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RALPH WEEKLY

CO-HEAD COACH, 18TH SEASON AT TENNESSEE

2011 NFCA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

32nd SEASON AS A HEAD COACH

CAREER RECORD: 1,351-440-2

CAREER RECORD AT UT: 850-259-2

At 1,303 career victories through 31 years as a collegiate head coach, Ralph Weekly continues to set the standard for success that his teams have championed through the years. The 2011 NFCA Hall of Fame inductee completed his 16th season as Tennessee's co-head coach in 2017.

The National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) honored his efforts throughout a distinguished, three-decade career that has spanned from his time in the U.S. Air Force through stops at Pacific Lutheran, Chattanooga and now Tennessee, with a 2011 induction into the NFCA Hall of Fame. Voted in by his coaching peers and with the organization consisting of just 49 previous inclusions, Weekly joined Ithaca Head Coach Deb Pallozzi in ceremonies at the annual NFCA Convention in Las Vegas, Nev., in Dec. of 2011.

Looking at his career from just a Tennessee standpoint, the honor would certainly appear well deserved. During their first 16 seasons at the University of Tennessee, Weekly and his wife, Karen, have transformed the Vols from a program searching for an identity into a formidable Southeastern Conference and national contender.

Taking over the reins at UT following a 24-35 campaign in 2001, the Weeklys have long since improved the Orange & White's fortunes. They guided the Vols through a three-year span from 2005-07 that saw the Big Orange top the 60-win plateau all three times and post both a runner-up finish (2007) and consecutive third-place national finishes at the Women's College World Series (2005, 2006). Tennessee enjoyed another impressive six-year stretch that featured four trips to the WCWS (2010, 2012, 2013, 2015) with another national runner-up finish (2013). Under the Weeklys' direction, UT has been to seven Women's College World Series in the last 13 years (2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015) and made 14 NCAA Regional and nine NCAA Super Regional appearances.

The Lady Vols continued their streak of postseason appearances in 2017, reaching the NCAA Tournament for the 14th straight year after a third-place finish in the SEC for the second season in a row. UT's impressive regular season, which included a 20-game win streak, earned it the No. 8 national seed, marking the sixth time in program history that the Vols were a top-eight seed. The Big Orange went 3-0 in the Knoxville Regional to advance to the NCAA Super Regionals for the fifth time in six years and the ninth time overall. Tennessee's season ended one victory short of a trip to Oklahoma City as the Vols were defeated by Texas A&M in the Super Regionals, two games to one.

The 2017 season was full of milestone victories for Weekly,

CAREER RECORD

Season	School	W-L-T	Pct.
1986	Pacific Lutheran	25-6	.806
1987	Pacific Lutheran	29-11	.725
1988	Pacific Lutheran	39-6	.867
1989	Pacific Lutheran	33-13	.717
1990	Pacific Lutheran	40-8	.833
1991	Pacific Lutheran	36-8	.818
1992	Pacific Lutheran	34-13	.723
1993	Pacific Lutheran	35-9	.795
1994	Pacific Lutheran	39-19	.672
1995	Chattanooga	29-21	.580
1996	Chattanooga	34-15	.694
1997	Chattanooga*	32-19	.627
1998	Chattanooga*	47-15	.758
2001	Chattanooga*	49-18	.731
2002	Tennessee*	35-25-1	.582
2003	Tennessee*	45-25	.643
2004	Tennessee*	55-16	.775
2005	Tennessee*	67-15	.817
2006	Tennessee*	61-12	.836
2007	Tennessee*	63-8	.887
2008	Tennessee*	50-16	.758
2009	Tennessee*	40-18-1	.686
2010	Tennessee*	49-15	.766
2011	Tennessee*	49-12	.803
2012	Tennessee*	52-14	.788
2013	Tennessee*	52-12	.813
2014	Tennessee*	46-12	.793
2015	Tennessee*	47-17	.734
2016	Tennessee*	43-16	.729
2017	Tennessee*	48-12	.800
2018	Tennessee*	48-14	.774

Totals: 1,351-440-2 (.754)

***Co-Head Coach with Karen Weekly**

School	Record	Pct.
Pacific Lutheran (9 years)	310-93	(.769)
Chattanooga (5 years)	191-88	(.685)
Tennessee (17 years)	850-259-2	(.765)
Totals: (31 years)	1,351-440-2	(.754)

as he moved into sole possession of fourth place on the NCAA Division I all-time wins list with a 6-1 victory over NC State on April 2, passing longtime Louisiana-Lafayette and LSU head coach Yvette Girouard with his 1,286th career win. Weekly also became just the fourth coach in Division I history to reach the 1,300-win mark with a 5-0 victory over Longwood in UT's opening game of the NCAA Tournament on May 19.

Weekly helped coach junior shortstop Meghan Gregg to an historic season in 2017. Gregg broke the UT single-season RBI record with 79 and became the fifth player in program history to earn SEC Player of the Year honors. The Georgia native was also a top-three finalist for the USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year award, just the fourth Volunteer to earn that distinction.



Under Weekly's watch, Tennessee advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the 13th consecutive season and 14th time overall in program history in 2016, earning the No. 13 national seed. The Vols finished in a tie for third in the SEC regular-season standings thanks in large part to a high-powered offense that ranked among the national leaders in runs per game, batting average, on-base percentage, slugging percentage and triples. UT's 426 runs scored were the most since the 2006 team scored 437. UT also set a new program record with a .446 on-base percentage and blasted 57 home runs, marking the fourth straight year eclipsing the 50-homer plateau.

The Vols were nearly unbeatable at home, posting the top home record in the country during the regular season at 22-1. They finished the season 24-3 at Sherri Parker Lee Stadium with 16 of those wins coming via run rule. Senior pitcher/utility player Rainey Gaffin was named an NFCA All-American for the second straight season, becoming the 10th player in program history to earn All-America status multiple times. Tennessee tied a program record with five players earning NFCA All-Southeast Region honors (Gaffin, Meghan Gregg, Megan Geer, Lexi Overstreet, Brooke Vines). UT also had five players earn SEC postseason recognition as Gregg was an All-SEC first-team pick, Gaffin earned second-team honors, and Matty Moss, Aubrey Leach and Vines garnered All-Freshman team accolades.

Tennessee powered its way to its seventh Women's College World Series appearance in 2015. The team smashed a program-record 100 home runs with five players hitting 10 home runs or more. Fueled by power hitting and a balanced pitching staff, UT went 47-17 and made an impressive late-season run that included a runner-up finish in the 2015 SEC Tournament and a 5-1 record in NCAA Regionals and Super Regionals to punch its ticket to Oklahoma City. Rainey Gaffin became Tennessee's 14th NFCA All-American (31st selection) and Erin Gabriel became UT's 13th Academic All-American (23rd selection). Ralph Weekly became the ninth head coach to reach 1,200 wins when Tennessee crushed Mississippi State, 16-8 (6), on April 19.

The Vols enjoyed another strong season in 2014 with a roster comprised of accomplished seniors and a slew of young rising stars. UT went 46-12 in 2014 and made its seventh trip to the NCAA Super Regionals. Tennessee went 17-7 in SEC play to finish second in the conference in the regular season.

Senior Madison Shipman was named the Honda Sports Award Winner for Softball and capped off her Tennessee career with a banner senior season, earning SEC Player of the Year, NFCA Division I All-America first-team honors and Capital One Academic All-America first-team accolades. Shipman also became the first Tennessee student-athlete in any sport to win the prestigious Senior CLASS Award. Ellen Renfro shouldered the load as the team's ace in the circle and concluded her storied Tennessee career with another impressive season. Renfro was named the Capital One Academic All-American of the Year and also



earned NFCA All-Southeast Region and Second Team All-SEC honors while posting some of UT's greatest career pitching numbers since Monica Abbott. Annie Aldrete broke onto the scene as a freshman sensation, earning NFCA Division I All-America second-team honors and co-winning the inaugural NFCA Division I National Freshman of the Year trophy. Senior Melissa Davin enjoyed her finest season as a Vol, hitting 14 homers, earning First Team All-SEC honors and NFCA Division I All-Southeast Region second-team honors.

The Tennessee softball team's 2013 season was truly one for the ages. The national runner-up Volunteers can be proud of a long list of individual, team and program accomplishments that highlighted one of the finest seasons in Tennessee history.

The team finished the year at 52-12, marking the eighth season with 50 or more wins in program history. The Vols made their sixth appearance in the Women's College World Series, all of which came in the last nine years (2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2012, 2013), and their second appearance in the Championship Series (2007, 2013). Tennessee went 16-6 in SEC play, finishing with the second-best regular-season record in the conference.

The Vols finished the season as the national runner-up and were ranked at No. 5 in the final regular season USA Today/NFCA Coaches Poll and the ESPN.com/USA Softball Poll.

Seniors Raven Chavanne and Lauren Gibson and junior Madison Shipman were all named to the 2013 NFCA Division I All-American first team. UT has had at least one NFCA All-American in 13 consecutive years (2004-16) with multiple All-Americans in eight of those years (2006, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014). The Tennessee coaching staff was named the 2013 NFCA Southeast Region Staff of the Year.

In an outstanding 2012 season, Tennessee made its fifth trip in eight years to the Women's College World Series. After a strong regular season which featured a 19-game winning streak into the SEC Tournament, The Vols hosted both the NCAA Regionals and the NCAA Super Regionals

and thanks to a loaded lineup and a stellar pitching duo of sisters Ivy Renfroe and Ellen Renfroe, UT punched its ticket to Oklahoma City once again.

The 2012 squad boasted four Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-Americans in first-team picks Lauren Gibson and Ellen Renfroe and second-team selections Raven Chavanne and Madison Shipman. Chavanne became just the third Vol to earn three All-American nods and she was also a top-10 finalist for the USA Softball National Collegiate Player of the Year for the second straight season.

In 2012, Tennessee featured the top defense in the nation -- a group that lead all NCAA Division I schools with a .982 fielding percentage. UT pitchers also combined for the 11th-best ERA in the country (1.58) and the team's winning percentage ranked eighth.

Starting off the 2011 season with a preseason rating of No. 4 in the USA Today/NFCA Coaches poll, boasting 13 returning letter-winners from the '10 WCWS squad and bringing in the ESPN/Rise No. 1-rated recruiting class, Weekly helped guide the Vols to a 49-12 overall record, the program's second SEC Tournament crown and an eighth consecutive berth to NCAA Regionals. The 2011 Tennessee squad set a new program record for single-season HR's with a staggering 69 to crush the previous high of 52 that was set back in 1996 and equaled in both 2002 & 2005. The Big Orange also led all of NCAA Division I in hitting with a .348 team batting average, was seventh in the country in scoring at 6.87 runs per game and 11th in fielding percentage (.974).

