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Thompson-Boling Assembly Center & Arena

LADY VOL BASKETBALL IS AN EVENT...IS FAMILY FUN...IS EXCITING!!



The Thompson-Boling Assembly Center and Arena is the largest on-campus arena in the country...and the toughest place in the country to leave with a win versus the University of Tennessee Lady Vols. Just ask 203 of the Lady Vols' last 213 home opponents entering the 2005-2006 season.

In recent years, UT has enjoyed a number of lengthy home winning streaks. On Dec. 28, 2003, Texas snapped a 24-game run that dated back to the 2001-02 season. A previous streak of 26 consecutive wins in the home confines ended on Jan. 5, 2002, with an 86-72 loss to Connecticut. The Lady Vols broke the NCAA homecourt winning streak record with 69 consecutive victories before Connecticut spoiled the streak with a 59-53 win in game number 70 on Jan. 6, 1996.

The Thompson-Boling Arena is a mammoth structure, located on the banks of the Tennessee River. It was named for B. Ray Thompson and retired UT President Edward J. Boling. The building is 448 feet long and 310 feet wide. It contains more than 411,000 square feet of floor space and more than 17 million cubic feet of space.

The enormous facility houses the Tennessee Lady Vol basketball and soccer offices along with several other administrative branches of the athletic department. The Thompson-Boling Arena features 13,000 chair seats and almost 7,000 bleacher seats. Ticket facilities are located on the Phillip Fulmer Way level on the west end of the building.

Entrances to the building are located on the east and west ends, with protection from the elements provided by tucking the doors back under the structure. There are a total of 132 entrance doors.

A continuous-ring concourse encircles the building, permitting entrance to eight restrooms, six concession areas and 32 portals that lead to the Arena. The playing floor level provides access to team dressing rooms, the press rooms and storage rooms.

The distance from the playing floor to the roof is 120 feet, the equivalent of a 12-story building. The structure contains 142,000 square feet of roof area, which is approximately three and one-quarter acres.

Nearly every season that the Lady Vols have played in the Arena - attendance records have gone by the wayside. In 1998-99, the Lady Vols played before the largest average home crowd in the history of women's collegiate basketball as 16,565 spectators clicked through the turnstiles at each of the Lady Vols' 14 home games. In all, 231,915 fans viewed home games in Knoxville. During the 1997-98 season, Tennessee raised the roof with a bunch of collegiate attendance records. On Jan. 3, 1998, the Lady Vols entertained a new women's collegiate record 24,597 fans for the game with the Connecticut Huskies. A month later, the first advance sell-out in UT Women's Athletics history occurred when the Lady Vols were set to meet Old Dominion in Knoxville. For the record, 24,373 fans attended the UT-ODU game. The all-time attendance mark was reset during the 2001-02 season when 24,611 fans visited the arena for a #1/#2 clash between UT and Connecticut. The mark stood until the NCAA Final Four when 29,619 people filled the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas, for the semifinals and finals.

The Lady Vols started the record-breaking trend in women's collegiate basketball attendance in 1987. That season, the Lady Vols broke the (then) world record for single game attendance at a women's basketball game with 24,563 at the Tennessee versus Texas game on Dec. 9, 1987. Three years later, the UT Women's Athletics Department established new NCAA Women's Final Four attendance marks on March 30 and April 1, 1990, with a total paid attendance of 39,490 for the three-game event. The turnstile count of 34,196 (17,601 semis/16,595 finals) also broke all other attendance marks.

The home attendance phenomena for the Lady Vols since 1990 have been incredible. Consider the following:

1990-91: Tennessee's attendance numbered below 5,000 per home game for the first time in five years with 4,738 per game. It marked the first season that a seat premium was attached to the season tickets.

1991-92: The Lady Vols home attendance jumps by almost 2,000 people per game to an average of 6,639 fans per home contest. UT goes undefeated at home (14-0).

1992-93: UT plays just 13 games at home and averages 6,002 per game. UT goes undefeated in Thompson-Boling Arena (13-0).

1993-94: The Lady Vols recorded the then-largest total attendance ever at home with 98,137 spectators for the all-time highest overall average of 6,542. UT goes undefeated at home (15-0).

1994-95: UT annihilated attendance records in practically every category as the Lady Vols' home attendance rose by more than 22,000 people for an amazing total of 120,477 spectators in TBA - an average of 8,032 spectators at home. UT goes undefeated at home (15-0).

1995-96: The Chamique Holdsclaw era begins and attendance grew once again. Five games moved into UT's top 25 home crowd list despite the roughest winter weather on record in Knoxville in the last 25 years. Additionally, the Lady Vols ranked second in NCAA attendance reporting turnstile figures. The Lady Vols lose their first game at home in four years.

1996-97: The *NCAA News* announced that the Lady Vol and the Vol basketball teams combined for the nation's highest attendance at collegiate basketball home games. The Lady Vols were tops in the nation in attendance with 10,500 spectators per game and a total of 167,992 for all 16 games in Knoxville.

1997-98: A watershed year for Tennessee Lady Vol basketball attendance nationwide. In 16 home games, 239,511 clicked through the turnstiles for an NCAA all-time high average of 14,969. Along the way, a new school-record 12 games found their way onto the UT Top 25 All-Time Largest Home Crowd list, headlined by the collegiate record 24,597 who watched the Lady Vols beat the Connecticut Huskies. Almost 400,000 people (386,713, exactly) saw the team in action during the perfect 39-0 season. On Feb. 14, 1998, when the Lady Vols faced Auburn in Knoxville, spectator Wanda Douglas from Sevierville, Tenn., became the "Three-Millionth Fan" to attend a Lady Vol basketball game.

