# *SEC Women's Basketball Tournament History*

On Feb. 7, 1980, the first SEC women's basketball tournament began play. It ended four days later with Tennessee defeating Ole Miss for the title. Fast forward 32 years later and the SEC Tournament is still enjoying success and increased popularity.

Beginning with its inception and through 1986, the tournament was held at campus sites. The tournament was then sent to Albany, Ga., which served as the site for six years from 1987-92. The tournament then moved to Chattanooga, Tenn., where it was was held from 1993-2000, with the exception of 1998 when the tournament moved to Columbus, Ga.

Since 2001 the tournament has enjoyed many new sites, including Memphis (2001), Nashville (2002, 2004, 2008, 2011, 2012), North Little Rock, Ark. (2003, 2006, 2009), Greenville, S.C. (2005) and Duluth, Ga. (2007, 2010, 2013).

Below is a chance to relive the excitement of each of the past championship games.

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**1980 Championship**

The Tennessee Lady Vols won the inaugural Southeastern Conference Women's Basketball Tournament in 1980. The Lady Vols took advantage of playing on their home court in Knoxville to seal a 85-71 victory over a determined Ole Miss squad. Jill Rankin paced Tennessee, tallying a team-high 24 points and grabbing a game-high 10 rebounds, and picking up the tourney's Most Valuable Player award. Ole Miss boasted a better field-goal percentage (55.1 to 54.5), but Tennessee attempted 11 more free throws and grabbed eight more rebounds to record an 85-71 victory. Tennessee's Cindy Noble and Holly Warlick also earned All-Tournament honors. Peggie Gillom and Carol Ross received mention for Ole Miss. Lori Monroe of Auburn and Valerie Still of Kentucky rounded out the All-Tournament team.

**1981 Championship**

It was a battle of Alabama schools in the second annual SEC Tournament, held in Baton Rouge, La., as the Auburn Tigers rolled over the Crimson Tide of Alabama, 61-50. Rebounding keyed the Tigers' victory, as they grabbed 19 more than Alabama. Auburn's Becky Jackson, the tournament's MVP, paced all rebounders with 14 and teammate Lori Monroe grabbed 10. Three Tigers totaled double-digit scoring, with Angie Hannah's 14 points leading the way. Poor shooting plagued the Tide, which hit just 33.9 percent from the field. Jackson and Hannah earned All-Tournament team honors for Auburn. Leslie Payne and Mary Beasley received recognition for Alabama. Kentucky's Valerie Still was the only All-Tournament selection not in the final.

**1982 Championship**

Kentucky defeated Tennessee, 80-74 in the 1982 Championship Game. The Wildcats won the tournament crown on their home court in Lexington behind the solid play of Valerie Still. Still, the tournament's MVP, hit 13 of 21 shots and sank seven of her eight free throw attempts for 33 points. Tennessee, which was vying for its second tournament title, shot 56.9 percent from the field and Kentucky hit 59.2 percent of its field goals and made 80 percent from the line. Mary Ostrowski and Paula Towns paced the Lady Vols in scoring, notching 19 points each. Tanya Haave and Ostrowski (Tennessee) as well as Still and Patty Jo Hedges (Kentucky) earned All-Tournament team honors. This was the third time Still earned the honor. Janet Harris (Georgia) and Joyce Walker (LSU) were also selected to the All-Tournament squad. The third annual tournament attracted a then-record 5,200 people.

**1983 Championship**

In a nail-biting game, the Georgia Lady Bulldogs won their first tournament championship by defeating Ole Miss, 72-69. The contest was tied at 37 at halftime despite 37.8 percent shooting from the field by Georgia. Wanda Holloway led the Lady Bulldogs in scoring, sinking seven of 13 shots for 23 points. Eugenia Conner, with 28 points, and Maxine Brooks, with 20 points, paced Ole Miss. The tandem also gathered a team-high 10 rebounds each, giving the Rebels a 45-28 edge on the boards. Teresa Edwards earned tournament MVP honors. Conner made the All-Tournament squad for Ole Miss and Tennessee's Tanya Haave, Auburn's Becky Jackson and LSU's Joyce Walker rounded out the All-Tournament roster. The tournament marked the last year a consolation game was played as Tennessee downed Auburn, 83-75.

