doubles, three triples, 10 home runs, 36 RBI and has scored 51 runs. He also leads the club in stolen bases with 14.

Elite Fall Camp

Head coach Steve Peterson has announced the date for the 2008 Elite Fall Camp. The Elite Camp will be held on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. for campers 9th to 12 grade. The cost of the camp is \$125 which includes lunch.

The Middle Tennessee State Baseball staff and professional scouts will instruct and evaluate all campers. The day will consist of pro-style workouts, positional instruction and games. There will also be campus and stadium tours and discussions on the MTSU recruiting process.

For more information call 615/898-2961 or 615/898-5495.

Camp limited to 100.

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