1998-99: The Chamique Holdsclaw Final Season Tour found a new average record of 16,565 fans at 14 home games. In all, almost a half-million fans (413,580) watched the Lady Vols at all venues.

1999-00: Fans continued to flood through the gates as Tennessee once again led the nation in attendance by averaging 15,341 fans per game throughout its run to the Final Four. The Lady Vols posted a home mark of 13-2.

2000-01: In the farewell season for seniors Tamika Catchings, Kristen "Ace" Clement, Semeka Randall and Kyra Elzy, the Lady Vol fans once again helped UT lead the nation in home attendance with an average of 15,510. Overall 384,869 people saw Tennessee post a perfect 15-0 home mark, win its unprecedented 10th SEC regular season championship with a 14-0 record, and advance to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament for the 20th consecutive season with a 31-3 overall record.

2001-02: In what turned out to be the Lady Vols' 13th run to the NCAA Final Four, fans poured through the gates at a rate of 14,295 per game, allowing Tennessee to lead the nation in attendance for the sixth consecutive season. The Lady Vols defeated five ranked teams and the defending 2001 national champions from Notre Dame in posting a 12-2 home mark. The Jan. 5, 2002, matchup with Connecticut reset the all-time single game attendance mark for women's collegiate basketball when 24,611 fans clicked through the

Thompson-Boling Arena turnstiles. The standard later fell at the NCAA Women's Final Four when 29,619 people jammed the Alamodome for the semifinals and finals.

2002-03: A home schedule highlighted by 10 games against ranked opponents, hosting both the First and Second Rounds and NCAA Midwest Regionals and another historic march to its record 14th NCAA Final Four helped UT draw more than 200,000 fans to Thompson-Boling Arena for the sixth consecutive season (201,353). A home average of 12,585 watched the Lady Vols run their consecutive home win streak to 20, as UT picked up wins over 10 ranked opponents, including #5 Stanford, #11/12 Villanova and #15/16 Penn State.

2003-04: Once again, the Lady Vol fans turned out in droves to watch their team compete against the nation's toughest schedule. En route to advancing to the program's record 15th Final Four, Tennessee drew more than 200,000 fans for the seventh straight season (201,638), earning the nation's top home attendance mark (14,403 fans per game). Despite dropping contests to #5 Texas and #4 Connecticut, the Lady Vols claimed 12 wins at home, marking the 27th-consecutive season in which the team has earned a double-digit win total in Knoxville.

2004-05: A fourth straight Final Four appearance highlighted the 14-win home season for the Lady Vols, and Coach Summitt became the all-time winningest coach in collegiate basketball on her own home court during the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Tennessee's only home loss came at the hands of #9 Duke, while the Lady Vols defeated four nationally-ranked opponents at home and swept the conference as well.

YEAR-BY-YEAR HOME RECORD

YEAR	WINS	LOSSES	PCT
1974-75	6	2	.750
1975-76	7	4	.636
1976-77	8	0	1.000
1977-78	12	0	1.000
1978-79	17	1	.944
1979-80	14	1	.933
1980-81	12	0	1.000
1981-82	12	2	.857
1982-83	12	4	.750
1983-84	14	3	.823
1984-85	13	3	.813
1985-86	11	3	.786
1986-87	15	1	.938
1987-88	12	2	.857
1988-89	15	0	1.000
1989-90	14	1	.933
1990-91	15	1	.938
1991-92	14	0	1.000
1992-93	13	0	1.000
1993-94	15	0	1.000
1994-95	15	0	1.000
1995-96	14	1	.933
1996-97	14	2	.875
1997-98	16	0	1.000
1998-99	14	0	1.000
1999-00	13	2	.867
2000-01	15	0	1.000
2001-02	12	2	.857
2002-03	16	0	1.000
2003-04	12	2	.857
2004-05	14	1	.933
TOTALS	406	38	.914

