

MEMPHIS TIGERS

2024 SOFTBALL QUICK NOTES

2024 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

FEBRUARY (1-13)		TIME/RESULT
2/9	PITTSBURGH^	L, 0-5
2/9	@ LSU^	L, 0-19 (5 inn.)
2/10	PITTSBURGH^	L, 4-6
2/10	@ LSU^	L, 0-8 (5 inn.)
2/16	CSUF#	L, 1-13 (5 inn.)
2/16	@ GCU#	L, 0-7
2/17	BYU#	L, 5-12
2/17	@ ARIZONA STATE#	L, 5-13 (5 inn.)
2/18	CALIFORNIA#	L, 4-9
2/21	NORTHERN IOWA	L, 0-7
2/24	SIUE\$	L, 4-5
2/24	INDIANA STATES	L, 2-3
2/25	DEPAUL\$	L, 0-5
2/25	TENNESSEE TECH\$	W, 2-1
MARCH (3-14)		TIME/RESULT
3/1	UT MARTIN!	W, 7-6 (11 inn.)
3/2	JACKSON STATE!	W, 4-1
3/2	UT MARTIN!	L, 2-5
3/3	JACKSON STATE!	L, 3-4
3/5	OLE MISS	L, 0-9 (6 inn.)
3/8	TULSA*	L, 0-9 (5 inn.)
3/9	TULSA*	L, 2-8
3/10	TULSA*	L, 0-7
3/12	@ MISSISSIPPI STATE	POSTPONED
3/12	@ MISSISSIPPI STATE	POSTPONED
3/15	@ CHARLOTTE*	L, 7-12
3/16	@ CHARLOTTE*	L, 0-9 (5 inn.)
3/17	@ CHARLOTTE*	L, 0-6
3/22	FLORIDA ATLANTIC*	L, 1-12 (5 inn.)
3/23	FLORIDA ATLANTIC*	L, 1-7
3/24	FLORIDA ATLANTIC*	L, 1-18 (5 inn.)
3/28	@ UTSA*	L, 0-5
3/29	@ UTSA*	L, 1-11 (5 inn.)
3/30	@ UTSA*	W, 8-2
APRIL (0-6)		TIME/RESULT
4/2	TENNESSEE+	Canceled
4/5	SOUTH FLORIDA*	L, 1-12
4/6	SOUTH FLORIDA*	L, 3-10
4/7	SOUTH FLORIDA*	L, 6-9
4/9	@ CENTRAL ARKANSAS	Canceled
4/12	@ UAB*	L, 2-10 (6 inn.)
4/13	@ UAB*	L, 1-2
4/14	@ UAB*	L, 0-1
4/16	@ MISSISSIPPI STATE	5 PM
4/17	ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	6 PM
4/19	NORTH TEXAS*	6 PM
4/20	NORTH TEXAS*	1 PM
4/21	NORTH TEXAS*	12 PM
4/24	@ JACKSON STATE	5 PM
4/26	EAST CAROLINA*	6 PM
4/27	EAST CAROLINA*	1 PM
4/28	EAST CAROLINA*	12 PM
MAY (0-0)		TIME/RESULT
5/3	@ WICHITA STATE*	6 PM
5/4	@ WICHITA STATE*	4 PM
5/5	@ WICHITA STATE*	12 PM
5/8-11	AAC TOURNAMENT	TBD

Home games in bold
 All Times Central and Subject To Change
 * - American Athletic Conference game
 ^ - LSU Invitational
 # - Littlewood Classic
 \$ - Blues City Classic
 ! - 901 Classic
 + - Played in Columbia, Tenn.
 ^ - American Athletic Conference Championship

GAME

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MEMPHIS TIGERS AT MISSISSIPPI STATE BULLDOGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 16 | NUSZ PARK | STARKVILLE, MISS.



