

VANDERBILT GAME NOTES



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DEFENSE AMONG LEADERS

The Commodore defense, among SEC and NCAA leaders in numerous categories, has held all nine opponents below their season average in points. More on one of the nation's most improved defensive units. **More on pages 2, 7-8**

VU-UK CLOSE RIVALRY

The Commodores are looking to tie the all-time series record with Kentucky at 42-42-4 this Saturday. The Vanderbilt-Kentucky series also ranks among the most frequently played in the SEC. **More on page 3**

CUNNINGHAM IMPRESSES

Since becoming a starter in late September, **Zach Cunningham** (R-So., ILB) has developed into one of the SEC's top tacklers and defensive playmakers. In his last six appearances, Cunningham has amassed 60 tackles and 12.5 tackles for loss. **More on page 6**

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2015 SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Date	Opponent	Site	Result/TV	Notes
9/3	Western KY	Nashville	L, 12-14	'Dores hurt by turnovers, missed opportunities
9/12	GEORGIA	Nashville	L, 14-31	Late rally not enough as 'Dores fall to #10 Bulldogs
9/19	Austin Peay	Nashville	W, 47-7	21-point 3rd quarter highlights first 'Dore victory
9/26	OLE MISS	Oxford	L, 16-27	'Dores show improvement despite loss to #3 Rebels
10/3	Middle Tenn.	M'boro	W, 17-13	'Dores rally from 10 points behind to post road win
10/17	SO. CAROLINA	Columbia	L, 10-19	Five turnovers too much for 'Dores to overcome
10/24	MISSOURI	Nashville	W, 10-3	Commodores register first SEC win of Mason Era
10/31	Houston	Houston	L, 0-34	No. 18 Cougars move to 8-0, impress in home win
11/7	FLORIDA	Gainesville	L, 7-9	'Dores can't hold late margin, fall to No. 11 Gators
11/14	KENTUCKY	Nashville	3 pm, SECN	Wildcats move to 4-5 after falling 27-3 to Georgia
11/21	TEXAS A&M	Nashville	6:30 pm, SECN	6-3 Aggies fall from Top 25 after loss to Auburn
11/28	TENNESSEE	Knoxville	TBA	Vols go to 5-4 with 27-24 win over South Carolina

All kick times are CT

COMMODORES RETURN TO NASHVILLE; FACE SEC EAST RIVAL KENTUCKY WILDCATS

Vanderbilt seeking second conference victory

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VANDERBILT, KENTUCKY QUICK FACTS



	VANDERBILT	KENTUCKY
Location	Nashville, Tenn.	Lexington, Ky.
Founded	1873	1865
Enrollment	6,850	30,000
Conference	Southeastern (East)	Southeastern (East)
Nickname	Commodores	Wildcats
Colors	Black & Gold	Blue & White
Home Field	Vanderbilt Stadium	Commonwealth Stadium
Capacity	40,350	61,000
Field Surface	synthetic	synthetic
Head Coach	Derek Mason (2nd)	Mark Stoops (3rd)
Record at School	6-15 (.286)	11-22 (.333)
Career Record	6-15 (.286)	11-22 (.333)
Coach's Twitter	@CoachDerekMason	@UKCoachStoops
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Website	vucommodores.com	UKathletics.com

COMMODORE NOTES

DEFENSE PLAYING AT HIGH LEVEL; AMONG SEC LEADERS IN SEVERAL STATS

The Vanderbilt defense leads the SEC in third-down conversions and ranks high in many other statistical categories.

The 'Dores have allowed opponents to convert just 25

percent of their third downs, tops in the SEC and fourth nationally.

The unit also ranks second in the SEC teams in rushing defense and limiting red-zone possessions. Opponents are averaging just 112.4 rushing yards and scoring at a 71% clip on possessions inside the Vanderbilt 20-yard line (22 of 31). Vanderbilt's success in keeping opponents out of the end zone on those possessions – only 11 of the 31 drives have resulted in TDs – is a key factor why the Commodores rank No. 5 in the SEC in scoring defense (17.4 pts).

The unit also ranks among the NCAA Top 25 in total defense and first downs allowed.

DEFENSIVE RANKINGS

CATEGORY	AVG.	SEC RANK	NCAA RANK
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	25%	1	4
RED-ZONE DEFENSE	71%	2	8
RUSHING YARDAGE	112.4	2	14
FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED	16.1	4	13
SCORING DEFENSE	17.4	5	12
TOTAL DEFENSE	316.1	5	19

FOURTEEN 'DORES HAVE EARNED FIRST CAREER STARTS THIS SEASON

Nifae Lealao (So.) and **Bailey Granier** (R-Fr.) became the 13th and 14th first-time starters this year when they opened the Florida game at nose tackle and offensive tackle, respectively.

Other Commodores who have earned their initial starts this year besides Stokes and Shurmur are **Khari Blasingame** (R-Fr., ILB), **Sean Dowling** (R-So., TE), **Blake Fromang** (R-Jr., OT), **Tre Herndon** (So., CB), **Nehemiah Mitchell** (Jr., OLB), **Justin Skule** (Fr., OT), **Trent Sherfield** (So., WR), **Darrius Sims** (Jr., WR), **Emmanuel Smith** (So.), **Kyle Shurmur** (Fr., QB), **Landon Stokes** (R-So., OLB) and **Arnold Tarpley** (So.).

Herndon and Sherfield have started all nine games this year.

FIRST-TIME VANDERBILT STARTERS

- **Khari Blasingame** (R-Fr., ILB)
- **Blake Fromang** (R-Jr., OT)
- **Tre Herndon** (So., CB)
- **Nehemiah Mitchell** (Jr., OLB)
- **Kyle Shurmur** (Fr., QB)
- **Justin Skule** (Fr., OT)
- **Landon Stokes** (R-So., OLB)
- **Sean Dowling** (R-So., TE)
- **Bailey Granier** (R-Fr., OT)
- **Nifae Lealao** (So., DT)
- **Trent Sherfield** (So., WR)
- **Darrius Sims** (Jr., WR)
- **Emmanuel Smith** (So., safety)
- **Arnold Tarpley** (So., safety)

COMMODORE GAME CAPTAINS

GAME	OFFENSE	DEFENSE	SPECIAL TEAMS
Western Ky.	Spencer Pulley	Darreon Herring	Tommy Openshaw
Georgia	Spencer Pulley	Andrew Williamson	Ryan White
Austin Peay	DeAndre Woods	Darreon Herring	Tommy Openshaw
Ole Miss	Trent Sherfield	Darreon Herring	Tommy Openshaw
MTSU	Johnny McCrary	Oren Burks	Ryan White
South Carolina	Johnny McCrary	Zach Cunningham	Tommy Openshaw
Missouri	Spencer Pulley	Zach Cunningham	Tommy Openshaw/ Darrius Sims
Houston	Spencer Pulley	Darreon Herring	Khari Blasingame
Florida	Spencer Pulley	Zach Cunningham	Ryan White

VANDERBILT-SOUTH CAROLINA TO OPEN 2016 CAMPAIGN ON THURSDAY

Vanderbilt and South Carolina will open the 2016 football season in Nashville on Thursday, Sept. 1, the Southeastern Conference announced Oct. 28.

The Commodores' 2016 schedule also features additional SEC encounters in Vanderbilt Stadium against Florida, Ole Miss and Tennessee.

Vanderbilt will also host two non-SEC opponents on campus in Nashville – Middle Tennessee and Tennessee State.

The schedule includes road dates for the Commodores at Georgia Tech, Western Kentucky, Kentucky, Georgia, Auburn and Missouri.

The opener against South Carolina marks the fourth straight year that Vanderbilt will start its season on a Thursday. It also marks the third recent Thursday game between the Commodores and Gamecocks, with South Carolina claiming a 17-13 win in 2012 and Vanderbilt earning a 24-17 decision in 2008.

After the opener, Vanderbilt stays at home to host Middle Tennessee on Sept. 10 before going on the road to face Georgia Tech Sept. 19 and Western Kentucky on Sept. 26.

The Commodores' lone home game during a six-week stretch from mid-September to late October is against the Florida Gators on Oct. 1. That game is followed by SEC road encounters against Kentucky on Oct. 8 and Georgia on Oct. 15.

After hosting Tennessee State in its final non-conference game on Oct. 22, the Commodores return on the road against Auburn on Nov. 5 and Missouri on Nov. 12.

Vanderbilt concludes the regular season with home games against Ole Miss on Nov. 19 and Tennessee on Nov. 26.

The Commodores' open date next year comes Oct. 29.

TEN POSITION PLAYERS HAVE STARTED EVERY COMMODORE GAME THIS YEAR

Ten Commodores have started every game, including six offensive contributors and four defensive performers.

On offense, **Jake Bernstein** (R-Sr., OG), **Barrett Gouger** (R-Jr., OG), **Will Holden** (R-Jr., OT), **Spencer Pulley** (R-Sr., center), **Trent Sherfield** (So., WR) and **Ralph Webb** (R-So., RB) have started all nine games.

Oren Burks (R-So., safety), **Tre Herndon** (So., CB), **Darreon Herring** (Sr., ILB) and **Stephen Weatherly** (R-Jr., OLB) have started all nine game on defense.

'DORES WHO HAVE STARTED EVERY GAME

OFFENSE

- **Jake Bernstein** (R-Sr., OG)
- **Barrett Gouger** (R-Jr., OG)
- **Will Holden** (R-Jr., OT)
- **Spencer Pulley** (R-Sr., center)
- **Trent Sherfield** (So., WR)
- **Ralph Webb** (R-So., RB)

DEFENSE

- **Oren Burks** (R-So., safety)
- **Tre Herndon** (So., CB)
- **Darreon Herring** (Sr., ILB)
- **Stephen Weatherly** (R-Jr., OLB)

THE KENTUCKY SERIES

THE VANDERBILT-KENTUCKY SERIES

- ★ Meeting between schools: 88th
- ★ Series record: Vanderbilt trails 41-42-4
- ★ Vanderbilt record in Nashville: 27-18-2
- ★ Vanderbilt record in Kentucky: 14-24-2
- ★ Last meeting: Vanderbilt 7-Kentucky 17 (2014)
- ★ Last game in Nashville: Vanderbilt 22-Kentucky 6 (2013)
- ★ First meeting: Vanderbilt 6-Kentucky 0 (1896)
- ★ Vanderbilt record in last 5 games of series: 3-2
- ★ Longest Vanderbilt win streak: 9

MORE ON THE KENTUCKY SERIES

This is the 88th meeting between the Commodores and Wildcats in a series that dates to 1896. Vanderbilt has played only two teams more than Kentucky – Tennessee (109) and Ole Miss (89).

The all-time series record between the schools is close, with Kentucky holding a 42-41-4.

The Wildcats broke a three-

game Vanderbilt's three-game win streak in the series last year with a 17-7 victory in Lexington. It was the Commodores' longest win streak vs. Kentucky since a five-game stretch from 1991-95.

Vanderbilt has captured the last two games played on campus: 22-6 in 2013 and 38-8 in 2011.

VANDERBILT-KENTUCKY RESULTS

Year	Site	W/L	Score	Year	Site	W/L	Score	Year	Site	W/L	Score
2014	Lexington	L	7-17	1985	Nashville	W	31-24	1956	Lexington	L	6-7
2013	Nashville	W	22-6	1984	Lexington	L	18-27	1954	Lexington	L	7-19
2012	Lexington	W	40-0	1983	Nashville	L	8-17	1953	Nashville	L	14-40
2011	Nashville	W	38-8	1982	Lexington	W	23-10	1948	Lexington	W	26-7
2010	Lexington	L	20-38	1981	Nashville	L	10-17	1947	Nashville	L	0-14
2009	Nashville	L	13-24	1980	Lexington	L	10-31	1946	Lexington	L	7-10
2008	Lexington	W	31-24	1979	Nashville	L	10-29	1945	Nashville	W	19-6
2007	Nashville	L	20-27	1978	Lexington	L	3-52	1942	Lexington	W	7-6
2006	Lexington	L	26-38	1977	Nashville	L	6-28	1941	Lexington	W	39-15
2005	Nashville	L	43-48	1976	Lexington	L	0-14	1940	Nashville	T	7-7
2004	Lexington	L	13-14	1975	Nashville	W	13-3	1939	Nashville	L	13-21
2003	Nashville	W	28-17	1974	Lexington	L	12-38	1938	Lexington	W	14-7
2002	Lexington	L	21-41	1973	Nashville	L	17-27	1937	Nashville	W	12-0
2001	Nashville	L	30-56	1972	Lexington	L	13-14	1928	Nashville	W	14-7
2000	Lexington	W	24-20	1971	Nashville	L	7-14	1927	Nashville	W	34-6
1999	Nashville	L	17-19	1970	Lexington	W	18-17	1922	Nashville	W	9-0
1998	Lexington	L	17-55	1969	Nashville	W	42-6	1921	Lexington	W	21-14
1997	Nashville	L	10-21	1968	Lexington	W	6-0	1920	Nashville	W	20-0
1996	Lexington	L	0-25	1967	Nashville	L	7-12	1919	Lexington	T	0-0
1995	Nashville	W	14-10	1966	Lexington	L	10-14	1918	Nashville	W	33-0
1994	Lexington	W	24-6	1965	Nashville	L	0-34	1917	Lexington	W	5-0
1993	Nashville	W	12-7	1964	Lexington	L	21-22	1916	Lexington	W	45-0
1992	Lexington	W	20-7	1963	Nashville	T	0-0	1911	Nashville	W	18-0
1991	Nashville	W	17-7	1962	Lexington	L	0-7	1907	Nashville	W	40-0
1990	Lexington	L	21-28	1961	Nashville	L	3-16	1906	Nashville	W	28-0
1989	Nashville	L	11-15	1960	Lexington	L	0-27	1901	Nashville	W	22-0
1988	Lexington	L	13-14	1959	Nashville	W	11-6	1897	Nashville	W	50-0
1987	Nashville	W	38-29	1958	Lexington	T	0-0	1896	Nashville	W	6-0
1986	Lexington	L	22-34	1957	Nashville	W	12-7				

SAFETY WHITE HAILS FROM KENTUCKY

Ryan White (R-So, safety/returner) is the only Vanderbilt student-athlete who hails from the state of Kentucky.

White, a product of powerful Trinity HS in Louisville, has earned one start and contributed in all nine games in the Commodore secondary. He ranks ninth on the team with 24 tackles and notched an interception last Saturday against Florida. He also has contributed three tackles for loss, a forced fumble and fumble recovery.

On special teams, White has averaged 8.5 yards on 15 punt returns.

LAST TIME VS. KENTUCKY

COMMODORE OFFENSE STRUGGLES IN 17-7 LOSS AT KENTUCKY

LEXINGTON, Ky. – Vanderbilt's defense created opportunities against Kentucky by forcing three turnovers including Darrius Sims' interception return for a game-tying touchdown.

GAME 5
SEPT. 27, 2014
LEXINGTON, Ky.

Too bad the Commodores' offense couldn't turn them into points. In fact, they gave the ball right back to the Wildcats in the fourth quarter.

Patrick Towles threw a 20-yard touchdown pass and scored on a 1-yard run, and Kentucky made three fourth-quarter interceptions to

hold off Vanderbilt 17-7 on Saturday to end a 17-game Southeastern Conference losing streak.

"This is a young team and the best thing we can do is do what we can do," first-year Vanderbilt coach Derek Mason said. "That just means capitalize on our opportunities and just go out there and get it done.

"In the end, I am just looking at our team and we're getting better, we just have to minimize the mistakes and maximize the opportunities."

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
VANDERBILT	0	7	0	0	7	1-4, 0-3
KENTUCKY	7	10	0	0	17	3-1, 1-1

1st: UK: Timmons 20-yd. pass from Towles (MacGinnis kick), 13-99 6:15.

2nd: VANDY: Sims 13-yd. INT return (Openshaw kick).

UK: MacGinnis 44-yd. FG, 11-47.

UK: Towles 1-yd. run (MacGinnis kick), 12-66 4:13.

STATISTICS

	VANDERBILT	KENTUCKY
FIRST DOWNS	8	23
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	22-54	50-183
PASSING YDS (NET)	85	201
PASSES ATT-COMP-INT	25-8-3	30-23-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	47-139	80-384
PUNT RETURNS-YARDS	0-0	3-5
KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS	3-34	2-56
INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS	1-13	3-51
PUNTS (NUMBER-AVG)	8-44.8	5-46.8
FUMBLES-LOST	1-0	4-2
PENALTIES-YARDS	2-10	5-55
POSSESSION TIME	21:38	38:22
THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	2 OF 12	6 OF 15
FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	0 OF 1	0 OF 1
RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES	0-0	2-3
SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS	4-35	4-27

RUSHING: VANDERBILT – Ralph Webb 13-44; Jerron Seymour 3-33; Team 1-0; Wade Freebeck 5-(-23). KENTUCKY – Heard 15-62; Kemp 8-60; Horton 6-31; Williams 5-27; Towles 15-3; Timmons 1-0.

PASSING: VANDERBILT – Freebeck 8-25-3-85. KENTUCKY – Towles 23-30-1-201.

RECEIVING: VANDERBILT – C.J. Duncan 3-48; Latevius Rayford 2-21; Steven Scheu 1-7; Chandler Dorrell 1-6; Webb 1-3. KENTUCKY – Blue 4-35; S. Williams 3-39; Timmons 3-34; Robinson 3-34; Baker 2-15; Heard 2-6; Johnson 2-2; Williams 1-15; Warren 1-9; Kemp 1-8; Walker 1-4.

VANDERBILT 2014-15 COMPARISON

OFFENSE	2015	2014	Change +/-
TOTAL OFFENSE	339.8	295.2	+44.6
FIRST DOWNS	18.6	15.8	+2.8
RUSHING YARDAGE	154.9	117.9	+37.0
PASSING YARDAGE	184.9	177.3	+7.6
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	32:42	30:01	+2:41
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	39%	31%	+8%
DEFENSE	2015	2014	Change +/-
SCORING DEFENSE	17.4	32.2	-14.8
TOTAL DEFENSE	316.1	403.6	-87.5
FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED	16.1	21.4	-5.3
RUSHING YARDAGE	112.4	170.9	-58.5
PASSING YARDAGE	203.7	232.7	-29.0
TOUCHDOWNS ALLOWED	17	36	-19
DEF. PASSING EFFICIENCY	113.3	139.6	-26.3
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	25%	41%	-16%
TEAM	2015	2014	Change +/-
OVERALL RECORD	3-6	3-6	-
TURNOVER MARGIN	-7	-8	+1
PENALTY YARDS	43.2	52.7	-9.5
RED ZONE OFFENSE	62%	77%	-15%
RED ZONE DEFENSE	71%	92%	+21%

Note: Comparisons reflect nine games into 2014-15 seasons.

COMMODORES MUCH IMPROVED DESPITE SIMILAR RECORD AS 2014

A review of season statistics continues to reveal the 2015 Commodores to be much improved over the 2014 squad despite both teams owning the same record through nine games.

The 2015 Commodores have shown improvement in nearly every key stat category from the 2014 squad.

The 2015 defense, directed by Head Coach **Derek Mason**, has experienced vast improvement. The unit has allowed 17.4 points per game, 14.8 points less than in 2014. It has allowed 316.1 yards of total offense, 87.5 yards less than a year ago; and kept opponents to just 16.1 first downs, 5.3 less than in 2014. The defense also has experienced significant reductions in rushing yards allowed (from 170.9 to 112.4) and passing yards (from 232.7 to 203.7).

The impact of better defense have resulted in 19 fewer opponent touchdowns, a 16% dip in third-down conversions by opponents, and a drop in red-zone efficiency from 92% in 2014 to 71% this year.

On offense, the 'Dores has averaged 339.8 yards of total offense - 94.6 yards more than a year ago. The 2015 Commodores have experienced increases in both rushing yards (37.0 yards more this year) and passing yards (7.6 yards more than in 2014). First downs are up nearly 30 percent, from 15.8 in 2014 to 18.6 this year. The added production has resulted in a 8% increase in third down conversions and a 2:41 improvement in time of possession.

Unfortunately, struggles in the red zone and untimely turnovers has kept the offensive point production down - the team's 14.8 points per game is 4.3 points under the 2014 average through nine games.

WEBB TEAM'S LEADING RUSHER; APPROACHES SOPHOMORE RECORD

Offensive backfield workhorse **Ralph Webb** (R-So., RB) is approaching the second significant team rushing record of his two-year career.

Webb needs 67 rushing yards to become Vanderbilt's all-time leading sophomore rusher. Webb's 811 rushing yards this year ranks second among sophomores only behind the 1994 total of 877 yards compiled by **Jermaine Johnson**.

In 2014, Webb set team freshman records with 907 rushing yards and 212 rush attempts.

Webb, a product of Gainesville, Fla., is quickly approaching the team's all-time charts for career rushing yards. His total of 1,718 rushing yards is less than 100 yards from entering the Commodore Top Ten career list.

Webb was Vanderbilt's top offensive weapon last Saturday in his hometown, rushing for 118 yards on 22 carries. Webb's last carry in the first half against the Gators went for 74 yards and a touchdown, and marked the team's longest carry since **Zac Stacy** went for a school-record 90 yards in the 2012 regular season finale at Wake Forest.

Webb has been superb for much of the 2015 season. During Vanderbilt's last six games, Webb has averaged 103.2 rushing yards. Besides the Florida performance, Webb has rushed for 155 yards against Middle Tennessee, 99 yards against both Missouri and Houston, and 90 yards against Ole Miss.

Webb's 811 rushing yards ranks as the 10th highest single-season ever by a Commodore running back. With 39 more yards, Webb will pass **Frank Mordica** (830 yards, 1979) and **Doug Mathews** (849 yards, 1969) on the single season charts.

In 2014, Webb rushed for 907 yards, surpassing the former freshman record of 798 yards set by **Kwane Doster** in 2002.

VU RECORD BOOKS: SOPH. RUSHING YARDS

Sophomores	Rush Yards
1. Jermaine Johnson, 1994	877
2. Ralph Webb, 2015	811
3. Jerron Seymour, 2013	716
4. Chris Nickson, 2006	694
5. Carl Woods, 1984	688
6. Carlos Thomas, 1990	680
7. Jamie O'Rourke, 1971	677
8. Rodney Williams, 1999	644
9. Phil King, 1955	628

VU RECORD BOOKS: CAREER RUSHING YARDS

Name	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TDs
1. Zac Stacy, 2009-12	581	3,143	5.4	30
2. Frank Mordica, 1976-79	546	2,632	4.8	18
3. Carl Woods, 1983-86	619	2,490	4.0	15
4. Jamie O'Rourke, 1971, 73-74	498	2,202	4.4	20
5. Jermaine Johnson, 1993-95	486	2,152	4.4	13
6. Jared McGrath, 1997-2000	492	2,151	4.4	9
7. Lonnie Sadler, 1972-75	569	2,096	3.7	8
8. Rodney Williams, 1998-2001	452	2,021	4.5	16
T-9. C. Jackson-Garrison, 2004-07	410	1,814	4.4	18
T-9. Everett Crawford, 1984-87	395	1,814	4.6	12
Ralph Webb, 2014-	410	1,718	4.2	9

VU RECORD BOOKS: SINGLE-SEASON RUSHING YARDS

Name	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TDs
1. Zac Stacy, 2011	201	1,193	5.9	14
2. Zac Stacy, 2012	208	1,141	5.5	10
3. Corey Harris, 1991	229	1,103	4.8	4
4. Jermaine Johnson, 1995	267	1,072	4.0	4
5. Frank Mordica, 1978	173	1,065	6.2	8
6. Jamie O'Rourke, 1974	201	933	4.6	12
7. Ralph Webb, 2014	212	907	4.3	4
7. Jermaine Johnson, 1994	167	877	5.3	7
8. Doug Mathews, 1969	167	849	5.1	4
9. Frank Mordica, 1979	162	830	5.1	6
10. Ralph Webb, 2015	198	811	4.1	5

COMMODORE NOTES

EARL BENNETT NAMED TEAM'S 2015 SEC LEGEND

Earl Bennett, one of the most productive wide receivers in Southeastern Conference history during a three-year Vanderbilt career from 2005-07, will be celebrated as Vanderbilt's Legend as part of SEC Championship activities this December in Atlanta.

A native of Birmingham, Ala., Bennett was a three-year All-SEC receiver. He set numerous SEC receiving marks, including five touchdown catches in a game and 236 career receptions which was later bettered by Vanderbilt's **Jordan Matthews**.

Bennett established himself as a true freshman in 2005, combining with senior QB **Jay Cutler** for 79 receptions, 876 yards and nine TDs. He registered 82 catches as a sophomore and 75 as a senior, becoming the only player in SEC history to post three consecutive seasons of at least 75 receptions.

Bennett played five years with Chicago and recently returned to Vanderbilt to complete his degree.

