



## These Boys Will Lead MTSU This Weekend

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### New Look In Sports

by Lee Farless  
Sports Editor

With the start of next fall semester, all MTSU sports will be in the University division of the NCAA, with the exception of football. The University Division football status is determined by the Sports Writers Association and not by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

These facts were released by Mr. Bob Brooks, Sports Information Director at MTSU, in an interview Friday. Mr. Brooks said, "The NCAA has asked all colleges to decide whether they would play in the college (small college) or university (major college) divisions in Spring Sports." In a meeting of the OVC coaches, the committee decided to enter the university division.

Mr. Brooks also said that this decision might hurt our golf program or our chance for a national championship. In the college division golf tournaments, the participants are free to enter by choice, whereas the teams are selected by

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## Raiders Try For Titles In Four Spring Sports

With all of the preliminary sparring being wound up today, MTSU's four Spring sports teams will now turn their attention to this weekend. Three teams, golf, track and field, and tennis, will travel to Johnson City, Tennessee for their meets, while the baseball team will play host to the OVC playoffs if they can down Austin Peay today in one of the games of a double-header.

While there will be an element of pressure involved for MTSU, it is the closest thing to a certainty that the Raiders will prevail at least once. They bombed the Governors twice in Clarksville earlier in the season, 7-0 and 7-2.

Waiting in the wings is defending champ Murray State. If MTSU should stumble twice against APSU, then Murray could tie the Raiders by taking doubleheaders from the Gobs and Western Kentucky. Western has already beaten Murray twice this season.

Assuming the Big Blue wins, they

would play the Eastern Division champs (right now it looks like Eastern Kentucky) in a best-of-three set on the Raider diamond on Friday and Saturday. Two games are scheduled for Friday and the third game, if necessary, will be on Saturday.

Coach Earle, refusing to look past Austin Peay, has not indicated which pitchers he would start if MTSU gets into the playoffs. One good bet, however, is Greg Cunningham, with the other coming from Billy Walker, Chuck Machado or Butch McGrath.

In Johnson City, MTSU will be a slight favorite to take the golf crown again, but sophomore Jeff Riley is no better than an even bet to repeat as low medalist.

Coach E. K. Patty's team will be pushed by Austin Peay, Western Kentucky and possibly the host team, East Tennessee, along with Tennessee Tech.

Murray and Western will more than likely battle it out for the net championship, but don't count

out Middle Tennessee and Eastern Kentucky. Tennessee Tech will probably place high also.

Western will have to rate the favorite's role, due primarily to their 6-3 win over Murray last Friday in a match hosted by MTSU.

Western's powerful track team (112-33 conquerors of Middle Tennessee) will be the only top-heavy choice of the weekend to grab a championship. Western has won the last four years, and should make it five.

A healthy Middle Tennessee team could give the "Toppers" all the trouble they could handle, but, unfortunately, many Raiders don't currently enjoy good health. Jerry Singleton is just now getting back in form from a mid-season injury, as is Lonnell Poole. Don Jones was sidelined early in the season in a freak accident, which will undoubtedly cost coach Dean Hayes' crew one first place.

As far as the All-Sports Trophy

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# BASEBALL

by Kelly Sharbel

## Coach Jimmy Earle Heads Successful Baseball Team

Coach Jimmy Earle is finishing his third season as head baseball coach of Middle Tennessee State University. Earle graduated from Middle Tennessee State in 1958 and also received a M. A. degree from M.T.S.U.



COACH EARLE

Not only is Earle the head baseball coach, he is also an assistant basketball coach and head freshman basketball coach. His baseball record is 25-22. Last year, his diamondmen posted a 15-12 record. Currently, the 1968 edition of Raider baseball is 19-6 with an inside shot to the OVC Western Division championship.

Before coming back to his alma mater, Earle was head basketball and baseball coach at Martin Junior College in Pulaski, Tennessee for four years. While he was there, his basketball record was 74-29. His 1964-65 squad won the Dixie Conference title with a 19-5 record. Earle was named "Coach of the Year" in the conference this same year, which was his last at Martin.

Before coaching at Martin, Earle was a coach at Smithville High school. While at Smithville, Earle's boys and girls basketball teams won 73 games while losing only 17.

## Balanced Attack, Defense, Pitching, Keys To Big Year

A well-balanced offensive attack together with masterful pitching and a tight defense has led the Middle Tennessee State baseball team to a very successful season.

Brady Straub, Raider shortstop, leads all Raider batsmen with a .372 batting average. Straub, a junior from Silver Spring, Maryland, has played all 25 games with four doubles, two triples, and one homerun. He also has 13 RBI's to rank second in that department.

Butch Wright, sophomore catcher from Anniston, Alabama, has also played all 25 games played

other good year as he batted .316 with five doubles as his longest hits of the season. Tarter, an All-OVC selection at second base last year, was captain of the team this year.

Senior third baseman from Jasper, Tennessee, John Price, had a brilliant season. Batting .297, Price also contributed immensely on defense. Price had two doubles, two homeruns (both hit against Austin Peay) to tie with Butch Wright in that department. Price had 14 RBI's to lead the team in that department.

Batting cleanup in the batting order and roaming around in left-field was Danny Sandlin, a sophomore from Chattanooga. Sandlin batted .234 with two doubles, one triple, and seven RBI's.

In centerfield, the Raiders had Chattanooga junior Tom Eiselstein. Eiselstein batted .297 with four doubles, one triple, and seven RBI's.

