

VANDERBILT GAME NOTES



0-1, 0-0 (SEC East) 1-0, 0-0 (SEC East)

VANDERBILT-UGA INFO

DATE: Saturday, September 12, 2015
KICKOFF: 2:30 p.m. CT
STADIUM: Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville
TELEVISION: SEC ON CBS (national)
 Verne Lundquist, play-by-play
 Gary Danielson, analyst
 Allie LaForce, sidelines
VANDERBILT RADIO:
Flagship: NewsTalk 1510; WNSR 560/95.9
 Joe Fisher, play-by-play
 Norman Jordan, analyst
 Mitch Light, sidelines
SATELLITE RADIO: Sirius (Ch. 83); XM (Ch. 190)

VERNE, GARY, ALLIE & CBS

For the first time in nearly two decades, the "SEC on CBS" Game of the Week is coming to Nashville and the Vanderbilt campus. It marks the first appearance in Vanderbilt Stadium for CBS' superb talent team of iconic play-by-play announcer **Verne Lundquist**, analyst **Gary Danielson** and sidelines reporter **Allie LaForce**. The history between CBS and Vanderbilt dates back six decades. **More on page 4**

'SEC NATION' ON CAMPUS

SEC Nation, the SEC Network's traveling gameday show, will air 9-11 am CT from The Commons Saturday. Audience participation from students and fans is encouraged. **More on page 2**

TICKETS AVAILABLE

Limited individual tickets (\$65) remain available for Vanderbilt's SEC home opener against the Georgia Bulldogs this Saturday.

COMMUNICATIONS STAFF

LARRY LEATHERS.....Primary Football Contact
 cell: (615) 480-8226 • larry.leathers@vanderbilt.edu
 KYLE PARKINSON.....Secondary FB/Baseball
 ROD WILLIAMSON..... Director of Communications
 ANDY BOGGS..... Men's BB/Golf
 DAVID DAWSON..... Women's BB/Track/XC
 RYAN SCHULZ..... Internal Operations
 JEROME BOETTCHER..... Editor, Commodore Nation
 BRANDON BARCA..... Digital Strategies
 CATHERINE HILLEY..... Communications Intern
 ROBYNN CANDISH..... Administrative Assistant
Office Phone: (615) 322-4121 **Press Box Phone:** (615) 320-0436

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	CBS, 2:30 pm	#9 Bulldogs post 51-14 victory over La.-Monroe
9/19	Austin Peay	Nashville	SECN-ALT, 3 pm	Governors lose in home opener to Mercer 28-7
9/26	OLE MISS	Oxford	TBA	#15 Rebels open season with win over UT-Martin
10/3	Middle Tenn.	Murfreesboro	CBS: CSN, 6 pm	Blue Raiders open with home win over Jackson St.
10/17	SO. CAROLINA	Columbia	TBA	Gamecocks start season with 17-13 win over UNC
10/24	MISSOURI	Nashville	TBA	#23 Tigers defeat SE Missouri State 34-3 in opener
10/31	Houston	Houston	TBA	Cougars open with home victory over Tenn. Tech
11/7	FLORIDA	Gainesville	TBA	McElwain Era starts with win over New Mexico St.
11/14	KENTUCKY	Nashville	TBA	Kentucky hangs on to edge La.-Lafayette 40-33
11/21	TEXAS A&M	Nashville	TBA	A&M earns impressive 38-17 win over #16 Ariz. St.
11/28	TENNESSEE	Knoxville	TBA	#25 Vols defeat Bowling Green 59-30 in opener

All kick times are CT

VANDERBILT HOSTS #9 GEORGIA; SEC ON CBS, 'SEC NATION' ON CAMPUS

Storylines for SEC opener vs. the Bulldogs

- ★ Commodores to be featured in SEC Network's 'SEC Inside' premiere Wednesday at 6 p.m. CT. **- Page 2**
- ★ Twelve 'Dores enjoyed their first reps vs. WKU. **- Page 2**
- ★ More Commodore players hail from Georgia than any other state. **- Page 3**
- ★ More on the Vanderbilt-Georgia series. **- Page 3**
- ★ Vanderbilt looks for its first win over a Top Ten opponent since 2008. **- Page 4**
- ★ Four 'Dores earn initial career starts vs. WKU. **- Page 4**
- ★ Notes from the Western Kentucky game. **- Page 5**
- ★ 'Deep Water' grays added to uniform inventory. **- Page 10**
- ★ List of former Commodores on NFL rosters. **- Page 10**
- ★ Comparing Vanderbilt, Georgia stats. **- Page 11**
- ★ Vanderbilt depth chart entering UGA game. **- Page 14**

VANDERBILT, GEORGIA QUICK FACTS



	VANDERBILT	GEORGIA
Location	Nashville, Tenn.	Athens, Ga.
Founded	1873	1785
Enrollment	6,850 (undergraduate)	34,900
Conference	Southeastern	Southeastern
Nickname	Commodores	Bulldogs
Colors	Black & Gold	Red & Black
Home Field	Vanderbilt Stadium	Sanford Stadium
Capacity	40,350	92,746
Field Surface	artificial	natural
Head Coach	Derek Mason (2nd)	Mark Richt (15th)
Record at School	3-10 (.231)	137-48 (.741)
Career Record	3-10 (.231)	137-48 (.741)
Coach's Twitter	@CoachDerekMason	@MarkRicht
Official Twitter	@VandyFootball	@UGAAthletics
Website	vucommodores.com	georgiadogs.com



SEC NETWORK, 'SEC NATION' SHOW AIRS FROM CAMPUS SATURDAY

SEC Nation, the SEC Network's traveling pregame show, will broadcast from the Vanderbilt campus on Sept. 12, prior to the Commodores game versus Georgia.

SEPT. 12 ACTIVITIES

9-11 a.m.

SEC Nation, a live gameday show presented by the SEC Network, will air from The Commons, located off 19th Avenue South. Students and fans are urged to participate.

2:30 p.m.

Kickoff: Georgia at Vanderbilt
Tickets remain available

Vanderbilt, Arkansas (Sept. 5) and LSU (Sept. 19) will be the show's first three stops of the 2015 season.

SEC Nation will air live from 9-11 a.m. 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 Greg McElroy and Marcus Spears, Paul Finebaum and reporter Kaylee Hartung with the morning headlines, along with match-up 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.

Vanderbilt students and fans are urged to participate as audience members for the live production.



SEC INSIDE SHOW TO FEATURE 'DORES THIS WEDNESDAY ON SEC NETWORK

The Vanderbilt football program will be featured this Wednesday, Sept. 9 in 'SEC Inside,' a new all-access presentation coming to the SEC Network.

The in-depth look at Vanderbilt's preparations for the Western Kentucky opener is set to air Wednesday at 6 p.m. CT, following the Paul Finebaum Show.

A 10-person film crew spent Friday and Saturday on the Vanderbilt campus gathering material for the show. The crew chronicled team and position meetings, the Friday practice, team travel and pregame activities including the team's Dore Alley walk through Vandyville and Star Walk entrance into Vanderbilt Stadium.

Coach Mason also granted the crew pregame and postgame access to the team's locker room in Vanderbilt Stadium.

Show producers also have access to video captured by four crew shooters during the Vanderbilt-Western Kentucky game, ranging from Commodore coach and student-athlete reaction on the sidelines to crowd interaction.

Each of the conference's 14 teams are scheduled to be featured on 'SEC Inside' during the 2015 regular season.

TWELVE FIRST-TIME CONTRIBUTORS AGAINST WESTERN KENTUCKY

Vanderbilt used 12 newcomers, including 10 freshmen, in the season opener against Western Kentucky.

Nehemiah Mitchell (Jr.) was the lone newcomer to earn a start. Mitchell contributed three tackles, including for resulting in a loss of yardage, from his OLB position.

Josh Smith (Fr.) also impressed at OLB, registering a pair of tackles and sharing a tackle for loss.

Other first-time contributors on defense were **Khari Blasingame** (R-Fr., ILB), **Bryce Lewis** (R-Fr., ILB) and **Charles Wright** (R-Fr., ILB).

Offensive first-time players were **Ladarius Banks** (Jr., FB), **Bruno Reagan** (R-Fr., OL), **Jared Pinkney** (Fr., TE), **Justin Skule** (Fr., OL) and **Kyle Anderton** (Fr., FB).

Both of the team's snap specialists – **Wilson Johnson** (Jr.) and **Jacob Schultz** (Jr.) – saw their first collegiate action vs. Western Kentucky.

The Commodores only played four true freshmen against the Hilltoppers – Anderton, Pinkney, Skule and Smith.

PREP TEAMMATES FACING EACH OTHER

Five Commodores will face prep teammates when Vanderbilt hosts Western Kentucky on Sept. 3.

• **Jared Pinkney** (Fr., TE) and UGA's **Lorenzo Carter** (So., OLB.) were teammates at Norcross (Ga.) HS.

• **Dallas Rivers** (So., RB) and **Jonathan Wynn** (R-So., DE) played with UGA's **Chauncey Rivers** (Fr., DE) at powerful Stephenson HS in Stone Mountain, Ga.

• **Donovan Sheffield** (Fr., CB) was a classmate and teammate of UGA's **Rico McGraw** (Fr., CB) at powerful Ensworth H.S. in Nashville.

• **Caleb Scott** (So., WR) attended North Gwinnett HS in Suwanee, Ga., the same school that produced UGA's **DeVondre Seymour** (So., OL).

THE VANDERBILT-GEORGIA SERIES

- ★ Meeting between schools: 76th
- ★ All-time record: Vanderbilt trails 19-54-2
- ★ Last meeting: Vanderbilt 17, Georgia 44 (2014)
- ★ Last meeting in Nashville: Vanderbilt 31, Georgia 27 (2013)
- ★ First meeting: Vanderbilt 35, Georgia 10 (1893)
- ★ Last Vanderbilt win: Vanderbilt 31, Georgia 27 (Oct. 19, 2013)
- ★ Longest Vanderbilt win streak in series: 4

MORE NOTES ON THE GEORGIA SERIES

After breaking a six-game losing streak in 2013, Vanderbilt trails 19-54-2 in the Georgia series.

The 'Dores are looking for their second straight victory over the Bulldogs in Nashville for the first time since the 1956-58 games.

Vanderbilt's comeback victory in 2013 also marked its first home win over the Bulldogs since 1991.

The 2013 victory snapped a six-game streak to the Bulldogs' dating back to the Commodores' win in 2006.

VU-UGA YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS

Year	Site	W/L	Score	Year	Site	W/L	Score	Year	Site	W/L	Score
2014	Athens	L	17-44	1989	Nashville	L	16-35	1961	Athens	W	21-0
2013	Nashville	W	31-27	1987	Nashville	L	24-52	1960	Nashville	L	7-18
2012	Athens	L	3-48	1986	Athens	L	16-38	1959	Athens	L	6-21
2011	Nashville	L	28-33	1985	Nashville	T	13-13	1958	Nashville	W	21-14
2010	Athens	L	0-43	1984	Athens	L	35-62	1957	Athens	W	9-6
2009	Nashville	L	10-34	1983	Nashville	L	13-20	1956	Nashville	W	14-0
2008	Athens	L	14-24	1982	Athens	L	13-27	1955	Athens	L	13-14
2007	Nashville	L	17-20	1981	Nashville	L	21-53	1954	Athens	L	14-16
2006	Athens	W	24-22	1980	Athens	L	0-41	1952	Nashville	L	7-19
2005	Nashville	L	17-34	1979	Nashville	L	10-31	1932	Nashville	W	12-6
2004	Athens	L	3-33	1978	Athens	L	10-31	1931	Athens	L	0-9
2003	Nashville	L	8-27	1977	Nashville	L	13-24	1926	Nashville	W	14-13
2002	Athens	L	17-48	1976	Athens	L	0-45	1925	Athens	L	7-26
2001	Nashville	L	14-30	1975	Nashville	L	3-47	1924	Nashville	L	0-3
2000	Athens	L	19-29	1974	Athens	L	31-38	1923	Nashville	W	35-7
1999	Nashville	L	17-27	1973	Nashville	W	18-14	1922	Athens	W	12-0
1998	Athens	L	6-31	1972	Athens	L	3-28	1921	Nashville	T	7-7
1997	Nashville	L	13-34	1971	Athens	L	0-24	1912	Atlanta	W	46-0
1996	Athens	L	2-13	1970	Athens	L	3-37	1911	Nashville	W	17-0
1995	Nashville	L	6-17	1969	Nashville	L	8-40	1903	Athens	W	33-0
1994	Athens	W	43-30	1968	Athens	L	6-32	1901	Nashville	W	47-0
1993	Nashville	L	3-41	1965	Athens	L	10-24	1898	Atlanta	L	0-4
1992	Athens	L	20-30	1964	Nashville	L	0-7	1895	Nashville	W	6-0
1991	Nashville	W	27-25	1963	Athens	L	0-20	1893	Nashville	W	35-0
1990	Athens	L	28-39	1962	Nashville	L	0-10				

EIGHTEEN COMMODORES FROM GEORGIA

The Vanderbilt roster includes 18 residents of Georgia, including five probable starters when the Commodores face the Bulldogs.

