

# VANDERBILT GAME NOTES



3-5, 1-3 (SEC East)    7-1, 5-1 (SEC East)

## VANDERBILT-FLORIDA INFO

**DATE:** Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015  
**KICKOFF:** 11 a.m. CT  
**STADIUM:** Ben Hill Griffin Stadium  
**TELEVISION: ESPN**  
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 Paul Carcaterra, sidelines

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## FACING RANKED TEAMS

Vanderbilt will be seeking its first victory over a team ranked in the Associated Press Top 25 in more than two years when it faces Florida. The team's last win over ranked foe came against No. 19 Georgia in October 2003. **More on page 2**

## DEFENSE AMONG LEADERS

Vanderbilt ranks among SEC and NCAA leaders in numerous defensive categories, including scoring defense, first downs allowed, total defense, rush defense and third-down conversions. **More on page 2**

## CUNNINGHAM IMPRESSES

In the last five games, **Zach Cunningham** (R-So., ILB) has developed from reserve contributor to the team's top defensive playmaker and leading tackler. He continued his excellent play with a stellar effort at Houston. **More on page 9**

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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	11 am, ESPN	No. 11 Gators defeat Georgia 27-3 in Jacksonville
11/14	KENTUCKY	Nashville	3 pm, SECN	'Cats fall to 4-4, lose 52-21 at home to Tennessee
11/21	TEXAS A&M	Nashville	TBA	Texas A&M now 6-2 after win over South Carolina
11/28	TENNESSEE	Knoxville	TBA	Vols improve to 4-4 with 52-21 win over Kentucky.

All kick times are CT

# COMMODORES STAY ON THE ROAD; FACE 11TH RANKED FLORIDA GATORS

## Vanderbilt seeks second victory in SEC play

- ★ Vanderbilt will open the 2016 season by hosting South Carolina on Thursday, Sept. 1. **- Page 2**
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## VANDERBILT, FLORIDA QUICK FACTS



	VANDERBILT	FLORIDA
Location	Nashville, Tenn.	Gainesville, Fla.
Founded	1873	1853
Enrollment	6,850	32,500
Conference	Southeastern (East)	Southeastern (East)
Nickname	Commodores	Gators
Colors	Black & Gold	Orange & Blue
Home Field	Vanderbilt Stadium	Ben Hill Griffin Stadium
Capacity	40,350	88,548
Field Surface	artificial	natural grass
Head Coach	Derek Mason (2nd)	Jim McElwain (1st)
Record at School	6-14 (.300)	7-1 (.875)
Career Record	6-14 (.300)	29-17 (.630)
Coach's Twitter	@CoachDerekMason	@CoachMcElwain
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# COMMODORE NOTES

## DEFENSE PLAYING AT HIGH LEVEL; UNIT LEADS SEC IN TWO CATEGORIES

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

The 'Dores have allowed opponents to convert just 25

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

The unit also tops all SEC teams in limiting opponent possessions inside the Vanderbilt 20-yard line. Teams are scoring at a 75% rate on red-zone possessions (21-of-28). Vanderbilt's success in keeping opponents out of the end zone on those possessions – only 10 drives have resulted in touchdowns – is a key factor why the Commodores are ranked No. 5 in the SEC in scoring defense (18.5 pts).

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

### DEFENSIVE RANKINGS

CATEGORY	AVG.	SEC RANK	NCAA RANK
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	25%	1	5
RED-ZONE DEFENSE	75%	T-2	T-17
RUSHING YARDAGE	114.9	4	18
SCORING DEFENSE	18.5	5	24
FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED	16.6	5	16
TOTAL DEFENSE	323.4	6	22

## BOWDEN, SKULE EXPECTED TO MISS REST OF SEASON DUE TO INJURY

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

Bowden, a product of Central High School in Macon, Ga., has not played since the Georgia game due to concussion syndrome. Bowden has not practiced since the injury.

Bowden, the team's leading tackler and an SEC All-Freshman selection in 2014, honors after leading all first-year players in the league with 78 total tackles. Bowden is expected to return for the 2016 season.

Skule suffered a season-ending injury in the first half at Houston.

Bowden and Skule becomes 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.

## THIRTEEN COMMODORES HAVE STARTED EVERY GAME THIS SEASON

Thirteen Commodores have started every game this year. The list includes six defensive performers, six offensive contributors and a specialist.

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

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 eight games.

**Tommy Openshaw** (R-So.) also has started every game at the team's placekicker and punter.

## 'DORES-GAMECOCKS SCHEDULED IN THURSDAY OPENER NEXT YEAR

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 Thursday game recently between the Commodores and Gamecocks, with South Carolina claiming a 17-13 win in 2012 and Vanderbilt earning a 24-17 decision in 2008. The Commodores are 3-7 all-time in Thursday games.

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

## VANDERBILT SEEKING FIRST VICTORY OVER RANKED OPPONENT SINCE 2013

The Commodores will be looking for their first win over a Associated Press Top 25 squad in more than two years when they face Florida this Saturday.

The team's last win over a team ranked by the AP came on Oct. 5, 2013 – a 31-27 victory over Georgia. Since then, Vanderbilt has fallen to seven straight ranked teams, including three Top 25 teams earlier this season.

### 2016 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location
Sept. 1	South Carolina	Nashville
Sept. 10	Middle Tenn.	Nashville
Sept. 17	Georgia Tech	Atlanta
Sept. 24	Western Ky.	Bowling Green
Oct. 1	Florida	Nashville
Oct. 8	Kentucky	Lexington
Oct. 15	Georgia	Athens
Oct. 22	Tenn. State	Nashville
Nov. 5	Auburn	Auburn
Nov. 12	Missouri	Columbia
Nov. 19	Ole Miss	Nashville
Nov. 26	Tennessee	Nashville

### FACING RANKED TEAMS

Year	Opponent	Result
Oct. 31, 2015	at #18 Houston	L, 0-34
Sept. 26, 2015	at #3 Ole Miss	L, 16-27
Sept. 12, 2015	#10 Georgia	L, 14-31
Nov. 22, 2014	at #4 Miss. State	L, 0-51
Oct. 4, 2014	at #13 Georgia	L, 17-44
Sept. 20, 2014	#14 South Carolina	L, 34-48
Sept. 6, 2014	#15 Ole Miss	L, 3-41
Oct. 26, 2013	at #16 Texas A&M	L, 24-56
Oct. 5, 2013	#19 Georgia	W, 31-27

*rankings from Associated Press Poll*

# THE FLORIDA SERIES

## THE VANDERBILT-FLORIDA SERIES

- ★ Meeting between schools: 49th
- ★ All-time series record: Vanderbilt trails, 10-36-2
- ★ Last meeting: Vanderbilt 10-Florida 34 (2014)
- ★ First meeting: Vanderbilt 7-Florida 0 (1945)
- ★ Last meeting in Gainesville: Vanderbilt 34-Florida 17 (2013)
- ★ Last meeting in Nashville: Vanderbilt 10, Florida 34 (2014)
- ★ Vanderbilt record vs. Gators in Florida: 3-19-1
- ★ Longest Vanderbilt win streak: 3

## MORE ON THE FLORIDA SERIES

Vanderbilt's 34-17 victory in 2013 broke a 22-game losing streak in the series dating back to a 24-9 Commodore victory in 1988.

The Commodores are 3-19-1 all-time against the Gators in games played in Florida. The 2013 victory marked the Commodores' first win in Gainesville since a 7-0 triumph in 1945.

Vanderbilt controlled the series in its infancy, winning five of the first seven games played between the schools from 1945-1955.

## VANDERBILT ROSTER INCLUDES NINE PLAYERS FROM FLORIDA

Nine players on the Commodore roster, including three probable starters, hail from the state of Florida.

Only three states have provided more players on the Commodore roster: Georgia (17), Tennessee (17) and Alabama (9).

The three Commodores from Florida expected to start against the Gators include OT **Will Holden** (R-Jr., Green Cove Springs), P/PK **Tommy Openshaw** (R-So., Jacksonville) and RB **Ralph Webb** (R-So., Gainesville). **Blake Fromang** (R-Jr., OT, Orlando), also could be in the starting lineup.

Other players from Florida are QB **Wade Freebeck** (So., Davie), ILB **Jordan Griffin** (Fr., Tampa), OL **Kevin McCoy** (R-Jr., Tampa), OLB **Landon Stokes** (R-So., Orlando) and ILB **Ja'karrri Thomas** (R-Jr., Tallahassee).

Stokes also earned his first career start last week at Houston.

## PREP TEAMMATES FACING EACH OTHER

Five Commodore players will face prep teammates this Saturday.

• **Wade Freebeck** (So., QB) and **Chandler Dorrell** (Jr., WR) attended St. Thomas Aquinas H.S. in Fort Lauderdale. The school also produced two Gators - **Bryan Cox Jr.** (R-Jr., DL) and **Jordan Scarlett** (Fr., RB).

• **Jordan Griffin** (Fr., LB) and **Kevin McCoy** (R-Jr., OL) were teammates at Armwood H.S. near Tampa. The school also produced Florida's **Josh Grady** (Grad., QB) and **Alvin Bailey** (So., WR).

