

■ 1911-19

▪ In 1912, the Middle Tennessee Normal School strapped up and donned the pads for the first time as L. E. (Mutt) Weber, a student no less, coached the Normals or Pedagogues depending on who you ask. Although it is unlikely that this group of men actually played an organized game against another institution (since no records exist), the foundation for football had been laid at the Normal School in Murfreesboro.

▪ By 1913, a buzz had been created by a group of young men forming a football team the previous year, which prompted the administration to appoint an official coach for the team. Alfred B. Miles, a biology and physiology professor, took the reins of the football team. In 1913, the Normal School played its first official game, a 47-0 win against MBA. Although it's unknown what level of talent the team played against, they went on to a 5-1-1 record including a tie against Vanderbilt's "B" squad.

▪ The following season, the Normal School rolled to an undefeated season, winning five straight games after a tie against Cumberland in the opener.

▪ In 1917, Miles left the school due to World War I. Although he returned in 1919, a young man by the name of Johnny "Red" Floyd took over for him that season. Interestingly enough, Floyd was a football player at Vanderbilt at the time. However, no football was played at Vanderbilt that year.

▪ In his first season as a football coach, Floyd led the Normal school to an undefeated 7-0 season.

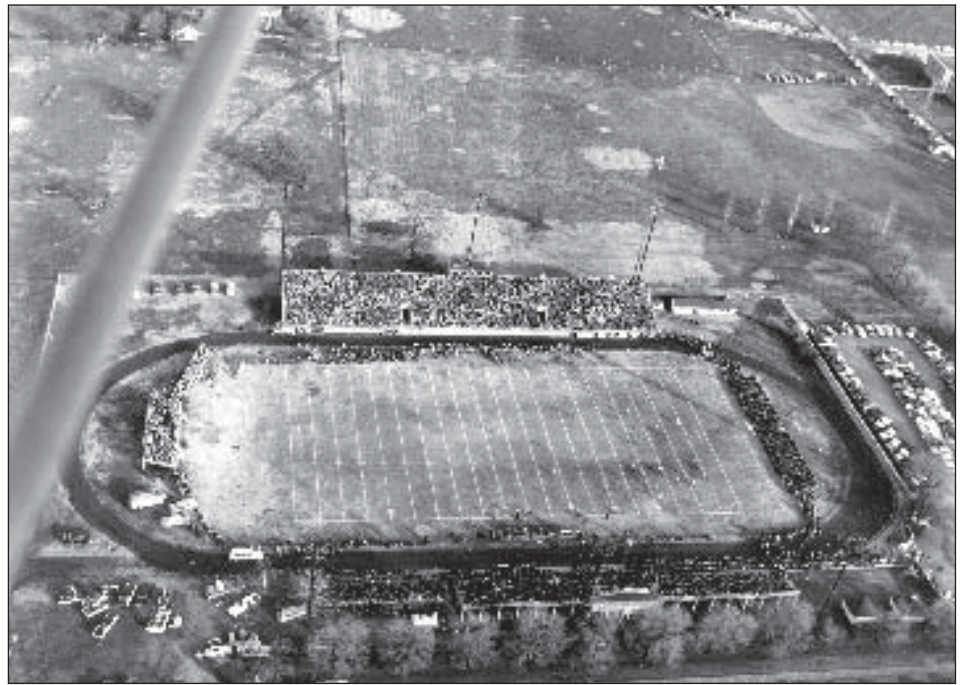
▪ No football was played in 1918 due to the war, and Floyd returned to Vanderbilt the following season. Miles also returned in 1919 to coach the team once again and led the Normals to their second straight undefeated season and third in the program's six years of play.

■ 1920-29

▪ Miles continued to coach the team through the early part of the decade, but his final year came in 1923. Miles was credited with a 34-15-4 record as the Normal School's first officially recognized coach.