More Vanderbilt players hail from Georgia than any other state.

There are 17 Tennessee residents on the Commodore roster.

The five Georgia residents likely to start are Commodore defensive players: **Jay Woods** (R-Fr., DT), **Nigel Bowden** (R-So., ILB), **Darreon Herring** (Sr., ILB), and **Stephen Weatherly** (R-Jr., OLB).

COMMODORES FROM GEORGIA

Ladarius Banks , R-Jr., FB, Dallas	Nigel Bowden , R-So., LB, Macon
Rashad Canty , R-Fr., WR, Riverdale	Delando Crooks , R-So., OG, Atlanta
Darion DeBrossard , Fr., DT, Snellville	Sam Dobbs , Fr., TE, Douglasville
Taurean Ferguson , R-So., CB, Jonesboro	Curtis Graves , Jr., WR, Alpharetta
Darreon Herring , Sr., ILB, Stone Mtn.	Bryce Lewis , R-Fr., CB, Lilburn
Johnny McCrary , R-So., QB, Decatur	Jared Pinkney , Fr., TE, Norcross
Dallas Rivers , So., RB, Stone Mtn.	Caleb Scott , So., WR, Suwanee
Stephen Weatherly , R-Jr., OLB, Snellville	Davis Winkie , R-Fr., SN, Cumming
Jay Woods , R-So., DT, Jackson	Jonathan Wynn , R-So., DE, Stone Mtn.

LAST TIME VS. GEORGIA

EARLY HOLE AT GEORGIA TOO MUCH TO DIG OUT OF FOR COMMODORES

ATHENS, Ga. – Derek Mason thought his Vanderbilt team was gaining momentum for a comeback against Georgia before a botched play spoiled the plan.

Driving for a chance to cut No. 13 Georgia's lead to 10 points in the third quarter, Vanderbilt quarterback Stephen Rivers threw an interception that was returned for a touchdown as the Commodores fell to the Bulldogs 44-17.

GAME 6
OCT. 4, 2014
ATHENS, GA.

"I thought we did some good things in this game," Mason said. "I thought we showed the ability to have long drives, but weren't able to finish those drives."

Rivers led a touchdown drive in the second quarter before leading the Commodores to a field-goal drive to open the second half.

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
VANDERBILT	0	7	3	7	17	1-5, 0-4
GEORGIA	21	6	7	10	44	4-1, 2-1

1st: UGA: Gurley 5-yd. run (Morgan kick), 7-62 2:16.

UGA: Gurley 14-yd. run (Morgan kick), 7-74 2:24.

UGA: Conley 44-yd. pass from Mason (Morgan kick), 1-44 0:09.

2nd: VANDY: Webb 1-yd. run (Openshaw kick), 7-66 4:08.

UGA: Conley 5-yd. pass from Mason (Morgan kick blocked), 7-80 3:05.

3rd: VANDY: Openshaw 34-yd. FG, 6-7 3:00.

UGA: Bowman 63-yd. INT return (Morgan kick).

4th: UGA: Morgan 22-yd. FG, 11-83 5:08.

VANDY: Rivers 6-yd. run (Openshaw kick), 11-75 5:46.

UGA: Chubb 33-yd. run (Morgan kick), 4-62 1:45.

STATISTICS

	VANDERBILT	GEORGIA
FIRST DOWNS	15	20
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	36-132	35-243
PASSING YDS (NET)	188	202
PASSES ATT-COMP-INT	31-16-1	22-14-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	67-320	57-445
PUNT RETURNS-YARDS	1-6	1-(-6)
KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS	4-55	2-31
INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS	1-35	1-63
PUNTS (NUMBER-AVG)	7-33.6	5-33.8
PENALTIES-YARDS	4-29	2-12
POSSESSION TIME	35:34	24:26
THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	2 OF 13	4 OF 10
FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	1 OF 2	0 OF 0
RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES	3-3	4-4
SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS	0-0	1-7

RUSHING: VANDERBILT – Ralph Webb 17-77; Jerron Seymour 9-41;

Dallas Rivers 5-20; C.J. Duncan 1-2; Stephen Rivers 1-(-4); Wade Freebeck 3-(-4).

GEORGIA – Gurley 25-163; Chubb 8-78; Hicks 1-3; Bauta 1-(-1).

PASSING: VANDERBILT – Freebeck 9-18-0-100; Rivers 7-13-1-88.

GEORGIA – Mason 11-17-1-121; Ramsey 2-4-0-31; Gurley 1-1-0-50.

RECEIVING: VANDERBILT – Steven Scheu 5-74; Latevius Rayford 3-29;

Duncan 3-17; Chandler Dorrell 1-36; Darrius Sims 1-14; Caleb Scott 1-7;

Kellen Williams 1-6; Trey Wilkins 1-5.

GEORGIA – Blazeovich 3-86; McKenzie 3-20; Conley 2-49; Gurley 2-24; Chubb 2-11;

M. Mitchell 1-11; Hicks 1-1.

VANDERBILT RESULTS IN SEC OPENERS

Vanderbilt opens Southeastern Conference play Saturday looking to capture its first league opener since 2011.

The Commodores are 3-7 in their team's last 10 SEC openers. The team's last win to open league play came in 2011 – a 30-7 victory over Ole Miss.

Last year, the Commodores dropped a disappointing 41-3 decision to Ole Miss at Nissan Stadium. In 2013, Ole Miss edged the Commodores 39-35 on a last-minute touchdown. In 2012, South Carolina managed a 17-13 victory over the Commodores.

This marks the sixth straight season Vanderbilt gets to open league play in Nashville. The team's last road game in a SEC opener came at LSU in 2009.

LAST 10 SEC OPENERS

Year	Opponent	W/L	Score
2014	Ole Miss (Nissan Stadium)	L	3-41
2013	Ole Miss	L	35-39
2012	South Carolina	L	13-17
2011	Ole Miss	W	30-7
2010	LSU	L	27-3
2009	@ LSU	L	23-9
2008	South Carolina	W	24-17
2007	Alabama	L	24-10
2006	@ Alabama	L	13-10
2005	@ Arkansas	W	28-24

VANDERBILT FACING RANKED OPPONENTS

When Vanderbilt hosts Georgia Saturday, the Commodores will be looking for their first victory over a ranked opponent in nearly two years.

The 'Dores have lost five straight against teams ranked in the Associated Press Top 25 since defeating No. 15 Georgia 31-27 on Oct. 19, 2013.

Vanderbilt's last win over a team ranked in the AP Top Ten was a 17-6 victory over No. 6 South Carolina on Oct. 20, 2007.

FACING RANKED TEAMS

Year	Opponent	W/L, Score
11/22/2014	@ No. 4 Miss. State	L, 0-51
10/4/2014	@ No. 13 Georgia	L, 17-44
9/20/2014	No. 14 South Carolina	L, 34-48
9/6/2014	No. 15 Ole Miss	L, 3-41
10/26/2013	@ No. 16 Texas A&M	L, 24-56
10/5/2013	No. 19 Georgia	W, 31-27
10/15/2012	No. 4 Florida	L, 17-31
9/24/2012	@ No. 5 Georgia	L, 3-48
9/3/2012	No. 9 South Carolina	L, 13-17
10/29/2011	No. 8 Arkansas	L, 28-31

ranking based to Associated Press Poll

FOUR FIRST-TIME VANDERBILT STARTERS

The Commodores employed four first-time starters, including three on offense, in the season opener versus Western Kentucky.

Getting their first career starts in the WKU game were **Blake Fromang** (R-Jr., OT), **Tre Herndon** (So., CB), **Trent Sherfield** (So., WR) and **Darrius Sims** (Jr., WR).

Fromang, who played both tackle and tight end last year, earned a start at right tackle.

Herndon played solid against the pass-happy Hilltoppers as a starting cornerback, contributing three total tackles. He also registered a 6-yard quarterback sack, the first of his career.

Sherfield topped the Commodores with four receptions and 63 receiving yards in his first start. Both totals represent single-game highs for the sophomore.

Sims, who played receiver and cornerback as a sophomore in 2014, posted 26 all-purpose yards on four rush attempts and two receptions.

'DORES TO MAKE 9TH CBS APPEARANCE

The Commodores will appear on CBS for the first time in nearly two years when they host nationally ranked Georgia this Saturday.

The game will mark CBS' first appearance on the Nashville campus since Vanderbilt edged the Bulldogs 31-27 on Oct. 19, 2013.

It also marks just CBS's third visit to Vanderbilt for football. Besides the 2013 game, CBS aired the Vandy-Ole Miss game in 1982.

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)
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



Play-by-play announcer Verne Lundquist, right, and analyst Gary Danielson enter their 10th year together as the voices for 'SEC on CBS' football broadcasts.

VERNE, GARY & ALLIE DOING FIRST BROADCAST FROM VANDERBILT STADIUM

SEC on CBS' esteemed trio of play-by-play announcer **Verne Lundquist**, analyst **Gary Danielson** and **Allie LaForce** will make their first broadcast from Vanderbilt Stadium when the Commodores face Georgia this Saturday.

Lundquist and Danielson are entering their 10th season together as the featured voices of 'SEC on CBS' games. LaForce enters her second year on the 'SEC on CBS' crew.



Allie LaForce enters her second year as 'SEC on CBS' sideline reporter.

COMMODORE NOTES

NOTES FROM WESTERN KENTUCKY GAME

SOLID DEFENSIVE EFFORT ... Vanderbilt failed to take advantage of the team's strongest defensive performances in more than a year. The unit held WKU to 11 first downs and 247 yards of total offense, both team lows in the Jeff Brohm Era. Only once under Brohm has the Hilltopper offense to fewer points and fewer rushing yards. WKU also converted just 2-of-11 third downs.

The defensive performance also comes after a 2014 regular season finale when Vanderbilt held Tennessee to 262 total yards.

The Commodores dominated the opening half, holding WKU to a pair of first downs and 46 total yards.

WKU's 247 yards of total offense marked the fewest allowed by Vanderbilt to FBS opponent the Commodores held Tennessee to 237 yards Nov. 23, 2013 in Knoxville. It also marked the fewest rushing yards by an FBS foe since Kentucky managed 32 yards on Nov. 12, 2011.

RED-ZONE STRUGGLES ... Vanderbilt's chances for victory were hindered by struggles deep inside WKU territory.

The Commodores scored on just two of five possessions inside the Hilltopper 10-yard line – a 26-yard field goal by **Tommy Openshaw** (So., PK) and a 2-yard pass from **Johnny McCrary** (So., QB) to **Trent Sherfield** (So., WR).

Two interceptions, one coming from the WKU 1-yard line, and a missed field goal kept the Commodores from adding points on three red-zone possessions.