• **Ralph Webb** (R-So., RB) starred at Gainesville (Fla.) H.S. The school also produced three members of the Gator squad: **Case Harrison** (So., WR), **Chris Thompson** (Jr., WR) and **Chris Williamson** (Fr., DB).

## 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

## LAST TIME VS. FLORIDA

## TURNOVERS TOO MUCH TO OVERCOME, COMMODORES FALL TO GATORS

**NASHVILLE** – Four turnovers proved just too much for Vanderbilt against Florida as the Commodores dropped a 34-10 to decision to Florida.

"It would have been a fist-fight," Vanderbilt coach Derek Mason said if only his Commodores had protected the ball better. "It would have come down to the fourth quarter and the last possession. It would have gone down to the wire without turnovers."

**GAME 10**  
**NOV. 8, 2014**  
**NASHVILLE**

The loss snapped Vanderbilt's streak of three straight bowl games as the Commodores dropped to 3-7 overall and 0-6 in the Southeastern Conference.

Webb set the freshman season rushing record, passing Kwane Doster who had 798 yards rushing as a freshman in 2002. Webb now has 843 yards rushing, but he was smothered by the Gators after rushing for 67 yards on 10 carries in the first quarter. His two fumbles in the second quarter came just after the defense had stopped the Gators with a big goal-line stand.

## SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
FLORIDA	7	10	0	17	34	5-3, 4-3
VANDERBILT	7	0	0	3	10	3-7, 0-6

**1st:** VANDY: Scheu 33-yd. pass from McCrary (Openshaw kick), 7-86 3:38.

UF: Taylor 13-yd. run (Velez kick), 10-60 4:01.

**2nd:** UF: Driskel 1 yd. run (Velez kick), 4-9 1:37.

UF: Velez 40-yd. field goal, 9-20 4:23.

**4th:** UF: Harris 7-yd. run (Velez kick), 7-84 2:02.

VANDY: Openshaw 48-yd. field goal, 5-38 1:27.

UF: Harris 33-yd. run (Velez kick), 6-66 2:29. UF: Velez 25-yd. field goal, 5-18 2:03.

## STATISTICS

	FLORIDA	VANDERBILT
FIRST DOWNS	19	17
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	50-214	24-83
PASSING YDS (NET)	215	225
PASSES ATT-COMP-INT	22-13-0	45-21-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	72-429	69-308
PUNT RETURNS-YARDS	2-(-2)	2-14
KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS	3-87	6-151
INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS	2-0	0-0
PUNTS (NUMBER-AVG)	5-47.6	6-41.5
FUMBLES-LOST	1-0	2-2
PENALTIES-YARDS	10-82	6-49
POSSESSION TIME	35:01	24:59
THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	6 OF 15	4 OF 16
FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	1 OF 2	3 OF 4
RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES	5-6	0-1
SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS	0-0	2-6

**RUSHING:** FLORIDA – Jones 17-82; Taylor 13-55; Harris 10-49; Lane 3-12; Driskel 4-10; Brown 2-8; Powell 1-(-2). VANDERBILT – Ralph Webb 16-83; Johnny McCrary 1-2; Patton Robinette 3-(-1); Dallas Rivers 4-(-1).

**PASSING:** FLORIDA – Harris 13-21-0-215; Driskel 0-1-0-0. VANDERBILT – McCrary 14-35-2-160; Robinette 7-10-0-65.

**RECEIVING:** FLORIDA – Dunbar 4-97; Fulwood 2-62; Robinson 2-22; Powell 1-18; Thompson 1-12; Pittman 1-6; Jones 1-4; Taylor 1-(-6).

VANDERBILT – Latevius Rayford 8-53; Davis Dudchock 5-83; Steven Scheu 5-74; C.J. Duncan 1-6; Chandler Dorrell 1-6; Webb 1-3.



## VANDERBILT 2014-15 COMPARISON

OFFENSE	2015	2014	Change +/-
TOTAL OFFENSE	360.4	266.6	+93.8
FIRST DOWNS	19.5	13.6	+5.9
RUSHING YARDAGE	156.2	102.2	+54.0
PASSING YARDAGE	204.2	164.4	+39.8
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	32:48	28:07	+4.41
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	41%	29%	+12%
DEFENSE	2015	2014	Change +/-
SCORING DEFENSE	18.5	32.8	-14.3
TOTAL DEFENSE	323.4	412.0	-88.6
FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED	16.6	22.1	-5.5
RUSHING YARDAGE	114.9	186.6	-71.7
PASSING YARDAGE	208.5	225.4	-16.9
TOUCHDOWNS ALLOWED	16	32	-16
DEF. PASSING EFFICIENCY	115.0	139.7	-24.7
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	25%	41%	-16%
TEAM	2015	2014	Change +/-
OVERALL RECORD	3-5	2-6	+1
PENALTY YARDS	43.0	54.5	+11.5
RED ZONE OFFENSE	62%	81%	-19%
RED ZONE DEFENSE	75%	91%	+16%

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

## VANDERBILT SHOWS IMPROVEMENT IN NEARLY EVERY AREA FROM YEAR AGO

A review of early-season statistics continue to reveal the 2015 Commodores to be much improved over the 2014 squad.

The 2015 Commodores, 3-5 overall, have improved in nearly every key stat category from last year, when Vanderbilt owned a 2-6 record.

The 2015 defense, directed by Head Coach **Derek Mason**, continues to experience vast improvement. The unit has allowed 18.5 points per game, 14.3 points less than in 2014. It has allowed 323.4 yards of total offense, 88.6 yards less than a year ago; and kept opponents to just 16.6 first downs, 5.5 less than in 2014. The defense also has experienced significant reductions in rushing yards allowed (from 186.6 to 114.9) and passing yards (from 225.4 to 208.7). The impacts of better Commodore defenses have resulted in 16 fewer opponent touchdowns, a 16% drop in third-down conversions by opponents, and a drop in red-zone efficiency from 91% in 2014 to 75% this year.

On offense, the Commodores under first-year coordinator **Andy Ludwig** has averaged 360.4 yards of total offense - 93.8 yards more than a year ago. The 2015 Commodores have experienced substantial increases in both rushing yards (54.0 yards more this year) and passing yards (39.8 yards more than in 2014). First downs are up nearly 60 percent, from 13.6 in 2014 to 19.5 this year. The added production has resulted in a 65% increase in third down conversions and a 4:41 improvement in time of possession.

Unfortunately, struggles in the red zone and a poor turnover margin has kept the offensive point production down – the team's 15.8 points per game is just under the 2014 average.

## SCHEU A CANDIDATE FOR SEVERAL POSTGRADUATE HONORS

**Steven Scheu** (R-Sr., TE) has been added as a candidate for the Wuerffel Trophy.

It marks the third prestigious award under consideration for Scheu, a product of Reitz Memorial H.S. in Evansville, Ind. He was also named as a candidate for the William V. Campbell Trophy, and the Senior CLASS Award.

Scheu has 21 catches for 202 yards this season. He ranks as the team's active career leader with 77 receptions, 895 receiving yards and six TDs. He did not have a catch at Houston.

Scheu becomes the fourth Commodore in the last five years to garner attention for the Wuerffel Trophy, which recognizes accomplishment on and off the field. Other Vanderbilt student-athletes strongly considered for the award were snapper **Andrew East** (2014), kicker **Carey Spear** (2013) and **Chris Marve** (2011).

Scheu was named a semifinalist for the Campbell Trophy, presented by The National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, on Sept. 24. Known as the "Academic Heisman," the Campbell Trophy recognizes an individual as the absolute best football scholar-athlete in the nation. Scheu is one of 56 FBS players selected as a semifinalist for the honor that requires a candidate to be a senior or graduate student in their final year of eligibility, have a GPA of at least 3.2, be a significant contributor on the field and have demonstrated strong leadership and citizenship. He was not chosen among the Campbell Trophy finalists.

Earlier in September, Scheu was selected as one of 30 Football Bowl Subdivision student-athletes to be tabbed as a candidate for the 2015 Senior CLASS Award. The recognition honors student-athletes who have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition.

Scheu, a 2014 Second Team All-SEC selection, led all SEC tight ends in catches and ranked second in yards last season. His 525 receiving yards were the most by a Vanderbilt tight end since 1983.

Scheu will graduate in December with a degree in medicine, health and society, and he expects to enter postseason studies.

He is a three-time selection to the SEC Academic Honor Roll and two-time member of the team's leadership council.

## DOZEN TRUE FRESHMEN HAVE PLAYED 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.

The full list of true freshmen participants follows:

### TRUE FRESHMAN CONTRIBUTORS

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

# 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 Southeastern Conference Championship activities this December in Atlanta.

A native of Birmingham, Ala., Bennett was a three-year All-SEC receiver. He set numerous conference 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 and SEC Offensive Player of the Year **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 the Chicago Bears and recently returned to Vanderbilt to complete his undergraduate degree.