▪ Guy Stephenson coached the team in 1924 and 1925. Although Stephenson produced only a 4-9-2 record, he did give the school its first win over an opponent which we would refer to as Division I in today's terms with a 57-7 win over Memphis State.

▪ In the final game of the 1925 season, the Middle Tennessee Teachers College (as it was known from 1925 to 1942) took its longest road trip of the team's existence. The Normals made their way to central Florida to take on Stetson. The Hatters won the game 10-0 in a



■ Floyd Stadium/Horace Jones Field was constructed in 1933 and has been the home of Blue Raider football ever since.

contest played on a natural surface of sand.

▪ In 1926, Frank Faulkinberry began his first season at the helm. Not only did Faulkinberry serve as football coach, he was also the school's basketball and baseball coach as well as a professor. He produced an overall 32-24-4 record during his seven years as head coach.

▪ In a game against North Alabama in 1927, 76 points were put up by MTSTC, which still stands as the most points scored in one game.

▪ In 1929, the football team played its first ten-game schedule, going 6-3-1 on the season.

■ 1930-39

▪ The 1930s brought definitive change within the football program. In 1933, the team had a new place to play their home games, Horace Jones Field. E.M. Waller coached the team for the next two years.

▪ After witnessing a 70-7 loss to Murray State, Horace Jones - although he never played or coached football - helped initiate the recruiting of football players. His first recruit... Charles Murphy.

▪ In 1934, the *Daily News Journal* held a contest to give the school's athletic team's a specific nickname. The Pedagogues, Normals, and Teachers had all been used. Charles Sarver, a member of the football team, won the \$5 contest with the name Blue Raiders. Sarver had been a fan of the Colgate Red Raiders and substituted the school's blue for Colgate's red.

▪ In 1935, the season saw the return of Johnny "Red" Floyd. As in his first stint in 1917, Floyd led the Blue Raiders to another undefeated season including revenge over Murray and a

win over Tennessee Tech for the first time in seven years.

▪ Floyd's first loss as a head coach did not come until the following year in the opener against Vanderbilt.

▪ The 1937 season saw the Blue Raiders play a 13-13 tie against rival Tennessee Tech. At the end of the season, unsatisfied by the tie, the two teams decided to play a second game. The Blue Raiders won 29-0. Middle Tennessee also reached the 100-win plateau that season with a 19-0 victory over Austin Peay.

▪ Floyd retired following his only losing season in 1938.

■ 1940-49

▪ Horace Jones Field was given a facelift in 1940 when expansion added permanent concrete grandstands.

▪ The school's name was changed in 1943 to Middle Tennessee State College; however, no football was played from 1943 to 1945 due to World War II.

▪ In 1947, the winningest coach to ever walk the sidelines of Horace Jones Field began the first of his 22 years leading the Blue Raiders. Charles "Bubber" Murphy led his team to a 9-1 record that first year.

▪ Although he had to weather the critics after switching the offensive system to the wing-T the following year, which produced a mediocre 4-4 mark, Murphy led the team to the first of his four undefeated seasons the next year.

■ 1950-59

▪ The 1950 season produced the first all-

American selections in the school's history: fullback Max Arnold, halfback Maxie Runion, and guard Charles Lyons.

- On November 18, 1950, Middle Tennessee traveled by plane for the first time in school history when the team flew to Beaumont, Texas., to face Lamar Tech. The Blue Raiders won the game 27-0. Maxie Runion, the All-American halfback, took a one-week train ride because he was afraid to fly. He returned a punt for a TD in the win.

- In 1952, Middle Tennessee joined the Ohio Valley Conference. Bobby Young, Howard Alsup, and Garnett Rather became the first Blue Raiders to be selected to the All-Conference team.

- The Blue Raiders won their first conference title with a 5-0 OVC record in 1956. Fullback Terry Sweeney earned All-American honors and the team made their first bowl appearance (a 27-13 loss to Sam Houston State) in the Refrigerator Bowl.