4-33
 1-17 American
 L6
 3-16
 1-12
 0-5
 VanBrakle Prothro
 69-130 (5th year)
 12-76 (2nd year)

2024 RECORD
 CONFERENCE
 STREAK
 HOME
 AWAY
 NEUTRAL
 HEAD COACH
 RECORD
 AT SCHOOL

29-12
 9-9 SEC
 L2
 16-6
 8-4
 5-2
 Samantha Ricketts
 154-92 (5th year)
 154-92 (5th year)



MEMPHIS PLAYERS TO WATCH FOR



McKaylee Polk



Zoe Adebayo



Arianna Cox-Cole

JR. | INF | MCKAYLEE POLK (23 HITS | .267 BA | 9 RBI | 2 HR)
 JR. | INF | ZOE ADEBAYO (23 HITS | .261 BA | 14 RBI | 3 HR)
 FR. | OF | ARIANNA COX-COLE (25 HITS | .272 BA | 9 RBI | 2 HR)

ROUNDING THE BASES

- Memphis' roster is comprised of 12 newcomers (freshman and transfers) and 12 returning players.
- Freshman pitcher Tanyah Brown made her debut as a member of the Tiger pitching staff at the LSU Invitational. Brown, a native of Montgomery, Ala., was named the 2023 state tournament MVP after winning the 2023 Alabama 5A State Championship.
- Memphis added junior Aaliyah Dixon during the offseason. Dixon was a recipient of the 2023 NJCAA Division II Rawlings Golden Glove Awards.
- McKaylee Polk has become a leader at the plate, leading the Tigers with a .327 clip. Zoe Adebayo follows closely with a .313 batting average while recording a team high nine RBI.
- Freshman pitcher Abigail Morgan is making a name for herself after recording a 1.84 ERA in the Blues City Classic last weekend in 14.2 innings pitched.



RESULTS BREAKDOWN

			Memphis			Opponents										
Date	Opponent	Result	R	H	E	R	H	E	Inn	Overall	American	Mem. Pitcher of Record	Attend	Time	Extras	
2/9	vs Pittsburgh	L	0	3	3	5	5	0	7	0-1	0-0	T. BROWN, 0-1	NA	2:04		
2/9	@ #5 LSU	L	0	2	1	19	13	0	5	0-2	0-0	R. DUGAR, 0-1	1,850	2:01		
2/10	vs Pittsburgh	L	4	7	1	6	6	1	7	0-3	0-0	R. DUGAR, 0-2	346	2:19		
2/10	@ #5 LSU	L	0	2	0	8	5	0	5	0-4	0-0	T. BROWN, 0-2	2,084	1:42		
2/16	vs CSUF	L	1	3	2	13	15	0	5	0-5	0-0	R. DUGAR, 0-3	187	1:47		
2/16	@ GCU	L	0	5	1	7	11	2	7	0-6	0-0	T. BROWN, 0-3	163	1:56		
2/17	vs BYU	L	5	5	1	12	10	0	7	0-7	0-0	T. BROWN, 0-4	259	2:25		
2/17	@ ASU	L	5	10	0	13	12	2	5	0-8	0-0	R. DUGAR, 0-4	880	1:44		
2/18	vs California	L	4	7	3	9	10	1	7	0-9	0-0	T. BROWN, 0-5	87	2:20		
2/21	Northern Iowa	L	0	0	1	7	6	0	7	0-10	0-0	T. BROWN, 0-6	150	1:50		
2/24	SIUE	L	4	6	3	5	8	2	8	0-11	0-0	A. MORGAN, 0-1	355	2:30		
2/24	Indiana State	L	2	1	0	3	10	1	7	0-12	0-0	R. DUGAR, 0-5	175	1:53		
2/25	DePaul	L	0	6	1	5	8	0	7	0-13	0-0	T. BROWN, 0-7	150	1:35		
2/25	Tennessee Tech	W	2	8	3	1	4	0	7	1-13	0-0	R. DUGAR, 1-5	150	1:50		
3/1	UT Martin	W	7	12	7		12	2	11	2-13	0-0	T. BROWN, 1-7	123	3:34		
3/2	Jackson State	W	4	9	3	1	2	2	7	3-13	0-0	T. BROWN, 2-7	135	1:58		
3/2	UT Martin	L	2	9	2	5	8	1	7	3-14	0-0	R. DUGAR, 1-6	175	2:10		
3/3	Jackson State	L	3	8	3	4	9	3	7	3-15	0-0	A. MORGAN, 0-2	125	2:08		
3/5	Ole Miss	L	0	3	2	9	8	0	6	3-16	0-0	T. BROWN, 2-8	256	2:07		
3/8	Tulsa*	L	0	0	1	9	14	0	5	3-17	0-1	A. MORGAN, 0-3	105	1:32		
3/9	Tulsa*	L	2	5	7	8	6	0	7	3-18	0-2	T. BROWN, 2-9	115	2:02		
3/10	Tulsa*	L	0	2	0	7	8	0	7	3-19	0-3	R. DUGAR, 1-7	105	2:10		
3/12	@ Mississippi State	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	-	-		
3/12	@ Mississippi State	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	-	-		
3/15	@ Charlotte*	L	7	9	4	12	13	4	7	3-20	0-4	R. DUGAR, 1-8	250	2:35		
3/16	@ Charlotte*	L	0	2	1	9	9	1	5	3-21	0-5	T. BROWN, 2-10	250	1:17		
3/17	@ Charlotte*	L	0	7	3	6	9	0	7	3-22	0-6	R. DUGAR, 1-9	200	2:02		
3/22	Florida Atlantic*	L	1	2	2	12	17	0	5	3-23	0-7	R. DUGAR, 1-10	155	1:45		
3/23	Florida Atlantic*	L	1	4	1	7	5	0	7	3-24	0-8	T. BROWN, 2-11	102	2:00		
3/24	Florida Atlantic*	L	1	3	5	18	13	1	5	3-25	0-9	A. MORGAN, 0-4	105	2:15		
3/28	UTSA*	L	0	5	1	5	3	0	7	3-26	0-10	T. BROWN, 2-12	167	2:03		
3/29	UTSA*	L	1	4	3	11	12	1	5	3-27	0-11	R. DUGAR, 1-11	217	1:35		
3/30	UTSA*	W	8	9	1	2	4	2	7	4-27	1-11	T. BROWN, 3-12	310	2:26		
4/2	vs #4 Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	-	-		
4/5	South Florida*	L	1	7	4	12	7	1	7	4-28	1-12	T. BROWN, 3-13	102	2:33		
4/6	South Florida*	L	3	4	3	10	12	2	7	4-29	1-13	R. DUGAR, 1-12	125	2:10		
4/7	South Florida*	L	6	6	7	9	5	2	7	4-30	1-14	T. BROWN, 3-14	75	2:20		
4/9	@ Central Arkansas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	-	-		
4/12	@ UAB*	L	2	4	1	10	9	1	6	4-31	1-15	T. BROWN, 3-15	152	1:41		
4/13	@ UAB*	L	1	4	0	2	3	0	7	4-32	1-16	R. DUGAR, 1-13	142	2:58		
4/14	@ UAB*	L	0	4	0	1	4	1	7	4.33	1-17	T. BROWN, 3-16	230	1:53		
4/16	@ Mississippi State															
4/17	Ark-Pine Bluff															
4/19	North Texas*															
4/20	North Texas*															
4/21	North Texas*															
4/24	@ Jackson State															
4/26	East Carolina*															
4/27	East Carolina*															
4/28	East Carolina*															
5/3	@ Wichita Staet*															
5/4	@ Wichita State*															
5/5	@ Wichita State*															
5/8-11	AAC Tournament															

