

# VANDERBILT GAME NOTES

## COMMODORES MAKE SECOND ROAD TRIP OF SEASON

### VANDERBILT SCHEDULE

Sept. 1	<b>Richmond</b>	W	41-17
Sept. 8	<b>ALABAMA</b> (LF Sports)	L	10-24
Sept. 15	<b>OLE MISS</b> (PPV)	W	31-17
Sept. 29	<b>Eastern Michigan</b>	W	30-7
Oct. 6	@ Auburn (LF Sports)	L	7-35
Oct. 13	<b>GEORGIA</b> (ESPN2)	L	17-20
Oct. 20	@ South Carolina		11:30 am
Oct. 27	<b>Miami (Ohio)</b>		1:00 pm
Nov. 3	@ Florida		TBA
Nov. 10	<b>KENTUCKY</b>		TBA
Nov. 17	@ Tennessee		TBA
Nov. 24	<b>Wake Forest</b>		1:00 pm

All Kickoff Times - CST

### THE CAROLINA SERIES

Victories against South Carolina have been hard to come by for the Commodores. Vanderbilt is just 2-14 all-time against the Gamecocks. The 'Dores have only one win in seven Columbia appearances.

### SOUTH CAROLINA COACHES

Numerous Vanderbilt coaches, including Head Coach Bobby Johnson, hold deep ties to the Palmetto state. Five members of the staff – Johnson, Ted Cain, Robbie Caldwell, Kenny Carter and Jimmy Kiser – were raised in South Carolina. Two others coached for teams in the state.

### UPCOMING GAMES

After travelling to South Carolina, Vanderbilt returns to Nashville to face its second Mid-American Conference (MAC) foe of the year when Miami (Ohio) invades campus on Oct. 27.

On Nov. 3, the Commodores are back on the road, travelling to Gainesville for an annual encounter with the Florida Gators.

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## VANDERBILT AT SOUTH CAROLINA (3-3, 1-3) (6-1, 3-1)

### COMMODORE STORYLINES

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### KICKOFF INFORMATION

**DATE:** Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007

**KICKOFF:** 11:30 a.m., CST

**STADIUM:** Williams-Brice Stadium

**LOCATION:** Columbia, S.C.

**RADIO:** Vanderbilt Radio Network;

Flagship Station – 104.5 "The Zone"

**COMMODORE RADIO CREW:**

Joe Fisher, play-by-play;

John Gromos, color analyst;

Kevin Ingram, sidelines reporter

**SIRIUS RADIO CHANNEL:** 119

**TV:** via ESPN GamePlan

### TRACKING EARL

Junior receiver Earl Bennett is four receptions shy of becoming the SEC's all-time leader. More about the Commodore All-America candidate and his career achievements on page 9.

### QUICK FACTS ON THE UNIVERSITIES



#### Location

#### Founded

#### Enrollment

#### Conference

#### Nickname

#### Colors

#### Home Field

#### Capacity

#### Field Surface

#### Head Coach

#### Alma Mater

#### Coaching Record

#### Website

#### VANDERBILT

Nashville, Tenn.

1873

6,402

Southeastern

Commodores

Black & Gold

Vanderbilt Stadium

39,773

natural grass

Bobby Johnson (6th)

Clemson, 1973

78-82 (.486)

[vucommoedors.com](http://vucommoedors.com)

#### SOUTH CAROLINA

Columbia, S.C.

1801

27,065

Southeastern

Gamecocks

Garnet & Black

Williams-Brice Stadium

80,250

natural grass

Steve Spurrier (3rd)

Florida, 1967

163-51-2 (.762)

[uscports.com](http://uscports.com)

# GAME NOTES

## 'DORES LOOK TO REBOUND FROM LOSS

Vanderbilt looks to get back on the winning track after a pair of losses to Southeastern Conference foes, including a last-second defeat at the hands on Georgia Saturday on ESPN2.

