

LADY VOL BASKETBALL

GAME NOTES FOR CARSON-NEWMAN

EXHIBITION GAME 1

• Nov. 6, 2008 • 7:00pm

TENNESSEE Lady Vols vs.
CARSON-NEWMAN Lady Eagles
THOMPSON-BOLINGARENA • 21,678
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

RECENT RESULTS:

4-8-08 #3/3 UT def. #4/4 Stanford, 64-48
11-4-08 North Carolina def. Carson-Newman, 114-64

UPCOMING GAMES:

11-9-08 Love & Basketball at #7/6 UT, 3:00 p.m.
11-15-08 Lander at Carson-Newman

COACHES RECORDS:

UT's Pat Summitt is 983-182 (34 yrs)
C-N's Dean Walsh is 243-129 (13 yrs)

UT vs. C-N: UT leads 14-2

In Knoxville: UT is 7-1

Away: UT is 5-1

Neutral: UT is 2-0

Exhibition: 4-0 (not included in overall)

Overtime: UT is 0-0

Postseason: UT is 1-0

LAST MEETING: 11-16-07 in Knoxville
UT def. Carson-Newman, 91-30

UT RECORD IN EXHIBITIONS: 43-11

HOME: 32-4

AWAY: 6-3

NEUTRAL: 5-4

TONIGHT'S GAME

The #7/6-ranked Tennessee Lady Vols host the Carson-Newman Lady Eagles (0-1 2008 exhibition games) in a non-counting contest tonight for the fifth straight season. Tennessee reached the century mark in three of the last four meetings with 105-47, 101-55 and 104-49 victories in 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively. UT played the Lady Eagles in regular-season contests from 1920-1975.

NEXT UP

The #7/6-ranked Lady Vols play one more exhibition game this coming weekend. On Sunday, Nov. 9, Love & Basketball, a traveling team comprised of former players from Southern California colleges and universities will conclude their tour in Knoxville. L&B is 2-3 in exhibition contests and will face Vanderbilt in Nashville on Nov. 7.

PROBABLE UT STARTERS

(stats from last season played)

2-CAIT MCMAHAN, G, 5-4, RS-So., 2.4 ppg, 1.3 apg
20-SYDNEY SMALLBONE, G, 5-10, So., 2.9 ppg, 1.1 rpg
40-SHEKINNA, STRICKLEN, G-F, 6-2, Fr., First start
44-ALEX FULLER, F-C, 6-3, Sr., 6.1 ppg, 3.1 rpg
52-KELLEY CAIN, C, 6-6, RS-Fr., First start



OFF THE BENCH

1-BRIANA BASS, G, 5-2, Fr.
10-AMBER GRAY, F, 6-1, Fr.
15-ALICIA MANNING, G-F, 6-1, Fr.
25-GLORY JOHNSON, F, 6-3, Fr.
33-ALYSSIA BREWER, F, 6-3, Fr.

NOT AVAILABLE

5- ANGIE BJORKLUND, G-F, 6-0, So., 8.4 ppg, 3.2 rpg
(sitting out due to a missed class)
21- VICKI BAUGH, F-C, 6-4, So., 5.3 ppg, 4.0 rpg
(sitting out due to missed class)

LADY VOLS AT A GLANCE

This is the Lady Vols' 35th season under Head Coach Pat Summitt...She has compiled a staggering 983-182 overall record... Is just 17 wins away from a remarkable 1,000 career victories...Collected her 900th coaching win with a 80-68 decision over #19-ranked Vanderbilt on Jan. 19, 2006... She passed Dean Smith (879 wins) for most NCAA collegiate basketball wins of all-time with a 75-54 victory over Purdue on Mar. 22, 2005 ...Her 2006-07 and 2007-08 squads were crowned as the NCAA Champions producing the program's seventh and eighth titles...Last season, UT finished with a 36-2 overall record and were also the SEC Tournament Champions...