VANDERBILT SEC LEGENDS

Year	Recipient, Position	Career
2015	Earl Bennett , WR	2005-07
2014	Jonathan Goff , LB	2004-07
2013	Jimmy Williams , RB/DB	1997-2000
2012	Hunter Hillenmeyer , LB	1999-2002
2011	Corey Harris , DB/RB	1988-91
2010	Corey Chavous , DB	1994-97
2009	Jamie Duncan , LB	1995-97
2008	Shelton Quarles , LB	1990-93
2007	Chuck Scott , WR/TE	1981-84
2006	Eric Jones , QB	1986-88
2005	Chris Gaines , LB	1984-87
2004	Boo Mitchell , WR	1985-88
2003	Whit Taylor , QB	1972-82
2002	Jim Arnold , punter	1979-82
2001	Will Wolford , OT	1982-85
2000	Herb Rich , RB	1946-49
1999	Bob Werckle , OT	1947-51
1998	Charley Horton , RB	1952-55
1997	Bucky Curtis , WR	1947-50
1996	John Hall , OL	1951-54
1995	Bob Asher , OT	1967-69
1994	Bill Wade , QB	1949-51

VANDERBILT RECORDS: 200+ RECEIVING YARDS

Yards	Receiver	Opponent	Date
240	Trent Sherfield	vs. Austin Peay	9/19/2015
223	Earl Bennett	Richmond	9/1/2007
222	Clarence Sevillian	vs. Tennessee	11/28/1992
220	Earl Bennett	at Kentucky	11/11/2006
219	M.J. Garrett	vs. Middle Tenn.	8/30/2001
204	Earl Bennett	at So. Carolina	10/22/2005
204	Dan Stricker	at Duke	10/27/2001
201	Bob Goodridge	at Navy	11/18/1967

SHERFIELD ESTABLISHES TEAM RECEIVING RECORD

Trent Sherfield (So., WR) earned consideration for the Biletnikoff Award in late September following a record-breaking receiving performance earlier in the month against Austin Peay.

Sherfield, a product of Danville (Ill.) H.S., was added to the Biletnikoff Award watchlist after producing one of the program's greatest impressive performances ever in the win over Austin Peay Sept. 19.

In the game, Sherfield set a new Commodore single-game standard with 240 receiving yards. The yardage total came on 16 receptions, which ties the third highest total in team history.

Sherfield has struggled recently, held without a reception in road losses at Houston and Florida.

During the reduced production, Sherfield's 4.6 receptions per game ranks 10th in the Southeastern Conference. He also is 13th in the league in receiving yards, averaging 57.8 yards.

Sherfield is the first Vanderbilt receiver to earn Biletnikoff Award attention since All-America Jordan Matthews was named as a semifinalist for the award in 2013.

The Biletnikoff Award is annually presented to the nation's outstanding receiver. The award is open to all receivers, including tight ends, wide receivers, slot receivers and even running backs.

Sherfield, who posted just one catch in seven games in 2014, gives Vanderbilt its most potent receiver since **Jordan Matthews** graduated after the 2013 season. In 2014, **C.J. Duncan** topped the team's wideouts with 441 receiving yards.

2015 VANDERBILT STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing	G	Att.	Net.	Avg.	TD	Long	Avg./G	
Ralph Webb (RB)	9	198	811	4.1	5	74	90.1	
Darrius Sims (RB)	9	33	216	6.5	0	41	24.0	
Johnny McCrary (QB)	9	63	169	2.7	2	29	18.8	
Passing	G	Effic.	Comp.-Att.-INT	Pct.	Yards	TD	Avg./G	
Johnny McCrary	9	102.0	144-263-12	54.8	1,529	6	169.9	
Kyle Shurmur	2	65.0	13-31-1	41.9	109	0	54.5	
Receiving	G	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long	Avg./G	
Trent Sherfield (WR)	9	41	518	12.6	2	44	57.6	
Steven Scheu (TE)	8	21	202	9.6	0	24	25.2	
Ralph Webb (RB)	9	21	175	8.3	2	18	19.4	
Caleb Scott (WR)	9	19	191	10.1	1	23	21.2	
Defense	G	UA-A-TT	TFL/Yds.	Sacks	INT	PBU	FF/FR	QH
Zach Cunningham (ILB)	9	45-23-68	12.5-37	3.5-23	0-0	3	3/3	-
Darreon Herring (ILB)	9	27-19-46	3.0-8	1.5-3	0-0	2	0/0	2
Oren Burks (S)	9	21-19-40	2.0-5	0.0-0	1-1	6	1/1	0
Torren McGaster (CB)	9	34-6-40	3.5-4	0.0-0	0-0	9	0/1	0
Stephen Weatherly (OLB)	9	22-12-34	6.5-31	2.5-21	0-0	2	1/2	8
Andrew Williamson (S)	7	19-10-29	1.0-1	1.0-1	0-0	3	1/0	1
Trey Herndon (CB)	9	19-9-28	1.0-6	1.0-6	0-0	1	0/0	0
Arnold Tarpley (S)	9	18-9-27	3.0-24	2.0-22	0-0	2	0/0	1

LIMITING PENALTIES KEY FOR COMMODORES

For the most part, Vanderbilt has kept their own penalties in check early in the 2015 season.

Through nine games, the Commodores rank sixth in the SEC in fewest penalty yards (43.2 ypg). The team is averaging 6.0 infractions.

The 'Dores struggled with penalties in 2014, averaging 6.8 flags and 56.5 penalty yards through nine games.

LIMITING PENALTIES

Category	2015 AVG.	2014 AVG.	+/-
Penalties	6.0	6.8	-0.8
Penalty Yards	43.2	56.5	-13.3

Note: 2014, 2015 statistics are through first nine games of each season.

VANDERBILT RECORDS: SINGLE GAME RECEPTIONS

#	Receiver	Opponent	Date
20	Norman Jordan	vs. Air Force	12/31/1982
17	Keith Edwards	vs. Georgia	10/15/1983
16	Trent Sherfield	vs. Austin Peay	9/19/2015
16	Earl Bennett	at So. Carolina	10/22/2005
15	Keith Edwards	vs. Kentucky	11/5/1983
15	Bob Goodridge	at Navy	11/18/1967
14	Earl Bennett	at Tennessee	11/19/2005

Note: Jordan's 20 receptions vs. Air Force came in the 1982 Hall of Fame Bowl

TEAM INFORMATION

COACHING STAFF

Derek Mason	Head Coach
Andy Ludwig	Offensive Coordinator/QBs
Kenwick Thompson	Associate Head Coach/LBs
Charles Bankins	Special Teams Coordinator/RBs
Gerry Gdowski	Recruiting Coordinator/TEs
Cortez Hankton	Wide Receivers
Keven Lightner	Offensive Line
Marc Mattioli	Safeties
Frank Maile	Defensive Line
Brett Maxie	Defensive Backs
Kevin Abrams	Graduate Assistant (Off.)
Tate Benton	Graduate Assistant (Off.)
Ryan Anderson	Graduate Assistant (Def.)
Chris Marve	Graduate Assistant (Def.)
James Dobson	Head Strength Coach
Tyler Clarke	Assistant Director, Strength
Aaron Hill	Assistant, Strength
Ben Schumacher	Assistant, Strength

A QUICK LOOK

Head Coach	Derek Mason (2nd year)
Career Coaching Record	6-15
2015 Team Record	3-6 (1-4 in SEC East)
Associated Press Rank	n/a
USA Today/Coaches' Rank	n/a
Home	2-2
Away	1-4
Home Attendance	130,019 (4 games)
Average Home Attendance	32,505
Number of Bowl Appearances	7
All-Time Bowl Record	4-2-1
Last Bowl	2014 BBVA Compass
Last Bowl (W/L)	Houston (W, 41-24)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	Nashville, Tenn.
Founded	1873
Undergraduate Enrollment	6,850
Nickname	Commodores
Colors	Black and Gold
Conference	Southeastern
Stadium	Vanderbilt Stadium (40,350)
Surface	Synthetic (Shaw Sportexe)
All-Time Record	587-598-50 (.495)
Chancellor	Nicholas S. Zeppos
Athletics Director	David Williams II
Jason Grooms	Assistant AD/Director, FB Operations
Matt Britain	Assistant Director/FB Operations
Tyler Barnes	Director, Player Personnel
Al Smith	Director, Player Development
Rayna Stewart	Director, High School Relations
Tom Bossung	Head Athletic Trainer
Chris Singleton	Equipment Manager
Ryan Blakney	Assistant Quality Control (Off.)
Rod Chance	Assistant Quality Control (Def.)
Cedric Calhoun	Assistant Quality Control (Def.)
Mike Morita	Assistant Quality Control (Off.)
Jarren Horton	Analytics Assistant

CUNNINGHAM BECOMES TACKLING MACHINE IN FIRST YEAR AS OUTSIDE LINEBACKER STARTER

Since moving into the starting lineup in late September, **Zach Cunningham** (R-So., ILB) has been one of the SEC's top tacklers. And Cunningham's road production has been through the roof.

Cunningham was sensational again last week at Florida, going sideline-to-sideline to garner 10 tackles, a QB sack, two tackles for loss and two fumble recoveries.

In six starts, Cunningham has become the Commodore leader – and among the SEC pace-setters – with 45 solo tackles, 69 total stops, 3.5 sacks and 12.5 tackles for loss. He also tops the SEC with three fumble recoveries and is tied for third in the league with three forced fumbles.

Cunningham has been superb this season away from campus. In five road appearances, Cunningham has amassed 57 tackles (11.4 pg) and 12 tackles for loss. Cunningham also registered double-digit tackle totals in three straight games – 11 at Ole Miss, 15 at Middle Tennessee and 12 at South Carolina, becoming the first Commodore defender to accomplish the feat since safety **Sean Richardson** did so in the 2010 season.

In his last six appearances, Cunningham has amassed 60 tackles, 12.5 tackles for loss, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.

ON THE ROAD WITH ZACH CUNNINGHAM

Date	Game	Tackles	TFL
Nov. 7	at Florida	10	2.5
Oct. 31	at Houston	9	2.5
Oct. 17	at South Carolina	12	4.0
Oct. 3	at Middle Tennessee	15	2.5
Sept. 26	at Ole Miss	11	1.5
Totals on the road		57	12.0

NOTES FROM THE NARROW DEFEAT AT FLORIDA

LOOKING FOR BACK-TO-BACK WINS IN GAINESVILLE ... Vanderbilt was looking to register back-to-back wins in Gainesville for the first time ever last Saturday.

The last time Vanderbilt notched consecutive wins against the Gators in Florida came in Gainesville (1945) and Jacksonville (1949).

LIMITING THE GATOR OFFENSE ... Vanderbilt held the Gators to 12 first downs, 93 rushing yards and 258 total yards.

In the second half, Florida managed just four first downs, 52 total yards and did not convert a single third down against the swarming Commodore defense.

A GAME OF POOR FIELD POSITION ... Vanderbilt struggled with field position throughout the game. The average Commodore drive started on their own 16-yard line. While Vanderbilt started all 13 possessions deep in its own territory, the Gators began seven of 13 drives inside the 50-yard line. Florida's average possession started at the Gator 46-yard line.

WEBB'S TOUCHDOWN CARRY ... The 74-yard touchdown rush by Gainesville native **Ralph Webb** (R-So., RB) was the longest play from scrimmage for the Commodores in 36 games, dating back to a 90-yard rush by **Zac Stacy** at Wake Forest on Nov. 24, 2012.

FORCING TURNOVERS ... The Commodores forced four Florida turnovers – three fumbles and an interception. It was the highest turnover total in the Mason Era, and the most since Vanderbilt forced the same total in a win over Kentucky on Nov. 16, 2013.

The Commodore offense did not commit a turnover for the first time since the Ole Miss game earlier this year.

OFFENSIVE STRUGGLES ... The Commodores managed just 175 total yards – 145 rushing and 30 passing – against the highly regarded Florida defense. The 'Dores completed just 3-of-14 passes.

TRIO FORCE FUMBLES ... **Caleb Azubike** (Sr., DE), **Landon Stokes** (R-So., OLB) and **Jay Woods** (R-So., DT) created Florida turnovers by forcing fumbles recovered by Azubike and **Zach Cunningham** (R-So., ILB).

All three fumbles ended Gator scoring threats deep in Vanderbilt territory.

SUPERB ON THIRD & FOURTH DOWNS ... The Commodore defense held Florida to just three third-down conversions on 13 tries. The 'Dores were better on Gator fourth downs – stopping them on all three attempts.

HARD TO CONTAIN GATOR RETURN TEAMS ... The Gators earned scoring opportunities and superb field position due to excellent return units. Florida managed 181 return yards: 71 on the opening kickoff and 110 on eight Vanderbilt punts.

STOKES AT LINEBACKER ... In his second start, **Landon Stokes** (R-So., OLB) contributed three tackles, caused a turnover with a forced fumble, and added a pair of defended passes.

SENIOR LINEMEN PULLEY, BERNSTEIN ACTIVE LEADERS IN CAREER STARTS

Senior offensive linemen **Jake Bernstein** and **Spencer Pulley** share the team lead for active career starts.

Bernstein and Pulley enter their final season with 38 career starts on the O-line – all from the guard position.

Steven Scheu (Sr., TE) and **Darreon Herring** (Sr., LB) are the closest to Bernstein and Pulley with 34 and 32 starts, respectively.

Six other Commodores have at least 20 career starts: **Adam Butler** (R-Jr., DL), **Will Holden** (R-Jr., OL), **Andrew Jelks** (Jr., OT), **Torren McGaster** (R-Jr., CB), **Tommy Openshaw** (R-So., P/PK) and **Ralph Webb** (R-So., RB).

ACTIVE STARTS

Player	Career Starts
Jake Bernstein, Sr., OG	38
Spencer Pulley, Sr., C/OG	38
Steven Scheu, Sr., TE	34
Darreon Herring, Sr., LB	32
Adam Butler, R-Jr., DL	23
Andrew Jelks, R-Jr., OT	23
Ralph Webb, R-So., RB	22
Torren McGaster, R-Jr., CB	21
Will Holden, R-Jr., OT	20
Tommy Openshaw, R-So., PK	20
Latevius Rayford, Jr., WR	14
Nigel Bowden, R-So., LB	13

DEFENSE AMONG NCAA LEADERS IN FORCING THREE-&-OUTS

The Commodore defense has been solid forcing opponents into quick three-&-out possessions, a key factor in why Vanderbilt ranks among the NCAA leaders in time of possession.

The unit is forcing three-&-out possessions at a 36.5 percent clip, ranking T-19th nationally and third in the SEC.

Opposing offenses are averaging nearly 4.67 three-&-out possessions against the 'Dore defense.

The three-&-out success, along with an offense that has converted 39% on third downs, has resulted in Vanderbilt's 32:42 average time of possession, third in the SEC and among the NCAA leaders.

NCAA THREE-&-OUT LEADERS

Avg.	(Total 3 & outs/games)	Pct.	3 & outs-Series
6.33	Clemson (57/9)	44.5	57-128
6.11	Alabama (55/9)	42.3	55-130
6.00	Houston (54/9)	42.2	54-128
5.60	Boston College (56/10)	44.8	56-125
5.56	Ohio State (50/9)	40.7	50-123
5.56	Boise State (50/9)	35.5	50-141
5.44	Utah State (49/9)	40.8	49-120
5.33	NC State (48/9)	40.7	48-118
5.33	Oklahoma State (48/9)	36.3	48-132
5.30	Marshall (53/10)	36.8	53-144
5.11	Florida (46/9)	40.4	46-114
5.11	Temple (46/9)	38.7	46-119
4.89	Michigan (44/9)	40.4	44-109
4.89	Duke (44/9)	36.7	44-119
4.89	Illinois (44/9)	36.1	44-122
4.80	Penn State (48/10)	34.5	48-139
4.78	BYU (43/9)	38.1	43-113
4.78	Memphis (43/9)	33.5	43-128
4.67	VANDERBILT (42/9)	36.5	42-115
4.67	Minnesota (42/9)	37.2	42-113
4.67	TCU (42/9)	34.4	42-122

FORMER LINEBACKER CHRIS MARVE JOINS STAFF AS DEFENSIVE GRAD ASSISTANT

Chris Marve, a two-time Commodore defensive captain and the No. 8 tackler in Vanderbilt history, has joined the Vanderbilt staff as a defensive graduate assistant. He works with Vanderbilt linebackers.

Marve earned SEC Freshman honors in 2008, then became a three-time All-SEC from 2009-11. He produced 393 total tackles as a four-year starter, helping the Commodores to postseason bowls in 2008 and 2011.

VANDERBILT'S 2015 SEC/NCAA RANK

Team Category	Avg.	SEC	NCAA
Scoring Offense	14.8	13	126
Total Offense	339.8	13	112
Rushing Offense	154.9	10	86
Pass Offense	184.9	12	106
Pass Efficiency	96.9	14	122
Scoring Defense	17.4	5	12
Total Defense	316.1	5	19
Rushing Defense	112.4	2	14
Pass Defense	203.7	7	44
Defensive Pass Efficiency	113.3	5	27
Net Punting	333.6	14	121
Kickoff Returns	19.8	9	88
Punt Returns	7.2	12	78
First Downs	18.6	11	96
First Downs Allowed	16.1	4	13
Time of Possession	32:42	3	18
3rd Down Conv. %	39% (62/158)	8	71
3rd Down Conv. % (Defense)	25% (32/128)	1	4
Red Zone Offense	62% (16-26)	14	127
Red Zone Defense	71% (22-31)	2	8
Turnover Margin	-0.8 (-9)	13	118
Penalties	6.0	T-9	T-57
Penalty Yards	43.2	6	24
QB Sacks	2.3 (21)	T-7	T-45
QB Sacks Allowed	22 (20)	10	T-78
Tackles for Loss	6.4 (57)	7	52
Tackles for Loss Allowed	6.2 (56)	9	73
Interceptions	.4 (4)	14	111
Interceptions Thrown	1.6 (14)	14	119

Active Individuals

Active Individuals	Avg.	SEC	NCAA	
Ralph Webb	Rushing yards per game	90.1	6	48
	Total rushing yards	811	6	40
	Rush attempts	22.0	3	-
	All-purpose yards	109.6	6	70
	Rushing touchdowns	.6 (5)	T-11	-
Johnny McCrary	Passing yards (per game)	169.9	8	84
	Completions	16.0	8	69
	Completion percentage	54.8	10	-
	Passing touchdowns	0.6 (6)	12	-
	Total offense	188.7	8	86
Trent Sherfield	Receptions	4.6 (41)	10	-
	Receiving yards	57.6	13	-
Darius Sims	All-purpose yards	83.2	15	-
	Kick returns	20.1	9	94
Zach Cunningham	Total tackles	7.6 (68)	14	-
	Solo tackles	5.0 (45)	T-6	T-57
	Tackles for loss	1.4 (12.5)	T-4	T-27
	Forced fumbles	.3 (3)	T-3	T-15
	Fumble Recoveries	.3 (3)	1	T-2
	Quarterback sacks	.4 (3.5)	T-18	-
Torren McGaster	Passes defended	1.0 (9)	T-3	-
Jahmel McIntosh	Interceptions	.3 (2)	T-9	T-89
Stephen Weatherly	Fumble recoveries	.2 (2)	T-4	T-17
Tommy Openshaw	Punting	40.8	8	74
	Field goals made	1.3 (12)	T-8	T-43
Ryan White	Punt returns	8.5	8	T-39

MASON IN 2ND YEAR AT VANDERBILT HELM

Derek Mason is on pace to win more games as a second-year head coach at Vanderbilt than most of his recent Commodore predecessors.

Only three of the last eight Vanderbilt head coaches registered at least three wins in their second seasons:

Watson Brown, **Gerry DiNardo** and **James Franklin**.

RECORDS OF RECENT 2ND-YEAR COACHES

Coach	Year	Record
Derek Mason	2015	3-6
James Franklin	2012	9-4
Bobby Johnson	2003	2-10
Woody Widenhofer	1998	2-9
Rod Dowhower	1996	2-9
Gerry DiNardo	1992	4-7
Watson Brown	1988	3-8
George MacIntyre	1980	2-9
Fred Pancoast	1976	2-9
Steve Sloan	1974	7-3-2
Jack Green	1968	5-4-1

COMMODORE NOTES

SUCCESS FACING POWERFUL OFFENSES

Team	2015 Points			2015 Total Off.		
	Season Avg.	vs. VU	+/-	Season Avg.	vs. VU	+/-
Western Ky.	42.2 pts.	14	-28.2	510.8 yds.	247	-263.8
Georgia	37.2 pts.	31	-6.2	451.3 yds.	422	-29.3
Austin Peay	11.2 pts.	7	-7.2	251.8 yds.	144	-107.8
Ole Miss	46.8 pts.	27	-19.8	527.8 yds.	472	-55.8
Middle Tenn.	36.8 pts.	13	-23.8	441.0 yds.	320	-111.0
So. Carolina	20.7 pts.	19	-2.7	341.7 yds.	424	+82.3
Missouri	16.6 pts.	3	-13.3	290.4 yds.	188	-101.6
Houston	47.6 pts.	34	-13.6	561.1 yds.	371	-190.1
Florida	31.0 pts.	9	-22.0	380.9 yds.	258	-122.9

COMMODORE DEFENSE KEEPING OFFENSES BELOW SEASON AVERAGES

The Commodore defense has held all nine opposing offenses below their season average in points this year. The unit has been virtually just as effective limiting offensive total yardage.

Last week, Vanderbilt held the Florida offense to just nine points and 258 total yards. Those totals are 22 points and 122.9 yards below season averages for the Gators.

During Vanderbilt's last three games, Missouri, Houston and Florida have been held 16.3 points and 138.2 yards below their season averages.

The unit also has faced five of the nation's top offensive attacks: Ole Miss, WKU, Georgia, Middle Tennessee and Houston.

ACTIVE CAREER STATISTICAL LEADERS

Category	Team Leaders	Career Totals
Total Offense	J. McCrary/R. Webb	2,745/1,893
All-Purpose Yards	D. Sims/R. Webb	2,096/1,818
Total TDs	R. Webb/S. Scheu	11/6
Rushing Yards	R. Webb/D. Rivers	1,718/334
Rushing Attempts	R. Webb/D. Rivers	410/117
Rushing TDs	R. Webb/D. Rivers	9/3
Passing Yards	J. McCrary/W. Freebeck	2,514/402
Pass Attempts	J. McCrary/W. Freebeck	414/72
Completions	J. McCrary/W. Freebeck	224/40
Passing TDs	J. McCrary/W. Freebeck	15/1
Receiving Yards	S. Scheu/T. Sherfield	895/527
Receptions	S. Scheu/L. Rayford	77/55
Receiving TDs	S. Scheu/K. Kentera-CJ Duncan	6/4 ea.
Punt Return Yards	R. White/T. Ellis	127/67
Kick Return Yards	D. Sims/D. Rivers	1,707/151
Total Tackles	D. Herring/Z. Cunningham	209/136
Solo Tackles	D. Herring/T. McGaster	115/90
Tackles for Loss	S. Weatherly/C. Azubike	22/20.5
Quarterback Sacks	C. Azubike/S. Weatherly	13.0/9.5
Forced Fumbles	Z. Cunningham/A. Williamson	4/3
Fumble Recoveries	Azubike-Cunningham-Weatherly	3 ea.
Interceptions	McIntosh/Ferguson-Herring-McGaster-Williamson	4/2 ea.
Passes Defended	McGaster/D. Herring	16/15
Quarterback hurries	S. Weatherly/C. Azubike	8/6
Career Starts	J. Bernstein-S. Pulley	38 ea.
Consec. Starts	S. Pulley/J. Bernstein	34/23

VANDERBILT PLAYER PARTICIPATION

Player	Pos.	2015		Career		Consec. Career Starts
		Games Played	2015 Starts	Games Played	Career Starts	
Torey Agee	DL	9	-	24	-	-
Kyle Anderton	FB	8	-	8	-	-
Caleb Azubike	DE	6	4	40	13	-
Jalen Banks	DB	3	-	15	-	-
Ladarius Banks	FB	9	-	9	-	-
Tre Bell	CB	8	-	17	4	-
Jake Bernstein	OL	9	9	45	38	23
Khari Blasingame	ILB	9	1	9	1	-
Nigel Bowden	LB	2	2	13	13	-
Oren Burks	S	9	9	17	16	13
Adam Butler	DL	9	8	33	23	-
Colby Cooke	PK	-	-	15	12	-
Josh Crawford	RB	5	-	5	-	-
Delando Crooks	OG	3	-	15	-	-
Zach Cunningham	LB	9	6	20	11	5
Sam Dobbs	TE	4	-	4	-	-
Brian Doney	WR	1	-	1	-	-
Chandler Dorrell	WR	5	-	16	-	-
Sean Dowling	TE	8	2	20	2	1
C.J. Duncan	WR	-	-	11	9	-
Trey Ellis	PR	9	-	20	-	-
Taurean Ferguson	CB	9	1	21	7	1
Wade Freebeck	QB	2	-	6	4	-
Blake Fromang	OL	9	6	30	6	-
Barrett Gouger	OL	9	9	32	10	9
Bailey Granier	OL	3	1	3	1	1
Curtis Graves	WR	-	-	2	-	-
Jordan Griffin	LB	8	-	8	-	-
Cole Hardin	OL	1	-	1	-	-
Harding Harper	LB	2	-	17	-	-
Tre Herndon	CB	9	9	21	9	9
Darreon Herring	LB	9	9	47	32	11
Jay Hockaday	LB	6	-	6	-	-
Will Holden	OL	9	9	33	20	20
Andrew Jelks	OL	-	-	24	21	-
Wilson Johnson	SN	2	-	2	-	-
Kris Kentera	TE	8	2	45	5	-
Nifae Lealao	DT	9	1	18	1	1
Hayden Lekacz	PK	9	1	14	2	1
Bryce Lewis	CB	8	-	8	-	-
Nathan Marcus	TE	8	1	20	4	-
Kevin McCoy	OL	-	-	3	-	-
Torren McGaster	CB	9	8	34	20	-
Jahmel McIntosh	S	9	-	45	10	-
Johnny McCrary	QB	9	7	16	12	1
Jehemiah Mitchell	OLB	9	7	9	7	-
Ronald Monroe	WR	7	-	7	-	-
Dare Odeyingbo	DE	6	-	6	-	-
Tommy Openshaw	PK	9	9	20	20	20
Spencer Pulley	OL	9	9	46	38	34
Latevius Rayford	WR	8	3	26	13	-
Bruno Reagan	OL	9	-	9	-	-
Andrew Rector	S	6	-	6	-	-
Dallas Rivers	RB	9	-	21	-	-
Steven Scheu	TE	8	8	44	34	6
Jacob Schultz	SN	9	-	9	-	-
Caleb Scott	WR	9	6	20	7	5
Donovan Sheffield	DB	3	-	3	-	-
Trent Sherfield	WR	9	9	16	9	9
Kyle Shurmur	QB	2	2	2	2	-
Darius Sims	WR/RB	9	5	34	5	-
Justin Skule	OL	7	2	7	2	-
Emmanuel Smith	S	8	2	18	2	-
Josh Smith	OLB	9	-	9	-	-
Landon Stokes	OLB	9	2	19	2	2
Ja'kari Thomas	LB	7	-	32	1	-
Arnold Tarpley	S	9	4	20	4	1
Stephen Weatherly	LB	9	9	33	18	14
Ralph Webb	RB	9	9	21	21	21
Ryan White	CB	9	1	18	2	-
Ladarius Wiley	CB	9	-	10	-	-
Andrew Williamson	S	7	7	46	16	3
DeAndre Woods	WR	3	-	6	-	-
Jay Woods	DT	9	5	21	10	-
Charles Wright	OLB	9	-	9	-	-
Jonathan Wynn	LB	9	4	20	6	1

LUDWIG BRINGS HISTORY OF SUCCESS TO VANDERBILT OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR ROLE

Andy Ludwig joins Vanderbilt as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach with a proven history of creating productive offensive attacks and winning football games.