The Commodores are also looking for their second victory in Southeastern Conference play this season. Vanderbilt defeated Ole Miss 31-17 on Sept. 15 for its initial SEC win.

This marks Vanderbilt's second game against an SEC Eastern Division rival, following the 20-17 loss Saturday to Georgia.

Since the start of the 2005 season, the Commodores are 5-15 in league play. It took Vanderbilt nearly six full years – a span of 43 games – before the 2005 campaign to capture five SEC victories.

## LAST-SECOND FG REVERSES 2006 DECISION

Virtually a year to the day after topping Georgia on a successful last-second field goal, Vanderbilt was forced to watch UGA standout kicker Brandon Coutu duplicate the feat on Saturday night.

In both cases, the victorious team put together a late possession of nearly 70 yards to spoil homecoming for the homestanding opponents. In 2006, Bryant Hahnfeldt's 33-yard FG with :02 left capped Vanderbilt's 15-play, 68-yard game-winning drive. On Saturday, Coutu's 37-yard FG with no time left concluded a 10-play, 73-yard Bulldog drive.

It marked the first time in more than three years – dating back to Ole Miss' 26-23 overtime win on Sept. 18, 2004 – that Vanderbilt has lost a game on the final play.

## VANDERBILT HAS RECENT ROAD SUCCESSES

Though the Commodores lost at Auburn on Oct. 6 in their only previous road outing, several of the biggest wins in Bobby Johnson's Vanderbilt tenure have come away from Nashville.

Under Johnson, three signature victories have been in front of hostile crowds: 28-24 at Arkansas (Sept. 10, 2005), 28-24 at Tennessee (Nov. 19, 2005), and 24-22 at No. 16 Georgia (Oct. 14, 2006). The Commodores have also defeated a pair of Atlantic Coast Conference foes – Wake Forest (28-24 on Sept. 1, 2005) and Duke (45-28 on Oct. 28, 2006) – while playing away from Nashville in the last two years.

Since the 2005 opener, Vanderbilt is 3-6 overall on the road.

## VANDERBILT SEEKS DAYTIME VICTORY

While the Commodores have posted a 3-1 overall record in night games, they have struggled in a pair of previous day encounters this season.

The South Carolina game marks Vanderbilt's third contest with a scheduled kickoff at 11:30 a.m. In the previous outings, the Commodores dropped losses to Alabama (24-10, Sept. 8) and Auburn (35-7, Oct. 6).

The Commodores last victory in a day game came nearly a year ago – 45-28 over Duke on Oct. 28, 2006. Vanderbilt has lost its last five consecutive day games dating back to the victory in Durham, N.C.

Last Saturday, the Commodores had a five-game win streak snapped in contests played at night when Georgia won 20-17 on the final play.

## VANDERBILT-SO. CAROLINA SERIES HISTORY

- ★ Meeting Between Schools: 17th
- ★ Series Record: Vanderbilt trails, 2-14
- ★ Last Meeting: Vanderbilt 13, South Carolina 31 (2006)
- ★ First Meeting: Vanderbilt 7, USC 23 (1961)
- ★ Last Game at South Carolina: Vanderbilt 28 USC 35 (2005)
- ★ Last Game at Vanderbilt: Vanderbilt 13, USC 31 (2006)
- ★ Last Vanderbilt Win in Series: 11-10 (1999)
- ★ Vanderbilt Record in Columbia: 1-6
- ★ Biggest Vanderbilt Margin: (3) 17-14 (1998)
- ★ Worst Vanderbilt Defeat: (32) 14-46 (2001)
- ★ Longest Vanderbilt Win Streak: 2
- ★ Longest Vanderbilt Losing Streak: 7

## VANDERBILT-SO. CAROLINA SERIES NOTES

- ★ Vanderbilt is trying to snap a seven-game losing streak to the Gamecocks.
- ★ The Commodores are 1-6 overall in Columbia, and have lost its last three appearances in Williams-Brice Stadium. Vanderbilt's only victory in Columbia was a narrow 11-10 decision in 1999. The last game played in the South Carolina capital city was a highly competitive 35-28 Gamecock win in 2005.
- ★ Vanderbilt's two victories in the series came in consecutive years – 17-14 in 1998 and 11-10 in 1999.

