Fall Softball Notes

Team wraps up fall exhibition season this weekend

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Teams travel to Knoxville to wrap up fall exhibition campaign
The Middle Tennessee softball team will travel to Knoxville, Tenn., this weekend to take on a trio of opponents including host Tennessee to wrap up its fall exhibition season.

"This weekend is strictly exhibition," said Blue Raider head coach Sue Nevar. "However, when Middle Tennessee and Tennessee get together, there are strong bragging rights at stake so we want to go out and show well."

Middle Tennessee will open the series of games at 8 a.m. Saturday verses Chipola College (Fla.) and then take on the Lady Vols at Noon. The conclusion of the action will be Sunday with contests against Vol State at Noon and Walter State at 4 p.m. All games will be played at the Sherri Parker Lee Softball Stadium on the Tennessee campus.

Four Blue Raiders named to NFCA 2009 Scholar-Athlete Team (Academic All-American is trademarked by CoSIDA)
Martha Davis, Caty Jutson, Caitlin McLure and Lindsey VanderLugt were recognized as Scholar-Athletes by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association for their outstanding play in the 2009 season.

"I'm very proud of my players. They join a long list of Middle Tennessee athletes to receive this honor. Student-athletes are students first and should be recognized for their accomplishments in the classroom."

Team to conclude fall practices October 22
The Blue Raiders will conclude full fall team practices on October 22. The team will then break into small, specifically coached groups to hone individual skills.

"We've had some great workouts this fall. We are identifying weaknesses and making them strengths. This year's freshmen players are coming along well and they will be asked to play a major role for us in the spring."

Winter hitting clinic announced
The Blue Raider softball team will host its Winter Hitting Clinic on January 10 in the Auxiliary Gymnasium of Murphy Center. The clinic is open to all participants. Stay tuned to goblueraiders.com for more information.

Softball in the community
The Middle Tennessee softball team volunteered at the Homer-Pittard Elementary Fall Festival and with the "Read to Succeed" program on International Reading Day. International Reading Day was celebrated Sept. 9 and focused on the need for promoting and increasing worldwide literacy. The Blue Raiders read to a group of students at Northfield Elementary School in Murfreesboro.

Team opened fall exhibition slate with Chicago tournament
The teams traveled to Chicago for an exhibition series Sept. 25-27 with Saint Xavier University, Illinois-Chicago and DePaul. The team got valuable in-game experience that will be vital during the spring season.

"The experience we gained in Chicago verses some strong Midwest schools was very important. Our freshman, who will play a large role in the spring, got their first collegiate game under their belts, which is a good thing."

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