TIME OF POSSESSION ... The Commodores owned a 13:18 advantage in time of possession over the Hilltoppers. Vanderbilt also ran 76 offensive plays, 24 more than Western Kentucky.

OFFENSIVE CONTROL ... The Vanderbilt offense owned the line of scrimmage for much of the game with a balanced attack, accumulating 217 passing yards and 176 rushing yards.

The unit also converted seven third-down opportunities, the most by a Commodore offense since converting the same total against Georgia in 2013.

The team's 393 yards of total offense was bettered only once a year ago (524 yards vs. Old Dominion, Nov. 1).

OPENSHAW DISPLAYS KICKING VERSATILITY ... **Tommy Openshaw** (So., PK/P) displayed excellent versatility while handling the team's primary placekicking and punting chores for the first time.

Openshaw connected on 2-of-3 field goals, including a career-long effort from 49 yards. He also averaged 44.0 yards on five punts, including efforts of 64 and 62 yards. None of Openshaw's punt were returned by the Hilltoppers.

TURNOVER MARGIN ... Three turnovers - a pair of interceptions and a special teams fumble - harmed Vanderbilt's chances for victory.

The Commodore defense did not register a turnover.

DUO POSTS FIRST QB SACKS ... **Tre Herndon** (So., CB) and **Jonathan Wynn** (R-So., DE) registered their first career quarterback sacks.

Herndon's sack came in his first career starting assignment. Wynn's sack ended WKU's final possession, allowing the Commodores to mount their last-minute touchdown drive.

SHERFIELD TOP AERIAL TARGET ... **Trent Sherfield** (So., WR) posted single-game career highs with four receptions and 63 receiving yards. His first career TD catch - a 2-yarder in the closing seconds - gave the 'Dores a chance to send the game into overtime with a 2-point conversion.

LEADING TACKLERS ... A trio of Commodores - **Torren McGaster** (R-Jr., CB), **Darreon Herring** (Sr., ILB) and **Andrew Williamson** (Sr., SAF) - topped the Commodores with six tackles each. All of McGaster's tackles were unassisted stops.

PASS DEFENSE ... **Oren Burks** (R-So., SAF) registered two defensed passes, including one to break up a WKU touchdown.

VANDERBILT'S 2015 SEC/NCAA RANK

Team Category	Avg.	SEC	NCAA	
Scoring Offense	12.0	13	110	
Total Offense	393.0	12	74	
Rushing Offense	176.0	12	74	
Pass Offense	217.0	9	67	
Scoring Defense	14.0	6	40	
Total Defense	247.0	4	28	
Rushing Defense	38.0	1	15	
Pass Defense	209.0	8	65	
Pass Efficiency	104.5	11	100	
Defensive Pass Efficiency	132.8	11	77	
Net Punting	40.0	6	41	
Kick Returns	20.3	T-8	T-64	
Punt Returns	4.0	10	T-72	
First Downs	20	8	T-71	
First Downs Allowed	11	3	T-20	
Time of Possession	36:39	2	11	
3rd Down Conv. %	39% (7-18)	10	66	
3rd Down Conv. % (Defense)	18% (2-11)	3	20	
Red Zone Offense	40% (2-5)	13	114	
Red Zone Defense	67% (2-3)	4	31	
Turnover Margin	-3	13	109	
Penalties	5	6	T-34	
Penalty Yards	48.0	5	T-51	
QB Sacks	2	T-9	T-50	
QB Sacks Allowed	1	T-4	T-26	
Tackles for Loss	5	T-7	T-69	
Tackles for Loss Allowed	6	9	T-68	
Interceptions	0	-	-	
Interceptions Thrown	2	T-11	T-99	
Active Individuals	Avg.	SEC	NCAA	
Ralph Webb	Rushing yards per game	70.0	15	-
	Rush attempts	18	6	-
	All-purpose yards	97.0	17	-
	Receptions	3.0	14	-
Johnny McCrary	Passing yards	217	4	56
	Rushing yards per game	66.0	18	-
	Total offense	283.0	4	38
Trent Sherfield	Receiving yards	63.0	12	-
	Receptions	4.0	7	-
Torren McGaster	Solo tackles	6.0	T-4	T-58
Tre Herndon	QB sacks	1.0	T-9	T-37
Jonathan Wynn	QB sacks	1.0	T-9	T-37
Oren Burks	Defensed passes	2	T-3	T-16
Tommy Openshaw	Punting	44.0	5	35
	Field goals made	2	T-1	13
Darrius Sims	Kick returns	20.3	5	48
Trey Ellis	Punt returns	8.0	6	41

'DORES NOW 3-7 PLAYING ON THURSDAYS

Vanderbilt opened its fourth straight season on Thursday night against Western Kentucky Sept. 3.

The 'Dores have struggled in recent Thursday games, having lost their last four appearances: WKU (2015), Temple (2014), Ole Miss (2013) and So. Carolina (2012).

The game was Vanderbilt's 10th all-time Thursday appearance, dating back to a 1996 home stint against Notre Dame.

THURSDAY RESULTS

Year	Opponent	W/L	Score
2015	Western Kentucky	L	12-14
2014	Temple	L	7-37
2013	Ole Miss	L	35-39
2012	South Carolina	L	13-17
2008	South Carolina	W	24-17
2008	Miami (Ohio)	W	34-13
2005	Wake Forest	W	24-20
2001	at MTSU	L	28-37
1997	Alabama	L	0-20
1996	Notre Dame	L	7-14

MASON ENTERS SECOND SEASON AS VANDERBILT HEAD COACH

Vanderbilt Head Coach Derek Mason greets a more experienced team in 2015 than his initial unit, and one seeking more success than a year ago.

The Commodore roster features 52 letterwinners, 10 more than the squad Mason greeted last August. It also features seven offensive starters, 11 defensive starters and both starting specialists. The improved depth is exhibited from Vanderbilt's 2014 regular season finale vs. Tennessee: 34 of the 44 players on Vanderbilt's two-deep were in uniform when the Commodores faced Western Kentucky in the opener.

Immediately after the 2014 season, Mason made three key staff decisions that could pay huge dividends

this season and years to come. Mason's first priority – to attract one of the nation's top conditioning coaches to work with Commodore student-athletes – was closed in late December when University of Nebraska coordinator James Dobson accepted an offer. Needing to improve the Commodore offense, Mason next attracted highly regarded Andy Ludwig as the team's offensive coordinator. Finally, after weeks of deliberation, Mason decided to add defensive coordinator responsibilities to his Vanderbilt duties, joining San Diego State's Rocky Long as the only head coach-defensive coordinator pairing in the nation.

RECORDS OF RECENT 2ND-YEAR COACHES

Coach	Year	Record
Derek Mason	2015	0-1
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

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.

Most recently, Ludwig directed the Wisconsin Badgers' 2013-14 offenses to record-book production in Madison.

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's production at Wisconsin came after a run of similar successes in coordinating roles at San Diego State (2011-12), California (2009-10), Utah (2005-08), Oregon (2002-04) and Fresno State (1998-2001).

LUDWIG AT WISCONSIN

SCORING OFFENSE

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

TOTAL OFFENSE

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

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)

FORMER NEBRASKA STRENGTH COORDINATOR LEADING 'DORES CONDITIONING EFFORT

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 football 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 NOTES

2015 STATISTICAL RETURNERS

Rushing								
	G	Att.	Net.	Avg.	TD	Long	Avg./G	
Ralph Webb	1	18	70	3.9	0	19	70.0	
Johnny McCrary	1	8	66	8.2	0	19	66.0	
Dallas Rivers	1	11	26	2.4	0	6	26.0	
Passing								
	G	Effic.	Comp.-Att.-INT	Pct.	Yards	TD	Avg./G	
Johnny McCrary	1	104.5	18-34-2	52.9	217	1	217.0	
Receiving								
	G	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long	Avg./G	
Trent Sherfield (WR)	1	4	63	15.8	1	31	63.0	
Kris Kentera (WR)	1	2	48	24.0	0	28	48.0	
Ralph Webb (RB)	1	3	27	9.0	0	11	27.0	
Defense								
	G	UA-A-TT	TFL/Yds.	Sacks	INT	PBU	FF/FR	QH
Torren McGaster (CB)	1	6-0-6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0/0	0
Darreon Herring (ILB)	1	2-4-6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0/0	0
Andrew Williamson (SAF)	1	1-5-6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0/0	0
Oren Burks (SAF)	1	2-2-4	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	2	0/0	0
Tre Bell (CB)	1	0-4-4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0/0	0
Tre Herndon (CB)	1	2-1-3	1.0-6	1.0-6	0	0	0.0	0
Caleb Azubike (DE)	1	1-2-3	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0	0/0	0
Nehemiah Mitchell (OLB)	1	10203	05.1	0.0-0	0	0	0.0	0

2014 STARTERS RETURNING: 20

OFFENSE: 9

NAME, POSITION	2014 NOTES
Johnny McCrary, QB	Threw for 985 yards, 9 TDs; shared duties with Robinette, Freebeck
Ralph Webb, RB	Posted team freshman record with 912 yards on 212 rush attempts
* C.J. Duncan, WR	Had 28 receptions, 441 receiving yards and 4 TDs as freshman starter
Latevius Rayford, WR	Ranked second on team with 36 catches, good for 350 receiving yards
Steven Scheu, TE	2nd team All-SEC pick after leading team with 39 catches, 525 yards
Jake Bernstein, OL	Enters senior season with 29 career starts at left guard
Spencer Pulley, OL	Senior has started 25 straight games (29 total) at right guard
* Andrew Jelks, OL	Has 21 career starts on OL, including every game last year at LT
Will Holden, OL	Gained critical starting experience at tackle as sophomore in 2014

DEFENSE: 11

NAME, POSITION	2014 NOTES
Caleb Azubike, DL	Posted 39 tackles, including four QB sacks, in seven starts as DE
Adam Butler, DL	Set career highs with 35 tackles, 2.5 QB sacks in eight DT/DE starts
Nigel Bowden, LB	Earned SEC All-Freshman honors after topping team with 78 tackles
Zach Cunningham, LB	Finished 2014 strong, registering 56 stops in last seven appearances
Darreon Herring, LB	Two-year starter and team's active career leader with 162 tackles
Stephen Weatherly, LB	Topped team with 12.5 tackles for loss, including 5 in finale vs. UT
Torren McGaster, CB	Topped 'Dores with 56 solo tackles, had 4+ tackles in 11 of 12 games
Taurean Ferguson, CB	Posted two INTs and 25 tackles as late-season starter for 5 games
Oren Burks, Saf	Played well before and after midseason injury; had 37 total tackles
Jahmel McIntosh, Saf	Contributed 40 total tackles, 24 solo stops, starting final nine games
Andrew Williamson, Saf	Posted career highs with 54 total tackles and 32 solo stops

SPECIALISTS: 2

NAME, POSITION	2014 NOTES
Colby Cooke, P	Averaged 42.4 yards on 66 punts as first-year starter.
Tommy Openshaw, PK	Made 8 of 11 field goals, including two beyond 45 yards, in first year * Out for the 2015 season with injury

2015 VANDERBILT ROSTER

LETTERWINNERS RETURNING: 52

OFFENSE (23) Jake Bernstein, Delando Crooks, Chandler Dorrell, Sean Dowling, C.J. Duncan, Wade Freebeck, Blake Fromang, Barrett Gouger, Will Holden, Andrew Jelks, Kris Kentera, Nathan Marcus, Kevin McCoy, Johnny McCrary, Spencer Pulley, Latevius Rayford, Dallas Rivers, Steven Scheu, Caleb Scott, Trent Sherfield, Darrius Sims, Ralph Webb, DeAndre Woods

DEFENSE (25) Torey Agee, Caleb Azubike, Jalen Banks, Tre Bell, Nigel Bowden, Oren Burks, Adam Butler, Zach Cunningham, Taurean Ferguson, Harding Harper, Tre Herndon, Darreon Herring, Nifae Lealao, Torren McGaster, Jahmel McIntosh, Jake Sealand, Emmanuel Smith, Landon Stokes, Tre Tarpley, Ja'kari Thomas, Stephen Weatherly, Ryan White, Andrew Williamson, Jay Woods, Jonathan Wynn