- Charles Murphy's 1957 team won their second straight OVC Championship and capped a perfect 10-0 season by shutting out Tennessee Tech 22-0. In the process, MT recorded win number 200 against Chattanooga 20-6. Ends Jerry Hurst and G. E. McCormack and tackle Ralph Massey earned All-American honors.

- The Blue Raiders made it three years in a row when they shared the OVC title with Tennessee Tech in 1958.

- In 1959, with Middle Tennessee and Tennessee Tech tied at 5-0 in conference play, the two rivals battled to a 21-21 tie, and the teams shared the OVC crown for a second consecutive season. It was also the fourth straight conference title for the Blue Raiders.

- Middle Tennessee picked up its first bowl victory in the Tangerine Bowl (now called the Citrus Bowl) with a 21-12 win over Presbyterian capping an 11-0-1 season.



■ Maxie Runion was an All-American in 1950.

■ 1960-69

- The decade was Middle Tennessee's most prolific for wins. The Blue Raiders won 75 of their 105 games (winning percentage of .714). Prior to the 1960 season, Horace Jones Field was expanded to seat 10,000.

- For the second time in three seasons, Middle Tennessee played in the Tangerine Bowl in 1961 but was defeated by Lamar Tech.

- In 1962, the Blue Raiders shared the OVC title with Morehead State, Eastern Kentucky, and East Tennessee State.

- End George Dykes (1963), halfback Jimbo Pearson (1964), and Keith Atchley (1965) earned All-American honors.

- The 1964 squad won the OVC title and played in their final bowl game to date, a 20-0 win in the Grantland Rice Bowl over Muskingum.

- In 1965, MTSC acquired university status.

- Charles Murphy led the 1965 team to his fourth and final undefeated season as well as his seventh OVC Championship. Teddy Morris and Keith Atchley became co-OVC Players of the Year, the first Blue Raiders to win this honor.

- At the end of the 1965 season, Teddy Morris left the University as the most prolific passer in school history. Following the season, Morris' number 14 became the first and only number to be retired at Middle Tennessee.

- The opening game of the 1967 season saw the Blue Raiders play Navy Pensacola, a team of former college all-stars. The Navy team was led by 1963 Heisman Trophy winner Roger Staubach. In the 28-7 victory, the Blue Raiders held Staubach to 16 of 45 passing for 137 yards and three interceptions, all by Mike Matheny.

- In 1968, Charles Murphy endured his only losing season in 22 years as head coach and resigned with 16 conference titles as the winningest coach in Blue Raider history at 155-63-8, a winning percentage of .704.

■ 1970-79

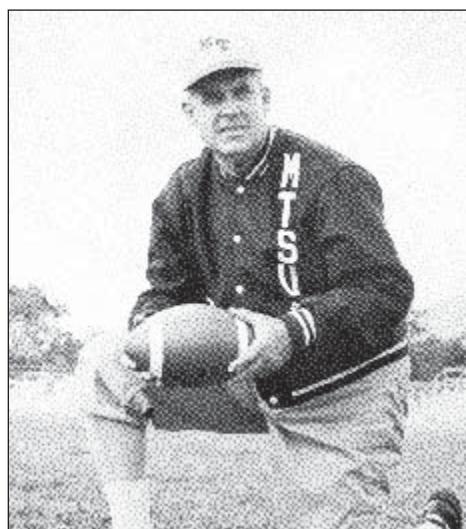
- Three different coaches led the Blue Raiders from 1969 to 1978. Bill Peck had the best tenure with a 25-23 record in five seasons.

- Middle Tennessee reached the 300-win mark with a 24-6 victory over Austin Peay on October 21, 1972.

- The *Nashville Banner* named Teddy Morris as the Offensive Player of the Decade for the 1960s.

- On September 8, 1973, the Blue Raiders played their first-ever game against in-state rival Tennessee State at Vanderbilt's Dudley Field.