## KEY GAMES IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA SERIES

- ★ **2005** Senior QB **Jay Cutler** and freshman WR **Earl Bennett** try to match Gamecock QB Blake Mitchell and freshman WR Sydney Rice pass for pass in a shootout decided in the final minute. Cutler passes for career-high 339 yards, leading Vanderbilt back from late 28-14 deficit. Bennett is remarkable, hauling in 16 passes for 204 yards.
- ★ **2003** Cutler turns in the best performance of his young career, throwing for 319 yards and three touchdowns in a 35-24 loss in Columbia. In the second half, Cutler hits on 19 of 22 passes.
- ★ **1999** In a game that featured little offense, Vanderbilt QB **Greg Zolman** connects with WR **Todd Yoder** on a four-yard TD pass, giving the Commodores a three-point cushion. Vanderbilt needed all the points, eventually winning 11-10 in Columbia.
- ★ **1998** A plunge by TB **Jared McGrath** in the fourth quarter gave Vanderbilt its first lead in a 17-14 Commodore victory. Zolman threw for 279 yards in the win.
- ★ **1993** QB **Ronnie Gordon** and TB **Jermaine Johnson** led a second half Commodore comeback that fell just short, as Vanderbilt dropped a 19-16 decision. Gordon scored a late touchdown while Johnson rushed for 121 yards.

## VANDERBILT RESULTS ON ESPN NETWORK

Despite playing some nailbiters before ESPN2 national audiences, the Commodores walked away from Vanderbilt Stadium Saturday still looking for its first victory on the network.

Vanderbilt went to 0-8 all-time on ESPN2 with the 20-17 loss. In its most recent ESPN2 game, the 'Dores lost 49-42 in double OT at Florida on Nov. 5, 2005.

# 2006 RECAP • GAME NOTES

**2006 RECAP — GAME 8**  
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## SOUTH CAROLINA 31 VANDERBILT 13

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The momentum of a road victory over Georgia did not carry over to the Commodores' homecoming encounter with South Carolina.

The Commodores staged a rally to close a 14-point second quarter deficit to four at 17-13, but could get no closer down the stretch in a 31-13 loss.

Vanderbilt struggled to find offensive consistency against the Gamecocks, amassing just 253 total yards. Three lost turnovers also hurt the Vanderbilt chances.

Richard Kovalcheck completed 7 of 10 passes in relief of Chris Nickson.

While the offense struggled, the Commodore defense was hindered by the multi-threat of quarterback Syvelle Newton, running back Cory Boyd and receiver Sidney Rice.

Jonathan Goff topped the Commodores with six tackles while Curtis Gatewood added a sack, forced fumble and interception.

### SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	0	17	7	7	31	5-2, 3-2
<b>VANDERBILT</b>	3	7	3	0	13	3-5, 1-4

**First Quarter:** VU – Hahnfeldt 25-yd. FG 5:20.

**Second Quarter:** SC – Succop 55-yd. FG 14:54. SC – Rice 2-yd. pass from Newton (Succop kick) 9:30. SC – McKinley 23-yd. pass from Newton (Succop kick) 5:34. VU – Nickson 13-yd. run (Hahnfeldt kick) :00.