### VANDERBILT SEC LEGENDS

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

### VANDERBILT RECORDS: 200+ RECEIVING YARDS

Yards	Receiver	Opponent	Date
240	<b>Trent Sherfield</b>	vs. <b>Austin Peay</b>	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 NAMED TO BILETNIKOFF AWARD LIST

**Trent Sherfield** (So., WR) ranked among the SEC receiving leaders, was added as a candidate for the Biletnikoff Award Sept. 29.

Sherfield, a product of Danville (Ill.) H.S., joins 70 other receivers in contention for the prestigious Biletnikoff Award, which 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's 5.4 receptions per game ranks sixth in the Southeastern Conference. He also is 10th in the league in receiving yards, averaging 64.8 yards.

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

Sherfield produced one of the program's most impressive performances ever in the win over Austin Peay Sept. 19, setting a new 'Dore single-game standard with 240 receiving yards. The yardage total came on 16 receptions, which ties the third highest total in team history.

Sherfield did not have a reception in Vanderbilt's loss at Houston on Oct. 31.

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)	8	176	693	3.9	4	46	86.6	
Darrius Sims (RB)	8	27	223	8.3	0	41	27.9	
Johnny McCrary (QB)	8	52	166	3.2	2	29	20.8	
Passing	G	Effic.	Comp.-Att.-INT	Pct.	Yards	TD	Avg./G	
Johnny McCrary	8	105.5	141-249-12	56.6	1499	6	187.4	
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)	8	41	518	12.6	2	44	64.8	
Steven Scheu (TE)	7	21	202	9.6	0	24	28.9	
Ralph Webb (RB)	8	21	175	8.3	2	18	21.9	
Caleb Scott (WR)	8	19	191	10.1	1	23	23.9	
Defense	G	UA-A-TT	TFL/Yds.	Sacks	INT	PBU	FF/FR	QH
Zach Cunningham (ILB)	8	39-20-59	10.5-29	2.5-17	0-0	3	3/1	0
Darreon Herring (ILB)	8	25-18-43	2.5-6	1.0-1	0-0	2	0/0	1
Oren Burks (S)	8	21-19-40	2.0-5	0.0-0	1-1	6	1/1	0
Torren McGaster (CB)	8	28-6-34	2.5-3	0.0-0	0-0	9	0/1	0
Stephen Weatherly (OLB)	8	20-11-31	6.5-31	2.5-21	0-0	2	1/2	6
Trey Herndon (CB)	8	19-9-28	1.0-6	1.0-6	0-0	1	0/0	0
Arnold Tarpley (S)	8	17-9-26	3.0-24	2.0-22	0-0	2	0/0	1
Andrew Williamson (S)	6	14-10-24	1.0-1	1.0-1	0-0	1	1/0	1

## PENALTIES, PENALTY YARDS KEY STATS FOR 'DORES

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

Through right games, the Commodores rank sixth in the SEC in fewest penalty yards (43.0 ypg). The team is averaging 5.9 infractions.

The 'Dores struggled with penalties in 2014, averaging 6.4 flags and 54.5 penalty yards through eight games.

### LIMITING PENALTIES

Category	2015 AVG.	2014 AVG.	+/-
Penalties	5.9	6.4	-0.5
Penalty Yards	43.0	54.5	-11.5

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

### VANDERBILT RECORDS: CATCHES (SINGLE GAME)

Rec.	Receiver	Opponent	Date
20	Norman Jordan	vs. Air Force	12/31/1982
17	Keith Edwards	vs. Georgia	10/15/1983
16	<b>Trent Sherfield</b>	vs. <b>Austin Peay</b>	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 .....	6-14
2015 Team Record .....	3-5 (1-3 in SEC East)
Associated Press Rank .....	n/a
USA Today/Coaches' Rank .....	n/a
Home .....	2-2
Away .....	1-3
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 .....	587-597-50 (.497)
Chancellor .....	Nicholas S. Zeppos
Athletics Director .....	David Williams II
Assistant AD/Director, FB Operations .....	Jason Grooms
Assistant Director/FB Operations .....	Matt Britain
Director, Player Personnel .....	Tyler Barnes
Director, Player Development .....	Al Smith
Director, High School Relations .....	Rayna Stewart
Head Athletic Trainer .....	Tom Bossung
Head Equipment Manager .....	Chris Singleton
Assistant Quality Control (Off.) .....	Ryan Blakney
Assistant Quality Control (Def.) .....	Rod Chance
Assistant Quality Control (Def.) .....	Cedric Calhoun
Assistant Quality Control (Off.) .....	Mike Morita
Analytics Assistant .....	Jarren Horton

## WEBB REMAINS TEAM'S LEADING RUSHER

**Ralph Webb** (R-So., RB) continues to be the workhorse out of Vanderbilt's offensive backfield.

One year after setting team rushing records for a freshman, Webb ranks as the team's top rusher and among the SEC Top Ten running backs. A sophomore from Gainesville (Fla.) H.S., Webb has 693 rushing yards and four rushing touchdowns on 176 carries.

Webb provided much of Vanderbilt's offense Oct. 31 at Houston, rushing for 99 yards on 26 carries. It matched his rushing total and attempts from the previous week - a win over Missouri.

Webb's rushing total ranks fourth all-time among Commodore sophomores. He needs two yards to surpass QB **Chris Nickson's** 2006 total of 694 rushing yards. He is 185 yards shy of the team sophomore record set by **Jermaine Johnson** in 1994.

Webb also brings more versatility to the Commodore attack. He ranks third on the team with 20 receptions, good for 175 receiving yards and two touchdowns.

Webb's career statistics include 1,600 rushing yards and eight rushing TDs.

In 2014, Webb produced 907 rushing yards, surpassing the former 'Dore freshman record of 798 yards set by **Kwane Doster** in 2002. He established four freshman rushing marks for the Commodores: single-season rushing yards (907), single-season rush attempts (212), rushing yards in a game (166, vs. Old Dominion). Webb's 2014 rushing total ranks seventh on Vanderbilt's all-time Top Ten single-season charts. Webb has also been a workhorse in the Commodore backfield. His 212 rush attempts in 2014 ranks as the third highest single-season total by a Commodore, topped only by **Jermaine Johnson** (267, 1995) and **Corey Harris** (229, 1991).

## NOTES FROM THE HOUSTON GAME

**CUNNINGHAM LEADS DEFENSE ... Zach Cunningham** (R-So., ILB) continued his outstanding play, contributing two forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and 2.5 tackles for loss among nine total tackles.

**TOO MANY TURNOVERS ...** The Commodores committed four turnovers – three interceptions and a fumble – resulting in 21 Cougar points. Houston returned one pick for a score and two others deep in Vanderbilt territory.

The Commodores have committed three or more turnovers in five games this season. They are 1-4 in those games – the lone win coming against Middle Tennessee.

**RECEIVING CORPS HELD IN CHECK ...** Only three Commodores – **Latevius Rayford** (WR), **Caleb Scott** (WR) and **Ralph Webb** (RB) – recorded a reception against the Cougars. Rayford was the team leader with three catches for 37 yards.

In each of the team's previous seven games, Commodore QBs connected with at least seven different receiving targets.

**COMMODORE DEFENSE ...** The Commodore defense held Houston's nationally ranked offense to 371 total yards. The total was 190 yards below Houston's season average.

**LIMITED OFFENSE ...** The Commodore offense was limited to several season lows by Houston, including points, first downs (12), total yards (185) and passing yards (44). It marked Vanderbilt's lowest total offense since Kentucky held the Commodores to 139 yards last November. It also marked the team's first shutout since playing at Mississippi State late in the 2014 season.

The unit struggled with third downs for the first time this season, making just three of 14 conversions.

**AGEE ENJOYS CAREER DEFENSIVE PERFORMANCE ...** Torey Agee (R-Jr., DL) enjoyed the best game as a Commodore, contributing six total tackles, five solo stops and the first quarterback sack of his career.

**TIME OF POSSESSION ...** For the first time this season, the Commodores did not own an advantage in time of possession. Houston held the football for 33:15 of the clock, nearly 6:30 more than Vanderbilt.

**SACKS & TACKLES FOR LOSS ...** The Commodore defense combined for nine tackles for loss, three forced fumbles and three QB sacks.

**FORCING MULTIPLE TURNOVERS ...** For the fourth time in five games, the Commodore defense forced at least two turnovers. The unit has forced nine over the last five games.

### VU RECORD BOOKS: SOPH. RUSHING YARDS

Sophomores	Rush Yards
1. Jermaine Johnson, 1994	877
2. Jerron Seymour, 2013	716
3. Chris Nickson, 2006	694
4. <b>Ralph Webb</b> , 2015	693
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

## 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 37 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 33 and 31 starts, respectively.

Six other Commodores have at least 19 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	37
Spencer Pulley, Sr., C/OG	37
Steven Scheu, Sr., TE	33
Darreon Herring, Sr., LB	31
Adam Butler, R-Jr., DL	23
Andrew Jelks, R-Jr., OT	23
Torren McGaster, R-Jr., CB	20
Ralph Webb, R-So., RB	20
Will Holden, R-Jr., OT	19
Tommy Openshaw, R-So., PK	19
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 37.3 percent clip, ranking No. 21 nationally and third in the SEC.