- Due to the use of Horace Jones Field by Riverdale and Oakland High Schools, Middle Tennessee installed artificial turf. The first game on the new surface was a 23-13 win over Tennessee-Chattanooga on Oct. 2, 1971.



■ Charles Murphy won a record 155 games during his career.

- Following a stellar career, Ray Oldham became the first Blue Raider to be selected in the NFL draft in 1973 going in the eighth round to the Baltimore Colts.

- Mike Moore was named OVC Player of the Year in 1975 and earned All-American status in 1976.

- Charles Murphy, Teddy Morris, and Horace Jones became the first inductees to the Blue Raider Hall of Fame in 1976.

- After reclassification of the football structure by the NCAA in 1978, Middle Tennessee played its first game against a Division I-A team - Tennessee State, which was classified I-A from 1978 to 1981. The game was a 13-6 loss on September 2, 1978.

- Prior to the 1979 season, James "Boots" Donnelly became the twelfth man to coach the Blue Raiders.

■ 1980-89

- During the 1980s, the football program produced more talent than in any other decade. Five All-Americans and seven OVC Players of the Year played on the Horace Jones carpet.

- Roger Carroll (1983), Kelly Potter (1984), Don Griffin (1984), and Don Thomas (1988) earned All-American honors.

- OVC Player of the Year honors went to Dennis Mix (1982), Vince Hall and Randy Carr (1984), Marvin Collier and Don Griffin (1985), Don Thomas (1988), and Anthony Coleman (1989).

- James Griffin was selected in the seventh round of the 1983 NFL Draft by the Cincinnati Bengals.

- In 1984, Boots Donnelly led the Blue Raiders to their first ever I-AA playoff appearance. Middle Tennessee reached the semifinals after defeating Eastern Kentucky (27-19) and Indiana State (42-41, 3 OT) before losing to Louisiana Tech (21-13). The team set a school record of 11 wins with a victory over Indiana State.

- The 1985 team posted 11 wins again on their way to the OVC Championship, a second straight playoff appearance, and the number one ranking in the nation. However, Georgia Southern knocked the Blue Raiders out of the playoffs in the first round.

- Don Griffin (1986) and Tony Burse (1987) were selected in the sixth and seventh rounds, respectively, by San Francisco and Seattle.

- On September 21, 1989, Middle Tennessee played one of the most infamous games in school history. The game, scheduled in Statesboro, Georgia against Georgia Southern, went on as planned despite the effects of approaching Hurricane Hugo. Coined the Hurricane Bowl, the Blue Raiders fell to the Eagles 26-0 in a driving rain with wind gusts up to 50 mph.

- Middle Tennessee won the OVC in 1989 and returned to the playoffs, where they defeated Appalachian State 24-21 in the first round to set up a rematch with Georgia Southern. The Eagles ended the Blue Raiders' season for the second time in five years on their way to the national championship.

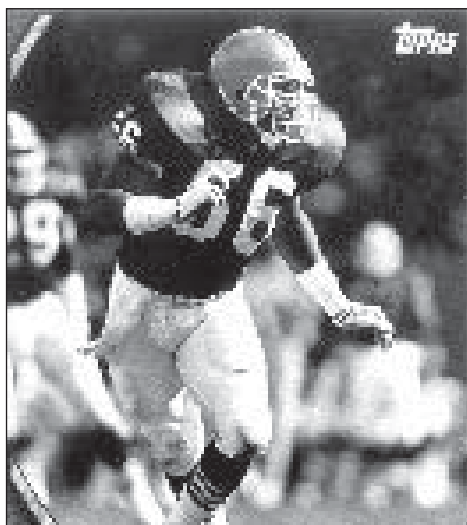
■ 1990-99

- The 1990 Blue Raiders won their second straight OVC title and collected 11 wins for the third time in school history. The eleventh was a first-round playoff win over Jackson State. Boise State ended the Blue Raiders' season with a 20-13 win in the quarterfinals.