**Third Quarter:** VU – Hahnfeldt 27-yd. field goal 8:33. SC – Newton 7-yd. run (Succop kick) 6:02.

**Fourth Quarter:** SC – Davis 15-yd. run (Succop kick) 14:50.

### GAME STATISTICS So. CAROLINA VANDERBILT

FIRST DOWNS	18	16
RUSHING (NET)	39-194	36-133
PASSING YARDS	133	120
PASSES: ATT-COMP-INT	18-11-1	25-11-2
TOTAL OFF. (#-YARDS)	57-327	61-253
PUNT RETURNS-YARDS	0-0	0-0
KO RETURNS-YARDS	3-62	4-80
INT RETURNS-YARDS	2-0	1-0
PUNTS (#-AVG)	1-33.0	3-28.7
FUMBLES-LOST	4-3	2-1
PENALTIES-YARDS	8-65	7-41
POSSESSION TIME	30:54	29:06
THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	8 OF 11	1 OF 12
FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	0 OF 0	4 OF 5
RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES	3-5	3-4
SACKS BY: (#-YARDS)	3-25	1-6



**RUSHING:** USC – Boyd 22-113; Davis 7-40; Newton 8-40; Wallace 1-1; McKinley 1-0. VU – Nickson 14-70; Jackson-Garrison 18-48; Hawkins 3-25; Kovalcheck 1-(-10).

**PASSING:** USC – Newton 11-18-1-133. VU – Nickson 4-15-2-76; Kovalcheck 7-10-0-44.

**RECEIVING:** USC – Rice 7-89; McKinley 2-41; Boyd 2-3. VU – Bennett 4-16; White 3-20; Smith 2-51; Allen 1-27; Jackson-Garrison 1-6.

## JOHNSON'S TIES TO GAMECOCK AD

Vanderbilt Head Coach **Bobby Johnson** has a personal relationship with South Carolina athletic director Eric Hyman that dates back to the late 1970s when both were assistant football coaches at Furman University.

Hyman was named to head the Gamecock athletic program in April 2005 after an innovative seven-year tenure as TCU's athletic director.

Both Johnson and Hyman were longtime assistant coaches at Furman during successful tenures by head coaches Art Baker and Dick Sheridan. Both earned graduate level degrees at Furman.

## COACHING TIES TO SOUTH CAROLINA

**Bobby Johnson** grew up selling working concessions at Gamecock games and is one of several Commodore coaches with deep ties to the Palmetto state.

Johnson, a three-sport prep standout at Eau Claire H.S. in Columbia, spent much of his life in South Carolina. As a collegiate player, he earned three letters at Clemson, then spent more than a quarter century coaching in the state, mostly at Furman University.

Four members of the Commodore coaching staff - defensive coordinator **Ted Cain**, assistant head coach/offensive line coach **Robbie Caldwell**, running backs coach **Kenny Carter** and quarterbacks mentor **Jimmy Kiser** - also have South Carolina roots.

Cain, a native of Aiken, graduated from Furman and served as a Paladin coach for many years. Caldwell, another former Furman student-athlete and coach, is a native of Pageland. Carter, a native of Camden, played and coached at the Citadel. Kiser, yet another Furman player and graduate, hails from Rock Hill.

## PREP TEAMMATES FACE EACH OTHER

Only one Commodore player, freshman OT **Kyle Fischer**, has a teammate playing for the South Carolina Gamecocks.

Fischer was a classmate and teammate of South Carolina OL **Quintin Richardson** at Spring Valley H.S. in Columbia, S.C. Another Gamecock player, deep snapper **Joshua Gonzalez**, also attended Spring Valley H.S.

## COMMODORES FROM SOUTH CAROLINA

Four Commodores, including one of the Commodores' most exciting and versatile players, hail from South Carolina.

**D.J. Moore** (So., Spartanburg) is the first Commodore to play both offense and defense since Lorenzo Parker contributed on both units in the 2002 season finale versus Tennessee.

Moore, a graduate of Broome H.S., leads the SEC in solo tackles and ranks among the league leaders with three interceptions. Last Saturday, he contributed eight solo tackles on defense, then moved to offense to give the Commodores an offensive spark, running twice for 48 yards. He also returned four kickoffs for 75 yards against Georgia.