Opposing offenses are averaging nearly 4.75 three-&-out possessions against the 'Dore defense.

The three-&-out success, along with an offense that has converted 41% on third downs, has resulted in Vanderbilt's 32:48 average time of possession, fourth in the SEC and among the NCAA leaders.

### NCAA THREE-&-OUT LEADERS

Avg.	(Total 3 & outs/games)	Pct.	3 & outs-Series
6.50	Clemson (52/8)	44.8	52-116
6.25	Houston (50/8)	44.2	50-113
6.25	Alabama (50/8)	42.0	50-119
5.63	NC State (45/8)	44.1	45-102
5.63	Oklahoma State (45/8)	38.8	45-116
5.56	Marshall (50/9)	39.4	50-127
5.56	Boise State (50/9)	35.5	50-141
5.44	Boston College (49/9)	44.1	49-111
5.38	Duke (43/8)	40.6	43-106
5.38	Utah State (43/8)	40.2	43-107
5.38	Ohio State (43/8)	39.1	43-110
5.20	Florida (42/8)	41.2	42-102
5.13	Michigan (41/8)	41.8	41-98
5.13	BYU (41/8)	39.4	41-104
5.10	Temple (41/8)	39.0	41-105
5.00	Minnesota (40/8)	39.6	40-101
5.00	Penn State (45/9)	36.3	45-124
5.00	Memphis (40/8)	34.5	40-116
4.88	Illinois (39/8)	36.1	39-108
4.86	Baylor (34/7)	33.0	34-103
<b>4.75</b>	<b>Vanderbilt (38/8)</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>38-102</b>
4.75	Iowa (38/8)	38.8	38-98
4.75	Missouri (38/8)	38.4	38-99

## 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	15.8	13	123
Total Offense	360.4	13	97
Rushing Offense	1156.1	10	86
Pass Offense	208.5	5	87
Pass Efficiency	99.7	14	119
Scoring Defense	18.5	5	24
Total Defense	323.4	6	22
Rushing Defense	114.9	4	18
Pass Defense	208.5	6	50
Defensive Pass Efficiency	115.0	7	35
Net Punting	34.2	12	113
Kickoff Returns	20.6	7	77
Punt Returns	7.5	11	75
First Downs	19.5	9	T-84
First Downs Allowed	16.6	5	16
Time of Possession	32:48	4	16
3rd Down Conv. %	41% (57/140)	6	60
3rd Down Conv. % (Defense)	25% (29/115)	1	5
Red Zone Offense	62% (16-26)	16	126
Red Zone Defense	75% (21-28)	T-2	T-17
Turnover Margin	-1.4 (-11)	14	122
Penalties	5.9	T-8	T-49
Penalty Yards	43.0	6	23
QB Sacks	2.3 (18)	T-6	T-49
QB Sacks Allowed	1.9 (15)	T-8	T-56
Tackles for Loss	6.5 (52)	7	T-51
Tackles for Loss Allowed	5.6 (45)	7	T-48
Interceptions	.4 (3)	14	T-113
Interceptions Thrown	1.7 (14)	14	T-121

Active Individuals	Avg.	SEC	NCAA
Ralph Webb	Rushing yards per game 86.6	7	48
	Rush attempts 22.0	4	-
	All-purpose yards 108.5	6	71
	Rushing touchdowns .5 (4)	T-12	-
Johnny McCrary	Passing yards (per game) 187.4	9	80
	Completions 17.6	T-5	T-59
	Completion percentage 56.6	11	88
	Passing touchdowns 0.7 (6)	11	T-108
	Total offense 208.1	9	76
Trent Sherfield	Receptions 5.1 (41)	6	T-59
	Receiving yards 64.8	10	T-76
Darrius Sims	All-purpose yards 91.6	14	-
	Kick returns 21.1	7	83
Adam Butler	Quarterback sacks .4 (3)	T-20	-
Zach Cunningham	Total tackles 7.4 (59)	15	-
	Tackles for loss 1.3 (10.5)	T-4	T-39
	Forced fumbles .4 (3)	T-3	T-13
Torren McGaster	Passes defended 1.1 (9)	T-7	T-67
Jahmel McIntosh	Interceptions .3 (2)	T-6	-
Stephen Weatherly	Fumble recoveries .3 (2)	T-2	T-9
Tommy Openshaw	Punting 40.4	9	76
	Field goals made 1.5 (12)	6	-
	Scoring 5.8 (46)	11	-
Ryan White	Punt returns 9.0	9	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
<b>Derek Mason</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>3-5</b>
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

## ACTIVE CAREER STATISTICAL LEADERS

Category	Team Leaders	Career Totals
Total Offense	J. McCrary/R. Webb	2,712/1,775
Total TDs	R. Webb/S. Scheu	10/6
Rushing Yards	R. Webb/D. Rivers	1,600/318
Rushing Attempts	R. Webb/D. Rivers	388/111
Rushing TDs	R. Webb/D. Rivers	8/3
Passing Yards	J. McCrary/W. Freebeck	2,484/402
Pass Attempts	J. McCrary/W. Freebeck	400/72
Completions	J. McCrary/W. Freebeck	221/40
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	126/67
Kick Return Yards	D. Sims/Dallas Rivers	1,684/151
Total Tackles	D. Herring/Z. Cunningham	205/126
Solo Tackles	D. Herring/T. McGaster	114/84
Tackles for Loss	S. Weatherly/C. Azubike	22/20.5
Quarterback Sacks	C. Azubike/S. Weatherly	13.0/9.5
INTs	McIntosh/Ferguson-Herring-McGaster-Williamson	4/2 ea.
Forced Fumbles	Z. Cunningham/A. Williamson	4/3
Fumble Recoveries	Weatherly/Azubike-Williamson-Butler-McGaster	3/2 ea.
Passes Defended	McGaster-D. Herring	16/15
Career Starts	J. Bernstein-S. Pulley	37 ea.
Consec. Starts	S. Pulley/J. Bernstein	33/22

## DEFENSIVE UNIT EXPERIENCING SUCCESS UNDER MASON'S GUIDANCE

The Vanderbilt defense ranks among SEC and NCAA leaders in several areas despite facing some of the nation's most potent offenses.

The unit tops the SEC in third down efficiency and second in red-zone defense.

Vanderbilt is limiting opposing offenses to just 25 percent success on third downs, and holding foes to a 75% scoring rate inside the 'Dore 20-yard line.

The Commodores rank in the top half of SEC in numerous stats: fourth in rush defense (114.9 ypg), fifth in scoring defense (18.5 pts.) and first downs allowed (16.6 pg), and sixth in total defense (323.4 ypg.).

### DEFENSE AT A GLANCE

CATEGORY	AVG.	NCAA	SEC
Scoring Defense	18.5	24	5
Total Defense	323.4	22	6
First Downs	16.6	16	5
Rush Defense	114.9	18	4
Def. Pass Efficiency	115.0	35	7
3rd Down Efficiency	25%	5	1
Red-Zone Defense	75%	T-17	T-2

## TURNOVERS HINDERING CHANCES FOR VANDERBILT VICTORIES

The Commodores have struggled in turnover margin – historically a key statistic for winning football at Vanderbilt.

Through eight games, Vanderbilt has committed 11 more turnovers than it has forced. The 'Dores trail the rest of the SEC in the stat category.

How influential are turnovers to eventual Commodore results. Since the 2014 opener, Vanderbilt is 2-10 overall in games when it committed more miscues than its opponent.