- The 1990 team also helped the program reach another milestone: 400 wins. Number 400 came on September 22, 1990, against Western Kentucky 20-7.

- In 1991, Middle Tennessee had to endure an unusual schedule that gave the team only three home games. The team got an additional home game when the University was granted a first-round playoff game by the NCAA.

- One of the road games that season included a trip to Tallahassee, Florida, to face the number one team in the nation, the Florida



■ Mike Caldwell was the 1992 OVC Player of the Year.



■ Former AD Lee Fowler (left) and President James Walker (center) announce Middle Tennessee's move to the Sun Belt Conference in 1999.

State Seminoles. Although MT kept the game interesting for 30 minutes, the Seminoles pulled away from their slim 20-10 halftime lead to win the game by a final score of 39-10.

- The first-round playoff game at Horace Jones Field in 1991 marked the third straight year Middle Tennessee had advanced to the playoffs. In overtime, Middle Tennessee edged into the second round with a 20-19 victory over Sam Houston State. The season ended in the second round with a loss to conference nemesis Eastern Kentucky.

- Tailback Joe Campbell became the first two-time All-American at Middle Tennessee, earning the honors in 1990 and 1991. Campbell also shared OVC Player of the Year with defensive back Marty Carter.

- Carter became the fifth Blue Raider to be selected in the NFL Draft when he was taken in the eighth round by Tampa Bay in 1991.

- Middle Tennessee's first road game of the 1992 season led the team to Lincoln, Nebraska, to face the nation's number one team for a second consecutive year. MT held the potent Nebraska option offense to only two first half touchdowns and a slim 14-7 lead at halftime. Nebraska's superior depth and size advantage proved to be too much, and the Cornhuskers rolled to a 48-7 win.

- The 76,194 in attendance in Nebraska's Memorial Stadium was the largest crowd to witness a Middle Tennessee game to that date.

- On October 3, 1992, the Blue Raiders played their second Division I-A team of the season. MT upset Northern Illinois by a score of 21-13. The win marked the first time a Blue Raider team had defeated a I-A team since reclassification by the NCAA in 1978.

- On November 14, 1992, Middle Tennessee recorded its largest margin of victory with a 70-0 win over Morehead State.

- Steve McAdoo became Middle Tennessee's second two-time All-American in 1992.

- For the fourth consecutive year, Middle

Tennessee advanced to the I-AA playoffs and lost in the second round. The Blue Raiders advanced to round two after a 35-10 victory over Appalachian State but lost to the eventual national champs, Marshall, by a score of 35-21.

- Mike Caldwell was named 1992 OVC Player of the Year and was selected in the third round by the Cleveland Browns. As the 83rd overall selection, Caldwell was the highest Blue Raider to be selected in the NFL Draft to date.

- Walter Dunson was also drafted in '92 in the fifth round by the San Diego Chargers, marking the first time in Middle Tennessee history two players were selected in the NFL Draft in the same year.

- On September 4, 1993, MT played outside of the continental United States for the first time, at the University of Hawaii. The Rainbows defeated Middle Tennessee 35-14.

- The 1994 Blue Raiders returned to the playoffs but were eliminated by Marshall for the second time in three years.

- Kippy Bayless became Middle Tennessee's first two-time OVC Player of the Year, winning the honor in back-to-back seasons in 1993 and 1994.

- During March of 1993, the Steering Committee submitted a plan for intercollegiate athletics titled "Moving to the Highest Level," a plan to move up to Division I-A in football.

- On August 24, 1995, a \$25 million stadium expansion was announced. Five days later, the university announced that the football program would move to Division I-A.

- On May 31, 1996, the OVC, by a 9-0 vote, allows MT to leave the conference in football to compete as a Division I-A Independent. In December, Athletic Director Lee Fowler announced that the move to I-A would be delayed until 1999.

- Following the 1997 season, Jonathan Quinn became a third-round draft pick of the Jacksonville Jaguars as the 86th overall selection.