SPECIALISTS (4) Colby Cooke, Trey Ellis, Hayden Lekacz, Tommy Openshaw

COMMODORES BY CLASS

SENIORS (9) Caleb Azubike, Jake Bernstein, Darreon Herring, Kris Kentera, Chris Martin, Jahmel McIntosh, Spencer Pulley, Steven Scheu, Andrew Williamson

JUNIORS (20) Torey Agee, Adam Butler, Colby Cooke, Chandler Dorrell, Blake Fromang, Curtis Graves, Barrett Gouger, Harding Harper, Will Holden, Bradyn Jasper, Andrew Jelks, Wilson Johnson, Kevin McCoy, Torren McGaster, Nehemiah Mitchell, Latevius Rayford, Jacob Schultz, Darrius Sims, Ja'kari Thomas, Stephen Weatherly

SOPHOMORES (33) Jalen Banks, Ladarius Banks, Tre Bell, Nigel Bowden, Oren Burks, Delando Crooks, Zach Cunningham, Egidio DellaRippa, Brian Doney, Sean Dowling, C.J. Duncan, Trey Ellis, Taurean Ferguson, Wade Freebeck, Tre Herndon, Nifae Lealao, Hayden Lekacz, Nathan Marcus, Johnny McCrary, Reid Nelson, Tommy Openshaw, Dallas Rivers, Caleb Scott, Trent Sherfield, Emmanuel Smith, Landon Stokes, Arnold Tarpley, John Webb, Ralph Webb, Ryan White, DeAndre Woods, Jay Woods, Jonathan Wynn

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (14) Khari Blasingame, Rashad Canty, Sekou Clark, Bailey Granier, Cole Hardin, Bryce Lewis, Ronald Monroe, Bruno Reagan, Shawn Stankavage, Riley Tindol, Ladarius Wiley, Davis Winkie, Charles Wright

FRESHMEN (20) Kyle Anderton, Josh Crawford, Darion DeBrossard, Sam Dobbs, Jaire George, Jordan Griffin, Winston Guillory, Jay Hockaday, Kade Mayle, Dare Odeyingbo, Caleb Peart, Ean Pfeifer, Jared Pinkney, Andrew Rector, Donovan Sheffield, Kyle Shurmur, Justin Skule, Josh Smith, Jared Southers

COMMODORE NOTES

ACTIVE CAREER STATISTICAL LEADERS

Category	Team Leaders	Career Totals
Total Offense	J. McCrary/R. Webb	1,307/1,004
Total TDs	S. Scheu/CJ Duncan-R. Webb-K. Kentera (tie)	6/4 ea.
Rushing Yards	R. Webb/D. Rivers	977/244
Rushing Attempts	R. Webb/D. Rivers	230/79
Rushing TDs	R. Webb/D. Rivers	4/2
Passing Yards	J. McCrary/W. Freebeck	1,202/376
Pass Attempts	J. McCrary/W. Freebeck	186/72
Completions	J. McCrary/W. Freebeck	96/34
Passing TDs	J. McCrary/W. Freebeck	10/1
Receiving Yards	S. Scheu/C.J. Duncan	705/441
Receptions	S. Scheu/L. Rayford	58/39
Receiving TDs	S. Scheu/K. Kentera-CJ Duncan (tie)	6/4 ea.
Punt Return Yards	T. Ellis/D. Sims	61/33
Kick Return Yards	D. Sims/Dallas Rivers	1,345/151
Total Tackles	D. Herring/A. Williamson	168/100
Solo Tackles	D. Herring/T. McGaster	91/62
Tackles for Loss	C. Azubike/S. Weatherly	20.5/15.5
Quarterback Sacks	C. Azubike/S. Weatherly	13/7
INTs	Ferguson-Herring-McGaster-McIntosh-Williamson	2 ea.
Forced Fumbles	Williamson-Tarpley (tie)	2 ea.
Fumble Recoveries	Azubike-Williamson-Butler (tie)	2 ea.
Passes Defended	D. Herring/O. Burks	12/9
Career Starts	J. Bernstein-S. Pulley (tie)	30 ea.
Consec. Starts	S. Pulley/J. Bernstein	26/15

SENIOR LINEMEN BERNSTEIN, PULLEY 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 30 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 27 and 24 career starts, respectively.

Six other Commodores have at least 12 career starts: **Nigel Bowden** (R-So., ILB), **Adam Butler** (Jr., DL), **Colby Cooke** (R-Jr., punter), **Will Holden** (R-Jr., OL), **Andrew Jelks** (Jr., OT), **Torren McGaster** (Jr., CB), **Tommy Openshaw** (R-So., P/PK) and **Ralph Webb** (So., RB).

ACTIVE STARTS

Player	Career Starts
Jake Bernstein, Sr., OG	30
Spencer Pulley, Sr., C/OG	30
Steven Scheu, Sr., TE	27
Darreon Herring, Sr., LB	24
Andrew Jelks, R-Jr., OT	21
Adam Butler, R-Jr., DL	16
Torren McGaster, R-Jr., CB	13
Ralph Webb, R-So., RB	13
Nigel Bowden, R-So., LB	12
Colby Cooke, R-Jr., punter	12
Will Holden, R-Jr., OT	12
Tommy Openshaw, R-So., PK	12
Latevius Rayford, Jr., WR	11

INJURY FORCES JELKS, DUNCAN OUT

Two key offensive starters from last year – **C.J. Duncan** (R-So., WR) and **Andrew Jelks** (R-Jr., OT) – have been lost for the season due to injuries.

Duncan, who posted 28 receptions for 441 yards as a 10-game starter in 2014, suffered a lower leg injury Aug. 9 during routine special team drills. Jelks, a 2013 Freshman All-America (Football Writers Association of America) and starting left tackle last year, sustained a knee injury in non-tackling drills Aug. 19.

Jaire George (Fr., RB) also is expected to miss the season recuperating from a shoulder injury.

VANDERBILT PLAYER PARTICIPATION

Player	Pos.	2015		Career Games Played	Career Starts	Consec. Career Starts
		Games Played	Starts			
Torey Agee	DT	1	-	16	-	-
Caleb Azubike	DE	1	1	35	10	1
Jalen Banks	DB	1	-	12	-	-
Ladarius Banks	FB	1	-	1	-	-
Tre Bell	CB	1	-	10	4	-
Jake Bernstein	OL	1	1	37	30	15
Nigel Bowden	LB	1	1	12	12	2
Oren Burks	S	1	1	9	8	5
Adam Butler	DT	1	1	25	16	4
Colby Cooke	PK	-	-	15	12	-
Delando Crooks	OG	-	-	12	-	-
Zach Cunningham	LB	1	-	12	5	-
Chandler Dorrell	WR	-	-	11	-	-
Sean Dowling	TE	1	-	13	-	-
C.J. Duncan	WR	-	-	11	9	-
Trey Ellis	PR	1	-	11	-	-
Taurean Ferguson	CB	1	-	13	6	-
Wade Freebeck	QB	1	-	5	4	-
Blake Fromang	OL	1	1	22	1	1
Barrett Gouger	OL	1	1	24	2	1
Curtis Graves	WR	-	-	2	-	-
Harding Harper	LB	1	-	16	-	-
Tre Herndon	CB	1	1	13	1	1
Darreon Herring	LB	1	1	39	24	3
Will Holden	OL	1	1	25	12	12
Andrew Jelks	OL	-	-	24	21	-
Wilson Johnson	SN	1	-	1	-	-
Kris Kentera	TE	1	-	38	3	-
Nifae Lealao	DT	1	-	10	-	-
Hayden Lekacz	PK	1	-	6	1	-
Bryce Lewis	CB	1	-	1	-	-
Nathan Marcus	TE	1	-	13	3	-
Kevin McCoy	OL	-	-	3	-	-
Torren McGaster	CB	1	1	26	13	11
Jahmel McIntosh	S	1	-	38	10	-
Johnny McCrary	QB	1	1	8	6	6
Nehemiah Mitchell	OLB	1	1	1	1	1
Tommy Openshaw	PK	1	1	12	12	12
Spencer Pulley	OL	1	1	38	30	26
Latevius Rayford	WR	1	1	19	11	9
Bruno Reagan	OL	1	-	1	-	-
Dallas Rivers	RB	1	-	13	-	-
Steven Scheu	TE	1	1	37	27	14
Jacob Schultz	SN	1	-	1	-	-
Caleb Scott	WR	1	-	12	1	-
Darius Sims	CB	1	1	26	1	1
Justin Skule	OL	1	-	1	-	-
Emmanuel Smith	SAF	1	-	11	-	-
Josh Smith	OLB	1	-	1	-	-
Landon Stokes	OLB	1	-	11	-	-
Ja'kari Thomas	LB	1	-	26	1	-
Arnold Tarpley	SAF	1	-	12	-	-
Stephen Weatherly	LB	1	1	25	10	6
Ralph Webb	RB	1	1	13	13	13
Ryan White	CB	1	-	10	1	-
Ladarius Wiley	CB	1	-	2	-	-
Andrew Williamson	SAF	1	1	40	10	1
DeAndre Woods	WR	1	-	4	-	-
Jay Woods	DT	1	1	13	6	1
Charles Wright	OLB	1	-	1	-	-
Jonathan Wynn	LB	1	-	12	2	-

VANDERBILT, SEC JOIN IN EFFORT TO RAISE AWARENESS OF PROSTATE CANCER

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.

Helmets worn by all student-athletes on the Commodore squad featured a commemorative sticker when Vanderbilt faced Western Kentucky in the season opener.

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

The Southeastern Conference 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. The Prostate Cancer Awareness Games are scheduled on each of the 14 league campuses during the month of September.

Slive and his family were honored by Vanderbilt Athletics at halftime of 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.

Slive was originally diagnosed with prostate cancer in the late 1990s. In October 2014, he announced he was dealing with a recurrence of his prostate cancer and stepped down at the end of the year after serving as commissioner for 13 years. He has been undergoing treatment periodically and plans to attend several of the games during the month of September.

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.

VICC's prostate cancer experts include imaging specialists, urologic surgeons, pathologists, radiation oncologists, medical oncologists and hematologist/oncologists who work together as a comprehensive team to provide high-quality evidence-based care for patients. Members of this team are renowned for their research studies which are routinely published in many of the leading academic medical journals.

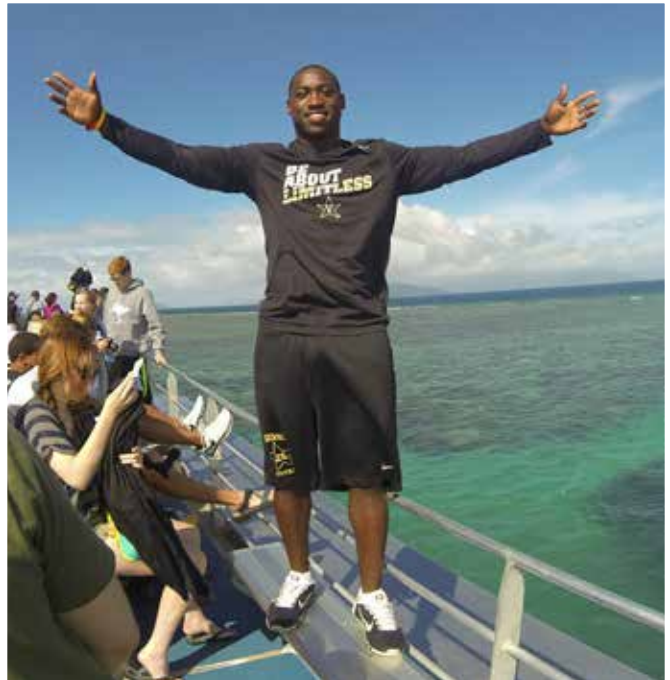
Men who want to know more about their risks for prostate cancer or who are seeking care may schedule an appointment at VICC by calling toll free 1-877-936-8422.