While the UT squad ultimately fell in the title round of the 2011 Knoxville Regional, a site that many experts deemed the toughest in the country, to eventual WCWS team Oklahoma State, Tennessee still boasted numerous accolades. Weekly picked up his incredible 1,000th career victory on April 10 with a 9-0 (5 inn.) win at Ole

Miss. Sophomores Lauren Gibson (.420 avg., eight HR's, 63 RBI's) and Raven Chavanne (.455 avg., 32 RBI's, 33 stolen bases) as well as freshman Ellen Renfroe (26-7 record, 1.50 ERA, 259 K's in 201 innings) reaped Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-American honors, while Chavanne was also selected as a Capital One Academic All-American. Sophomore Kat Dotson (.401 avg., 10 HR's, 64 RBI's) joined that trio in receiving a Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-Southeast Region selection, and Renfroe was tabbed as the SEC Freshman of the Year. Chavanne ended the year as the SEC's batting average champion counting all contests at .455 while Gibson won the SEC batting title counting league match-ups only at .451. Ellen Renfroe was the SEC ERA champion counting just league contests with a 1.42 ERA.

Following the season Chavanne, Dotson, Gibson and Kelly Grieve (.376 avg., 37 RBI's, 21 stolen bases) were each invited to try out for the 2011 USA Softball Women's Senior National Team, although Dotson was forced to withdraw prior to the selection camp because of an injury. By being chosen to the final team, Gibson and Grieve became the second and third Vols all-time (Monica Abbott) to join the prestigious squad.

The 2010 slate proved a magical ride for an incredibly young squad made up of 19 players, including a total of 15 freshmen and sophomores. The Vols registered a 49-15 overall record (making it eight straight 40+ win seasons) and truly peaked at the right time, rolling through their first seven games of the NCAA Tournament on the way to the program's fourth WCWS berth and another third place national finish. Along the way in NCAA action, Tennessee swept Ball State, Virginia and Louisville during the Knoxville Regional, ended No. 2 Michigan's two-year, 36-game home winning streak by sweeping two consecutive contests in the NCAA Ann Arbor Super Regionals and opened the WCWS with consecutive victories over No. 3 Arizona (9-0, 5 inn.) and No. 9 Georgia (7-5) before being



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Women's National Team Selection Committee

Chosen in Nov. 2009 to serve from 2010-2012 on a five-member committee to select the U.S. Women's National Teams



Coach/Women's National Teams Director

Won 13 total gold medals with overall record of 130-15 (.897) as coach

Men's National Team Director

Served in this capacity from 1999-2001

Hitting Coach/Team Leader--U.S. National Team (2000 Olympics-Sydney, Australia)

Was part of the second consecutive gold medal-winning U.S. National Team

Hitting Coach/Third Base Coach--U.S. National Team (1996 Olympics-Atlanta, Georgia)

Was part of the gold medal-winning U.S. National Team

Coach

Pan Am Games Qualifier Team (1994) -- Gold medalists

Assistant Coach

(All gold medalists) 1994 World Games, 1995 Pan Am Games, 1996 South Pacific Classic, 1997 Canada Cup, 1999 Pan Am Games, 1999 America Cup, 2000 European Championship and the 2001 Hawaii Cup

eliminated by the Wildcats just one win from a berth in the best-of-three championship series.

The youthful 2010 squad was guided by a quartet of upperclassmen, including senior catcher Tiffany Huff (NFCA All-South Region choice, .312 avg., seven HR's, 45 RBIs), first baseman Erinn Webb (.318 NCAA Tourney avg., nine total HR's, 34 RBIs) and designated player Nicole Kajitani (three doubles, three HR's, 22 RBIs) as well as junior center field speedster Kelly Grieve (.373 avg., 12 doubles, 30 RBIs, 26 thefts). The team was bolstered, however, by a myriad of high-profile freshmen including Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-American outfielders Raven Chavanne (.455 avg., 64 runs, 95 hits, 26 RBIs, 37 steals) and Kat Dotson (SEC First-Team selection and Co-Freshman of the Year, .391 avg. 54 runs, 66 hits, 37 RBIs, 29 thefts), NFCA All-Southeast Region choices -- pitcher Ivy Renfro (31-6 record, 2.41 ERA, 15 complete games, 235 K's in 232.1 IP) and third baseman Jessica Spigner (.350 avg., 14 doubles, eight HR's, 58 RBIs) and SEC All-Freshman second baseman Lauren Gibson (.297 avg., eight doubles, six HR's, 39 RBIs).

During the 2009 season, Tennessee continued its seven-year string of 40+ win campaigns by putting up a 40-18-1 overall record. Once again the Big Orange earned a berth into the NCAA Tournament, the program's sixth straight, falling in the NCAA Regionals. Led by the offensive production of Second Team Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-American Huff (.399 avg., 13 doubles, eight HR's

and 67 RBIs), freshman All-Southeast region selection Spigner (UT freshman record 14 HR's) and sophomore All-Southeast Region choice Grieve (.393 avg., 79 hits, 39 stolen bases) as well as 28 victories in the circle from rookie right-hander Cat Hosfield, UT downed such foes as No. 21 Massachusetts, No. 6 Oklahoma, No. 18 LSU and No. 8 Georgia during the year.

The 2008 campaign was a success as the Weeklys guided the Big Orange to a fifth consecutive 50-win season at 50-16 overall and a fifth straight berth into the NCAA Tournament Field of 64. UT advanced to the championship game of its home-hosted NCAA Regional but dropped a 4-2 decision to eventual WCWS-participant Virginia Tech.

Under their tutelage, senior third baseman Tonya Callahan (.465 avg., 62 RBIs) broke the school record for single-season home runs with 16 in 2008 on the way to being chosen as Tennessee's second consecutive SEC Player of the Year and a finalist for both the USA Softball National Player of the Year trophy and the Honda Award for Softball while reaping UT's 15th Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-America honor since 2004.

The 2007 season was the benchmark by which all future Vol teams will be compared as the squad finished 63-8 for a new program-best winning percentage of .887. A third-straight trip to the WCWS ended with Tennessee becoming the first Southeastern Conference program to reach the best-of-three NCAA Championship Series, eventually finishing as national runner-up with two wins over No. 4 Arizona and triumphs against No. 6 Northwestern and No. 7 Texas A&M. UT spent a record 11 consecutive weeks at No. 1 in the ESPN.com/USA Softball poll, becoming the first SEC school to reach the lofty top ranking in the league's softball history.

Four players were chosen as Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-Americans in 2007 as Monica Abbott, Lindsay Schutzler, India Chiles and Callahan each garnered national honors. Abbott also picked up the prestigious USA Softball National Collegiate Player of the Year award and the Women's Sports Foundation's "Team Sport Athlete of the Year" trophy after registering a 50-5 record with a 0.68 ERA on the year. Chiles was the SEC's Player of the Year after hitting .459 with 44 stolen bases, while Abbott was the SEC's Pitcher of the Year. The Vols led NCAA Division I in fielding percentage, winning percentage and team ERA in 2007, while picking up its first SEC regular-season title with a 23-4 league mark. For their efforts the Weeklys were chosen as the South Division Speedline Coaches of the Year, for the second time in three seasons, and as the SEC Coaches of the Year.

In 2006, the Weeklys guided the Vols to a then-program-best single-season winning percentage of .836 after tallying a 61-12 record, UT's initial SEC Tournament title and WCWS victories over #1 UCLA, eventual national champion No. 3 Arizona and No. 9 Arizona State. Tennessee also led NCAA Division I in hitting by posting a staggering .342 team batting average. Pupils Sarah Fekete and Abbott led the country in batting average and pitching victories, respectively, while five Vols were

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chosen first-team Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-Americans.

The tools and chemistry were thought to be in place for success heading into the 2005 campaign, but youth abounded for UT with a roster completely devoid of a single senior. However, the 2005 season saw Tennessee reap its initial NCAA Regional and Super Regional titles and WCWS berth, tie a then-national record with 67 wins, finish third in the nation in both national polls, garner an impressive four Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-America selections and break a long-standing national mark for single-season shutouts with 51. A Super Regional sweep over No. 4 Stanford in Palo Alto, Calif., and WCWS victories over perennial national stalwarts Arizona, Alabama and eventual national champion Michigan proved that Tennessee, under the direction of the Weeklys, was officially a power to be reckoned with in the softball world. For their efforts the UT coaches were chosen as the 2005 Speedline South Region Coaching Staff of the Year.

In 2004, the club notched a then school-record 55 victories on its way to its first Eastern Division title in five years and its initial trip to NCAA Regionals since 1999. Ralph and Karen were honored as the SEC Co-Coaches of the Year as UT finished with a final ranking of 16th from ESPN.com/USA Softball and boasted its first All-American in freshman hurler Abbott. The 6-3 lefthander registered a staggering 582 K's and 45 victories in her initial campaign at Rocky Top.

Tennessee continued its upward movement in the SEC standings in 2003 and notched then the second-most

RALPH WEEKLY CAREER HONORS

PACIFIC LUTHERAN (1986-94)

- 1988, 1992 NAIA National Champions
- 1990 NAIA National Runner-Up
- 1988, 1992 NAIA National Coach of the Year
- 1986-90, 1992-94 NAIA West Region Coach of the Year

CHATTANOOGA (1995-98, 2001)

- 2001 NCAA Regionals
- 1998, 2001 SoCon Coach of the Year
- 1995, 97-98, 2001 SoCon Regular-Season Champions
- 1996-98, 2001 SoCon Tournament Champions

TENNESSEE (2002-present)

- 2011 NFCA Hall of Fame Inductee
- 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015 Women's College World Series (3rd, 3rd, 2nd, 3rd, 7th, 2nd, 7th)
- 2007, 2013 National Runner-Up Finish
- 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015 NCAA Regional and Super Regional Champions
- 2004 NCAA Regional No. 6; 2008 & 2009 NCAA Regional No. 13; 2011 NCAA Regional No. 14; 2012 NCAA Regional No. 7; 2013 NCAA Regional No. 7; 2015 NCAA Regional No. 8; 2016 NCAA Regional No. 13; 2017 NCAA Regional No. 8; 2018 NCAA Regional No. 10
- 2006, 2011 SEC Tournament Champions
- 2007 SEC Regular Season Champions
- 2005, 2007 Speedline South Region Coaching Staff of the Year
- 2010, 2012, 2013 NFCA Southeast Region Coaching Staff of the Year
- 2004, 2007 SEC Co-Coach of the Year
- 2004, 2007 SEC Eastern Division Champions
- 2001-02 & 2002-03 UT Daily Beacon Lady Vol Coach of the Year
- 76 All-SEC or All-Freshman selections
- 64 Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-Region selections
- 35 Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-America selections
- 22 CoSIDA/Capital One Academic All-American selections
- Tennessee first SEC team to reach #1 in polls (2007)
- Tennessee first SEC team to reach WCWS Championship Series (2007)



On March 3, 2014, Ralph Weekly and Karen Weekly were inducted into the Greater Chattanooga Sports Hall of Fame at the Chattanooga Convention Center.

The Weeklys and Kelly were part of a group of 19 inductees that included eight former athletes and coaches, past or present, at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

"Karen and I were very humbled to be recognized with so many great sports figures in Chattanooga this evening," Ralph Weekly said. "We spent seven wonderful years at UTC and are grateful for the support we received while coaching Lady Mocs softball. It was special to be inducted with Andy Kelly, a great VFL who has meant so much to the University of

Tennessee. Honors such as this are not possible without tremendous players, coaches and administrators and we have worked with some of the best at both UTC and Tennessee."