Ludwig has worked more than two decades as an offensive coordinator at the collegiate level, including at the FCS level every year since 2001. In that 14-year span, Ludwig has been involved with 10 teams that have won 8+ games, six teams that have won 9+ games and three teams with 10+ win seasons. His offenses have averaged 31 points since 2001.

In 2013-14, Ludwig directed the Wisconsin offenses to record-book production. While helping the Badgers to the program's fifth 11-win season in 2014 and a 20-7 overall record, Ludwig's offense was regarded among the most powerful in Big Ten and team history. In 2014, Wisconsin's 4,482 rushing yards established a new Big Ten record and the unit's 320.1 rushing yards per game as the conference's highest average since 1976.

Ludwig's Wisconsin offense also featured Melvin Gordon, who ended his career as one of the most productive runners in NCAA history. As a senior in 2014, Gordon finished second in the Heisman Trophy voting, won the Doak Walker Award and consensus All-America recognition, and was a finalist for the Maxwell and Walter Camp Player of the Year awards after rushing for 2,587 yards, the second highest single season total in FBS history, and 29 touchdowns. Gordon briefly held the FBS record for single-game rushing yards after amassing 408 yards in three quarters of action vs. Nebraska. Gordon also posted a remarkable average of 206.0 rushing yards in Big Ten Conference action, and ended his career with an amazing 251-yard performance against Auburn in the Outback Bowl.

LUDWIG AT WISCONSIN

BADGER SCORING OFFENSE

- 2013 (34.8 ppg) and 2014 (34.6 ppg) rank No. 3 and No. 4 in school history

BADGER TOTAL OFFENSE

- Ranked No. 1 and No. 3 in school history: 480.8 yds (2013) and 468.9 yds (2014).

BADGER RUSHING OFFENSE

- Ranked No. 1 and No. 3 in school history in rushing yards: 320.1 (2014) and 233.8 (2013).
- Ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in school history in yards per carry: 6.91 (2014) and 6.62 (2013).

TWO-YEAR NCAA RANKINGS (FBS)

- Averaged 302.6 rushing yards per game - 5th in FBS (1st among non-triple option teams)
- Scored 81 rushing touchdowns - T-5th in FBS (T-3rd among non-triple option teams)
- Averaged 6.78 yards per rush - 1st in FBS
- Averaged 474.6 total yards per game - 8th among Power Five teams (2nd in Big Ten)
- 6.81 yards per play - 9th in FBS
- 33:36 time of possession - 4th in FBS
- Made 25 of 38 4th downs (65.8%) - 7th in FBS
- Allowed 29 sacks in 27 games (fifth-fewest among Power Five teams)

DOBSON, FORMER NEB. STRENGTH COORDINATOR LEADING VANDERBILT CONDITIONING

James Dobson, long-time conditioning coordinator at the University of Nebraska, has been guiding the Commodores' strength program since January.

Dobson spent the last seven years guiding Nebraska's conditioning programs under former Cornhusker head coach Bo Pelini. In Dobson's tenure, Nebraska joined Alabama and Oregon as the only three teams nationally to post at least nine wins every year.

In Dobson's last game with Nebraska, the Cornhuskers faced Southern California in the Holiday Bowl – the Huskers seventh straight postseason appearance.

Under Dobson, the Huskers were regarded among the nation's most outstanding fourth quarter teams. In 2014, the Huskers outscored opponents by a remarkable 119-62 margin. Nebraska also scored more fourth-quarter points than its foes in 2008 (155-52), 2009 (96-32), 2010 (64-53) and 2012 (101-82).

Dobson's conditioning program helped the 2014 Nebraska offense average 37.4 points, 248.2 rushing yards and 446.2 total yards. Dobson's efforts also produced a tenacious Nebraska squad. The Huskers were known for producing remarkable comeback victories in recent years, including four such wins during the 2012 season and a thrilling 37-34 overtime victory over Iowa in the 2014 regular season finale.

Prior to Nebraska, Dobson spent nine years with the University of Iowa program, helping the Hawkeyes to one of the most successful periods in school history.

Dobson also brought his top two Nebraska assistants – **Tyler Clarke** and **Ben Schumacher** – to Vanderbilt.

DOBSON PUPILS

- Ndamukong Suh, DT, Neb.
- Prince Amukamara, CB, Neb.
- Ameer Abdullah, RB, Neb.
- Lavonte David, LB, Neb.
- Robert Gallery, OT, Iowa
- Chad Greenway, LB, Iowa
- Bob Sanders, Safety, Iowa

FIVE PREP TEAMMATES FACING EACH OTHER SATURDAY

Five Commodore players will face prep teammates this Saturday with Vanderbilt hosts Kentucky.

• **Darreon Herring** (Sr., ILB), **Jonathan Wynn** (R-So., DE) and **Dallas Rivers** (So., RB) played at Stephenson H.S. in Stone Mountain, Ga., the same school that produced Kentucky's **Jabari Johnson** (R-Sr., DE/LB).

• **Ryan White** (R-So., safety) was a standout at Trinity H.S. in Louisville, Ky. The school also produced two Kentucky players: **Jason Hatcher** (Jr., DE/LB) and **Max Strong** (Jr., PK).

• **Tommy Openshaw** (R-So., PK/punter) attended Creekside H.S. near Jacksonville, Fla., the same school that produced Kentucky's **Jordan Swindle** (Sr., OL).

BOWDEN, SKULE TO MISS YEAR WITH INJURY; BOTH EXPECTED BACK TO 2016 CAMPAIGN

Nigel Bowden (R-So., ILB) and **Justin Skule** (Fr., OT) are expected to miss the rest of this season due to injury.

Both Bowden and Skule are expected to return for the 2016 season.

Bowden and Skule become the fifth and sixth Commodores to suffer season-ending injuries this year. Others are **C.J. Duncan** (R-So., WR), **Andrew Jelks** (R-Jr., OT), **DeAndre Woods** (R-So., TE) and **Jaire George** (Fr., RB). Two more players, **Delando Crooks** (R-So., OL) and **Jared Pinkney** (Fr., TE), has not played since early in the year due to injury.

Bowden, a product of Central H.S. in Macon, Ga., has not practiced or played since the Georgia game due to concussion syndrome.

Bowden, the team's leading tackler and an SEC All-Freshman selection in 2014, topped all first-year players in the league with 78 total tackles last year.

Skule, who earned two starts at tackle earlier this year, suffered a season-ending injury in the first half at Houston.

COMMODORE NOTES

PULLEY EARNS SEC WEEKLY HONOR FOR PLAY VS. MISSOURI

Spencer Pulley (R-Sr., center) has been named Southeastern Conference Offensive Lineman of the Week for his blocking performance in Vanderbilt's 10-7 win over Missouri Oct. 24.

Pulley, a redshirt senior from Memphis, was recognized after the Commodores produced 168 rushing yards, the most allowed this season by Missouri's top-ranked defense.

Pulley also becomes the first Commodore recipient of SEC weekly honors since **Johnny McCrary** (R-So., QB) earned Freshman of the Week recognition last year after throwing for five touchdowns in a victory over Old Dominion.

Pulley's blocking effort, which earned a winning

grade of 99 percent from coaches, helped Vanderbilt hold a huge advantage in time of possession in the win. The Commodore offense controlled the football for 38:25, nearly 17 minutes more than Missouri.

Pulley earned a 99 percent "winning" grade from coaches and registered four pancake blocks, including one on the game-deciding 1-yard touchdown plunge by **Ralph Webb** (R-So., RB). Webb finished with 99 yards on 26 carries, matching the highest individual rushing total against Missouri this season.

Pulley's 38 career starts on the offensive line shares the team high with fellow lineman **Jake Bernstein** (R-Sr., OG). A former two-year starter at guard, Pulley is in his first season at center.

VANDERBILT RESULTS WHEN...

Playing at home	2-2
Playing on the road	1-4
Playing at night	1-3
Playing during the day	2-3
VU scores on first possession	0-0
Opp scores on first possession	1-1
VU scores first	2-2
Opp scores first	1-4
VU leads after 1st quarter	1-0
Opp leads after 1st quarter	0-5
Teams are tied after 1st quarter	2-1
VU leads at halftime	2-2
Opp leads at halftime	1-4
Teams are tied at halftime	0-0
VU leads after 3rd quarter	2-2
Opp leads after 3rd quarter	1-4
Teams are tied after 3rd quarter	0-0
VU has more total yards	3-1
Opp has more total yards	0-5
VU has more rushing yards	3-3
Opp has more rushing yards	0-3
VU has more passing yards	2-2
Opp has more passing yards	0-5
VU has more turnovers	2-4
Opp has more turnovers	0-2
Teams have equal turnovers	1-0
VU has more penalties	2-0
Opp has more penalties	1-4
Teams have equal penalties	0-2
VU has more time of possession	3-5
Opp has more time of possession	0-1
VU has 100-yard rusher	1-2
Opp has 100-yard rusher	0-3
VU has 250-yard passer	1-1
Opp has 250-yard passer	0-3
VU has 100-yard receiver	1-0
Opp has 100-yard receiver	0-4
VU scores at least 20 points	1-0
Opp scores at least 20 points	0-3
Playing on natural grass	0-2
Playing on artificial surface	3-4
Vanderbilt defense scores	0-0
Opponent defense scores	0-2
Vanderbilt special teams score TD	0-0
Playing ranked opponents	0-4

OTHER ACTIVE SEC PLAYER OF WEEK RECIPIENTS

JOHNNY MCCRARY FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK – OLD DOMINION, Nov. 1, 2014

McCrary set a Vanderbilt freshman record and matched a passing record previously set by former standout quarterback Jay Cutler by tossing five touchdowns in a 42-28 victory over Old Dominion.

DARRIUS SIMS SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK – SOUTH CAROLINA, Sept. 20, 2014

Sims was recognized after setting a Southeastern Conference record by returning two kicks for touchdowns against the Gamecocks. He became just the 18th player in NCAA history to accomplish the return feat.

CALEB AZUBIKE DEFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE WEEK – FLORIDA, Nov. 9, 2013

Azubike earned SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week honors after registering two QB sacks, four tackles and a pair of hurries in Vandy's 34-17 win over Florida. It was Azubike's first SEC weekly recognition.

VANDERBILT 1915, 1955 TEAMS SHARE ANNIVERSARIES

Two of the most accomplished teams in Vanderbilt gridiron history, the 1915 and 1955 squads, are enjoying signature anniversaries this year.

One hundred years ago, 1915 squad coached by **Dan McGugin** was a dominant power in the South, becoming just the second of four Commodore units to reach nine wins. The World War I era team went 9-1 overall, winning its first seven games by a combined 459-0 margin. The lone loss in 1915 came at Virginia.

Known as the "Point-A-Minute" Commodores, the 1915 unit was anchored by tackle **Josh Cody**, the only three-time All-America in team history, and a small back named **Irby "Rabbit" Curry**, who would die three years later when his plane was shot down over France.

The 1955 team, celebrating a 60th anniversary this year, will always be remembered by fans as the first Commodore squad to make a postseason appearance. The unit, led by RB **Charley Horton**, WR **Joe Stephenson** and QB **Don Orr** among others, started the season 1-2 before going on a six-game win streak.

Finishing the regular season at 7-3, Commodores under **Art Guepe** accepted an invitation to play No. 8 Auburn in the Gator Bowl. Vanderbilt forced five fumbles and scored 12 unanswered points in the second half to claim a 25-13 victory.

STATUS OF FORMER COMMODORES IN THE NFL

Player	Position	NFL Team	Years	Notes
Jay Cutler	QB	Chicago	10th	Closing in on 200 career TD passes/30,000 yards, Cutler leads Bears at San Diego on Monday Night.
Andre Hal	S	Houston	2nd	Hal & the Texans were idle Sunday; will return to action at Cincinnati next Monday, Nov. 16.
Casey Hayward	CB	Green Bay	4th	Starting cornerback registered three tackles in Green Bay's second straight loss, 37-29 at Carolina.
Wesley Johnson	OL	New York Jets	2nd	Versatile OL played guard Sunday as NY Jets registered 28-23 home win over Jacksonville.
Jonathan Krause	WR	Philadelphia	2nd	Krause was signed to Eagles practice squad in late September.
Jordan Matthews	WR	Philadelphia	2nd	Matthews has 9 catches, 133 yards – and game-winning 41-yard TD – in 33-27 OT win over Cowboys.
Sean Richardson	S	Green Bay	4th	Richardson was placed on injured reserve Oct. 14 due to a neck injury.
Ryan Seymour	OL	Chicago	3rd	Center/guard signed to Bears' practice squad Oct. 7.
Zac Stacy	RB	New York Jets	3rd	Reserve running back had one rush (3 yards) and a catch (16 yards) in Jets' 28-23 win over Jaguars.

COMMODORE NOTES

COMPARING VANDY-KENTUCKY STATS

	VANDERBILT	KENTUCKY
TEAM RECORD	3-6	4-5
SCORING	133	203
Points Per Game	14.8	22.6
FIRST DOWNS	167	174
Rushing	77	70
Passing	76	87
Penalty	14	17
RUSHING YARDAGE	1,394	1,222
Yards gained rushing	1,640	1,455
Yards lost rushing	246	233
Rushing Attempts	373	301
Average Per Rush	3.7	4.1
Average Per Game	154.9	135.8
TDs Rushing	8	13
PASSING YARDAGE	1,664	2,058
Comp.-Att.-INT	159-300-14	178-308-13
Average Per Pass	5.5	6.7
Average Per Catch	10.5	11.6
Average Per Game	184.9	228.7
TDs Passing	6	10
TOTAL OFFENSE	3,058	3,280
Total Plays	673	609
Average Per Play	4.5	5.4
Average Per Game	339.8	364.4
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	23-456	22-466
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	24-174	8-59
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	4-19	6-3
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	19.8	21.2
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	7.2	7.4
INT RETURN AVERAGE	4.8	0.5
FUMBLES LOST	15-7	9-3
FUMBLES RECOVERED	19-10	13-6
PENALTIES-Yards	54-389	54-520
Average Per Game	43.2	57.8
PUNTS-Yards	65-2,244	46-1,844
Average Per Punt	40.1	40.1
Net punt average	33.6	34.9
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	32:43	28:45
3RD-DOWN Conversions	62/158	50/130
3rd-Down Pct.	39%	38%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	7/14	9/13
4th-Down Pct.	50%	69%
SACKS BY-Yards	21-135	13-87
SACKS ALLOWED-Yards	20-126	23-154
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	14	24
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	12-19	12-14
RED-ZONE SCORES	(16-26) 62%	(24/27) 89%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(10-26) 38%	16-27) 59%

TWELVE TRUE FRESHMEN HAVE EARNED ACTION FOR COMMODORES THIS YEAR

Kyle Shurmur and Donovan Sheffield became the 11th and 12th Commodore true freshmen to play this season during the Missouri game. Shurmur started at quarterback in the win while Sheffield played key minutes in the defensive secondary.

Shurmur and Sheffield join Sam Dobbs (TE) as true freshmen to recently see their first action. Dobbs played at South Carolina Oct. 17.

Of the dozen, Shurmur and Skule also have enjoyed earned starting assignments.

Two of the 12 – Pinkney and Skule – are not expected back this year due to injury. Pinkney was hurt in the Commodore season opener against Western Kentucky while Shule prematurely left the Houston game.

Vanderbilt ranks sixth in the SEC in the total of true freshmen who have participated this season.

TRUE FRESHMAN CONTRIBUTORS

- Kyle Anderton (FB/TE)
- Josh Crawford (RB)
- Sam Dobbs (TE)
- Jordan Griffin (ILB)
- Jay Hockaday (ILB)
- Dare Odeyingbo (DE)
- Jared Pinkney (TE)
- Andrew Rector (safety)
- Donovan Sheffield (DB)
- Kyle Shurmur (QB)
- Justin Skule (OT)
- Josh Smith (OLB)

VANDERBILT NOW 18-5 IN NON-SEC GAMES SINCE 2011 OPENER

Vanderbilt has captured 14 of its last 18 encounters against non-Southeastern Conference opponents after the Commodores fell to No. 18 ranked Houston on Halloween night.

Houston was Vanderbilt's final non-conference opponent of the season. The Commodores are 2-2 this year in non-league play, having defeated Middle Tennessee (17-13, Oct. 3) and Austin Peay (47-7, Sept. 19). Besides Houston, the 'Dores lost a narrow decision to Western Kentucky in the season opener.

Since the 2011 opener, Vanderbilt is 18-5 overall against non-SEC foes including postseason bowl appearances against Cincinnati (2011), N.C. State (2012) and Houston (2013).

Besides the Austin Peay and Middle Tennessee wins this season, Vanderbilt has registered non-conference victories over UMass, Charleston Southern and Old Dominion in 2014, Austin Peay, UMass, UAB and Wake Forest in 2013, and Presbyterian, UMass and Wake Forest in 2012.

RESULTS VS. NON-SEC OPPONENTS

Year	Non-SEC Opponents (W/L)
2015	Western Kentucky (L), Austin Peay (W), Middle Tennessee (W), Houston (L)
2014	Temple (L), UMass (W), Charleston Southern (W), Old Dominion (W)
2013	Austin Peay (W), UMass (W), UAB (W), Wake Forest (W), Houston (W)
2012	N'western (L), Presbyterian (W), UMass (W), Wake Forest (W), NC State (W)
2011	Elon (W), UConn (W), Army (W), Wake Forest (W), Cincinnati (L)
2010	Northwestern (L), UConn (L), E. Michigan (W), Wake Forest (L)
2009	Western Carolina (W), Rice (W), Army (L), Ga. Tech (L)
2008	Miami OH (W), Rice (W), Duke (L), Wake Forest (L), Boston Coll. (W)
2007	Richmond (W), E. Michigan (W), Miami OH (W) Wake Forest (L)
2006	Michigan (L), Tennessee State (W), Temple (W)
2005	Wake Forest (W), Richmond (W), Middle Tennessee (L)

DEREK MASON

HEAD COACH DEREK MASON

AGE: 46

CAREER RECORD: 6-15 (2nd season)

ALMA MATER: Northern Arizona University; Playing career – 1989-92

DEGREES: Bachelor's, Criminal Justice, Northern Arizona, 1993

FAMILY: Wife, LeighAnne; two daughters: Makenzie and Sydney

MASON ON TWITTER: @CoachDerekMason

MASON'S CAREER AT A GLANCE

VANDERBILT – 2014-15 (Head Coach)

Introduced Jan. 17, 2014 as the 28th head coach in Commodore history... Notched first career victory as head coach in dramatic style, guiding team to 34-31 win over UMass on Sept. 13... Directing one of nation's youngest teams, with 31 true or redshirt freshmen seeing action... At conclusion of 2014 season, took over Vanderbilt defensive coordinator responsibilities... Earned first road win at MTSU in October 2015... Earned first SEC victory Oct. 24, 2015 with 10-3 win over Missouri.

STANFORD – 2013 (Willie Shaw Director of Defense)

Promoted to position of Willie Shaw Director of Defense, Mason guides one of the nation's top defenses as The Cardinal goes 10-3 overall, wins Pac-12 crown and plays in second straight Rose Bowl... Stanford finishes year ranked No. 10 on strength of four victories over ranked opponents... The defense ranks third in NCAA in rushing defense, 10th in scoring defense and 16th in total defense... Unit again ranks among Pac-12's best in numerous defensive categories... For second straight year, Mason's defense limits powerful Oregon spread offense, holding Ducks scoreless for first three quarters in eventual 26-20 Stanford victory... Three of Mason's standouts – LB Trent Murphy, LB Shayne Shov and DB Ed Reynolds – garner postseason All-America recognition.

STANFORD – 2011-12 (associate head coach/defensive coordinator)

Finalist for 2012 Broyles Award as nation's outstanding assistant coach... Stanford goes 23-4 overall in Mason's first two years as coordinator, wins 2012 Pac-12 title, captures 2012 Rose Bowl over Wisconsin, and plays in the 2011 BCS Fiesta Bowl... Mason's 3-4 attacking defense ranked among the NCAA leaders in both seasons... In 2012, the Cardinal defense topped the nation with 57 quarterback sacks, ranked second in tackles for loss, fifth in rushing defense and 11th in scoring defense... Stanford also paced the Pac-12 in scoring defense, total defense, rushing defense and sacks... The 2012 defense also held eight opponents under 100 rushing yards and limited high-powered Oregon to just 14 points in an overtime win... In 2011 the Cardinal was third in the NCAA in rushing defense, sixth in 3rd-down efficiency and 11th in quarterback sacks, and finished among the Pac-12 leaders in scoring defense, total defense, rushing defense, sacks and opponent first downs.

STANFORD – 2010 (defensive backs coach)

Hired by Cardinal Head Coach Jim Harbaugh... Helped change Stanford into a tough-minded, attacking defense... Unit was key to arguably Stanford's best year of modern era – a 12-1 overall record capped by 40-12 victory over Virginia Tech in the Orange Bowl... The 2010 Cardinal secondary was one of the great turnaround stories in college football as Stanford ranked high nationally in interceptions and pass defense... That unit included three eventual NFL players, including All-Pro cornerback Richard Sherman from the World Champion Seahawks.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS/NFL – 2007-09 (assistant defensive backs coach)

Served as an assistant defensive backs coach for the Minnesota Vikings from 2007 to 2009, playing a vital role in the team ranking sixth in total defense in 2008 and 2009 as the Vikings won NFC North titles each season.

OHIO UNIVERSITY – 2005-06 (wide receivers)

Hired by former Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich, Mason coached Ohio U. receivers for two years, helping the Bobcats improve from 4-7 in 2005 to a 9-5 campaign in 2006 that ended with a GMAC Bowl appearance.

NEW MEXICO STATE – 2004 (wide receivers)

In lone season at New Mexico State, the Aggie offense with Mason mentoring wide receivers corps topped the Sun Belt Conference in numerous passing categories.

SAINT MARY'S – 2003 (co-defensive coordinator/assistant head coach)

First coordinator responsibilities came in only season at St. Mary's, member of NCAA I-AA Independent League.

UTAH – 2002 (wide receivers/special teams assistant coach)

Hired by Ron McBride, Mason tutored WR Paris Warren, an eventual 7th round draft pick, in his only year at Utah. The 2002 Utes offense featured young QB Alex Smith, the eventual 2005 No. 1 NFL draft pick.