This season, UT returned five letterwinners, a redshirt freshman and welcomed a talented six-pack rookie class...The 2008-09 season marks the Lady Vol debut for freshmen: #1 Briana Bass, a 5-2 guard from Indianapolis, Ind., #10 Amber Gray, a 6-1 forward/center from West Chester, Ohio, #15 Alicia Manning, a 6-1 guard/forward from Woodstock, Ga., #25 Glory Johnson, a 6-3 forward from Knoxville, Tenn., #33 Alyssia Brewer, a 6-3 forward from Sapulpa, Okla. and #40 Shekinna Stricklen, a 6-2 guard/forward from Morrilton, Ark. -- all will see their first action in the Orange and White this season. A redshirt freshman, #52 Kelley Cain, a 6-6 center from Atlanta, Ga., will be restarting her rookie season after undergoing surgery last December.

JUST AN EXHIBITION

UT head coach Pat Summitt embarks upon her 35th season at the helm of the Tennessee Lady Volunteers just 17 victories away from reaching 1,000 career wins. The two exhibition games – versus Carson-Newman and Love & Basketball do not count in her career victories total.

THE 4-1-1 ON CARSON-NEWMAN

Carson Newman opened with an exhibition at North Carolina on Nov. 4, falling 114-64... Carson-Newman got its only lead of the night at the 18:14 mark as Mandy Mendenhall scored two of her team-high 16 to give the Eagles a 6-4 advantage. The Tar Heels would then go on a 16-3 run. UNC led by as many as 31 in the first half before going into the break with a 63-33 advantage. After Mendenhall scored the first basket after halftime, UNC scored 18 straight over the next 3:02 to build an 81-35 lead. UNC's Heather Claytor's three-pointer in the final minute finished the scoring, and the 50-point final advantage was Carolina's largest of the night.

This season, C-N Coach Walsh will look to four seniors for leadership: forward Lindsey Eggleston, guard Tykira McDaniel, forward Ashley Tipton and guard Angela Volentine...The Lady Eagles sport eight freshmen on the roster, but return four starters and 74 percent of their scoring the 2007-08 campaign which finished with a 15-14 record. Despite being out-rebounded last season in the exhibition game in Knoxville with the Lady Vols, the Lady Eagles finished the season ranked second in NCAA Division II rebound margin with a plus-11.7 mark...Junior Shari Buford is C-N's leading returnee, averaging 12.4 ppg and 8.3 rpg last season on her way to being named All-South Atlantic Conference...Last season against the Lady Vols, she managed only three points and three boards in 25 minutes...McDaniel led Carson-Newman against UT last season with 10 points and grabbed four rebounds...For the season, McDaniel averaged 6.4 ppg and 2.2 rpg...The Lady Eagles finished ranked No. 36 in field goal percentage (44.1) and No. 38 in three-point percentage (35.4) last year...C-N was paced by Tipton who converted at a 48.0 percent clip (71-of-148) to rank second in NCAA Division II...Buford, who made 150 of 270 field goal attempts (55.6%) last year, was 18th in DII...Volentine averaged 9.9 ppg and 4.7 rpg as she made 27 starts...Eggleston added 5.3 ppg and 4.1 rpg off the bench for Coach Walsh and earned ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District honors...She was fourth in the conference with an 82.5 percentage (66-of-80)...Junior Ashley Kyle was fourth in the SAC with 4.7 assists per game...

CARSON-NEWMAN PROBABLE STARTERS

11-Shari Buford, F, 5-11, Jr., 12.4 ppg, 8.3 rpg
14-Lindsey Eggleston, F, 6-1, Sr., 5.3 ppg, 4.1 rpg
24-Ashley Tipton, F, 5-10, Sr., 9.9 ppg, 3.1 rpg
31-Ashley Kyle, G, 5-6, Jr., 6.6 ppg, 2.2 rpg
34-Mandy Mendenhall, G, 5-8, So., 2.5 ppg, 1.8 rpg!
*Stats from 2007-08 season
! Transfer from Tennessee Tech

UPCOMING OPPONENTS

The Tennessee Lady Vols have another exhibition game slated for this Sunday, Nov. 9 against Love & Basketball at 3:00 p.m. in Thompson-Boling Arena. The season will officially start on Nov. 15 when the University of San Francisco Dons roll into Knoxville for a 1:00 p.m. meeting with the Lady Vols. UT will hang NCAA Championship banner number eight that afternoon.

