

# LADY VOL BASKETBALL

## GAME NOTES FOR CARSON-NEWMAN

### EXHIBITION GAME 1

• Nov. 5, 2009 • 7:00pm

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



### PROBABLE UT STARTERS

(stats from last season)

13-TABER SPANI, F-G, 6-1, Fr.  
15-ALICIA MANNING, F, 6-1, So., 3.5 ppg, 2.6 rpg  
52-KELLEY CAIN, C, 6-6, RS-So., 8.2 ppg, 5.3 rpg  
5-ANGIE BJORKLUND, G, 6-0, Jr., 12.3 ppg, 3.0 rpg  
40-SHEKINNA STRICKLEN, G-F, 6-2, So., 13.3 ppg, 3.0 apg

### OFF THE BENCH

1-BRIANA BASS, G, 5-2, So., 3.9 ppg, 1.3 rpg  
4-KAMIKO WILLIAMS, G, 5-11, Fr.  
20-SYDNEY SMALLBONE, G, 5-10, Jr., 3.1 ppg, 1.0 rpg  
21-VICKI BAUGH, F-C, 6-4, Jr., 6.5 ppg, 7.3 rpg  
25-GLORY JOHNSON, F, 6-3, So., 10.2 ppg, 7.2 rpg  
33-ALYSSIA BREWER, F, 6-3, So., 5.9 ppg, 4.3 rpg  
34-FAITH DUPREE, F-C, 6-3, Fr.

### NOT ON ACTIVE ROSTER

10-AMBER GRAY, F, 6-1, So., 2.7 ppg, 1.9 rpg

### LADY VOLS AT A GLANCE

This is the Lady Vols' 36th season under Head Coach Pat Summitt... She has compiled a staggering 1005-193 overall record... Collected her record 1000th coaching win with a 73-43 decision over Georgia on Feb. 5, 2009... 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 22-11 overall record and lost in the First Round of the NCAA Tournament.

This season, UT returned 10 letterwinners and welcomed a talented three player rookie class... The 2009-10 season marks the Lady Vol debut for freshmen: #4 Kamiko Williams, a 5-11 guard from Clarksville, Tenn., #13 Taber Spani, a 6-1 forward/guard from Lee's Summit, Mo., and #34 Faith Dupree, a 6-3 forward/center from Knoxville, Tenn. All will see their first action in the Orange and White this season.

### 2008 EXHIBITION WITH CARSON-NEWMAN

Last year, the Lady Vols rang up The 135 points in the game with the Lady Eagles... It marked the second highest output by a Pat Summitt led team in exhibition play... The highest was a 144 point outing against Dynamo Kiev on Nov. 5, 2000... UT opened with a 17-4 run, spurred by nine Kelley Cain points... The Orange held a 64-29 halftime lead, shooting 57.4% (27-of-47) from the field... For the game, rookie Glory Johnson posted a double-double with 33 points and 14 rebounds, team-highs in both while fellow frosh Alyssia Brewer earned a double-double with 14 points and 13 rebounds, to go with seven steals... The Lady Vols outscored Carson-Newman 80-14 in the paint and used 29 Lady Eagle turnovers to score 47 points... The deep Lady Vol bench contributed 86 points to the final margin.

### RECENT RESULTS:

Exhibition opener for Tennessee  
11-2-09 Middle Tennessee def. Carson-Newman, 96-68

### UPCOMING GAMES:

11-9-09 Delta State at #8/9 UT, 7:00 p.m.  
11-10-09 Carson-Newman at North Carolina

### COACHES RECORDS:

UT's Pat Summitt is 1,005-193 (35 yrs)  
C-N's Dean Walsh is 262-140 (14 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: 5-0 (not included in overall)

Overtime: UT is 0-0

Postseason: UT is 1-0

LAST MEETING: 11-16-08 in Knoxville

UT def. Carson-Newman, 135-55

UT RECORD IN EXHIBITIONS: 45-11

HOME: 34-4

AWAY: 6-3

NEUTRAL: 5-4

### TONIGHT'S GAME

The #8/9-ranked Tennessee Lady Vols host the Carson-Newman Lady Eagles (0-1 2009 exhibition games) in a non-counting contest tonight for the sixth consecutive season. Tennessee reached the century mark in four of the last five meetings with 105-47, 101-55, 104-49 and 135-55 victories in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2008, respectively. UT played the Lady Eagles in regular-season contests from 1920-1975.