BUCKNELL – 1999-2001 (defensive backs)

Secondary coach for three straight winning Bison squads... Coached two Bucknell defensive backs to All-Patriot League recognition... Bison defensive staff was directed by current Vanderbilt coordinator David Kotulski.

IDAHO STATE – 1997-98 (running backs)

Mason coached Idaho State running backs for two years under Head Coach Tom Walsh.

WEBER STATE – 1995-96 (wide receivers)

Mason worked with Weber State receivers, including Pokey Eckford, who earned All-America honors in 1995 after catching 77 passes for 1,074 yards and six TDs.

MESA (ARIZ.) COMMUNITY COLLEGE – 1994 (wide receivers)

Mason entered collegiate coaching as a receivers coach with community college located in San Diego.

NFL MINORITY COACHING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Mason spent time with the St. Louis Rams in 1996, New York Giants and Oakland Raiders through the Minority Coaching Fellowship Program. Philadelphia in 1999 and Minnesota in 2008.

MASON'S STAFF

ANDY LUDWIG Offensive Coordinator/QBs

In his first year at Vanderbilt... Comes to Nashville regarded among the nation's top collegiate OCs, with successful tenures at Wisconsin (2013-14), San Diego State (2011-12), California (2009-10), Utah (2005-08) and Oregon (2002-04) among other schools... Guided a Badger offense featuring All-America RB Melvin Gordon that averaged 34.6 points and 468.9 total yards in 2014.

CHARLES BANKINS Special Teams Coord./RBs

Lone coach on current staff hired off former Vanderbilt staff... Has directed solid special teams during five-year tenure at Vanderbilt... Switching coaching positions (from TEs to RBs)... In 2012, both Commodore specialists earned All-SEC honors for first time in team history: PK Carey Spear made school-record 20 FGs; punter Richard Kent set career high with 44.8-yard avg... First-year PK Tommy Openshaw made 8-of-11 FGs in 2014.

GERRY GDOWSKI Recruiting Coordinator/TEs

One of two offensive assistants from Ohio University staff to join Mason in 2014... Was assistant HC/co-OC/QB Coach at Ohio for last six years, helping Bobcats to finest seasons in recent team history... Worked with Mason twice previously: New Mexico State (2004) and Ohio U (2005-06).

CORTEZ HANKTON Wide Receivers

In first year at Vanderbilt... Came to Nashville after serving three years as WR coach in Ivy League (Dartmouth University)... Mentored WR Ryan McManus to All-Ivy League recognition in 2014.

KEVEN LIGHTNER Offensive Line

One of two offensive assistants from Ohio University staff to join Mason two years ago... Worked with Mason twice previously: New Mexico State (2004) and Ohio (2005)... Won I-AA national title as OL coach under Western KY coach Jack Harbaugh.

FRANK MAILE Defensive Line

Joined Vanderbilt staff in 2014 from Utah State... Known for developing physical DL at Utah State, helping Aggies to 28-13 overall record and three straight bowls in last three years... Spent six years at his alma mater.

MARC MATTIOLI Safeties

Mattioli is new to the staff, joining the Commodores prior to spring practice... Mattioli worked closely with Mason at Stanford previously, serving as a defensive graduate assistant in 2012-13, Mason's last two years on the Cardinal staff... Has deep ties to South – attended high school near Atlanta and college in Memphis.

BRETT MAXIE Cornerbacks

After 16 years in the NFL, Maxie took his first collegiate coaching role at Vanderbilt in 2014... This year mentors Commodore CBs... Comes to Vanderbilt after two years as DBs coach with cross-town Tennessee Titans... Has two sons in college football: Brett Jr. (a former QB at Bethune-Cookman) and Adam (current CB at Kent State).

KENWICK THOMPSON

Assoc. Head Coach/Linebackers

Joined Mason in 2014 after a year as DC/LBs Coach at San Jose State... Opposed Mason for three years in the Pac-12 as key defensive assistant under Jeff Tedford (2010-12) at University of California... Served as associate HC/recruiting coordinator at Cal in 2012... Worked on college staffs in the Bay Area (California & San Jose State) for the last 13 years.

VANDERBILT ATHLETICS, COMMUNITY STAGE RELIEF DRIVE FOR SC FLOOD VICTIMS

South Carolina needed the support in early October, and the Nashville community responded in a big, big way.

With the Palmetto State faced with historic flooding, Vanderbilt Athletics asked Nashville-area residents to band together and help fill its football equipment truck with bottled water and generators. The response



South Carolina student and alumni gather Oct. 9 to off-load two semi-trailers filled with bottled waters and other relief collected by Vanderbilt on Oct. 8.

it received was more than it could have asked for.

By 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 8, the first (yes, the first) semi-trailer was already filled. The decision to bring in another truck was soon made by Director of Athletics **David Williams** as carloads of water continued to be dropped off. By 4:30 p.m., the second trailer was filled. The remaining donations were collected to be given to the Nashville Red Cross.

Each trailer was filled with 1,500 cases of water. Four new generators were also donated, as were 400 pairs of shoes by Nashville international non-profit organization Soles4Souls.

From children to grandparents and everyone in between, it was a collective effort by Nashvillians that inspired all those involved. Even a former Gamecock standout, current Tennessee Titans' kicker **Ryan Succop**, participated in the Nashville drive, bringing a truckload of waters.

All water collected Thursday, Oct. 8, and delivered to South Carolina's campus Oct. 9 in front of Russell House on Green Street.

Those still looking to make monetary contributions to those in South Carolina can do so through the Red Cross by donating online at www.redcross.org/southcarolina, or by texting REDCROSS to 90999.

FATHERS OF FIVE COMMODORES ENJOYED CAREERS IN THE NFL

Five Vanderbilt student-athletes possess NFL bloodlines as the sons of former pro players.

- **Johnny McCrary** (R-So., QB) is the son of the late Greg McCrary, who played tight end for seven years with the Atlanta Falcons, Washington Redskins and San Diego Chargers.

- **Caleb Scott** (So., WR) is the son of former Vanderbilt All-America tight end Chuck Scott, who played one season with both the Los Angeles Rams and Dallas Cowboys.

- **Torey Agee** (R-Jr., DT) is the son of former fullback Tommie Agee, who enjoyed a seven-year career with the Seattle Seahawks, Kansas City Chiefs and Dallas Cowboys.

- **Landon Stokes** (R-So., OLB) is the son of Fred Stokes, a 10-year defensive end with the Los Angeles and St. Louis Rams, Washington Redskins and New Orleans Saints.

- **Jaire George** (Fr., RB) is the son of 1995 Heisman Trophy winner and Houston Oiler-Tennessee Titan running back Eddie George.



Commodore starting running back Ralph Webb shown boating off the Gold Coast of Australia. He studied biodiversity Down Under along with a dozen other Vanderbilt students.

RALPH WEBB'S MAY 2015 SCHEDULE: STUDYING ABROAD IN AUSTRALIA

It was quite an interesting summer for **Ralph Webb**. Vanderbilt's leading RB spent much of May studying in Australia.

Webb and teammate **Chris Martin** (Sr., FB) joined a dozen other Vanderbilt students to study biodiversity along Australia's Gold Coast. Among the class activities over a two-week span included snorkeling in the Great Barrier Reef, kayaking through mangroves, night-hiking in dense rainforests, taking a helicopter ride along the Australian coast, and zip-lining in tropical rainforests on Fraser Island.

It also marked Webb's first trip off the United States mainland, made more interesting by the cancellation of an initial flight on the journey to Australia.

The trip left quite an impression on the sociology major, who described the Down Under class as an "life-saving opportunity."

Webb's Maymester in Australia also was featured in "Beyond the Field: Stories of The SEC" during SEC Media Days in late July.

LEGACY 'DORES: SCOTT, SHEFFIELD FOLLOWING DADS TO VANDERBILT

Caleb Scott (So., WR) and **Donovan Sheffield** (Fr., CB) are second-generation Commodores. Both are following their dad's collegiate path.

Scott is the son of former Commodore TE **Chuck Scott** (1981-84). Scott's dad was a 1983 All-America and two-time All-SEC pick who still ranks T-3rd all-time among Commodores with 20 TD catches, sixth in receiving yards (2,219), and seventh in receptions (145).

Sheffield is the son of DB **Robert Sheffield** (1993-95). Sheffield's dad was a three-year letterwinner at cornerback from 1993-95.

COMMODORE NOTES

TWENTY-THREE FIRST-TIME PLAYERS FOR COMMODORES THIS SEASON

Twenty-three Commodores have enjoyed their first collegiate action this season.

Kyle Shurmur (Fr., QB) and **Donovan Sheffield** (Fr., CB) became the newest first-time contributors in the Commodores' win over Missouri. Shurmur started at quarterback, completing 10 of 20 passes for 89 yards. Shurmur also became the first Commodore true freshman to win his first collegiate start. Sheffield played critical snaps at nickelback in the second half, and registered one solo tackle.

Other first-time contributors on offense besides Shurmur this season include **Kyle Anderton** (Fr., FB), **Ladarius Banks** (Jr., FB), **Josh Crawford** (Fr., RB), **Sam Dobbs** (So., TE), **Brian Doney** (So., WR), **Bailey Granier** (R-Fr., OL), **Cole Hardin** (R-Fr., OL), **Ronald Monroe** (R-Fr., WR), **Jared Pinkney** (Fr., TE), **Bruno Reagan** (R-Fr., OL) and **Justin Skule** (Fr., OL).

Other first-time defensive contributors besides Sheffield include **Khari Blasingame** (R-Fr., ILB), **Jay Hockaday** (Fr., LB), **Bryce Lewis** (R-Fr., ILB), **Nehemiah Mitchell** (Jr.), **Andrew Rector** (Fr., safety), **Josh Smith** (Fr., OLB), **Dare Odeyingbo** (Fr., DE) and **Charles Wright** (R-Fr., ILB).

Two snap specialists – **Wilson Johnson** (Jr.) and **Jacob Schultz** (Jr.) – also are first-time contributors.

ROSTER INCLUDES SMALL SENIOR CLASS; TEAM HAS EIGHT SCHOLARSHIP SENIORS

The Commodores feature one of the smallest senior classes in the nation for the second straight year.

The 2015 Vanderbilt senior class includes nine players, including eight on athletic scholarship. Only Wake Forest (6) and Wyoming (8) has fewer players in their final year of eligibility.

The class includes **Caleb Azubike** (DE), **Jake Bernstein** (OL), **Darreon Herring** (ILB), **Kris Kentera** (WR), **Chris Martin** (FB), **Jahmel McIntosh** (safety), **Spencer Pulley** (OL), **Steven Scheu** (TE) and **Andrew Williamson** (safety).

FEWEST SENIORS IN THE NATION

Team	# Seniors
Wake Forest	6
Wyoming	8
Vanderbilt	9
Central Florida	9
Old Dominion	10
Pitt	10

21 STATES REPRESENTED BY ROSTER; MOST COME FROM GEORGIA, TENNESSEE

Vanderbilt's emphasis on recruiting across the nation has resulted in 21 states being represented on the 2015 roster.

More Commodore hail from Georgia (18) than any other state. Tennessee, with 17 student-athletes coming from each state. Other states that have produced numerous current Vanderbilt players include Alabama (11), Florida (9), Texas (7), California (6) and Illinois (5).

GEORGIA (18)

Alpharetta – Curtis Graves
Atlanta – Delando Crooks
Cumming – Davis Winkie
Dallas – Ladarius Banks
Decatur – Johnny McCrary
Douglasville – Sam Dobbs
Jackson – Jay Woods
Jonesboro – Taurean Ferguson
Liburn – Bryce Lewis
Macon – Nigel Bowden
Norcross – Jared Pinkney
Riverdale – Rashad Cauty
Snellville – Darion DeBrossard, Stephen Weatherly
Stone Mtn. – Darreon Herring, Dallas Rivers, Jonathan Wynn
Suwanee – Caleb Scott

TENNESSEE (17)

Chattanooga – Tre Herndon
Clarksville – Bruno Reagan
Hendersonville – Kyle Anderton
Memphis – Spencer Pulley, Latevius Rayford, Darrius Sims
Murfreesboro – Jacob Schultz, Emmanuel Smith, Josh Smith
Nashville – Caleb Azubike, Chandler Dorrell, Jay Hockaday, Wilson Johnson, Andrew Rector, Donovan Sheffield
Paris – Andrew Jelks
Soddy Daisy – Barrett Gouger

ALABAMA (11)

Billingsley – Riley Tindol
Birmingham – DeAndre Woods
Daphne – Torren McGaster
Florence – Cole Hardin
Hueytown – Reid Nelson
Montgomery – C.J. Duncan, Harding Harper
New Market – Khari Blasingame
Opelika – Torey Agee
Pinson – Zach Cunningham
Wetumpka – Josh Crawford

FLORIDA (9)

Davie – Wade Freebeck
Gainesville – Ralph Webb
Green Cove Sprgs. – Will Holden
Jacksonville – Tommy Openshaw
Orlando – Blake Fromang, Landon Stokes
Tallahassee – Ja'karri Thomas
Tampa – Jordan Griffin, Kevin McCoy

TEXAS (7)

Dallas – Winston Guillory, John Webb
Denton – Sekou Clark
Duncanville – Adam Butler
Houston – Ronald Monroe
Irving – Dare Odeyingbo
San Antonio – Andrew Williamson

CALIFORNIA (6)

Cascaic – Egidio DellaRipa
Fallbrook – Sean Dowling
Hayward – Nehemiah Mitchell
Irvine – Charles Wright
Los Angeles – LaDarius Wiley
Sacramento – Nifae Lealao

ILLINOIS (5)

Danville – Trent Sherfield
Glen Ellyn – Hayden Lekacz, Nathan Marcus
Markham – Jalen Banks
Lake in the Hills – Jake Bernstein

NEW JERSEY (3)

Princeton – Chris Martin
South Orange – Jared Southers
Union – Tre Bell

VIRGINIA (3)

Clifton – Justin Skule
Fairfax Station – Oren Burks
Goochland – Colby Cooke

NORTH CAROLINA (2)

Charlotte – Trey Ellis
Durham – Shawn Stankavage

OHIO (2)

McConnelsville – Kade Mayle
Westerfield – Brian Doney

PENNSYLVANIA (2)

Philadelphia – Kyle Shurmur
Pittsburgh – Arnold Tarpley

ARKANSAS (1)

Bentonville – Ean Pfeifer

ARIZONA (1)

Gilbert – Caleb Peart

COLORADO (1)

Colorado Springs – Kris Kentera

INDIANA (1)

Evansville – Steven Scheu

KENTUCKY (1)

Louisville – Ryan White

LOUISIANA (1)

Galliano – Bailey Granier

MARYLAND (1)

Hyattsville – Jaire George

MISSISSIPPI (1)

Cleveland – Jahmel McIntosh

MISSOURI (1)

Washington – Bradyn Jasper

VANDERBILT-GEORGIA GAME MARKED COMMODORES' 9TH CBS APPEARANCE

The Commodores are now 3-6 all-time on CBS after the team's 31-14 loss Sept. 12 to nationally ranked Georgia.

The Georgia game was marked Vanderbilt's first appearance on CBS since the Commodores defeated the Bulldogs 31-27 on Oct. 19, 2013.

Five of Vanderbilt's last six CBS encounters also have featured SEC opponents ranked in the



Associated Press Top Ten.

Vanderbilt and CBS Sports hold historical ties in football. The first college football game ever aired coast-to-coast was CBS's broadcast of the 1955 Gator Bowl involved unranked Vanderbilt and No. 8 Auburn. It also marked the first bowl appearance for Vanderbilt, who upset the Tigers 25-13. The famed announcer Russ Hodges, who called Bobby Thomson's "Shot Heard 'Round the World" when the Giants defeated the Brooklyn Dodgers for the National League pennant one year earlier, had play-by-play duties at the Gator Bowl.

ALL-TIME RESULTS ON CBS

Date	Opponent	Location	W/L (Score)
9/12/2015	Georgia	Nashville	L, 14-31
10/19/2013	Georgia	Nashville	W, 31-27
11/24/2001	Tennessee	Knoxville	L, 0-38
11/27/1999	Tennessee	Knoxville	L, 10-38
11/6/1999	Florida	Gainesville	L, 6-13
11/29/1997	Tennessee	Knoxville	L, 10-17
11/26/1983	Tennessee	Knoxville	L, 24-34
10/23/1982	Ole Miss	Nashville	W, 19-10
12/31/1955	Auburn	Jacksonville	W, 25-13

VANDERBILT, SEC JOIN SEPT. 3 IN EFFORT TO RAISE PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS

The Vanderbilt football program, in conjunction with the Southeastern Conference, kicked off a campaign to highlight prostate cancer prevention and awareness on Sept. 3 vs. Western Kentucky.

Commodore player helmets worn featured a commemorative sticker when Vanderbilt faced WKU in the opener.

Shirts worn by the entire Vanderbilt coaching staff also featured a similar prostate cancer awareness patch.

The SEC launched the campaign to honor former commissioner Mike Slive, who coped with the disease during his administrative career. The league's 14 athletics directors voted unanimously in May to recognize Slive by dedicating games in his honor.

Slive and his family were honored by Vanderbilt during the WKU game.

Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among American men. Although the disease is serious, most men diagnosed with prostate cancer can successfully fight the disease with early detection. Men over the age of 50 are encouraged to talk with their physicians about their risk for the disease and their options for screening.

Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center experts are also onboard for this important awareness and prevention campaign. VICC provides multi-disciplinary care for men seeking information, screening options and leading-edge treatment for prostate cancer. Men who want to know more about their risks for prostate cancer or who are seeking care may schedule an appointment at VICC by calling toll free 1-877-936-8422.



Player helmets displayed this decal Sept. 3 to raise prostate cancer prevention awareness.



SEC NETWORK'S 'SEC NATION' AIRED FROM VANDERBILT CAMPUS SEPT. 12

SEC Nation, the SEC Network's traveling pregame show, aired Sept. 12 from the Vanderbilt campus, prior to the Dores' game versus Georgia.

SEC Nation aired live from The Commons, home to Vanderbilt's entire first-year student population and site of the ESPN's ESPN College GameDay Show on Oct. 4, 2008.

SEC Nation, which airs every Saturday during the season from a campus site, is expected to host Joe Tessitore, analysts Tim Tebow, Greg McElroy and Marcus Spears, media personality Paul Finebaum and reporter Kaylee Hartung with the morning headlines, along with matchup previews and an inside look at each school's tailgating scene. Special guests also are featured on the show.

Last year, SEC Nation visited Vanderbilt for its Ole Miss game at LP Field, now known as Nissan Stadium.

'SEC INSIDE' SHOW ON SEC NETWORK FEATURES COMMODORES IN OPENER

The Vanderbilt football program was featured in early September in the premiere of 'SEC Inside,' the SEC Network's newest series.

The in-depth look at Vanderbilt's preparations for the Western Kentucky opener aired Sept. 8.

A 10-person film crew spent two days on the Vanderbilt campus prior to the game gathering material for the show. The crew chronicled team and position meetings, two practices, team travel, and pregame activities.

PREP TEAMMATES NOW VU TEAMMATES

Ten Commodores are playing college football with prep teammates.

- Brothers **Emmanuel Smith** (So., safety) and **Josh Smith** (Fr., OLB) were elite performers on powerful Oakland H.S. in Murfreesboro, Tenn.
- **Darreon Herring** (Sr., ILB) and **Jonathan Wynn** (R-So., DE) were teammates for one year at Stephenson H.S. just east of Atlanta.
- **Nathan Marcus** (R-So., TE) and **Hayden Lekacz** (So., PK) were teammates at Glenbard West H.S. near Chicago.
- **Kevin McCoy** (R-Jr., OL) and **Jordan Griffin** (Fr., ILB) were teammates for one season at Armwood H.S. near Tampa.
- **Blake Fromang** (R-Jr., OT) and **Landon Stokes** (R-So., OLB) were teammates at Orlando's Lake Highland Prep.

COMMODORE HELMET OPTIONS



OLD GOLD No design change to helmet that was introduced in 2002



WHITE 2012 intro; matte finish, enlarged "StarV" decal added in 2015



BLACK 2011 intro; matte finish in 2014, enlarged "StarV" decal added in 2015



DEEP WATER Ocean-inspired HGI alternate design introduced this year

'DORES WEAR 'DEEP WATER' GRAYS VS. UGA; 4TH DESIGN FEATURES NEW HELMET LOOK

The Commodores worn their Deep Water gray uniforms – the team's fourth option for NIKE apparel – against Georgia on Sept. 12.

The "Deep Water" unveiling uniform came in August at Dore Jam, the team's annual fan event to kick off the season.

The gray alternate supplements Vanderbilt's three primary options of black, gold and white uniforms.

The uniform design, which features black lettering and gold-trimmed jersey numbers, also comes with a black chromed finish helmet that features textured water and a large anchor decal on the side matching the "Deep Water" theme.

The gray design also features "Anchor Down" in black lettering on the right pants.



Curing Kids Cancer founders Grainne and Clay Owen join Gibson Guitar officials and Vanderbilt Football Director of Player Development Al Smith to present a \$25,000 check to the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt.

VANDERBILT BRINGING AWARENESS TO 'CURING KIDS CANCER' EFFORT

Vanderbilt coaches and players helped kick off the Curing Kids Cancer annual awareness campaign when the Commodores took the field against Austin Peay Sept. 19.

Vanderbilt's players wore Curing Kids Cancer helmet stickers with a gold ribbon while their coaches wear gold whistles and Curing Kids Cancer lanyards. Players and coaches will both wear Curing Kids Cancer glow-in-the-dark wristbands.

Vanderbilt was one of nine SEC teams participating in the campaign, joining Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi State, Alabama, Ole Miss, Tennessee, Texas A&M and LSU.

In honor of the support from Vanderbilt, Curing Kids Cancer recently made a \$25,000 donation to fund pediatric cancer research at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital Cancer Center at Vanderbilt.

The campaign supports National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in September. Cancer is the leading cause of disease-related death for children killing more children each year than AIDS, Asthma, Cystic Fibrosis, Diabetes and Muscular Dystrophy combined. Gold is the official color for childhood cancer awareness.

"As Chairman of Curing Kids Cancer, I'm very happy to see so many of these college football coaches and players stepping up to raise awareness about childhood cancer," said ESPN GameDay commentator Lee Corso. "It's fantastic that so many teams are supporting this great cause. We all want to tackle kids' cancer and kick it into the end zone, making it a thing of the past."

"These teams and coaches are under a tremendous amount of pressure to perform at the highest levels," said the charity spokesman for the campaign 'Mr. College Football' and SEC Network commentator Tony Barnhart. Tony is also a member of the Curing Kids Cancer executive advisory board. "What a wonderful testament to their desire to help eradicate these horrible diseases that they would not only join the cause, but do so in ever-increasing numbers. It's another example of how the college football community can be such a great example and a formidable force for good."

In 2014 Curing Kids Cancer provided more than \$1 million in funding for cutting-edge research projects that may eventually make traditional chemotherapy obsolete. Over the past ten years, the organization has raised more than \$7 million for pediatric cancer research.



Get to know your Vanderbilt Radio Network personalities: from left, sideline reporter Mitch Light, Voice of the Commodores Joe Fisher and new analyst Norman Jordan.

NORMAN JORDAN RE-JOINS FISHER, LIGHT ON VANDERBILT RADIO NETWORK

Veteran play-by-play announcer **Joe Fisher** and sideline reporter **Mitch Light** are joined by former Commodore running back **Norman Jordan** this season on the Vanderbilt Radio Network.

Jordan, a 1983 Vanderbilt graduate who helped the Commodores to the 1982 Hall of Fame Bowl in Birmingham, Ala., rejoins the network as color analyst, replacing former Vanderbilt quarterback John Gromos. Jordan served as the network as its sideline reporter during the late 1990s to early 2000s.

Fisher is working his 18th season as the team's play-by-play announcer. He handles similar duties for Vanderbilt men's basketball and baseball. Fisher also serves as Vanderbilt Athletics' Director of Broadcasting.

Prior to joining Vanderbilt, Fisher was a television sports anchor in the Nashville market from 1987-96, with stints at WSMV-4 and WKRN-2. He also worked in public relations.

Light, entering his third season providing sideline commentary, is a Vanderbilt graduate and editor of Athlon sports publications.

MORE ON THE COMMODORE RADIO NETWORK

Vanderbilt football games are carried on **NewsRadio WLAC AM-1510**, the Nashville station that owns one of the nation's strongest signals.

The Vanderbilt Radio Network also includes three other Nashville stations: **WSNR AM-560**, **WSNR 95.9-FM** and **ALT-98.3 FM**.

The Vanderbilt Radio Network will also provide a live broadcast. In past years, a slight delay in the broadcast impacted the ability to merge play-by-play announcer Joe Fisher's call to the TV broadcast.