CAIN WAS A PAIN

As a true freshman last season, 6'6" center Kelley Cain had her brief coming out party against Carson-Newman in the second exhibition of the 2007-08 season. Cain recorded 11 points, 12 rebounds, four assists, two blocks and three steals. Unfortunately, her rookie season was

halted in the ensuing practice. Cain suffered a subluxation of her right kneecap which required surgery last December.

ELITE COMPANY

Tonight, true rookie forward/guard Shekinna Stricklen and redshirt freshman Kelley Cain are slated to start against Carson-Newman. Only once before in Lady Vol history have two rookies started on opening night – 23 years ago Bridgette Gordon and Sheila Frost earn starts in their very first games as Lady Vols. When Pat Summitt started freshman forward Angie Bjorklund against the USA National Team on Nov. 4, 2007, it marked only the 10th time in her coaching career that a freshman started her very first game at Tennessee. The list of opening day rookie starters: Candace Parker, 2005, Shyra Ely 2001, Ashley Robinson 2000, Gwen Jackson 1999, Kyra Elzy 1996, Chamique Holdscaw 1995, Tiffani Johnson 1994, Bridgette Gordon and Sheila Frost 1985.

THE NOD

Last season, Angie Bjorklund became the 52nd all-time Lady Vol to start during her freshman season –she started in 30 of 38 games. Previously, Cait McMahan earned a start at point guard versus Louisiana Tech during her freshman season. Prior to Cait's starting nod, then-redshirt freshman Candace Parker played and started in all 36 games her rookie season in 2005-06. A season earlier, Tennessee coach Pat Summitt liked what she saw out of the 2004-05 rookie class as two players earned starting nods during the season. Nicky Anosike played in all 35 games with 25 starting assignments and Alexis Hornbuckle played in all 35 games with 21 starts. This duo became the 48th and 49th rookies all-time to earn starting assignments at UT as rookies. The 2001-02 rookie class found three players earn a starting nod as Loree Moore, Shyra Ely and Brittany Jackson all started at some point in their rookie careers.

HEY! WE LOVE A HAPPY MEAL

The Tennessee Lady Vols lead the nation with the number of McDonald's High School All-Americans on their roster in 2008-09 with nine players. Rutgers follows with eight "Mickey D" selections and Duke has seven. Four schools have six McDonald's honorees on their rosters – North Carolina, Maryland, Stanford and Connecticut. Tennessee's McDonald's All-Americans: Vicki Baugh, Angie Bjorklund, Alyssia Brewer, Kelley Cain, Alex Fuller, Amber Gray, Glory Johnson, Alicia Manning and Shekinna Stricklen.

GONZAGA GAME IS SOLD-OUT!

All of the tickets were snatched up just a couple of hours after single game tickets for the Tennessee Lady Vols' showdown at Gonzaga went on sale on Monday, Oct. 28. Tennessee, the 2007 and 2008 defending NCAA Champions, are slated to play the Bulldogs at the McCarthey Athletic Center on Dec. 30. The game will be televised regionally on FSN.