The Weeklys were co-head coaches at Chattanooga from 1997-2001, going 223-97 in that span. Ralph Weekly was Chattanooga's head coach from 1995-96, leading UTC to a 63-36 record over those two seasons. Ralph Weekly led Chattanooga to its first Southern Conference title in 1996 and the Weeklys led the Mocs to SoCon titles in 1997, 1998, 2000 and 2001. UTC also captured five-straight regular-season championships from 1997-2001 under the direction of Ralph Weekly and Karen Weekly.



victories in school history with a 45-25 mark. Despite being overlooked for a spot in the 64-team NCAA field, the Vols made their first appearance at the SEC Tournament in four years and eliminated top-seeded and seventh-ranked Georgia and Auburn before being ousted by WCWS participant Alabama. Year one of the Weeklys' rebuilding effort proved to be a preview of better things to come for the Big Orange, as the tandem directed the squad to a 35-25-1 overall record in 2002 and the club's first winning season since 1999. Having lost the squad's top four hitters from the previous campaign and with their projected pitching ace facing a reduced schedule in the circle due to a torn ligament in her elbow, expectations were minimal. After being picked last in the Eastern Division, Tennessee responded with the best start in the program's seven-year existence at 21-6-1.

Under Ralph's watchful eye in the batting cages, Adrianna Wilson capped off an outstanding senior campaign by being named to the 2002 NFCA All-South Region team. Chosen to the organization's second unit as a rookie in '99, the Cypress, Calif., native joined Carrie Swinford (1997, 1999) as the lone UT players to reap all-region accolades twice in her career. A first-team choice in her final season, Wilson became UT's initial all-region honoree since 1999.

On June 19, 2001, University of Tennessee Women's Athletics Director Joan Cronan charted a new course for the Vol softball program when she announced the Weeklys as the program's co-head coaches. Since that day, the duo has worked tirelessly toward building UT's reputation on the diamond. "What they accomplished during their tenure at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, including five regular-season Southern Conference championships and five SoCon Tournament titles, speaks for itself," said Cronan. "They have a passion for the sport of softball and a love for the state of Tennessee that will be an asset as they attempt to turn things around. This combination should help take our program to the next level in collegiate softball."

The Weeklys arrived in Knoxville after shaping Chattanooga's softball team into one of the top programs in the South upon their arrival in 1995. The tandem piloted the Lady Mocs to consecutive NCAA appearances in 2000 and 2001, the first two automatic NCAA Regional berths ever offered to the Southern Conference champion. In 2001, UTC sported an overall record of 49-18 and was an impressive 4-1 against SEC programs.

After accepting the co-head coaching position at UT, Ralph Weekly announced in August 2001 that he would be stepping down from his post as USA Softball National Teams Director, a position he had held since 1999. Weekly began his administrative stint with USA Softball in August 1998 after taking a leave of absence as head coach at Chattanooga.

Weekly, who is nationally and internationally recognized for his skills as a hitting clinician, was responsible for a variety of national team duties, including the general management of USA Softball's elite level international programs for both men and women. He also served as a liaison to the ASA National Team Selection Committee that is responsible for the elite level selection process for Olympic, Pan American Games and other USA Softball National Teams. In the summer of 2009, Weekly accepted a position on the USA Softball Women's National Teams Selection Committee where he will again assist in choosing the members to the prestigious U.S. softball squads from 2010-12.

Between 1998 and 2001, Weekly worked closely with the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) to ensure that USA Softball received adequate funding for its programs and was fully equipped with the technical assistance it needed. He was also instrumental in securing the funding for the development of a state-of-the-art practice facility at the ARCO Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, Calif. This facility has been used by all of the USA Softball



National Teams and will continue to be an integral part of USA Softball's success.

Success has followed Weekly throughout his career, especially as a coach for USA Softball Women's National Teams. Weekly served as the hitting coach and Team Leader for the 2000 U.S. Olympic team that claimed its second-consecutive gold medal in Sydney, Australia. Earlier, he served as the hitting and third-base coach for the U.S. contingent that brought home the gold at the '96 Summer Games in Atlanta. Under his direction, USA Softball captured the gold medal at the 1994 Pan American Games qualifier in Guatemala. He was an assistant on teams that won additional gold medals at the 1994 World Games in Nova Scotia, the 1995 Pan American Games in Argentina, the 1996 South Pacific Classic in Australia, the 1997 Canada Cup, the 1999 Pan American Games in Winnipeg, Canada, the inaugural 1999 America Cup in San Diego, the 2000 European Championship in Rome, Italy, and the 2001 Hawaii Cup in Honolulu.

As a coach and National Teams Director for USA Softball, Weekly has appeared in 13 international tournaments, winning a gold medal every time. His international coaching record is a sterling 130-15 (.897). He is the only person in collegiate softball to have served on a pair of Olympic gold-medal-winning coaching staffs and to have claimed two national championships as a head coach. He also directed all facets of the USA Men's National Team from 1999-2001.

He has developed High Performance Seminars funded by the USOC to establish consistent coaching philosophies for youth coaches throughout the world. In addition, Weekly has produced several instructional tapes through USA Softball, including "Fundamentals for Future Champions." In December of 2006, Ralph and co-head coach Karen Weekly released a new instructional video entitled "Hitting the Tennessee Way." In April 2012 the Weeklys will issue a new book entitled "High-Scoring Softball," the definitive guide to offensive play.

He guided the women's East team to a gold medal at the 1994 U.S. Olympic Festival in St. Louis, Mo., one year after taking the North team to a bronze medal in the Festival held in San Antonio, Texas.

Previously, Weekly was the head coach at Pacific Lutheran in Tacoma, Wash., from 1986-94, where he compiled a 310-93 (.769) record and became one of the most successful coaches in NAIA history. In his nine years at PLU, his teams made eight trips to the NAIA Tournament, returning with national championships in 1988 and 1992, and a second-place finish in 1990. His 1991 team was ranked first in the country throughout the season.

Weekly was named the National Softball Coaches Association (NSCA) Small College Coach of the Year in 1993 and was a two-time NAIA National Coach of the Year in 1988 and 1992. Incredibly, he was chosen as the NAIA West Region Coach of the Year eight times in a nine-year span, covering the 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1992, 1993 and 1994 campaigns.

During the fall, he also served as an assistant football coach at PLU from 1986-93 under legendary head coach Frosty Westerling. During his time spent working on the gridiron, he helped the Lutes to three national title games and a pair of NAIA national championships (1987 & 1993). In his last year he was able to share the title-winning experience with his son Marc Weekly, an All-American quarterback and a player responsible for 10,977 yards of career total offense.

Weekly began his coaching career in the United States Air Force, where he accumulated many championships at a variety of levels. He piloted squads to three All-Armed Forces World Titles, seven state titles at the United States Softball Association (USSA) level and three USSA Western World Championships.

He has served as the chairperson of the Gatorade High School Player of the Year Selection Committee and has published numerous articles in softball magazines and journals. In addition, Weekly has been a featured speaker at the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) national convention and at various national baseball and softball clinics around the nation. He currently serves as the co-director of the Cherry Hill, N.J., Coaches Clinic which is the largest such event in the country. Weekly is the founder and director of National Hitting Camps, where he has taught thousands of youths in all 48 of the contiguous states and throughout Canada over the past 20+ years. He was also the Director of ASA Gold Medal Camps that featured hands-on training from U.S. Olympic staff and players from 1996-2001. Well-respected internationally as a clinician, he has represented the USA in clinics in Argentina, Australia, Canada, China, Italy, New Zealand and Taiwan.

Having retired from the United States Air Force in 1986, Weekly was the commander of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations at McChord Air Force Base in Washington state in his last duty assignment. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry for outstanding service in the Vietnam War. Weekly is a 1973 graduate of Arizona State University and has completed course work for a master's degree in international relations from Pacific Lutheran.



KAREN WEEKLY

CO-HEAD COACH, 18TH SEASON AT TENNESSEE

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CAREER RECORD AT UT: 850-259-2

A 22-year collegiate softball head coaching veteran boasting 1,025 career wins, Karen Weekly and her husband Ralph completed their 16th season at the helm of the Tennessee softball program. Having guided UT to a staggering 802 victories and five top three national finishes (2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2013) and seven appearances (2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015) in the Women's College World Series since arriving to resuscitate the program prior to the 2002 season, Karen and Ralph have made it evident that tireless recruiting and solid coaching by the experienced Weeklys and their staff can produce huge dividends to the UT softball program.

The Lady Vols continued their streak of postseason appearances in 2017, reaching the NCAA Tournament for the 14th straight year after a third-place finish in the SEC for the second season in a row. UT's impressive regular season, which included a 20-game win streak, earned it the No. 8 national seed, marking the sixth time in program history that the Vols were a top-eight seed. The Big Orange went 3-0 in the Knoxville Regional to advance to the NCAA Super Regionals for the fifth time in six years and the ninth time overall. Tennessee's season ended one victory short of a trip to Oklahoma City as the Vols were defeated by Texas A&M in the Super Regionals, two games to one.

Weekly reached milestone win No. 1,000 in 2017 with a 9-2 victory over North Carolina on March 22. She became just the 33rd head coach in Division I history to accomplish that feat.

Weekly helped coach junior shortstop Meghan Gregg to an historic season in 2017. Gregg broke the UT single-season RBI record with 79 and became the fifth player in program history to earn SEC Player of the Year honors. The Georgia native was also a top-three finalist for the USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year award, just the fourth Volunteer to earn that distinction.

She also helped guide the Vols' young pitching staff, which finished 22nd nationally with a 1.98 ERA despite relying primarily on a sophomore and a freshman. Sophomore Matty Moss posted career highs with 26 wins, 14 complete games, seven shutouts and 193 strikeouts en route earning All-SEC second team honors. Freshman Caylan Arnold became just the fourth player in program history to be named SEC Freshman of the Year, doing so by recording 20 wins and 144 strikeouts, both the most by a Vol freshman since Ellen Renfroe in 2011.

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2002	Tennessee*	35-25-1	.582
2003	Tennessee*	45-25	.643
2004	Tennessee*	55-16	.775
2005	Tennessee*	67-15	.817
2006	Tennessee*	61-12	.836
2007	Tennessee*	63-8	.887
2008	Tennessee*	50-16	.758
2009	Tennessee*	40-18-1	.686
2010	Tennessee*	49-15	.766
2011	Tennessee*	49-12	.803
2012	Tennessee*	54-14	.788
2013	Tennessee*	52-12	.813
2014	Tennessee*	46-12	.793
2015	Tennessee*	47-17	.734
2016	Tennessee*	43-16	.729
2017	Tennessee*	48-12	.800
2018	Tennessee*	48-14	.774

Totals: 1,073-356-2 (.751)

***Co-Head Coach with Ralph Weekly**

School	Record	Pct.
Chattanooga (5 years)	223-97	(.697)
Tennessee (17 years)	850-259-2	(.765)
Totals: (22 years)	1,073-356-2	(.751)

Arnold also had a staggering nine wins over ranked opponents, including victories over Oklahoma, Alabama and Florida, who have combined to win the past six national titles.

Under Weekly's watch, Tennessee advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the 13th consecutive season and 14th time overall in program history in 2016, earning the No. 13 national seed. The Vols finished in a tie for third in the SEC regular-season standings thanks in large part to a high-powered offense that ranked among the national leaders in runs per game, batting average, on-base percentage, slugging percentage and triples. UT's 426 runs scored were the most since the 2006 team scored 437. UT also set a new program record with a .446 on-base percentage and blasted 57 home runs, marking the fourth straight year eclipsing the 50-homer plateau.