RADIO NETWORK

NewsRadio 1510 WLAC *	Nashville
WNSR AM-560	Nashville
WNSR 95.9 FM	Nashville
ALT 983 98.3 FM	Nashville
WPLZ 106.9 FM	Chattanooga
WEKR AM-1240	Fayetteville
WMSR AM-1320	Manchester
WMPS AM-1210	Memphis
WMPS 103.1 FM	Memphis
WDUC 93.3 FM	Tulahoma

*Vanderbilt Radio Network flagship

VANDERBILT VS. 2015 OPPONENTS

Opponent	Date	Series Record	Last Game (Result)
Western Kentucky	Sept. 3	VU leads, 3-1	L, 12-14 (2015)
Georgia	Sept. 12	VU trails, 19-55-2	L, 14-31 (2015)
Austin Peay	Sept. 19	VU leads, 2-0	W, 47-7 (2015)
Ole Miss	Sept. 26	VU trails, 38-50-2	L, 16-27 (2015)
Middle Tennessee	Oct. 3	VU leads, 13-3	W, 17-13 (2015)
South Carolina	Oct. 17	VU trails, 4-21	L, 10-19 (2015)
Missouri	Oct. 24	VU trails, 3-4-1	W, 10-23 (2015)
Houston	Oct. 31	Series is tied 1-1	L, 0-34 (2015)
Florida	Nov. 7	VU trails, 10-37-2	L, 7-9 (2015)
Kentucky	Nov. 14	VU trails, 41-42-4	L, 7-17 (2014)
Texas A&M	Nov. 21	VU trails, 1-0	L, 24-56 (2013)
Tennessee	Nov. 28	VU trails, 30-73-5	L, 17-24 (2014)

MEDIA INFORMATION

VANDERBILT POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

Coach Mason's post-game press conference after the Kentucky game will be held after he addresses the team. Only properly credentialed media will be allowed into the Commodore press conference room at Vanderbilt Stadium.

Mason's remarks will be held in the team's press conference area, located near the Commodore locker room. Access to the facility is through the stadium tunnel in the south end zone.

The Vanderbilt Locker Room is closed. Up to six players will be made available for post-game interviews. These interviews will be conducted in the same press conference room as Coach Mason's remarks. The players will enter at the conclusion of Mason's conference.

GAME WEEK INTERVIEW POLICY

All interview requests for Coach Mason and Vanderbilt student-athletes **MUST** go through the Vanderbilt Athletic Communications staff.

Mason will be available to media members at the conclusion of practice on Wednesday morning. Student-athletes and assistant coaches will also be available to media after the Wednesday sessions.

Practice sessions are closed to the media.

WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE ON TUESDAYS

Coach Mason will conduct a weekly press conference for local media on Tuesdays at 12 noon CT. It is held in the McGugin Center. Interviews with selected student-athletes will follow Mason's remarks.

The conference is archived and available at vucommidores.com, each Tuesday by 2:30 p.m., CT. A transcript is provided usually by 3 p.m.

SEC COACHES TELECONFERENCE: WED., 10:30 AM

Coach Mason is available each Wednesday morning to media outlets as part of the Southeastern Conference Coaches' Teleconference.

Mason's 10-minute segment starts at 10:30 a.m., CT.

To participate, call the SEC SID Office at (205) 458-3010.

COACH'S RADIO SHOW ON THURSDAYS, 7 PM

The Commodore Call-In Show with Coach Mason, a regular weekly feature of Nashville radio flagships NewsRadio 1510 WLAC & WNSR AM 560/FM 95.9, is scheduled each Thursday. It starts at 7 p.m., in the Holiday Inn's Commodore Grille on West End Avenue. The one-hour show is hosted by Vanderbilt announcer Joe Fisher.

COACH'S TV SHOW ON SUNDAYS, NASHVILLE'S FOX-17

The Coach's Show is back on Nashville TV each Sunday evening.

The show, featuring Coach Mason and Vandy play-by-play announcer Joe Fisher as the co-host, airs on each Sunday after a game at 10:30 p.m. CT on Nashville's FOX-17.

NUMERICAL ROSTER

ROSTER A-Z		
NO.	NAME	POS.
94	Torey Agee	DE
88	Kyle Anderton	TE
55	Caleb Azubike	DE
24	Jalen Banks	RB
42	Ladarius Banks	FB
4	Tre Bell	CB
53	Jake Bernstein	OL
23	Khari Blasingame	ILB
52	Nigel Bowden	ILB
20	Oren Burks	S
69	Adam Butler	DL
11	Rashad Canty	WR
90	Sekou Clark	DE
16	Colby Cooke	P
22	Josh Crawford	RB
64	Delando Crooks	OL
41	Zach Cunningham	ILB
70	Darion DeBrossard	DL
76	Egidio DellaRipa	OL
84	Sam Dobbs	TE
39	Brian Doney	WR
18	Chandler Dorrell	WR
89	Sean Dowling	TE
19	C.J. Duncan	WR
36	Trey Ellis	WR
3	Taurean Ferguson	CB
12	Wade Freebeck	QB
66	Blake Fromang	OL
27	Jaire George	RB
56	Barrett Gouger	OL
75	Bailey Granier	OL
85	Curtis Graves	WR
43	Jordan Griffin	ILB
87	Winston Guillory	WR
60	Cole Hardin	OL
11	Harding Harper	ILB
31	Tre Herndon	CB
35	Darreon Herring	ILB
33	Jay Hockaday	LB
74	Will Holden	OL
56	Brady Jasper	LB
50	Andrew Jelks	OL
37	Wilson Johnson	SN
82	Kris Kentera	WR
77	Nifae Lealao	DT
93	Hayden Lekacz	PK
30	Bryce Lewis	CB
83	Nathan Marcus	TE
41	Chris Martin	FB
54	Kade Mayle	DL
78	Kevin McCoy	OL
2	Johnny McCrary	QB
5	Torren McGaster	CB
27	Jahmel McIntosh	S
44	Nehemiah Mitchell	OLB
8	Ronald Monroe	WR
97	Reid Nelson	P
34	Dare Odeyingbo	DE

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YEAR	CL	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL (OTHER)
2	Johnny McCrary	QB	6-4	220	So.	1L	Decatur, Ga./Cedar Grove
2	Arnold Tarpley	S	6-0	202	So.	1L	Pittsburgh, Pa./Central Catholic
3	Taurean Ferguson	CB	5-9	185	So.	1L	Jonesboro, Ga./Jonesboro
4	Tre Bell	CB	5-11	178	So.	1L	Union, N.J./St. Peter's Prep
4	John Webb	QB	6-0	200	So.	HS	Dallas, Texas/St. Mark's
5	Torren McGaster	CB	6-0	200	Jr.	2L	Daphne, Ala./Daphne
6	Darrius Sims	RB/WR	5-9	188	Jr.	2L	Memphis, Tenn./Whitehaven
7	Emmanuel Smith	S	6-2	218	So.	1L	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Oakland
7	Ralph Webb	RB	5-10	202	So.	1L	Gainesville, Fla./Gainesville
8	Ronald Monroe	WR	6-3	200	R-Fr.	RS	Houston, Texas/Fort Bend Bush
9	Caleb Peart	OLB	6-1	230	Fr.	HS	Gilbert, Ariz./Hamilton
9	Caleb Scott	WR	6-1	195	So.	1L	Suwanee, Ga./North Gwinnett
10	Trent Sherfield	WR	6-1	200	So.	1L	Danville, Ill./Danville
10	Shawn Stankavage	QB	6-2	196	R-Fr.	RS	Durham, N.C./Cardinal Gibbons
11	Rashad Canty	WR	6-3	205	R-Fr.	RS	Riverdale, Ga./Riverdale
11	Harding Harper	ILB	6-2	240	Jr.	2L	Montgomery, Ala./Carver
12	Wade Freebeck	QB	6-5	226	So.	1L	Davie, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas
13	LaDarius Wiley	CB	6-1	205	R-Fr.	RS	Los Angeles, Calif./Cathedral
14	Kyle Shurmur	QB	6-4	225	Fr.	HS	Philadelphia, Pa./LaSalle College
14	Ryan White	S	5-9	190	So.	1L	Louisville, Ky./Trinity
15	DeAndre Woods	TE	6-3	238	So.	1L	Clay, Ala./Clay-Chalkville
16	Colby Cooke	P	6-3	215	Jr.	2L	Goochland, Va./Goochland
17	Tommy Openshaw	PK/P	6-2	185	So.	1L	Jacksonville, Fla./Creekside
18	Chandler Dorrell	WR	5-11	185	Jr.	1L	Nashville, Tenn./St. Thomas Aquinas
19	C.J. Duncan	WR	5-11	200	So.	1L	Montgomery, Ala./St. James School
20	Oren Burks	S	6-3	215	So.	1L	Fairfax Station, Va./South Co.
21	Donovan Sheffield	CB	5-11	182	Fr.	HS	Nashville, Tenn./Ensworth
22	Josh Crawford	RB	5-10	200	Fr.	HS	Wetumpka, Ala./Edgewood Acad.
23	Khari Blasingame	ILB	6-1	228	R-Fr.	RS	New Market, Ala./Buckhorn
24	Jalen Banks	RB	5-11	195	So.	1L	Markham, Ill./Thornton Township
25	Josh Smith	OLB	6-3	236	Fr.	HS	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Oakland
26	Andrew Rector	S	6-0	205	Fr.	HS	Nashville, Tenn./Father Ryan
27	Jaire George	RB	6-1	218	Fr.	HS	Hyattville, Md./DeMatha Catholic
27	Jahmel McIntosh	S	6-1	202	Sr.	3L	Cleveland, Miss./Cleveland
28	Dallas Rivers	RB	6-1	224	So.	1L	Stone Mtn., Ga./Stephenson
30	Bryce Lewis	CB	6-0	182	R-Fr.	RS	Lilburn, Ga./Parkview
31	Tre Herndon	CB	6-0	185	So.	1L	Chattanooga, Tenn./East Hamilton
32	Andrew Williamson	S	6-1	212	Sr.	3L	San Antonio, Texas/Stevens
33	Jay Hockaday	ILB	6-3	215	Fr.	HS	Nashville, Tenn./Christ Presbyterian
34	Dare Odeyingbo	DE	6-2	255	Fr.	HS	Irving, Texas/Cistercian Prep
35	Darreon Herring	ILB	6-1	230	Sr.	3L	Stone Mountain, Ga./Stephenson
36	Trey Ellis	WR	5-9	168	So.	1L	Charlotte, N.C./Ardrey Kell
37	Wilson Johnson	SN	6-0	210	Jr.	SQ	Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell
39	Brian Doney	WR	5-10	184	So.	SQ	Westerville, Ohio/St. Charles Prep
40	Ja'kari Thomas	ILB	6-1	230	Jr.	2L	Tallahassee, Fla./Godby
41	Zach Cunningham	ILB	6-4	230	So.	1L	Pinson, Ala./Pinson Valley
41	Chris Martin	FB	5-10	240	Sr.	SQ	Princeton, N.J./Don Bosco Prep

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42	Ladarius Banks	FB	6-2	255	Jr.	RS	Dallas, Ga./East Paulding
43	Jordan Griffin	ILB	6-1	215	Fr.	HS	Tampa, Fla./Armwood
44	Nehemiah Mitchell	OLB	6-4	262	Jr.	TR	Hayward, Calif./CC-San Francisco
45	Stephen Weatherly	OLB	6-5	250	Jr.	2L	Snellville, Ga./Shiloh
47	Charles Wright	OLB	6-3	236	R-Fr.	RS	Irvine, Calif./Beckman
48	Jacob Schultz	SN	6-4	235	Jr.	SQ	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Siegel
49	Jonathan Wynn	DE	6-4	255	So.	1L	Stone Mtn., Ga./Stephenson
50	Andrew Jelks	OL	6-6	307	Jr.	2L	Paris, Tenn./Henry Co.
51	Davis Winkie	SN	6-4	248	R-Fr.	RS	Cumming, Ga./South Forsyth
52	Nigel Bowden	ILB	6-1	240	So.	1L	Macon, Ga./Central
53	Jake Bernstein	OL	6-4	310	Sr.	3L	Lake in the Hills, Ill./Crystal Lake South
54	Kade Mayle	DL	6-3	275	Fr.	HS	McConnelsville, Ohio/Morgan
55	Caleb Azubike	DE	6-4	265	Sr.	3L	Nashville, Tenn./McGavock
56	Barrett Gouger	OL	6-4	308	Jr.	2L	Soddy Daisy, Tenn./Baylor
56	Bradyn Jasper	LB	6-1	238	So.	SQ	Washington, Mo./St. Francis Borgia
57	Ean Pfeifer	OL	6-4	285	Fr.	HS	Bentonville, Ark./Bentonville
58	Justin Skule	OL	6-6	305	Fr.	HS	Clifton, Va./Centreville
60	Cole Hardin	OL	6-4	300	R-Fr.	RS	Florence, Ala./Florence
61	Bruno Reagan	OL	6-3	315	R-Fr.	RS	Clarksville, Tenn./Clarksville
64	Delando Crooks	OL	6-5	315	So.	1L	Atlanta, Ga./Carver
66	Blake Fromang	OL	6-7	305	Jr.	2L	Orlando, Fla./Lake Highland Prep
69	Adam Butler	DL	6-4	305	Jr.	2L	Duncanville, Texas/Duncanville
70	Darion DeBrossard	DL	6-4	340	Fr.	HS	Snellville, Ga./Shiloh
71	Jared Southers	OL	6-4	315	Fr.	HS	South Orange, N.J./Seton Hall Prep
74	Will Holden	OL	6-6	312	Jr.	2L	Green Cove Springs, Fla./Clay
74	Jay Woods	DL	6-3	280	So.	1L	Jackson, Ga./Jackson
75	Bailey Granier	OL	6-6	315	R-Fr.	RS	Galliano, La./South Lafourche
76	Egidio DellaRipa	OL	6-4	300	So.	TR	Castaic, Calif./College of the Canyons
77	Nifae Lealao	DT	6-5	315	So.	1L	Sacramento, Calif./Capital Christian
77	Spencer Pulley	OL	6-4	300	Sr.	3L	Memphis, Tenn./Evangelical
78	Kevin McCoy	OL	6-5	305	Jr.	1L	Tampa, Fla./Armwood
80	Jared Pinkney	TE	6-4	250	Fr.	HS	Norcross, Ga./Norcross
81	Steven Scheu	TE	6-5	245	Sr.	3L	Evansville, Ind./Reitz Memorial
82	Kris Kentera	WR	6-4	218	Sr.	3L	Colorado Springs, Colo./Pine Creek
83	Nathan Marcus	TE	6-5	240	So.	1L	Glen Ellyn, Ill./Glenbard West
84	Sam Dobbs	TE	6-4	230	Fr.	HS	Douglasville, Ga./Landmark Christian
85	Curtis Graves	WR	6-1	198	Jr.	1L	Alpharetta, Ga./Alpharetta
86	Latevius Rayford	WR	6-1	198	Jr.	1L	Memphis, Tenn./Central
87	Winston Guillory	WR	5-11	185	Fr.	HS	Dallas, Texas/Episcopal
88	Kyle Anderton	TE	6-4	255	Fr.	HS	Hendersonville, Tenn./Station Camp
89	Sean Dowling	TE	6-5	270	So.	1L	Fallbrook, Calif./Fallsbrook Union
90	Sekou Clark	DE	6-3	264	R-Fr.	RS	Denton, Texas/Ryan
93	Hayden Lekacz	PK	6-0	195	So.	1L	Glen Ellyn, Ill./Glenbard West
94	Torey Agee	DE	6-4	282	Jr.	2L	Opelika, Ala./Opelika
95	Riley Tindol	DE	6-5	262	R-Fr.	RS	Billingsley, Ala./Autauga Academy
97	Reid Nelson	P	6-2	215	R-Fr.	RS	Hueytown, Ala./Hueytown
99	Landon Stokes	OLB	6-4	240	R-So.	1L	Orlando, Fla./Lake Highland Prep

ROSTER A-Z

NO.	NAME	POS.
17	Tommy Openshaw	PK/P
9	Caleb Peart	OLB
57	Ean Pfeifer	OL
80	Jared Pinkney	WR
77	Spencer Pulley	OL
86	Latevius Rayford	WR
61	Bruno Reagan	OL
26	Andrew Rector	S
28	Dallas Rivers	RB
81	Steven Scheu	TE
48	Jacob Schultz	SN
9	Caleb Scott	WR
21	Donovan Sheffield	CB
10	Trent Sherfield	WR
14	Kyle Shurmur	QB
6	Darrius Sims	RB/WR
58	Justin Skule	OL
7	Emmanuel Smith	S
25	Josh Smith	LB
71	Jared Southers	OL
10	Shawn Stankavage	QB
99	Landon Stokes	OLB
2	Arnold Tarpley	S
40	Ja'karri Thomas	ILB
95	Riley Tindol	DE
45	Stephen Weatherly	OLB
4	John Webb	QB
7	Ralph Webb	RB
14	Ryan White	S
32	Andrew Williamson	S
13	LaDarius Wiley	CB
51	Davis Winkie	SN
15	DeAndre Woods	TE
74	Jay Woods	DL
47	Charles Wright	OLB
49	Jonathan Wynn	DE

PRONUNCIATIONS

PLAYERS

Caleb Azubike (**ah-ZOO-bah-KAY**)
 Khari (**car-EE**) Blasingame
 Sekou (**SAY-koo**) Clark
 Jaire (**JIE-air**) George
 Bailey Granier (**graun-yae**)
 Barrett Gouger (**Gow-gurr**)
 Nifae (**Knee-FY**) Lealao (**Lee-AL-oh**)
 Hayden Lekacz (**la-koch**)
 Dare (**dar-ee**) Odeyingbo (**O-duh-yeng-BO**)
 Caleb Peart (**peert**)
 Latevius (**la-tay-vee-us**) Rayford
 Steven Scheu (**SHOV**) *rhymes with boy*
 Darrius (**Dare-ee-us**) Sims
 Ja'karri (**jah-CAR-ee**) Thomas
 Riley Tindol (**ten-doll**)

COACHES

Gerry (**Jerry**) Gdowski (**Guh-DOW-ski**)
 Frank Maile (**My-leh**)

DEPTH CHART: NOV. 8

OFFENSE

OT	74	Will Holden	6-7, 312, R-Jr.
	75	Bailey Granier	6-6, 315, R-Fr.
OG	53	Jake Bernstein	6-4, 310, Sr.
	61	Bruno Reagan	6-3, 315, R-Fr.
C	77	Spencer Pulley	6-4, 300, Sr.
	60	Cole Hardin	6-4, 300, R-Fr.
OG	56	Barrett Gouger	6-4, 308, R-Jr.
	64	Delando Crooks	6-5, 315, R-So.
OT	75	Bailey Granier	6-6, 315, R-Fr.
	-or- 66	Blake Fromang	6-7, 305, R-Jr.
WR	10	Trent Sherfield	6-0, 200, So.
	86	Latevius Rayford	6-1, 198, Jr.
	8	Ronald Monroe	6-3, 200, R-Fr.
	WR	9	Caleb Scott	6-1, 195, So.
	82	Kris Kentera	6-4, 218, Sr.
	36	Trey Ellis	5-9, 168, So.
QB	2	Johnny McCrary	6-4, 220, R-So.
	-or- 14	Kyle Shurmur	6-4, 225, Fr.
	12	Wade Freebeck	6-5, 226, So.
	RB	7	Ralph Webb	5-10, 202, R-So.
6		Darrius Sims	5-9, 188, Jr.
	-or- 28	Dallas Rivers	6-1, 224, So.
	-or- 22	Josh Crawford	5-10, 200, Fr.
FB	28	Dallas Rivers	6-1, 224, So.
	42	Ladarius Banks	6-2, 255, R-Jr.
TE	81	Steven Scheu	6-5, 245, Sr.
	83	Nathan Marcus	6-5, 240, R-So.
	89	Sean Dowling	6-5, 270, R-So.

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	17	Tommy Openshaw	6-2, 185, R-So.
	16	Colby Cooke	6-3, 220, R-Jr.
PK	17	Tommy Openshaw	6-2, 185, R-So.
	-or- 93	Hayden Lekacz	6-0, 192, So.
SN	48	Jacob Schultz	6-4, 235, Jr.
HOLD	82	Kris Kentera	6-4, 218, Sr.
KOR	6	Darrius Sims	5-9, 188, Jr.
	14	Ryan White	5-10, 190, R-So.
PR	14	Ryan White	5-10, 190, R-So.
	6	Darrius Sims	5-9, 188, Jr.
KO	93	Hayden Lekacz	6-0, 192, So.

DEFENSE

DE	69	Adam Butler	6-5, 305, R-Jr.
	-or- 94	Torey Agee	6-4, 284, R-Jr.
DT	74	Jay Woods	6-3, 285, R-So.
	-or- 77	Nifae Lealao	6-5, 315, So.
DE	49	Jonathan Wynn	6-5, 260, R-So.
	-or- 55	Caleb Azubike	6-4, 265, Sr.
	34	Dare Odeyingbo	6-2, 255, Fr.
	OLB	44	Nehemiah Mitchell	6-4, 260, Jr.
99		Landon Stokes	6-4, 240, R-So.
	47	Charles Wright	6-3, 236, R-Fr.
	ILB	35	Darreon Herring	6-2, 230, Sr.
40		Ja'karri Thomas	6-1, 230, R-Jr.
ILB	41	Zach Cunningham	6-4, 230, R-So.
	23	Khari Blasingame	6-1, 228, R-Fr.
OLB	45	Stephen Weatherly	6-5, 250, R-Jr.
	25	Josh Smith	6-3, 236, Fr.
CB	5	Torren McGaster	6-1, 200, R-Jr.
	3	Taurean Ferguson	5-9, 185, R-So.
	30	Bryce Lewis	6-0, 180, R-Fr.
	SS	32	Andrew Williamson	6-1, 212, Sr.
14		Ryan White	5-9, 190, R-So.
FS	20	Oren Burks	6-3, 215, R-So.
	27	Jahmel McIntosh	6-1, 202, Sr.
CB	31	Tre Herndon	6-0, 185, So.
	4	Tre Bell	5-11, 178, R-So.
	13	LaDarius Wiley	6-1, 205, R-Fr.
	NICK	2	Arnold Tarpley	6-0, 202, So.
7		Emmanuel Smith	6-2, 218, So.
	21	Donovan Sheffield	5-11, 182, Fr.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

STUDENT-ATHLETES:

Caleb Azubike (ah-ZOO-bah-KAY)	Latevius (la-tay-vee-us) Rayford
Khari (car-EE) Blasingame	Steven Scheu (SHOY) <i>rhymes with boy</i>
Sekou (SAY-koo) Clark	Darrius (Dare-ee-us) Sims
Jaire (JIE-air) George	Ja'karri (jah-CAR-ee) Thomas
Bailey Granier (graun-yae)	Riley Tindol (ten-doll)
Barrett Gouger (Gow-gurr)	
Nifae (Knee-FY) Lealao (Lee-AL-oh)	COACHES:
Hayden Lekacz (la-koch)	Gerry (Jerry) Gdowski (Guh-DOW-ski)
Dare (dar-ee) Odeyingbo (O-duh-yeng-BO)	Frank Maile (My-leh)
Caleb Peart (peert)	

2015 STATISTICS

TOTAL POINTS BY QUARTER

SCORE (QUARTER)	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	OT	TOTAL
VANDERBILT	9	46	34	44	0	133
OPPONENTS	36	39	48	34	0	157

TEAM STATISTICS

	VANDERBILT	OPPONENT
SCORING	133	157
Points Per Game	14.8	17.4
FIRST DOWNS	167	145
Rushing	77	51
Passing	76	80
Penalty	14	14
RUSHING YARDAGE	1394	1012
Yards gained rushing	1640	1277
Yards lost rushing	246	265
Rushing Attempts	373	300
Average Per Rush	3.7	3.4
Average Per Game	154.9	112.4
TDs Rushing	8	8
PASSING YARDAGE	1664	1833
Att-Comp-Int	300-159-14	292-165-4
Average Per Pass	5.5	6.3
Average Per Catch	10.5	11.1
Average Per Game	184.9	203.7
TDs Passing	6	6
TOTAL OFFENSE	3058	2845
Total Plays	673	592
Average Per Play	4.5	4.8
Average Per Game	339.8	316.1
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	23-456	22-419
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	24-174	22-300
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	4-19	14-218
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	19.8	19.0
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	7.2	13.6
INT RETURN AVERAGE	4.8	15.6
FUMBLES-LOST	15-7	19-10
PENALTIES-Yards	54-389	66-539
Average Per Game	43.2	59.9
PUNTS-Yards	56-2244	60-2421
Average Per Punt	40.1	40.3
Net punt average	33.6	35.8
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	32:43	27:17
3RD-DOWN Conversions	62/158	32/128
3rd-Down Pct	39%	25%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	7/14	3/12
4th-Down Pct	50%	25%
SACKS BY-Yards	21-135	20-126
MISC YARDS	7	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	14	17
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	12-19	13-19
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-1	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	16-26 62%	22-31 71%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	10-26 38%	12-31 39%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	11-11 100%	16-17 94%
ATTENDANCE	130,019	280,850
Games/Avg Per Game	4/32,505	5/56,170