TWO LADY VOL HOOPSTERS INDUCTED

The eighth University of Tennessee Lady Vol Hall of Fame will welcome two basketball players into the ranks of the 53 all-time inductees in ceremonies on Fri., Nov. 7. In addition to swimmer Heather Burgess Moore, track athlete Dr. Dedra Davis Wallace and tennis player Manisha Malhotra, the final two inductees were heralded Lady Vol basketball players. A member of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, an All-American and an Olympian, Rankin

(Schneider) was a member of the Lady Vol Basketball Team for one year, 1979-80 after transferring from Wayland Baptist. Rankin's senior season proved to be the best ever (at that time) for the Lady Vols producing a 33-5 record and winning the inaugural Southeastern Conference Tournament Championship where she was the tournament MVP. Rankin and her teammates also won their third consecutive TCWSF Championship, the AIAW regional title, and advanced to the Final Four of the AIAW National Championship in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Today, in the Tennessee record books, with only one season to qualify, Rankin holds eight spots on Top 10 lists. A gifted student, she was the first female recipient of the CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year award in 1980. Rankin earned a Bachelor of Science in Education, majoring in Math, in 1981. Now is a resident of Lubbock, Texas, Rankin is the head girls basketball coach and math teacher at Monterey High School. The final inductee, Head was a member of the Lady Volunteer basketball teams from 1988-1992 and a decorated All-American. In 1989, she was named SEC Freshman of the Year and helped lead her team to the championship at the Final Four in Tacoma, Washington. As a senior, Head guided the Lady Vols to victory in the first NCAA overtime national championship game. On the national level, she was NCAA All-Region in 1990, a member of the All-Final Four Team in 1991 and earned All-America status in 1992 as a two-time NCAA Champion in 1989 and 1991. She went from the SEC Rookie of the Year in 1989 to the league MVP as a senior in 1992. Her place in the record book is solid holding five top 10 spots. She is a member of the Tennessee 1000 Point Club with 1,483 career points. Additionally, she was runner-up for the James Naismith Award, a candidate for the Margaret Wade Trophy in 1992 and an ESPY honoree as a member of the Co-Team of the Decade for the 1990's. She will forever have the distinction of being the first player drafted in the WNBA as she was selected first overall in 1997. Head earned a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1992. Currently a resident of Plymouth, Michigan, Head is a supervisor for Federal Express.

ALWAYS A HOT TICKET

Joe Arnone, UT Asst. AD for Tickets, says Lady Vol season ticket sales have been impressive despite the loss of five starters from last year. Going into tonight's exhibition game, 10,491 season tickets have been sold. Last year, the Lady Vols topped the 11,000 mark.

POLLSTERS

The Tennessee Lady Vols will start the season in somewhat unfamiliar territory in the Top 25 Preseason polls released in the last week. The Associated Press has UT in the seventh position to start the season, while the ESPN/USA TODAY Coaches Poll has UT in the sixth spot receiving one first place vote. Tennessee's start in the AP poll is the lowest since the 1985-86 season when UT started in the number nine spot.

2008-09 ASSOCIATED PRESS PRESEASON POLL

1. Connecticut (44)
2. *Stanford* (1)
3. Maryland
4. *Oklahoma*
5. *Rutgers*
6. North Carolina
7. **Tennessee**
8. *Duke*
9. California

10. Louisville
11. Texas A&M
12. *Vanderbilt*
13. *Texas*
14. Oklahoma State
15. *Virginia*
16. Notre Dame
17. Arizona State
18. Ohio State
19. Baylor
20. *Auburn*
21. Florida State
22. Xavier
23. Purdue
24. *LSU*
25. *Old Dominion*

Others Receiving Votes

Pittsburgh 116, Michigan State 67, Iowa State 66, Marist 58, Marquette 56, Utah 50, *Georgia* 37, Kansas State 25, Syracuse 20, *DePaul* 8, Illinois State 7, *George Washington* 7, West Virginia 5, USC 5, *Arkansas* 3, Georgia Tech 2, UTEP 2, Montana 2, *Gonzaga* 1, Iowa 1, Liberty 1, South Dakota State 1, Southern Methodist 1.