## VANDERBILT PLAYER PARTICIPATION

Player	Pos.	2015		Career		Consec. Career Starts
		Games Played	2015 Starts	Games Played	Career Starts	
Torey Agee	DL	8	-	23	-	-
Kyle Anderton	FB	7	-	7	-	-
Caleb Azubike	DE	5	4	39	13	-
Jalen Banks	DB	3	-	15	-	-
Ladarius Banks	FB	8	-	8	-	-
Tre Bell	CB	7	-	16	4	-
Jake Bernstein	OL	8	8	44	37	22
Khari Blasingame	ILB	8	1	8	1	-
Nigel Bowden	LB	2	2	13	13	-
Oren Burks	S	8	8	16	15	12
Adam Butler	DL	8	8	32	23	11
Colby Cooke	PK	-	-	15	12	-
Josh Crawford	RB	4	-	4	-	-
Delando Crooks	OG	3	-	15	-	-
Zach Cunningham	LB	8	5	19	10	4
Sam Dobbs	TE	3	-	3	-	-
Brian Doney	WR	1	-	1	-	-
Chandler Dorrell	WR	5	-	16	-	-
Sean Dowling	TE	7	1	19	1	-
C.J. Duncan	WR	-	-	11	9	-
Trey Ellis	PR	8	-	19	-	-
Taurean Ferguson	CB	8	-	20	6	-
Wade Freebeck	QB	2	-	6	4	-
Blake Fromang	OL	8	6	29	6	4
Barrett Gouger	OL	8	8	31	9	8
Bailey Granier	OL	2	-	2	-	-
Curtis Graves	WR	-	-	2	-	-
Jordan Griffin	LB	7	-	7	-	-
Cole Hardin	OL	1	-	1	-	-
Harding Harper	LB	2	-	17	-	-
Tre Herndon	CB	8	8	20	8	8
Darreon Herring	LB	8	8	46	31	10
Jay Hockaday	LB	5	-	5	-	-
Will Holden	OL	8	8	32	19	19
Andrew Jelks	OL	-	-	24	21	-
Wilson Johnson	SN	2	-	2	-	-
Kris Kentera	TE	7	2	44	5	-
Nifae Lealao	DT	8	-	17	-	-
Hayden Lekacz	PK	8	-	13	1	-
Bryce Lewis	CB	7	-	7	-	-
Nathan Marcus	TE	7	1	19	4	-
Kevin McCoy	OL	-	-	3	-	-
Torren McGaster	CB	8	8	33	20	18
Jahmel McIntosh	S	8	-	44	10	-
Johnny McCrary	QB	8	6	15	11	-
Nehemiah Mitchell	OLB	8	7	8	7	-
Ronald Monroe	WR	6	-	6	-	-
Dare Odeyingbo	DE	6	-	6	-	-
Tommy Openshaw	PK	8	8	19	19	19
Spencer Pulley	OL	8	8	45	37	33
Latevius Rayford	WR	7	3	25	13	1
Bruno Reagan	OL	8	-	8	-	-
Andrew Rector	S	5	-	5	-	-
Dallas Rivers	RB	8	-	20	-	-
Steven Scheu	TE	7	7	43	33	5
Jacob Schultz	SN	8	-	8	-	-
Caleb Scott	WR	8	5	19	6	4
Donovan Sheffield	DB	2	-	2	-	-
Trent Sherfield	WR	8	8	15	8	8
Kyle Shurmur	QB	2	2	2	2	2
Darius Sims	WR/RB	8	5	33	5	-
Justin Skule	OL	7	2	7	2	-
Emmanuel Smith	S	7	2	17	2	1
Josh Smith	OLB	8	-	8	-	-
Landon Stokes	OLB	8	1	18	1	1
Ja'kari Thomas	LB	6	-	31	1	-
Arnold Tarpley	S	8	3	19	3	-
Stephen Weatherly	LB	8	8	32	17	13
Ralph Webb	RB	8	8	20	20	20
Ryan White	CB	8	1	17	2	-
Ladarius Wiley	CB	8	-	9	-	-
Andrew Williamson	S	6	6	45	15	2
DeAndre Woods	WR	3	-	6	-	-
Jay Woods	DT	8	5	20	10	1
Charles Wright	OLB	8	-	8	-	-
Jonathan Wynn	LB	8	3	19	5	-



## 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

## COMMODORE DEFENSE KEEPING OFFENSES BELOW SEASON AVERAGES

The Commodore defense has held all eight opposing offenses below their season average in points this year.

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

### 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

## CUNNINGHAM CONTRIBUTING TACKLES

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

Cunningham registered double-digit tackle totals in three straight games – 11 at

Ole Miss, 15 at Middle Tennessee and 12 at South Carolina, the first Commodore defender to accomplish the feat since safety Sean Richardson did so in the 2010 season.

Cunningham also was superb at Houston, registering nine tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss, two forced fumbles, and a fumble recovery.

In his last five appearances, Cunningham has amassed 50 tackles, 10.5 tackles for loss and three forced fumbles.

Cunningham is the team's season leader in solo tackles (39), total tackles (59) and tackles for loss (10.5).

### CUNNINGHAM'S TOTALS

Date	Game	Tackles	TFL
Sept. 26	at Ole Miss	11	1.5
Oct. 3	at Middle Tennessee	15	2.5
Oct. 17	at South Carolina	12	4.0
Oct. 31	at Houston	9	2.5

# 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 the Commodores' 10-7 slugfest victory over Missouri Oct. 24, the league office announced on Oct. 26.

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 36 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.

Pulley also has been one of the unit's top leaders, serving as a game captain against Western Kentucky, Georgia and Missouri.

The hard-fought win over Missouri also marked the first SEC victory of the Derek Mason Era.



Spencer Pulley earned SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week honors Oct. 26 for his play in the win over Missouri.

## VANDERBILT RESULTS WHEN...

Playing at home	2-2
Playing on the road	1-3
Playing at night	1-3
Playing during the day	2-2
VU scores on first possession	0-0
Opp scores on first possession	1-1
VU scores first	2-2
Opp scores first	1-3
VU leads after 1st quarter	1-0
Opp leads after 1st quarter	0-4
Teams are tied after 1st quarter	2-1
VU leads at halftime	2-1
Opp leads at halftime	1-4
Teams are tied at halftime	0-0
VU leads after 3rd quarter	2-0
Opp leads after 3rd quarter	1-5
Teams are tied after 3rd quarter	0-0
VU has more total yards	3-1
Opp has more total yards	0-4
VU has more rushing yards	3-2
Opp has more rushing yards	0-3
VU has more passing yards	2-2
Opp has more passing yards	0-4
VU has more turnovers	2-4
Opp has more turnovers	0-1
Teams have equal turnovers	1-0
VU has more penalties	2-0
Opp has more penalties	1-3
Teams have equal penalties	0-2
VU has more time of possession	3-4
Opp has more time of possession	0-1
VU has 100-yard rusher	1-1
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	0-3
VU scores at least 20 points	1-0
Opp scores at least 20 points	0-3
Playing on natural grass	0-1
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	0-3

## 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.

## STATUS OF FORMER COMMODORES IN THE NFL

Player	Position	NFL Team	Years	Notes
Jay Cutler	QB	Chicago	10th	QB is 22-of-33 for 211 yards and a TD, and rushed for another TD, in Bears' last-second loss to Vikings.
Andre Hal	S	Houston	2nd	Safety had two tackles, contributing to a strong Texans' defensive attack in 20-6 win over Titans.
Casey Hayward	CB	Green Bay	4th	Starting CB contributed seven total tackles in Green Bay's 29-10 defeat at the hands of Denver.
Wesley Johnson	OL	New York Jets	2nd	Johnson enjoyed his first career start Sunday (at center) in New York's 34-20 loss to Raiders.
Jonathan Krause	WR	Philadelphia	2nd	Krause was signed to Eagles practice squad in late September.
Jordan Matthews	WR	Philadelphia	2nd	Matthews and 3-4 Eagles were idle last week; return to action next Sunday night at Dallas.
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/returner has 39 all-purpose yards in the New York's 34-20 loss at Oakland.



## 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.



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.

The response

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](http://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 Oilers-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 a "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.



# DEREK MASON

## HEAD COACH DEREK MASON

**AGE:** 46

**CAREER RECORD:** 6-14 (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.

## COMPARING VANDY-FLORIDA STATS

	VANDERBILT	FLORIDA
<b>TEAM RECORD</b>	<b>3-5</b>	<b>7-1</b>
<b>SCORING</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>248</b>
Points Per Game	15.8	31.0
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>149</b>
Rushing	69	57
Passing	76	86
Penalty	11	6
<b>RUSHING YARDAGE</b>	<b>1,249</b>	<b>1,145</b>
Yards gained rushing	1,439	1,345
Yards lost rushing	190	200
Rushing Attempts	325	301
Average Per Rush	3.8	3.8
Average Per Game	156.1	143.1
TDs Rushing	7	15
<b>PASSING YARDAGE</b>	<b>1,634</b>	<b>1,902</b>
Comp.-Att.-INT	156-286-14	151-241-3
Average Per Pass	5.7	7.9
Average Per Catch	10.5	12.6
Average Per Game	204.2	237.8
TDs Passing	6	15
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>	<b>2,883</b>	<b>3,047</b>
Total Plays	611	542
Average Per Play	4.7	5.6
Average Per Game	360.4	380.9
<b>KICK RETURNS: #-Yards</b>	<b>21-433</b>	<b>19-348</b>
<b>PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards</b>	<b>23-173</b>	<b>16-189</b>
<b>INT RETURNS: #-Yards</b>	<b>3-19</b>	<b>11-242</b>
<b>KICK RETURN AVERAGE</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>18.3</b>
<b>PUNT RETURN AVERAGE</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>11.8</b>
<b>INT RETURN AVERAGE</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>22.0</b>
<b>FUMBLES LOST</b>	<b>14-7</b>	<b>9-3</b>
<b>FUMBLES RECOVERED</b>	<b>16-7</b>	<b>15-8</b>
<b>PENALTIES-Yards</b>	<b>47-344</b>	<b>51-401</b>
Average Per Game	43.0	50.1
<b>PUNTS-Yards</b>	<b>46-1,822</b>	<b>47-1,918</b>
Average Per Punt	39.6	43.6
Net punt average	34.2	41.3
<b>TIME OF POSSESSION/Game</b>	<b>32:49</b>	<b>33:09</b>
<b>3RD-DOWN Conversions</b>	<b>57/140</b>	<b>47/120</b>
3rd-Down Pct.	41%	39%
<b>4TH-DOWN Conversions</b>	<b>6/12</b>	<b>12/16</b>
4th-Down Pct.	50%	75%
<b>SACKS BY-Yards</b>	<b>18-122</b>	<b>22-177</b>
<b>SACKS ALLOWED-Yards</b>	<b>15-99</b>	<b>22-111</b>
<b>TOUCHDOWNS SCORED</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS</b>	<b>12-19</b>	<b>5-10</b>
<b>RED-ZONE SCORES</b>	<b>(16-26) 62%</b>	<b>(28-35) 80%</b>
<b>RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS</b>	<b>(10-26) 38%</b>	<b>(23-35) 66%</b>

## DOZEN COMMODORES HAVE EARNED FIRST CAREER STARTS THIS SEASON

**Landon Stokes** (R-So.) became the 12th first-time starter for the Commodores when he opened the Houston game at outside linebacker. quarterback. Stokes contributed three total tackles, including a tackle for the loss, in the initial

Last week, **Kyle Shurmur** (Fr., QB) started Vanderbilt's homecoming win over Missouri, hitting 10-of-20 passes for 89 yards. He also drove the offense on its game-winning touchdown drive.