2015 GAME RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L SCORE	OVERALL	CONF.	TIME	ATTN.
9/3	Western Kentucky	L, 14-12	0-1	0-0	3:24	30,307
9/12	Georgia	L, 31-14	0-2	0-1	3:42	37,185
9/19	Austin Peay	W, 47-7	1-2	0-1	3:29	31,399
9/26	at Ole Miss	L, 27-16	1-3	0-2	3:37	60,654
10/3	at MTSU	W, 17-13	2-3	0-2	3:13	25,411
10/17	at South Carolina	L, 19-01	2-4	0-3	3:23	75,159
10/24	Missouri	W, 10-3	3-4	1-3	3:34	31,128
10/31	at Houston	L, 34-0	3-5	1-3	3:07	29,565
11/7	at Florida	L, 9-7	3-6	1-4	3:24	90,061
11/14	Kentucky					
11/21	Texas A&M					
11/28	at Tennessee					

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

PASSING	GP	EFF.	ATT-COMP-INT	PCT	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/G
Johnny McCrary	9	101.99	144-263-12	54.8	1529	6	44	169.9
Kyle Shurmur	2	65.02	13-31-1	41.9	109	0	24	54.5
Wade Freebeck	1	36.40	2-6-1	33.3	26	0	17	26.0
Total	9	96.86	159-300-14	53.0	1664	6	44	184.9
Opponents	9	113.28	165-292-4	56.5	1833	6	78	203.7

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG	TD	LONG	AVG/G
Ralph Webb	9	198	855	44	811	4.1	5	74	90.1
Darrius Sims	9	33	234	18	216	6.5	0	41	24.0
Johnny McCrary	9	63	303	134	169	2.7	2	29	18.8
Dallas Rivers	9	49	130	14	116	2.4	1	10	12.9
Josh Crawford	5	16	53	0	53	3.3	0	11	10.6
Trent Sherfield	9	3	52	0	52	17.3	0	34	5.8
Tommy Openshaw	9	1	13	0	13	13.0	0	13	1.4
Ladarius Banks	9	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Kyle Shurmur	2	4	0	18	-18	-4.5	0	0	-9.0
TEAM	7	5	0	18	-18	-3.6	0	0	-2.6
Total	9	373	1640	246	1394	3.7	8	74	154.9
Opponents	9	300	1277	265	1012	3.4	8	68	112.4

RECEIVING	GP	No.	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG	AVG/G
Trent Sherfield	9	41	518	12.6	2	44	57.6
Steven Scheu	8	21	202	9.6	0	24	25.2
Ralph Webb	9	21	175	8.3	2	18	19.4
Caleb Scott	9	19	191	10.1	1	23	21.2
L. Rayford	8	17	130	7.6	1	20	16.2
Darrius Sims	9	10	110	11.0	0	24	12.2
DeAndre Woods	3	7	129	18.4	0	43	43.0
Kris Kentera	8	7	92	13.1	0	28	11.5
Dallas Rivers	9	4	30	7.5	0	12	3.3
Nathan Marcus	9	3	22	7.3	0	11	2.4
C. Dorrell	5	3	20	6.7	0	10	4.0
Ronald Monroe	7	3	13	4.3	0	6	1.9
Josh Crawford	5	2	11	5.5	0	8	2.2
Sam Dobbs	4	1	21	21.0	0	21	5.2
Total	9	159	1664	10.5	6	44	184.9
Opponents	9	165	1833	11.1	6	78	203.7

2015 STATISTICS

TOTAL OFFENSE

	GP	PLAYS	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	AVG/G
Johnny McCrary	9	326	169	1529	1698	188.7
Ralph Webb	9	198	811	0	811	90.1
Darrius Sims	9	33	216	0	216	24.0
Dallas Rivers	9	49	116	0	116	12.9
Kyle Shurmur	2	35	-18	109	91	45.5
Josh Crawford	5	16	53	0	53	10.6
Trent Sherfield	9	3	52	0	52	5.8
Wade Freebeck	1	6	0	26	26	26.0
Tommy Openshaw	9	1	13	0	13	1.4
TEAM	7	5	-18	0	-18	-2.6
Total	9	673	1394	1664	3058	339.8
Opponents	9	592	1012	1833	2845	316.1

ALL-PURPOSE

	GP	RUSH	REC	PR	KOR	RET	TOTAL	AVG
Ralph Webb	9	811	175	0	0	0	986	109.6
Darrius Sims	9	216	110	0	423	0	749	83.2
Trent Sherfield	9	52	518	0	0	0	570	63.3
Steven Scheu	8	0	202	0	0	0	202	25.2
Caleb Scott	9	0	191	0	0	0	191	21.2
Johnny McCrary	9	169	0	0	0	0	169	18.8
Dallas Rivers	9	116	30	0	0	0	146	16.2
L. Rayford	8	0	130	0	0	0	130	16.2
DeAndre Woods	3	0	129	0	0	0	129	43.0
Ryan White	9	0	0	127	0	0	127	14.1
Kris Kentera	8	0	92	0	0	0	92	11.5
Josh Crawford	5	53	11	0	0	0	64	12.8
Nathan Marcus	9	0	22	0	14	0	36	4.0
Torren McGaster	9	0	0	29	0	0	29	3.2
Trey Ellis	9	0	0	22	0	0	22	2.4
Sam Dobbs	4	0	21	0	0	0	21	5.2
C. Dorrell	5	0	20	0	0	0	20	4.0
Jahmel McIntosh	9	0	0	0	0	18	18	2.0
Tre Herndon	9	0	0	-4	19	0	15	1.7
Tommy Openshaw	9	13	0	0	0	0	13	1.4
Ronald Monroe	7	0	13	0	0	0	13	1.9
Oren Burks	9	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.1
Kyle Shurmur	2	-18	0	0	0	0	-18	-9.0
TEAM	7	-18	0	0	0	0	-18	-2.6
Total	9	1394	1664	174	456	19	3707	411.9
Opponents	9	1012	1833	300	419	218	3782	420.2

SCORING

	TDs	FGs	PATs					SAF	Pts
			KICK	RUSH	REC	PASS	DXP		
Tommy Openshaw	0	12-19	10-10	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	46
Ralph Webb	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	42
Johnny McCrary	2	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0-1	0	0	14
Trent Sherfield	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Dallas Rivers	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Caleb Scott	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
L. Rayford	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Hayden Lekacz	0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	1
Kris Kentera	0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Total	14	12-19	11-11	1-2	0	0-1	0	0	133
Opponents	17	13-19	16-17	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	157

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Darrius Sims	21	423	20.1	0	47
Tre Herndon	1	19	19.0	0	19
Nathan Marcus	1	14	14.0	0	14
Total	23	456	19.8	0	47
Opponents	22	419	19.0	0	71

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Ryan White	15	127	8.5	0	36
Trey Ellis	4	22	5.5	0	10
Torren McGaster	4	29	7.2	0	17
Tre Herndon	1	-4	-4.0	0	0
Total	24	174	7.2	0	36
Opponents	22	300	13.6	1	77

VANDERBILT SCORING DRIVES

Opponent	Plays	Yards	Time	Culminating Play
WKU	7	29	2:58	Openshaw 49-yd FG
WKU	9	52	3:19	Openshaw 26-yd FG
WKU	12	77	2:05	Sherfield 2-yd pass from McCrary
UGA	11	38	5:13	Openshaw 47-yd FG
UGA	12	55	5:24	Openshaw 41-yd FG
UGA	5	42	0:46	Rayford 7-yard pass from McCrary
AP	5	20	2:41	Openshaw 40-yd FG
AP	8	78	3:46	Webb 3-yd run
AP	5	26	2:02	Openshaw 38-yd FG
AP	6	68	1:07	Webb 9-yd pass from McCrary
AP	6	75	1:50	Webb 2-yd run
AP	6	51	1:58	Sherfield 26-yd pass from McCrary
AP	8	71	2:03	McCrary 16-yd run
AP	4	15	1:38	Rivers 4-yd run
OM	19	73	7:17	Openshaw 28-yd FG
OM	7	50	1:43	Openshaw 41-yd FG
OM	7	80	3:06	Webb 7-yd pass from McCrary
OM	12	70	4:06	Openshaw 34-yd FG
MTSU	4	7	1:28	Openshaw 40-yd FG
MTSU	6	51	1:38	McCrary 29-yd run

MTSU	7	87	2:01	Webb 39-yd run
SC	14	79	6:43	Scott 4-yd pass from McCrary
SC	10	73	5:43	Openshaw 23-yd FG
MIZZ	11	72	4:44	Webb 1-yd run
MIZZ	14	49	6:14	Openshaw 40-yd FG
FLA	1	74	0:11	Webb 74-yd run

2015 STATISTICS

FIELD GOALS

	FGM-FGA	%	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Lg	Blk
Tommy Openshaw	12-19	63.2	3-4	2-4	7-10	0-1	49	0

PUNTING

	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I-20	Blk
Tommy Openshaw	54	2201	40.8	78	3	18	19	0
TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1
Colby Cooke	1	43	43.0	43	0	0	0	0
Total	56	2244	40.1	78	3	18	19	1
Opponents	60	2421	40.3	62	5	17	18	0

FIELD GOAL SEQUENCE

	VANDERBILT	OPPONENT
Western Kentucky	28,(49),(26)	-
Georgia	(47),(41),43	37,(20),43
Austin Peay	(40),(38),50	-
at Ole Miss	(28),(41),(34),32	(19),(39),29
at MTSU	40,(40)	(44),(28)
at South Carolina	(23)	(47),(31),39,55,(19),(22)
Missouri	45,(40),32	(35),47
at Houston	-	(22),(37)
at Florida	-	(43)
Kentucky		
Texas A&M		
at Tennessee		

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate successful field goals.

INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

#	Name	GP	Tackles			Sacks		Pass Def			Fumbles		Blocked	
			Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yards	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf
41	Zach Cunningham	9-6	44	25	69	12.5-37	3.5-23	.	3	.	3-0	3	.	.
35	Darreon Herring	9-9	26	21	47	3.0-8	1.5-3	.	2	2	.	.	.	.
5	Torren McGaster	9-8	34	7	41	3.5-4	.	.	9	.	1-0	.	.	.
20	Oren Burks	9-9	21	19	40	2.0-5	.	1-1	6	.	1-0	1	.	.
45	Stephen Weatherly	9-9	22	13	35	6.5-31	2.5-21	.	2	8	2-0	1	.	.
32	Andrew Williamson	7-7	19	11	30	1.0-1	1.0-1	.	3	1	.	1	.	.
31	Tre Herndon	9-9	19	10	29	1.0-6	1.0-6	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
2	Arnold Tarpley	9-4	18	9	27	3.0-24	2.0-22	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
14	Ryan White	9-1	16	8	24	3.0-10	.	1-0	1	.	1-0	1	.	.
44	Nehemiah Mitchell	9-7	8	15	23	1.5-12	0.5-3	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
74	Jay Woods	9-6	9	11	20	2.0-6	1.0-5	.	1	.	.	2	.	.
55	Caleb Azubike	6-4	7	12	19	1.5-1	.	.	.	1	1-0	1	.	.
49	Jonathan Wynn	9-4	5	11	16	2.0-10	1.0-7	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
69	Adam Butler	9-8	9	5	14	6.0-23	3.0-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Torey Agee	9-0	9	3	12	2.0-13	2.0-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Tre Bell	8-0	5	7	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Khari Blasingame	9-1	7	5	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
77	Nifae Lealao	9-1	5	7	12	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
99	Landon Stokes	9-2	5	7	12	2.0-11	1.0-9	.	2	1	.	1	.	.
3	Taurean Ferguson	9-1	9	2	11	0.5-1	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.
27	Jahmel McIntosh	9-0	5	6	11	0.5-7	.	2-18	1	.	.	.	.	.
40	Ja'karrri Thomas	7-0	4	6	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Emmanuel Smith	8-2	1	8	9	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
43	Jordan Griffin	8-0	6	2	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	Josh Smith	9-0	1	6	7	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	LaDarius Wiley	9-0	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
52	Nigel Bowden	2-2	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Jalen Banks	3-0	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Hayden Lekacz	9-0	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Jacob Schultz	9-0	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Donovan Sheffield	3-0	2	1	3	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	Charles Wright	8-0	1	2	3	1.5-5	1.0-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
53	Jake Bernstein	9-9	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Jay Hockaday	5-0	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	Dare Odeyingbo	6-0	.	2	2	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Bryce Lewis	8-0	0	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
74	Will Holden	9-8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Tommy Openshaw	9-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Andrew Rector	5-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Darrius Sims	9-5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
83	Nathan Marcus	9-1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56	Barrett Gouger	9-9	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Trent Sherfield	9-9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
82	Kris Kentera	8-2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		9-0	345	236	581	58-222	21-135	4-19	40	15	10-0	11	1	.
Opponents		9-0	394	272	666	56.0-197	20-126	14-218	37	31	7-11	7	1	.

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PASSING

	J. McCrary	Com-Att-Yds-TD-Int K. Shurmur	W. Freebeck
WKU	18-34-217-1-2	DNP	DNP
Georgia	24-50-295-1-3	DNP	DNP
Austin Peay	28-33-368-2-0	DNP	2-6-26-0-1
at Ole Miss	23-42-194-1-0	DNP	DNP
at MTSU	18-31-177-0-2	DNP	DNP
at S. Carolina	21-42-177-1-3	DNP	DNP
Missouri	7-8-47-0-0	10-20-89-0-0	DNP
at Houston	2-9-24-0-2	3-11-20-0-1	DNP
at Florida	3-14-30-0-0	DNP	DNP
Kentucky			
Texas A&M			
at Tennessee			
TOTALS	144-263-1529-6-12	13-31-109-0-1	2-6-26-0-1

TOP INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES OF 2015

Category	Player, Opponent
RUSHING YARDS	155, Ralph Webb (at MTSU)
RUSH ATTEMPTS	26 (2x), Ralph Webb (at Houston)
PASSING YARDS	368, Johnny McCrary (Austin Peay)
PASS COMPLETIONS	28, Johnny McCrary (Austin Peay)
RECEPTIONS	16, Trent Sherfield (Austin Peay)
RECEIVING YARDS	240, Trent Sherfield (Austin Peay)
TDS SCORED	3, Ralph Webb (Austin Peay)
TOTAL TACKLES	15, Zach Cunningham (at MTSU)
SOLO TACKLES	12, Zach Cunningham (at MTSU)
QB SACKS	1.0 (21x), Cunnigham, Agee (at Florida)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	4.0, Zach Cunningham (at S. Carolina)
LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN	47, Darrius Sims (at Ole Miss)
INTERCEPTIONS	1 (4x), Ryan White (at Florida)

RUSHING

	#-Yds/TD	WKU	UGA	AP	MISS	MTSU	SC	MIZZ	HOU	FLA	UK	TAMU	UT
Ralph Webb	198-811/5	18-70/0	25-68/0	15-54/2	25-90/0	25-155/1	16-58/0	26-99/1	26-99/0	22-118/1			
Darrius Sims	33-216/0	4-15/0	1-0/0	2-27/0	-	-	6-104/0	9-58/0	5-19/0	6-(-7)/0			
Johnny McCrary	63-169/2	8-58/0	8-17/0	5-41/1	7-11/0	6-33/1	11-6/0	3-(-4)/0	4-4/0	11-3/0			
Dallas Rivers	49-116/1	11-26/0	4-7/0	12-25/1	3-6/0	8-18/0	1-(-2)/0	2-8/0	2-12/0	6-16/0			
Josh Crawford	16-53/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	6-20/0	DNP	-	5-19/0	4-14/0	1-0/0			
Trent Sherfield	3-52/0	-	-	-	1-1/0	1-34/0	-	-	-	1-17/0			
Tommy Openshaw	1-13/0	-	1-13/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Ladarius Banks	1-0/0	-	-	1-0/0	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Kyle Shurmur	4-(-18)/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	3-(-11)/0	1--7/0	DNP			
TEAM	5-(-18)/0	1-(-1)/0	-	DNP	-	1-(-3/0)	1-(-11)/0	1-(-1)/0	DNP	1-(-2)/0			

RECEIVING

	#-Yds/TD	WKU	UGA	AP	MISS	MTSU	SC	MIZZ	HOU	FLA	UK	TAMU	UT
Trent Sherfield	41-518/2	4-63/1	1-44/0	16-240/1	7-55/0	6-63/0	2-18/0	5-35/0	-	-			
Steven Scheu	21-202/0	2-12/0	2-43/0	DNP	5-57/0	1-3/0	6-59/0	5-28/0	-	-			
Caleb Scott	19-191/1	1-23/0	2-22/0	3-24/0	5-42/0	3-43/0	2-20/1	2-13/0	1-4/0	-			
Ralph Webb	21-175/2	3-27/0	7-57/0	3-22/1	2-11/1	2-21/0	2-23/0	1-11/0	1-3/0	-			
L. Rayford	17-130/1	1-2/0	7-57/1	1-6/0	DNP	1-1/0	3-18/0	1-9/0	3-37/0	-			
DeAndre Woods	7-129/0	2-20/0	3-57/0	2-52/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP			
Darrius Sims	10-110/0	2-10/0	-	2-32/0	1-17/0	-	3-22/0	2-29/0	-	-			
Kris Kentera	7-92/0	2-48/0	1-9/0	1-3/0	-	3-32/0	-	DNP	-	-			
Dallas Rivers	4-30/0	1-12/0	1-6/0	1-6/0	-	-	-	-	-	1-6/0			
Nathan Marcus	3-22/0	-	-	-	1-1/0	-	1-10/0	1-11/0	-	-			
Sam Dobbs	1-21/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	1-21/0			
C. Dorrell	3-20/0	DNP	DNP	1-9/0	-	1-10/0	1-1/0	-	DNP	DNP			
Ronald Monroe	3-13/0	DNP	DNP	-	-	1-4/0	1-6/0	-	-	1-3/0			
Josh Crawford	2-11/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-11/0	DNP	-	-	-	-			

PUNT RETURNS

	#-Yds	WKU	UGA	AP	MISS	MTSU	SC	MIZZ	HOU	FLA	UK	TAMU	UT
Ryan White	15-127	-	-	2-38	1-0	1-12	1-2	7-71	2-3	1-1			
Torren McGaster	4-29	-	-	4-29	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Trey Ellis	4-22	2-16	2-6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Tre Herndon	1--4	1--4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			

KICK RETURNS

	#-Yds	WKU	UGA	AP	MISS	MTSU	SC	MIZZ	HOU	FLA	UK	TAMU	UT
Darrius Sims	21-423	3-61	3-69	1-17	4-103	3-50	1-20	-	4-80	2-23			
Tre Herndon	1-19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-19	-			
Nathan Marcus	1-14	-	-	-	-	-	1-14	-	-	-			

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TACKLES	SOLO-ASSISTED-TOTAL	WKU	UGA	AP	MISS	MTSU	SC	MIZZ	HOU	FLA	UK	TAMU	UT
Zach Cunningham ILB	44-25-69	1-0	2-3	1-2	4-7	12-3	9-3	3-0	7-2	5-5			
Darreon Herring ILB	26-21-47	2-4	2-3	1-2	3-5	2-0	8-0	3-0	4-4	1-4			
Torren McGaster DB	34-7-41	6-0	2-0	1-0	6-1	3-1	3-0	2-3	5-1	6-1			
Oren Burks DB	21-19-40	2-2	4-4	1-3	2-4	5-1	6-0	0-1	1-4	-			
Stephen Weatherly OLB	22-13-35	0-3	6-2	-	2-1	5-1	1-1	3-0	3-3	2-2			
Andrew Williamson DB	19-11-30	1-5	4-0	2-1	1-1	DNP	DNP	1-2	5-1	5-1			
Tre Herndon DB	19-10-29	2-1	3-1	2-2	4-3	3-0	1-1	2-1	2-0	0-1			
Arnold Tarpley DB	18-9-27	1-2	2-1	2-1	5-3	1-0	1-1	2-1	3-0	1-0			
Ryan White DB	16-8-24	0-2	-	3-0	2-1	2-2	6-1	1-0	2-0	0-2			
Nehemiah Mitchell OLB	8-15-23	1-2	0-5	1-1	0-2	3-1	1-1	0-1	2-0	0-2			
Jay Woods DL	9-11-20	0-1	1-5	0-1	-	1-0	5-0	0-1	1-3	1-0			
Caleb Azubike DE	7-12-19	1-2	0-3	0-3	1-3	1-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	4-1			
Jonathan Wynn DE	5-11-16	1-1	0-3	0-1	-	2-0	-	0-1	1-2	1-3			
Adam Butler DL	9-5-14	0-1	0-3	2-0	2-1	1-0	2-0	2-0	-	-			
Torey Agee DE	9-3-12	-	0-1	1-1	-	-	1-0	1-0	5-1	1-0			
Tre Bell DB	5-7-12	0-4	1-1	3-2	-	-	DNP	1-0	-	-			
Khari Blasingame ILB	7-5-12	-	1-0	1-2	1-1	2-0	1-1	1-0	-	0-1			
Nifae Lealao DT	5-7-12	-	1-3	1-2	0-2	1-0	-	-	2-0	-			
Landon Stokes OLB	5-7-12	0-2	0-1	0-1	-	0-1	-	1-0	2-1	2-1			
Taurean Ferguson DB	9-2-11	-	1-0	1-1	4-0	-	-	3-0	0-1	-			
Jahmel McIntosh	5-5-11	0-1	-	-	1-2	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-2			
Ja'karri Thomas ILB	4-6-10	-	1-1	0-5	-	DNP	DNP	-	1-0	2-0			
Emmanuel Smith	1-8-9	0-2	DNP	0-3	0-2	1-0	-	-	0-1	-			
Jordan Griffin ILB	6-2-8	DNP	1-0	0-1	2-0	1-0	-	-	1-0	1-1			
Josh Smith OLB	1-6-7	1-1	-	0-2	0-1	-	-	-	-	0-2			
LaDarius Wiley DB	4-2-6	-	-	0-1	-	-	1-0	-	0-1	3-0			
Nigel Bowden ILB	2-2-4	-	2-2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP			
Jalen Banks DB	1-2-3	-	DNP	0-1	1-2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP			
Hayden Lekacz PK	1-2-3	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	0-1	-			
Jacob Schultz SN	2-1-3	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	1-0	0-1			
Donovan Sheffield DB	2-1-3	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0	1-0	0-1			
Charles Wright OLB	1-2-3	-	-	1-2	-	-	-	DNP	-	-			
Jay Hockaday ILB	1-1-2	DNP	DNP	0-1	DNP	-	1-0	DNP	-	-			
Dare Odeyingbo DE	0-2-2	DNP	DNP	0-2	-	-	-	-	-	DNP			
Bryce Lewis DB	1-1-2	-	-	0-1	-	-	DNP	-	-	1-0			
Darrius Sims KR	1-0-1	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-			
Andrew Rector DB	0-1-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	0-1	-	-	-			
Tommy Openshaw	1-0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0			

FUMBLES	FF/FR	WKU	UGA	AP	MISS	MTSU	SC	MIZZ	HOU	FLA	UK	TAMU	UT
Zach Cunningham	3/3	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	1/-	-/-	-/-	2/1	-/2			
Jay Woods	2/-	-/-	1/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	1/-			
Stephen Weatherly	1/2	-/-	-/-	-/-	1/-	-/-	-/1	-/-	-/1	-/-			
Oren Burks	1/1	-/-	-/-	1/1	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-			
Ryan White	1/1	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/1	1/-	-/-	-/-	-/-			
Torren McGaster	-/1	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/1	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-			
LaDarius Wiley	-/1	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/1	-/-	-/-			
Landon Stokes	1/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	1/-			
Caleb Azubike	1/1	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	1/1			

INTERCEPTIONS/RET.	No.-Yds	WKU	UGA	AP	MISS	MTSU	SC	MIZZ	HOU	FLA	UK	TAMU	UT
Jahmel McIntosh	2-18	-	-	-	1-18	-	1-0	-	-	-			
Oren Burks	1-1	-	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-			
Ryan White	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0			

QB SACKS	UA-A-TOTAL	WKU	UGA	AP	MISS	MTSU	SC	MIZZ	HOU	FLA	UK	TAMU	UT
Zach Cunningham	3-1-3.5	-	-	-	1.0-2	-	1.0-11	-	0.5-4	1.0-6			
Adam Butler	3-0-3.0	-	-	-	1.0-7	-	1.0-1	1.0-10	-	-			
Stephen Weatherly	2-1-2.5	-	-	-	1.0-12	-	-	1.0-6	0.5-3	-			
Arnold Tarpley	2-0-2.0	-	-	1.0-11	-	-	-	-	1.0-11	-			
Torey Agee	2-0-2.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-11	1.0-2			
Darreon Herring	1-1-1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-1	-	0.5-2			
Andrew Williamson	1-0-1.0	-	-	1.0-1	-	DNP	DNP	-	-	-			
Tre Herndon	1-0-1.0	1.0-6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Charles Wright	1-0-1.0	-	-	1.0-4	-	-	-	DNP	-	-			
Landon Stokes	1-0-1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-9	-	-			
Jay Woods DL	1-0-1.0	-	1.0-5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Jonathan Wynn	1-0-1.0	1.0-7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Nehemiah Mitchell	0-1-0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5-3			

2015 STATISTICS

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

STARTERS (OFF.)