Wide receiver **Justin Wheeler** (R-So., North Augusta H.S.) has contributed as a receiving option on offense and on special teams.

Other Commodores from South Carolina are DE **Terrial Brannon** (R-Fr., Broome H.S., Spartanburg) and OT **Kyle Fischer** (Fr., Spring Valley H.S., Columbia).

# COMPARISONS ★ 2007 PARTICIPATION

## TEAM STATISTICAL COMPARISONS

	VANDERBILT	So. CAROLINA
	(AFTER WEEK 7)	
<b>TEAM RECORD</b>	3-3/1-3	6-1/3-1
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	136	195
<b>TOUCHDOWNS SCORED</b>	16	25
<b>POINTS ALLOWED</b>	120	116
<b>TOUCHDOWNS ALLOWED</b>	14	13
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	111	142
RUSHING	53	61
PASSING	48	70
PENALTY	10	11
<b>RUSHING YARDAGE</b>	887	894
YARDS GAINED RUSHING	1052	1090
YARDS LOST RUSHING	[165]	[196]
RUSHING ATTEMPTS	230	242
AVERAGE PER RUSH	3.9	3.7
AVERAGE PER GAME	147.8	127.7
TDs RUSHING	7	9
<b>PASSING YARDAGE</b>	1046	1548
<b>ATT-COMP-INT</b>	167-90-6	224-130-9
AVERAGE PER PASS	6.3	6.9
AVERAGE PER CATCH	11.6	11.9
AVERAGE PER GAME	174.3	221.1
TDs PASSING	8	13
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>	1933	2442
TOTAL PLAYS	397	446
AVERAGE PER PLAY	4.9	5.2
AVERAGE PER GAME	322.2	348.9
<b>KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS</b>	22-513	26-580
AVERAGE KICK RETURN	23.3	122.3
<b>PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS</b>	16-168	15-147
AVERAGE PUNT RETURN	10.5	9.8
<b>INTERCEPTION RETURNS: #-YARDS</b>	11-83	10-135
AVERAGE INT. RETURN	7.5	13.5
<b>FUMBLES/FUMBLES LOST</b>	14-4	12-5
<b>OPP. FUMBLES/FUMBLES RECOVERED</b>	5-1	13-4
<b>PENALTIES-YARDS</b>	34-276	41-329
AVERAGE PER GAME	46.0	47.0
<b>PUNTS-YARDS</b>	27-1022	35-1460
AVERAGE PER PUNT	37.9	41.7
NET PUNT AVERAGE	32.6	37.1
<b>TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME</b>	30:15	28:49
<b>3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS</b>	33/87	36/94
3RD DOWN PCT.	38%	38%
<b>4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS</b>	8/13	5/10
4TH DOWN PCT.	62%	50%
<b>FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS</b>	8/11	7/10