FORMER STANDOUT MARVE JOINS STAFF

Chris Marve, the No. 8 tackler in Commodore history, has joined the Vanderbilt staff as a defensive graduate assistant. As a three-time All-SEC linebacker and two-time captain, Marve produced 393 tackles from 2008-11.



Each Vanderbilt player helmet will feature this decal in effort to raise prostate cancer prevention awareness.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LEGACY 'DORES: SCOTT, SHEFFIELD FOLLOWING DADS TO VANDERBILT

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

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

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

COMMODORE NOTES



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



BLACK MATTE Introduced in 2011; Matte finish in 2014; enlarged "Star V" decal added this year



WHITE MATTE Introduced in 2012; matte finish & enlarged "Star V" decal added this year



DEEP WATER Ocean-inspired HGI alternate design introduced Aug. 16; anchor decal also new



HELMET DECAL New Anchor & Ship chain design to be featured on white & black helmets

"Deep Water" gray unis added to team inventory; Fourth uniform design also features new helmet look

The Commodores introduced a fourth uniform design – the Deep Water alternate – in August.

The unveiling of the alternate uniform at Dore Jam, the team's annual fan event to kick off the season.

The gray cloth 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 helmet facemask is a gleaming gold.

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

Vanderbilt fans also got their first up-close look at the "Deep Water" unis and the program's new designs of the black and white helmets at Dore Jam.

Head Coach Derek Mason and team officials have not said which game the Commodores will wear the "Deep Water" grays.



DADS OF FIVE COMMODORES PLAYED 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 Greg McCrary, who played tight end for seven years with the Atlanta Falcons, Washington Redskins and San Diego Chargers.
- **Caleb Scott** (So., WR) is the son of former Vanderbilt All-America tight end Chuck Scott, who played one season with both the Los Angeles Rams and Dallas Cowboys.
- **Torey Agee** (R-Jr., DT) is the son of former fullback Tommie Agee, who enjoyed a seven-year career with the Seattle Seahawks, Kansas City Chiefs and Dallas Cowboys.
- **Landon Stokes** (R-So., OLB) is the son of Fred Stokes, a 10-year defensive end with the Los Angeles and St. Louis Rams, Washington Redskins and New Orleans Saints.
- **Jaire George** (Fr., RB) is the son of 1995 Heisman Trophy winner and Houston Oiler-Tennessee Titan running back Eddie George.

VANDERBILT RESULTS IN NON-CONFERENCE PLAY

Vanderbilt has won 12 of its last 14 games against non-SEC teams.

Since the 2011 opener, Vanderbilt is 14-3 against non-SEC teams in regular season action – and 16-4 overall against non-SEC foes including bowl appearances. In the last decade, the Commodores are 29-14 against all non-SEC teams.

The 'Dores opened the 2015 season with a 14-12 loss to Western Kentucky.

The Commodores have defeated 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, MTSU, Houston
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)

VANDERBILT TEAMS OF 1915 AND 1955 SHARE HISTORIC ANNIVERSARIES THIS YEAR

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

One hundred years ago, 1915 squad coached by **Dan McGugin** was a dominant power in the South, becoming just the second of four Commodore units to reach nine wins. The World War I era team went 9-1 overall, winning its first seven games by a combined 459-0 margin. The Commodores' only loss in 1915 came at Virginia. Known as the "Point-A-Minute" Commodores, the 1915 unit was anchored by tackle **Josh Cody**, the only three-time All-America in team history, and a small back named **Irby "Rabbit" Curry**, who would die three years later when his plane was shot down over France.

The 1955 team, celebrating a 60th anniversary this year, will always be remembered by fans as the first Commodore squad to make a postseason appearance. The unit, led by running back **Charley Horton**, receiver **Joe Stephenson** and quarterback **Don Orr** among others, started the season 1-2 before going on a six-game win streak. Finishing the regular season at 7-3, Commodores under **Art Guepe** accepted an invitation to play No. 8 Auburn in the Gator Bowl. Vanderbilt forced five fumbles and scored 12 unanswered points in the second half to claim a 25-13 victory.



The 1955 team, shown celebrating a 34-0 shutout of No. 17 Kentucky, went on to register a victory over No. 8 Auburn in the 1955 Gator 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
Cedric Calhoun	Assistant, Strength
Ben Schumacher	Assistant, Strength

A QUICK LOOK

Head Coach	Derek Mason (2nd year)
Career Record	3-10
2015 Team Record	0-1 (0-0 in SEC East)
Associated Press Rank	n/a
USA Today/Coaches' Rank	n/a
Home	0-1
Away	0-0
Home Attendance	270,063 (8 games)
Average Home Attendance	34,258
Number of Bowl Appearances	r7
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	584-593-50 (.496)
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 (Off.)	Mike Morita
Analytics Assistant	Jarren Horton

DEREK MASON

HEAD COACH DEREK MASON

AGE: 46

CAREER RECORD: 3-10 (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.

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.

ROSTER INCLUDES SMALL SENIOR CLASS; TEAM HAS EIGHT SCHOLARSHIP SENIORS

For the second straight year, Vanderbilt features one of the smallest senior classes in the nation.

The 2015 'Dore 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** (SAF), **Spencer Pulley** (OL), **Steven Scheu** (TE) and **Andrew Williamson** (SAF).

FEWEST SENIORS	
Team	Total Seniors
Wake Forest	6
Wyoming	8
Vanderbilt	9
Central Florida	9
Old Dominion	10
Pitt	10
Eastern Michigan	11
Colorado	11
NC State	11

YOUTHFUL 'DORES HAVE EXPERIENCE; 31 FRESHMEN PLAYED LAST YEAR

The Commodores remain one of the nation's youngest squads, but several first-and second-year members of the team experienced their first collegiate action in 2014.

Derek Mason played 31 freshmen last year, including 12 true freshman. Vanderbilt's total of participating freshmen topped the nation, just ahead of LSU (27), Tennessee (25), Oregon (22) and Florida (22).

Vanderbilt's 12 true freshmen seeing action also ranked among the NCAA leaders, trailing only Tennessee (22), LSU (17) and NC State (13).

VU FRESHMEN PARTICIPANTS: 2014

OFFENSE:	DEFENSE	SPECIALISTS
Delando Crooks (OG, R-Fr.)	Jalen Banks (CB, R-Fr.)	Trey Ellis (PR, Fr.)
Chandler Dorrell (WR, R-Fr.)	Tre Bell (CB, R-Fr.)	Hayden Lekacz (PK, Fr.)
Sean Dowling (OT, R-Fr.)	Nigel Bowden (LB, R-Fr.)	Tommy Openshaw (PK, R-Fr.)
C.J. Duncan (WR, R-Fr.)	Oren Burks (SAF, R-Fr.)	
Wade Freebeck (QB, Fr.)	Zach Cunningham (LB, R-Fr.)	
Nathan Marcus (TE, R-Fr.)	Taurean Ferguson (CB, R-Fr.)	
Johnny McCrary (QB, R-Fr.)	Tre Herndon (CB, Fr.)	
Dallas Rivers (RB, Fr.)	Nifae Lealao (DT, Fr.)	
Caleb Scott (WR, Fr.)	Hawkins Mann (ILB, Fr.)	
Trent Sherfield (WR, Fr.)	Emmanuel Smith (SAF, Fr.)	
Ralph Webb (RB, R-Fr.)	Arnold Tarpley (SAF, Fr.)	
Ryan White (DB, R-Fr.)	Ladarius Wiley (CB, Fr.)	
DeAndre Woods (WR, R-Fr.)	Ryan White (CB, R-Fr.)	
	Jay Woods (DL, R-Fr.)	
	Jonathan Wynn (LB, R-Fr.)	

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 Lilburn – Bryce Lewis Macon – Nigel Bowden Norcross – Jared Pinkney Riverdale – Rashad Canty Snellville – Darion DeBrossard, Stephen Weatherly Stone Mtn. – Darreon Herring, Dallas Rivers, Jonathan Wynn Suwanee – Caleb Scott	FLORIDA (9) Davie – Wade Freebeck Gainesville – Ralph Webb Green Cove Sprgs. – Will Holden Jacksonville – Tommy Openshaw Orlando – Blake Fromang, Landon Stokes Tallahassee – Ja'kari Thomas Tampa – Jordan Griffin, Kevin McCoy	NORTH CAROLINA (2) Charlotte – Trey Ellis Durham – Shawn Stankavage
TENNESSEE (17) Chattanooga – Tre Herndon Clarksville – Bruno Reagan Hendersonville – Kyle Anderton Memphis – Spencer Pulley, Latevius Rayford, Darius 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	TEXAS (7) Dallas – Winston Guillory, John Webb Denton – Sekou Clark Duncanville – Adam Butler Houston – Ronald Monroe Irving – Dare Odeyingbo San Antonio – Andrew Williamson	OHIO (2) McConnelsville – Kade Mayle Westerfield – Brian Doney
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	CALIFORNIA (6) Cascaic – Egidio DellaRipa Fallbrook – Sean Dowling Hayward – Nehemiah Mitchell Irvine – Charles Wright Los Angeles – LaDarius Wiley Sacramento – Nifae Lealao	PENNSYLVANIA (2) Philadelphia – Kyle Shurmur Pittsburgh – Arnold Tarpley
	ILLINOIS (5) Danville – Trent Sherfield Glen Ellyn – Hayden Lekacz, Nathan Marcus Markham – Jalen Banks Lake in the Hills – Jake Bernstein	ARKANSAS (1) Bentonville – Ean Pfeifer
	INDIANA (1) Evansville – Steven Scheu	ARIZONA (1) Gilbert – Caleb Peart
	MISSISSIPPI (1) Cleveland – Jahmel McIntosh	COLORADO (1) Colorado Springs – Kris Kentera
	NEW JERSEY (3) Princeton – Chris Martin South Orange – Jared Southers Union – Tre Bell	KENTUCKY (1) Louisville – Ryan White
	VIRGINIA (3) Clifton – Justin Skule Fairfax Station – Oren Burks Goochland – Colby Cooke	LOUISIANA (1) Galliano – Bailey Granier
		MARYLAND (1) Hyattsville – Jaire George
		MISSOURI (1) Washington – Bradyn Jasper

EXPERIENCED SECONDARY: SIX MULTIPLE-GAME STARTERS BACK FROM 2014

The 2015 Commodore secondary looks nothing like it did a year ago.

In 2014, Vanderbilt coaches were looking to replace all four 2013 starters, including two future NFL players, in the defensive backfield.

This year, the landscape has totally changed. Seven returning starters and several quality contenders are among the hopefuls at cornerback and safety.

Andrew Williamson (Sr.), **Jahmel McIntosh** (R-Sr.), and **Oren Burks** (R-So.) are the most experienced returnees at safety. McIntosh and Williamson earned at least eight starts at strong safety and free safety,

STARTS IN SECONDARY

Player	Total Starts
Torren McGaster, R-Jr., CB	13
Jahmel McIntosh, R-Sr., safety	10
Andrew Williamson, Sr., safety	11
Oren Burks, R-So., safety	9
Taurean Ferguson, R-So., CB	6
Tre Bell, R-So., CB	4
Tre Herndon, So, CB	1
Ryan White, NB	1

respectively. Burks opened the year as the starting strong safety, and concluded with seven starts. Williamson finished the year fifth on the team with 54 tackles. McIntosh and Burks ranked eighth and 10th with 40 and 37 stops, respectively.

Several talented youngsters will contend at the safety positions, including **Jalen Banks** (R-So.), **Emmanuel Smith** (So.), **Arnold Tarpley** (So.) and **Andrew Rector** (Fr.).

Torren McGaster (R-Jr.) and **Taurean Ferguson** (R-So.) ended 2014 as the Commodores' starting cornerbacks. An 11-game starter, McGaster topped the squad with 46 solo tackles. McGaster's two interceptions also shared the team lead with Ferguson, who contributed 25 solo stops. **Tre Bell** (R-So.) and **Ryan White** (R-So.) also earned early-season starts at cornerback and nickelback, respectively.