Thompson-Boling Arena Records

TENNESSEE

Individual

FG made 16 by Sheila Frost vs. Vanderbilt 1-17-88

FG attempted 23 by Sheila Frost vs. Northern Illinois 12-20-87

FG percentage 1.000 (6-6) by Latina Davis vs. LSU 2-22-96

3FG made 6 (three times) most recently by Kara Lawson vs. Vanderbilt 2-27-03

3FG attempted 10 by Tiffany Woosley vs. Providence 1-25-93

3FG percentage 1.000 (6-6) by Kara Lawson vs. Vanderbilt 2-27-03

FT made 12 by Dana Johnson vs. North Carolina A&T 3-16-94

FT attempted 15 by Dana Johnson vs. North Carolina A&T 3-16-94

FT percentage 1.000 (10-10) Tiffany Woosley vs. Alabama 2-5-94

Points 39 by Chamique Holdsclaw vs. Boston College 3-15-99

Off. rebounds 12 by Sheila Frost vs. Northern Illinois 12-20-87

Def. rebounds 13 by Daedra Charles vs. Southwest Missouri 3-16-91

Total rebounds 22 by Daedra Charles vs. Southwest Missouri 3-16-91

Assists 12 by Michelle Marciniak vs. Georgia 2-25-95

Turnovers 9 by Ashley Robinson vs. Boston College 12-6-00

Blocks 8 by Ashley Robinson vs. Rutgers 12-11-03

Steals 8 by Tamika Catchings vs. Memphis 2-16-99

Team **High** **Low**

FG made 50 vs. Tennessee-Martin 11-19-99 17 vs. La. Tech 11-14-99

FG attempted 97 vs. Stetson 11-26-89 48 vs. W. Kentucky 3-21-91

FG percentage691 (38-55) vs. St. Joseph's 11-16-98304 vs. La. Tech 11-24-99

3FG made 13 vs. Mississippi 2-6-05 0 vs. 31

3FG attempted 27 vs. Mississippi 2-6-05 0 vs. 11

3FG percentage833 (5-6) vs. DePaul 2-13-91000 vs. 31

FT made 36 vs. Long Beach State 12-3-88 4 vs. Stetson 12-3-87

FT attempted 53 vs. Long Beach State 12-3-88 7 vs. Stetson 12-3-87

FT percentage958 (23-24) vs. Vanderbilt 2-27-03350 vs. Boston Coll. 12-6-00

Points 133 vs. Tennessee-Martin 11-19-99 53 vs. Connecticut 1-6-96

Off. rebounds 39 vs. Colorado 12-20-93 7 vs. Vanderbilt 2-27-03

Def. rebounds 39 vs. E. Kentucky 12-19-87 13 vs. Auburn 2-14-98

Total rebounds 76 vs. Tenn. State 2-27-88 26 vs. Vanderbilt 2-22-90

Assists 31 vs. Florida A&M 3-16-95 5 vs. Ole Miss 1-26-91

Turnovers 29 vs. Grambling 3-15-97 5 vs. Villanova 3-31-03

Blocks 13 vs. E. Kentucky 12-19-87 0 vs. six opponents

Steals 27 vs. Louisiana State 2-22-98 2 vs. Louisiana Tech 1-22-96

Points 1st half 63 vs. Old Dominion 1-3-00 21 vs. Old Dominion 1-11-96

Points 2nd half 75 vs. Tennessee-Martin 11-19-99 22 vs. Connecticut 1-6-96

OPPONENTS

Individual

FG made 16 by Rehema Stephens, UCLA 12-16-90

FG attempted 32 by Ida Neal, Georgia Tech 2-15-89

FG percentage 1.000 (10-10) Misty Lamb, Vanderbilt 2-22-90

3FG made 9 by Molly Goodenbour, Stanford 12-21-92

3FG attempted 14 by Aubrey Eblin, Old Dominion 2-17-98

3FG percentage 1.000 (4-4) by Chandra Dorsey, Ole Miss 2-4-99

FT made 15 by Chantelle Anderson, Vanderbilt 2-27-03

FT attempted 17 by Chantelle Anderson, Vanderbilt 2-27-03

FT percentage 1.000 (11-11) by Adrienne Shuler, Georgia 1-28-91

Points 45 by Clarissa Davis, Texas 12-9-87

Off. rebounds 8 by Suzanne Sargeant, Auburn 1-30-92

Def. rebounds 12 by Tamika Williams, Connecticut 1-5-02

Total rebounds 16 by Charletta Robinson, Miss. State 1-9-93

Assists 11 (three times) most recently by Temeka Johnson, LSU 2-29-04

Turnovers 13 by Coco Miller, Georgia 1-28-98

Blocks 7 (twice) most recently by Vanessa Hayden, Florida 1-31-02

Steals 8 by Tamicha Jackson, Louisiana Tech 11-14-99

Team **High** **Low**

FG made 35 by Texas 12-9-87 12 by Florida Atl. 1-21-92

FG attempted 82 by DePaul 1-28-97 39 by UNC Charlotte 12-9-92

FG percentage609 (25-41) by NW 1-5-88182(12-66) by Fla. Atl., 1-21-92

3FG made 12 by Stanford 12-21-92 0 by 23 opponents

3FG attempted 27 by South Carolina 1-12-95 0 by 4 opponents

3FG percentage 1.000 (2-2) by LSU 2-10-90000 by 22

FT made 31 by Oklahoma 11-10-02 0 by 2 opponents

FT attempted 45 by Oklahoma 11-10-02 1 by Villanova 3-31-03

FT percentage 1.000 (20-20) by LSU 2-13-88000 by two opponents

Points 97 by Texas 12-9-87 26 by Fla. Atl. 1-21-92

Off. rebounds 23 by Auburn 1-9-88 2 by Villanova 3-31-03

Def. rebounds 34 by Connecticut 1-5-02 11 by E. Kentucky 12-19-87

Total rebounds 48 by two opponents 17 by Villanova 3-31-03

Assists 19 by two opponents 1 by Kentucky 1-12-91

Turnovers 46 by Memphis 2-16-99 7 by Villanova 3-31-03

Blocks 8 by three opponents 0 by 30 opponents

Steals 17 by Southern California, 11-18-01 1 by Alabama 2-24-90

Points 1st half 52 by Vanderbilt 1-19-96 8 by Stetson 11-24-89

Points 2nd half 56 by UCLA 12-16-90 15 by Alabama State 3-22-03

LADY VOLTS SHARE NCAA'S LONGEST HOMECOURT WINNING STREAK

TENNESSEE LADY VOLUNTEERS NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL RECORD 69-GAME HOME WINNING STREAK (Feb. 1, 1991—Jan. 2, 1996)

