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### 2008 Thunder Draft Pick Information



#### **Round 1, No. 5 Overall**

Savannah Brown, C/3B  
 San Diego, Calif.  
 Georgia Tech University

**College Notes:** Stands fifth all-time in ACC history in home runs (37) and sixth in RBI (157) ... Holds school record in putouts (948) and chances (1061) ... Ranks third all-time in Tech history in fielding percentage (.986)... As a junior, set a new single-season ACC record with 76 runs batted in ... Finished second in the nation in RBI ... Named First Team All-ACC and NFCA All-Southeast Region ... Ranked sixth in the NCAA with a career-high 20 home runs, third-best in ACC history.

**Moore on Brown:** Savannah is a player that we've been targeting since the end of last season. We knew we'd probably lose Mackenzie (Vandergeest) to her firefighting career; so finding a solid catcher was a major priority entering the draft. We know Savannah can hit the ball with power, so we're excited about what she brings to the team, both offensively and defensively.

Browns' Career Hitting Statistics																							
YEAR	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2005	.270	57-51	148	16	40	9	1	6	34	69	.466	16	1	39	2	.341	2	0	6-7	386	21	3	.993
2006	.295	69-69	193	45	57	10	0	11	47	101	.523	30	5	37	0	.397	4	0	4-4	206	50	8	.970
2007	.330	69-69	203	41	67	11	0	20	76*	138	.680	32	4	38	4	.427	2	1	3-4	356	27	4	.990
Totals	.301	195-189	544	102	164	31	1	37	157	308	.566	78	10	114	6	.394	8	1	13-15	948	98	15	.986



### Round 2, No. 12 Overall

Lauren Eckermann, P  
Brenham, Texas  
Oklahoma University

**College Notes:** Third Team All-American ... All-Midwest Region first team ... Big 12 Co-Pitcher of the Year ... Big 12 Tournament MVP ... Three-time Big 12 Player of the Week selection ... Tied OU single season record with 37 wins

**Moore on Eckermann:** Lauren had an outstanding season in 2007 as a junior. She was forced into a lot of innings for the Sooners due to injuries suffered by teammates and she responded admirably. That was something we really liked about her. We're looking for her to come in and compete for the No. 1 or No. 2 spot in the rotation and potentially bring us 10-12 wins this season.

Year	ERA	W-L	App-GS	SV	IP	R-ER	BB-SO	B/Avg.
2007	1.66	37-5	48-41	0	274.1	81-65	50-259	.204
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.66</b>	<b>37-5</b>	<b>48-41</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>274.1</b>	<b>81-65</b>	<b>50-259</b>	<b>.204</b>



### Round 3, No. 13 Overall

Tonya Callahan, 1B/OF  
Holden, Mo.  
University of Tennessee

**College Notes:** Named a second-team Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-American, first-team NFCA All-South Region and first-team All-SEC after hitting .385 with 16 doubles, a triple, 11 home runs and 60 RBI...Now leads the Lady Vol career chart with 35 home runs...Has knocked in 133 runs in her last two campaigns...Plated two or more RBI in 16 games in 2007 with 21 multiple-hit contests...Now rates second in UT history in slugging percentage at .592, third in career RBI with 179 (just 25 from breaking the school mark), fifth in on-base percentage at .442, sixth in total bases with 358, seventh in doubles with 40, eighth in hits with 211 and 10th in career batting average at .349.

**Moore on Callahan:** We're extremely excited about the addition of Tonya to our roster. The numbers she has put up in one of the toughest conferences in the country speaks for themselves. She's a player that will be asked to hit out of one of the RBI spots in the lineup and we're confident she'll be able to do that. We're also very excited about her defense. After watching her on tape, she's one of the best first baseman I've seen, and that makes the right side of our infield real strong.

YEAR	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	SO	SLG%	OB%
2005	.300	82-81	213	37	64	46	10	0	11	0	16	24	.502	.365
2006	.365	70-70	200	36	73	73	14	0	13	1	37	22	.630	.472
2007	.385	71-71	192	31	74	60	16	1	11	2	39	16	.651	.488
Totals	.349	223-222	605	104	211	179	40	1	35	3	92	62	.592	.442

**Round 4, No. 19 Overall**

Sandy Vojik, OF/Utility

Riverside, Ill.