2008-09 USA TODAY/ESPN PRESEASON POLL

1. Connecticut (30)
2. *Stanford*
3. *Rutgers*
4. North Carolina
5. Maryland
6. **Tennessee (1)**
7. *Oklahoma*
8. *Duke*
9. California
10. Texas A&M
11. Louisville
12. *Vanderbilt*
13. *Texas*
14. Notre Dame
15. Oklahoma State
16. *Virginia*
17. Baylor
18. Arizona State
19. Ohio State
20. *Old Dominion*
21. *Auburn*
22. *LSU*
23. Pittsburgh
24. Florida State
25. *Georgia*

Others Receiving Votes

Xavier 87, Purdue 85, Kansas State 72, Iowa State 63, Marist 48, Utah 46, Syracuse 24, *George Washington* 24, Marquette 22, Michigan State 11, Hartford 11, UTEP 9, West Virginia 8, Liberty 7, Gonzaga 6, New Mexico 3, Iowa 3, Illinois State 3, TCU 2, Southern Methodist 2, Montana 2, Minnesota 2, Georgia Tech 1, East Carolina 1, *DePaul* 1, Boise State 1, North Carolina A&T 1.

SEC COACHES SELECT LADY VOLS AS #2

The Southeastern Conference unveiled its fifth annual women's basketball preseason All-SEC first and second teams, Wed., Nov. 5, to tip off the 2008-09 season of SEC women's basketball. In addition, the coaches voted on a predicted order of finish, overall champion and a preseason Player of the Year.

Vanderbilt was predicted to win the Southeastern Conference women's basketball regular season championship. The Commodores were 25-9, 11-3 in the SEC last season and made it to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA

Championships. Vanderbilt tops the order of finish with Tennessee, Auburn, Georgia, LSU and Florida rounding out the top half of the league. Kentucky comes in at seven while Mississippi State, Ole Miss, South Carolina, Arkansas and Alabama round out the bottom half of the conference.

Auburn senior guard DeWanna Bonner was named SEC Women's Basketball Preseason Player of the Year while three Lady Vols were selected to either the first or second teams.. Joining Bonner, on the All-SEC First Team were Florida's Marshae Dotson and Sha Brooks, Georgia's Ashley Houts, LSU's Allison Hightower, Ole Miss' Shawn Goff, **Tennessee's Angie Bjorklund**, and Vanderbilt's Christina Wirth.

Second team consists of Auburn's Whitney Boddie and Sherell Hobbs, Georgia's Angel Robinson, Kentucky's Victoria Dunlap, Mississippi State's Marneshia Richard, South Carolina's Demetress Adams, **Tennessee's Vicki Baugh and Shekinna Stricklen**, and Vanderbilt's Jennifer Risper.

LADY VOLS PICKED NUMBER TWO AT SEC MEDIA DAYS

The University of Tennessee Lady Vol basketball team has been picked to finish second in the SEC race with 261 points by a vote of conference and national media members. UT sophomore Angie Bjorklund and freshman Shekinna Stricklen were each selected to the All-SEC Second Team. Vanderbilt was picked to finish first with 273 points, followed by UT, Auburn with 246 points, Georgia with 216 points and LSU rounded out the top-five at 183 points. "The SEC is always a very tough conference and this year is no exception," said Head Coach Pat Summitt. "I guess the media is excited about the young, talented team we have in Knoxville, too."

Auburn's DeWanna Bonner was tabbed as Player of the Year. Joining her on the All-SEC First Team was Vanderbilt's Christina Wirth, Florida's Marshae Dotson, Georgia's Ashley Houts and Ole Miss' Shawn Goff. Bjorklund, the 2007-08 SEC Freshman of the Year and Stricklen, were joined on the second team by Whitney Boddie of Auburn, Sha Brooks of Florida, Angel Robinson of Georgia and Allison Hightower of LSU.

Preseason Media Poll (First Place Votes)

Vanderbilt (12) 273 points
Tennessee (9) 261
Auburn 246
Georgia (4) 216
LSU 183
Florida 174
Kentucky 129
Ole Miss 126
Mississippi State 87
Arkansas 81
South Carolina 72
Alabama 25