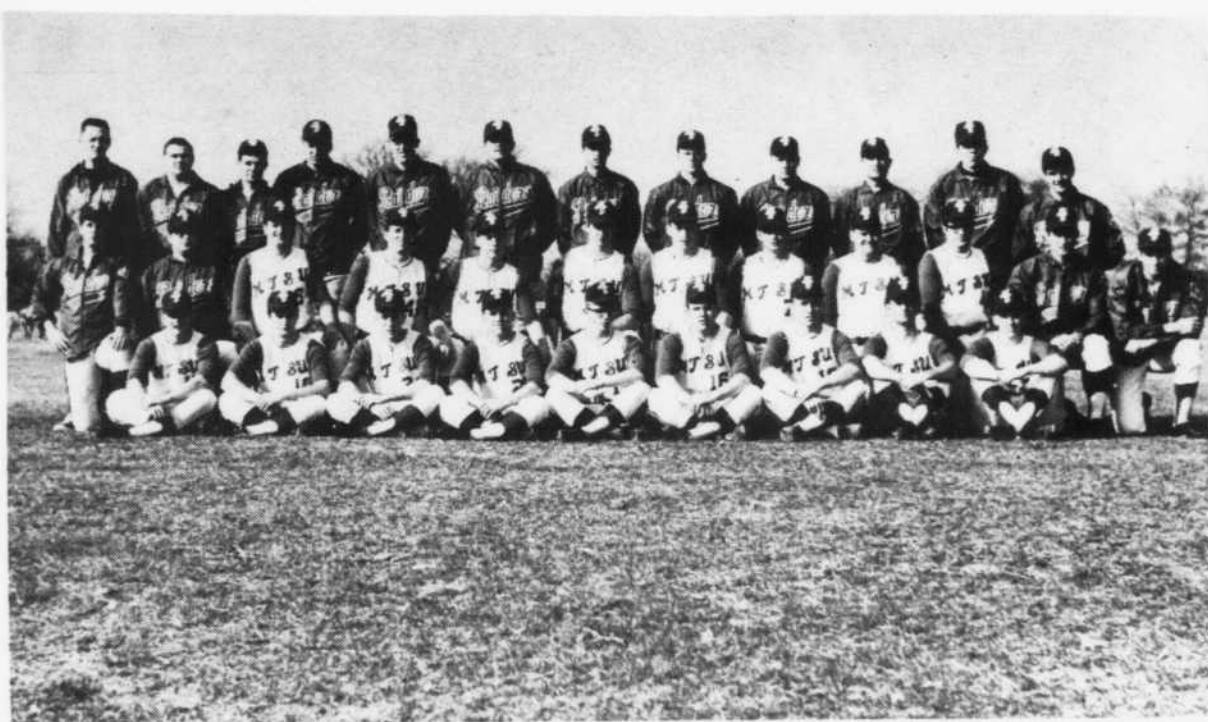
Rounding out the outfield was Butch Green in rightfield. The Flintville junior batted .222 with two doubles, one triple, and one homerun. Butch was the only switch-hitter on the team.

The aforementioned players were all starters. The following players were very significant as substitutes and pinchhitters. This is one area where the Raiders were quite strong.

Larry Mangrum, Nashville sophomore first baseman, was one of six players who batted over .300. Mangrum played in thirteen games and batted .318 in 22 trips to the plate.

Another substitute that was expected to give needed aid to Raider efforts with his bat was Jackie Carver, a Manchester junior. Carver got into 12 games, but was out the first part of the season with an injury. He had a .240 average with one homerun, that one being a grand slam against Austin Peay. Greg Cunningham, Chattanooga

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1968 BASEBALL SQUAD—Row 1, L-R: John Heatherly, David Fairbanks, Tommy Eiselstein, Leon Rash, Rick Evans, Danny Sandlin, Brady Straub, Don Tarter (Captain), Tony Kessinger. Row 2: Billy Walker, John Finney, Larry Mangrum, Tom Schamberg, John Price, Tom Brightwell, Jackie Carver, Butch Green, Butch Wright, Jeff Sakas, Gary Chrisman, Chuck Machado. Row 3: Coach Jimmy Earle, Pot Graves (Mgr.), Jimmy White (Mgr.), Charles Daniel, Butch McGrath, Mike Townsend, Greg Cunningham, Taylor Edwards, Jamie Jamison, Jack Martin (Grad. Asst. Coach), Richard Howell, (Grad. Asst. Coach), Johnny Grimes (Mgr.).

## Raiders Enjoy Winningest Season In School's History

The Raider baseball season got underway March 26 when the Raiders played host to the University of Chattanooga. The Raiders swept both games of the doubleheader by the score of 4-3 and 5-3.

On the following Thursday, Belmont College came to town and were thumped twice by the scores of 3-2 and 11-4. The first game was tight in the seventh inning when two Belmont runs crossed the plate on a long drive to left-field. The batter was thrown out trying to score. In the second game, Rebel pitching fell apart and the Raiders scored 10 runs in the third inning.

On the following Saturday, March 30, the Raiders went to Chattanooga for a doubleheader with the Moccasins. The first game was called in the sixth inning because of rain. However, the required five innings had been played and the Raiders came away a victor by the score of 6-1.

In the first OVC Western Division contest on the Raiders schedule, the diamondmen swept a doubleheader from Western Kentucky by the scores of 11-0 and 4-2. The Raiders capitalized on weak hilltopper pitching as Brady Straub blasted a homerun.

Over the spring holidays, the

Raiders played host to perennially tough Murray State. In this important doubleheader, the Raiders slipped by the Racers in both games 4-3 and 3-2. In the first game, the Raiders came from behind in the bottom of the seventh inning to tie up the score at three apiece. In the bottom of the tenth inning, Butch Green led off with a game-winning homerun to make the score 4-3.

After the holidays, the Raiders hosted the University of the South in a twinbill on the Raider's home diamond. The Raiders suffered their first loss of the season in the first game by the score of 3-2 but came back in the second to win 4-3. In the next doubleheader, with Tennessee Tech, the Raiders also split by the scores of 3-1 and 0-3.

Back to conference play, the Raiders traveled to Clarksville for a doubleheader with Austin Peay. The Raiders followed the two hit pitching of Greg Cunningham and the three hit pitching of Chuck Machado to sweep both games by the scores of 7-0 and 7-2. John Price hit two homeruns.

Vanderbilt was the next foe and the Raiders swept this game on the MTSU diamond. The score was 7-0.

Coming down the stretch drive for the Western Division championship, the Raiders made it four in a row from Western Kentucky this season, as they copped both ends of a doubleheader 5-3 and 4-3.

The Raiders then took a trip to Sewanee to play the University of the South again. Once again the diamondmen split. They took the first game 2-0, but dropped the second 8-3.

Next, the Raider diamondmen journeyed to Murray, Kentucky needing only one victory in a twinbill with Murray State to clinch the Western Division title. It wasn't in the cards, however, as M.T.S.U. dropped both games. In the first game, the Raiders loaded the bases three times but couldn't push the necessary runs across and lost

2-1. In the second game, the Raiders could only connect for hits twice and were shut out 7-0.

In the first game of a doubleheader with Tennessee Tech, the Raiders dropped their fourth straight game by the score of 5-4. They came back in the second, however, and won 11-10 by out-slugging the Eagles.