The Vols were nearly unbeatable at home, posting the top home record in the country during the regular season at 22-1. They finished the season 24-3 at Sherri Parker Lee Stadium with 16 of those wins coming via run rule. Senior pitcher/utility player Rainey Gaffin

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was named an NFCA All-American for the second straight season, becoming the 10th player in program history to earn All-America status multiple times. Tennessee tied a program record with five players earning NFCA All-Southeast Region honors (Gaffin, Meghan Gregg, Megan Geer, Lexi Overstreet, Brooke Vines). UT also had five players earn SEC postseason recognition as Gregg was an All-SEC first-team pick, Gaffin earned second-team honors, and Matty Moss, Aubrey Leach and Vines garnered All-Freshman team accolades.

Tennessee powered its way to its seventh Women's College World Series appearance in 2015. The team smashed a program-record 100 home runs with five players hitting 10 home runs or more. Fueled by power hitting and a balanced pitching staff, UT went 47-17 and made an impressive late-season run that included a runner-up finish in the 2015 SEC Tournament and a 5-1 record in NCAA Regionals and Super Regionals to punch its ticket to Oklahoma City. Rainey Gaffin became Tennessee's 14th NFCA All-American (31st selection) and Erin Gabriel became UT's 13th Academic All-American (23rd selection). Karen Weekly became the 42nd head coach in NCAA history to reach 900 career wins with in a 14-3 (5) triumph over North Dakota State on March 7, 2015.

The Vols enjoyed another strong season in 2014 with a roster comprised of accomplished seniors and a slew of young rising stars. UT went 46-12 in 2014 and made its seventh trip to the NCAA Super Regionals. Tennessee went 17-7 in SEC play to finish second in the conference in the regular season.

Senior Madison Shipman was named the Honda Sports Award Winner for Softball and capped off her Tennessee career with a banner senior season, earning SEC Player of the Year, NFCA Division I All-America first-team honors and Capital One Academic All-America first-team accolades. Shipman also became the first Tennessee student-athlete in any sport to win the prestigious Senior CLASS Award.

Ellen Renfroe shouldered the load as the team's ace in the circle and concluded her storied Tennessee career with another impressive season. Renfroe was named the Capital One Academic All-American of the Year and also earned NFCA All-Southeast Region and Second Team All-SEC honors while posting some of UT's greatest career pitching numbers since Monica Abbott. Annie Aldrete broke onto the scene as a freshman sensation, earning NFCA Division I All-America second-team honors and co-winning the inaugural NFCA Division I National Freshman of the Year trophy. Senior Melissa Davin enjoyed her finest season as a Vol, hitting 14 homers, earning First Team All-SEC honors and NFCA Division I All-Southeast Region second-team honors.

The Tennessee softball team's 2013 season was truly one for the ages. The national runner-up Vols can be proud of a long list of individual, team and program accomplishments that highlighted one of the finest seasons in Tennessee history.

The team finished the year at 52-12, marking the eighth season with 50 or more wins in program history. The Vols made their sixth appearance in the Women's College World Series, all of which came in the last nine years (2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2012, 2013), and their second appearance in the Championship Series (2007, 2013). Tennessee went 16-6 in SEC play, finishing with the second-best regular-season record in the conference.

The Vols finished the season as the national runner-up and were ranked at No. 2 in the final USA Today/NFCA Coaches Poll and the ESPN.com/USA Softball Poll.

Seniors Raven Chavanne and Lauren Gibson and junior Madison Shipman were all named to the 2013 NFCA Division I All-American first team. UT has had at least one NFCA All-American in 13 consecutive years (2004-16) with multiple All-Americans in eight of those years (2006, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012,

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Women's National Team Coaching Pool (2011-12)

Was selected to the U.S. Women's National and Junior Women's National coaching pool for 2011-12. Helped the U.S. Senior National Team to the World Cup of Softball VII title and a silver medal in the ISF Fastpitch World Championships. She also served as the coach of the USA Elite team.

U.S. Women's National Team - Assistant Coach (2013)

-- Served as an assistant coach for the U.S. Women's Senior National Team in August of 2013, helping the Red, White and Blue win gold medals in both the Mayor's Cup and the Pan American Games Qualifier.

2013, 2014). The Tennessee coaching staff was named the 2013 NFCA Southeast Region Staff of the Year.

In an outstanding 2012 season, Tennessee made its fifth trip in eight years to the Women's College World Series. After a strong regular season which featured a 19-game winning streak into the SEC Tournament, The Vols hosted both the NCAA Regionals and the NCAA Super Regionals and thanks to a loaded lineup and a stellar pitching duo of sisters Ivy Renfroe and Ellen Renfroe, UT punched its ticket to Oklahoma City once again.

The 2012 squad boasted four Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-Americans in first-team picks Lauren Gibson and Ellen Renfroe and second-team selections Raven Chavanne and Madison Shipman. Chavanne became just the third Vol to earn three All-American nods and she was also a top-10 finalist for the USA Softball National Collegiate Player of the Year for the second straight season.

In 2012, Tennessee featured the top defense in the nation -- a group that lead all NCAA Division I schools with a .982 fielding percentage. UT pitchers also combined for the 11th-best ERA in the country (1.58) and the team's winning percentage ranked eighth.

Starting off the 2011 season with a preseason rating of No. 4 in the USA Today/NFCA Coaches poll, boasting 13 returning letter-winners from the '10 WCWS squad and bringing in the ESPN/Rise No. 1-rated recruiting class, Weekly helped guide the Vols to a 49-12 overall record, the program's second Southeastern Conference Tournament crown and an eighth consecutive berth to NCAA Regionals. The 2011 Tennessee squad set a new program record for single-season HR's with a staggering 69 to crush the previous high of 52 that was set back in 1996 and equaled in both 2002 & 2005. The Big Orange also led all of NCAA Division I in hitting with a .348 team batting average, was seventh in the country in scoring at 6.87 runs per game and 11th in fielding percentage (.974).

While the UT squad ultimately fell in the title round of the 2011 Knoxville Regional, a site that many experts deemed the toughest in the country, to eventual

WCWS team Oklahoma State, Tennessee still boasted numerous accolades. Sophomores Lauren Gibson (.420 avg., eight HR's, 63 RBI's) and Raven Chavanne (.455 avg., 32 RBI's, 33 stolen bases) as well as freshman Ellen Renfroe (26-7 record, 1.50 ERA, 259 K's in 201 innings) reaped Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-American honors, while Chavanne was also selected as a Capital One Academic All-American. Sophomore Kat Dotson (.401 avg., 10 HR's, 64 RBI's) joined that trio in receiving a Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-Southeast Region selection, and Renfroe was tabbed as the SEC Freshman of the Year. Chavanne ended up as the SEC's batting average champion counting all contests at .455 while Gibson won the SEC batting title counting league match-ups only at .451. Ellen Renfroe was the SEC ERA champion counting just league contests with a 1.42 ERA.

Following the season Chavanne, Dotson, Gibson and Kelly Grieve (.376 avg., 37 RBI's, 21 stolen bases) were each invited to try out for the 2011 USA Softball Women's Senior National Team, although Dotson was forced to withdraw prior to the selection camp because of an injury. By being chosen to the final team, Gibson and Grieve became the second and third Vols all-time (Monica Abbott) to join the prestigious squad.

The 2010 campaign proved a magical ride for an incredibly young Tennessee squad made up of 19 players, including a total of 15 freshmen and sophomores. The Vols registered a 49-15 overall record (making it eight straight 40+ win seasons) and truly peaked at the right time, rolling through their first seven games of the NCAA Tournament on the way to the program's fourth WCWS berth and another third place national finish. Along the way in NCAA action, Tennessee swept Ball State, Virginia and Louisville during the Knoxville Regional, ended No. 2 Michigan's two-year, 36-game home winning streak by sweeping two consecutive contests in the NCAA Ann Arbor Super Regionals and opened the WCWS with consecutive victories over No. 3 Arizona (9-0, 5 inn.) and No. 9 Georgia (7-5) before being eliminated by the Wildcats just one win from a berth in the best-of-three championship series.

The youthful 2010 squad was guided by a quartet of upperclassmen, including senior catcher Tiffany Huff (NFCA All-South Region choice, .312 avg., seven HR's, 45 RBI's), first baseman Erinn Webb (.318 NCAA Tourney avg., nine total HR's, 34 RBI's) and designated player Nicole Kajitani (three doubles, three HR's, 22 RBI's) as well as junior center field speedster Kelly Grieve (.373 avg., 12 doubles, 30 RBI's, 26 thefts). The team was bolstered, however, by a myriad of high-profile freshmen including Louisville Slugger/National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) All-American outfielders Raven Chavanne (.455 avg., 64 runs, 95 hits, 26 RBI's, 37 steals) and Kat Dotson (SEC First-Team selection and Co-Freshman of the Year, .391 avg., 54 runs, 66 hits, 37 RBI's, 29 thefts), All-Southeast Region choices -- pitcher Ivy Renfroe (31-6

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record, 2.41 ERA, 15 complete games, 235 K's in 232.1 IP) and third baseman Jessica Spigner (.350 avg., 14 doubles, eight HR's, 58 RBIs) and SEC All-Freshman second baseman Lauren Gibson (.297 avg., eight doubles, six HR's, 39 RBIs).

As a team the powerful Tennessee offense recorded a .321 batting average, scored 6.4 runs-per-game, tied the program record for triples with 19 and blasted 51 HR's, coming up just one big fly short of tying the school single-season mark.

During the 2009 season, Tennessee continued its string of 40+ win campaigns by putting up a 40-18-1 overall record. Once again the Big Orange earned a berth into the NCAA Tournament, the program's sixth straight, falling in the NCAA Regionals. Led by the offensive production of Second Team Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-American Tiffany Huff (.399 avg., 13 doubles, eight HR's and 67 RBIs), freshman All-Southeast region selection Jessica Spigner (UT freshman record 14 HR's) and sophomore All-Southeast Region choice Kelly Grieve (.393 avg., 79 hits, 39 stolen bases) as well as 28 victories in the circle from rookie right-hander Cat Hosfield, UT downed such foes as No. 21 Massachusetts, No. 6 Oklahoma, No. 18 LSU and No. 8 Georgia during the year.

The 2008 campaign was a success as the Weeklys guided the Big Orange to a fifth consecutive 50-win season and a fifth straight berth into the NCAA Tournament Field of 64. UT advanced to the championship game of its home-hosted NCAA Regional but dropped a 4-2 decision to eventual WCWS-participant Virginia Tech.

Under their tutelage, senior third baseman Tonya Callahan (.465 avg., 62 RBIs) broke the school record for single-season home runs with 16 on the way to being chosen as Tennessee's second consecutive SEC Player of the Year and a finalist for both the 2008 USA Softball National Player of the Year trophy and the Honda Award for Softball while reaping UT's 15th Louisville Slugger/National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) All-America honor since 2004. Senior shortstop Kenora Posey and freshman infielder Jen Lapicki each earned All-SEC accolades. Karen's slap-hitting standouts, Lillian Hammond and Kenora Posey, were responsible for .362 and .349 averages, respectively, 96 total runs scored and 67 combined stolen bases.