Tre Herndon (So.) opened this season as a starter at cornerback opposite McGaster.

COMMODORE NOTES

WEBB STARTS SOPHOMORE SEASON WITH 70-YARD EFFORT

Ralph Webb returns for his redshirt sophomore campaign after putting together the finest rushing season ever by a Vanderbilt freshman running back.

Webb, a product of Gainesville (Fla.) H.S., rushed for 70 yards on 18 carries in the 2015 opener vs. Western Kentucky.

Webb produced 907 rushing yards in 2014, 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), and carries in a game (31, 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 most in the SEC last year. Webb's total attempts ranks as the third highest single-season total by a Commodore, topped only by **Jermaine Johnson** (267, 1995) and **Corey Harris** (229, 1991).

WEATHERLY, AZUBIKE LEADERS APPLY PRESSURE ON QBS

Vanderbilt's three leading quarterback sack specialists are among the leading defensive returnees this season.

After moving to a new position before the 2014 season, **Stephen Weatherly** (R-Jr., OLB) became arguably the unit's most productive player as the campaign came to a close. In his last five games last year, Weatherly totalled 30 tackles, 10.5 tackles for loss, and four QB sacks.

Caleb Azubike (Sr., DE) was another defender facing the transition of playing a new role last year. After starting at outside linebacker, Azubike moved to defensive end, concluding the year with four sacks.

Adam Butler (R-Jr.) and **Jay Woods** (R-So.) have the versatility to play tackle or outside as an end. Both are coming off solid 30+ tackle seasons in 2014.

CAREER SACK LEADERS

Player	QB Sacks
• Caleb Azubike, Sr., DE	13.0
• Stephen Weatherly, R-Jr., OLB	7.0

ACTIVE VANDERBILT STUDENT-ATHLETES WHO HAVE EARNED SEC WEEKLY PLAYER RECOGNITION

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

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

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

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

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

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

VANDERBILT RESULTS WHEN...

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

STATUS OF FORMER COMMODORES IN THE NFL

Player	Position	NFL Team	Years	Notes
Jay Cutler	QB	Chicago	10th	Cutler enters 7th year with Bears nearing two milestones: 200 TD passes & 30,000 passing yards.
Andre Hal	SAF	Houston	2nd	After playing CB as a rookie last year, Hal is battling to become starting safety with Texans.
Casey Hayward	CB	Green Bay	4th	Packers' top nickelback last year is competing for starting CB role during preseason camp.
Wesley Johnson	OL	New York Jets	2nd	Released on Sept. 1, Johnson was re-signed by the Jets to their practice squad Sept. 6.
Jordan Matthews	WR	Philadelphia	2nd	Matthews ranked among top rookie wideouts in 2014 with 67 catches, 872 yards & eight TDs.
Sean Richardson	SAF	Green Bay	4th	Richardson signed hefty deal this summer to stay in Green Bay, and expects greater role this year.
Zac Stacy	RB	New York Jets	3rd	Running back had 60 rushing yards and 24-yard TD catch in Jets' most recent preseason game.

The following former Commodores were released by NFL clubs in the last 10 days: **Brandon Barden**, TE, Dallas; **Andrew East**, SN, Kansas City; **Jonathan Krause**, WR, New England; **Kenny Ladler**, SAF, Buffalo; **Ryan Seymour**, OL, Cleveland; **Carey Spear**, PK, Cleveland; and **Kyle Woestmann**, OLB, Chicago.

VU-UGA STATISTICAL COMPARISON

	VANDERBILT	GEORGIA
2014 RECORD	0-1	1-0
SCORING	12	51
Points Per Game	12.0	51.0
FIRST DOWNS	20	19
Rushing	9	11
Passing	9	8
Penalty	2	0
RUSHING YARDAGE	176	243
Yards gained rushing	189	253
Yards lost rushing	13	10
Rushing Attempts	42	38
Average Per Rush	4.2	6.4
Average Per Game	176.0	243.0
TDs Rushing	0	4
PASSING YARDAGE	217	192
Comp.-Att.-INT	18-34-2	10-14-0
Average Per Pass	6.4	13.7
Average Per Catch	12.1	19.2
Average Per Game	217.0	192.0
TDs Passing	1	3
TOTAL OFFENSE	393	435
Total Plays	76	52
Average Per Play	5.2	8.4
Average Per Game	393.0	435.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	3-61	3-61
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	3-12	3-37
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	0-0	1-26
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	20.3	20.3
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	4.0	12.3
INT RETURN AVERAGE	0.0	26.0
FUMBLES LOST	2-1	1-0
FUMBLES RECOVERED	2-0	4-0
PENALTIES-Yards	5-48	4-30
Average Per Game	48.0	30.0
PUNTS-Yards	5-220	4-175
Average Per Punt	44.0	43.8
Net punt average	40.0	38.8
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	36:39	23:26
3RD-DOWN Conversions	7/18	5/9
3rd-Down Pct.	39%	56%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	2/3	0/0
4th-Down Pct.	67%	-
SACKS BY-Yards	2-13	3-22
SACKS ALLOWED-Yards	1-5	1-6
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	1	7
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	(2-3) 67%	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(2-5) 40%	(4-4) 100%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(1-5) 20%	(4-4) 100%

HANKTON, MATTIOLI ADDITIONS TO COMMODORE COACHING STAFF

While the hiring of Andy Ludwig as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach stole most of the headlines, Head Coach Derek Mason attracted a pair of talented young coaches to the Commodore staff in Cortez Hankton and Marc Mattioli.

Mason hired Hankton as wide receivers coach and picked Mattioli to mentor Commodore safeties.

Hankton, a former six-year NFL receiver, joined the staff just before National Signing Day. He did a superb job at Dartmouth University during the last three years, helping the Big Green witness a reversal of their gridiron fortunes. Dartmouth went 20-10 overall, and 8-2 in 2014, during Hankton's tenure.

Mattioli, a former coach at LaGrange (Ga.) College, worked with Mason for two years as a defensive graduate assistant at Stanford.

PREP TEAMMATES NOW 'DORE TEAMMATES

Ten current Commodores are playing college football with teammates from their high schools.

- Brothers **Emmanuel Smith** (So., SAF) 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.

DEFENSE RETURNS LEADING TACKLERS

Vanderbilt's youth movement on defense in 2014 has resulted in 13 of the team's top 14 tacklers returning this season.

Leading the list of returnees is a pair of inside linebackers, **Nigel Bowden** (R-So.) and **Zach Cunningham** (R-So.). Bowden was the Commodores' leading tackler in 2014, posting 78 tackles as a first-year player. Bowden also ranked first among all Southeastern Conference freshmen in total tackles. Cunningham became a productive contributor after taking over a starting role next to Bowden at midseason. Cunningham finished the year with 67 total tackles, and averaged 8.3 stops during his five starting assignments.

Torren McGaster (R-Jr., CB) paced the Commodore defense with 46 solo tackles.

The only player among Vanderbilt's top 14 tacklers not in uniform is DT **Vince Taylor**.

2014 TACKLE LEADERS

Player	Total Tackles
• Nigel Bowden, R-So., ILB	78
• Zach Cunningham, R-So., ILB	67
• Torren McGaster, R-Jr., CB	66
• Stephen Weatherly, R-Jr., OLB	55
• Andrew Williamson, Sr., safety	54
• Darreon Herring, Sr., ILB	45
• Vince Taylor, DT	43
• Jahmel McIntosh, Sr., safety	40
• Caleb Azubike, Sr., DE	39
• Oren Burks, R-So., safety	37
• Adam Butler, R-Jr., DT/DE	35
• Ryan White, R-So., safety	34
• Jay Woods, R-So., DT/DE	31
• Taurean Ferguson, R-So., CB	30
• — 2015 returnee	

COMMODORE NOTES



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 JOINING 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 enters 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	Tallahoma

*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, 19-54-2	L, 17-44 (2014)
Austin Peay	Sept. 19	VU leads, 1-0	W, 38-3 (2013)
Ole Miss	Sept. 26	VU trails, 38-49-2	L, 3-41 (2014)
Middle Tennessee	Oct. 3	VU leads, 12-3	L, 15-17 (2005)
South Carolina	Oct. 17	VU trails, 4-20	L, 34-48 (2014)
Missouri	Oct. 24	VU trails, 2-4-1	L, 14-24 (2014)
Houston	Oct. 31	VU leads, 1-0	W, 41-24 (2014)
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 Georgia game will be held after he addresses the team. Only properly credentialed media will be allowed into the press conference room.

Mason's remarks will be held in the Vanderbilt Press Conference area, which is located next to the Commodore player locker room in Vanderbilt 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 vucommodores.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 flagship NewsRadio 1510 WLAC, is scheduled each Thursday after a Vanderbilt game. 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.

DEPTH CHART: SEPT. 6

OFFENSE

OT	74	Will Holden	6-7, 312, R-Jr.
	58	Justin Skule	6-6, 305, Fr.
OG	53	Jake Bernstein	6-4, 310, Sr.
	61	Bruno Reagan	6-3, 315, R-Fr.
C	77	Spencer Pulley	6-4, 300, Sr.
	60	Cole Hardin	6-4, 300, R-Fr.
OG	56	Barrett Gouger	6-4, 308, R-Jr.
	64	Delando Crooks	6-5, 315, So.
OT	66	Blake Fromang	6-7, 305, R-Jr.
	75	Bailey Granier	6-6, 315, R-Fr.
WR	10	Trent Sherfield	6-0, 200, So.
	6	Darrius Sims	5-9, 188, Jr.
	9	Caleb Scott	6-1, 195, So.
WR	82	Kris Kentera	6-4, 218, Sr.
	86	Latevius Rayford	6-1, 198, Jr.
	36	Trey Ellis	5-9, 168, So.
QB	2	Johnny McCrary	6-4, 220, R-So.
	12	Wade Freebeck	6-5, 226, So.
RB	7	Ralph Webb	5-10, 202, R-So.
	28	Dallas Rivers	6-1, 224, So.
	22	Josh Crawford	5-10, 200, Fr.
FB	42	Ladarius Banks	6-2, 255, R-Jr.
	88	Kyle Anderton	6-4, 255, Fr.
TE	81	Steven Scheu	6-5, 245, Sr.
	83	Nathan Marcus	6-5, 240, R-So.
	89	Sean Dowling	6-5, 270, R-So.
15	DeAndre Woods	6-3, 238, R-So.	

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	17	Tommy Openshaw	6-2, 185, R-So.
	16	Colby Cooke	6-3, 220, R-Jr.
PK	17	Tommy Openshaw	6-2, 185, R-So.
	93	Hayden Lekacz	6-0, 192, So.
SN	48	Jacob Schultz	6-4, 235, Jr.
LS	37	Wilson Johnson	6-0, 210, Jr.
HOLD	82	Kris Kentera	6-4, 218, Sr.
	37	Wilson Johnson	6-0, 210, Jr.
KOR	6	Darrius Sims	5-9, 188, Jr.
	31	Ty Herndon	6-0, 185, R-So.
PR	36	Trey Ellis	5-9, 168, So.
	6	Darrius Sims	5-9, 188, Jr.
KO	93	Hayden Lekacz	6-0, 192, So.