## VANDERBILT ACTIVE PLAYER PARTICIPATION

PLAYER	POSITION	2007 GAMES PLAYED	2007 STARTS	CAREER GAMES PLAYED	CAREER STARTS	CONSECUTIVE CAREER STARTS
Mackenzi Adams	QB	6	-	19	-	-
Brad Allen	TE	6	5	28	11	4
Josh Allen	CB	5	-	28	9	-
Bryant Anderson	WR	6	-	27	1	-
Joey Bailey	C	4	-	4	-	-
Earl Bennett	WR	6	6	29	26	26
Patrick Benoist	LB	3	1	12	1	1
Greg Billinger	DT	6	-	18	-	-
Jake Bradford	TE	6	-	18	-	-
Brandon Bryant	LB	5	3	17	3	-
Matt Bubis	FB	6	-	8	-	-
Marcus Buggs	LB	6	6	39	22	19
Joel Caldwell	CB	6	-	16	11	-
Nate Campbell	LB	6	-	6	-	-
Ryan Custer	OG	6	-	18	2	-
Josh Eames	OL	6	6	32	26	8
Jared Fagan	CB	6	-	29	2	-
Michael Garcia	LB	5	-	5	-	-
Drew Gardner	OL	5	-	11	-	-
Curtis Gatewood	DE	6	6	40	18	18
Jonathan Goff	LB	6	6	39	34	34
Justin Green	TE	5	-	5	-	-
Gabe Hall	DT	6	6	37	6	6
Bryant Hahnfeldt	PK	6	6	29	29	29
Ryan Hamilton	S	6	6	18	15	13
Jared Hawkins	TB	6	-	18	-	-
Eric Hensley	OL	6	-	17	-	-
Hamilton Holliday	OL	6	6	36	20	18
Brandon Holmes	DT	2	-	8	-	-
Theo Horrocks	DT	6	6	37	28	20
Cassen Jackson-Garrison	TB	6	5	39	18	4
Jeff Jennings	TB	4	1	27	12	-
Chris Johnson	LB	6	-	17	-	-
Theron Kadri	DE	6	-	6	-	-
Merritt Kirchoffer	OG	6	6	33	16	7
Richard Kovalcheck	QB	1	-	4	-	-
Reshard Langford	SS	6	6	29	29	29
Reilly Lauer	DE	2	-	2	-	-
Myron Lewis	CB	6	6	16	6	6
Gaston Miller	TB	-	-	8	-	-
Nick Miller	SN	4	-	16	-	-
Austin Monahan	TE	3	-	3	-	-
D.J. Moore	CB	6	6	18	15	6
Austin Newton	LB	5	-	5	-	-
Chris Nickson	QB	6	6	24	18	18
Kennard Reeves	RB	6	-	6	-	-
Chris Reinert	WR	4	-	6	-	-
Larry Simmons	WR	-	-	2	-	-
George Smith	WR	6	6	29	20	10
Adam Smotherman	DT	2	-	2	-	-
Darlon Spead	CB	6	2	18	2	-
Brian Stamper	OT	6	6	44	42	6
Broderick Stewart	DE	6	-	18	-	-
John Stokes	LB/SN	6	-	6	-	-
Steven Stone	DE	6	6	18	6	6
Alan Strong	CB	5	-	5	-	-
Brent Trice	S	6	-	18	-	-
Brett Upson	P	6	6	18	18	18
Ryan Vance	OL	2	-	3	-	-
Brad Vierling	OG	6	-	17	-	-
Sean Walker	WR	6	6	24	12	6
Alex Washington	WR	6	-	18	-	-
Thomas Welch	OT	6	-	14	-	-
Justin Wheeler	WR	6	-	15	-	-
David Whittington	DT	6	-	19	-	-
Chris Williams	OT	6	6	29	27	27



# COMMODORE NOTES

## SUPERLATIVES FROM GEORGIA GAME

**ADAMS IMPRESSES** Mackenzi Adams (R-So., Tulsa, Okla.) played well platooning at quarterback with Chris Nickson against Georgia.

In his most significant playing time since the Ole Miss game last year, Adams directed two of the team's three scoring drives against the Bulldogs and had the Commodores positioned for a late fourth quarter score before a lost fumble reversed the Vanderbilt fortunes – and gave Georgia a chance for the last second win.

Adams converted on 7 of 10 passes for 125 yards and a touchdown, and ran for 46 yards on a career-high 14 carries.

Adams did not start the game, but came in on the Commodores' third offensive play, hitting Sean Walker for seven yards over the middle. He eventually directed eight of Vanderbilt's 11 offensive possessions.

**SOLID DEFENSIVE PERFORMANCE** After struggling in its last outing at Auburn, the Vanderbilt defense put together a solid performance against their Georgia counterparts.

The unit, ranked third in the SEC in total defense, held Georgia to its season average of 20 points. Two of Georgia's four scoring drives came after Commodore turnovers.

**RUSHING BY COMMITTEE** Eight different offensive players, including two quarterbacks and three wide receivers, had rushing attempts for the Commodores. The diversity produced solid results – 179 net rushing yards on 38 attempts.