The 2007 season was the benchmark by which all future Vol teams will be compared as the squad finished at 63-8 for a new program-best win percentage of .887. A third-straight trip to the Women's College World Series ended with Tennessee becoming the first Southeastern Conference program to reach the best-of-three NCAA Championship Series, eventually finishing as national runner-up with two wins over No. 4 Arizona and single triumphs against No. 6 Northwestern and No. 7 Texas A&M. UT

KAREN WEEKLY CAREER HONORS

CHATTANOOGA (1997-2001)

- 2000-01 NCAA Regionals
- 1999, 2001 SoCon Coach of the Year
- 1997-2001 SoCon Champions
- 1997-98, 2000-01 SoCon Tournament Champions

TENNESSEE (2002-present)

- 2018 NFCA Hall of Fame Inductee
- 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015 Women's College World Series (3rd, 3rd, 2nd, 3rd, 7th, 2nd, 7th)
- National Runner-Up Finish 2013, 2007
- 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015 NCAA Regional and Super Regional Champions
- 2004 NCAA Regional No. 6; 2008 & 2009 NCAA Regional No. 13; 2011 NCAA Regional No. 14; 2012 NCAA Regional No. 7; 2013 NCAA Regional No. 7; 2015 NCAA Regional No. 8; 2016 NCAA Regional No. 13; 2014 NCAA Regional No. 8; 2018 NCAA Regional No. 10
- 2006, 2011 SEC Tournament Champions
- 2007 SEC Regular Season Champions
- 2005, 2007 Speedline South Region Coaching Staff of the Year
- 2010, 2012, 2013 NFCA Southeast Region Coaching Staff of the Year
- 2004, 2007 SEC Co-Coach of the Year
- 2004, 2007 SEC Eastern Division Champions
- 2001-02 & 2002-03 UT Daily Beacon Lady Vol Coach of the Year
- 76 All-SEC or All-Freshman selections
- 64 Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-Region selections
- 35 Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-America selections
- 22 CoSIDA/Capital One Academic All-American selections
- Tennessee first SEC team to reach #1 in polls (2007)
- Tennessee first SEC team to reach WCWS Championship Series (2007)

spent a record 11 consecutive weeks at No. 1 in the ESPN.com/USA Softball poll, becoming the first SEC school to reach the lofty top ranking in the league's softball history.

Four players were chosen as Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-Americans in 2007 as Monica Abbott, Lindsay Schutler, India Chiles and Callahan each garnered national honors. Abbott also picked up the prestigious USA Softball National Collegiate Player of the Year award and the Women's Sports Foundation's Team Sport Athlete of the Year trophy after going 50-5 with a 0.68 ERA on the year. Chiles was the SEC's Player of the Year after hitting .459 with 44 stolen bases. The Vols led NCAA Division I in fielding percentage, winning percentage and team ERA in 2007 while picking up its first SEC regular-season title. For their efforts the Weeklys were South Division Speedline Coaches of the Year, for the second time in three seasons, and as the SEC Coaches of the Year. Karen Weekly also presided over her 500th career coaching victory on February 24, 2007, when UT downed Michigan State, 3-0, at the Palm Springs Classic in Cathedral City, Calif.

Weekly's tutelage helped guide Tennessee to a then-program-best .836 winning percentage in 2006 at 61-12 overall, a No. 2 national ranking during the regular



season and a second consecutive trip to the Women's College World Series in Oklahoma City, Okla., where UT finished third nationally and downed #1 UCLA, #3 Arizona and #9 Arizona State. One of her slap-hitting pupils, senior outfielder Sarah Fekete, led NCAA Division I in batting average at a staggering .500 (110-of-220) as the UT squad combined to lead the country in team hitting at .342. In all three of the top five hitters in the Southeastern Conference by average in 2006 learned under the watchful eye of Karen and co-head coach Ralph Weekly, as Fekete, Chiles (.437) and Schutzler (.409) gave the league statistics a definitive orange tint. Five members of Weekly's team also were selected as first-team Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-Americans to lead NCAA Division I in that category.

UT also achieved another program-first in '06 as the Orange & White raced through the field at the annual SEC Tournament to pick up its first league tournament title with a 3-0 victory over #12 LSU at the UGA Softball Stadium in Athens, Ga. UT hosted the NCAA Regional round at home for the second straight year and added the Super Regionals to the Tyson Park slate after roaring through the opening round a perfect 3-0. The Big Orange faced a serious challenge as defending national champion Michigan ventured to Knoxville for the best-of-three Super Regional series. After downing UM 5-3 and then dropping a tough 5-1 decision to the Wolverines in game two, UT prevailed 1-0 in the finale to send the Orange and White back to the WCWS.

Throughout the Weeklys tenure at Tennessee, the Big Orange have been known for tremendous speed, skyrocketing batting averages and outstanding fielding percentages, as UT led the nation in the latter category in both 2004, 2005 and 2007.

The Orange's and White rapid climb from a 24-win program in 2001 to a national power reached a new peak during a stunning 2005 run to a third-place finish at the Women's College World Series and a national record-tying 67 victories. UT led the nation in fielding percentage (.982), shutouts (51), strikeouts (787) and victories (67) while setting program marks for runs scored (404), hits (678) and stolen bases (127) and tying the single-season record for home runs (52). Tennessee's regular-season efforts permitted the program the opportunity to host the NCAA Regionals at Tyson Park for the first time in UT history. The home field advantage paid dividends as the Vols went 3-0 to advance to NCAA Super Regionals in Palo Alto, Calif., against Stanford. A two-game road sweep over the powerful Pac-10's Cardinal granted Tennessee its first trip to the WCWS. For their efforts the coaches were chosen as the Speedline South Region Coaching Staff of the Year.

The Weeklys were honored as the SEC Coaches of the Year by their peers after directing UT to its first Eastern Division championship since 1999 during the 2004 campaign. The Orange was awarded the

second seed at NCAA Regional No. 6 in Ann Arbor, Mich., and collected its first two victories in just the program's second trip to NCAAAs. The Vols sported an overall mark of 55-16 and captured tournament titles at their own Lady Vol Classic, the New Mexico State Kick-Off Invitational, the Paradise Classic hosted by the University of Hawaii and the State-Line Classic. Tennessee also reached the semifinal round of the SEC Tournament for the second straight time.

UT continued to climb the ladder of success in 2003, capturing three tournaments and posting several victories over ranked opponents, including league rivals Alabama, Georgia, LSU and South Carolina. Perhaps the most impressive breakthrough occurred as the Vols secured the sixth seed for the Southeastern Conference Tournament and matched their top performance at the event with a couple of triumphs while facing elimination. The Orange were involved in a record four extra-inning tilts during their journey to Plant City, Fla., and managed to oust Auburn and the league's number-one team, Georgia, after dropping regular-season series to the Tigers and Bulldogs.

Continued evidence of the team's progress was shown by a 34-point increase in batting average from 2002 to 2003 under the Weekly regime and a healthy boost to the squad's power numbers, including the most total bases (787), hits (543), runs batted in (280), runs (310) and doubles (102) since the 1999 edition slugged its way to the Eastern Division crown and NCAA Regional No. 3 in Seattle, Wash.

In their debut campaign, the Weeklys presided over the biggest turnaround in UT's softball history, as the team rebounded from a lackluster 24-35 effort to finish 35-25-1 in 2002. The Vols showed marked improvement in every area - offensively, defensively and in the pitching circle. Despite just one returning starter in her natural position, the rest of the orange-clad players enjoyed a tremendous upswing under the Weeklys' tutelage. In fact, UT registered a team batting average that was 40 points higher than the previous season and recorded a school-record fielding percentage of .965 after shaving a massive 44 errors off its '01 figure. In addition, the club's offensive statistics jumped across the board, including a school-record-tying 52 home runs.

Upon arriving in Knoxville, Weekly brought a wealth of experience gained from being an All-America softball player at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash., a national title-winning assistant coach at PLU in 1988 and 1992, and a championship head coach at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga for five seasons. During her tenure, the Lady Mocs claimed five straight Southern Conference regular-season trophies, four SoCon Tournament plaques and the team made successive appearances at the 2000 and 2001 NCAA Regionals.

After Karen served as an assistant coach at UTC in

1995 and 1996, the Weeklys combined their efforts to direct the Lady Mocs to the top of the SoCon in their first two campaigns in charge of the program together. The 1997 season featured an overall record of 32-19, while the '98 edition registered a school-record 47 victories and three players earned first-team All-South Region accolades.

While Ralph was on a leave of absence from Chattanooga to handle his Olympic duties in 1999 and 2000, the Lady Mocs' program continued to make steady improvement under Karen's tutelage. In her initial season as head coach in '99, UTC led the SoCon with a .303 batting average and a 1.47 earned run average en route to a school-best 48-18 overall record to go along with a spotless 16-0 mark in regular-season conference play. Weekly guided a record six individuals to first-team All-SoCon accolades that season and Chattanooga became the inaugural team to sweep all of the postseason honors issued by the conference office.

In 2000, the Lady Mocs were 47-27 and earned the program's first NCAA Regional berth by winning three-straight games after a loss to Furman to take the SoCon Tourney and secure the initial automatic bid for the conference into the 48-team regional field. Sent to the No. 1 Regional held in Seattle, Wash., the Mocs fell to Mississippi State, 6-1, before bouncing back to knock out Army, 6-4, in nine innings. The squad would later be eliminated at the event after suffering a 2-1 defeat to nationally-ranked Utah. UTC's pitching staff was the key to its success, sporting an impressive 1.58 earned run average with every hurler having an ERA of 1.80 or lower.

In rolling to a 49-18 overall mark in 2001, including four wins in five outings against SEC competition and a triumph over then-third-ranked Alabama in Tuscaloosa, the Weeklys helped the Mocs to another NCAA appearance following Southern Conference regular-season and post-season crowns. Six more Lady Mocs etched their names on the first-team all-league list after UTC racked up an 18-2 ledger in SoCon play and the Weeklys were selected as league Coaches of the Year.

Karen was Ralph's top assistant at Pacific Lutheran from 1987-94 after earning her bachelor's degree in history and political science magna cum laude from the University in 1987. The duo spearheaded the Lutes to NAIA national championships in 1988 and 1992 and a runner-up finish in 1990.

At PLU, where she was known as Karen Kvale, Weekly excelled as a student-athlete. She was named Female Athlete of the Year and led NAIA hitters with a .440 batting average during her All-America senior season. Her skills were not limited to the diamond either, as she was a three-year starter on the basketball team.

With a 3.8 grade point average, Weekly was a two-time Academic All-American, garnering honors

in 1986 and 1987. In both '85 and '86, she was the recipient of the prestigious Pacific Lutheran University Undergraduate Fellow/Division of Social Sciences Award.

She later earned her juris doctor degree from the University of Washington's School of Law in 1990. At Chattanooga, Weekly was an assistant professor in the College of Business Administration from August 1995 until May 2001, where she taught a course entitled the "Legal Environment of Business." Between 1996-99, she served on the UTC Faculty Committee on Student Rating of Faculty Instruction. In addition, Weekly was an administrative law judge and a member of the school's Gender Equity Committee from 1996 until her departure from Chattanooga. She remains an administrative law judge at the University of Tennessee.