### NEXT UP

The #8/9-ranked Lady Vols play one more exhibition game this coming week. On Monday, Nov. 9, Delta State University from Cleveland, Miss., will make their way to Knoxville for the first time since 1979. DSU was an AIAW juggernaut in the 1970s and was coached, back-in-the-day, by the legendary Margaret Wade.

#### THE 4-1-1 ON CARSON-NEWMAN

The Lady Eagles return three starters and nine letterwinners from last year's squad that went 19-11...The 2008-09 Carson-Newman side advanced to the NCAA Division II Tournament...The Lady Eagles were selected to finish second in the South Atlantic Conference in a vote of the league's nine coaches...Senior Ashley Kyle (14.7 ppg in 2008-09) and Shari Buford (13.9 ppg in 2008-09) were both named to the first team preseason all conference.

The Lady Eagles opened exhibition play on Nov. 2 with a 96-68 loss at No. 24 MTSU...Senior Ashley Kyle led the Lady Eagles with 16 points...Going just 3-of-7 from the field, Kyle was 10-of-12 from the charity stripe...Also posting double digits was sophomore forward Zoriah Williams, who finished with 11 points and five steals in just 13 minutes...Senior forward Shari Buford led C-N in rebounding with eight...She was the third-leading scorer for the Lady Eagles with eight points...C-N will continue its demanding exhibition slate on Nov. 10, when the Lady Eagles travel to Chapel Hill, N.C., to take on the North Carolina Tar Heels before opening regular season play on Nov. 15 against Anderson (S.C.)...Coach Walsh will look to Kyle and Buford to lead the Lady Eagles in 2009-10...Kyle, a Jefferson City, Tenn., native, led Carson-Newman with 14.7 ppg last season as the Lady Eagles posted a 19-11 overall record (9-7 in South Atlantic Conference play) and a trip to the NCAA Division II Tournament...Buford, a Hampton, Ga., native, was second on the team with 13.9 ppg and grabbed a team-best 7.7 rpg in 2008-09...C-N also returns junior Mandy Mendenhall, who started 29 of 30 games a year ago, averaging 11.4 ppg, 3.5 rpg and 2.8 apg...Joining the squad this season is Katlin Moore, a transfer from Division I Presbyterian College...The Fort Mill, S.C., native led the Blue Hose with 12.0 ppg and 3.9 apg, and she pulled down 7.3 rpg.

#### CARSON-NEWMAN PROBABLE STARTERS

- 10 – Katlin Moore, G, 5-7, Jr., 12.0 ppg, 3.9 apg
- 11 – Shari Buford, F, 5-11, Sr., 13.9 ppg, 7.7 rpg
- 24 – Mandy Mendenhall, G, 5-8, Jr., 11.4 ppg, 3.5 rpg
- 31 – Ashley Kyle, G, 5-6, Sr., 14.7 ppg, 4.8 apg
- 34 – Courdne Miles, F, 5-11, Fr., first start

\*Stats from 2008-09 season

#### UPCOMING OPPONENTS

The Tennessee Lady Vols have a second exhibition game slated for Monday, Nov. 9 against historic-rival, the Delta State Lady Statesmen. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Thompson-Boling Arena. The season will officially begin on Sunday, Nov. 15, when the Baylor Lady Bears make their way to Knoxville for the 2009 State Farm Tip-Off Classic. The game will be aired to a national television audience on ESPN2 at 5 p.m. Two days later, the Lady Vols will make their way to San Antonio, Texas – site of the 2010 Final Four – where they will face the Texas Tech Lady Raiders in the ESPNU Road To The Championship in a 6 p.m. matchup on ESPNU.