69. 01-02-96 def. #17 Florida, 87-67	34. 03-20-93 def. Northwestern, 89-66
68. 12-10-95 def. Texas, 83-67	33. 02-18-93 def. S. Carolina, 100-57
67. 11-27-95 def. #12 Texas Tech, 81-44	32. 02-16-93 def. Memphis St., 90-46
66. 11-25-95 def. St. Joseph's, 75-54	31. 02-14-93 def. Georgia, 71-68
65. 11-19-95 def. #2 Virginia, 78-51	30. 02-06-93 def. #23 Kentucky, 85-61
64. 03-25-95 def. #5 Texas Tech, 80-59	29. 01-25-93 def. Providence, 93-50
63. 03-23-95 def. #8 W. Kentucky, 87-65	28. 01-21-93 def. #21 DePaul, 60-48
62. 03-18-95 def. Fla. Intl, 70-44	27. 01-19-93 def. Rutgers, 93-74
61. 03-16-95 def. Fla. A&M, 96-59	26. 01-16-93 def. Ole Miss, 64-53
60. 02-25-95 def. #9 Georgia, 83-61	25. 01-09-93 def. Miss State, 109-62
59. 02-19-95 def. Kentucky, 67-41	24. 01-04-93 def. Notre Dame, 79-48
58. 02-14-95 def. DePaul, 85-54	23. 12-21-92 def. #2 Stanford, 84-79
57. 02-12-95 def. #7 Vandy, 75-55	22. 12-09-92 def. UNC Charlotte, 89-45
56. 01-29-95 def. #15 Ole Miss, 83-48	21. 03-21-92 def. Rutgers, 97-56
55. 01-21-95 def. Miss. State, 81-58	20. 02-29-92 def. Arkansas, 105-59
54. 01-12-95 def. S. Carolina, 72-55	19. 02-25-92 def. #24 Texas, 86-68
53. 01-02-95 def. Arizona, 109-57	18. 02-22-92 def. Florida, 90-69
52. 12-06-94 def. #13 Purdue, 81-63	17. 02-10-92 def. Youngstown, 100-72
51. 12-01-94 def. #2 Stanford, 105-69	16. 02-04-92 def. Old Dominion, 75-59
50. 11-26-94 def. Memphis, 95-66	15. 02-02-92 def. #11 Vandy, 70-53
49. 03-19-94 def. Clemson, 78-66	14. 01-30-92 def. Auburn, 69-54
48. 03-16-94 def. N.C. A&T, 111-37	13. 01-26-92 def. Alabama, 82-72
47. 02-13-94 def. #11 Vandy, 79-57	12. 01-21-92 def. Fla. Atl., 108-26
46. 02-05-94 def. #15 Alabama, 85-69	11. 01-08-92 def. #22 LSU, 85-69
45. 01-25-94 def. Texas, 94-60	10. 12-28-91 def. #7 Penn St., 82-81
44. 01-20-94 def. Va. Tech, 88-51	9. 11-24-91 def. Maine, 86-71
43. 01-15-94 def. #20 Auburn, 58-46	8. 11-22-91 def. #21 La. Tech, 90-70
42. 01-13-94 def. Old Dominion, 90-49	7. 03-23-91 def. #6 Auburn, 69-65
41. 01-09-94 def. LSU, 91-69	6. 03-21-91 def. #10 W. Ky., 68-61
40. 01-02-94 def. Arkansas, 89-67	5. 03-17-91 def. SW Mo St., 55-47
39. 12-22-93 def. #10 La Tech, 94-60	4. 02-21-91 def. Memphis St., 93-46
38. 12-20-93 def. #6 Colorado, 86-82 (OT)	3. 02-13-91 def. DePaul, 105-43
37. 12-18-93 def. Florida, 84-69	2. 02-09-91 def. #19 N. Dame, 88-71
36. 12-12-93 def. #23 Maryland, 64-48	1. 02-01-91 def. Tenn. Tech, 94-67
35. 11-28-93 def. Montana, 82-66	

Note: # followed by a number indicates ranking of the opponent at the time the game was played in Thompson-Boling Arena. Twenty-seven of the 69 games were played against teams ranked in the Top 25.

THE 29 LADY VOLTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE STREAK

Player	G	Pts	Avg	DD
Nikki McCray	56	673	12.0	35
Tiffany Woosley	43	470	10.9	24
Dana Johnson	57	447	7.8	3
Vonda Ward	55	437	8.0	21
Peggy Evans	33	432	13.0	25
Latina Davis	48	391	8.1	16
Lisa Harrison	34	352	10.3	16
Michelle Marciniak	34	300	8.8	14
Dena Head	20	268	13.4	15
Abby Conklin	35	255	7.2	10
Nikki Caldwell	45	252	5.6	10
Pashen Thompson	30	201	6.7	9
Kellie Casteel	21	196	9.3	12
Tiffany Johnson	20	183	9.1	9
Jody Adams	21	144	6.8	5
Rochone Dilligard	31	120	3.8	0
Daedra Charles	7	117	16.7	7
Chamique Holdsclaw	7	73	14.6	5
Laurie Milligan	20	69	3.4	2
Michelle Johnson	17	62	3.6	2
Regina Clark	16	47	2.9	1
Marlene Jeter	7	33	4.7	2
Debbie Hawhee	15	32	2.1	0
Tanika Smith	23	25	1.0	0
Kellie Jolly	5	23	4.6	1
Brynae Laxton	4	18	4.5	0
Kim Smallwood	5	12	2.4	0
Tamara Carver	2	2	1.0	0
Misty Greene	4	0	0.0	0