**1984 Championship**
The Georgia Lady Bulldogs made it two in a row, nabbing their second straight tournament crown in Athens, the only time a school captured consecutive titles to that point. It also marked the second time the Alabama Crimson Tide failed in a bid for the tournament championship, as the Lady Bulldogs defeated UA 84-65. In another first, a player from the losing school earned most valuable player honors. Alabama's Cassandra Crumpton won the hardware, tallying a game-high 23 points on 10 of 20 shooting from the floor. Janet Harris paced Georgia with 19 points. The Lady Bulldogs possessed a two-point halftime lead, 33-31, but were able to pull away in the second half. Harris, Teresa Edwards and Wanda Holloway earned All-Tournament mention for Georgia. Crumpton was Alabama's lone representative on the All-Tournament unit.

**1985 Championship**
The Tennessee Lady Vols nabbed their second SEC Tournament title since the inception of the event. The contest, tied at 30 at halftime, marked the second time a championship game was decided by three points, with a 63-60 win for the Lady Vols. Shelia Collins, the tournament's most valuable player, exploded for the Tennessee attack, scoring 20 points and grabbing a team high 10 rebounds. Mae Ola Bolton led the Auburn Tigers, notching a game-high 23 points. Charlene Thomas pulled down a game-high 13 rebounds in a losing effort for Auburn. Poor shooting burdened Auburn, which hit just 35 percent from the floor. The Lady Vols connected on 44 percent of their shots. Collins and Dawn Marsh earned All-Tournament honors for the Tennessee Lady Vols. Bolton and Brenda Hill represented Auburn on the All-Tournament squad.

**1986 Championship**
The Georgia Lady Bulldogs pawed their way to a third tournament championship, downing LSU in Athens, Ga., 94-72. Propelled by tournament MVP Katrina McClain's and Teresa Edwards' 32 points each, the Lady Bulldogs scored an SEC tournament-record 94 points. UGAs' firepower was too much for the Lady Tigers, who were led by Alisha Jones' 30 points. Perhaps the game's biggest key was turnovers. LSU committed 23, while Georgia had just eight. The game was close at halftime, as the Lady Bulldogs held a 41-39 edge, but Georgia raced ahead in the second half, outscoring the Lady Tigers by 20 points. Lisa O'Connor and Edwards joined McClain on the Southeastern Conference All-Tournament team for the Lady Bulldogs. Jones represented LSU on the all-tournament unit.

**1987 Championship**
Auburn turned back Georgia's bid to win its second consecutive title, defeating the Lady Bulldgos83-57. The Tigers controlled the game from the start, building a 37-29 halftime lead. The 26-point victory was the largest recorded in tournament history. Vickie Orr, the tournament's MVP, led the Auburn Tigers' charge. She had game highs of 32 points and 12 rebounds. Diann McNeil, with 16 points, and Mae Ola Bolton, with 11, also notched double-digit scoring efforts for Auburn. Katie Abrahamson and Carla Green paced Georgia with 10 points apiece. Albany, Ga., hosted the tournament, marking the first time a non-SEC city played host. McNeil, Bolton and Orr were the SEC All-Tournament team representitives for the Tigers, while Katrina McClain represented the Georgia Lady Bulldogs.

**1988 Championship**
Tennessee made it a hat trick, capturing its third tournament crown in a close game against Auburn, 73-70. It marked the third time a championship game was decided by three points, and the second time the Tennessee Lady Vols captured one of those close contests. The Lady Vols held a four-point halftime lead, but Auburn outscored Tennessee in the second half, 33-32. The Tigers were vying for their second straight title, but had to settle for their second runner-up finish. Tournament MVP Bridgette Gordon paced Tennessee with 34 points. Vickie Orr led the Tigers with 23 points while Mae Ola Bolton topped in rebounds, tying a tournament record with 14 boards. Gordon was the lone Tennessee representative on the All-Tournament squad. Orr, Ruthie Bolton and Diann McNeil earned recognition for the Auburn Tigers.

**1989 Championship**
Auburn and Tennessee capped off a decade of dominance in the 1989 SEC Tournament championship game. The Lady Vols were in their fifth championship tilt of the '80s. The Tigers were shooting for their third crown (in five appearances). This time the Lady Vols prevailed, 66-51, in a matchup that proved to be a preview of the NCAA championship, which also featured the two SEC powerhouses. UT was paced by tournament MVP Bridgette Gordon, who scored 25 points in the final. Shelia Frost and Dena Head contributed 11 and 14 points, respective-

ly, and joined Gordon on the All-Tournament team. Making a championship-game sweep of the five spots on that squad, the Tigers added Vickie Orr and Patrena Scruggs. Orr collected 16 points and pulled down 12 rebounds for the double-double.