- On September 5, 1998, MT opened the newly renovated Floyd Stadium against Tennessee State. A Middle Tennessee and OVC record crowd of 27,568 witnessed a thrilling 28-27 win by the Blue Raiders.

- After 20 seasons at the helm of the Blue Raiders, Boots Donnelly announced on September 30, 1998, that he would retire from coaching at the end of the season.

- On December 8, 1999, Andy McCollum was named Middle Tennessee's head coach to lead the Blue Raiders into Division I-A.

- On September 1, 1998, Middle Tennessee was officially recognized as a Division I-A member by the NCAA in a ceremony held at Floyd Stadium. MT became one of only 114 schools in America competing at the highest level.

- The Blue Raiders traveled to Starkville, Mississippi, on September 4, 1999, to play their first-ever game as a Division I-A member against SEC power Mississippi State. The Bulldogs won the contest 40-7.

- Two weeks later, on September 18, Middle Tennessee got their first win as a Division I-A team with a 52-42 shootout win over I-AA Wofford.

- On November 4, 1999, Middle Tennessee accepted an invitation to move all its athletic teams to the Sun Belt Conference effective July 1, 2000. This move ended a 48-year association with the Ohio Valley Conference.

- On November 13, 1999, Central Florida became the first Division I-A opponent to travel to Middle Tennessee for a game at Floyd Stadium. MT fell to the Golden Knights 39-10.

- Middle Tennessee completed its first year at the Division I-A level with a win over East Tennessee State, which gave the Blue Raiders a 3-8 record in its first I-A season.

2000-09

- On October 7, 2000, sophomore running back Dwone Hicks shattered the school's single-game rushing mark with 311 yards and six touchdowns in a home win against Louisiana Tech. The effort was recognized on ESPN and earned him Independent Player of the Week honors by *College Football News*.

- Middle Tennessee, in just its second year of I-A football, recorded a winning season with a 41-38 (2OT) victory against Louisiana-Lafayette at home on Nov. 18, 2000.

- For his team's efforts in 2000, Andy McCollum was named the Tennessee Sports Writers Association Coach of the Year.

- Middle Tennessee made history on Aug. 30, 2001, by traveling up the road to Nashville and upsetting rival Vanderbilt 37-28. The win marked the Blue Raiders' first-ever victory over the Commodores and the first over a team from the SEC.

- The Sept. 24 issue of *Sports Illustrated* listed

Dwone Hicks as a Dark Horse Heisman Trophy candidate.

- Middle Tennessee entered the NCAA record books on Oct. 6, 2001, for the most combined points by two teams in a single game. The Blue Raiders defeated Idaho at Floyd Stadium 70-58 after leading 42-10 at the half. In all, the two teams combined for 128 points, 1,445 total yards of offense, 18 touchdowns, 67 first downs, and 166 offensive plays.

- The greatest comeback victory in school history occurred on Oct. 27, 2001, against New Mexico State. The Blue Raiders entered the fourth quarter down 24 points but managed to score on every offensive possession the rest of the way to eke out a 39-35 victory. In the fourth quarter alone, quarterback Wes Counts completed 13 of 16 passes for 218 yards, and receiver Kendall Newson hauled in seven passes for 119 yards.

- On Nov. 3, 2001, Middle Tennessee clinched a Sun Belt Conference co-championship by defeating Arkansas State 54-6 at Floyd Stadium.

- On January 15, 2002, former Blue Raider Hall of Fame football coach James "Boots" Donnelly was named the school's fifth full-time athletic director.

- For the second time in three I-A seasons, Head Coach Andy McCollum was tabbed the 2001 Tennessee Sports Writers Association Coach of the Year. McCollum guided the Blue Raiders to an impressive 8-3 mark and a league championship.

- Middle Tennessee kicked off its first-ever Heisman Trophy promotional campaign in April of 2002 for Dwone Hicks.