Previously, she was an associate attorney at Grant, Konvalinka & Harrison in Chattanooga from November 1994 to August 1995 after working in a similar capacity at Williams, Kastner & Gibbs in Seattle from September 1990 through November 1994.

Weekly holds memberships in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA), where she has held several committee positions, and the Academy of Legal Studies in Business. She is a member of the American Bar Association and is permitted to practice law in the states of Tennessee and Washington.

Having traveled all over the nation to spread her knowledge about the sport, Weekly has been a co-owner and director of National Hitting Camps since 1988. She also has been a lead instructor at ASA Elite Hitting Camps in Midland, Texas, and in Oklahoma City, Okla., and has been a featured speaker at several coaching clinics around the country. She has spoken at the "Be the Best You Are" clinic in Cherry Hill, N.J., during each of the last six years, covering such topics as developing power and bat speed, the short game, scouting opponents and developing a rapport between the coach and players.

In December 2007, Weekly released a video entitled "The Tennessee Slap Attack," an instructional tape teaching the fundamentals of slap-hitting. In April 2012 the Weeklys will issue a new book entitled "High-Scoring Softball," the definitive guide to offensive play.

Weekly is currently serving as a member of the coaching pool for the various teams associated with the prestigious USA Softball program. She traveled to the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, Calif., in June 2011 to help with the USA Softball Women's Senior National Team Selection Camp.



MARTY MCDANIEL

ASSISTANT COACH, 14TH SEASON AT TENNESSEE

24th SEASON AS A COLLEGIATE COACH

17th SEASON AS A COLLEGIATE ASSISTANT COACH

CAREER RECORD (HEAD AND ASSISTANT): 1,057-309-1

CAREER RECORD AT UT: 715-193-1

Lauded for his teaching ability and his overall knowledge of the game, Marty McDaniel continues to provide his outgoing personality and boundless enthusiasm to the Vol softball program. McDaniel completed his 13th season as assistant coach on the staff of Tennessee co-head coaches Ralph and Karen Weekly. A former head coach at Division II Armstrong Atlantic State University (Ga.), McDaniel's experience as both a coach and as a men's fastpitch veteran has been invaluable to the UT efforts.

During his time on the UT softball staff, McDaniel has been vital to the program's stunning success. His pitching pupils such as standouts Monica Abbott, Megan Rhodes, Ashton Ward, Cat Hosfield, Ivy Renfroe, Ellen Renfroe, Erin Gabriel and Rainey Gaffin have helped extend Tennessee's streak of 40+ win seasons to 15 following the 2017 campaign. During his 13 years at Tennessee (2005-17) his pitching staffs have led the nation in ERA and strikeouts (2007), set a national record for shutouts (51 in 2005) and helped the Big Orange to 710 total victories, an average of 54 wins-per-season.

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The Lady Vols pitching staff ranked among the top 25 nationally throughout most of the 2016 season and finished the year with a 2.25 team ERA, marking the 16th straight season that they have had a team ERA under 3.00. Under McDaniel's watch, senior Erin Gabriel had the best season of her career, setting career highs in wins (21), ERA (2.36), games started (30), appearances (38), innings pitched (145.1), complete games (eight) and strikeouts (178). Fellow senior Rainey Gaffin also had another stellar campaign in the circle, ranking among the national leaders with five saves while posting a 9-3 record and a 2.32 ERA. McDaniel also played a large role in developing freshman standout Matty Moss, who led the pitching

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2002	Armstrong Atlantic St.	40-7	.851
2003	Armstrong Atlantic St.	41-13	.759
2004	Armstrong Atlantic St.	42-9	.824
2005	Tennessee*	67-15	.817
2006	Tennessee*	61-12	.836
2007	Tennessee*	63-8	.887
2008	Tennessee*	50-16	.758
2009	Tennessee*	40-18-1	.686
2010	Tennessee*	49-15	.766
2011	Tennessee*	49-12	.803
2012	Tennessee*	52-14	.788
2013	Tennessee*	52-12	.813
2014	Tennessee*	46-12	.793
2015	Tennessee*	47-17	.734
2016	Tennessee*	43-16	.729
2017	Tennessee*	48-12	.800
2018	Tennessee*	48-14	.774
Totals:	Head Coach	276-82	(.771)
	Assistant Coach	781-227-1	(.774)
Overall Totals		1,057-309-1	(.773)

*Assistant Coach

School	Record	Pct.
Chattanooga (2 years)	66-34	(.660)
Armstrong Atlantic St. (7 years)	276-82	(.771)
Tennessee (14 years)	715-193-1	(.786)
Totals: (23 years)	1,057-309-1	(.773)

staff with a 1.68 ERA and seven wins in SEC play.

Tennessee thrived with its by-committee pitching approach in 2015, making its seventh Women's College World Series appearance behind the quartet of Rainey Gaffin, Erin Gabriel, Gretchen Aucoin and Cheyanne Tarango. Gabriel enjoyed the best season of her career, going 17-8 with team highs of six shutouts, 140.0 innings and 158 strikeouts. Gabriel threw a 16-strikeout, seven-inning no-hitter against Illinois State on March 10 and tossed a five-strikeouts, five-inning perfect game against ETSU on March 24. She also played a major role in UT's late-season run to the SEC Tournament title game and the WCWS. Gaffin was named Tennessee's 14th NFCA All-American and 31st All-America selection after going 17-4 with a 2.17 ERA and 121 strikeouts over 125.2 frames. Gaffin was outstanding as both a starting pitcher and a reliever, peaking at the end of the season to lead UT to the WCWS.

In 2014, senior Ellen Renfroe shouldered the load as UT's ace, becoming just the third pitcher in program

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history to record 30 wins in a season while helping lead Tennessee to the NCAA Super Regionals for the seventh time. The pitching staff of Renfroe, Erin Gabriel, Rainey Gaffin and Cheyanne Tarango combined for 21 shutouts and 382 strikeouts over 376.2 innings. Gaffin, a sophomore in her first season as a collegiate pitcher, threw the 45th no-hitter in Tennessee history, shutting down Wright State over six hitless frames with six strikeouts on March 5, 2014. Renfroe finished her career ranked second in several Tennessee career pitching categories, including ERA (1.65), starts (129), wins (102), shutouts (41), innings pitched (872.0) and strikeouts (1,005).

Sisters Ivy Renfroe and Ellen Renfroe were outstanding in the circle once again in 2013, leading Tennessee back to the Women's College World Series for the sixth time in nine years. UT posted 22 shutouts in 2013 and limited opponents just two runs per game. The team's ERA of 1.84 ranked 13th in the nation. Ellen Renfroe shined in the WCWS, earning All-Tournament honors after dominating complete-game performances against Florida and Washington and a courageous 13-strikeout, 11-inning duel with Oklahoma's Keilani Ricketts in the Championship Series. Powered by the 1-2 punch of sisters Ivy Renfroe and Ellen Renfroe in 2012, the Tennessee pitching staff posted the 11th-best ERA in the nation (1.58). Ellen Renfroe went on to earn her second Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-America honors after another stellar year in the circle. Ivy Renfroe raised her game to another level in the NCAA Tournament, compiling a 6-2 record with a 1.29 ERA and 39 strikeouts in 48.2 innings of work to carry UT to the Women's College World Series.

With the addition of freshman Ellen Renfroe to a Vol staff already made up of returning sister Ivy and Hosfield, the UT pitching staff registered a standout 2011 campaign. The trio combined to rate second in the league in team ERA (1.86) and 23rd in the category over all of NCAA Division I. Ellen Renfroe led the Southeastern Conference in ERA (counting league contests only) with a sterling 1.42 mark on her way to SEC Freshman of the Year accolades and posted a 26-7 overall mark (fourth in the SEC in wins) to go along with a 1.50 ERA and 259 strikeouts over 201 innings. Included in her efforts were a 20-strikeout effort during a 2-1 (10 inn.) victory over #22 Auburn and seven total 10+K contests. Ivy Renfroe finished seventh in the league in triumphs, as part of her 19-4 record, and ninth in ERA (counting all games) at 2.07 while posting 157 K's in 152.1 frames of effort. The Jackson, Tenn., native also twirled her second (vs. Mississippi State - April 22) and third (vs. Liberty - May 20) career no-hitters during her sophomore campaign. As a junior Hosfield added a 4-1 mark with a 2.92 ERA over 38.1 innings of work with 24 strikeouts.

Faced with an young and inexperienced staff consisting of returning sophomores Cat Hosfield and Jessica Spigner and two incoming freshmen, Ivy Renfroe and Andi Williamson, McDaniel helped the 2010 group settle in to post 49 wins, the league's fifth-best ERA

■ MARTY MCDANIEL CAREER HONORS

CHATTANOOGA (1996-1997)

- 1996, 1997 Southern Conference Champions

ARMSTRONG ATLANTIC STATE (1998-2004)

- 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004 NCAA Division II Regionals
- 2002 NCAA DII Statistical Champions (Best Won-Lost Record)
- 2001 NCAA DII Statistical Champions (Best Fld. Percentage)
- 2000 Peach Belt Conference Champions
- 2000 South Atlantic Region Coach of the Year
- No. 1 regular-season ranking in NFCA DII Poll (2000)

TENNESSEE (2005-present)

- 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015 Women's College World Series (3rd, 3rd, 2nd, 3rd, 7th, 2nd, 7th)
- 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015 NCAA Regional and Super Regional Champions
- 2005, 2007 Speedline South Region Coaching Staff of the Year
- 2010, 2012, 2013 NFCA Southeast Region Coaching Staff of the Year
- 2006 SEC Tournament Champions
- 2007 SEC Regular Season Champions
- 34 Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-American selections
- 60 Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-Region selections
- 70 All-SEC or All-Freshman selections
- 22 CoSIDA/Capital One Academic All-American selections
- 2005 pitching staff set national record for shutouts (51)
- 2007 pitching staff led nation in ERA (0.88) and K's (910)
- Tennessee first SEC team to reach #1 in polls (2007)
- Tennessee first SEC team to reach WCWS Championship Series (2007)

at 2.78 and 12 shutouts. His new pupil Renfroe truly thrived under his direction, posting a 31-6 mark with a 2.41 ERA, 15 complete games and 235 strikeouts over 232.1 innings of work. She became the first Vol pitcher not named Monica Abbott to win 30 or more games in a single season and post a victory at the annual Women's College World Series. The 6-0 right hander registered perhaps her finest effort during NCAA Super Regionals at No. 2 Michigan, flirting with a no-hitter for 6.1 frames before settling for a two-hit shutout to end the powerful Wolverines two-year, 36-game home winning streak. Renfroe also three-hit eventual national finalist No. 3 Arizona in UT's WCWS opener as Tennessee rolled past the Wildcats, 9-0 (5 inn.). Hosfield was solid from the circle in support in 2010, registering a 17-8 overall mark with a 3.27 ERA with six complete games and 130 K's in 171.1 innings. During her campaign, the Murfreesboro, Tenn., product posted victories over high-profile foes including No. 15 Texas, Illinois State, Ole Miss, Auburn, No. 4 Florida, Louisville and No. 2 Michigan. Typically a third baseman, Spigner recorded a pitching win over Austin Peay and picked up a crucial save during a 5-4 home triumph over No. 9 Georgia, while Williamson allowed just a single tally in five innings of work over three appearances.