Last Saturday, MTSU returned Vandy's call, but the game was rained out in the third inning with the Raiders leading 2-0. Butch McGrath had pitched the first two innings, but was lifted for a pinch-hitter as coach Jimmy Earle intended to use all of his pitchers against the Black and Gold.

This has been, without a doubt, the Raiders most successful baseball season. The Raiders were scheduled to play Austin Peay today in a makeup doubleheader. A win in either game gives the Raiders the right to meet the Eastern Division champion for the OVC crown.

### Baseball Results

4	Chattanooga	3
5	Chattanooga	3
3	Belmont	2
11	Belmont	4
6	Chattanooga	1
11	Western	0
4	Western	2
4	Murray	3
3	Murray	2
2	Sewanee	3
4	Sewanee	3
0	Tenn. Tech	1
3	Tenn. Tech	3
7	Austin Peay	0
7	Austin Peay	2
7	Vanderbilt	0
5	Western	3
4	Western	3
2	Sewanee	0
3	Sewanee	8
1	Murray	2
0	Murray	7
4	Tenn. Tech	5
11	Tenn. Tech	10

\*Two games remain with Austin Peay today.



BUTCH WRIGHT

to this date. His average for these games is .328 with two doubles, two triples, and two homeruns and 12 RBI's.

Signal Mountain junior Tom Brightwell is ranked fourth in batting averages with a .321 average. Brightwell has three doubles, two triples, and one homerun. Brightwell was the only starter who batted from the port side of the plate although Butch Green could swing effectively from both sides of the plate.

Don Tarter, senior second baseman from Miami, Fla., had an



BRADY STRAUB



# GOLF

by Edith Clark

## Dr. Patty Boasts Long List Of Golf Champs

Elbert K. Patty, golf coach and business manager of athletics, has led the Raider golf teams to many exciting victories.

Coach Patty started his golf career at MTSU where he graduated with his B.S. While a student at MTSU he was a member of the first Blue Raider golf team in 1939. After receiving his M.A. from Peabody in 1946, he returned to MTSU as the head basketball coach and a member of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department. Patty received his Doctor's degree at the University of Indiana in 1953.

Under the leadership of Coach

Patty, the golf teams won eight Volunteer State Athletic Conference championships before MTSU withdrew from the conference in 1957. His teams have been champions of the Tennessee Intercollegiate Tournament eight times in the last eleven years, and have been champions of the Ohio Valley Conference seven of the past eight years. The linksmen won 57 consecutive dual matches (1959-1966) before having the victories skem broken in 1966.

Patty was honored last year by his fellow coaches by being named "Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year." It was the fifth time in six years that he received this honor. He is also a member of the NCAA Golf Committee.

## MTSU Favored To Repeat As OVC Golf King

Middle Tennessee will go to Johnson City this weekend as the favorite to win the OVC golf tournament. The Raiders are the defending champs, but will be hard-pressed to bring home the bacon again this year.

The stiffest competition will come from Austin Peay and Western Kentucky. MTSU suffered a duel match loss to Austin Peay last week, but then turned around and clobbered the Governors two days later. They tied Western for second place in the Murray Invitational, then beat them in a playoff.

Other teams with a chance to move into the throne room are Tennessee Tech and host East Tennessee. The Buccaneers, playing on their own course, could be particularly tough. Once this spring, they romped over Furman by a 23-4 score, and fired an aggregate seven-under-par in the process. If they can repeat this, they will probably be the new OVC champs.

With a team that has seen so much top-flight competition already this year, and with almost the same team that won last year, MTSU is going to be hard to dislodge.



COACH PATTY

Coach Patty's influence and superior coaching accomplished many titles and awards for the Raiders. Coach Patty is one of the most outstanding men in college golf and has produced many great players and teams.

Among the most outstanding players and teams that Coach Patty has produced in his coaching career are:

VSAC Championships in 1946-47-48-52-54-55-56-57, OVC championships in 1956-58-60-61-62-63-64-66-67, TIAC championships in 1956-59-60-61-63-65-67-68.

MTSU was the NCAA College Division National Champion in 1965. In 1967, the Raiders won the NCAA Invitational and also the Murray Invitational.

Many individual honors have been won by members of Patty's teams. His boys have won Low Medalist honors in the OVC tournament (six times), the TIAC tournament (four times), the NCAA College Division tournament (twice), and the NCAA Invitational tournament (once).

### Golf Results

25 1/2	Youngstown	1 1/2
	Palmetto Inv.	
11	Sewanee	7
14	Chattanooga	13
	L.S.U. Inv.	
1st	TIAC	
2nd	Murray Inv.	
12 1/2	Austin Peay	14 1/2
12 1/2	Austin Peay	5 1/2
12 1/2	Murray State	5 1/2



1968 GOLF TEAM—Front row, L. to R.: Mike Whiteside, Captain Craig Stoudner, Joel Perantie, and Ardie Knight. Second row, L. to R.: Art Kraft, Ernie Adcock, Clay Holloway, and Jeff Riley.

## Season Features Bigger Tourneys, Fewer Matches

Golf has long been the most successful of the four Spring sports at MTSU, and this year has been no exception. Coach E. K. Patty varied the menu for his linksmen a bit this season, entering them in two major Invitational tournaments.

While this cut down on the impressive won-lost record in dual matches, it gave the team valuable under-pressure topflight competition. This should serve as a big boost in Johnson City this weekend.

weekend.

There were both high and low spots in the 1968 season. Probably the highest point in the year was MTSU's successful defense of their Tennessee Intercollegiate Championship. The Raiders led all the way in recording that win.

Both a high and a low point occurred last week. In the duel match with Austin Peay, MTSU suffered their first home-course defeat in nine years, 14 1/2-12 1/2. The Governors prevailed when Randy

Feather hit a ball into the rough, only to have it hit a tree and bounce back into play. He holed his next shot from sixty feet away to win the deciding pair-up.

Two days later, however, in a rematch at Murray, MTSU trounced the Govs, 12 1/2-5 1/2, and then dumped Murray by the same score.

Middle Tennessee began the season way back on March 18, when they routed visiting Youngstown, 25 1/2-1 1/2. Next came the Palmetto Intercollegiate at Orangeburg, S. C., in which the Raiders grabbed fifth place against such stalwart competition as Clemson, Duke, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina and Wake Forest.

Next came a tough 11-7 triumph over the University of the South on the Tiger's home course. This was followed by a real squeaker, 14-13, over a fired-up team from Chattanooga.