**1990 Championship**
Auburn and Tennessee once again battled it out for the Southeastern Conference Tournament title in Albany, Ga. In their third consecutive title game, the Tigers stopped Tennessee, 78-77. UT, shooting 56 percent from the floor, fell behind in the first half and went into the locker room down 44-31. In the second half, they outscored Auburn 46-34, but that was not enough to win the game. Tournament MVP Carolyn Jones sparked the winning team with 28 points and seven rebounds. C.C. Hayden also had 20 points for the Tigers. Tennessee's Daedra Charles spearheaded the Volunteer attack with 24 points, and Dena Head added 20 points. Joining Jones, Charles and Head on the All-Tournament team were Auburn's Evelyn Thompson and Lady Hardmon from the Georgia Lady Bulldogs.

**1991 Championship**
For the previous three seasons, spectators in Albany, Ga., were getting used to a Tennessee-Auburn tournament title game. The Lady Volunteers still reached the final round, but they were stopped by No. 4 seed LSU, 80-75. The Lady Tigers had not reached the tournament final since 1986, a 94-72 loss to Georgia. But on the strength of Dana Chatman's 30-point outing, this one did not get away. LSU went into the half tied with the Lady Vols, 32-32. The Lady Tigers came out shooting in the second half, hitting 80 percent of their treys and 62 percent from the floor. Annette Jackson-Lowery put in 18 and Shelia Johnson added 14 in the winning cause. Joining MVP Chatman on the all-tournament team were her LSU teammates Jackson-Lowery and Johnson, as well as Tennessee's Daedra Charles and Auburn's Carolyn Jones.

**1992 Championship**
It was no waltz to the championship for the Tennessee Lady Vols as they slipped past a determined LSU squad, 70-65, and dispatched a pesky Kentucky squad, 90-84, on their way to a matchup with Georgia. The Lady Bulldogs had nipped Vanderbilt and upset the Southeastern Conference regular-season champ Ole Miss to reach their first final since1987. Tennessee took command of the final game, grabbing a 13-point lead into the half, leading the Lady Vols to a 73-66 win. Georgia's Lady Hardmon tallied 23 points and Camille Lowe added 19, but Tennessee was too much for the Georgia Lady Bulldogs. The Lady Vols had four players in double figures including tournament MVP Dena Head (18 points) and Peggy Evans (17). Evans joined Head on the All-Tournament team. This was the fifth title for the Lady Vols' and their first crown since capturing back-to-back titles in 1988 and 1989.

**1993 Championship**
No team had ever gone from the No. 7 seed or lower to SEC Tournament champion, but Georgia was determined to be the first. The Lady Bulldogs started by taking down Tennessee, which went 11-0 in the SEC regular season. They moved on to extinguish the explosive attack of Alabama's "Long Rangers," but could not hold off Vanderbilt. Vandy found its way to the final by beating late-blooming Kentucky, then burying Ole Miss. Georgia struggled from the field with 37.5 percent shooting in the final, while Vanderbilt shot 52.6 percent, winning 78-64. Vanderbilt's Rhonda Blades dished out a game-high nine assists, while all-tournament team member Misty Lamb had 22 points and pulled down 13 boards. Mara Cunningham walked away with the MVP honors, scoring 20 points and grabbing seven rebounds in the final.

**1994 Championship**
Georgia surprised the Lady Vols in the second round the previous year, advancing to the '93 championship game, but the Lady Vols turned the tables in '94. Four Lady Vols scored in double figures, paced by Tiffany Woosley's 20 points, for a UT win, 82-76. UT then beat No. 16 Alabama, 72-56, to advance to the championship round. Vanderbilt came away with a big win over Kentucky, 72-67, in the second round, while burying Florida, 94-72, in the semifinals. Vanderbilt would face the Lady Vols for the third time in four weeks to determine an SEC Tournament champion. UT prevailed again, due to a career-high performance from Nikki McCray, who scored 29 points and pulled down 10 rebounds, defeating the Commodores 82-57. Woosley scored 52 points on the weekend to earn MVP honors. The 1994 tournament broke the conference alltime attendance record with 28,447.