The attack was topped by a cornerback-turned-receiver (**D.J. Moore**) with 48 yards and a backup QB (**Mackenzi Adams**) with 46 net yards.

Tailbacks **Cassen Jackson-Garrison**, **Jeff Jennings** and **Jared Hawkins** combined for 57 yards on 15 carries. WR **Sean Walker** had a 15-yard touchdown carry. Others getting into the rushing stats were WR **Alex Washington** (3 yards) and QB **Chris Nickson** (10 yards).

**DEFENSIVE INDIVIDUAL STANDOUTS** **Jonathan Goff** (R-Sr., LB), **Reshard Langford** (R-Jr., safety), **Marcus Buggs** (R-Sr., LB), and **Myron Lewis** (So., CB), played particularly well on defense.

Goff matched career highs in solo tackles (12) and total tackles (14) while contributing a QB sack and hurry. Both Langford and Buggs had eight total tackles and a defended pass. Langford nearly made a game-deciding play late when he forced a fumble that eventually was recovered by the Bulldogs after bouncing off a Commodore defender. Lewis contributed three solo stops and expanded his SEC lead with three defended passes, bringing his season total to 11.

**PUNTING IMPROVEMENTS** Sophomore **Brett Upson** posted his finest punting performance of the season – and one of the best of his career.

Ranked at the bottom of SEC punters entering the game, Upson averaged 44.2 yards on six attempts, including two that were downed inside the Georgia 20-yard line. Commodore coverage units allowed just eight yards on two Georgia punt returns.

**VERSATILE MOORE** Sophomore **D.J. Moore** are effective in three different roles for the Commodores. He became the Commodores' first two-way player in nearly five years, seeing action as a cornerback, receiver and return specialist.

Moore enjoyed success in all three roles against the Bulldogs. Moore contributed eight solo tackles and a defended pass as a cornerback, 48 rushing yards on two carries as an offensive weapon, and 75 total yards as a kickoff returner.

**LIMITING FLAGS** The Commodores were flagged for just 16 yards of penalties against the Bulldogs. Despite the season-low total, one illegal formation call hurt the 'Dores, nullifying a 39-yard pass completion.

## HOLLIDAY IS DRADDY TROPHY SEMIFINALIST

**Hamilton Holliday** (Sr., center) was named a semifinalist for the 2007 Draddy Trophy and the National Football Foundation & College Football Scholar-Athlete Awards on Oct. 11.

The prestigious Draddy Trophy, often referred to as "The Academic Heisman," recognizes an individual as the absolute best in the country for his combined academic success, football performance and exemplary community leadership. academic success, football performance and community leadership.

Nominated by their schools, which are limited to one nominee each, semi-finalists must be a senior or graduate student in their final year of eligibility, have a GPA of at least 3.2 on a 4.0 scale, have outstanding football ability as a first team player, and have demonstrated strong leadership and citizenship. Established to honor former NFF Chairman Vincent dePaul Draddy, a Manhattan College QB who founded the Izod and Lacoste brands, the award comes with a \$25,000 post-graduate scholarship.

Hamilton, a two-year starter at center, is working toward a degree in Engineering Science. A dean's list and three-time All-Southeastern Conference Honor Roll recipient, Holliday was a second team CoSIDA District IV Academic All-American in 2006.

Though no Vanderbilt student-athlete has received the Draddy Trophy, four former players – **Hunter Hillenmeyer** (2002), **Andy McCarroll** (1989), **Doug Martin** (1974) and **Wade Butcher** (1961) – have earned the National Scholar-Athlete Award.

## HAHNFELDT No. 4 IN POINTS BY PLACEKICKER

**Bryant Hahnfeldt** (Jr., PK) ranks fourth in career scoring at Vanderbilt and on pace to overtake former standout John Markham as the all-time Commodore leading scorer.