The LSU Invitational on April 11-12 found the Raiders up against some of the very best golf aggregations in the country. In addition to the host school, there were teams from Florida State, Lamar Tech, Memphis State, Wisconsin, Rice, Ole Miss, Mississippi State and Tulane. MTSU finished sixth.

The following weekend was the TIAC tournament at Sewanee, then the Murray Invitational, which also included some real good teams. MTSU was the defending champion in this one also, but placed second this year. To gain second place, they had to defeat OVC rival Western Kentucky in a playoff that lasted two holes.

Middle Tennessee finished their pre-OVC slate with the loss to APSU, then the double win at Murray. After the conference tourney, coach Patty will take his team to the NCAA Tournament at Beaumont, Texas, June 11-14,

## Captain Craig Stoudner Is Only Senior On Golf Team

The Raider Golf team this year is probably one of the best in Raider history. The players have the potential factors that it takes to be fine golfers. So far, they have won four team championships and three individual championships.

Going for their third consecutive OVC Championship will be:

ERNIE ADCOCK — junior, Savannah, Ga. Adcock has earned two letters while playing for the Raiders. He finished in the top ten in both OVC and Tennessee Intercollegiate tournaments as a freshman. He tied for second place in the Southeastern Amateur in 1965 and fourth in the Georgia Jaycees Tourney and participated in the 1964 International Jaycees Tourney. He won the Tennessee Intercollegiate Low Medalist in 1967 and was third in the 1967 OVC Tournament.

CLAY HOLLOWAY — junior, Murfreesboro, Tenn. Holloway is a two-year letterman. He qualified for the National Jaycee Tournament as a senior in high school. He was Club Champion for the local Murfreesboro and Stone's River Country Clubs and has been the winner of several area tourna-

ments.

ART KRAFT — sophomore, Newman, Ga. Kraft was outstanding in his freshman year. He was low medalist in the NCAA Invitational Tournament at Springfield, Mo. last year. He was fifth in the Tennessee Intercollegiate and the winner of the Southeastern Amateur Tournament in 1966.

JEFF RILEY — sophomore, Balboa, Canal Zone. Riley was second in the International Jaycee Tournament in 1963. He was the Panama Amateur Champion in 1964-65. He won the Ohio Valley Conference low medalist in 1967. He finished second in the Tennessee Intercollegiate tournament last year.

CRAIG STOUNDER — senior, Balboa, Canal Zone. Captain of this year's team. Stoudner finished in a third-place tie for medalist honors in the OVC in 1966. He was seventh last year. In 1967 he tied for fifth in the TIAC.

MIKE WHITESIDE — sophomore, Columbia, Tenn. Whiteside won a letter last season as a freshman. He was captain of his high school team in Columbia, and was the All-Midsouth champion at Columbia Military Academy.



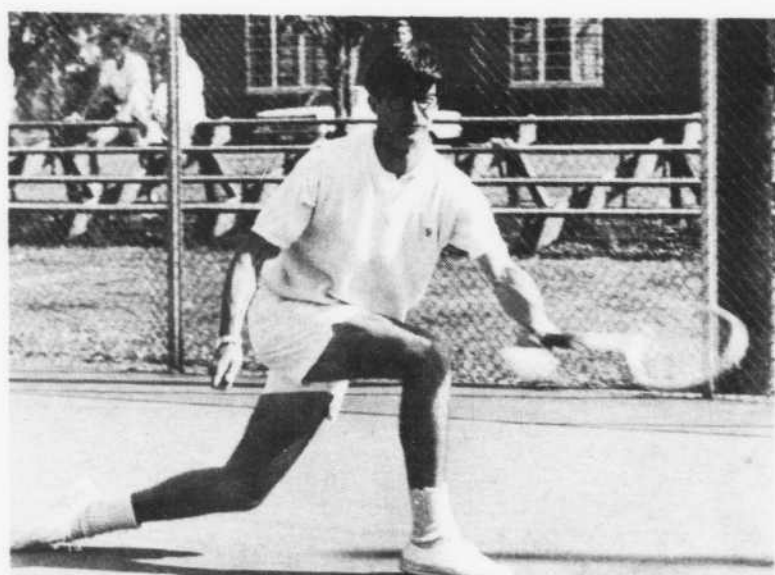
JEFF RILEY

In the race for individual honors, MTSU's Jeff Riley will have to turn in his best scorecard of the year to retain his Low Medalist crown. Murray's Ron Acree, Austin Peay's Jimmy Smith, Tech's Dee Bennett, and Riley's own teammates, Craig Stoudner and Ernie Adcock all have an excellent chance to cop the title.





BUTCH WRIGHT'S home run against Murray . . .

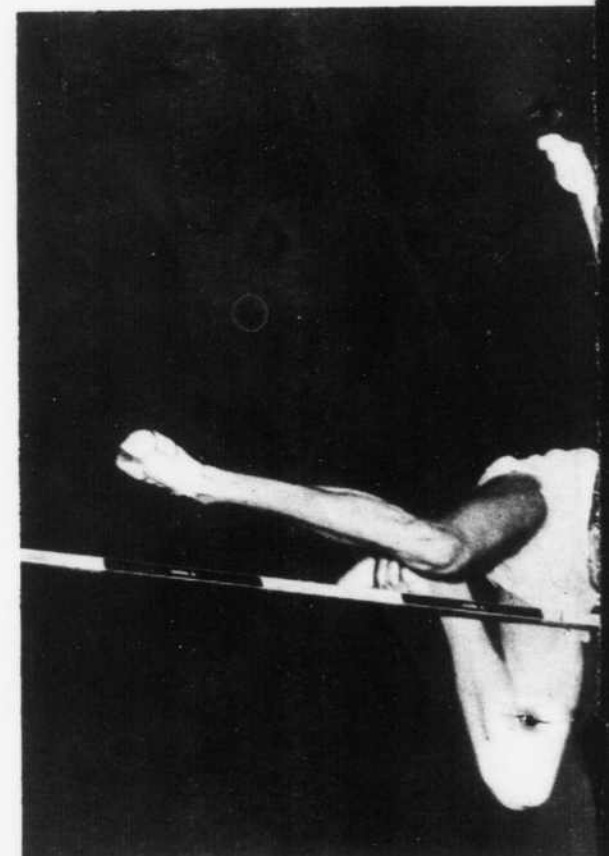


MIKE ALBANO'S smashing forehand . . .