THE AMERICAN

2024 Standings								
	CONF.			OVR.				
	W-L	Pct		W-L	Pct	H	A	N
Florida Atlantic	13-5	.722		33-11	.750	19-6	11-5	3-0
Tulsa	12-6	.667		27-14	.659	13-3	9-7	5-4
Charlotte	12-6	.667		25-16	.610	11-8	9-7	5-1
North Texas	12-6	.667		23-18	.561	15-7	5-9	3-2
UAB	11-7	.611		20-22	.476	13-5	2-13	5-4
Wichita State	10-8	.556		19-17	.528	5-5	9-8	5-4
South Florida	9-9	.500		30-16	.652	23-11	7-5	0-0
East Carolina	7-11	.389		30-14	.682	21-7	5-7	4-0
UTSA	3-15	.167		12-23	.267	3-9	2-14	7-10
Memphis	1-17	.056		4-33	.108	3-16	1-12	0-5

Player of the Week

April 22

April 29

May 6

Pitcher of the Week

April 22

April 29

May 6

Memphis - Weekly Honor Roll Honorees

April 22

April 29

May 6

2024 Preseason Coaches' Poll

Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1. Wichita State (8)	80
2. Charlotte (1)	70
3. North Texas (1)	66
4. South Florida	55
5. Florida Atlantic	47
6. UAB	40
7. Tulsa	37
8. East Carolina	29
9. Memphis	14
10. UTSA	12

