



Lady Vol Legends Monthly Newsletter



September 2008



Lady Vols helped dedicate the new Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatic Center on August 16, 2008.

NOTEWORTHY NEWS IN LADY VOL ATHLETICS!

Basketball

During July, the Lady Vols were honored with three ESPY awards in Los Angeles, California. Coach Pat Summitt took home the Best Coach/ Manager award, while Candace Parker was honored with the Best Female Athlete and the Best Female Collegiate Athlete Awards. The Lady Vols were also nominated for the Best Team Award but lost to NBA Champions, the Boston Celtics. Three former Lady Vols brought home a gold medal from the Beijing Olympics. Candace Parker, Kara Lawson, and Tamika Catchings helped team USA with a victory over Australia 92-65 in the championship game.

A pair of incoming freshman also brought home gold medals to the US. Shekinna Stricklen (Morrilton, Ark.) and Alyssia Brewer (Sapulpa, Okla.) competed on the 2008 USA Women's U18 National Team and helped them to a 1st place finish in the FIBA Americas U18 Championship for Women in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Cross Country

The Lady Vol Cross Country team kicked off their season with a 2nd place finish at the Belmont Opener in Nashville, Tennessee on September 5th. Freshman Chanelle Price made her collegiate debut in the meet and finished as Tennessee's top runner in 8th place. Three other Lady Vols that had a strong race as well were junior Phoebe Wright who finished in 12th place, senior Rolanda Bell in 14th place, and sophomore Brittany Sheffey who finished in 15th place. The cross country team will race again on Friday, September 19th as they host the Tennessee Invitational at the Lambert Acres Golf Club in Maryville, Tennessee.

Golf

The Lady Vol golf program welcomed a new assistant coach over the summer. Andrew Pratt replaces former Lady Vol coach Carrie Cole, who took the head women's golf coaching position at the University of Texas at San Antonio in July. Pratt graduated from the University of Tennessee in 2004 and was a four-year member of the UT men's golf team. Welcome Andrew!

Incoming freshman Nathalie Mansson finished tied for 40th at the Scandinavian TPC, a Ladies European Tour event hosted by Annika Sorenstam at Frosaker Golf & Country Club in Sweden. Mansson, of Stockholm, finished with a 3-over, 75 on the final day of play to finish with a 54-hole total of 217 (+1). Mansson will join her team in starting off their season at the Cougar Classic in Charleston, South Carolina on September 14- 16.

Rowing

The Lady Vol rowing team also welcomed a new coach to their staff. Jake Hatch joins the Lady Vol family from the University of Purdue. He will be in charge of the Tennessee novice program; taking charge of the recruitment, training and retention of student-athletes with little or no rowing experience. Welcome Jake!

The Rowing team is gearing up for the start of fall season with their first race on October 11th at the Chattanooga Head Race in Chattanooga, Tennessee and then head off to the Head of the Charles in Boston, Massachusetts on October 18th and 19th.

Soccer

Rising senior Kylee Rossi, who was named a preseason All-American, helped the Lady Vols kick off their season with a 5-0 victory over in-state rival Chattanooga on August 22nd. The Lady Vols then headed off to College Station, Texas to take on Indiana and No. 2 North Carolina. Despite a strong performance, the Lady Vols lost to the Hoosiers 2-0 and then fell to North Carolina 1-0.

They returned to Knoxville to open play at the First Tennessee Lady Vol Classic. The Orange and White took on No. 13 West Virginia in the first match up. After playing to a scoreless tie through the first 80 minutes of the contest, West Virginia scored the first and only goal of the night. But the Lady Vols came back in the Sunday match with No. 15 Illinois and defeated them 1-0. Senior Jaimel Johnson needed just two saves against the Illini to record her second shutout of the season and the 17th of her career. The Lady Vols finished the tournament tying Illinois for 2nd place with a 1-1 record. Senior Alissa VonderHarr, junior Mick Ingram, and sophomore Julie Edwards all represented Tennessee on the All Tournament Team. The Lady Vols are now heading off to California to take on Pepperdine and UC Santa Barbara before returning to Knoxville to play Western Carolina and then begin SEC conference play.

Softball

This July, Ashton Ward, Jen Lapicki, Lillian Hammond and Nicole Kajitani participated in the 23-Under Amateur Softball Association National Championship in Auburn, Alabama. They helped lead their team, the Virginia Legends, to its third consecutive national title. Ward delivered a perfect 2-0 record during the event, while Lapicki was 3- for- 4 from the plate and also hit a homerun in the championship contest. Both Lapicki and Ward were named 23-U-All Americans.

Former Lady Vol Monica Abbott helped Team USA make an impact at the Olympic Games in Beijing. She made her Olympic debut in USA's match up against Venezuela. She came in as the relief pitcher and pitched a scoreless 1-2-3 fifth inning to win 11-0. She would earn her first Olympic win over Japan by pitching five complete innings, allowing just one hit in the 7-0 victory. She fired the first perfect game in Olympic history for a U.S. pitcher against the Netherlands for her second Olympic triumph. Team USA eventually lost the gold medal game against Japan, earning Monica a Olympic silver medal. She led the American pitching staff with a 3-0 record and 24 innings pitched.