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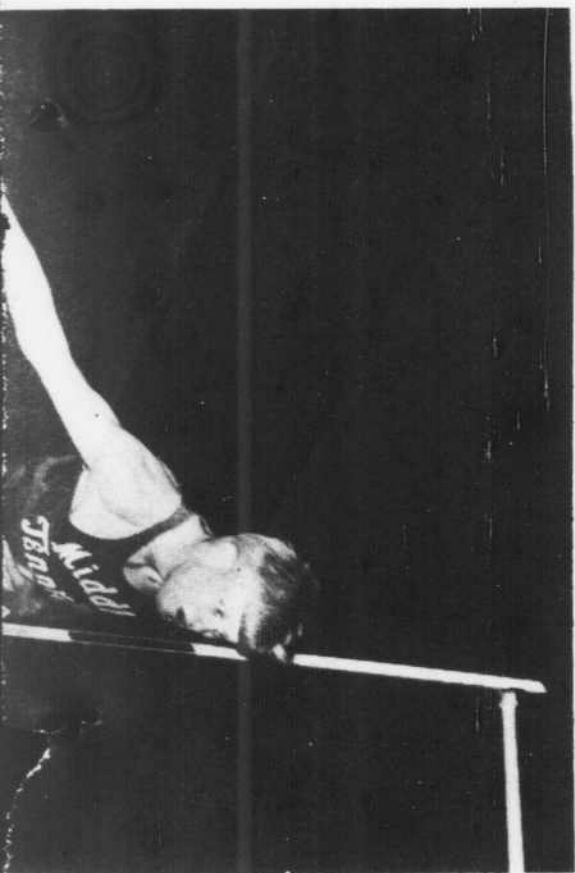
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track escapades . . .



ts with Bryce Hall . . .



JOHN PRICE laying one down . . .



THE BEAUTIFUL Spring weather . . .

**Photos by  
Lee Sadler**



THE CONVERTING of Vandy's tennis coach . . .



# TENNIS

by John Travaglio

## Bouldin's Record At MTSU Helm Is Impressive 60-22

Prior to this season, tennis master Buck Bouldin has posted 50 wins against 15 defeats in four years. The performances of his teams were phenomenal, but even more so when considering that in the four seasons before his takeover, the Raiders had scored wins in only four matches. Despite the fact that the records speak for

recruiting, with this year's team serving as a perfect example. The 1968 Racket Raiders represent five different states, ranging from Florida all the way to New York. In addition, Canadian Mike Hamman stands out as clear evidence of recruiting to the furthest degree.

Individual appraisal and development stands next on the list of coaching concepts, and here Mr. Bouldin combines his past history of personal success (three-year letterman and captain at Washington and Lee University) with a complete and daily surveillance of each member of his team. Difficulties in either strokes or court strategy are assessed, and Coach makes the necessary comments and adjustments to insure greater success for each individual player.

Lastly, and again well exemplified this year, is the Coach's rigorous schedules. Putting the team through its paces against annual OVC opponents is standard for all sports, but Coach Bouldin has incorporated into his scheduling a number of the finest tennis teams in the Southeast and the country. Most notably, this year's Raiders did battle with nationally ranked Mississippi State, Vanderbilt, the University of Florida, Rollins, the Orlando (Florida) Tennis Club, and the University of the South (Sewanee). Last year's team faced the Big Ten's Indiana, SEC's Kentucky, and Virginia and VMI.

Thus far, the team has added ten wins to Coach Bouldin's record, and seven hard-fought losses. Also, this year was the third consecutive Tennessee Intercollegiate Championship for MTSU. There can hardly be a more likely choice for this year's Ohio Valley "Coach of the Year" award.



COACH BOULDIN

the Coach in a formidable fashion, only those close to the Murfreesboro lawyer can appreciate his specialized process of victory.

Probably the first and foremost of Coach Bouldin's keys to team success is a program of player

### Raiders Edge Tech In TIAC

Coach Buck Bouldin's racket wielding Blue Raiders invaded the Tennessee Intercollegiate Championships last month in Chattanooga to defend their two previous seasons of Number One status. In a surprisingly close battle with Tennessee Tech, the white-clad warriors gave the Coach his third consecutive championship.

Scoring final-round victories in the first three singles brackets and first two doubles draws, the Raiders posted an impressive 30-point total over Tech's 29 and East Tennessee's 22. The total was only one point shy of equalling the record set by the Big Blue in their title last year at Sewanee.

Individual championship laurels went to: Captain John Prevost (Hollywood, Florida) at number one singles; Tom Magnier (Orlando, Florida) in the number two spot; Jim Seymour (Olney, Illinois) at three singles; Buffalo (N.Y.) junior Mike Albano and Indianapolis senior Steve Wakefield were hard-luck losers at the four and five singles positions, both falling by close scores in the final rounds of their divisions.

In the doubles, Prevost and Magnier humbled Tennessee Tech's Steve Lynn and Lester Brown 6-3, 6-2. Top seeded Jim Seymour and partner Mike Albano drubbed Tech's McMahon and Gary Burrus 6-2, 7-5.



1968 TENNIS TEAM—L. to R.: Mike Albano, Tom Magnier, John Prevost, Jim Seymour, Steve Wakefield, Charlie Backham, Mike Hamman.

## Middle Tennessee Could Easily Shake Up OVC Tennis Outlook

It's going to be another one of those years... the OVC tennis crown is up in the air again. Despite the fact that defending Murray is spending too much time winning lately, the Raiders are looking for their first conference championship in Johnson City next week. And the way things are stacked up to now, there may be more to the conference clash than just a few individual players mulling their separate ways into the finals without any difficulty.

Coach Buck Bouldin, courtmaster under the Blue and White banner for five years, can see no less than three other teams besides his own within snatching distance to the coveted OVC laurels. Looking more or less like a lineup of last year's top four teams, this season's biggest contenders will have to be more consistent than in the past if there's to be a minimum of tension for any one team. Defending Murray, already one up on the Raiders with a squeaky 7-2 victory up north last

month, looks pretty much like it should be the team to beat; but last year's two and three finishers, Western and Eastern Kentucky, can just as easily give Coach Bouldin's Blue as big a run as can the Racers.

The season past was a big disappointment for our Rackets in the grand finale Conference bid. With the OVC points system depriving the Raiders of their fair share in the overall tally, our three sin-

ered. And yet, the game of tennis itself can turn ugly just when the cards look like they'll be coming up right for a change.

