



Review

*The Chattanooga Sophomores: (Top row, left to right)
Della Harrison, Tiffany Baker, Jessie Kuhlman
(Bottom row, left to right) Kristin Holloway, Michelle Fuzzard,
Lauren Flores, Kandice Irwin, Kaity Holloway, Lyndsey Stiles*

2008 Review

A sixth trip to the NCAA Tournament, a pair of Southern Conference titles and numerous team and individual accomplishments attest to the fact that the 2008 Chattanooga softball season ranks among the more impressive in the program's 15-year history.

The Lady Mocs entered the 2008 season projected to claim its 10th Southern Conference Championship. Facing the most competitive schedule of any Southern Conference team, Chattanooga finished the 2008 slate with a 41-22 record, including a 13-5 mark in Southern Conference play.

Chattanooga began the 2008 season with a 5-6 record and then traveled to LSU's Easton Tiger Classic. There UTC won its first three games by a combined score of 35-11 before dropping a 9-1 decision to No. 7 LSU. Following their 3-2 performance in the Bayou, Chattanooga dropped a pair of eventful games to eventual NCAA Tournament participant Jacksonville State, 7-6 in eight innings and 7-5.

From there, UTC notched wins in five of its next six games, including a record-breaking 15-strikeout performance from sophomore pitcher Brooke Loudermilk. The sophomore accomplished the historic feat against Bowling Green on February 23, before alternating wins and losses over the next 13 games.

The Lady Mocs then traveled to the state of Florida for a pair of tournaments at the University of South Florida and a double-header with Florida Gulf Coast. Facing some of the toughest competition of its season, the team went 5-6 on the trip. UTC was 16-14 on the season as the conference portion of its schedule was set to begin.

Beginning with a 4-1 victory over UNC Greensboro on March 21 in which Loudermilk recorded 15 strikeouts, Chattanooga proceeded to win its next 14 games, including the first eight in Southern Conference play. Series sweeps of conference foes UNC Greensboro, Western Carolina and Appalachian State highlighted the run.

The team's two seniors kept the streak alive against Appalachian State. Trailing 1-0 Clarkson singled home the tying run in the top of the seventh inning and senior shortstop Tara Tembey laced a single to right to give Chattanooga a 2-1 win.

The streak would end on April 12 when the Elon Phoenix scored four first inning runs and managed a 5-1 victory. UTC rebounded to take the series with a 4-2 win the next day. The Lady Mocs solidified their hold on first place in the Southern Conference with a series sweep of Furman. The went on to drop a pair of games to the College of Charleston and fell 3-1 in the opener of the Georgia Southern series.

With the chance to clinch their 10th Southern Conference Regular Season Title, Chattanooga took the early 3-0 lead against the Eagles in Game 2 before GSU managed a run in the fifth, followed by a three-run shot by Robyn Siliga, to take a 4-3 lead. Laci Upchurch evened the game at 4-4 as she led off the inning with a home run to left center before the Lady Mocs erupted for five runs in the top of the seventh to lock up the game with a 9-4 victory and claim back-to-back conference titles.

Chattanooga entered the 2008 Southern Conference as the No. 1 Seed and defeated No. 8 Western Carolina 3-1 in their opening game behind Loudermilk's 14 strikeouts. A second round 3-0 loss to No. 5 UNC Greensboro sent the Lady Mocs to the loser's bracket, where they were faced with winning five straight games in order to keep their season alive.

The Lady Mocs were up for the challenge, winning five in a row, including sweeping rival Georgia Southern in the Tournament finals.

Following the improbable victory out of the loser's bracket in the Southern Conference Tournament, Chattanooga was awarded a four seed and sent to the Tuscaloosa NCAA Regional to face No. 3 Alabama. The Regional also included Jacksonville State and Florida State.

Against the Crimson Tide, the Lady Mocs allowed only a first inning run before Alabama struck for four in the bottom of the third and added one in the fifth and closed out the game with two in the sixth inning for an 8-0 victory. Chattanooga's eight hits was only two away from tying the most given up by Alabama pitching to a non-Southeastern Conference team (10) and four away from the most allowed all year (12).

The loss dropped UTC into the loser's bracket where they faced Florida State for the eighth time in program history. After a pair of early runs gave the Seminoles a 2-0 lead in the third

inning, neither team was able to scratch a run until the bottom of the seventh inning.