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), **Darius Sims** (Jr., WR), **Emmanuel Smith** (So.) and **Arnold Tarpley** (So.)

Herndon and Sherfield have started all eight games this year.

### FIRST-TIME VANDERBILT STARTERS

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

## 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)



# 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
<b>Vanderbilt</b>	<b>9</b>
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 two other Nashville stations: **WSNR AM-560** and **WSNR 95.9-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 FOES

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)
Kentucky	Nov. 7	VU trails, 41-42-4	L, 7-17 (2014)
Florida	Nov. 14	VU trails, 10-36-2	L, 10-34 (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 Florida game will be held after he addresses the team. Only properly credentialed media will be allowed into the press conference room of Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

Mason's remarks will be held in the visiting team's press conference area, located near the Commodore locker room in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

The Vanderbilt Locker Room is closed. Up to five 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 [vucommodes.com](http://vucommodes.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 94.9, 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 Vanderbilt Coach's Show is returning to Nashville television each Sunday evening of the season.

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.	HT.	WT.	YEAR	CL	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL (OTHER)
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	Bradyn 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					
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	Hyattsville, 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

# NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YEAR	CL	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL (OTHER)
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. 2

## OFFENSE

<b>OT</b>	74	Will Holden	6-7, 312, R-Jr.
	75	Bailey Granier	6-6, 315, R-Fr.
<b>OG</b>	53	Jake Bernstein	6-4, 310, Sr.
	61	Bruno Reagan	6-3, 315, R-Fr.
<b>C</b>	77	Spencer Pulley	6-4, 300, Sr.
	60	Cole Hardin	6-4, 300, R-Fr.
<b>OG</b>	56	Barrett Gouger	6-4, 308, R-Jr.
	64	Delando Crooks	6-5, 315, R-So.
<b>OT</b>	75	Bailey Granier	6-6, 315, R-Fr.
	-or- 66	Blake Fromang	6-7, 305, R-Jr.
<b>WR</b>	10	Trent Sherfield	6-0, 200, So.
	86	Latevius Rayford	6-1, 198, Jr.
	8	Ronald Monroe	6-3, 200, R-Fr.
<b>WR</b>	9	Caleb Scott	6-1, 195, So.
	82	Kris Kentera	6-4, 218, Sr.
	36	Trey Ellis	5-9, 168, So.
<b>QB</b>	2	Johnny McCrary	6-4, 220, R-So.
	-or- 14	Kyle Shurmur	6-4, 225, Fr.
	12	Wade Freebeck	6-5, 226, So.
<b>RB</b>	7	Ralph Webb	5-10, 202, R-So.
	6	Darrius Sims	5-9, 188, Jr.
	28	Dallas Rivers	6-1, 224, So.
	-or- 22	Josh Crawford	5-10, 200, Fr.
<b>FB</b>	28	Dallas Rivers	6-1, 224, So.
	42	Ladarius Banks	6-2, 255, R-Jr.
<b>TE</b>	81	Steven Scheu	6-5, 245, Sr.
	83	Nathan Marcus	6-5, 240, R-So.
	89	Sean Dowling	6-5, 270, R-So.
	84	Sam Dobbs	6-4, 230, Fr.

## DEFENSE

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

## SPECIAL TEAMS

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

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

### STUDENT-ATHLETES:

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



# 2015 STATISTICS

## TOTAL POINTS BY QUARTER

SCORE (QUARTER)	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	OT	TOTAL
<b>VANDERBILT</b>	9	39	34	44	0	<b>126</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	30	39	48	31	0	<b>148</b>

## TEAM STATISTICS

	<b>VANDERBILT</b>	<b>OPPONENT</b>
<b>SCORING</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>148</b>
Points Per Game	15.8	18.5
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>133</b>
Rushing	69	46
Passing	76	73
Penalty	11	14
<b>RUSHING YARDAGE</b>	<b>1249</b>	<b>919</b>
Yards gained rushing	1439	1151
Yards lost rushing	190	232
Rushing Attempts	325	266
Average Per Rush	3.8	3.5
Average Per Game	156.1	114.9
TDs Rushing	7	7
<b>PASSING YARDAGE</b>	<b>1634</b>	<b>1668</b>
Att-Comp-Int	286-156-14	266-152-3
Average Per Pass	5.7	6.3
Average Per Catch	10.5	11.0
Average Per Game	204.2	208.5
TDs Passing	6	6
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>	<b>2883</b>	<b>2587</b>
Total Plays	611	532
Average Per Play	4.7	4.9
Average Per Game	360.4	323.4
<b>KICK RETURNS: #-Yards</b>	<b>21-433</b>	<b>21-348</b>
<b>PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards</b>	<b>23-173</b>	<b>14-190</b>
<b>INT RETURNS: #-Yards</b>	<b>3-19</b>	<b>14-218</b>
<b>KICK RETURN AVERAGE</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>16.6</b>
<b>PUNT RETURN AVERAGE</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>13.6</b>
<b>INT RETURN AVERAGE</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>15.6</b>
<b>FUMBLES-LOST</b>	<b>14-7</b>	<b>16-7</b>
<b>PENALTIES-Yards</b>	<b>47-344</b>	<b>58-478</b>
Average Per Game	43.0	59.8
<b>PUNTS-Yards</b>	<b>46-1822</b>	<b>55-2199</b>
Average Per Punt	39.6	40.0
Net punt average	34.2	35.4
<b>TIME OF POSSESSION/Game</b>	<b>32:49</b>	<b>27:11</b>
<b>3RD-DOWN Conversions</b>	<b>57/140</b>	<b>29/115</b>
3rd-Down Pct	41%	25%
<b>4TH-DOWN Conversions</b>	<b>6/12</b>	<b>3/9</b>
4th-Down Pct	50%	33%
<b>SACKS BY-Yards</b>	<b>18-122</b>	<b>15-99</b>
<b>MISC YARDS</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOUCHDOWNS SCORED</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS</b>	<b>12-19</b>	<b>12-18</b>
<b>ON-SIDE KICKS</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>0-0</b>
<b>RED-ZONE SCORES</b>	<b>16-26 62%</b>	<b>21-28 75%</b>
<b>RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS</b>	<b>10-26 38%</b>	<b>11-28 39%</b>
<b>PAT-ATTEMPTS</b>	<b>10-10 100%</b>	<b>16-16 100%</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>130019</b>	<b>190789</b>
Games/Avg Per Game	4/32505	4/47697

## 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, 19-10	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					
11/14	Kentucky					
11/21	Texas A&M					
11/28	at Tennessee					

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	GP	EFF.	ATT-COMP-INT	PCT	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/G
<b>PASSING</b>								
Johnny McCrary	8	105.51	141-249-12	56.6	1499	6	44	187.4
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>99.67</b>	<b>156-286-14</b>	<b>54.5</b>	<b>1634</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>204.2</b>
Opponents	8	115.00	152-266-3	57.1	1668	6	78	208.5

	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG	TD	LONG	AVG/G
<b>RUSHING</b>									
Ralph Webb	8	176	726	33	693	3.9	4	46	86.6
Darrius Sims	8	27	226	3	223	8.3	0	41	27.9
Johnny McCrary	8	52	273	107	166	3.2	2	29	20.8
Dallas Rivers	8	43	113	13	100	2.3	1	10	12.5
Josh Crawford	4	15	53	0	53	3.5	0	11	13.2
Trent Sherfield	8	2	35	0	35	17.5	0	34	4.4
Tommy Openshaw	8	1	13	0	13	13.0	0	13	1.6
Ladarius Banks	8	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
TEAM	6	4	0	16	-16	-4.0	0	0	-2.7
Kyle Shurmur	2	4	0	18	-18	-4.5	0	0	-9.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>1439</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>1249</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>156.1</b>
Opponents	8	266	1151	232	919	3.5	7	68	114.9