**1995 Championship**
In a rematch of the 1994 SEC Tournament championship, archrivals Tennessee and Vanderbilt thoroughly enter-

tained the UTC Arena crowd of 6,239. The third time proved to be the charm for the Commodores, as they had lost both regular season contests to the Lady Vols. Vanderbilt, which had also lost to Tennessee 82-57 in the 1994 title tilt, evened the score in this matchup with a hard-fought 67-61 win that gave the Commodores their second SEC Tournament championship in three years. Tennessee led 29-26 at the half, but Vanderbilt outscored the Lady Vols 41-32 in the second half. Behind the play of MVP Sheri Sam, The Commodores took a 39-38 lead with 10:04 remaining that it would refuse to relinquish. The total tournament attendance of 29,540 broke the previous year's record of 28,447.

**1996 Championship**

It was a battle of the best in the 1996 SEC Championship game as the Alabama Crimson Tide and the Tennessee Lady Vols were neck and neck on the scoreboard throughout the game. Dominique Canty's 23 points helped the Crimson Tide stay on their feet against the soonto-be national champion Tennessee Lady Vols, with the one-two punch of Michelle Marciniak and Latina Davis providing the points and Tiffani Johnson hauling in the rebounds. The Lady Vols outrebounded the Tide, but only shot 42 percent from the field, but it was just enough to beat Alabama 64-60. Johnson, Marciniak and Chamique Holdsclaw were selected to the SEC All-Tournament team for Tennessee. Canty was named tournament MVP — only the second time MVP honors were given to a player from the losing team.

**1997 Championship**

Auburn completed an unprecedented run in the SEC Tournament with a 52-47 victory over Florida to capture the 1997 title. The Tigers were led by tournament MVP Laticia Morris who scored 22 points and grabbed eight boards. The Gators were paced by Murriel Page with 17 points and 13 rebounds. Dana Smith added 10 points and three boards for UF. The tournament's ninth seed, Auburn, defeated three teams — Georgia, Tennessee and Florida — ranked in the top 10 en route to the championship. The Tigers became the lowest seed ever to win the tournament title. They also were the first tournament championship team to survive from the first day of competition. The tournament title made it the fourth for AU head coach Joe Ciampi in his 20-year career.

**1998 Championship**

Top-ranked Tennessee stayed undefeated by holding off No. 20 Alabama for a 67-63 victory to claim the SEC crown. It marked just the second time of the 1997-98 season that Tennessee (then 33-0) had won by fewer than 10 points. Tournament MVP Chamique Holdsclaw scored 22 points and collected seven rebounds for Tennessee, its eighth SEC Tournament championship. The Lady Vols remained unbeaten to join Texas and Connecticut as just the third team to go undefeated since the NCAA began sanctioning women's basketball in 1981. Alabama's Crimson Tide funneled everything to Dominique Canty. She finished with 25 points, but shot just eight of 23 from the floor. Tamika Catchings finished with 16 points for the Vols, and would go on to lead Tennessee to their third consecutive NCAA championship title.

**1999 Championship**

The second-ranked Tennessee Lady Vols defeated No. 14 Georgia 85-69 in the championship game of the 1999 SEC Women's Basketball Tournament for their ninth SEC Tournament championship overall and fifth this decade. Georgia was ahead 40-37 at halftime, because it shot 55 percent (18 of 33) compared to Tennessee's 39 percent in the first half. Then Tennessee turned up the pressure and outrebounded Georgia, 45-34, overall and forced 19 turnovers in the final 31 minutes. The Lady Vols, who scored the final six points of the first half, opened up the second half with a 22-7 spurt. With three post players in foul trouble, Georgia hit only two of its first 13 shots. Tamika Catchings scored 18 of her 24 points in the second half and Chamique Holdsclaw added 19.

**2000 Championship**

Tennessee became the first team to win three consecutive SEC Tournaments with a 70-67 victory over Mississippi State. It was the 10th tournament title for Tennessee. The championship game was hard-fought by both teams and included seven lead changes. Mississippi State led most of the second half, with their biggest lead being 12 points. Tennessee tied it up for the last time with 1:53 left to play. UT went up 68-64 on free throws before Mississippi State came within one on a 20-foot three-pointer by Angela Harris. Tennessee finished out the game with two more free throws. MSU freshman LaToya Thomas was named MVP. Only two other SEC Tournament MVP's from a team that did not win the title have ever received this honor — Dominique Canty (Alabama 1996) and Cassandra Crumpton (Alabama 1984).