A prime example of Fate's fickle hand was last week's upset loss at the hands of Tennessee Tech. Falling to the very same players from whose grips they had wrestled the TIAC title the week before, the Raiders dropped a 5-4 decision to the Eagles. With the deciding matches landed by Tech in more or less an unimpressive fashion, Coach Bouldin and his players can foresee Tech as no more than a dark-horse in the upcoming OVC contest. But the Eagles could prove to be one of the "spoiler" teams to drop one or more of the big four out of contention.

To date, the Blue are looking forward to repeating at finalist posts in the one and two singles positions. Most probably, the top gold in these vital spots should go to Raiders John Prevost and Tom Magnier. Mike Albano should repeat his championship at the number four slot, and Canadian Mike Hamman could conceivably have little trouble at number six. The rest might be a little more uncertain, but Coach Bouldin assures that plenty of familiar Raider faces will be in the final-round tussles. When the dust has finally settled, look for MTSU's first Conference Racket Crown.

### 1967 OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ft. Campbell, Ky.

1. Murray State	27
2. Western Kentucky	22
3. Eastern Kentucky	13
4. MIDDLE TENNESSEE	8
5. Tennessee Tech	4
East Tennessee	4
7. Austin Peay State	3
8. Morehead State	0

gles finalists were more than impressive. Captain John Prevost, leading the carbon-copy '68 version of last year's team, was the number one singles Runner-up; sophomore Tom Magnier and junior Mike Albano were also finalists. In addition, Canadian moptop Mike Hamman has already beaten the conference's top number six soloist, so there seems to be no way that our netters can be anything but solid contenders. And with TIAC doubles champs Prevost-Magnier, and Albano-Jim Seymour all possibilities should be cov-

### Tennis Captains

1960 Andre Duhaime
1961 Andre Duhaime
1962 Ronnie Guess
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1964 Jim Snapp
1965 John Prevost
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1967 John Prevost
Neil Wright
1968 John Prevost



JOHN PREVOST

### Tennis Results

9	Ball State	0
0	Mississippi State	9
1	Oral Roberts	8
2	Murray State	7
9	Eastn Illinois	0
1	Florida	8
6	Orlando Tennis	3
1	Rollins	5
8	Jacksonville	1
8	Sewanee	1
9	Vanderbilt	0
1st	Tenn. Intercollegiate	
8	Vanderbilt	1
9	Austin Peay	0
9	Daid Lipscomb	0
4	Tenn. Tech	5
9	East Tennessee	0
3	Western Ky.	6



# Barring More Injuries, MTSU Could Grab 3rd

Middle Tennessee finished fifth in the Ohio Valley Conference track meet at Ft. Campbell last year, but this year, despite injuries, they are eyeing a higher finish, possibly third place.

One wonders, what with injuries to such talented performers as Jerry Singleton, Lonnell Poole, Charlie Dahlgren, Don Jones, Mike Stevens, and Terry Scott, how MTSU could possibly aspire to as lofty a position as third place.

A quick check of the best recorded times and distances in the OVC this season will show that the Raiders are in better shape than one might believe.

## Hayes Builds Powerhouse In 3 Seasons

This spring, Coach Dean Hayes is completing his third season as head mentor for the MTSU track and field team. He enrolled at MTSU with a varied background in track. Prior to accepting his present post at MTSU, he was assistant coach at Lake Forest College in Illinois. The busy coach holds the B.A. degree from Northern Illinois University. He has past coaching experience in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and in the Illinois public school system.

Track was not available at his high school in Naperville, Illinois, but while on his college track team, he set school records in the triple jump, broad jump, 880, and 2-mile run.

Hayes is a member of the University of Chicago Track Club and the National Collegiate Track



COACH HAYES

Coaches Association. He worked in the Pan-American Games in 1959.

As shown by his past actions, Hayes has certainly proven he is turning MTSU's track team into a top competitor on the track. He has added a full indoor schedule and his outdoor campaign will pit his squad against some of the toughest competition in the nation.

Since coming to Middle Tennessee, his teams have won 13 dual or triangular meets while dropping only four. In the various Relays and big meets that his teams have entered, they have always represented MTSU well.

Every year since his arrival, coach Hayes has brought to MTSU some outstanding performer from the Chicago area. He brought Jerry Singleton with him when he came, he got Lonnell Poole last year, and this season, it was David Wyatt.

School records fall almost every time the track team competes. Since Hayes came in the fall of 1966, all school standards except four have been bettered. One left standing is the 42.3 mark in the 440 relay, and it has been tied.

Another reason not to discount the Big Blue is that most of the aches and pains are healing now, and Middle Tennessee could go to Johnson City at almost full strength. Of course, Don Jones, the defending OVC intermediate hurdles champ, is out for the season, and that will hurt.

Lets take a look at just how strong the Raiders have been so far this season, at least on paper.

In the 100 yard dash, Lonnell Poole (9.8) and David Wyatt (9.9) ranked second and third in the conference.

In the 220, Jerry Singleton is second with 21.6, Wyatt is third with 21.8 and Poole is fourth with 21.9.

Singleton leads the field in the 440 with 47.5. He is the two-time defending champion and is expected to repeat. Also in the 440, Terry Scott is third with 50.6, and Dennis Bandy is fourth with 50.7.

Charles Dahlgren and Howard Yates rank second and third in the 880 run with 1:56.1 and 1:56.2, respectively.

Dahlgren has the best time in the mile this year in the OVC, a swift 4:13.7. He is also a rated three-miler, having covered the distance in 15:49.3 for fourth place.

In the 120 high hurdles, Poole has the best time, 14.5. Both Poole and Wyatt are ranked in the 440 intermediate hurdles, Wyatt second at 54.0, Poole third at 55.0. Wyatt's time is three tenths of a second better than the OVC record.

In the relays, MTSU rates third in the 440 and first in the mile. Their 440 time is 42.3 and their mile time is 3:12.0.

Middle Tennessee figures to score fairly well in the field events also. Mike Stevens and Phil Gardner rank third and fourth in the high jump. Stan Sumrell is third in the long jump.

Sumrell and Terry Scott are both rated in the triple jump, while Stevens is placed second in the pole vault. In the discus, Jon Edwards and Ken Riley rank first and third, and Steve Colquitt is third in the javelin.