DEFENSE

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

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

STUDENT-ATHLETES:

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

NUMERICAL ROSTER

ROSTER A-Z

NO.	NAME	POS.
94	Torey Agee	DE
88	Kyle Anderton	FB
55	Caleb Azubike	DE
24	Jalen Banks	SAF
42	Ladarius Banks	FB
4	Tre Bell	CB
53	Jake Bernstein	OL
23	Khari Blasingame	ILB
52	Nigel Bowden	ILB
20	Oren Burks	SAF
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/PR
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	SAF
44	Nehemiah Mitchell	OLB
8	Ronald Monroe	WR
97	Reid Nelson	P
34	Dare Odeyingbo	DE

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT	WT	YEAR	CL	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL (OTHER)
2	Johnny McCrary	QB	6-4	220	So.	1L	Decatur, Ga./Cedar Grove
2	Arnold Tarpley	SAF	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	WR	5-9	188	Jr.	2L	Memphis, Tenn./Whitehaven
7	Emmanuel Smith	SAF	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	226	Fr.	HS	Philadelphia, Pa./LaSalle College
14	Ryan White	SAF	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	So.	1L	Nashville, Tenn./St. Thomas Aquinas
19	C.J. Duncan	WR	5-11	200	So.	1L	Montgomery, Ala./St. James School
20	Oren Burks	SAF	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	SAF	5-11	195	So.	1L	Markham, Ill./Thornton Township
25	Josh Smith	OLB	6-3	236	Fr.	HS	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Oakland
26	Andrew Rector	SAF	6-0	205	Fr.	HS	Nashville, Tenn./Father Ryan
27	Jaire George	RB	6-1	218	Fr.	HS	Hyattville, Md./DeMatha Catholic
27	Jahmel McIntosh	SAF	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	SAF	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	252	Fr.	HS	Irving, Texas/Cistercian Prep
35	Darreon Herring	ILB	6-1	230	Sr.	3L	Stone Mountain, Ga./Stephenson
36	Trey Ellis	WR/PR	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'karri 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	So.	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	220	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	FB	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	SAF
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	WR
58	Justin Skule	OL
7	Emmanuel Smith	SAF
25	Josh Smith	LB
71	Jared Southers	OL
10	Shawn Stankavage	QB
99	Landon Stokes	OLB
2	Arnold Tarpley	SAF
40	Ja'karri Thomas	ILB
95	Riley Tindol	DE
45	Stephen Weatherly	OLB
4	John Webb	QB
7	Ralph Webb	RB
14	Ryan White	SAF
32	Andrew Williamson	SAF
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**)

2015 STATISTICS

TOTAL POINTS BY QUARTER

SCORE (QUARTER)	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	OT	TOTAL
VANDERBILT	0	3	0	9	0	12
OPPONENTS	0	0	7	7	0	14

TEAM STATISTICS

	<u>VANDERBILT</u>	<u>OPPONENTS</u>
SCORING	12	14
Points Per Game	12.0	14.0
FIRST DOWNS	20	11
Rushing	9	4
Passing	9	7
Penalty	2	0
RUSHING YARDAGE	176	38
Yards gained rushing	189	78
Yards lost rushing	13	40
Rushing Attempts	42	22
Average Per Rush	4.2	1.7
Average Per Game	176.0	38.0
TDs Rushing	0	1
PASSING YARDAGE	217	209
Att-Comp-Int	34-18-2	30-19-0
Average Per Pass	6.4	7.0
Average Per Catch	12.1	11.0
Average Per Game	217.0	209.0
TDs Passing	1	1
TOTAL OFFENSE	393	247
Total Plays	76	52
Average Per Play	5.2	4.8
Average Per Game	393.0	247.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	3-61	2-45
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	3-12	0-0
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	0-0	2-0
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	20.3	22.5
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	4.0	0.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE	0.0	0.0
FUMBLES-LOST	2-1	2-0
PENALTIES-Yards	5-48	9-70
Average Per Game	48.0	70.0
PUNTS-Yards	5-220	10-377
Average Per Punt	44.0	37.7
Net punt average	40.0	34.5
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	36:39	23:21
3RD-DOWN Conversions	7/18	2/11
3rd-Down Pct	39%	18%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	2/3	0/0
4th-Down Pct	67%	0%
SACKS BY-Yards	2-13	1-5
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	1	2
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	2-3	0-0
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-1	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	2-5 40%	2-3 67%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	1-5 20%	2-3 67%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	0-0 0%	2-2 100%
ATTENDANCE	30307	0
Games/Avg Per Game	1/30307	0/0

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						
9/19	Austin Peay						
9/26	at Ole Miss						
10/3	at MTSU						
10/17	at South Carolina						
10/24	Missouri						
10/31	at Houston						
11/7	at Florida						
11/14	Kentucky						
11/21	Texas A&M						
11/28	at Tennessee						

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

PASSING	GP	EFF.	ATT-COMP-INT	PCT	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/G
Johnny McCrary	1	104.49	18-34-2	52.9	217	1	31	217.0
Total	1	104.49	18-34-2	52.9	217	1	31	217.0
Opponents	1	132.85	19-30-0	63.3	209	1	65	209.0

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG	TD	LONG	AVG/G
Ralph Webb	1	18	76	6	70	3.9	0	19	70.0
Johnny McCrary	1	8	71	5	66	8.2	0	19	66.0
Dallas Rivers	1	11	26	0	26	2.4	0	6	26.0
Darrius Sims	1	4	16	1	15	3.8	0	9	15.0
TEAM	1	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-1.0
Total	1	42	189	13	176	4.2	0	19	176.0
Opponents	1	22	78	40	38	1.7	1	19	38.0

RECEIVING	GP	No.	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG	AVG/G
Trent Sherfield	1	4	63	15.8	1	31	63.0
Ralph Webb	1	3	27	9.0	0	11	27.0
Kris Kentera	1	2	48	24.0	0	28	48.0
DeAndre Woods	1	2	20	10.0	0	11	20.0
Steven Scheu	1	2	12	6.0	0	9	12.0
Darrius Sims	1	2	10	5.0	0	8	10.0
Caleb Scott	1	1	23	23.0	0	23	23.0
Dallas Rivers	1	1	12	12.0	0	12	12.0
L. Rayford	1	1	2	2.0	0	2	2.0
Total	1	18	217	12.1	1	31	217.0
Opponents	1	19	209	11.0	1	65	209.0

2015 STATISTICS

TOTAL OFFENSE

	GP	PLAYS	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	AVG/G
Johnny McCrary	1	42	66	217	283	283.0
Ralph Webb	1	18	70	0	70	70.0
Dallas Rivers	1	11	26	0	26	26.0
Darrius Sims	1	4	15	0	15	15.0
TEAM	1	1	-1	0	-1	-1.0
Total	1	76	176	217	393	393.0
Opponents	1	52	38	209	247	247.0

ALL-PURPOSE

	GP	RUSH	REC	PR	KOR	RET	TOTAL	AVG
Ralph Webb	1	70	27	0	0	0	97	97.0
Darrius Sims	1	15	10	0	61	0	86	86.0
Johnny McCrary	1	66	0	0	0	0	66	66.0
Trent Sherfield	1	0	63	0	0	0	63	63.0
Kris Kentera	1	0	48	0	0	0	48	48.0
Dallas Rivers	1	26	12	0	0	0	38	38.0
Caleb Scott	1	0	23	0	0	0	23	23.0
DeAndre Woods	1	0	20	0	0	0	20	20.0
Trey Ellis	1	0	0	16	0	0	16	16.0
Steven Scheu	1	0	12	0	0	0	12	12.0
L. Rayford	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	2.0
TEAM	1	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	-1.0
Tre Herndon	1	0	0	-4	0	0	-4	-4.0
Total	1	176	217	12	61	0	466	466.0
Opponents	1	38	209	0	45	0	292	292.0

SCORING

	TDs	FGs	PATs					SAF	Pts
			KICK	RUSH	REC	PASS	DXP		
Tommy Openshaw	0	2-3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Trent Sherfield	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Johnny McCrary	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	0
Total	1	2-3	0-0	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	12
Opponents	2	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	14

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Darrius Sims	3	61	20.3	0	22
Total	3	61	20.3	0	22
Opponents	2	45	22.5	0	27

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Trey Ellis	2	16	8.0	0	10
Tre Herndon	1	-4	-4.0	0	0
Total	3	12	4.0	0	10
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

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

2015 STATISTICS

FIELD GOALS

	FGM-FGA	%	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Lg	Blk
Tommy Openshaw	2-3	66.7	1-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	49	0

PUNTING

	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I-20	Blk
Tommy Openshaw	5	220	44.0	64	1	1	3	0
Total	5	220	44.0	64	1	1	3	0
Opponents	10	377	37.7	49	1	1	2	0

FIELD GOAL SEQUENCE

Western Kentucky
 Georgia
 Austin Peay
 at Ole Miss
 at MTSU
 at South Carolina
 Missouri
 at Houston
 at Florida
 Kentucky
 Texas A&M
 at Tennessee

VANDERBILT	OPPONENT
28,(49),(26)	-

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate successful field goals.

INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

#	Name	GP	Tackles			Sacks	Pass Def			QBH	Fumbles		Blocked		Saf
			Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yards	Int-Yds	BrUp		Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick		
32	A. Williamson	1-1	1	5	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Torren McGaster	1-1	6	.	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	Darreon Herring	1-1	2	4	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Tre Bell	1-0	.	4	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Oren Burks	1-1	2	2	4	0.5-1	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
55	Caleb Azubike	1-1	1	2	3	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	Tre Herndon	1-1	2	1	3	1.0-6	1.0-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	S. Weatherly	1-1	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	N. Mitchell	1-1	1	2	3	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2T	Arnold Tarpley	1-0	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7S	Emmanuel Smith	1-0	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49	Jonathan Wynn	1-0	1	1	2	1.0-7	1.0-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Ryan White	1-0	.	2	2	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	Josh Smith	1-0	1	1	2	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Landon Stokes	1-0	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	Jahmel McIntosh	1-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
69	Adam Butler	1-1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
74	Jay Woods	1-1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	Zach Cunningham	1-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
93	Hayden Lekacz	1-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		1-0	20	36	56	5-19	2-13	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
Opponents		1-0	44	30	74	6.0-12	1-5	2-0	3	1	1-0	1	.	.	

2015 STATISTICS

PASSING

	Com-Att-Yds-TD-Int	
	J. McCrary	W. Freebeck
WKU	18-34-217-1-2	DNP
Georgia		
Austin Peay		
at Ole Miss		
at MTSU		
at S. Carolina		
Missouri		
at Houston		
at Florida		
Kentucky		
Texas A&M		
at Tennessee		
TOTALS	18-24-217-1-2	0-0-0-0-0

TOP INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES OF 2015

Category	Player, Opponent
RUSHING YARDS	70, Ralph Webb (Western Kentucky)
RUSH ATTEMPTS	18, Ralph Webb (Western Kentucky)
PASSING YARDS	217, Johnny McCrary (Western Kentucky)
PASS COMPLETIONS	18, Johnny McCrary (Western Kentucky)
RECEPTIONS	4, Trent Sherfield (Western Kentucky)
RECEIVING YARDS	63, Trent Sherfield (Western Kentucky)
TDS SCORED	1, Trent Sherfield (Western Kentucky)
TOTAL TACKLES	6 (3x), Three Players (Western Kentucky)
SOLO TACKLES	6, Torren McGaster (Western Kentucky)
QB SACKS	1 (2x), Herndon, Wynn (Western Kentucky)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	1.0 (3x), Three Players (Western Kentucky)
LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN	22, Darrius Sims (Western Kentucky)
INTERCEPTIONS	

RUSHING

	#-Yds/TD	WKU	UGA	AP	MISS	MTSU	SC	MIZZ	HOU	FLA	UK	TAMU	UT
Ralph Webb	18-70/0	18-70/0											
Johnny McCrary	8-66/0	8-66/0											
Dallas Rivers	11-26/0	11-26/0											
Darrius Sims	4-15/0	4-15/0											
TEAM	1-(-1)/0	1-(-1)/0											

RECEIVING

	#-Yds/TD	WKU	UGA	AP	MISS	MTSU	SC	MIZZ	HOU	FLA	UK	TAMU	UT
Trent Sherfield	4-63/1	4-63/1											
Kris Kentera	2-48/0	2-48/0											
Ralph Webb	3-27/0	3-27/0											
Caleb Scott	1-23/0	1-23/0											
DeAndre Woods	2-20/0	2-20/0											
Steven Scheu	2-12/0	2-12/0											
Dallas Rivers	1-12/0	1-12/0											
Darrius Sims	2-10/0	2-10/0											
L. Rayford	1-2/0	1-2/0											