**2001 Championship**
Kelly Miller hit a running jumper with 0.8 seconds left to play to give a No. 6 Georgia a 62-60 victory over 15th-ranked Vanderbilt for its first SEC tournament title since 1986. Vanderbilt's Jillian Danker tied the game at 60 with 5.9 seconds left then Miller took the ball up court. Her shot ensured a fourth SEC title for the Lady Bulldogs (26-5), who had lost in the championship game in four times. Deanna Nolan finished with 21 points to lead Georgia, Coco Miller added 11 and Tiaunna Briggans had 10. It was sweet revenge for Georgia, which fell from the tournament's No. 2 seed to third after fourthseeded Vanderbilt upset them a week before in Nashville. This was Georgia's fourth win over the Commodores in two seasons. Chantelle Anderson had a game-high 28 points for Vanderbilt, shooting 11-of-19 from the floor.

**2002 Championship**
Chantelle Anderson scored 18 points and Zuzi Klimesova added 16 as No. 6 Vanderbilt beat LSU, 63-48, for its first SEC title since 1995 and third overall. The Commodores won the tournament title in 1993 and were runners-up to Georgia in 2001. Fourth-seeded LSU upset No. 3 Tennessee in the semifinals to reach the championship game for first time since winning its only title in 1991. But the Lady Tigers, dressing only seven players, didn't have enough left against Vanderbilt. Vanderbilt's Zuzi Klimesova was named Most Valuable Player of the tournament for her outstanding efforts.

**2003 Championship**
Temeka Johnson had 24 points and a gamehigh nine rebounds as No. 6 LSU beat No. 3 Tennessee, 78-62, to win the Southeastern Conference tournament title. The 5-foot-3 junior point guard energized the Lady Tigers' offense with seven assists, and the Lady Volunteers never got closer than 12 points in the second half. Johnson earned the tournament's most valuable player honor after scoring 51 points with 14 rebounds and 15 assists in LSU's three tournament victories. Aiysha Smith added 18 points for LSU, including a perfect 7-for-7 night at the free-throw line. In those three wins, LSU made up for each one of its losses during the year — to Arkansas, Vanderbilt and Tennessee. The Lady Tigers snapped the Lady Volunteers' 19-game win streak, which was tied for the nation's fifth longest.

**2004 Championship**
Freshman center Carla Thomas had 22 points and 11 rebounds, as No. 21 Vandebilt rallied from an 18-point deficit in the second half for a 62-56 win over 20th ranked Georgia in the SEC Championship game. The Commodores won their fourth title and first since 2002, despite nearly shooting themselves out of the game in the first-half. The SEC was guaranteed its second-ever champion forced to win four games in four days because both Georgia and Vanderbilt started the tournament on Thursday. Auburn had been the only other team to accomplish the feat in 1997.

**2005 Championship**
The Lady Vols beat top-ranked LSU 67-65 for their first SEC tournament title in five years. The game saw 16 ties. LSU's biggest lead came at the half, 37-31, but Tennessee quickly erased that in the first five minutes of the second half to retake the lead, 42-41. The Lady Vols never got up by more than 51-47. Shyra Ely led UT with 25 points. Seimone Augustus had 23 points to lead LSU, while Temeka Johnson had 13 points and 12 assists.

**2006 Championship**
The Lady Vols defeated top-ranked LSU, 63-62 for the second consecutive and 12th overall SEC tournament title. Candace Parker made a driving, one-handed shot from the left side of the lane with 17 seconds remaining, and No. 8 Tennessee hald on to beat No. 3 LSU. LSU led 62-58 with less than one minutes remaining, but Shanna Zolman's 3-pointer with 35.5 seconds to play cut Tennessee's deficit to one. Erica White missed the front end of a 1-and-1 with 33 seconds left, giving the Lady Vols a chance to take the lead. Seimone Augusts had a chance to win it for the Lady Tigers, but her shot went long. Nicky Anosike rebounded for UT and, while falling, managed to pass to SIdney Spencer, who was fouled.

**2007 Championship**
After riding its 3-point shooters to the SEC tournament file, Vanderbilt had to find another way to complete its championship run. Dee Davis provided the answer. Davis scored 19 points, including a crucial breakaway basket with 23 seconds left, to lead Vanderbilt to a 51-45 victory over LSU in the SEC tournament championship game.