- On April 21, wide receiver Kendall Newson became the first drafted player since Sulecio Sanford was taken in the seventh round by the Chicago Bears in 1999. Newson was picked in the seventh round by the Jacksonville Jaguars as the 222nd selection overall.

- In 2002, the Blue Raiders played in a school record seven televised games.

- In August of 2002, Middle Tennessee received a vote in the Preseason Associated Press College Football Top 25 Poll for the first time in school history. The Blue Raiders earned a total of one vote, which ranked them No. 50 overall in the preseason poll, then jumped to No. 49 in the first regular season poll.

- On September 7, 2002, the Blue Raiders traveled to Knoxville, Tennessee, to take on the Tennessee Vols for the first time in school history. MT played in front of 107,672 fans, the biggest crowd to ever see a Blue Raider team play.

- Wide receiver Tyrone Calico became the highest drafted player in school history when the Tennessee Titans selected him in the second round on April 26 at the NFL Draft as the 60th pick overall.

- On Nov. 15, 2003, the Blue Raiders played a record four overtimes in their home loss to

BLUE RAIDER MILESTONES

Games

- No. 1 - Fitzgerald and Clark 6, MT 0, 1911
- No. 100 - Murray State 14, MT 6, 1928
- No. 200 - MT 14, Troy 7, 1939
- No. 300 - MT 14, Morehead State 0, 1953
- No. 400 - MT 21, UT-Martin 14, 1963
- No. 500 - MT 34, ETSU 24, 1972
- No. 600 - MT 34, Elizabeth City 0, 1982
- No. 700 - MT 37, Morehead State 0, 1990
- No. 800 - Troy 48, MT 31, 1999
- No. 900 - MT 24, Maryland 14, 2008

**(923 games entering 2010 season)
(129 total I-A games entering 2010 season)**

Wins

- No. 1 - MT 29, Fitzgerald and Clark 7, 1912
- No. 100 - MT 20, Memphis State 6, 1937
- No. 200 - MT 18, Morehead State 6, 1957
- No. 300 - MT 21, Western Kentucky 17, 1972
- No. 400 - MT 24, Chattanooga 17, 1990
- No. 500 - MT 35, Florida Atlantic 14, 2006

(520 wins entering 2010-season)

Losses

- No. 1 - Fitzgerald and Clark 6, MT 0, 1911
- No. 100 - Morehead State 31, MT 7, 1950
- No. 200 - Murray State 24, MT 20, 1976
- No. 300 - Eastern Illinois 30, MT 17, 1997

Louisiana-Lafayette (57-51). In all, MT played three overtime games during the season.

- On January 12, 2005, Boots Donnelly stepped down as athletic director.

- On April 8, 2005, Chris Massaro was named the sixth athletic director in school history.

- On May 19, 2005, Middle Tennessee announced a home football game with ACC member Virginia. The Wahoos will be the first ACC team to ever play in Floyd Stadium.

- On November 21, 2005, the school announced that Andy McCollum would be relieved of his duties as head coach effective at the end of the season. McCollum elected to coach the remaining two games on the schedule.

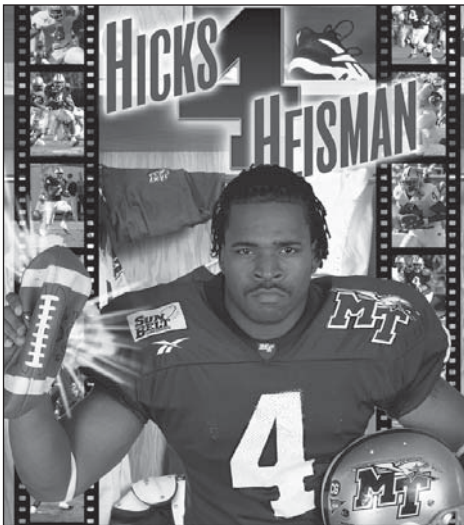
- On December 6, 2005, the Sun Belt Conference announced that Blue Raider defensive tackle Jeff Littlejohn was the 2005 SBC Defensive Player of the Year. Littlejohn became the first Defensive Player of the Year at MT since Mike Caldwell in 1992.