Rookie righthander Hosfield led the way for the Vol pitching crew in 2009, posting a 28-13 record with six solo shutouts and 221 strikeouts in 257.1 innings of work. She tied for 12th in NCAA Division I in wins, second in the Southeastern Conference in victories, rated fourth in strikeouts (221) and 11th in opposing batting average (.222), while posting high-profile victories over No. 6 Oklahoma (twice), No. 15 Massachusetts, No. 18 LSU (twice), No. 25 Kansas and Auburn (three wins). Included in her SEC All-Freshman campaign was a hard-fought 2-1 defeat to eventual national champion Washington, during which Hosfield allowed just two runs on seven hits in a duel with 2009 USA Softball National Player of the Year Danielle Lawrie. Forced to look further into the staff as the long '09 season wore on, he helped senior Danielle Pieroni to an 8-3 mark over 57 innings of work after she entered the year with all of 22.2 frames of collegiate pitching experience. He even helped freshman Spigner, who hadn't thrown in a pitch in nearly a year, contribute 16 innings, including a big 6-3 win at No. 8 Georgia.

His charges in the circle helped guide Tennessee to a fifth consecutive 50-win campaign in 2008 while posting 17 shutouts, a 2.10 team ERA and 431 K's in 437.0 innings of work. Freshman righthander Ward spent the season among the SEC win leaders and finished 25th in NCAA Division I in victories by going 27-5 overall with a team-best 1.88 ERA and 187 strikeouts. Senior Rhodes was responsible for 23 triumphs, 213.1 innings of work and 233 K's. The Nashville, Tenn., native concluded her time wearing the Orange & White firmly entrenched in UT's top four in career wins, K's, shutouts, ERA, appearances, starts and winning percentage. Junior Pieroni demonstrated improvement in the circle during 2008 by working 19.1 frames and highlighting her year with 2.2 innings of scoreless relief in an exhibition contest against the U.S. Olympic Softball Team.

During the 2007 drive to a runner-up national finish at the Women's College World Series, McDaniel helped the Tennessee staff to an NCAA-best 0.88 ERA to go along with 63 wins, 41 shutouts and a national single-season record strikeout-per-seven-inning ratio of 13.55 on 910 combined K's over 470 innings of work. His pupils in the circle, Abbott and Rhodes, finished first (14.1) and fourth (11.7), respectively, in K-per-seven-inning ratio in the country. Senior Abbott led the way in single-season strikeouts with an NCAA record 724. She completed her stay in the Orange & White as the NCAA career leader in wins (189), strikeouts (2,440), shutouts (112), appearances (253) and innings pitched (1,448.0). Rhodes struck out 186 batters over just 111.2 frames of work while going 13-3 with a 1.50 ERA. The duo also combined to hurl eight no-hitters, including three perfect games (two for Abbott, one for Rhodes). For his efforts, he was named as part of Speedline's South Region Coaching Staff of the Year for the second time in three seasons (2005).

His pitching staff continued their stellar work in the circle during UT's run to the WCWS in 2006 by leading the league in ERA at 1.12 with a 61-12 overall record, 37 shutouts and 682 strikeouts. Junior All-American Abbott led the nation in victories with 44 and broke the SEC career records for K's and triumphs during the regular-season after posting a 44-10 mark with 531 K's. Sophomore Rhodes continued her rapid improvement by going 17-2 overall with a 1.40 ERA and 148 strikeouts in just 120 innings of work. The staff hurled three consecutive no-hitters during the title-winning USF adidas Tournament and almost got a fourth straight as a bloop single by UMass in the fifth inning of the championship contest broke up the amazing bid.

Working primarily with the pitching and catching positions during the record-setting 2005 campaign, McDaniel instructed a group of hurlers that broke

a long-standing national record for shutouts with 51 blankings while helping guide UT's initial advance into the WCWS. The first-year McDaniel's charges combined for 67 victories in the circle with an overall ERA of 0.79 and 787 strikeouts in 547.0 innings. Sophomore Abbott became the program's first two-time, first-team All-American after leading the nation in victories (50), shutouts (34), strikeouts (603) and innings pitched (392.0). Rookie pitcher Rhodes posted 14 victories and 125 K's on her way to SEC All-Freshman honors.

Granted the responsibility of building the softball program at Armstrong Atlantic State (Ga.) from its infancy in 1998, McDaniel turned the AASU varsity program into a winning machine that captured its initial Peach Belt Conference championship in 2000, garnered four NCAA Championship berths (2000, 2002, 2003, 2004) and achieved a No. 1 ranking in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) poll during the 2000 campaign. His conference-winning squad in 2000 picked up an impressive 51 victories against just seven losses and registered an 18-2 league mark in PBC play.

With the assistance of four All-Americans, McDaniel's 2004 AASU squad advanced all the way to the South Atlantic Regional. Record-setting senior pitcher Katya Eronina picked up her second-consecutive first-team NFCA All-America honor while a pair of seniors, Stacey Richardson and Kissy Stepanova, garnered second-team All-America awards. Junior second baseman Stacy Oliver was selected as a third-team All-American.

During the 2003 campaign, AASU utilized the pitching of NFCA All-America Eronina, the Division II leader in earned-run-average, to advance to the South Atlantic

Region final. The Pirates achieved a final ranking of 16th and completed the season at 41-13 overall.

All-Americans Annie Sells and Richardson helped guide the 2002 version of McDaniel's Pirates to a No. 2-seeding at the South Atlantic Regional and another final ranking of 16th. AASU registered the best won-lost record in Division II with a 40-7 mark while Richardson was the NCAA's DII home run champion with a school-record 16 round-trippers. The squad finished with a 15-2 mark for a second-place finish in the Peach Belt Conference.

The 2000 South Atlantic Coach of the Year, McDaniel has had experience on the Weeklys' staff before as he joined AASU from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. During his two-plus year stint on the staff of then Head Coach Ralph Weekly, also a U.S. Olympic Assistant Coach, Chattanooga won two Southern Conference Championships.

A native of Chattanooga, Tenn., McDaniel received his Bachelor of Science degree from Carson-Newman College in 1989 and also assisted with the baseball team as a coach for two seasons. As a top-rated pitcher, McDaniel has made numerous all-region squads in the sport of men's fastpitch softball.

During 2008 he was honored in a ceremony at Armstrong Atlantic State as a coaching inductee into the softball program's "Wall of Fame."

McDaniel and his wife, the former Kelly Stewart, currently reside in Knoxville, Tenn. The pair have a child, Lindsey Jo, who was born during the 2005 softball campaign.





INDIA CHILES

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACH, 2ND SEASON AT TENNESSEE

2ND SEASON AS A COLLEGIATE ASSISTANT COACH

NFCA ALL-AMERICAN (2007)

2007 SEC PLAYER OF THE YEAR

ESPN THE MAGAZINE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN (2007)

DRAFTED BY THE AKRON RACERS ON THE NPF (2007)

India Chiles is entering her second season as assistant coach with the Tennessee softball program, returning to Rocky Top and co-head coaches Ralph and Karen Weekly.

Chiles, a former All-American for the Lady Vols (2004-07), will primarily work with the slappers and outfielders. She joins the staff after working as a pharmaceutical sales representative for Johnson & Johnson. She is the current owner and operator of SlapperNation, LLC.

As a player, Chiles helped Tennessee reached the Women's College World Series three times (2005, 2006 and 2007) and the NCAA Tournament four times from 2004-07. The Lady Vols also made the WCWS championship game in 2007 and finished the season as national runners-up. Chiles has been regarded as one of the best slappers in the game and for her efforts was named SEC Player of the Year in 2007.

The Louisville, Ky., native started 176 games over her four seasons, while recording 204 hits and scoring 157 runs.

Her senior season was her most impressive season, in which she finished with a .459 batting average with 57 runs, 89 hits, 44 stolen bases, an on-base percentage of .502 and a slugging percentage of .500. In addition to her SEC Player of the Year honor, Chiles was named Louisville/NFCA First-Team All-American, WCWS All-Tournament Team and All-SEC Tournament Team honors.

She was also invited to the USA Softball Team Selection Camp and was drafted by the Akron Racers of the National Pro Fastpitch in 2007.

Chiles was also a great student in the classroom while on Rocky Top, having been named an ESPN the Magazine Academic All-American, SEC Spring Honor Roll (2006, 2007, 2008), and Academic All-SEC (2004, 2008) honoree.



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MELISSA BROWN

DIRECTOR OF SOFTBALL OPERATIONS

Melissa Brown is entering her second season as the Director of Softball Operations, serving on the staff of co-head coaches Ralph and Karen Weekly.

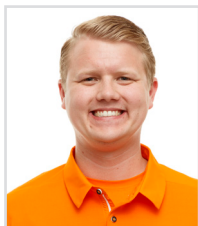
She came back to Rocky Top after spending the 2016 season as a volunteer assistant coach at LSU. Her job duties will include the coordination, planning and execution of the program's day-to-day activities, as well as coordinating team travel plans and meals and supervising the team's managers.

During her time with the Tigers, the program made the NCAA Tournament and advanced to the Women's College World Series. With her as a volunteer assistant coach in 2017, the Tigers made an amazing run to the Women's College World Series by going on

the road for a Super Regional in Tallahassee, Fla., where they defeated then-No. 4 Florida State to advance to their third straight WCWS.

Prior to her time at LSU, Brown completed her Master's degree in Sports Psychology and Motor Behavior at Tennessee while serving as a manager under the Weekly's for two seasons.

As a player at Tennessee, Brown helped the Big Orange reach the Women's College World Series three times (2010, 2012 and 2013) and the NCAA Tournament four times. The Valencia, Calif., native started 154 games over her four seasons, while recording 126 hits and scoring 107 runs.



HUNTER KING

VIDEO COORDINATOR

Hunter King is entering his first season as Softball Video Coordinator, serving on the staff of co-head coaches Ralph and Karen Weekly.

He comes to Rocky Top after having spent four seasons working as Assistant Director of Olympic Sports Video Operations at The University of Alabama, where he excelled at operating Dartfish Video Systems for Alabama baseball and softball. King was also responsible for obtaining TV copies for all Alabama Olympic Sports for scouting purposes.

While working for the school, King also received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication

and Information Science from The University of Alabama, where he majored in Sports Broadcasting.

He is extremely excited to be joining a nationally renowned coaching staff and team, and he looks forward to making an immediate impact on the Tennessee women's softball team.



SAMMIE CHARTERS

ASSISTANT ATHLETIC TRAINER

Sammie Charters is in her fourth season as an Assistant Athletic Trainer with Tennessee Softball. She previously worked as a Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer at UT with the women's tennis team.

A native of Chesapeake, Virginia, Sammie received her Bachelors of Science in Athletic Training from James Madison University in 2012. There she worked with the James Madison women's Soccer, football and softball teams. After James Madison, she went on to work as an Intern Athletic Trainer at Missouri State University for the 2012-2013

season. There she was responsible for the health care of the field hockey and women's cross country teams.

Sammie then received her Master of Science in Recreation and Sport Management at the University of Tennessee in May 2015.

