

RIFLE WINS SEASON-OPENING MATCH OVER TENNESSEE-MARTIN

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(Sept. 29, 2001) — The Murray State rifle team opened its 2001-02 campaign with a win against Ohio Valley Conference rival Tennessee-Martin in a shoulder-to-shoulder match at Murray State's Pat Spurgin Rifle Range.

Murray State Gold scored a 4599 in smallbore and a 1542 in air rifle for an aggregate (combined) score of 6141. Murray State Blue scored a 4507 in smallbore and a 1495 in air rifle for an aggregate of 6002, while the Tennessee-Martin mixed team had a 4503 in smallbore and a 1485 in air rifle for an aggregate of 5988.

Tennessee-Martin's women's team fired a 1450 in air rifle and did not shoot in smallbore.

Murray State Gold was led by sophomore **Morgan Hicks (Tacoma, Wash./Bethel HS)**, who shot an 1171 out of a possible 1200 in smallbore and a 394 out of a possible 400 in air rifle for a personal aggregate of 1565 out of a possible 1600.

Freshman **Crystal Dove (Comer, Ga./Madison County HS)** fired an 1150 in smallbore and a 385 in air rifle for an aggregate of 1535, while freshman **Robert Purdy (Gainesville, Texas)** shot an 1140-390 = 1530. Senior **Jill Livesay Wheeldon (Eubank, Ky./Pulaski County HS)** shot an 1138 in smallbore, while sophomore **Beth House (LaPlata, Md./St. Mary's Ryken HS)** shot a 373 in air rifle.

For MSU Blue, senior **J.T. Hearn (Carrier Mills, Ill./Harrisburg HS)** shot an 1149 in smallbore and a 383 in air rifle for an aggregate of 1532. Freshman **Michael Gardner (Haslett, Mich./Haslett HS)** shot an 1125-372 = 1497, while sophomore **Justin Morgan (Frederick, Md./Gov. Thomas Johnson HS)** shot an 1121-362 = 1483. House shot an 1112 in smallbore, while Wheeldon fired a 378 in air rifle.

For Tennessee-Martin's mixed team, Matt Fetterman shot an 1148 in smallbore and a 373 in air rifle for an aggregate of 1521. Eric Lester fired an 1132-382 = 1514, while Ben Rudy shot an 1130-364 = 1494. Byron Godbee shot a 1093 in smallbore, while Travis Spears shot a 366 in air rifle.

For the UTM women's team — which shot air rifle only — Melissa Roberts shot a 376, Amanda Karns fired a 369, Jessie Wilson shot a 363 and Amanda Coke had a 342.

Other UTM team members shooting as individuals included Roberts, who shot an 1126 in smallbore; Spears, who fired a 1089 in smallbore; Karns, who shot a 1073 in smallbore; Wilson, who had a 1066 in smallbore; Godbee, who fired a 384 in air rifle; and Luke Sparks, who shot a 348 in air rifle.

"The day could have been better, but overall, I was pleased with the teams' performance," said MSU head coach **Diana Stone**. "There were several personal best scores shot. This match has shown us where our weaknesses are. Now, we know what we have to focus on."

Murray State will next compete on Sunday, Oct. 7, in a shoulder-to-shoulder match at Jacksonville State. MSU will host the 2002 NCAA Rifle Championships on March 14-16.



Murray State/Tennessee-Martin Rifle Match Results/2-2-2-2

Tennessee-Martin at Murray State (Shoulder-to-Shoulder Match)

Sept. 29, 2001, Pat Spurgin Rifle Range, Murray, Ky.

TEAM SCORES	SB-AR	Agg
MURRAY STATE GOLD	4599-1542	6141
MURRAY STATE BLUE	4507-1495	6002
Tennessee-Martin Mixed	4503-1485	5988
Tennessee-Martin Women	X-1450	1450

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

MURRAY STATE GOLD	SB-AR	Agg
Morgan Hicks	1171-394	1565
Crystal Dove	1150-385	1535
Robert Purdy	1140-390	1530
Jill Livesay Wheeldon	1138-X	1138
Beth House	X-373	373
Total	4599-1542	6141

MURRAY STATE BLUE	SB-AR	Agg
J.T. Hearn	1149-383	1532
Michael Gardner	1125-372	1497
Justin Morgan	1121-362	1483
Beth House	1112-X	1112
Jill Livesay Wheeldon	X-378	378
Total	4507-1495	6002

TENNESSEE-MARTIN MIXED	SB-AR	Agg
Matt Fetterman	1148-373	1521
Eric Lester	1132-382	1514
Ben Rudy	1130-364	1494
Byron Godbee	1093-X	1093
Travis Spears	X-366	366
Total	4503-1485	5988

TENNESSEE-MARTIN WOMEN	SB-AR	Agg
Melissa Roberts	X-376	376
Amanda Karns	X-369	369
Jessie Wilson	X-363	363
Amanda Coke	X-342	342
Total	X-1450	1450

Individuals not scoring	SB-AR
Melissa Roberts, UTM	1126-X
Travis Spears, UTM	1089-X
Amanda Karns, UTM	1073-X
Jessie Wilson, UTM	1066-X
Byron Godbee, UTM	X-384
Luke Sparks, UTM	X-348