#### ELITE COMPANY

Tonight, true rookie forward/guard Taber Spani is slated to start against Carson-Newman. When Coach Pat Summitt started freshmen Shekinna Stricklen and Glory Johnson last season against San Francisco, it marked only the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> time in her coaching career that a freshman started her very first game at Tennessee. The list of opening day rookie starters: Glory Johnson and Shekinna Stricklen, 2008, Angie Bjorklund, 2007, Candace Parker, 2005, Shyra Ely 2001, Ashley Robinson 2000, Gwen Jackson 1999, Kyra Elzy 1996, Chamique Holdsclaw

1995, Tiffani Johnson 1994, Bridgette Gordon and Sheila Frost 1985.

#### THE NOD

Last season, a record number of players – FIVE – were called on to start for the Lady Vols as rookies... Shekinna Stricklen (starter number 53), Glory Johnson (number 54), Briana Bass (55), Alicia Manning (56) and Kelley Cain (57) all earned starting assignments becoming the 52nd-57th freshmen to earn the honor. 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.

#### ALWAYS A HOT TICKET

Joe Arnone, UT Associate AD for Ticket Operations, says Lady Vol season ticket sales have been steady despite the disappointment of the 2008-09 season. As of Nov. 2nd, 9,897 season tickets had been sold. Last season, over 10,400 season tickets were sold.

#### 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 eighth position to start the season, while the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll has UT in ninth spot. Last season, UT started in seventh in the AP and sixth in the coaches' poll. Tennessee's start in the AP poll is the lowest since the 1985-86 season when UT started in the number nine spot.

#### 2009-10 ASSOCIATED PRESS PRESEASON POLL

1. Connecticut (40)
2. Stanford
3. Ohio State
4. Notre Dame
5. North Carolina
6. Duke
7. Baylor
8. Tennessee
9. LSU
10. Michigan State
11. Xavier
12. Texas
13. Oklahoma
14. Virginia
15. Florida State
16. Arizona State
17. DePaul
18. California
19. Georgia Tech
20. Kansas
21. Georgia
22. Vanderbilt
23. Louisville
24. Middle Tennessee State

## 25. Rutgers

Others Receiving Votes: Texas A&M 137, Maryland 114, Mississippi State 110, San Diego State 78, South Dakota State 70, Pittsburgh 48, Purdue 45, Kansas State 33, Gonzaga 30, Marist 26, UCLA 26, Michigan 16, Iowa State 14, Minnesota 14, Boston College 12, Louisiana Tech 11, Tulane 9, Bowling Green 8, Arkansas 7, TCU 7, Wisconsin-Green Bay 7, Auburn 6, Nebraska 6, Texas Tech 6, USC 5, Florida 3, Fresno State 3, Oklahoma State 3, Delaware 1, Florida Gulf Coast 1, Temple 1

## 2009-10 USA TODAY/ESPN PRESEASON POLL

1. Connecticut (31)
2. Stanford
3. Ohio State
4. Baylor
5. North Carolina
6. Duke
7. Notre Dame
8. Oklahoma
9. Tennessee
10. Michigan State
11. Arizona State
12. Florida State
13. California
14. Texas
15. Xavier
16. Texas A&M
17. LSU
18. Virginia
19. Louisville
20. Vanderbilt
21. Maryland
22. Pittsburgh
23. Purdue
24. Iowa State
25. DePaul

Others Receiving Votes: Middle Tennessee State 118, Kansas 110, Rutgers 106, Auburn 84, Georgia 76, Georgia Tech 73, South Dakota State 70, Mississippi State 66, Gonzaga 48, Kansas State 39, San Diego State 39, Florida 31, TCU 12, N.C. State 11, Arizona 10, Michigan 10, Bowling Green 7, South Florida 6, Syracuse 6, South Carolina 3, Arkansas-Little Rock 2, Ball State 2, Georgetown 2, Richmond 2, Southern Methodist 2, Temple 2, Central Florida 1, Charlotte 1, Fresno State 1, Hartford 1, Minnesota 1, West Virginia 1, Western Kentucky 1

## SEC COACHES TAB LADY VOLS AS FAVORITES

The Southeastern Conference unveiled its sixth annual women's basketball preseason All-SEC first and second teams, Thurs., Oct. 30, to tip-off the 2009-10 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.

