



2010 NCAA® Women's Tournament • Open Practice Day  
Friday, March 19, 2010 • Thompson-Boling Arena, Knoxville, Tenn.



**NO. 1 SEED TENNESSEE LADY VOLS OPEN PRACTICE DAY QUOTES**

**Head Coach Pat Summitt**

***(Opening Statement):***

"Obviously, we're very excited about being able to host First and Second Rounds. Our basketball team has worked hard to put us in this position. We're real serious, and we'll be focused. I hope our fans will come out and support not only our team but all the teams in this tournament."

***(on how the team is playing since the SEC Tournament):***

"I definitely think that we're playing our best basketball now. Our practices have had great intensity. You can tell that our team is very focused. It will take everyone. We have good depth, and everyone will need to be ready when called upon."

***(on players picking and choosing when to play hard last year):***

"They've probably only realized that now. The three players that we had here (Angie Bjorklund, Kelley Cain, and Shekinna Stricklen) have provided great leadership. Kelley has taken on the post game and held them accountable. She's made Lyssi (Brewer) better. She's made Glory (Johnson) better. Angie and Kinna have made the guards better. They hold them accountable."

***(on facing Austin Peay):***

"It's interesting. My brother, Tommy, and my brother, Kenneth, both graduated from Austin Peay. Tommy played basketball there for two years, and Kenneth played baseball and was a pitcher. So they were excited about us playing Austin Peay. I spent a lot of time watching my brother play there. Coach (Carrie) Daniels has done a great job of getting her team ready. They go about nine players deep, and we play eight players. Their guard play is real impressive, and their inside play is solid."

***(on whether her brothers will be pulling for Tennessee):***

"They better be, or they won't get a ticket when they get here."

***(on whether she has looked ahead to facing either Dayton or TCU):***

"I have not. My staff has. It's Austin Peay, and that's it. (Assistant coaches) Dean (Lockwood), Holly (Warlick), and Daedra (Charles-Furlow) have been watching tape. We'll be ready."

**Junior guard Angie Bjorklund**

***(on playing Saturday after a two-week layoff):***

"It's been a huge gap. It's been two weeks and we've been excited the entire time. Especially having spring break, which was basically a week to focus on basketball and have a break from school. We've had a lot of preparation and we're ready to go."

***(on the benefit of playing at home):***

We have the best fan support anywhere we go, but especially at home. We have a regular routine and we can sleep in our own beds—having that kind of comfort will help us and give us an advantage. It's a different year with a completely different philosophy and we're looking forward to it."

**Redshirt sophomore center Kelley Cain**

***(on playing Saturday after a two-week layoff):***

"We've had some really good practices lately and we're just excited that tournament time is finally here and we get to prove that we're completely different from last year. We're a lot better."

***(on last year's loss potentially creating a bigger target on Tennessee's backs):***

"Any Tennessee team has a target on its back. With what happened last year, even though it has nothing to do with this year, we definitely have a big target on our backs. That makes it more fun. We want to be sought after and we want to be the team that everyone wants to beat."

***(on seeing the upsets in yesterday's men's tournament games):***

"On any given day, any team can be beaten. It helps us to stay even more focused on our ultimate goal. We just need to come out in every game, no matter who we play, with our 'A' game."



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**Sophomore guard Shekinna Stricklen**

***(on playing Saturday after a two-week layoff):***

"These last couple of weeks, we've been getting closer and closer as a team on and off the court. We're ready to play."

***(on the differences between this year's team and last year's team):***

"I feel like we're more committed as a team. Last year, we picked and chose when we wanted to play hard. I feel like this year, we're going hard every possession and not taking possessions off. We're more committed to defense and rebounding than we were last year. I think we have improved a lot."