TEAM COMPARISONS

MEMPHIS	TEAM	Miss St.
.209	AVG.	.328
29	DOUBLES	64
1	TRIPLES	6
13	HOME RUNS	41
97	BB	182
73	RBI	259
18-25	SB/ATT	35-39
6.46	ERA	3.07
120	SO	155
11	DP	18

MEMPHIS HEAD COACH STEPHANIE VANBRAKLE PROTHRO



VANBRAKLE PROTHRO AT A GLANCE

- **Alma Mater:** Alabama, 2006
- **Coaching Record:** 69-130 (5th Season)
- **Record at Memphis:** 12-76 (2nd Season)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- **2023-Present:** Head Coach, Memphis
- **2011-23:** Assistant Coach, Alabama
- **2011:** Head Coach, Samford
- **2009-10:** Head Coach, Birmingham-Southern
- **2008:** Assistant Coach, Birmingham-Southern



In her first season at the helm Prothro led the Tigers into extra innings with back-to-back AAC champions, UCF, and held the lead over the Knights into the sixth inning in the AAC Tournament. Freshman Neely Taylor was named to the AAC All-Rookie Team and Hallie Siems threw a one-hit shutout, with a career high 10 strikeouts, against Youngstown State on March 8, 2023.

Prothro came to Memphis after spending 12 seasons as the pitching coach at Alabama. In Tuscaloosa, Prothro helped the Crimson Tide win the 2012 NCAA Championship, three regular-season SEC titles and two SEC Tournament crowns.

In her 11 seasons, Prothro and Alabama made 10 NCAA Regional appearances, nine NCAA Super Regionals and six Women's College World Series appearances.

In her first season guiding the Alabama pitching staff in 2012, she helped the Crimson Tide win its first national championship. Behind the right arm of Jaclyn Traina, the 2012 team rolled through the postseason, winning the Southeastern Conference regular-season title for the third-straight year and then claiming the SEC Tournament title before advancing through the NCAA Regional and Super Regional rounds and finally capturing the coveted national championship.

Prothro was instrumental in the development of Traina. In her first season as the ace of the staff, Traina was named an NFCA first team All-American and the SEC Pitcher of the Year. Traina led the nation with a school-record 42 wins and struck out 361 batters, another Tide all-time best. The following season in 2013, Traina again earned NFCA and Easton All-America honors. As a senior in 2014, Traina was again named a First Team All-American and took home SEC Pitcher of the Year honors, helping lead the Tide to a runner-up finish at the Women's College World Series.

In 2015, Prothro oversaw a pitching staff that included SEC Freshman of the Year Alexis Osorio, a First Team All-American and top-three finalists for the NFCA Freshman of the Year award. Sophomore Sydney Littlejohn also threw a pair of perfect games that season, becoming the first Tide pitcher to throw a perfect game since Prothro did so as a player for Alabama in 2006. Littlejohn was tabbed a Second Team All-American in 2016 and earned national accolades

following two wins on the road against then-top ranked Florida during the regular season.

On opening weekend of the 2017 season, Osorio threw the program's fourth perfect game in a win over Coastal Carolina, fanning a school-record 19 batters, which surpassed Prothro's own record that had stood for over a decade. That win marked the start of what would be another All-American season for Osorio in which she earned 23 wins with a 1.21 ERA and 334 strikeouts, including four games with 18 or more strikeouts. In the NCAA Tournament, Osorio allowed just two runs over 23.2 innings pitched with 29 strikeouts against top-ranked Minnesota and top-seeded Florida.

In 2019, Alabama's pitching staff earned a pair of postseason honors from the Southeastern Conference, with Sarah Cornell as its Pitcher of the Year and Montana Fouts the Freshman of the Year. Fouts would also go on to earn NFCA All-America honors and was a top-three finalist for its national Freshman of the Year award.

In 2021, Fouts led the NCAA with 349 strikeouts, earning NFCA Pitcher of the Year and SEC Pitcher of the Year honors. At the Women's College World Series, she threw a perfect game against defending national champion UCLA, the fifth in WCWS history and first since 2000.

In 2022, Fouts was named a Second-Team All-American by the NFCA and earned All-Region and First-Team All-SEC accolades. With her 39 strikeouts over 20.2 innings, Fouts is the all-time record holder for strikeouts in the SEC Tournament.

Prothro was named Alabama's pitching coach on July 5, 2011, returning to Tuscaloosa after spending one season as the head coach at Samford. Prior to serving as Samford's head coach, she spent the previous two years as the head coach at Birmingham Southern College. She posted a record of 57-14 in her two seasons with the Panthers, for an impressive .803 winning percentage.