- On December 12, 2005, a new era of Middle Tennessee football began with the hiring of Rick Stockstill as the school's 14th head coach.

- On April 8 before the Blue-White Spring Game, Athletic Director Chris Massaro announced that a new synthetic turf would be installed for the 2006 season.

- In Head Coach Rick Stockstill's first season (2006) at the helm, the Blue Raiders won a Sun Belt Conference championship and were selected for their first bowl game in the I-A era. Middle Tennessee faced Central Michigan in the Motor City Bowl at Ford Field in Detroit on ESPN December 26.

- Junior safety/kick returner Damon Nickson became the program's first All-American in the



■ Dwone Hicks was a Heisman candidate in 2002.

I-A era. Nickson was picked as a second team All-American by *Sports Illustrated*.

- Middle Tennessee set a single-season attendance record in 2006 with an average of 22,037 per game. The program also set a new single-game home attendance mark when 32,797 watched the Blue Raiders take on no. 8 Louisville at LP Field in Nashville.

- At the 2007 Spring Game, Athletic Director Chris Massaro announced that new video boards would be installed in Floyd Stadium and Murphy Center for the 2007-2008 school year.

- In 2008, Middle Tennessee had a number of key moments. On Sept. 6, the Blue Raiders upset Maryland at home for their first-ever win against the ACC and their first against a BCS conference team at home. On Sept. 30, MT hosted its first nationally televised game (ESPN2) and won in miraculous fashion with a Hail Mary from Joe Craddock to freshman Malcolm Beyah on the game's final play to defeat FAU, 14-13. The play was called "Hope" in honor of offensive coordinator G.A. Mangus' daughter. Also in 2008, the Blue Raiders saw a record 101,135 fans come through the gates of Floyd Stadium.

- Middle Tennessee enjoyed a magical ride to a 10-3 season that included a New Orleans Bowl championship, wins over Memphis, Maryland, and Southern Miss to go along with a seven-game win streak (third longest in nation). The 10 wins were the most at Middle Tennessee since 1992 when that team also went 10-3 and the Blue Raiders became the first team in SBC history to win 10 games. MT, which finished the year with a No. 33 ranking in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll, was also one of just 21 teams nationally to own at least 10 wins in 2009 and one of just eight non-AQ teams. The Blue Raiders, who won five games away from Floyd Stadium for the first time since 1992, are just the eighth team in school history to record double digit wins (1957, 1959, 1965,

1984, 1985, 1990, 1992).

- Quarterback Dwight Dasher became just the fourth player in NCAA history to gain at least 2,500 yards passing and 1,000 yards rushing in the same season when he put up 2,789 passing yards and 1,154 rushing yards in 2009. Texas' Vince Young was the first to join the club when he had 3,036 yards passing and 1,050 yards rushing in 2005, then Central Michigan's Dan LeFevour was next in line as he tallied 3,652 passing yards and 1,122 rushing yards in 2007. In 2008, Nevada's Colin Kaepernick threw for 2,849 yards and rushed for 1,130 to become the third member of the club.

- Middle Tennessee hosted Georgia Tech on Sept. 10, 2011, and drew a Floyd Stadium record crowd of 30,502.

- On Sept. 29, 2012, Middle Tennessee traveled to Georgia Tech to pull one of the biggest upsets in college football that season. The Blue Raiders defeated the Yellow Jackets, 49-28, as Benny Cunningham rushed for 217 yards and four touchdowns.

- Middle Tennessee announced in November 2013 it would leave the Sun Belt Conference to begin competition in all sports in Conference USA.

- On Sept. 21, 2014 Middle Tennessee played its first Conference USA football game against FAU. The Blue Raiders won the game, 42-35 (OT), and went on to post a 6-2 league record in year one.