Most games played: Dana Johnson, 57
 Most points scored: Nikki McCray, 673
 Most double-digit games: Nikki McCray, 35
 Highest PPG average: Daedra Charles, 16.7

All-time Best Women's Basketball Home Court Records (Through games of 2004-05)

Arenas (Active)

(Must have played at least 50 games in the arena)

1. Thompson-Boling Arena (Tennessee: 1987-present)	253-14 (94.75%)
2. Thomas Assembly Center (Louisiana Tech: 1982 to present)	340-20 (94.44%)
3. Gampel Arena (Connecticut: 1989-present)	210-16 (92.92%)
4. Dahlberg Arena (Montana: 1978-present)	373-35 (91.42%)
5. United Spirit Arena (Texas Tech: 1999-present)	86-9 (90.53%)
6. Jon M. Huntsman Center (Utah: 1975-present)	336-43 (88.65%)
7. DePaul Athletic Center (DePaul: 2000-present)	60-8 (88.23%)
8. Frank Erwin Center (Texas: 1977-present)	361-53 (87.20%)
9. Hartford Civic Center (UConn: 1996-present)	54-8 (87.10%)
10. Bryce Jordan Center (Penn State: 1996-present)	112-18 (86.15%)

Arenas (All-time)

(Must have played at least 50 games in the arena)

1. Thompson-Boling Arena (Tennessee: 1987-present)	253-14 (94.75%)
2. Thomas Assembly Center (Louisiana Tech: 1982 to present)	340-20 (94.44%)
3. Memorial Gym (Louisiana Tech: 1974-1981)	84-6 (93.33%)
4. Gampel Arena (Connecticut: 1989-present)	210-16 (92.92%)
5. Dahlberg Arena (Montana: 1978-present)	373-35 (91.42%)
6. United Spirit Arena (Texas Tech: 1999-present)	86-9 (90.53%)
7. Jon M. Huntsman Center (Utah: 1975-present)	336-43 (88.65%)
8. Stokely Athletics Center (Tennessee: 1977-87)	137-18 (88.39%)
9. DePaul Athletic Center (DePaul: 2000-present)	60-8 (88.23%)
10. Frank Erwin Center (Texas: 1977-present)	361-53 (87.20%)

Former Homes of the Lady Vols



Stokely Athletics Center (1976-87)



Alumni Memorial Gymnasium (1930s-1976)

• STOKELY ATHLETICS CENTER •

Stokely Athletics Center was the home to both the offices of the Women's Athletics Department and the Lady Volunteer basketball team from 1976-87. The team no longer plays any games in Stokely, but it is used as a back-up practice facility when Thompson-Boling Arena has a scheduling conflict and is the home to the Lady Vol volleyball team. The bulk of the offices of the Women's Athletics Department are still housed in Stokely—Athletic Training, Compliance, Games Management, Golf Coaches, Media Relations, Rowing Coaches, Softball Coaches, Strength Training, Track & Field Coaches and Volleyball Coaches.

The Stokely Arena, which is encircled by a four-lane Tartan indoor track, seats 12,700, while the building houses men's and women's athletics department offices. The building was originally called the UT Armory Field House in 1958 and seated just more than 7,000 spectators. Through the generosity of the late William B. Stokely, Jr., further construction was completed and on Dec. 1, 1966, the facility was renamed to honor the Stokely family.

In 1986, Stokely took on a new look as a wood playing surface replaced the old tartan court. The Horner "Pro King" hardwood was painted with the traditional outline of the state of Tennessee in the center of the floor and the familiar end line markings. The court was special-made for the University by the same manufacturer who supplied the basketball court to the Forum for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games.

Stokely Athletics Center was the site of some historic games for the Lady Vols. The first women's contest played in SAC pitted Tennessee versus Kentucky on Nov. 13, 1976. The Lady Vols not only trounced the Lady Kats, 107-53, but UT's Patricia Roberts tossed in a Field House record 51 points. Along the way, Tennessee hosted the great gold medalist USSR Olympic Team in 1979, the USA All-Star team in 1979, and the first Southeastern Conference Championships in 1980.

The last Lady Vol game in Stokely, before moving over to the Thompson-Boling Arena, was a 77-61 win over Auburn in the finals of the NCAA Mideast Regionals on March 21, 1987. A week later, the Lady Vols returned to Stokely to celebrate UT's first NCAA basketball title with thousands and thousands of fans in attendance.

Although no formal attendance figures were kept prior to 1982, Tennessee most-assuredly was among the nation's elite in fan support.

• ALUMNI GYM •

Constructed in the 1930's, Alumni Gym was the first real home to Pat Summitt's inaugural Lady Vol team in 1974. The court in the tiny arena (seating 3,000) was the centerpiece of an encircling tri-balcony seating arrangement.