Trailing by two with two outs, Lauren Flores worked the count full before taking a very close pitch to earn a walk and bring the tying run to the plate in the form of Michelle Fuzzard. The Huntington Beach, California native then lifted a long fly ball to deep centerfield where it bounced onto the top of, and over, the outfield fence for a game-tying two-out, two-run home run.

It would be a short lived celebration however, as the Seminoles charged right back in the top of the eighth inning, scoring three runs to take a 5-2 lead. Baker led off the bottom of the eighth with her sixth home run of the year but it was not enough as Chattanooga closed out the season with a 5-3 loss to FSU.

Although the season ended sooner than the Lady Mocs would have liked, the 2008 campaign was full of accolades for the team. Brooke Loudermilk was named the Southern Conference's Pitcher of the Year for the second straight season after finishing 18-8 with a 1.87 ERA. The pitcher was also named the Southern Conference's Most Outstanding Player after going 5-0 with 48 strikeouts in the tourney.

Loudermilk also earned three pitcher of the week awards and was named the Southern Conference's Pitcher of the Month for March.

Michelle Fuzzard was rewarded for her strong play in the season as the first year player was tabbed the Southern Conference's Freshman of the Year after leading the team with a .356 batting average and 14 doubles.

Tara Tembey, Laci Upchurch, and Tiffany Baker received recognition for their play in the Southern Conference Tournament, being named to the all-tournament team.

Not to be left out, Frank Reed was named as the Southern Conference's 2008 Coach of the Year. This was the second time Reed has received the honor, winning the award after a 45-25 campaign in 2004.

2008 Chattanooga Lady Mocs Final Overall Statistics

Record: 41-22 Home: 20-7 Away: 9-7 Neutral: 12-8 Conference: 13-5

Player	AVG	GP	GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB	ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
15 Michelle Fuzzard	.356	61	60	188	24	67	14	0	6	35	99	.527	18	2	27	0	.414	2	1	0	0	332	22	5	.986
7 Tara Tembey	.342	63	63	219	37	75	9	4	7	29	113	.516	11	3	36	0	.382	0	1	13	15	78	130	12	.945
22 Toni Hutchison	.312	63	63	186	36	58	11	0	7	36	90	.484	16	2	35	1	.367	3	5	0	0	63	121	7	.963
25 Laci Upchurch	.302	59	58	159	26	48	5	0	9	39	80	.503	20	2	46	0	.383	2	5	3	3	26	1	1	.964
24 Katie Blevins	.281	47	45	128	28	36	6	3	13	37	87	.680	16	0	24	0	.356	2	0	0	0	180	23	3	.985
9 Lyndsey Stiles	.264	34	28	72	18	19	2	2	0	7	25	.347	11	0	20	0	.361	0	3	9	9	27	1	2	.933
11 Nicole D'Apice	.250	3	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.250	0	0	1	0	.250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
17 Lauren Flores	.247	56	54	158	16	39	3	0	1	18	45	.285	23	0	20	1	.339	2	10	3	4	69	1	1	.986
1 Ashlan Clarkson	.227	54	51	141	13	32	4	1	2	14	44	.312	8	1	21	0	.273	0	4	1	2	39	6	1	.978
23 Tiffany Baker	.210	51	50	138	23	29	7	1	6	14	56	.406	11	1	28	0	.273	0	3	2	2	87	46	4	.971
10 Lynleigh Hurndon	.200	30	26	65	6	13	2	0	0	3	15	.231	2	0	10	0	.224	0	7	0	0	221	15	2	.992
5 Rachel Norris	.190	25	17	21	1	4	0	0	0	0	4	.190	2	0	7	0	.261	0	0	0	0	74	4	1	.987
2 Brittany Eason	.185	36	29	65	11	12	3	0	0	6	15	.231	23	2	12	0	.407	1	3	0	0	43	2	0	1.000
16 Breanna Kilgore	.118	10	6	17	1	2	1	0	0	0	3	.176	3	0	5	0	.250	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	.889
3 Tia Blosser	.087	22	17	46	7	4	0	0	0	1	4	.087	2	1	7	0	.143	0	3	2	2	16	14	4	.882
14 Kristin Holloway	.059	30	9	17	11	1	0	0	0	2	1	.059	4	0	3	1	.238	0	0	0	1	13	11	0	1.000
12 Kandice Irwin	.000	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	1.000
20 Della Harrison	.000	18	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	2	0	1	0	.667	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	.000
Totals	.271	63	63	1626	263	440	67	11	51	241	682	.419	172	14	303	3	.343	12	45	34	39	1282	464	45	.975
Opponents	.220	63	63	1601	182	353	56	4	30	157	507	.317	146	29	441	1	.296	10	36	63	72	1227	466	60	.966

LOB - Team (386), Opp (365). DPs turned - Team (2), Opp (18). IBB - Team (3), Fuzzard 1, Blevins 1, Baker 1, Opp (1). Picked off - Flores 1.