In the closet vote yet, Tennessee was predicted to win the Southeastern Conference regular season championship over LSU by one vote. The Lady Vols were 22-11, 9-5 in the SEC last season, while LSU finished 19-11, 10-4 in conference play. Mississippi State, Georgia, Vanderbilt and South Carolina round out the top half of the league with Florida, Auburn, Arkansas, Ole Miss, Kentucky and Alabama rounding out the lower half.

LSU senior guard Allison Hightower was named SEC Women's Basketball Preseason Player of the Year. Joining Hightower on the All-SEC First Team were Arkansas' C'eira Ricketts, Georgia's Ashley Houts and Angel Robinson, LSU's LaSondra Barrett, Mississippi State's Alexis Rack and Tennessee's Angie Bjorklund and Shekinna Stricklen. Second team consists of Auburn's Alli

Smalley, Georgia's Porsha Phillips, Kentucky's Victoria Dunlap, Ole Miss' Bianca Thomas, Mississippi State's Armelie Lumanu and Chanel Mokango, Tennessee's Glory Johnson and Vanderbilt's Merideth Marsh and Hannah Tuomi.

## LADY VOLS PICKED NUMBER TWO BY SEC MEDIA

The Tennessee Lady Vols were predicted to finish second in the Southeastern Conference this season following a vote by a select panel of both SEC and national media members. LSU was picked to win the 2010 SEC women's basketball championship.

Two Lady Vol players were recognized on the preseason All-SEC Team as the media picked sophomore Shekinna Stricklen for the First Team and junior sharpshooter Angie Bjorklund for the Second Team.

LSU's Allison Hightower was the overwhelming choice of the media for SEC Women's Basketball Player of the Year with 18 votes, the remaining votes were for LSU's Lasondra Barrett and Tennessee's Angie Bjorklund. Joining Hightower on the All-SEC First Team were Georgia's Ashley Houts and Angel Robinson, Mississippi State's Alexis Rack and Tennessee's Shekinna Stricklen. Second team consists of Arkansas' C'eira Ricketts, LSU's LaSondra Barrett, Ole Miss' Bianca Thomas, Tennessee's Angie Bjorklund and Vanderbilt's Merideth Marsh.

## Preseason Media Poll (First place votes)

LSU (12)	206
Tennessee (6)	190
Georgia (1)	156
Vanderbilt (1)	126
Mississippi State	120
Florida	105
Arkansas	92
Auburn	85
Ole Miss	70
South Carolina	61
Kentucky	40
Alabama	24

## LADY VOLS OWN ALL-TIME WINS MARK

Tennessee is the all-time wins leader in the NCAA and is just two wins from earning program victory number 1,100. The next closest program all-time in terms of wins is Louisiana Tech, which owns a 953-195 record. The Lady Vols boast a 1,098-250-2 (.814) all-time record.

## STAFFERS HAVE, BUT NEVER A PLAYER

No former Lady Vol who has joined the collegiate coaching ranks has ever beaten Head Coach Pat Summitt. This year Nikki Caldwell (UCLA) and Tanya Haave (University of San Francisco) will try to accomplish the feat. Former players are 0-6 against their mentor.

## 2009-10 LADY VOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE NOTES

Summitt has once again put together a demanding schedule for her squad. In 2009-10, the Lady Vols will face 14 NCAA Tournament teams from a year ago and four teams that played in the WNIT. The slate includes three of the four squads who played in the 2009 Final Four, a home match with SEC Champion Auburn and a double-date with SEC Tournament champion Vanderbilt. With the expanded SEC line-up, the Lady Vols will face four squads twice, in addition to traditional-rival Vanderbilt. Tennessee will go home-and-home with Florida, LSU, Ole Miss and South Carolina.