YEAR-BY-YEAR IN STOKELY ATHLETICS CENTER AND ALUMNI GYM

YEAR	WINS	LOSSES	PCT.	SITE
1974-75	6	2	.750	Alumni
1975-76	7	4	.636	Alumni
1976-77	3	0	1.000	Alumni
	5	0	1.000	Stokely
1977-78	12	0	1.000	Stokely
1978-79	17	1	.944	Stokely
1979-80	14	1	.933	Stokely
1980-81	12	0	1.000	Stokely
1981-82	12	2	.857	Stokely
1982-83	12	4	.750	Stokely
1983-84	14	3	.823	Stokely
1984-85	13	3	.813	Stokely
1985-86	11	3	.786	Stokely
1986-87	15	1	.938	Stokely
TOTALS	153	24	.864	

TOP 20 ALL-TIME LARGEST STOKELY HOME CROWDS

DATE	OPPONENT	UT-OPP	W/L	ATTENDANCE
1-29-79	Louisiana State	92-48	W	10,000
1-26-80	Old Dominion	54-61	L	9,496
2-14-82	Old Dominion	62-58	W	9,010
1-24-87	Georgia	78-72	W	8,623
2-02-86	Florida	82-60	W	8,003
3-21-87	Auburn	77-61	W	7,533
12-06-82	Southern Cal	71-81	L	7,231
3-01-87	UNC Charlotte	91-44	W	7,067
2-08-86	Auburn	60-66	L	6,428
3-15-87	Tennessee Tech	95-59	W	5,998
3-21-81	Maryland	79-67	W	5,995
1-05-79	UCLA	88-74	W	5,950
11-20-82	Old Dominion	72-78	L	5,442
3-19-87	Virginia	66-58	W	5,420
1-03-81	UCLA	62-65	L	5,300
3-10-79	Old Dominion	72-74	L	5,100
12-05-78	Middle Tennessee	87-63	W	5,000
2-17-79	Kentucky	89-51	W	5,000
2-06-83	N.C. State	91-78	W	4,929
1-11-87	Kentucky	76-64	W	4,883

Tennessee's Attendance History - Top 25

TOP 25 ALL-TIME LARGEST HOME CROWDS

	CROWD	OPPONENT	RESULT	DATE
1.	24,611	Connecticut	72-86 L	1/05/02
2.	24,597	Connecticut	84-69 W	1/03/98
3.	24,563	Texas	78-97 L	12/09/87
4.	24,373	Old Dominion	85-61 W	2/07/98
5.	24,051	Kentucky	98-60 W	1/17/99
6.	24,046	Connecticut	92-88 W	2/01/01
7.	23,385	Connecticut	67-74 L	1/08/00
8.	22,694	Louisiana State	90-58 W	2/22/98
9.	22,635	Georgia	102-69 W	1/14/99
10.	22,515	Connecticut	67-81 L	2/5/04
11.	21,968	Vanderbilt	70-66 W	2/22/01
12.	21,592	Vanderbilt	64-59 W	2/17/97
13.	21,077	Mississippi State	94-53 W	2/06/99
14.	20,956	Vanderbilt	75-68 W	2/16/02
15.	20,573	Kentucky	89-64 W	2/24/02
16.	20,090	Louisiana State	85-62 W	2/29/04
17.	20,068	Vanderbilt	89-53 W	2/18/99
18.	19,722	UCLA	100-77 W	12/21/98
19.	19,339	Alabama	65-47 W	2/06/00
20.	19,208	Vanderbilt	86-54 W	1/25/98
21.	19,143	Kentucky	83-39 W	1/27/01
22.	18,643	Vanderbilt	72-63 W	2/13/05
23.	18,633	Arkansas	72-54 W	1/13/05
24.	18,453	South Carolina	72-58 W	2/8/04
25.	18,410	Arkansas	93-65 W	2/07/02

(all records set at Thompson-Boling Arena)

TOP 25 ALL-TIME LARGEST AWAY CROWDS

	CROWD	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT	DATE
1.	16,294	Connecticut	Hartford, Conn.	68-67 W	1/08/05
	16,294	Connecticut	Hartford, Conn.	62-63 L (OT)	1/04/03
	16,294	Connecticut	Hartford, Conn.	57-72 L	1/05/97
	16,294	Connecticut	Hartford, Conn.	76-81 L	12/30/00
5.	15,317	Vanderbilt	Nashville, Tenn.	73-68 W	1/30/93
6.	15,311	Vanderbilt	Nashville, Tenn.	66-60 W	2/07/99
7.	15,233	LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	58-68 L	2/10/05
8.	15,217	LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	68-65 W	2/23/03
9.	15,187	Vanderbilt	Nashville, Tenn.	79-71 W	2/25/96
10.	14,848	Vanderbilt	Nashville, Tenn.	91-60 W	2/16/98
11.	14,168	Vanderbilt	Nashville, Tenn.	59-76 L	2/02/02
12.	14,014	Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.	92-79 W	1/30/03
13.	13,227	Vanderbilt	Nashville, Tenn.	72-70 W	12/31/94
14.	12,645	Vanderbilt	Nashville, Tenn.	84-82 W	1/31/94
15.	12,417	Vanderbilt	Nashville, Tenn.	92-79 W (OT)	1/19/97
16.	12,343	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	56-72 L	3/27/93
17.	12,222	Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	103-73 W	2/11/01
18.	12,168	South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	80-61 W	1/17/02
19.	12,080	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	71-55 W	12/21/03
20.	11,861	Wisconsin	Madison, Wis.	85-62 W	12/05/99
21.	11,788	Purdue	W. Lafayette, Ind.	68-78 L	11/15/98
22.	11,506	Wisconsin	Madison, Wis.	72-61 W	2/08/96
23.	11,401	Vanderbilt	Nashville, Tenn.	81-67 W	2/02/03
24.	11,254	Texas	Austin, Texas	59-74 L	11/25/04
25.	10,858	Texas	Austin, Texas	67-59 W	12/22/00