Player	ERA	W	L	APP	GS	CG	SHO	CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
21 Brooke Loudermilk	1.87	18	8	44	32	15	5	3	5	194.1	133	65	52	65	242	23	1	16	703	.189	17	21	2	3	14
12 Kandice Irwin	2.74	9	9	31	20	5	1	2	1	125.0	115	63	49	35	121	17	2	6	485	.237	12	4	0	2	13
19 Kaitlin Holloway	3.00	9	2	24	1	0	0	2	1	56.0	48	26	24	27	46	8	0	5	208	.231	10	3	1	4	3
15 Michelle Fuzzard	3.14	5	3	13	10	1	1	1	0	51.1	53	24	23	18	32	7	1	2	199	.266	8	1	0	1	6
17 Lauren Flores	31.50	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	4	4	3	1	0	1	0	1	6	.667	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	2.47	41	22	63	63	21	10	3	7	427.1	353	182	151	146	441	56	4	30	1601	.220	48	29	3	10	36
Opponents	3.85	22	41	63	63	35	6	2	2	409.0	440	263	225	172	303	67	11	51	1626	.271	28	14	0	12	45

PB - Team (24), Blevins 11, Hurndon 8, Eason 5, Opp (14). Pickoffs - Team (0), Opp (1). SBA/ATT - Loudermilk (32-35), Hurndon (28-33), Blevins (22-25), Irwin (17-19), Eason (13-14), Ka. Holloway (10-12), Fuzzard (3-5), Flores (1-1).

Inning-by-Inning Summary:

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Extra	Total
Chattanooga	42	34	44	19	44	42	31	2	0	5	263
Opponents	25	15	24	27	45	19	19	7	0	1	182