	GP	No.	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG	AVG/G
<b>RECEIVING</b>							
Trent Sherfield	8	41	518	12.6	2	44	64.8
Steven Scheu	7	21	202	9.6	0	24	28.9
Ralph Webb	8	21	175	8.3	2	18	21.9
Caleb Scott	8	19	191	10.1	1	23	23.9
L. Rayford	7	17	130	7.6	1	20	18.6
Darrius Sims	8	10	110	11.0	0	24	13.8
DeAndre Woods	3	7	129	18.4	0	43	43.0
Kris Kentera	7	7	92	13.1	0	28	13.1
Dallas Rivers	8	3	24	8.0	0	12	3.0
Nathan Marcus	8	3	22	7.3	0	11	2.8
C. Dorrell	5	3	20	6.7	0	10	4.0
Josh Crawford	4	2	11	5.5	0	8	2.8
Ronald Monroe	6	2	10	5.0	0	6	1.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>1634</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>204.2</b>
Opponents	8	152	1668	11.0	6	78	208.5

# 2015 STATISTICS

## TOTAL OFFENSE

	GP	PLAYS	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	AVG/G
Johnny McCrary	8	301	166	1499	1665	208.1
Ralph Webb	8	176	693	0	693	86.6
Darrius Sims	8	27	223	0	223	27.9
Dallas Rivers	8	43	100	0	100	12.5
Kyle Shurmur	2	35	-18	109	91	45.5
Josh Crawford	4	15	53	0	53	13.2
Trent Sherfield	8	2	35	0	35	4.4
Wade Freebeck	1	6	0	26	26	26.0
Tommy Openshaw	8	1	13	0	13	1.6
TEAM	6	4	-16	0	-16	-2.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>1249</b>	<b>1634</b>	<b>2883</b>	<b>360.4</b>
Opponents	8	532	919	1668	2587	323.4

## ALL-PURPOSE

	GP	RUSH	REC	PR	KOR	RET	TOTAL	AVG
Ralph Webb	8	693	175	0	0	0	868	108.5
Darrius Sims	8	223	110	0	400	0	733	91.6
Trent Sherfield	8	35	518	0	0	0	553	69.1
Steven Scheu	7	0	202	0	0	0	202	28.9
Caleb Scott	8	0	191	0	0	0	191	23.9
Johnny McCrary	8	166	0	0	0	0	166	20.8
L. Rayford	7	0	130	0	0	0	130	18.6
DeAndre Woods	3	0	129	0	0	0	129	43.0
Ryan White	8	0	0	126	0	0	126	15.8
Dallas Rivers	8	100	24	0	0	0	124	15.5
Kris Kentera	7	0	92	0	0	0	92	13.1
Josh Crawford	4	53	11	0	0	0	64	16.0
Nathan Marcus	8	0	22	0	14	0	36	4.5
Torren McGaster	8	0	0	29	0	0	29	3.6
Trey Ellis	8	0	0	22	0	0	22	2.8
C. Dorrell	5	0	20	0	0	0	20	4.0
Jahmel McIntosh	8	0	0	0	0	18	18	2.2
Tre Herndon	8	0	0	-4	19	0	15	1.9
Tommy Openshaw	8	13	0	0	0	0	13	1.6
Ronald Monroe	6	0	10	0	0	0	10	1.7
Oren Burks	8	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.1
TEAM	6	-16	0	0	0	0	-16	-2.7
Kyle Shurmur	2	-18	0	0	0	0	-18	-9.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1249</b>	<b>1634</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3508</b>	<b>438.5</b>
Opponents	8	919	1668	190	348	218	3343	417.9

## 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	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	36
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
L. Rayford	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
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
Kris Kentera	0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12-19</b>	<b>10-10</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>126</b>
Opponents	16	12-18	16-16	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	148

## KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Darrius Sims	19	400	21.1	0	47
Tre Herndon	1	19	19.0	0	19
Nathan Marcus	1	14	14.0	0	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47</b>
Opponents	21	348	16.6	0	27

## PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Ryan White	14	126	9.0	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36</b>
Opponents	14	190	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



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## 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	44	1779	40.4	78	3	17	18	0
Colby Cooke	1	43	43.0	43	0	0	0	0
TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1822</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>
Opponents	55	2199	40.0	62	4	14	15	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		
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	Asst	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yards	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf
41	Zach Cunningham	8-5	39	20	59	10.5-29	2.5-17	.	3	.	1-0	3	.	.
35	Darreon Herring	8-8	25	18	43	2.5-6	1.0-1	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
20	Oren Burks	8-8	21	19	40	2.0-5	.	1-1	6	.	1-0	1	.	.
5	Torren McGaster	8-8	28	6	34	2.5-3	.	.	9	.	1-0	.	.	.
45	S. Weatherly	8-8	20	11	31	6.5-31	2.5-21	.	2	6	2-0	1	.	.
31	Tre Herndon	8-8	19	9	28	1.0-6	1.0-6	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
2	Arnold Tarpley	8-3	17	9	26	3.0-24	2.0-22	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
32	A. Williamson	6-6	14	10	24	1.0-1	1.0-1	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
14	Ryan White	8-1	16	6	22	3.0-10	.	.	1	.	1-0	1	.	.
44	N. Mitchell	8-7	8	13	21	0.5-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
74	Jay Woods	8-5	8	11	19	2.0-6	1.0-5	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
55	Caleb Azubike	5-4	3	11	14	1.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
69	Adam Butler	8-8	9	5	14	6.0-23	3.0-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
77	Nifae Lealao	8-0	5	7	12	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
4	Tre Bell	7-0	5	7	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49	Jonathan Wynn	8-3	4	8	12	2.0-10	1.0-7	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
3	T. Ferguson	8-0	9	2	11	0.5-1	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.
23	K. Blasingame	8-1	7	4	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Torey Agee	8-0	8	3	11	1.0-11	1.0-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	Jahmel McIntosh	8-0	5	4	9	.	.	2-18	1	.	.	.	.	.
99	Landon Stokes	8-1	3	6	9	2.0-11	1.0-9	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
7	Emmanuel Smith	7-2	1	8	9	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
40	Ja'karri Thomas	6-0	2	6	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	Jordan Griffin	7-0	5	1	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	Josh Smith	8-0	1	4	5	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Nigel Bowden	2-2	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Hayden Lekacz	8-0	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Jalen Banks	3-0	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	LaDarius Wiley	8-0	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.
47	Charles Wright	7-0	1	2	3	1.5-5	1.0-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	D. Sheffield	2-0	2	.	2	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Jay Hockaday	4-0	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Jacob Schultz	8-0	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
53	Jake Bernstein	8-8	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	Dare Odeyingbo	6-0	.	2	2	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Darrius Sims	8-5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Andrew Rector	4-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
74	Will Holden	8-8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Trent Sherfield	8-8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
83	Nathan Marcus	8-1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56	Barrett Gouger	8-8	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Bryce Lewis	7-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
82	Kris Kentera	7-2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<b>Total</b>		<b>8-0</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>52-191</b>	<b>18-122</b>	<b>3-19</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7-0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	
Opponents		8-0	349	262	611	45.0-153	15-99	14-218	33	26	7-11	7	1	

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## PASSING

	Com-Att-Yds-TD-Int		
	J. McCrary	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			
Kentucky			
Texas A&M			
at Tennessee			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>141-249-1499-6-12</b>	<b>13-31-109-0-1</b>	<b>2-6-26-0-1</b>

## TOP INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES OF 2015

Category	Player, Opponent
<b>RUSHING YARDS</b>	155, Ralph Webb (at MTSU)
<b>RUSH ATTEMPTS</b>	26 (2x), Ralph Webb (at Houston)
<b>PASSING YARDS</b>	368, Johnny McCrary (Austin Peay)
<b>PASS COMPLETIONS</b>	28, Johnny McCrary (Austin Peay)
<b>RECEPTIONS</b>	16, Trent Sherfield (Austin Peay)
<b>RECEIVING YARDS</b>	240, Trent Sherfield (Austin Peay)
<b>TDS SCORED</b>	3, Ralph Webb (Austin Peay)
<b>TOTAL TACKLES</b>	15, Zach Cunningham (at MTSU)
<b>SOLO TACKLES</b>	12, Zach Cunningham (at MTSU)
<b>QB SACKS</b>	1.0 (19x), Tarpley, Agee (at Houston)
<b>TACKLES FOR LOSS</b>	4.0, Zach Cunningham (at S. Carolina)
<b>LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN</b>	47, Darrius Sims (at Ole Miss)
<b>INTERCEPTIONS</b>	1 (3x), McIntosh (at S. Carolina)