## Terry Scott Is Most Pleasant Surprise Of Eventful Season

Our MTSU track team acquired a new star this spring when Terry Scott, junior from Cleveland, Tennessee, decided to exhibit his

## Jerry Singleton Completes Third Year At MTSU

Jerry Singleton, a junior from Chicago, Illinois, is completing his third successful season in track at MTSU. Among his accomplishments while at MTSU have been setting a new school record in the 220-yard dash with a time of 21.6; he is the OVC record holder in the 440 yard dash with a time of :47.2 and the TIAC record of the 440 with a scamper of :47.3. He has recorded a 1:51.1 in the 880-yard run and :46.6 leg of the mile relay.

Singleton presently holds one of the nation's three best times in the 600 yard run with an unbelievable time of 1:10.9 and he, if no injuries are suffered, will undoubtedly represent Middle Tennessee in the Olympic trials.

These statistics are compiled and released by the OVC Commissioner's office.



1968 TRACK TEAM—First row, L. to R.: Bill Sharpe, Lonnell Poole, Mike Bailey, Mike Stevens, Phil Gardner, Don Jones, Steve Barrett, Pat Lynch, Pat Hughes, Dave Wyatt. Second row, L. to R.: Randall Brady, Dennis Bandy, Terry Scott, Steve Colquitt, Ken Riley, Charles Dahlgren, Stan Sumrell, Jerry Singleton, Jon Edwards, Howard Yates.

## Tracksters Close With 5-1 Dual Record, Score Well In Big Meets

On Thursday, March 21, MTSU opened its 1968 track and field campaign against Taylor University and were victorious, winning 13 first place finishes to oust

the Trojans 88-53 despite heavy rain. The Blue Raider victory was paced by Jerry Singleton, who won the 440-yard dash and anchored the 440 and mile relay teams; Charlie Dahlgren, who won the mile and three mile runs and Mike Stevens, victorious in the high jump and pole vault.

Due to injuries, the team was unable to compete in the March 23 Piedmont Relays at Greenville, S.C.

At the Kentucky Relays April 5-6 Singleton set a new Kentucky Relay record in the 660-yard run with a time of 1:17.0. Terry Scott set a new MTSU record in the triple jump with a mark of 46 feet, 9 1/4 inches. The Blue Raider mile relay team, consisting of Dennis Bandy, Scott, Singleton and David Wyatt, claimed third place in the contest, with a time of 3:13.8.

Stan Sumrell was fifth in the triple jump with a mark of 45-10. Another school record was set in the spring medley relay by the team consisting of Pat Hughes, Scott, Singleton and Wyatt with a time of 3:25.1.

Coach Dean Hayes' thinclads won 14 of 17 events at Cookeville on April 13, and belted Tennessee Tech, 87-56. Jerry Singleton finished first in the 220, 440, and anchored the winning 440 and mile relay teams while compiling a total of 12 1/2 points. The meet was very costly to the Raiders because their hurdler, Don Jones, who is the defending OVC champion in the intermediate hurdles, was struck in the head by a discus and was lost to the team for the remainder of his collegiate competition.

On April 16, MTSU compiled a

score of 101 1/2 points while battering David Lipscomb (50 pts.) and Fisk (25 1/2 pts.) in a triangular meet at Murfreesboro. Jerry Singleton tallied 10 1/2 points for individual high-scoring honors in the meet. Lonnell Poole bettered the existing MTSU 120-yard high hurdles record by two-tenths, of a second, while the Blue Raiders 440-yard relay team tied the present record with a jaunt of 42.3.

Against Vanderbilt on April 20, MTSU captured first places in 13 of 17 events while crushing the Commodores, 95-49. Lonnell Poole took individual honors with 11 points. Poole won the 220-yard dash, 120-yard high hurdles, and was a member on the winning 440-yard relay team.

On April 23 in Bowling Green, the powerful Western Kentucky Hilltoppers trounced MTSU by a score of 112-33. It turned out to be the Blue Raider's only loss of the season. A number of MTSU

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## Track Results

88	Taylor Univ.	53
87	Tenn. Tech	56
101 1/2	Lipscomb	50
	Fisk	25 1/2
95	Vanderbilt	49
33	Western	112
60	TIAC	
(2nd)		
103	Austin Peay	41



# The Future Is In Good Hands

Next season will find Middle Tennessee and the rest of the Ohio Valley Conference classified as major schools in the realm of spring sports and cross-country.

The OVC baseball champion will advance to the NCAA regional play-offs just as the basketball champ does now. The outstanding track performers will be competing in Knoxville next year against the likes of Tennessee, Villanova, Southern Cal, UCLA and Kansas. The golf teams may compete for the NCAA championship and so may the tennis teams. The OVC will also compete for the NCAA University Division title in cross-country.

With big-time spring athletics just a few months away, MTSU is in good shape personnel-wise. On the four spring sport teams there are a total of only 12 seniors. Baseball has the most, five. Secondbaseman Don Tarter, third-

sacker John Price, and pitchers Billy Walker, John Finney and Butch McGrath will depart.

Senior track men are Don Jones, Howard Yates and Mike Stevens. Craig Stoudner is the only senior on the golf team, while John Prevost, Jim Seymour and Steve Wakefield will depart in tennis.

With such outstanding performers as Jerry Singleton, Charlie Dahlgren, Lonnell Poole, Terry Scott and Stan Sumrell returning in track, the outlook is very bright there.

Chuck Machado, Greg Cunyng-ham, Brady Straub, Jackie Carver, Butch Wright and Tommy Eiselstein head an impressive array of baseball talent returning next season.

Tom Magner, Mike Albano and Mike Hammon return for at least one more year of tennis, while Ernie Adcock, Jeff Riley, Art Kraft and Clay Holloway will form the nucleus of the golf team.

## Balanced Attack...

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junior, became the winningest pitcher in M.T.S.U. baseball history. Prior to this season, Roger Hedrick had the best record with a 5-0 record posted in 1962. Cunningham posted a 6-0 record this season in pitching 44 innings, striking out 50 and allowing only eight earned runs to cross the plate. This made his ERA 1.64.

Chuck Machado, a junior south-paw from Kensington, Maryland, was another mound's corp stalwart posting a 4-1 record. Machado pitched 45 1/3 innings,

striking out 49 and allowing 15 earned runs to cross the plate making his ERA 2.98.

Billy Walker, a Shelbyville senior, came back to baseball after laying off for two years. Walker played baseball his freshman year also. He posted a 4-1 record, pitching 27 2/3 innings, striking out 30 and allowing only six earned runs to score. His ERA was 1.95. It might also be noted that Walker had the second highest batting average on the team as he had a .333 average.