2008 Schedule/Results

2008 Chattanooga Lady Mocs Final Results

Game date	Opposing team	Score	R-H-E (UTC)	R-H-E	Inns	Overall	SoCon	Pitcher of record	Attend	Time
1 Feb 9, 2008	KENTUCKY	2-3	L	2-4-0	3-7-2	7	0-1-0	Fuzzard (L 0-1)	400	2:00
1 Feb 9, 2008	WICHITA STATE	W	9-3	9-11-2	3-7-1	7	1-1-0	Irwin (W 1-0)	400	1:57
1 Feb 10, 2008	WICHITA STATE	2-4	L	2-4-1	4-8-0	7	1-2-0	Loudermilk (L 0-1)	250	2:00
1 Feb 10, 2008	KENTUCKY	W	9-6	9-10-1	6-10-0	(10)	2-2-0	Ka. Holloway (W 1-0)	100	3:12
2 Feb 15, 2008	vsSt. Johns	W	11-5	11-4-2	5-8-0	7	3-2-0	Irwin (W 2-0)	75	3:35
2 Feb 15, 2008	vsNicholls State	W	15-6	15-10-0	6-9-1	5	4-2-0	Ka. Holloway (W 2-0)	100	2:17
2 Feb 16, 2008	vsBall State	W	9-0	9-8-0	0-3-1	5	5-2-0	Loudermilk (W 1-1)	75	1:20
2 Feb 16, 2008	at LSU	1-9	L	1-1-0	9-11-0	5	5-3-0	Irwin (L 2-1)	300	1:37
2 Feb 17, 2008	vsNicholls State	3-15	L	3-4-0	15-11-1	5	5-4-0	Loudermilk (L 1-2)	75	1:48
Feb 20, 2008	at Jacksonville State	6-7	L	6-12-1	7-8-2	(8)	5-5-0	Loudermilk (L 1-3)	133	2:26
Feb 20, 2008	at Jacksonville State	5-7	L	5-6-1	7-7-2	7	5-6-0	Irwin (L 2-2)	128	1:54
3 Feb 22, 2008	EAST TENNESSEE STATE	W	1-0	1-4-1	0-4-0	7	6-6-0	Irwin (W 3-2)	100	2:05
3 Feb 22, 2008	IOWA STATE	0-8	L	0-0-2	8-7-0	5	6-7-0	Loudermilk (L 1-4)	100	1:55
3 Feb 23, 2008	BOWLING GREEN	W	4-1	4-6-1	1-4-3	7	7-7-0	Loudermilk (W 2-4)	130	1:45
3 Feb 24, 2008	AKRON	W	5-0	5-10-1	0-1-1	7	8-7-0	Irwin (W 4-2)	115	1:48
Feb 25, 2008	ST. FRANCIS	W	8-0	8-10-0	0-2-0	5	9-7-0	Loudermilk (W 3-4)	75	1:15
4 Mar. 1, 2008	INDIANA	W	8-1	8-9-0	1-5-1	7	10-7-0	Loudermilk (W 4-4)	120	1:55
4 Mar. 1, 2008	CONNECTICUT	0-1	L	0-1-0	1-3-0	7	10-8-0	Irwin (L 4-3)	125	1:10
4 Mar. 2, 2008	MARSHALL	W	6-5	6-9-0	5-9-0	7	11-8-0	Irwin (W 5-3)	120	1:55
5 Mar 6, 2008	vsMissouri	1-3	L	1-7-0	3-4-1	7	11-9-0	Irwin (L 5-4)	55	1:45
5 Mar 6, 2008	vsLong Island	W	1-0	1-3-0	0-5-0	7	12-9-0	Fuzzard (W 1-1)	40	1:15
5 Mar 7, 2008	vsPurdue	0-3	L	0-2-1	3-8-1	7	12-10-0	Ka. Holloway (L 2-1)	117	1:44
5 Mar 8, 2008	vsCentral Michigan	W	5-0	5-10-1	0-3-0	7	13-10-0	Irwin (W 6-4)	73	1:54
5 Mar 8, 2008	vsVillanova	4-6	L	4-9-1	6-7-0	7	13-11-0	Fuzzard (L 1-2)	65	2:00
Mar 12, 2008	at Florida Gulf Coast	W	3-1	3-5-1	1-2-4	7	14-11-0	Loudermilk (W 5-4)	238	1:43
Mar 12, 2008	at Florida Gulf Coast	2-4	L	2-5-1	4-8-2	7	14-12-0	Irwin (L 6-5)	238	1:55
6 Mar 14, 2008	vsDartmouth	W	2-0	2-7-1	0-3-0	7	15-12-0	Irwin (W 6-4)	120	1:25
6 Mar 14, 2008	vsBoston	4-6	L	4-7-0	6-10-1	7	15-13-0	Loudermilk (L 6-5)	75	1:55
6 Mar 15, 2008	vsLiberty	W	3-2	3-7-0	2-5-2	(10)	16-13-0	Irwin (W 7-5)	75	2:17
6 Mar 16, 2008	vsPenn State	0-3	L	0-4-0	3-8-0	7	16-14-0	Loudermilk (L 6-6)	110	1:48
* Mar 21, 2008	UNC GREENSBORO	W	4-1	4-7-1	1-3-1	7	17-14-0	Loudermilk (W 7-6)	120	1:40
* Mar 21, 2008	UNC GREENSBORO	W	4-2	4-6-0	2-4-3	7	18-14-0	UNC GREENSBORO	125	1:35
* Mar 22, 2008	UNC GREENSBORO	W	9-2	9-9-1	2-3-3	7	19-14-0	Fuzzard (W 2-2)	138	1:49
Mar 26, 2008	at Tennessee State	W	1-0	1-5-0	0-1-2	7	20-14-0	Loudermilk (W 9-6)	107	1:34