## RUSHING

	#-Yds/TD	WKU	UGA	AP	MISS	MTSU	SC	MIZZ	HOU	FLA	UK	TAMU	UT
Ralph Webb	176-693/4	18-70/0	25-68/0	15-54/2	25-90/0	25-155/1	16-58/0	26-99/1	26-99/0				
Darrius Sims	27-223/0	4-15/0	1-0/0	2-27/0	-	-	6-104/0	9-58/0	5-19/0				
Johnny McCrary	52-166/2	8-58/0	8-17/0	5-41/1	7-11/0	6-33/1	11-6/0	3-(-4)/0	4-4/0				
Dallas Rivers	43-100/1	11-26/0	4-7/0	12-25/1	3-6/0	8-18/0	1-(-2)/0	2-8/0	2-12/0				
Josh Crawford	15-53/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	6-20/0	DNP	-	5-19/0	4-14/0				
Trent Sherfield	2-35/0	-	-	-	1-1/0	1-34/0	-	-	-				
Tommy Openshaw	1-13/0	-	1-13/0	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Ladarius Banks	1-0/0	-	-	1-0/0	-	-	-	-	-				
TEAM	4-(-16)/0	1-(-1)/0	-	DNP	-	1-(-3)/0	1-(-11)/0	1-(-1)/0	DNP				
Kyle Shurmur	4-(-18)/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	3-(-11)/0	1-(-7)/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				
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	3-24/0	1-12/0	1-6/0	1-6/0	-	-	-	-	-				
Nathan Marcus	3-22/0	-	-	-	1-1/0	-	1-10/0	1-11/0	-				
C. Dorrell	3-20/0	DNP	DNP	1-9/0	-	1-10/0	1-1/0	-	DNP				
Josh Crawford	2-11/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-11/0	DNP	-	-	-				
Ronald Monroe	2-10/0	DNP	DNP	-	-	1-4/0	1-6/0	-	-				

## PUNT RETURNS

	#-Yds	WKU	UGA	AP	MISS	MTSU	SC	MIZZ	HOU	FLA	UK	TAMU	UT
Ryan White	14-126	-	-	2-38	1-0	1-12	1-2	7-71	2-3				
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	19-400	3-61	3-69	1-17	4-103	3-50	1-20	-	4-80				
Tre Herndon	1-19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-19				
Nathan Marcus	1-14	-	-	-	-	-	1-14	-	-				



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<b>TACKLES</b>	<b>SOLO-ASSISTED-TOTAL</b>	<b>WKU</b>	<b>UGA</b>	<b>AP</b>	<b>MISS</b>	<b>MTSU</b>	<b>SC</b>	<b>MIZZ</b>	<b>HOU</b>	<b>FL</b>	<b>UK</b>	<b>TAMU</b>	<b>UT</b>
Zach Cunningham	39-20-59	1-0	2-3	1-2	4-7	12-3	9-3	3-0	7-2				
Darreon Herring	25-18-43	2-4	2-3	1-2	3-5	2-0	8-0	3-0	4-4				
Oren Burks	21-19-40	2-2	4-4	1-3	2-4	5-1	6-0	0-1	1-4				
Torren McGaster	28-6-34	6-0	2-0	1-0	6-1	3-1	3-0	2-3	5-1				
S. Weatherly	20-11-31	0-3	6-2	-	2-1	5-1	1-1	3-0	3-3				
Tre Herndon	19-9-28	2-1	3-1	2-2	4-3	3-0	1-1	2-1	2-0				
Arnold Tarpley	17-9-26	1-2	2-1	2-1	5-3	1-0	1-1	2-1	3-0				
A. Williamson	14-10-24	1-5	4-0	2-1	1-1	DNP	DNP	1-2	5-1				
Ryan White	16-6-22	0-2	-	3-0	2-1	2-2	6-1	1-0	2-0				
N. Mitchell	8-13-21	1-2	0-5	1-1	0-2	3-1	1-1	0-1	2-0				
Jay Woods	8-11-19	0-1	1-5	0-1	-	1-0	5-0	0-1	1-3				
Caleb Azubike	3-11-14	1-2	0-3	0-3	1-3	1-0	DNP	DNP	DNP				
Adam Butler	9-5-14	0-1	0-3	2-0	2-1	1-0	2-0	2-0	-				
Nifae Lealao	5-7-12	-	1-3	1-2	0-2	1-0	-	-	2-0				
Jonathan Wynn	4-8-12	1-1	0-3	0-1	-	2-0	-	0-1	1-2				
Tre Bell	5-7-12	0-4	1-1	3-2	-	-	DNP	1-0	-				
T. Ferguson	9-2-11	-	1-0	1-1	4-0	-	-	3-0	0-1				
K. Blasingame	7-4-11	-	1-0	1-2	1-1	2-0	1-1	1-0	-				
Torey Agee	8-3-11	-	0-1	1-1	-	-	1-0	1-0	5-1				
Landon Stokes	3-6-9	0-2	0-1	0-1	-	0-1	-	1-0	2-1				
Jahmel McIntosh	5-4-9	0-1	-	-	1-2	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-0				
Emmanuel Smith	1-8-9	0-2	DNP	0-3	0-2	1-0	-	-	0-1				
Ja'karri Thomas	2-6-8	-	1-1	0-5	-	DNP	DNP	-	1-0				
Jordan Griffin	5-1-6	DNP	1-0	0-1	2-0	1-0	-	-	1-0				
Josh Smith LB	1-4-5	1-1	-	0-2	0-1	-	-	-	-				
Nigel Bowden	2-2-4	-	2-2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP				
LaDarius Wiley DB	1-2-3	-	-	0-1	-	-	1-0	-	0-1				
Hayden Lekacz	1-2-3	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	0-1				
Jalen Banks	1-2-3	-	DNP	-	1-2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP				
Charles Wright	1-2-3	-	-	1-2	-	-	-	DNP	-				
Dare Odeyingbo	0-2-2	DNP	DNP	0-2	-	-	-	-	-				
Jay Hockaday LB	1-1-2	DNP	DNP	0-1	DNP	-	1-0	DNP	-				
Jacob Schultz	2-0-2	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	1-0				
Jake Bernstein	2-0-2	-	-	-	-	1-0	1-0	-	-				
D. Sheffield DB	2-0-2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0	1-0				
Bryce Lewis DB	0-1-1	-	-	0-1	-	-	DNP	-	-				
Darius Sims	1-0-1	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-				
Andrew Rector	0-1-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	0-1	-	-				

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

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

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

## 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											
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											
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									
Kentucky									
Texas A&M									
at Tennessee									
<b>Totals</b>	<b>126-148</b>	<b>156/133</b>	<b>69/46</b>	<b>76/73</b>	<b>325-1249/266-919</b>	<b>1634/1668</b>	<b>611-2883/532-2587</b>	<b>625/767</b>	<b>21/10</b>

### 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									
Kentucky									
Texas A&M									
at Tennessee									
<b>Totals</b>	<b>57-140/29-115</b>	<b>6-12/3-9</b>	<b>262:30/217:30</b>	<b>45:00</b>	<b>3.8/3.5</b>	<b>5.7/6.3</b>	<b>4.7/4.9</b>	<b>46-39.6/55-40.0</b>	<b>344/478</b>



# 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						
Kentucky						
Texas A&M						
at Tennessee						
<b>Vanderbilt</b>		<b>57-140 (40.7%)</b>	<b>14-38 (36.8%)</b>	<b>15-37 (40.5%)</b>	<b>11-31 (35.5%)</b>	<b>17-34 (50.0%)</b>
Opponents		29-115 (25.2%)	3-25 (12.0%)	9-33 (27.3%)	11-30 (36.7%)	6-27 (22.2%)

## 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						
Kentucky						
Texas A&M						
at Tennessee						
<b>Vanderbilt</b>		<b>6-12 (50.0%)</b>	<b>2-3 (66.7%)</b>	<b>2-3 (66.7%)</b>	<b>0-1 (0.0%)</b>	<b>2-5 (40.0%)</b>
Opponents		3-9 (33.3%)	0-0 (0.0%)	1-2 (50.0%)	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	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															
Kentucky															
at Texas A&M															
at Tennessee															
<b>Totals</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	

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															
Kentucky															
Texas A&M															
at Tennessee															
<b>Opponent Totals</b>		<b>28</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

Opponent Season Totals: 21 of 28 (75.0%)

# 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.....	Darrius Sims, at So. Carolina (104 yds., 10/17/2015)
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.....	Zac Stacy, at Wake Forest (90 yds., 11/24/2012)
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 MTSU (12, 10/3/2015)
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 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.....	vs. Missouri (80, 10/24/2015)
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 .....	Pharoh Cooper, So. Carolina (160 yds., 10/17/2015)
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 .....	Elandon Roberts, Houston (14, 11/31/2015)
Posted 3+ tackles for loss.....	Jordan Jenkins, Georgia (5.5, 9/12/2015)
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., 11/12/2014)
Held Vanderbilt under 100 rushing yards .....	Miss. State (49, 11/22/2014)
Held Vanderbilt under 100 passing yards.....	Houston (44, 10/31/2015)
Held Vanderbilt under 200 total yards .....	Houston (185, 10/31/2015)
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.

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.

### GAME 2 SEPT. 12, 2015 NASHVILLE

### 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."

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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 Pharoh 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.

"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."

### GAME 8 OCT. 31, 2015 HOUSTON

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.