	WR	WR	WR/TE/FB	TE	QB	RB	LT	LG	C	RG	RT
Western Kentucky	Sherfield	Rayford	Sims (WR)	Scheu	McCrary	Webb	Holden	Bernstein	Pulley	Gouger	Fromang
Georgia	Sherfield	Sims	Marcus (TE)	Scheu	McCrary	Webb	Holden	Bernstein	Pulley	Gouger	Fromang
Austin Peay	Sherfield	Rayford	Kentera (WR)	Scott (WR)	McCrary	Webb	Holden	Bernstein	Pulley	Gouger	Skule
at Ole Miss	Sherfield	Sims	Dowling (TE)	Scheu	McCrary	Webb	Holden	Bernstein	Pulley	Gouger	Skule
at MTSU	Sherfield	Scott	Kentera	Scheu	McCrary	Webb	Holden	Bernstein	Pulley	Gouger	Fromang
at South Carolina	Sherfield	Scott	Sims (WR)	Scheu	McCrary	Webb	Holden	Bernstein	Pulley	Gouger	Fromang
Missouri	Sherfield	Scott	Sims (RB)	Scheu	Shurmur	Webb	Holden	Bernstein	Pulley	Gouger	Fromang
at Houston	Sherfield	Scott	Rayford	Scheu	Shurmur	Webb	Holden	Bernstein	Pulley	Gouger	Fromang
at Florida	Sherfield	Scott	Dowling (TE)	Scheu	McCrary	Webb	Holden	Bernstein	Pulley	Gouger	Granier
Kentucky											
Texas A&M											
at Tennessee											

STARTERS (DEF.)

	OLB	DE	NT	DE	ILB	ILB	OLB	CB	SS	FS	CB
Western Kentucky	Mitchell	Butler	J. Woods	Azubike	Herring	Bowden	Weatherly	McGaster	Williamson	Burks	Herndon
Georgia	Mitchell	Butler	J. Woods	Wynn	Herring	Bowden	Weatherly	McGaster	Williamson	Burks	Herndon
Austin Peay	Mitchell	Butler	J. Woods	Azubike	Herring	Z. Cunningham	Weatherly	McGaster	Williamson	Burks	Herndon
at Ole Miss	Mitchell	Butler	J. Woods	Azubike	Herring	Blasingame	Weatherly	McGaster	Williamson	Burks	Herndon
at MTSU	Mitchell	Butler	E. Smith (NB)	Azubike	Herring	Z. Cunningham	Weatherly	McGaster	Tarpley	Burks	Herndon
at South Carolina	Mitchell	Butler	Tarpley (NB)	Wynn	Herring	Z. Cunningham	Weatherly	McGaster	White	Burks	Herndon
Missouri	Mitchell	Butler	Tarpley (NB)	Wynn	Herring	Z. Cunningham	Weatherly	McGaster	Williamson	Burks	Herndon
at Houston	Stokes	Butler	J. Woods	E. Smith (NB)	Herring	Z. Cunningham	Weatherly	McGaster	Williamson	Burks	Herndon
at Florida	Stokes	Tarpley (NB)	Lealao	Wynn	Herring	Z. Cunningham	Weatherly	Ferguson	Williamson	Burks	Herndon
Kentucky											
Texas A&M											
at Tennessee											

TEAM STATISTICAL COMPARISONS

GAME-BY-GAME TEAM COMPARISONS

(NOTE: GAME TOTALS ARE DISPLAYED IN THE FORMAT TEAM/OPPONENT FOR EACH CATEGORY)

	SCORE	1ST DOWNS	RUSHING	PASSING	RUSH YDS	PASS YDS	PLAYS-TOTAL YDS	RET. YDS	TURNOVERS
Western Kentucky	L, 14-12	20/11	9/4	9/7	42-168/23-37	217/209	76-385/53-246	73/45	3/0
Georgia	L, 31-14	21/19	6/9	12/9	39-105/41-281	295/141	89-400/66-422	75/205	3/1
Austin Peay	W, 47-7	26/9	9/3	17/5	35-147/30-34	394/110	74-541/62-144	84/43	2/0
at Ole Miss	L, 27-16	21/30	8/11	9/13	43-128/42-151	194/321	85-322/84-472	122/98	0/2
at MTSU	W, 17-13	18/18	8/4	10/13	41-237/23-34	177/286	72-414/74-320	62/55	3/2
at South Carolina	L, 19-10	20/17	10/6	9/10	35-155/37-152	177/272	77-332/66-424	36/79	5/2
Missouri	W, 10-3	18/10	9/3	8/5	49-168/19-80	136/108	77-304/53-188	71/59	1/1
at Houston	L, 34-0	12/19	10/6	2/11	42-141/51-150	44/221	62-185/74-371	102/183	4/2
at Florida	L, 9-7	11/12	8/5	0/7	48-145/34-93	30/165	62-175/60-258	24/181	0/4
Kentucky									
Texas A&M									
at Tennessee									
Totals	133-157	167/145	77/51	76/80	373-1394/300-1012	1664/1833	673-3058 / 592-2845	649/948	21/14

GAME-BY-GAME TEAM COMPARISONS

(NOTE: GAME TOTALS ARE DISPLAYED IN THE FORMAT TEAM/OPPONENT FOR EACH CATEGORY)

	3RD DOWN	4TH DOWN	TIME POSS	MARGIN	YDS/RUSH	YDS/PASS	YDS/PLAY	PUNTING	PENALTY YDS
Western Kentucky	7-18/2-11	2-3/0-0	36:39/23:21	13:18	4.2/1.7	6.4/7.0	5.2/4.8	5-44.0/10-37.7	48/70
Georgia	7-21/4-13	3-4/0-0	32:57/27:03	5:54	2.7/6.9	5.9/5.6	4.5/6.4	6-45.0/6-40.5	20/92
Austin Peay	9-14/3-15	0-1/0-2	30:19/29:41	0:38	4.2/1.1	10.1/3.4	7.3/2.3	1-66.0/10-36.5	50/36
at Ole Miss	10-22/3-13	0-2/1-1	33:21/26:39	6:42	3.0/3.6	4.6/7.6	3.8/5.6	7-34.6/4-50.8	43/119
at MTSU	7-17/8-19	1-1/0-2	31:15/28:45	2:30	5.8/1.5	5.7/5.6	5.8/4.3	5-31.4/6-32.7	40/30
at South Carolina	6-15/2-13	0-1/0-0	32:50/27:10	5:40	4.4/4.1	4.2/9.4	4.3/6.4	6-38.2/5-42.6	53/39
Missouri	8-19/0-14	0-1/1-2	38:24/21:36	16:48	3.4/4.2	4.9/3.2	3.9/3.5	7-45.6/9-47.7	59/37
at Houston	3-14/7-17	0-0/1-2	26:45/33:15	-6:30	3.4/2.9	2.2/9.6	3.0/5.0	9-35.4/5-34.6	39/55
at Florida	5-18/3-13	1-2/0-3	31:54/28:06	3:48	3.0/2.7	2.1/6.3	2.8/4.3	10-42.2/5-44.4	45/61
Kentucky									
Texas A&M									
at Tennessee									
Totals	62-158/32-128	7-14/3-12	294:24/245:36	48:48	3.7/3.4	5.5/6.3	4.5/4.8	56-40.1/60-40.3	389/539

2015 STATISTICS

3RD DOWNS

	SCORE	OVERALL	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR
Western Kentucky	L, 14-12	7-18 (38.9%)	1-3 (33.3%)	2-5 (40.0%)	1-4 (25.0%)	3-6 (50.0%)
Georgia	L, 31-14	7-21 (33.3%)	1-6 (16.7%)	4-8 (50.0%)	0-3 (0.0%)	2-4 (50.0%)
Austin Peay	W, 47-7	9-14 (64.3%)	3-5 (60.0%)	1-2 (50.0%)	3-4 (75.0%)	2-3 (66.7%)
at Ole Miss	L, 27-16	10-22 (45.5%)	5-8 (62.5%)	0-4 (0.0%)	2-4 (50.0%)	3-6 (50.0%)
at MTSU	W, 17-13	7-17 (41.2%)	1-5 (20.0%)	2-4 (50.0%)	1-4 (25.0%)	3-4 (75.0%)
at South Carolina	L, 19-10	6-15 (40.0%)	2-4 (50.0%)	2-5 (40.0%)	1-3 (33.3%)	1-3 (33.3%)
Missouri	W, 10-3	8-19 (42.1%)	1-4 (25.0%)	4-6 (66.7%)	0-3 (0.0%)	3-6 (50.0%)
at Houston	L, 34-0	3-14 (21.4%)	0-3 (0.0%)	0-3 (0.0%)	3-6 (50.0%)	0-2 (0.0%)
at Florida	L, 9-7	5-18 (27.8%)	2-4 (50.0%)	1-4 (25.0%)	1-5 (20.0%)	1-5 (20.0%)
Kentucky						
Texas A&M						
at Tennessee						
Vanderbilt		62-158 (39.2%)	16-42 (38.1%)	16-41 (39.0%)	12-36 (33.3%)	18-39 (46.2%)
Opponents		32-128 (25.0%)	5-28 (17.9%)	10-39 (25.6%)	11-33 (33.3%)	6-28 (21.4%)

4TH DOWNS

	SCORE	OVERALL	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR
Western Kentucky	L, 14-12	2-3 (66.7%)	0-0 (0.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)	0-1 (0.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)
Georgia	L, 31-14	3-4 (75.0%)	2-2 (100.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	1-2 (50.0%)
Austin Peay	W, 47-7	0-1 (0.0%)	0-1 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)
at Ole Miss	L, 27-16	0-1 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-1 (0.0%)
at MTSU	W, 17-13	1-1 (100.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)
at South Carolina	L, 19-10	0-1 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-1 (0.0%)
Missouri	W, 10-3	0-1 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-1 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)
at Houston	L, 34-0	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)
at Florida	L, 9-7	1-2 (50.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)	0-1 (0.0%)
Kentucky						
Texas A&M						
at Tennessee						
Vanderbilt		7-14 (50.0%)	2-3 (66.7%)	2-3 (66.7%)	1-2 (50.0%)	2-6 (33.3%)
Opponents		3-12 (25.0%)	0-1 (0.0%)	1-4 (25.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)	1-6 (16.7%)

VANDERBILT-INSIDE OPPONENT 20-YARD LINE

OPPONENT	SCORE	Times in RZ	Times SCORED	TOTAL PTS	RUSH TDS	PASS TDS	TDS	FG MADE	FGA	-----FAILED IN RED ZONE-----				
										DN	INT	FUMB	HALF	GM
Western Kentucky	L, 14-12	5	2	9	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	0
Georgia	L, 31-14	4	1	8	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
Austin Peay	W, 47-7	7	6	37	5	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
at Ole Miss	L, 27-16	4	3	13	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
at MTSU	W, 17-13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	L, 19-10	3	2	10	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Missouri	W, 10-3	3	2	10	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
at Houston	L, 34-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	L, 9-7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kentucky														
at Texas A&M														
at Tennessee														
Totals		26	16	87	10	5	5	6	3	2	3	1	1	0

VU Season Totals: 16 of 26 (61.5%)

OPPONENTS-INSIDE VANDERBILT 20-YARD LINE

OPPONENT	SCORE	Times in RZ	Times SCORED	TOTAL PTS	RUSH TDS	PASS TDS	TDS	FG MADE	FGA	-----FAILED IN RED ZONE-----				
										DN	INT	FUMB	HALF	GM
Western Kentucky	L, 14-12	3	2	14	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Georgia	L, 31-14	3	2	10	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Austin Peay	W, 47-7	2	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
at Ole Miss	L, 27-16	6	5	27	3	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
at MTSU	W, 17-13	3	2	10	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
at South Carolina	L, 19-10	4	3	9	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	W, 10-3	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
at Houston	L, 34-0	5	5	27	3	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	L, 9-7	3	1	6	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Kentucky														
Texas A&M														
at Tennessee														
Opponent Totals		31	22	113	12	7	5	10	3	4	0	2	0	0

Opponent Season Totals: 22 of 31 (71.0%)

THE LAST TIME...

VANDERBILT

VANDERBILT – INDIVIDUALS

<u>The Last Time...</u>	<u>Player, Date</u>
Player scored 3 TDs.....	Ralph Webb, vs. Austin Peay (3, 9/19/2015)
Player scored 4 TDs or more.....	Earl Bennett, vs. Kentucky (5, 11/12/2005)
QB passes for 3 TDs.....	Johnny McCrary, vs. Old Dominion (5, 11/1/2014)
QB passes for 4 & more TDs.....	Johnny McCrary, vs. Old Dominion (5, 11/1/2014)
QB passed for 200+ yards.....	Johnny McCrary, vs. Austin Peay (3, 9/19/2015)
QB passed for 300+ yards.....	Johnny McCrary, vs. Austin Peay (3, 9/19/2015)
QB passed for 400+ yards.....	Chris Nickson, at Kentucky (446 yds., 11/11/2006)
70-yard (+) reception.....	Rodgers-Matthews, vs. Tennessee (71 yds., 11/17/2012)
Rushed for 100+ yards.....	Ralph Webb, at Florida (118 yds., 11/7/2015)
Rushed for 200+ yards.....	Frank Mordica, vs. Air Force (321 yds., 11/18/1978)
Rushed for 300+ yards.....	Frank Mordica, vs. Air Force (321 yds., 11/18/1978)
70-yard (+) rush.....	Ralph Webb, at Florida (74 yds., 11/7/2015)
Rushed for 3 (+) TD.....	Jerron Seymour, at Florida (3, 11/9/2013)
Receiver had 100+ yards.....	Trent Sherfield, vs. Austin Peay (240, 9/19/2015)
Receiver had 200+ yards.....	Trent Sherfield, vs. Austin Peay (240, 9/19/2015)
Had three TD receptions.....	Earl Bennett, vs. Richmond (3, 9/1/2007)
Had four (+) TD receptions.....	Earl Bennett, vs. Kentucky (5, 11/12/2005)
Kick return for TD.....	Darrius Sims, vs. South Carolina (100 yds., 9/12/2014)
Punt return for TD.....	Jonathan Krause, at Wake Forest (83 yds., 11/24/2012)
INT returned for TD.....	Darrius Sims, at Kentucky (13 yds., 10/27/2014)
Fumble return for TD.....	Adam Butler, vs. UMass (0 yds., 9/13/2014)
Kicked more than 3 FGs.....	John Markham, vs. Duke (4, 9/23/2000)
Kicked three FGs.....	Tommy Openshaw, vs. Ole Miss (3, 9/26/2015)
Kicked 50-yard (+) FG.....	Carey Spear, at South Carolina (54, 9/14/2013)
Posted 60-yard (+) punt.....	Tommy Openshaw, vs. Missouri (78, 10/24/2015)
Posted 70-yard (+) punt.....	Tommy Openshaw, vs. Missouri (78, 10/24/2015)
Posted at least 10 solo tackles.....	Zach Cunningham, at Florida (10, 11/7/2015)
Posted at least 10 total tackles.....	Zach Cunningham, at So. Carolina (12, 10/17/2015)
Posted 3+ tackles for loss.....	Zach Cunningham, at So. Carolina (4.0, 10/17/2015)
Posted 2+ interceptions.....	Torren McGaster, vs. Tennessee (2, 11/29/2014)
Posted 2+ fumble recoveries.....	Zach Cunningham, at Florida (2, 11/7/2015)
Posted 3+ passes defended.....	Torren McGaster, at MTSU (3, 10/3/2015)
Blocked opponent punt.....	Stephen Weatherly, vs. UMass (9/13/2014)
Returned blocked punt for TD.....	Stephen Weatherly, vs. UMass (11, 9/13/2014)
Blocked opponent FG.....	Nifae Lealao, vs. Ole Miss (9/26/2015)
Blocked a PAT attempt.....	Adam Butler, at Georgia (10/4/2014)
Scored on safety.....	Team, at Missouri (10/6/2012)
Posted 2-pt. conversion.....	Hudson-to-East pass, vs. Charleston So. (10/11/2014)

VANDERBILT – TEAM

<u>The Last Time...</u>	<u>Opponent, Date</u>
Achieved 30 (+) first downs.....	vs. Old Dominion (33, 11/1/2014)
Topped 500+ Yards in Total Offense.....	vs. Austin Peay (541, 9/19/2015)
300 or more passing yards.....	vs. Austin Peay (394, 9/19/2015)
400 or more passing yards.....	vs. Kentucky (446, 11/11/2006)
Rushed for 200+ yards.....	vs. MTSU (237, 10/3/2015)
Rushed for 300+ yards.....	vs. Presbyterian (410, 9/15/2012)
Rushed for 400+ yards.....	vs. Presbyterian (410, 9/15/2012)
Scored 40 points or more.....	vs. Austin Peay (47, 9/19/2015)
Scored 21+ points in quarter.....	vs. Austin Peay (21, 3rd qtr, 9/19/2015)
Held foe under 100 total yards.....	vs. Chattanooga (93, 9/6/2003)
Held foe between 100-200 total yards.....	vs. Missouri (188, 10/24/2015)
Held foe under 100 rushing yards.....	at Florida (93, 11/7/2015)
Held foe under 100 passing yards.....	Tennessee (92, 11/29/2014)
Held foe scoreless.....	at Kentucky (40-0, 11/3/2012)

OPPONENTS

OPPONENT – INDIVIDUALS

<u>The Last Time a VU Opponent...</u>	<u>Player (Team) Date</u>
Player scored three TDs.....	Jeff Driskel, Florida (3, 10/13/2012)
Player scored four TDs or more.....	Justin Boyles, Duke (4, 10/28/2006)
QB passes for three TDs.....	Dak Prescott, Miss. State (3, 11/22/2014)
QB passes for four TDs.....	Johnny Manziel, Texas A&M (4, 10/26/2013)
QB passed for 200+ yards.....	Perry Orth, So. Carolina (272 yds., 10/17/2015)
QB passed for 300+ yards.....	Chad Kelly, Ole Miss (321 yds., 9/26/2015)
QB passed for 400+ yards.....	Bo Wallace, Ole Miss (403 yds., 11/10/2012)
70-yard (+) reception.....	Orth-to-Cooper, So. Carolina (78 yds., 10/17/2015)
Rushed for 100+ yards.....	Brandon Wild, So. Carolina (119 yds., 10/17/2015)
Rushed for 200+ yards.....	Arian Foster, Tennessee (223 yds., 11/19/2005)
Rushed for 3 (+) TDs.....	Jeff Driskel, Florida (3, 10/13/2012)
70-yard (+) rush.....	Pharoh Cooper, So. Carolina (70 yds., 9/20/2014)
Receiver had 100+ yards.....	Demarcus Robinson, Florida (106 yds., 11/7/2015)
Receiver had 200+ yards.....	Craig Yeast, Kentucky (269 yds., 11/13/1998)
Had three (+) TD receptions.....	Sidney Rice, South Carolina (3, 10/22/2005)
Kick return for TD.....	Mike Wallace, Ole Miss (98 yds., 9/20/2008)
Punt return for TD.....	Cameron Sutton, Tennessee (76 yds., 11/29/2014)
INT return for TD.....	William Jackson III, Houston (55 yds., 9/12/2015)
Fumble return for TD.....	Christian Holmes, Miss. State (51 yds., 11/22/2014)
Blocked punt return for TD.....	Lorenzo Mathis, Charleston So. (17 yds., 10/11/2014)
Kicked three or more FGs.....	Elliott Fry, So. Carolina (4, 10/17/2015)
Kicked 50-yard (+) FG.....	Bryson Rose, Ole Miss (4, 11/3/2012)
Posted punt of 70+ yards.....	Ryan Janvion, Wake Forest (71, 11/30/2013)
Posted at least 10 total tackles.....	Antonio Morrison, Florida (10, 11/7/2015)
Posted 3+ tackles for loss.....	Alex McCalister, Florida (3.5, 11/7/2015)
Posted 2+ interceptions.....	Jacob Martin, Temple (2, 8/28/2014)
Blocked VU punt.....	Cale Luke, Ole Miss (9/26/2015)
Blocked VU FG.....	Sharrif Floyd, Florida (11/5/2011)
Scored on VU safety.....	Team, Arkansas (10/30/2010)

OPPONENT – TEAM

<u>The Last Time a VU Opponent...</u>	<u>Team, Date</u>
Achieved 30 (+) first downs in game.....	Ole Miss (30, 9/26/2015)
Topped 500 Yards in Total Offense.....	Miss. State (502, 11/22/2014)
Rushed for more than 200 yards.....	Georgia (281, 9/12/2015)
Rushed for more than 300 yards.....	Florida (326, 10/13/2012)
Rushed for more than 400 yards.....	Georgia Tech (404, 10/31/2009)
300 or more passing yards.....	Ole Miss (321, 9/26/2015)
Scored 40 points or more.....	Miss. State (51, 11/22/2014)
Scored 21+ points in quarter.....	Miss. State (21, 2nd qtr., 11/22/2014)
Held Vanderbilt under 100 rushing yards.....	Miss. State (49, 11/22/2014)
Held Vanderbilt under 100 passing yards.....	Florida (30, 11/7/2015)
Held Vanderbilt under 200 total yards.....	Florida (175, 11/7/2015)
Held Vanderbilt scoreless.....	Houston (34-0, 10/31/2015)

COMMODORES' LATE RALLY FALLS SHORT IN OPENER VS. WKU

NASHVILLE – Perhaps it's only fitting that Vanderbilt's comeback hopes Thursday died with a failed two-point conversion attempt.

All night long, the Commodores stumbled whenever they got near the end zone.

Joe Brown stopped Nathan Marcus a yard shy of the goal line on a two-point conversion attempt with 33 seconds left to preserve Western

Kentucky's 14-12 victory over Vanderbilt on Thursday night. Earlier in the game, Vanderbilt had failed to score on three separate trips inside Western Kentucky's 10-yard line.

"I thought all the way to the end we were going to win this game," Vanderbilt coach

Derek Mason said. "I came into this game that way, and I felt that way all the way through. I'm confident about what this football team can accomplish."

Vanderbilt's comeback hopes instead fell a yard short.

The Commodores had cut the lead to 14-12 when Johnny McCrary threw a 2-yard touchdown pass to Trent Sherfield on 4th-and-goal.

Brown made an open-field tackle after Marcus caught Johnny McCrary's pass on a potential game-tying conversion attempt.

GAME 1 SEPT. 3, 2015 NASHVILLE

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
WKU	0	0	7	7	14	1-0
VANDERBILT	0	3	0	9	12	0-1

2nd: VANDY: Openshaw 49-yd field goal, 7-29 2:58.

3rd: WKU: Allen 4-yd run (Schwettman kick), 2-69 0:28.

4th: VANDY: Openshaw 26-yd field goal, 9-52 3:19.

WKU: Higbee 9-yd pass from Doughty (Schwettman kick), 9-70 3:50.

VANDY: Sherfield 2-yd pass from McCrary (McCrary pass failed), 12-77 2:05.

STATISTICS

	WKU	VANDERBILT
FIRST DOWNS	11	20
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	22-38	42-176
PASSING YDS (NET)	209	217
PASSES ATT-COMP-INT	30-19-0	34-18-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	52-247	76-393
PUNT RETURNS-YARDS	0-0	3-12
KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS	2-45	3-61
INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS	2-0	0-0
PUNTS (NUMBER-AVG)	10-37.7	5-44.0
FUMBLES-LOST	2-0	2-1
PENALTIES-YARDS	9-70	5-48
POSSESSION TIME	23:21	36:39
THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	2 OF 11	7 OF 18
FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	0 OF 0	2 OF 3
RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES	2-3	2-5
SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS	1-5	2-13

RUSHING: WKU – Leon Allen 15-56; D'Andre Ferby 2-14; Brandon Doughty 5-(-32).

VANDY – Ralph Webb 18-70; Johnny McCrary 8-66; Dallas Rivers 11-26;

Darrius Sims 4-15; team 1-(-1).

PASSING: WKU – Doughty 19-30-0-209. VANDY – McCrary 18-34-2-217.

RECEIVING: WKU – Antwane Grant 5-29; Tyler Higbee 4-102; Allen 4-19; Taywan Taylor 3-40; N. Norris 3-19. VANDY – Trent Sherfield 4-63; Webb 3-27; Kris Kentera 2-48; DeAndre Woods 2-20; Steven Scheu 2-12; Sims 2-10; Caleb Scott 1-23; Rivers 1-12; Latevius Rayford 1-2.

MISTAKES DOOM COMMODORES IN LOSS TO NO. 10 GEORGIA

NASHVILLE – Vanderbilt coach Derek Mason says his quarterback Johnny McCrary is trying hard to make plays. The Commodores need to help him figure out how to protect the ball better with chances to score.

McCrary threw for 295 yards and a touchdown Saturday. But the redshirt sophomore also was intercepted three times, once in the end zone with the Commodores trying to rally late before losing 31-14 to No.

10 Georgia in the Southeastern Conference opener for both teams.

GAME 2 SEPT. 12, 2015 NASHVILLE

In two games, McCrary now has been intercepted five times with three of those in the end zone, and the Commodores now are 0-2 to start Mason's second season.