Mar 26, 2008	at Tennessee State	W	8-1	8-13-0	1-3-0	7	21-14-0	Irwin (W 8-5)	123	2:05
* Mar 29, 2008	WESTERN CAROLINA	W	3-1	3-7-0	1-5-2	7	22-14-0	Loudermilk (W 10-6)	78	1:55
* Mar 30, 2008	WESTERN CAROLINA	W	7-4	7-12-1	4-8-0	7	23-14-0	Loudermilk (W 11-6)	98	1:50
* Mar 30, 2008	WESTERN CAROLINA	W	4-2	4-5-1	2-5-2	7	24-14-0	Fuzzard (W 3-2)	103	2:00
Apr 2, 2008	ALABAMA BIRMINGHAM	W	4-3	4-8-0	3-6-0	7	25-14-0	Ka. Holloway (W 3-1)	256	2:00
Apr 2, 2008	ALABAMA BIRMINGHAM	W	2-1	2-3-2	1-4-2	7	26-14-0	Loudermilk (W 12-6)	308	1:45
* Apr 5, 2008	at Appalachian State	W	2-1	2-7-1	1-6-0	7	27-14-0	Ka. Holloway (W 4-1)	120	1:48
Apr 10, 2008	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	W	7-3	7-11-0	3-5-3	7	28-14-0	Ka. Holloway (W 5-1)	237	1:50
Apr 10, 2008	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	W	7-2	7-7-0	2-3-1	7	29-14-0	Fuzzard (W 4-2)	282	1:42
* Apr 12, 2008	ELON	W	8-2	8-13-0	2-3-1	7	30-14-0	Ka. Holloway (W 6-1)	157	2:05
* Apr 12, 2008	ELON	1-5	L	1-6-3	5-4-2	7	30-15-0	Irwin (L 8-6)	164	2:05
* Apr 13, 2008	ELON	W	4-2	4-5-1	2-7-0	7	31-15-0	Ka. Holloway (W 7-1)	112	1:55
* Apr 19, 2008	at Furman	W	2-0	2-6-0	0-1-0	7	32-15-0	Loudermilk (W 13-6)	120	1:29
* Apr 19, 2008	at Furman	W	2-1	2-6-4	1-6-0	7	33-15-0	Ka. Holloway (W 8-1)	120	2:00
* Apr 20, 2008	at Furman	W	5-2	5-7-0	2-6-1	7	34-15-0	Fuzzard (W 5-2)	117	1:48
* Apr 26, 2008	COLL. OF CHARLESTON	0-2	L	0-1-0	2-6-1	(8)	34-16-0	Ka. Holloway (L 8-2)	135	1:42
* Apr 26, 2008	COLL. OF CHARLESTON	2-3	L	2-7-2	3-7-0	7	34-17-0	Irwin (L 8-7)	145	1:32
* May 3, 2008	at Georgia Southern	1-3	L	1-3-0	3-6-0	7	34-18-0	Loudermilk (L 13-7)	110	1:38
* May 3, 2008	at Georgia Southern	W	9-4	9-13-2	4-7-4	7	35-18-0	Ka. Holloway (W 9-2)	189	1:58
* May 4, 2008	at Georgia Southern	1-2	L	1-8-0	2-8-1	7	35-19-0	Fuzzard (L 5-3)	164	1:50
7 May 7, 2008	vsWestern Carolina	W	3-1	3-8-1	1-7-1	7	36-19-0	Loudermilk (W 14-7)	243	1:39
7 May 8, 2008	at UNC Greensboro	1-3	L	1-4-1	3-4-0	7	36-20-0	Irwin (L 8-8)	243	1:55
7 May 9, 2008	at Appalachian State	W	9-2	9-11-1	2-4-1	7	37-20-0	Loudermilk (W 15-7)	126	2:03
7 May 9, 2008	vsColl. of Charleston	W	5-2	5-8-2	2-4-1	7	38-20-0	Loudermilk (W 16-7)	364	1:42
7 May 10, 2008	vsUNC Greensboro	W	3-0	3-6-0	0-4-1	7	39-20-0	Loudermilk (W 17-7)	233	1:47
7 May 10, 2008	vsGeorgia Southern	W	3-2	3-9-0	2-5-1	7	40-20-0	Loudermilk (W 18-7)	251	1:44
7 May 10, 2008	vsGeorgia Southern	W	10-1	10-14-1	1-3-0	5	41-20-0	Irwin (W 9-8)	278	1:37
8 May 15, 2008	vsAlabama	0-8	L	0-8-0	8-9-0	6	41-21-0	Loudermilk (L 18-8)	1371	1:43
8 May 16, 2008	vsFlorida State	3-5	L	3-8-1	5-9-0	(8)	41-22-0	Irwin (L 9-9)	1051	2:26

*-Conference Game

()-extra inning game

1-Chattanooga Shootout (Chattanooga, Tenn.)

2-LSU Easton Tiger Classic (Baton Rouge, La.)

3-Chattanooga Challenge (Chattanooga, Tenn.)

4-Frost Classic (Chattanooga, Tenn.)

5-USF Under Armour Invitational (Tampa, Fla.)

6-USF Under Armour Showcase (Tampa, Fla.)

7-Southern Conference Tournament (Charleston, S.C.)

8-NCAA Regionals (Tuscaloosa, Ala.)