In her first season as a head coach in 2009, Prothro led the Panthers to a 32-5 record. The team broke 13 program records, including the mark for wins in a season. Her first team posted a .364 team batting average and 1.19 ERA. Prothro's 2010 team then finished with a record of 25-9 overall

and 12-4 in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Prior to becoming head coach at Birmingham-Southern, Prothro spent the 2008 season as an assistant coach on the BSC staff. That season, the Panthers earned a 32-28 record for the first 30-win season in program history. She also helped coach four All-Big South Conference players and two CoSIDA Academic All-District honorees.

Prothro played professionally in National Pro Fastpitch (NPF) for the Philadelphia Force prior to being hired at Birmingham-Southern. She also served as a 2007 student assistant coach at her alma mater, with the Tide going 55-10 during that season.

During her stellar career at Alabama from 2003-06, Prothro helped the Crimson Tide win its first Southeastern Conference regular season title, in 2006 plus SEC Tournament championships in 2003 and 2005. She earned SEC Tournament MVP honors in 2005 and was named SEC Pitcher of the Year in 2006.

Prothro helped her team make NCAA Regional all four years and Super Regionals twice after they were instituted in 2005, as well as three NCAA College World Series appearances (2003, 2005, 2006).

A native of Chambersburg, Pa., Prothro was named an NFCA second team All-American in 2005 and 2006. She was also SEC Pitcher of the Year and was one of 10 finalists for the Collegiate Player of the Year as a senior in 2006. She also was named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll four of her years at Alabama.

Prothro's other playing honors included 2003 Region VIII Tournament MVP, NFCA All-South Region in 2003, 2005 and 2006. She also earned all-conference honors each of her four years at Alabama and was named the 2003 SEC Freshman of the Year.

2024 Tiger Roster

#	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown	Previous School
00	Hannah Price	P	So	Greenhill, Ala.	North Alabama
1	Rylee Dugar	P	So.	Simi Valley, Cali.	Royal High School
3	Drue Thomas	P	Jr.	El Dorado, Ark.	Drexel
4	Ariel Davis	INF	Fr.	Brandon, Miss.	Brandon High School
5	Madison Berner	OF	R-Jr.	Clarksville, Tenn.	Dyersburg
6	Neely Taylor	OF	So.	Marianna, Ark.	St. Benedict at Auburndale HS
7	Aaliyah Dixon	OF	Jr.	Jackson, Miss.	Jones College
9	Taniyah Brown	P	Fr.	Montgomery, Ala.	Brewbaker Tech High School
10	Marley Maness	C	Fr.	Lexington, Tenn.	Lexington High School
11	Kennedy Semien	UTL	Jr.	Maurice, La.	Louisiana Tech
12	Abigail Morgan	P	Fr.	Vicksburg, Miss.	Warren Central High School
13	Rachel Britton	UTL	Jr.	Edmond, Okla.	South County High School
16	Francesca Lumpp	C	Fr.	Newnan, Ga.	Northgate High School
17	Khamiyah Brown	UTL	Fr.	Montgomery, Ala.	Brewbaker Tech High School
18	Aubrey Williams	INF	Fr.	Iuka, Miss.	Lewisburg High School
20	Kelsie Adams	OF	So.	Van Alstyne, Texas	Van Alstyne High School
21	Arianna Cox-Cole	UTL	Fr.	Hoschton, Ga.	Mill Creek High School
22	Presley Morris	UTL	Jr.	St. Joseph, Tenn.	Rogers High School
23	LaNya Bates	OF	Sr.	Grand Blanc, Mich.	Grand Blanc High School
24	McKaylee Polk	INF	Jr.	Senetobia, Miss.	Northwest Mississippi CC
35	Zoe Adebayo	UTL	Jr.	Maumelle, Ark.	North Little Rock HS
30	E'mya Munford	INF	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga.	Hampton High School

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Rylee DUGAR	DO-gar
AALIYAH Dixon	UH-leel-yuh
TANIYAH Brown	Tah-nigh-yah
Marley MANESS	MAN-ess
Kennedy SEMIEN	SIM-e-in
KHAMIYAH Brown	KAH-my-yah
ARIANNA Cox-Cole	ari-AH-na
Zoe ADEBAYO	ADD-e-by-o