DePaul University

**College Notes:** Named to the second-team All-BIG EAST Conference at the utility position... named a BIG EAST Academic All-star... started in all 60 games - 30 at second base, 28 in right field, and 2 as the designated player...the BIG EAST and the team with 13 home runs and 44 runs scored... ranked second in the BIG EAST and led DePaul with a .630 slugging percentage... led the BIG EAST with 104 total bases... ranked second in the BIG EAST and led the Blue Demons with 27 walks... led DePaul with 55 hits and a .439 on-base percentage

**Moore on Vojik:** Vojik has gotten stronger each season at DePaul and we're hopeful that continues when she joins the Thunder. She's a player that has seen action in several different positions during her career and that may be her role with us as well. Sandy's another player that should help the club immediately with the bat. We like the fact that she's local as well.

Year	Avg.	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB-ATT
2005	.277	62-45	141	21	39	3	2	2	13	5	35	7-10
2006	.299	53-53	154	34	46	11	0	3	28	16	20	5-10
2007	.333	60-60	165	44	55	6	2	13	36	27	20	15-18
Totals	.304	175-158	460	99	140	20	4	18	77	48	75	27-38

**Round 4, No. 20 Overall**

Beth Boden, SS/OF

Stevens Point, Wis.

Tennessee Tech University

**College Notes:** In 2007 she was ranked in the top 15 in NCAA Division 1 in three different categories; slugging percentage (0.79), runs per game (1.04), and homeruns per game (.36)... named OVC Player of the Year, First-Team All-OVC, ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America second-team.

**Moore on Boden:** Beth could easily be one of the surprise picks of the draft. Coming out of a less well-know school, probably kept her off of several lists, but she can hit. She's a very speedy, athletic type player that also possesses some power. Beth could be an impact player for the Thunder in several spots in the batting order, as well as several different positions on the field.



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## 2008 NPF Senior Draft Results

### Round 1

- 1 (1) – Philadelphia Force - Katie Burkhart, Pitcher, Arizona State
- 2 (2) – Philadelphia Force - Megan Gibson, Pitcher, Texas A&M
- 3 (3) – Akron Racers - Angela Tincher, Pitcher, Virginia Tech
- 4 (4) – New England Riptide - Selden, Pitcher, UCLA
- 5 (5) – Rockford Thunder - Savannah Brown, Catcher, Georgia Tech**
- 6 (6) – Washington Glory - Taryne Mowatt, Pitcher, Arizona

### Round 2

- 1 (7) – Chicago Bandits - Rachel Folden, Catcher, Marshall
- 2 (8) – Philadelphia Force - Savannah Long, Infielder, Oklahoma
- 3 (9) – Chicago Bandits - Emily Nichols, Catcher, Iowa
- 4 (10) – Chicago Bandits - Aileen Morales, Shortstop, Georgia Tech
- 5 (11) – Akron Racers - Kate Robinson, Pitcher/First Base, Hawaii
- 6 (12) – Rockford Thunder - Lauren Eckermann, Pitcher, Oklahoma**

### Round 3

- 1 (13) – Rockford Thunder - Tonya Callahan, First Base, Tennessee**
- 2 (14) – New England Riptide - TJ Eadus, Catcher, Creighton
- 3 (15) – Akron Racers - Shannon Doepking, Catcher, Tennessee
- 4 (16) – Washington Glory - Courtney Bures, Shortstop, Mississippi State
- 5 (17) – Akron Racers - Angelena Mexicano, Shortstop, Illinois
- 6 (18) – Akron Racers - Susan Ogden, Catcher, Oklahoma

### Round 4

- 1 (19) – Rockford Thunder - Sandy Vojik, Utility, DePaul**
- 2 (20) – Rockford Thunder - Beth Boden, Shortstop, Tennessee Tech**
- 3 (21) – Philadelphia Force - Tory Yamaguchi, Catcher, Indiana
- 4 (22) – New England Riptide - Jordan Praytor, Utility, Alabama
- 5 (23) – Akron Racers - Brittany Barnes, Infielder, Georgia Tech
- 6 (24) – Washington Glory - Cambria Miranda, Utility, Oregon State

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