TOP 25 CROWDS ON A NEUTRAL COURT

	CROWD	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT	DATE
1.	29,619	Connecticut	San Antonio, Texas	56-79 L	3/29/02
2.	28,937	Michigan State	Indianapolis, Ind.	64-68 L	4/03/05
3.	28,210	Connecticut	Atlanta, Ga.	68-73 L	4/08/03
4.	28,210	Duke	Atlanta, Ga.	66-56 W	4/06/03
5.	23,291	Georgia	Charlotte, N.C.	83-65 W	3/31/96
6.	23,291	Connecticut	Charlotte, N.C.	88-83 W (OT)	3/29/96
7.	20,060	Connecticut	Philadelphia, Pa.	52-71 L	4/2/00
8.	20,060	Rutgers	Philadelphia, Pa.	64-54 W	3/31/00
9.	18,212	Connecticut	New Orleans, La.	61-70 L	4/6/04
10.	18,212	Louisiana State	New Orleans, La.	52-50 W	4/4/04
11.	18,038	Connecticut	Minneapolis, Minn.	64-70 L	4/02/95
12.	18,038	Georgia	Minneapolis, Minn.	73-51 W	4/01/95
13.	17,976	Louisiana Tech	Kansas City, Mo.	93-75 W	3/29/98
14.	17,976	Arkansas	Kansas City, Mo.	80-66 W	3/27/98
15.	16,782	Arizona State	Phoenix, Ariz.	67-63 W	12/27/00
16.	16,714	Old Dominion	Cincinnati, Ohio	68-59 W	3/30/97
17.	16,714	Notre Dame	Cincinnati, Ohio	80-66 W	3/28/97
18.	15,735	Rutgers	New York, N.Y.	68-54 W	1/03/99
19.	15,615	Louisiana Tech	Austin, Texas	67-44 W	3/29/87
20.	15,615	Long Beach State	Austin, Texas	74-64 W	3/27/87
21.	14,848	North Carolina	Nashville, Tenn.	76-70 W	3/23/98
22.	14,711	Rutgers	Nashville, Tenn.	92-60 W	3/21/98
23.	13,174	Duke	Raleigh, N.C.	55-76 L	11/24/02
24.	12,897	N.C. State	Cleveland, Ohio	83-63 W	1/29/00
25.	12,235	Duke	Greensboro, N.C.	63-69 L	3/22/99



Lady Vol Locker Room

Completed in 1989 and renovated during the summer of 1998, the Tennessee Lady Volunteer basketball locker room was already regarded as the finest women's collegiate facility in the country. That's why it may surprise observers and frustrate opponents when they learn that the area was upgraded to an even higher level. Approximately 1,500 square feet were added to the locker room in the summer of 1998, bringing the total square footage to an eye-popping 4,500 square feet.

Upon entering, visitors will be amazed at the 900-square-foot living room and recreation area, easily the centerpiece of the redesign. This home away from home for the student-athletes includes lounge seating and occasional tables, an enormous projection screen TV and VCR for team viewing, along with custom trophy cases. Meanwhile, the recreation area houses an orange felt pool table, several video game systems, tables and chairs for studying or eating, a wall-mounted television and yet another custom trophy case.

Both of these areas showcase the unparalleled Lady Vol success story from the past to the present with displays containing photos of all six National Championship teams, every Lady Vol Final Four entry, SEC Championship squads and highlights of the various teams' visits to the White House. In addition, these rooms feature architectural pilasters of natural oak with brass lettering celebrating Tennessee's program and its unprecedented six national crowns.

Central to the room is a huge circular support pillar, which is traditionally signed by graduating players immediately after commencement ceremonies on the floor of spacious Thompson-Boling Arena. One hundred percent of all Lady Vol basketball players who complete their eligibility have graduated or are completing their degree requirements.

Another new feature to the facility is a 550-square-foot team meeting and film room that includes tablet armchairs for the players, a 60-inch plasma flat screen television with built-in VCR and two dry marker boards. The room also displays the impressive individual honors of current and former team members, along with pictures of UT All-Americans and Olympians — more than any other school in the country for women's hoops.

While the teams, past and present, can take credit for the decorations included in their Thompson-Boling Arena sanctuary, the new look and interior motif of the renovated locker room can be credited to Margaret Denney. She is an interior designer with Martella Associates of Knoxville who oversaw the project.

Prior to the 1998 renovation, the locker room received a complete facelift in 1995-96 with the addition of custom wall-to-wall carpeting, a leather sectional sofa and assorted chairs, a state-of-the-art sound system, and a home theatre/surround sound big screen television. However, these amenities pale in comparison to what the Lady Vols will enjoy as they head into what they hope will be another successful campaign.

Other spaces featured in these palatial digs include a kitchen with a microwave and well-stocked refrigerator, a guest restroom, manager's office and a separate area for storage. Further down the hall is the training and taping area for basketball, the athletic trainer's private office and a physician's examining room. Around one more corner is a large dressing area for the players, complete with individual cubicles. Connected to this area are individual showers, whirlpools and restroom facilities.

The atmosphere is made homey with plush carpeting and fine furniture throughout with the predominant colors being orange, white and columbia blue. Over the past several years, custom rugs were made highlighting each of the NCAA Championships. The living room, recreation area and meeting room all feature creative carpet borders and custom insets of contrasting carpets cut into graphic basketball shapes. In fact, the players' dressing room has a custom carpet inset of a basketball containing the words, "National Champions '87, '89, '91, '96, '97, '98." The carpet is a textured loop product with hues of navy, orange and beige.

