

TONIGHT'S GAME

TENNESSEE LADY VOLS



Probable starters

1-Briana Bass, G, 5-2, So., 6 pts., 8 asts.
5-Angie Bjorklund, G-F, 6-0, Jr., 21 pts., 5 rebs.
25-Glory Johnson, F, 6-3, So., 22 pts., 10 rebs.
40-Shekinna Stricklen, G-F, 6-2, So., 12 pts., 7 asts.
52-Kelley Cain, C, 6-6, RS-So., 16 pts., 8 rebs.

**Stats against Carson-Newman.*

The Lady Vols opened the 2009-10 slate with a 124-34 win over the Carson-Newman Lady Eagles on Nov. 5. Sophomore forward Glory Johnson led six Lady Vols in double digit scoring with 22 points. The Knoxville native also grabbed 10 boards for a double-double. The 124 points marked the 17th time in exhibition play that UT has topped the century mark and were the fifth most points scored by Tennessee in an exhibition contest.

LADY VOL COACHING STAFF

Pat Summitt, in her 36th year as head coach of the Lady Vols, boasts an overall career record of 1,005 wins and 193 losses and eight national championships. Summitt is joined on the sidelines by associate head coach Holly Warlick and assistant coaches Dean Lockwood and Daedra Charles-Furlow.

TENNESSEE LADY VOL TIDBITS

This will be the first meeting between Tennessee and Delta State since Feb. 6, 1979, when the sixth-ranked Lady Vols downed the 15th-ranked Lady Statesmen 73-57 in Knoxville...The win that arguably put the Tennessee Lady Vols on the women's collegiate basketball map came over Delta State and legendary coach Margaret Wade on Jan. 5, 1978...A young Pat Head led the third-ranked Lady Vols to a 94-74 win over the second-ranked Lady Statesmen at Stokely Athletics Center...In each of the previous six meetings between UT and DSU, each school has been ranked...In four of the six meetings, both schools were ranked in the top 10...Two Lady Vols, Candace Parker (2007) and current assistant coach, Daedra Charles-Furlow (1991) were recipients of the prestigious Wade Trophy named after the famed Delta State coach...In UT's exhibition opener, the Lady Vols posted a 124-34 win over Carson-Newman...The 124 points scored were the fifth most by a Tennessee side in exhibition play and the 90-point margin of victory was the third most by a Lady Vol team...Sophomore Glory Johnson came off the bench to lead UT with 22 points and 10 rebounds...Junior Angie Bjorklund, who scored nine of UT's first 12 points, finished with 21 against the Lady Eagles...Sophomore Alicia Manning tallied 18 points against C-N, to go with eight boards and four steals...Manning converted 8-of-9 attempts from the charity stripe... Freshman Taber Spani recorded 17 points and nine rebounds in her first game in the Orange and White...Redshirt sophomore center Kelley Cain pitched in 16 points, eight rebounds and six blocks, while sophomore Shekinna Stricklen scored 12 points, in addition to seven assists and three steals for Tennessee.

DELTA STATE LADY STATESMEN



Probable starters

1-Bug Cooper, G, 5-6, Jr., 8.9 ppg, 7.8 apg
5-Moe Bell, G, 5-10, Jr., 9.9 ppg, 2.6 rpg
20-Shameka Russell, F, 6-2, Jr., 4.2 ppg, 2.0 rpg
30-Veronica Walker, C, 6-1, So., 11.5 ppg, 5.5 rpg
32-Denesha Henderson, G, 5-7, So., 2.3 ppg, 1.9 rpg

**Stats from 2008-09 season.*

The Lady Statesmen return three starters from a 2008-09 squad that posted a 30-7 record and made a run to the NCAA Division II Final Four. Last season, Delta State claimed its fourth straight Gulf South Conference championship and its third consecutive Final Four. Leading the way for DSU will be Sarita "Bug" Cooper, who dished out an NCAA-leading 289 assists in 2008-09. Also back for the Lady Statesmen is GSC Freshman of the Year Veronica Walker.

LADY STATESMEN COACHING STAFF

Head Coach Sandra Rushing is in her eighth season at Delta State and her 20th season overall. She has led the Lady Statesmen to a 177-43 record and boasts a career record of 326-240. She is joined on the sidelines by assistant coach Mechan Vanderpool and graduate assistants Taniesha Rogers and Denise Smith.

DELTA STATE LADY STATESMEN TIDBITS

Tonight's game marks the first contest of the season for the Delta State Lady Statesmen...Head Coach Sandra Rushing will look to All-American Bug Cooper to lead DSU in 2009-10...Last season, Cooper dished an NCAA-leading 289 assists...Rushing also welcomes back Gulf South Conference Freshman of the Year Veronica Walker, who posted 11.5 ppg and 5.5 rpg as a rookie in 2008-09...The Lady Statesmen were picked to win their fifth straight GSC crown in 2009-10 and are ranked No. 3 in the Division II Top 25...Delta State also added a pair of Division I transfers in center Ashley Martin (1.5 ppg, 1.9 rpg at Southern Miss) and power forward Trevonna Cannon (2.6 ppg, 2.9 rpg at SE Missouri State)...Last year, junior Moe Bell connected on 99 three pointers, setting a new single season school record...She is fifth in the DSU career annals with 135 treys...The Wade Trophy, which is awarded to the best player in NCAA Division I women's basketball is named after former Delta State coach Lily Margaret Wade...Wade led the Lady Statesmen to AIAW National Championships in 1975, 1976 and 1977, and 51 consecutive wins...In 1977, Delta State downed Tennessee, 62-58, in the AIAW national semifinals on its way to an unprecedented third consecutive national title...In addition to the three championships claimed under Wade, DSU also won the NCAA Division II national championship in 1989, 1990 and 1992...The Lady Statesmen won the first two meetings, but trail the all-time series, 4-2.

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