Davis, better known for her passes than her points, was a surprise scoring leader on a team that has leaned on the outside shooting of Christina Wirth and Caroline Williams and the inside power of Carla Thomas. It was only the second time in the season Davis led the Commodores in scoring. The win maked Vanderbilt's third SEC tournament championship in six years.

**2008 Championship**

Candace Parker hit a jumper with 1:57 left that put Tennessee ahead to stay, and the No. 3 Lady Vols won their record 13th Southeastern Conference title and third in four years by beating No. 7 LSU 61-55. And they did it against the team that handed them their worst SEC loss since 1985 to deny them a regular season championship. LSU (27-5) hoped to add the school's third tournament title and first since 2003 in the Lady Tigers' fourth straight chance in the title game. But the Lady Tigers could not score again after Sylvia Fowles hit only one of two free throws with 1:37 to go.Parker finished with 28 points and Shannon Bobbitt had 12 for Tennessee. Nicky Anosike had a team-high 11 rebounds for the Lady Vols. Fowles finished with 19 points and 10 rebounds for LSU, and Quianna Chaney added 13.

**2009 Championship**

For five minutes, Christina Wirth and Vanderbilt shot the ball everywhere but in the basket. The Commodores could have been in deep trouble against a powerful team like Auburn. Instead, they trailed by only six points, and when Tia Gibbs made a 3-pointer to break the drought, Vandy was very much in the game. After that, it was all Vanderbilt. Wirth scored 20 points, and the No. 22 Commodores beat No. 6 Auburn 61-54 to win the Southeastern Conference tournament. Auburn star DeWanna Bonner was held to nine points after scoring a combined 58 in her first two games of the tournament. Whitney Boddie led the Tigers with 14 points and eight assists.

**2010 Championship**

Shekinna Stricklen scored 20 points and No. 4 Tennessee beat Kentucky 70-62 to win the 2010 Southeastern Conference tournament. Tennessee completed its first sweep of the SEC's regular-season and tournament championships in 10 years. In each case, the decisive win came against Kentucky, which improved from a .500 finish a year ago to play in its first tournament final in 28 years. Tennessee's 14th straight victory gave Summitt her 19th 30-win season. A layup by A'dia Mathies cut the Tennessee lead to 23-22. Amber Smith then stole the ball, drove toward the basket and made a behind-the-back pass to Dunlap, who was fouled as she scored. Dunlap's free throw gave Kentucky a 25-23 lead. Freshman Kamiko Williams, who didn't score in Tennessee's first two tournament games, answered Dunlap's three-point play by scoring Tennessee's next four baskets, helping the Lady Vols lead 35-29 at halftime. Kentucky opened the second half with an 13-3 run for a 42-38 lead. Stricklen's three-point play and 3-point shot helped Tennessee pull even at 46-46. Following the last tie at 50-all, Tennessee took the lead for good with an 11-3 run, which included another 3-pointer from Stricklen.

**2011 Championship**

Angie Bjorklund scored 23 points, including seven 3s, and No. 4 Tennessee hit a school- and tournament-record 16 3-pointers to beat No. 16 Kentucky 90-65 Sunday in the Southeastern Conference championship game. It was the most points ever scored in this game. The Lady Vols, who were unbeaten in the SEC, won their 15th tournament title overall. This one was a bit special because it marked only the third time Tennessee went undefeated in winning the regular-season title before winning the conference tournament. Tennessee also did that in 1994 and 1998. The Lady Vols topped the 13 3s Alabama hit against South Carolina in 1998. They finished 16 of 21 from beyond the arc.

**2012 Championship**

Tennessee won its 16th SEC Championship and third in a row with a 70-58 victory over LSU. For the third SEC Tournament game in a row, Glory Johnson and Shekinna Stricklen were the difference. In 2012, they were joined by Vicki Baugh in the scoring column as all three tallied double-figures. Tournament MVP Johnson tallied 20 and grabbed 10 rebounds for her 35th-career double-double -- tying for third-most in a career at Tennessee. Stricklen had 16 points (14 in the second half) while Baugh added 10. The Lady Vols used an 11-3 spurt to take command at 56-47 after LSU had come within one point, 45-44, on a Webb 3-pointer with 13:51 left. Johnson extended the margin to 60-51 with a layup with 3:37 left. Theresa Plaisance made four free throws in the final 2:47 to cut the deficit to four at 60-56 with 2:04 left in second half. Stricklen hit two jumpers in the final 1:33 left including a 3-pointer with 54 seconds left to put UT ahead 65-56 and seal the win.