Hundreds of collegiate coaches and fans took a tour through the locker room during the Final Four in 1990. Their interest was piqued due to Coach Summitt's eviction of the Lady Vols from their plush pad after a dismal 1989 road swing through California. The story landed on the front page of the *USA TODAY* sports section and was the topic of conversation with the media for the month the team was kept out of the locker room. Said junior pivot Carla McGhee at the time, "It was like we didn't pay our rent by playing hard and she evicted us."

LOCKER ROOM STATISTICS

- 900-square foot living room/recreation area
- 550-square foot meeting/film room
- Projection screen TV/VCR
- 60-inch plasma flat screen TV/VCR
- Complete athletic training/taping area
- Study lounge/pool table/video games



The living room area of the locker room.



The game room is complete with pool table, video game console and a kitchen.



The center piece of the dressing area is a custom made NCAA Champion carpet.



The Lady Vol video room complete with a plasma flat screen television and the Lady Vol Graduation Pole.

Lady Vol Banners & Rings

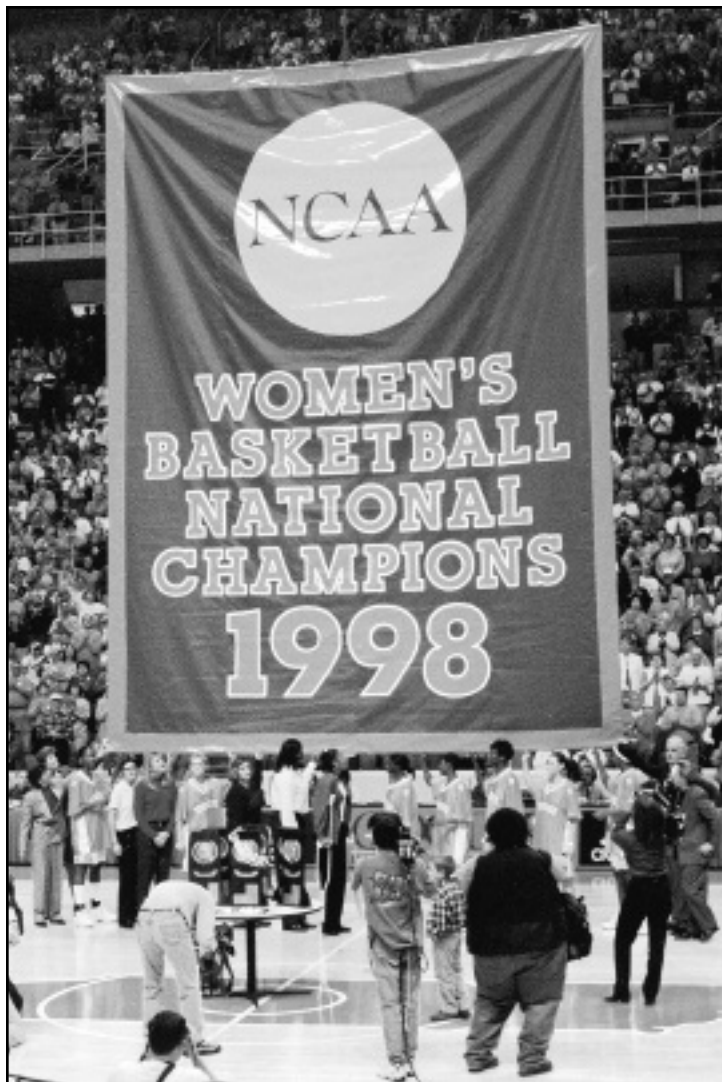
RINGS

The Lady Vols celebrate their NCAA and SEC Championships with distinctively designed rings. In addition to the black onyx and gold NCAA rings given to the players immediately following the championship game, the Tennessee coaches also design a special NCAA championship ring.

In 1987, a Lady Vol championship coin medallion bordered by a gold rope was presented to the players and staff. Depending on individual taste, the medallion was worn as a drop on a necklace, mounted to be worn as a ring or incorporated into a bracelet. For championship number two in 1989, a distinctive gold ring featuring several diamonds on an oval face was the design.

A Rolex-style gold watch with diamonds for numbers and a gold ring with three large diamonds mounted vertically in the center commemorated title number three in 1991. Perhaps the most eye-catching of all the championship rings, the 1996 ring sports four large diamonds across the front of a solid gold ring. Ring number five is a real dazzler, with a diamond shape and five diamonds mounted in the four points and the center of the ring. Championship ring number six was the creation of Katie Wynn, Coach Pat Summitt's long-time secretary, who designed the round face six-diamond ring to commemorate the 1998 title.

When a Lady Vol in any of UT's 11 sports wins her first SEC regular season or tournament title, she gets a lovely gold Lady Vol SEC Championship coin ring bordered by gold rope with diamonds on the face. As more SEC titles are won during an athlete's career, more diamonds are added to the ring.



BANNERS

Adorning the ceiling at the northeast end of the Thompson-Boling Arena are a slew of banners commemorating the Lady Vols' SEC Championships and Tournament titles, trips to the AIAW and NCAA Tournaments, Final Fours, and NCAA titles.

On Nov. 13, 1998, another NCAA Championship banner was added, bringing the total of title banners to six.