Sammie is a member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA), Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association (SEATA) and Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Association (TATS).

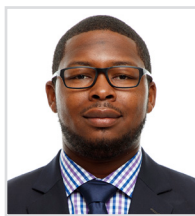
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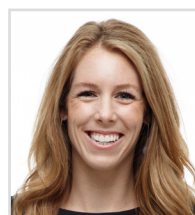
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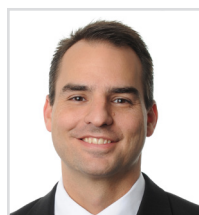
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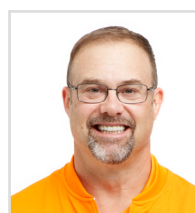
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DR. WAYNE T. DAVIS

INTERIM CHANCELLOR

**Second Year
Pfeiffer, 1969**

Wayne T. Davis became interim chancellor of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, on May 7, 2018. In assuming leadership of the state's flagship university, Davis is responsible for guiding a campus with an annual budget of \$1.2 billion and an endowment of \$581 million; an enrollment of 28,000 students and a workforce of nearly 12,000 faculty, staff, and students; and a base of more than 250,000 alumni. UT has a Carnegie classification of doctoral university (highest research activity) and is a top 30 public research university with an annual economic impact of over \$4.3 billion systemwide. UT Knoxville alone has an economic impact on the state of \$1.6 billion and is responsible for generating 33,000 jobs.

Davis first came to UT as a graduate student in 1970 along with his wife, Sylvia. He earned his master's degree in environmental engineering and doctorate in civil engineering from the university in 1973 and 1975, respectively, and has held faculty and administrative roles at UT since. He served as assistant dean of the Graduate School from 1985 through 1988 and as its associate dean from 1988 through 1991.

He became interim dean of what is now the Tickle College of Engineering in 2008 before assuming the role permanently the following year. His time as dean saw massive growth in the college, including a near doubling of its student body, doctoral enrollment, and graduation rates; the addition of 42 new faculty

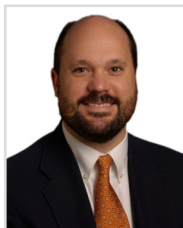
positions, more than doubling the number of endowed positions, and the hiring of 12 UT-Oak Ridge National Laboratory Governor's Chairs; construction of the Min H. Kao Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Building and the John D. Tickle Engineering Building, with a new \$129 million engineering complex in the design phase; and an improvement in student quality, with incoming freshmen in the college now averaging a GPA of 4.05 and an ACT math score of 30.5.

Davis was named Macebearer, UT Knoxville's highest faculty honor, in 2003.

The US Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Energy, and Department of Transportation; the National Science Foundation; ORNL; and the American Society for Engineering Education have all recognized Davis for his service and accomplishments. He is a member of the Air and Waste Management Association, a fellow of the American Society of Engineering Education, and a board-certified member of the American Academy of Environmental Engineering and Science.

He and his wife, Sylvia, have been married nearly 50 years. They have two children and three grandchildren.





DR. DONALD BRUCE

FACULTY ATHLETIC REPRESENTATIVE

**20th Year at Tennessee
Drew University, 1994**

Donald Bruce is the Douglas and Brenda Horne Professor of Business in the Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) and the Department of Economics at UT Knoxville.

He joined the UTK faculty in 1999 after receiving his M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from Syracuse and his B.A. with honors in Economics from Drew University.

As a CBER economist, Dr. Bruce regularly provides objective, non-partisan policy research and evaluation under contracts with an array of government agencies at the federal and state levels. His recent work in CBER has included an ongoing evaluation of Tennessee's welfare program, Families First, for the Tennessee Department of Human Services, an analysis of teacher supply and demand in Tennessee for the Governor's Office of Education Policy, and a forecast of expenditures on Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarships for the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

In addition to his CBER research, Dr. Bruce studies the economic and behavioral effects of tax policies on such things as small business activity and owner-occupied housing. His work has been presented and published in a variety of academic journals, edited volumes, and professional meetings. He has testified before Congress on the topic of internet taxation, and

he presented his work on taxes and small business activity before the President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform in 2005.

Dr. Bruce regularly teaches graduate and undergraduate courses on the economics of taxation and the economics of health and health care. He has recently served as the Director of Graduate Studies in Economics and the Director of the Undergraduate Major in Public Administration. Before becoming Faculty Athletics Representative, Dr. Bruce served for two years as chair of the Athletics Board's Fiscal Integrity and Long-Range Planning Committee. He has also served as chair of the UTK Faculty Senate's Budget and Planning Committee. Dr. Bruce is an active member of the National Tax Association, the International Institute of Public Finance, and the American, Southern, and Western Economic Associations. His community service has included numerous economic and policy presentations for state and local organizations, and he currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Innovative Education Partnership, the non-profit governing body of the Clayton-Bradley STEM Academy in Blount County.

Dr. Bruce lives in Walland, Tenn, with his wife Jennifer, a mathematics teacher at Clayton-Bradley, and their daughter Annie.





PHILLIP FULMER

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

**Second Year
Tennessee, 1972**

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Chancellor Beverly Davenport announced the appointment of Phillip Fulmer as Director of Athletics on Dec. 1, 2017. Fulmer moved to this position after serving as special advisor to University of Tennessee President Joe DiPietro for community, athletics and university relations since June 20, 2017.

Fulmer—a former Tennessee football co-captain who went on to lead the Volunteers to a football national championship and earn first-ballot induction into the National Football Foundation College Football Hall of Fame—has faithfully served the University of Tennessee for more than 40 years.

“Phillip understands the need to support our student-athletes and our commitment to excellence in all athletic programs,” Davenport said. “I appreciate his willingness to serve.

“No one better understands the storied history of Vol athletics and its deep connection to alumni and fans, and I believe he will be a unifying presence for all of us committed to the university’s success.”

Fulmer wasted no time getting to work. Six days after taking the reins of the athletic department at his alma mater, he finalized a deal to make Jeremy Pruitt the 26th head coach in the storied history of the Tennessee football program.

Fulmer had experience in such endeavors, as in 2013 he was tabbed by the administration at ETSU to serve as “special assistant to the athletic director and advisor to football,” providing guidance and expertise as the school sought to restart its football program, which had been dormant for 10 years.

The cornerstones of Tennessee Athletics under Fulmer’s leadership are warmth, communication, trust and intensity.

Warmth – Ensuring that we care about our student-athletes, our university, our state, our fans and our community

Communication – Transparency in sharing our vision and goals with our various constituencies

Trust – We will build trust with our constituencies to ensure that we weather and withstand the challenges we are certain to face.

Intensity – We will operate with great intensity daily to be the very best at our chosen calling

THE FULMER FILE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: Phillip Edward Fulmer Sr.

Born: Sept. 1, 1950

Hometown: Winchester, Tenn.

Education: Tennessee (1972)

Wife: Vicky Morey

Children: Phillip Jr., Courtney, Brittany, Allison

EXPERIENCE

1974: Wichita State, Offensive Line Coach

1975-76: Wichita State, Linebackers Coach

1977-78: Wichita State, Offensive Line Coach

1979: Vanderbilt, Offensive Line Coach

1980-88: Tennessee, Offensive Line Coach

1989-92: Tennessee, Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line Coach

1992-2008: Tennessee, Head Football Coach

2013-15: ETSU, Special Assistant to the Athletic Director and Advisor to Football

2017: Tennessee, Special Advisor to the President for Community, Athletics and University Relations

2017-Present: Tennessee, Director of Athletics

Fulmer leaned on those same four pillars while leading his alma mater’s storied football program to the most dominant era in its modern history.

Fulmer’s 17 years at the helm of the Volunteers program produced a record of 152 wins and 52 losses. At the conclusion of Fulmer’s final season, he was the dean of SEC football coaches and no active coach with at least a decade in Division I-A had a better winning percentage (.744).

Under his tutelage, the Volunteers were the first to win the Bowl Championship Series National Championship in 1998 and made five appearances in the SEC Championship game, winning it in 1997 and 1998 and also capturing SEC East titles in 1997, 1998, 2001, 2004 and 2007.

Fulmer was named SEC Coach of the Year and National Coach of the Year in 1998.

A 1972 Tennessee graduate, he starred on the offensive line during his playing career, serving as team co-captain as a senior. The Vols were 30-5 and won an SEC Championship and a Sugar Bowl during his playing career from 1969-71.

He returned to Rocky Top as an assistant coach in 1980 before being named head coach in 1992.

Fulmer built his programs by challenging and

motivating his teams to victories when the pressure was highest. Among his many accolades:

- Nine Fulmer-coached squads eclipsed the 10-win mark and two others just missed with nine victories.
- Eighteen of Fulmer's Vols earned first-team All-America honors, 70 Vols garnered first-team All-SEC acclaim and he produced 19 first-round NFL Draft selections and had a total of 101 players selected overall.
- Under Fulmer, the Vols were ranked in the national polls at game time for 169 of his 204 games as head coach.
- Tennessee posted a 44-37 record against teams ranked in the Associated Press Top-25 Poll during his tenure.
- Fulmer is one of only three coaches to produce multiple winners the Draddy Award (now known as the William V. Campbell Trophy), which recognizes the nation's top academic and athletic student-athlete by The National Football Foundation & College Football Hall of Fame. Offensive lineman Michael Munoz and quarterback Peyton Manning both received the award under Fulmer's tutelage.

Fulmer's family approach in developing and guiding his young men on and off the field gave him the opportunity to mentor some of the top names in college and NFL history—including Manning, Eric Berry, Chad Clifton, Al Wilson and Jason Witten. Fulmer's motivation was rooted in his role as a principled mentor who pushed his student-athletes to grow socially, spiritually, academically and personally, as well as athletically.

Fulmer's reputation as an ace recruiter led many analysts to praise him as one of the top head coach recruiters. His holistic approach earned recognition

from his peers as he was named the second coach in history to earn the Eddie Robinson Coach of Distinction Trophy, the presidency of the American Football Coaches Association, and national, regional and conference coach of the year honors.

His induction into the 2012 National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame on the first ballot was a rare accomplishment, signifying immense respect from his peers. He previously was inducted to the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in 2001 and the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame in 2008. He was welcomed into the Tennessee Athletics Hall of Fame in 2017.

Fulmer and his wife, Vicky, have been passionate and active supporters of several philanthropic causes. Phillip has served as the national spokesperson for The Jason Foundation, Inc., since 1998. He also serves as honorary chair of the Knoxville Alzheimer's Association Walk and sits on the Board of Trustees for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley. The annual Phillip Fulmer Golf Classic in 2001 has raised over \$1 million for Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley. Additionally, Vicky stands as an honorary board member with Friends of the Smokies.

Fulmer's three daughters—Courtney, Brittany and Allison—each graduated from the University of Tennessee's College of Communication & Information. Brittany and Allison also lettered as Lady Vols, competing as a diver and a softball player, respectively. His son, Phillip Jr., lives and works in White House, Tennessee.

Between his Tennessee coaching tenure and his return to UT in 2017, Fulmer also worked in business development and made motivational speaking appearances nationwide.



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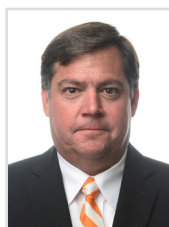
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