"If we can fix our red zone problems, it will be good for us," Mason said. "We're racking up yards, but not points."

Vanderbilt was trying to beat Georgia in back-to-back games in Nashville for the first time since the 1950s. The Commodores held the ball for nearly 33 minutes overall and rolled up 231 of their 400 yards in the fourth quarter.

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
GEORGIA	7	7	10	7	31	2-0, 1-0
VANDERBILT	0	6	0	8	14	0-2, 0-1

1st: UGA: McKenzie 77-yd punt return (Morgan kick).

2nd: VANDY: Openshaw 47-yd field goal, 11-38 5:13. UGA: Michel 31-yd run

(Morgan kick), 5-64 1:14. VANDY: Openshaw 41-yd field goal, 12-55 5:24.

3rd: UGA: Morgan 20-yd field goal, 8-39 2:58. UGA: Lambert 5-yd run (Morgan kick), 8-66 3:31.

4th: VANDY: Rayford 7-yd pass from McCrary (McCrary rush), 5-42 0:46. UGA: Sanders 88-yd interception return (Morgan kick).

STATISTICS

	UGA	VANDERBILT
FIRST DOWNS	19	21
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	41-281	39-105
PASSING YDS (NET)	141	295
PASSES ATT-COMP-INT	25-13-0	50-24-3
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	66-422	89-400
PUNT RETURNS-YARDS	3-89	2-6
KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS	2-27	3-69
INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS	3-88	0-0
PUNTS (NUMBER-AVG)	6-40.5	6-45.0
FUMBLES-LOST	1-0	1-0
PENALTIES-YARDS	10-92	4-20
POSSESSION TIME	27:03	32:57
THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	4 OF 13	7 OF 21
FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	0 OF 0	3 OF 4
RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES	2-3	1-4
SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS	3-21	1-5

RUSHING: UGA – Chubb 19-189; Michel 12-56; McKenzie 1-24; Marshall 5-11; Lambert 3-2; Team 1-(-1). VANDY – Webb 25-68; McCrary 8-17; Openshaw 1-13; Rivers 4-7; Sims 1-0.

PASSING: UGA – Lambert 11-21-0-116; Ramsey 2-4-0-25.

VANDY – McCrary 24-50-3-295.

RECEIVING: UGA – M. Mitchell 4-36; Michel 2-30; Chubb 2-13; Blazeovich 1-19; McKenzie 1-15; Godwin 1-10; Harris 1-10; Davis 1-8. VANDY – Webb 7-57; Rayford 7-57; D. Woods 3-57; Scheu 2-43; Scott 2-22; Sherfield 1-44; Kentera 1-9; Rivers 1-6.

2015 GAME RECAPS

COMMODORES ROLL TO FIRST WIN; SHERFIELD STARS VS. AUSTIN PEAY

NASHVILLE – Trent Sherfield may not have known he was on the brink of a record-setting performance Saturday, but his coach did.

Sherfield's 17-yard reception in the fourth quarter of Vanderbilt's 47-7 win over Austin Peay gave the sophomore 16 catches for 240 yards - the latter of which is the most by a Commodore in a single game.

"I knew," second-year Vanderbilt coach Derek Mason said. "I wanted him to have the record. I wanted him to have the catch. He's worked hard. You reward guys for the work they do. That's what I believe. I talked to (receivers coach) Cortez Hankton, I said, 'keep him in, let's play, let's keep doing what we're doing.' He got the catch, we got

him out of the game."

him out of the game."

By then, the game was long decided - due in large part to a 16-point outburst in the late moments of the second quarter, when Vanderbilt rallied from a 7-3 deficit to take a 19-7 advantage into the locker room at halftime.

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
AUSTIN PEAY	0	7	0	0	7	0-3
VANDERBILT	3	16	21	7	47	1-2

1st: VANDY: Openshaw 40-yd field goal, 5-20 2:41.

2nd: APSU: COLEMAN 14-yd pass from TAYLOR (BIRCHFIELD kick), 3-17 0:50. VANDY: Webb 3-yd run (Openshaw kick), 8-78 3:46. VANDY: Openshaw 38-yd field goal, 5-26 2:02. VANDY: Webb 9-yd pass from McCrary (Kentera rush failed), 6-68 1:07.

3rd: VANDY: Webb 2-yd run (Openshaw kick), 6-75 1:50. VANDY: Sherfield 26-yd pass from McCrary (Openshaw kick), 6-51 1:58. VANDY: McCrary 16-yd run (Openshaw kick), 8-71 2:03.

4th: VANDY: Rivers 4 yd run (Openshaw kick), 4-15 1:38.

STATISTICS

	APSU	VANDERBILT
FIRST DOWNS	9	26
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	30-34	35-147
PASSING YDS (NET)	110	394
PASSES ATT-COMP-INT	32-18-0	39-30-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	62-144	74-541
PUNT RETURNS-YARDS	0-0	6-67
KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS	3-42	1-17
INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS	1-1	0-0
PUNTS (NUMBER-AVG)	10-36.5	1-66.0
FUMBLES-LOST	1-0	2-1
PENALTIES-YARDS	5-36	7-50
POSSESSION TIME	29:41	30:19
THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	3 OF 15	9 OF 14
FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	0 OF 2	0 OF 1
RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES	1-2	6-7
SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS	0-0	3-16

RUSHING: APSU – Franklin 7-18; Morris 4-16; Davis 8-10; Roberson 2-1; TEAM 2-(-2); Taylor 7-(-9). VANDY – Webb 15-54; McCrary 5-41; Sims 2-27; Rivers 12-25; Banks 1-0.

PASSING: APSU – Taylor 18-32-0-110. VANDY – McCrary 28-33-0-368; Freebeck 2-6-1-26.

RECEIVING: APSU – Beard 5-21; Thomas 4-34; Coleman 3-23; Braswell 2-12; Davis 2-9; Coleman 1-9; Ballard 1-2. VANDY – Sherfield 16-240; Scott 3-24; Webb 3-22; D. Woods 2-52; Sims 2-32; Dorrell 1-9; L. Rayford 1-6; Rivers 1-5; Kentera 1-3.

COMMODORES DROP HARD-FOUGHT BATTLE AGAINST NO. 3 OLE MISS

OXFORD, Miss. – Vanderbilt stayed in the game against No. 3 Mississippi much longer than just about anyone expected.

But the Commodores could never find the big offensive play to pull off an upset over the Rebels.

Ole Miss beat Vanderbilt 27-16 on Saturday night, pushing past a feisty Commodores defense that slowed down the Rebels for the first time all season.

GAME 4 SEPT. 26, 2015 OXFORD, MISS.

"We are going to continue to get better," Vanderbilt coach Derek Mason said. "Teams are not going to want to see us in October and November, I can tell you that."

Vanderbilt (1-3, 0-2 Southeastern

Conference) lost its third straight against the Rebels, who came into the game averaging 64 points per game. Johnny McCrary threw for 194 yards and Ralph Webb ran for 90.

Vanderbilt stayed within striking distance all night thanks to a defense that didn't give up big plays and generally played mistake-free football.

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
VANDERBILT	3	0	10	3	16	1-3, 0-2
OLE MISS	7	6	7	7	27	4-0, 2-0

1st: VANDY: Openshaw 28-yd field goal, 19-73 7:17. OM: Stringfellow 20-yd pass from Kelly (Wunderlich kick) 5-72 1:04.

2nd: OM: Wunderlich 19-yd field goal, 15-78 4:18. OM: Wunderlich 39-yd field goal, 6-37 1:55.

3rd: VANDY: Openshaw 41-yd field goal, 7-50 1:43. VANDY: Webb 7-yd pass from McCrary (Openshaw kick), 7-80 3:06. OM: R. Nkemdiche 1-yd run (Wunderlich kick), 7-20 2:19.

4th: VANDY: Openshaw 34-yd field goal, 12-70 4:06. OM: Walton 3-yd run (Wunderlich kick), 9-80 2:41

STATISTICS

	VANDERBILT	OLE MISS
FIRST DOWNS	21	30
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	43-128	42-151
PASSING YDS (NET)	194	321
PASSES ATT-COMP-INT	42-23-0	42-24-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	85-322	84-472
PUNT RETURNS-YARDS	1-0	3-17
KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS	4-103	4-81
INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS	2-19	0-0
PUNTS (NUMBER-AVG)	7-34.6	4-50.8
FUMBLES-LOST	0-0	1-0
PENALTIES-YARDS	8-43	11-119
POSSESSION TIME	33:21	26:39
THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	10 OF 22	3 OF 13
FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	0 OF 2	1 OF 1
RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES	3-4	5-6
SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS	3-21	0-0

RUSHING: VANDY – Webb 25-90; Crawford 6-20; McCrary 7-11; Rivers 3-6; Sherfield 1-1. OLE MISS – Walton 21-133; Wilkins 7-26; Judd 2-4; Gleeson 1-3; R. Nkemdiche 1-1; Liggins 2-0; TEAM 3-(-6); Kelly 5-(-10).

PASSING: VANDY – McCrary 23-42-0-194. OLE MISS – Kelly 24-42-2-321.

RECEIVING: VANDY – Sherfield 7-55; Scheu 5-57; Scott 5-42; Crawford 2-11; Webb 2-11; Sims 1-17; Marcus 1-1. OLE MISS – L. Treadwell 8-135; Pack 6-52; D. Stringfellow 4-71; Ingram 3-41; Core 2-21; Walton 1-1.

COMMODORES RALLY LATE IN FOURTH FOR ROAD WIN AT MIDDLE TENNESSEE

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Ralph Webb ran for a 39-yard touchdown late in the fourth quarter to lift Vanderbilt past Middle Tennessee 17-13 on Saturday night.

The Commodores overcame a 10-point deficit with two touchdowns in the final 6:14. Quarterback Johnny McCrary scored on a 29-yard run before Webb scored with 1:12 left to play. It was Vanderbilt's (2-3) first win against an FBS opponent this season.

GAME 5

OCT. 3, 2015

MURFREESBORO, TENN.

"Once I broke through the second wave of the defense, all I saw was the end zone," Webb said. "I was trying to get there as fast as I could."

Webb ran for 155 yards on 25 carries for his first 100-yard rushing game of the season and third of his career.

"Bout time," Vanderbilt coach Derek Mason said. "I'll be honest with you. I've been waiting for him to hit one for a while."

"Sometimes you run out of time," said Mason. "Today we almost ran out of time. It was our first road win since I've been here, and that's huge for this young, growing football team."

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
VANDERBILT	3	0	0	14	17	2-3, 0-2
MTSU	3	3	0	7	13	2-3, 1-0

1st: MT: Clark 44-yd field goal, 8-48 2:03. VANDY: Openshaw 40-yd field goal, 4-7 1:28.

2nd: MT Clark 28-yd field goal, 11-64 3:03.

4th: MT: Batties 18-yd pass from Stockstill, B. (Clark kick), 12-63 5:13. VANDY: McCrary 29-yd run (Openshaw kick), 6-51 1:38. VANDY: Webb 39-yd run (Openshaw kick), 7-87 2:01.

STATISTICS

	VANDERBILT	MTSU
FIRST DOWNS	18	18
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	41-237	23-34
PASSING YDS (NET)	177	286
PASSES ATT-COMP-INT	31-18-2	51-32-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	72-414	74-320
PUNT RETURNS-YARDS	1-12	2-5
KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS	3-50	1-25
INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS	0-0	2-25
PUNTS (NUMBER-AVG)	5-31.4	6-32.7
FUMBLES-LOST	1-1	2-2
PENALTIES-YARDS	6-40	5-30
POSSESSION TIME	31:15	28:45
THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	7 OF 17	8 OF 19
FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	1 OF 1	0 OF 2
RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES	0-0	2-3
SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS	0-0	2-9

RUSHING: VANDERBILT – Webb 25-155; Sherfield 1-34; McCrary 6-33; Rivers 8-18; TEAM 1-(-3). MT – Bryson, J. 7-17; Stockstill, B. 3-11; Tucker 10-9; Parker 2-2; TEAM 1-(-5).

PASSING: VANDERBILT – McCrary 18-31-2-177. MT – Stockstill, B. 32-51-0-286.

RECEIVING: VANDERBILT – Sherfield 6-63; Scott 3-43; Kentera 3-32; Webb 2-21; Dorrell 1-10; Monroe 1-4; Scheu 1-3; L. Rayford 1-1. MT – Batties 10-82; James 8-95; Tucker 4-16; Barnes 3-37; Pettis 2-27; Ducksworth, R. 2-19; Frazier, D. 1-8; Parker 1-4; Bryson, J. 1-(-2).

TURNOVERS DOOM COMMODORES; FALL ON ROAD TO SOUTH CAROLINA

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Vanderbilt coach Derek Mason is ready for his football team to grow up and stop making mistakes.

The second-year coach was frustrated after the Commodores (2-4, 0-3 Southeastern) lost 19-10 to South Carolina on Saturday, turning the ball over five times and committing key penalties in what might have been their best chance at an SEC win this season.

GAME 6

OCT. 17, 2015

COLUMBIA, S.C.

"Our football team continues to shoot itself in the foot," Mason said. "We've got to be better all around."

Vanderbilt appeared to have the momentum, turning a 6-0 deficit into a 10-6 lead with a touchdown on a 14-play drive late in the second quarter and a field goal on a 10-play drive early in the second half. But then came the turning point of the game. Gamecocks quarterback Perry Orth hit Pharoah Cooper as he came across the field and the junior outran the defense for the 78-yard touchdown.

The rest of the game turned sloppy. Vanderbilt would turn the ball over four times and South Carolina (3-4, 1-4) twice after Cooper's touchdown.

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
VANDERBILT	0	7	3	0	10	2-4, 0-3
SOUTH CAROLINA	6	0	10	3	19	3-4, 1-4

1st: SC: Fry 47-yd field goal, 4-(-5) 1:02. SC: Fry 31-yd field goal, 11-74 3:54.

2nd: VANDY: Scott 4-yd pass from McCrary (Openshaw kick), 14-79 6:43.

3rd: VANDY: Openshaw 23-yd field goal, 10-73 5:43. SC: Cooper 78-yd pass from Orth (Fry kick), 3-83 1:30. SC: Fry 19-yd field goal, 8-44 2:52.

4th: SC: Fry 22-yd field goal, 5-12 1:10.

STATISTICS

	VANDERBILT	S. CAROLINA
FIRST DOWNS	20	17
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	35-155	37-152
PASSING YDS (NET)	177	272
PASSES ATT-COMP-INT	42-21-3	29-17-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	77-332	66-424
FUMBLE RETURNS-YARDS	0-0	1-11
PUNT RETURNS-YARDS	1-2	1-4
KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS	2-34	3-53
INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS	1-0	3-11
PUNTS (NUMBER-AVG)	6-38.2	5-42.6
FUMBLES-LOST	5-2	2-1
PENALTIES-YARDS	6-53	6-39
POSSESSION TIME	32:50	27:10
THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	6 OF 15	2 OF 13
FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	0 OF 1	0 OF 0
RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES	2-3	3-4
SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS	2-12	3-19

RUSHING: VANDERBILT – Sims 6-104; Webb 16-58; McCrary 11-6; Rivers 1-(-2); TEAM 1-(-11). SC – Wilds 24-119; D. Williams 7-49; TEAM 2-(-3); Orth 4-(-13).

PASSING: VANDERBILT – McCrary 21-42-3-177.

SC – Orth 17-28-1-272; TEAM 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING: VANDERBILT – Scheu 6-59; Sims 3-22; L. Rayford 3-18; Webb 2-23; Scott 2-20; Sherfield 2-18; Marcus 1-10; Monroe 1-6; C. Dorrell 1-1.

SC – Cooper 7-160; Neal 4-49; Adams 2-32; Wilds 2-10; Googer 1-13; Williams 1-8.

2015 GAME RECAPS

COMMODORES WIN SLUGFEST TO GIVE MASON FIRST CONFERENCE VICTORY

NASHVILLE – A low-scoring game felt just right for Vanderbilt coach Derek Mason as he earned his first Southeastern Conference win in 12 tries.

Vanderbilt held Missouri to 188 total yards and 10 first downs in route to a 10-3 win Saturday. It was the fewest yards allowed by Vanderbilt against an SEC opponent since a 2006 loss to Mississippi.

GAME 7 OCT. 24, 2015 NASHVILLE

"Love it - I'll sleep well tonight," said Mason, who doubles as the Commodores' defensive coordinator. "Some people may want to see higher scores and what it looks like, but let me tell you, two weeks from now it'll still be 10-3 and it'll still be in the win column. So let's go."

One stat in particular stood out for Mason - Missouri's 0 for 14 mark on third down conversions.

"0 for 14 on third downs - who would have thunk it? Really," said Mason, who was awarded the game ball by Vanderbilt Athletics Director David Williams. "Just an unbelievable effort by those guys (on defense)."

The Tigers' struggling offense fell to 3 for 41 on third down conversions during the last three games.

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
MISSOURI	0	3	0	0	3	4-4, 1-4
VANDERBILT	0	7	0	3	10	3-4, 1-3

2nd: VANDY: Webb 1-yd run (Openshaw kick), 11-72 4:44. MU: Baggett 35-yd field goal, 4-3 1:17.

4th: VANDY: Openshaw 40-yd field goal, 14-49 6:14.

STATISTICS

	MISSOURI	VANDERBILT
FIRST DOWNS	10	18
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	19-80	49-168
PASSING YDS (NET)	108	136
PASSES ATT-COMP-INT	34-14-0	28-17-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	53-188	77-304
FUMBLE RETURNS-YARDS	0-0	0-0
PUNT RETURNS-YARDS	2-9	7-71
KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS	3-50	0-0
INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS	0-0	0-0
PUNTS (NUMBER-AVG)	9-47.7	7-45.6
FUMBLES-LOST	2-1	1-1
PENALTIES-YARDS	6-37	5-59
POSSESSION TIME	21:36	38:24
THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	0 OF 14	8 OF 19
FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	1 OF 2	0 OF 1
RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES	1-2	2-3
SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS	3-24	4-26

RUSHING: MIZZOU – Lock 8-39; Fatony 1-26; Hansbrough 8-12; Witter 2-3.

VANDERBILT – Webb 26-99; Sims 9-58; Crawford 5-19; Rivers 2-8; TEAM 1 (-1); McCrary 3 (-4); Shurmur 3 (-11).

PASSING: MIZZOU – Lock 14-34-0-108. **VANDERBILT** – Shurmur 10-20-0-89; McCrary 7-8-0-47.

RECEIVING: MIZZOU – Moore 4-30; Hansbrough 4-17; Leftwich 3-8; Dilosa 2-17; Hall 1-6. **VANDERBILT** – Sherfield 5-35; Scheu 5-28; Sims 2-29; Scott 2-13; Marcus 1-11; Webb 1-11; L. Rayford 1-9.

FOUR TURNOVERS TOO MUCH TO OVERCOME IN LOSS AT HOUSTON

HOUSTON – Vanderbilt coach Derek Mason apologized for the way his team played Saturday night against No. 18 Houston.

In every facet of the game, Mason said the Commodores have to get better after Greg Ward Jr. threw for a score and ran for another and Houston's defense forced four turnovers in a 34-0 romp.

GAME 8 OCT. 31, 2015 HOUSTON

"I apologize for the bad ball tonight," Mason said. "We had to eliminate it and we didn't but we will come back and we will get this thing fixed, that's what I see."

Ward rushed for a 5-yard score with three minutes left in the first and then found Demarcus Ayers for an 11-yard TD in the second quarter, as the Cougars led 20-0 at the half. Ward finished 15 of 23 passing for 221 yards and the Cougars reached 8-0 for the fourth time in school history and first time since 2011.

Kenneth Farrow carried 16 times for 82 yards and had a 15-yard rushing score near the end of the third quarter.

The Cougars outgained the Commodores 371-185, as Houston's defense collected its first shutout since a 34-0 win over SMU on Nov. 29, 2013.

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
VANDERBILT	0	0	0	0	0	3-5
HOUSTON	7	13	14	0	34	8-0

1st: HOU: Ward Jr. 5-yd run (Cummings kick), 3-5 0:48.

2nd: HOU: Cummings 22-yd field goal, 9-77 2:22. HOU: Ayers 11-yd pass from Ward Jr. (Cummings kick), 3-12 0:42. HOU: Cummings, Ty 37-yd field goal, 11-42 5:27.

3rd: HOU: Jackson III 55-yd interception return (Cummings kick). HOU: Farrow 15-yd run (Cummings kick), 6-36 1:31.

STATISTICS

	VANDERBILT	HOUSTON
FIRST DOWNS	12	19
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	42-141	51-150
PASSING YDS (NET)	44	221
PASSES ATT-COMP-INT	20-5-3	23-15-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	62-185	74-371
FUMBLE RETURNS-YARDS	0-0	0-0
PUNT RETURNS-YARDS	2-3	3-66
KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS	5-99	1-24
INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS	0-0	3-93
PUNTS (NUMBER-AVG)	9-35.4	5-34.6
FUMBLES-LOST	2-1	3-2
PENALTIES-YARDS	6-39	6-55
POSSESSION TIME	26:45	33:15
THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	3 OF 14	7 OF 17
FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	0 OF 0	1 OF 2
RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES	0-0	5-5
SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS	3-29	3-21

RUSHING: VANDERBILT – Webb 26-99; Sims 5-19; Crawford 4-14; Rivers 2-12; McCrary 4-4; Shurmur 1 (-7). **HOUSTON** – Farrow 16-82; Ward Jr. 19-33; Webb 9-21; Jackson 4-11; Ayers 3-3.

PASSING: VANDERBILT – Shurmur 3-11-1-20; McCrary 2-9-2-24. **HOUSTON** – Ward Jr. 15-23-0-221.

RECEIVING: VANDERBILT – L. Rayford 3-37; Scott 1-4; Webb 1-3. **HOUSTON** – Ayers 5-59; Allen 3-95; Dunbar 3-31; Johnson 2-14; Jackson 1-14; Leday 1-8.

VANDERBILT UPSET BID AT FLORIDA DERAILED BY LATE GATOR FIELD GOAL

Gainesville, Fla. – Vanderbilt coach Derek Mason showed his team the Buster Douglas-Mike Tyson fight from 1990 on Friday night.

The Commodores nearly pulled off a similar upset Saturday in the Swamp.

Austin Hardin's 43-yard field goal with 2:22 remaining helped No. 11 Florida beat pesky Vanderbilt 9-7 and clinch a spot in the Southeastern Conference championship game.

GAME 9
Nov. 7, 2015
GAINESVILLE, FLA.

"What it comes down to is there's a time in the fight where you've got to take the punch," Mason said. "You've got to jab, take the punch, when the opening comes, hopefully you hit it."

"For us, we jabbed, jabbed, jabbed and then we went for the knockout blow and we came up a little short," he said. "I told our guys, 'Don't hang your head. You've got nothing to regret.'"

Vanderbilt (3-6, 1-4 SEC) held Florida to 258 yards, including 57 in the second half. But the Gators (8-1, 6-1) did just enough on their next-to-last possession to set up Hardin's winning kick.

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
VANDERBILT	0	7	0	0	7	3-6, 1-4
FLORIDA	6	0	0	3	9	8-1, 6-1

1st: UF: Taylor 3-yd run (N. MacInnes kick failed), 6-41 2:29.

2nd: VANDY: Webb 74 yd run (Lekacz kick), 1-74 0:11.

4th: UF: Hardin 43-yd field goal, 6-20 3:15.

STATISTICS

	VANDERBILT	FLORIDA
FIRST DOWNS	11	12
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	48-145	34-93
PASSING YDS (NET)	30	165
PASSES ATT-COMP-INT	14-3-0	26-13-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	62-175	60-258
FUMBLE RETURNS-YARDS	0-0	0-0
PUNT RETURNS-YARDS	1-1	8-110
KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS	2-23	1-71
INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS	1-0	0-0
PUNTS (NUMBER-AVG)	10-42.2	5-44.4
FUMBLES-LOST	1-0	3-3
PENALTIES-YARDS	7-45	8-61
POSSESSION TIME	31:54	28:06
THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	5 OF 18	3 OF 13
FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	1 OF 2	0 OF 3
RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES	0-0	1-3
SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS	3-13	5-27

RUSHING: VANDERBILT – Webb 22-118; Sherfield 1-17; Rivers 6-16; McCrary 11-3; Crawford 1-0; TEAM 1-(-2); Sims 6-(-7). FLORIDA – Taylor 17-47; Harris 8-34; Scarlett 4-8; Powell 3-6; Team 2-(-2).

PASSING: VANDERBILT – McCrary 3-14-0-30. FLORIDA – Harris 12-24-1-158; Robinson 0-1-0-0; Townsend 1-1-0-7.

RECEIVING: VANDERBILT – Dobbs 1-21; Rivers 1-6; Monroe 1-3 FLORIDA – Robinson 9-106; Goolsby 1-24; Powell 1-17; Callaway 1-11; Jefferson 1-7.