Butch McGrath, Nashville senior had a disappointing year as he posted a 2-3 record. He pitched 29 1/3 innings and posted a 3.37 ERA, striking out 27 enemy batters. Gary Chrisman, primarily a relief pitcher, posted a 0-1 record with seven strikeouts and an ERA of 6.43.

The Raiders should have a strong team again next year as they will only lose two infielders, Price and Tarter, and three pitchers, Walker, McGrath, and Finney. It looks like next year, the sore spot is going to be the pitching staff. However, those pitchers coming back will make up a fine nucleus to build around.

# Titles...

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is concerned, Western Kentucky looks like a winner if they perform up to expectations this weekend. The 'Toppers took second in the football standings, third in the basketball, and are favored in both tennis and track, with a good chance at golf, also. Only in baseball will they finish in the second division.

With wins in golf and baseball, and strong showings in track and tennis, MTSU could come in second, as they did last year.

## New Look...

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the tournament directors in the university division.

Other sports to be affected by the new ruling are baseball, track and field, and tennis. This year will be the last time that the baseball team will be able to participate in the baseball tournament in Jackson. This tournament is a small college division affair. The track and field team will be competing against more major college teams than ever before.

As for basketball, Coach Trickey said, "as it stands now, the winner of the OVC title enters the Mid-Eastern Regionals of the NCAA semi-finals." Trickey also said that there would be no increase in the number of scholarships awarded to athletes. Presently the number stands at twenty.

Coach Trickey also released the news that Booker Brown had been signed as a third round draft choice of the Louisville Colonels. Brown still has two years of eligibility left which he will use before joining the play-for-pay boys.

## Progress Of MTSU Track Records Under Hayes

	Before Hayes (1965 Records)	After Hayes (Present Records)
100 yd. dash	:09.7	:09.7*
220 yd. dash	:21.9	:21.6
440 yd. dash	:48.1	:47.2
880 yd. run	1:55.9	1:52.6
One Mile Run	4:22.8	4:12.5
Three Mile Run	1st Season	14:41.8
120 yd. H.H.	:14.8	:14.6
440 yd. Int. H.	:54.8	:53.9
440 yd. relay	:42.3	:42.3*
Mile Relay	3:17.6	3:12
Triple Jump	44'-7 1/2"	47'-3 1/4"
Pole Vault	13'-3 3/4"	14'-9"
Long Jump	23'-4 3/4"	23'-4 3/4"
Javelin Throw	183'-2"	183'-2"
High Jump	6'-3 3/4"	6'5"
Discus Throw	157'-9 1/2"	166'-5"
Shot Put	57'-10 1/2"	59'-2"

\*Tied Record

## OVC Track & Field Records

(Track and Field Records can only be set at the Annual OVC Championship Meet)

Event	Participant	School	Year	Place	Time-Dist.
100-Yard Dash	*Tommy Gray	Morehead	1965	Morehead	:09.4
	Jim Freeman	Murray	1965	Morehead	:09.4
	Jim Freeman	Murray	1966	Richmond	:09.4
	Jim Freeman	Murray	1966	Richmond	:20.8
220-Yard Dash	Jerry Singleton	Middle Tenn.	1967	Ft. Campbell, Ky.	:47.2
440-Yard Dash	Dan Needy	Murray	1965	Morehead	1:50.2
(2-Turns)	Larry Whalen	Eastern Ky.	1966	Richmond	4:11.7
880-Yard Run	Grant Colehour	Eastern Ky.	1967	Ft. Campbell, Ky.	14:30.0
One-Mile Run					
Three-Mile Run					
120-Yard High Hurdles	Jerry Betts	Morehead	1965	Morehead	:14.1
440-Yard Inter. Hurdles	Don Jones	Middle Tenn.	1967	Ft. Campbell, Ky.	54.3
440-Yard Relay	Eddie Coleman, Henry Wadsworth, Roger Naylor, Roy Turner, Mel Clark, Butch Holden, Roy Turner, Fran Smith, Henry Jackson	Western Ky.	1966	Richmond	3:12.0
Mile Relay					
Triple Jump	Henry Jackson	Western Ky.	1967	Ft. Campbell, Ky.	.49-1
Pole Vault	Wadsworth	Western Ky.	1965	Morehead	15-6
Long Jump	Henry Jackson	Western Ky.	1967	Ft. Campbell, Ky.	24-9 1/2
Javelin Throw	Risto				
High Jump	Alavuotunki	Austin Peay	1965	Morehead	234-10
Discus Throw	Augie Schiller	Murray	1965	Morehead	6-10
Shot Put	Bob Stoltman	Western Ky.	1967	Ft. Campbell, Ky.	172-6
	John Toye	Western Ky.	1967	Ft. Campbell, Ky.	54-7 3/4

\*Heat Trial

## Track...

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thinlies were injured and were not able to compete against Western.

At the Tennessee Intercollegiate meet held in Johnson City, MTSU proved to be a contender against the powerful University of Tennessee Vol track team. The Orangemen scored 76 points against the Raiders' 60. Both teams were tied at 56-56 with four events remaining. Tennessee swept first and second places in the 220-yard dash and received 10 points for their efforts. They never relinquished that lead. East Tennessee and Tennessee A&I had withdrawn their dash men to save strength for the mile relay and Raider Jerry Singleton was unable to run.

Blue Raider Terry Scott set a new record in the triple jump with a leap of 47 feet, 3 1/4 inches and Lonnell Poole broke his old mark of 14.6 in the high hurdles with a new time of 14.5. Other first place winners were Jerry Singleton in the 440, David Wyatt in the intermediate hurdles, and Charlie Dahlgren in the mile run.

In the final dual meet of the season, the Raider trackmen blasted Austin Peay 103-41, winning 14 of 17 events. Chattanooga sophomore Stan Sumrell racked up a total of 20, winning the triple and long jump, placing second in the 100-yard dash, second in the 120-yard high hurdles, second in the javelin throw, and placing third in the 440-yard low hurdles. David Wyatt was runner-up in the scoring with 12 1/2 points.

This completes another successful outdoor track season for Raider thinclads and their coach, Dean "Dino" Hayes. His overall three year record in dual competition stands at 13 wins, 5 losses.

On May 17-18, the OVC championship Track Meet will be held at Johnson City, Tenn., and on May 25, the Commanding General's track meet will be held at Ft. Campbell, Ky. The NCAA Track Championships will be held at Berkeley, Calif., June 13-15.

## Ain't This The End!