PUNT RETURNS

	#-Yds	WKU	UGA	AP	MISS	MTSU	SC	MIZZ	HOU	FLA	UK	TAMU	UT
Trey Ellis	2-16	2-16											
Tre Herndon	1-(-4)	1-(-4)											

KICK RETURNS

	#-Yds	WKU	UGA	AP	MISS	MTSU	SC	MIZZ	HOU	FLA	UK	TAMU	UT
Darrius Sims	3-61	3-61											

2015 STATISTICS

TACKLES

	<u>SOLO-ASSISTED-TOTAL</u>	<u>WKU</u>	<u>UGA</u>	<u>AP</u>	<u>MISS</u>	<u>MTSU</u>	<u>SC</u>	<u>MIZZ</u>	<u>HOU</u>	<u>FLA</u>	<u>UK</u>	<u>TAMU</u>	<u>UT</u>
Torren McGaster	6-0-6	6-0											
A. Williamson	1-5-6	1-5											
Darreon Herring	2-4-6	2-4											
Oren Burks	2-2-4	2-2											
Tre Bell	0-4-4	0-4											
N. Mitchell	1-2-3	1-2											
S. Weatherly	0-3-3	0-3											
Tre Herndon	2-1-3	2-1											
Caleb Azubike	1-2-3	1-2											
Arnold Tarpley	1-2-3	1-2											
Emmanuel Smith	0-2-2	0-2											
Jonathan Wynn	1-1-2	1-1											
Landon Stokes	0-2-2	0-2											
Josh Smith	1-1-2	1-1											
Ryan White	0-2-2	0-2											
Zach Cunningham	1-0-1	1-0											
Hayden Lekacz	1-0-1	1-0											
Jahmel McIntosh	0-1-1	0-1											
Adam Butler	0-1-1	0-1											
Jay Woods	0-1-1	0-1											

FUMBLES

<u>FF/FR</u>	<u>WKU</u>	<u>UGA</u>	<u>AP</u>	<u>MISS</u>	<u>MTSU</u>	<u>SC</u>	<u>MIZZ</u>	<u>HOU</u>	<u>FLA</u>	<u>UK</u>	<u>TAMU</u>	<u>UT</u>
--------------	------------	------------	-----------	-------------	-------------	-----------	-------------	------------	------------	-----------	-------------	-----------

INTERCEPTIONS/RET.

<u>No.-Yds</u>	<u>WKU</u>	<u>UGA</u>	<u>AP</u>	<u>MISS</u>	<u>MTSU</u>	<u>SC</u>	<u>MIZZ</u>	<u>HOU</u>	<u>FLA</u>	<u>UK</u>	<u>TAMU</u>	<u>UT</u>
----------------	------------	------------	-----------	-------------	-------------	-----------	-------------	------------	------------	-----------	-------------	-----------

QB SACKS

	<u>UA-A-TOTAL</u>	<u>WKU</u>	<u>UGA</u>	<u>AP</u>	<u>MISS</u>	<u>MTSU</u>	<u>SC</u>	<u>MIZZ</u>	<u>HOU</u>	<u>FLA</u>	<u>UK</u>	<u>TAMU</u>	<u>UT</u>
Jonathan Wynn	1-0-0	1.0-1.0-7											
Tre Herndon	1-0-0	1.0-1.0-6											

2015 STATISTICS



GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

STARTERS (OFF.)

	WR	WR	WR/TE/FB	TE	QB	RB	LT	LG	C	RG	RT
Western Kentucky	Sherfield	Rayford	Sims (WR)	Scheu	McCrary	Webb	Holden	Bernstein	Pulley	Gouger	Fromang
Georgia											
Austin Peay											
at Ole Miss											
at MTSU											
at South Carolina											
Missouri											
at Houston											
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											
Austin Peay											
at Ole Miss											
at MTSU											
at South Carolina											
Missouri											
at Houston											
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	42-176/22-38	217/209	76-393/52-247	73/45	3/0
Georgia									
Austin Peay									
at Ole Miss									
at MTSU									
at South Carolina									
Missouri									
at Houston									
at Florida									
Kentucky									
Texas A&M									
at Tennessee									
Totals		20/11	9/4	9/7	42-176/22-38	217/209	76-393/52-247	73/45	3/0

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									
Austin Peay									
at Ole Miss									
at MTSU									
at South Carolina									
Missouri									
at Houston									
at Florida									
Kentucky									
Texas A&M									
at Tennessee									
Totals	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

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						
Austin Peay						
at Ole Miss						
at MTSU						
at South Carolina						
Missouri						
at Houston						
at Florida						
Kentucky						
Texas A&M						
at Tennessee						
Vanderbilt		7-18 (38.9%)	1-3 (33.3%)	2-5 (40.0%)	1-4 (25.0%)	3-6 (50.0%)
Opponents		2-11 (18.2%)	1-4 (25.0%)	0-3 (0.0%)	1-3 (33.3%)	0-1 (0.0%)

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						
Austin Peay						
at Ole Miss						
at MTSU						
at South Carolina						
Missouri						
at Houston						
at Florida						
Kentucky						
Texas A&M						
at Tennessee						
Vanderbilt		2-3 (66.7%)	0-0 (0.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)	0-1 (0.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)
Opponents		0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)

VANDERBILT-INSIDE OPPONENT 20-YARD LINE

OPPONENT	SCORE	Times in RZ	Times SCORED	TOTAL PTS	RUSH TDs	PASS TDs	TDs	FG MADE	-----FAILED IN RED ZONE-----					
								FGA	DOWNNS	INT	FUMB	HALF	GM	
Western Kentucky	L, 14-12	5	2	9	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	
Georgia														
Austin Peay														
at Ole Miss														
at MTSU														
at South Carolina														
Missouri														
at Houston														
at Florida														
Kentucky														
at Texas A&M														
at Tennessee														
Totals		5	2	9	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	
VU Season Totals: 2 of 5 (40.0%)														

OPPONENTS-INSIDE VANDERBILT 20-YARD LINE

OPPONENT	SCORE	Times in RZ	Times SCORED	TOTAL PTS	RUSH TDs	PASS TDs	TDs	FG MADE	-----FAILED IN RED ZONE-----					
								FGA	DOWNNS	INT	FUMB	HALF	GM	
Western Kentucky	L, 14-12	3	2	14	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Georgia														
Austin Peay														
at Ole Miss														
at MTSU														
at South Carolina														
Missouri														
at Houston														
at Florida														
Kentucky														
Texas A&M														
at Tennessee														
Opponent Totals		3	2	14	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Opponent Season Totals: 2 of 3 (66.7%)														

VANDERBILT

VANDERBILT – INDIVIDUALS

<u>The Last Time...</u>	<u>Player, Date</u>
Player scored 3 TDs.....	Jerron Seymour, at Florida (3, 11/9/2013)
Player scored 4 TDs or more.....	Earl Bennett, vs. Kentucky (5, 11/12/2005)
QB passes for 3 TDs.....	Chris Nickson, vs. Kentucky (3, 11/15/2008)
QB passes for 4 & more TDs.....	Johnny McCrary, vs. Old Dominion (5, 11/1/2014)
QB passed for 200+ yards.....	Johnny McCrary, vs. Western Ky. (217 yds., 9/3/2015)
QB passed for 300+ yards.....	Austyn Carta-Samuels, vs. Missouri (338 yds., 10/5/2013)
QB passed for 400+ yards.....	Chris Nickson, at Kentucky (446 yds., 11/11/2006)
70-yard (+) reception.....	Rodgers-Matthews, vs. Tennessee (71 yds., 11/17/2012)
Rushed for 100+ yards.....	Ralph Webb, vs. Old Dominion (166 yds., 11/1/2014)
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.....	C.J. Duncan, vs. Charleston So. (119, 10/11/2004)
Receiver had 200+ yards.....	Earl Bennett, vs. Richmond (223 yds., 9/1/2007)
Had three (+) TD receptions.....	Earl Bennett, vs. Richmond (3, 9/1/2007)
Kick return for TD.....	Darius 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.....	Darius Sims, at Kentucky (13 yds., 10/27/2014)
Fumble return for TD.....	Adam Butler, vs. UMass (0 yds., 9/13/2014)
Kicked three or more FGs.....	Carey Spear, vs. Wake Forest (3, 11/30/2013)
Kicked 50-yard (+) FG.....	Carey Spear, at South Carolina (54, 9/14/2013)
Posted 60-yard (+) punt.....	Tommy Openshaw (64 yds. vs. Western Ky., 9/3/2015)
Posted 70-yard (+) punt.....	Taylor Hudson, at South Carolina (75 yds., 9/14/2013)
Posted at least 10 solo tackles.....	Kenny Ladler, at So. Carolina (10, 9/14/2013)
Posted at least 10 total tackles.....	Zach Cunningham, at Miss. St. (13, 11/22/2014)
Posted 3+ tackles for loss.....	Stephen Weatherly, vs. Tennessee (5.0, 11/29/2014)
Posted 2+ interceptions.....	Torren McGaster, vs. Tennessee (2, 11/29/2014)
Posted 3+ passes defended.....	Andre Hal, vs. Houston (4, 1/4/2014)
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.....	Adam Butler, at Tennessee (11/23/2013)
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. Old Dominion (524, 11/1/2014)
300 or more passing yards.....	vs. Missouri (338, 10/5/2013)
400 or more passing yards.....	vs. Kentucky (446, 11/11/2006)
Rushed for 200+ yards.....	vs. Old Dominion (243, 11/1/2014)
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. Old Dominion (42, 11/1/2014)
Scored 21+ points in quarter.....	vs. Old Dominion (21, 2nd qtr., 11/1/2014)
Held foe under 100 total yards.....	vs. Chattanooga (93, 9/6/2003)
Held foe between 100-200 total yards.....	vs. Austin Peay (139, 9/7/2013)
Held foe under 100 rushing yards.....	vs. Western Ky. (38, 9/3/2015)
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.....	Brandon Doughty, Western Ky. (209 yds., 9/3/2015)
QB passed for 300+ yards.....	Bo Wallace, Ole Miss (320 yds., 9/6/2014)
QB passed for 400+ yards.....	Bo Wallace, Ole Miss (403 yds., 11/10/2012)
70-yard (+) reception.....	Berkstresser-Sasser, Missouri (85 yds., 10/6/2012)
Rushed for 100+ yards.....	Mike Holloway, Charleston So. (105 yds., 10/11/2014)
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.....	Tyler Higbee, Western Ky (102 yds., 9/3/2015)
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.....	Devin Bowman, Georgia (63 yds., 10/4/2014)
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.....	Bryson Rose, Ole Miss (4, 11/3/2012)
Kicked 50-yard (+) FG.....	Bryson Rose, Ole Miss (4, 11/3/2012)
Posted punt of 70+ yards.....	Ryan Janvion, Wake Forest (11, 11/30/2013)
Posted at least 10 total tackles.....	Steven Taylor, Houston (14, 1/4/2014)
Posted 3+ tackles for loss.....	Steven Taylor, Houston (3.5, 1/4/2014)
Posted 2+ interceptions.....	Jacob Martin, Temple (2, 8/28/2014)
Blocked VU punt.....	Lorenzo Mathis, Charleston So. (10/11/2014)
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.....	Miss. State (32, 11/22/2014)
Topped 500 Yards in Total Offense.....	Miss. State (502, 11/22/2014)
Rushed for more than 200 yards.....	Miss. State (283, 11/22/2014)
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.....	Florida (305, 11/9/2013)
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.....	Kentucky (85, 9/27/2014)
Held Vanderbilt under 200 total yards.....	Kentucky (139, 9/27/2014)
Held Vanderbilt scoreless.....	Miss. State (51-0, 11/22/2014)

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.

GAME 1 SEPT. 3, 2015 NASHVILLE

"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.

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
FUMBLE RETURNS-YARDS	0-0	0-0
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.