Swimming and Diving

The Lady Vols moved to a new home as they helped dedicate the new Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatic Center on August 16th. The new facility features an eight-lane 50-meter by 25 yard pool and a separate competition diving well with five platforms of varying heights from one to ten meters. It also includes seating for 1,800 spectators.

Former Lady Vol Christine Magnuson had a stellar performance at the Olympic Games. She took home the silver medal in the 100-meter butterfly posting a time of 57.10. Her clocking of 57.08 in the prelim set an American record. She captured her 2nd silver medal with the 4x100 medley relay team that also set an American record (3:53.30).

Tennis

A pair of Lady Vol tennis players will start the season ranked among the best. Caitlin Whoriskey was placed as No. 37 in singles players and the doubles team of Whoriskey and Maria Sorbello will start rated at No. 33 in the preseason Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) rankings. They and the rest of the tennis team will begin their fall schedule September 19-21 at the University of Virginia Invitational in Charlottesville, Virginia and will then travel to the Furman Fall Classic on September 27-30 in Greenville, South Carolina.

Track and Field

Pauline Davis-Thompson, a former volunteer assistant coach, was hired as an assistant coach with duties primarily associated with sprinters. She is an Olympic gold medalist from the Bahamas who ran track at the University of Alabama.

Former Lady Vol DeeDee Trotter competed in her 2nd Olympic Games in 2008. She advanced to the semi-finals of the 400 meter dash with a run of 51.41 seconds. She failed to advance to the finals due to problems with her knee. Head Coach J.J. Clark was in Beijing as well. He assisted with the US Track and Field team.

Volleyball

Volleyball opened its 2008 campaign at the Marquette Kick-Off Classic. The Lady Vols faced in-state rival Chattanooga in their opening match and were victorious, sweeping the Lady Mocs 3-0. The Orange and White were successful in its next match as well, beating the University of Houston in a thrilling five-sets. UT then played host Marquette and claimed the tournament title with a four-set triumph. Four Lady Vols earned spots on the all-tournament team as sophomore Nikki Fowler was named Most Valuable Player, while senior Milan Clarke and juniors Chloe Goldman and Kylie Marshall were named to the team as well. Due to her impressive performance at the Marquette Kick-Off Classic, Fowler was also named the SEC Offensive Player of the Week after notching 41 kills during the weekend.

The Lady Vols then faced a tough weekend at the Pioneer Classic in Denver, Colorado. They dropped their first match to the University of Iowa in four-sets. In their second contest of the tournament, Clarke's career high 19 kills was not enough to hold off Virginia as UT fell once again in a tough five-setter. Junior Farren Powe also had a great performance in the contest with 11 kills and seven blocks. Tennessee closed out the tournament with another loss to host Denver.

The Orange and White got back on track this weekend, christening its new home court at Thompson-Boling Arena with a pair of wins at the Comcast Lady Vol Classic in Knoxville to improve its overall record to 5-4 on the season. The Lady Volunteers recorded victories over both Gardner-Webb and Dayton, sandwiched around a hard-fought, five-set loss to No. 17 Illinois. Fowler was the lone UT representative on the all-tournament team after recording a team-high 49 kills and 131 attacks during the competition, including double-doubles against the Fighting Illini and the Flyers. Goldman also played well, tallying a tournament-high 71 digs, including a season-best 36 in a five-set victory over Dayton. That total marked the fourth-highest single-match total in school

history and was just six off the UT standard set of 42 set by Amy Morris at Notre Dame on Nov. 26, 2005.

The Big Orange will look to open the SEC portion of its schedule on a positive note this weekend when it welcomes Mississippi State and Alabama to Rocky Top. Tennessee will host the Bulldogs at 7 p.m. on Fri., Sept. 19 in Thompson-Boling Arena before the Crimson Tide comes to town at 1:30 p.m. two days later.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

- The golf team will host it's first-ever team reunion on Saturday, October 11th. All former Lady Vol golfers are invited to attend. Contact Andrea Piercy for more information.
- The 2008 National Championship Basketball banner raising will be on Saturday, November 15th as the Lady Vol Basketball team takes on San Francisco at 1 pm.
- Visiting Knoxville? Are the Lady Vols visiting your hometown? Let us know!! We would love to help you come out and support the Lady Vols! Call us at 974-1218.
- Don't miss the **21st Annual Salute to Excellence** on **Friday, January 16, 2009** at the Knoxville Convention Center. This black tie and tennis shoes event benefits the Lady Vol Scholarship Fund. The evening begins with a 200 item silent auction and cocktail reception; guests are then served dinner and treated to a short program. A fantastic live auction follows the program and the evening wraps up with entertainment provided by one of Knoxville's favorite local bands. Tickets are \$150 per guest and all proceeds go directly to the Lady Vol Scholarship Fund, which helps to bring the best student-athletes from throughout the country to UT. There are also co-host opportunities and corporate sponsorships available, for those interested. If you are interested in attending this event please call the Lady Vol Development office at 865-974-5197 and we will add your name to the list!
- Place your order now for the new book, *In the Footsteps of Champions: The University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers, the First Three Decades*. It invites readers to experience the journey of women's intercollegiate athletics from the beginning to the present day. While the record-setting basketball dynasty of Coach Pat Summitt and the regional and national successes of ten other sports teams create fascinating stories in themselves, the saga of the Lady Volunteers actually began as early as 1893 when the first women enrolled as students at the University of Tennessee.

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