Hahnfeldt has converted 8 of 11 field goals this season. For his career, Hahnfeldt has converted on 62.2% of his field goal attempts (28/45) and 75 of 78 PATs. He needs four points to overtake Johnny Clark (1986-89) into third place on the career scoring list.

### COMMODORE LEADERS – CAREER POINTS BY KICKER

	PLACEKICKER, YEARS	FGs	PATs	POINTS
1.	John Markham, 1997-2000	47-68	68-77	209
2.	Ricky Anderson, 1981-84	40-57	72-75	192
3.	Johnny Clark, 1986-89	36-52	57-62	165
4.	Bryant Hahnfeldt, 2005-07	28-45	75-78	162

## SMITH SEC COMMUNITY SERVICE RECIPIENT

Receiver **George Smith**, an individual who has overcome significant health issues to have a productive playing career, was featured Oct. 6 as the SEC Community Service Team Player of the Week.

Smith, who nearly died three years ago from spinal cord inflammation resulting from acute transverse myelitis, frequently shares his experiences with young patients suffering from the illness at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. Smith has inspired several Nashville patients and their families, sharing how doctors discovered the viral illness, and how he made a full recovery.

Smith (R-Jr., Pembroke Hills, Fla.) also mentors to students at nearby St. Bernard's School, and has volunteered as a camp counselor with the Backfield in Motion effort that aids Nashville inner-city kids.

# COMMODORE RANKINGS ★ NOTES

## 2007 SEC, NCAA STAT RANKINGS

TEAM CATEGORY	AVG.	SEC	NCAA
Scoring Offense	22.7	11	T-89
Scoring Defense	20.0	5	30
Total Offense	322.2	11	103
Rushing Offense	147.8	10	67
Passing Offense	174.3	9	102
Total Defense	314.7	3	22
Rushing Defense	148.7	7	55
Passing Defense	166.0	3	11
Net Punting	32.6	11	96
Punt Returns	10.5	4	44
Kickoff Returns	23.3	4	32
Turnover Margin	+2	4	47
Pass Efficiency	115.1	10	86
Defensive Pass Efficiency	105.9	6	20
Penalties (Total)	5.7	3	T-27
Penalty Yardage	46.0	5	T-26
Third Down Conversion %	37.9%	9	67
Third-Down Conversion % (opponent)	39%	9	64
Quarterback Sacks	13	T-6	47
Quarterback Sacks Allowed	10	T-4	T-49
Passes Interceptions	11	2	T-15
Time of Possession	30:15	6	48
Offense in Red Zone %	20/30 66.7%	11	
Defense in Red Zone %	16/18 88.9%	10	
First Downs	18.5	12	
First Downs Allowed	16.5	1	

INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE CATEGORY	AVG.	SEC	NCAA
Earl Bennett	Receptions	7.3	1 T-15
	Receiving Yards	88.3	2 27
	Receiving TDs	4	T-5
Chris Nickson	Passing Yards	127.2	10
	Total Offense	150.0	8 99
	Passing Efficiency	116.1	6 77
	TD Passes	6	T-8
	Points Responsible For	42	

INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE CATEGORY	AVG.	SEC	NCAA
Jonathan Goff	Total Tackles	9.0	4 T-56
	Solo Tackles	5.8	4 T-29
Myron Lewis	Passed Defensed	1.83	1 T-4
Marcus Buggs	Total Tackles	6.2	T-21
D.J. Moore	Solo Tackles	6.6	1 T-5
	Total Tackles	7.5	T-9
	Interceptions	3	T-3 T-26
	Passes Defensed	1.0	T-9
Steven Stone	Sacks	3	T-9 T-91

SPECIAL TEAM CATEGORIES	AVG.	SEC	NCAA
Bryant Hahnfeldt, Scoring (by kicker)	40 pts.	9	
	Field Goals Made	8	8 T-38
D.J. Moore	Kick Return Avg.	26.4	4 31
Alex Washington	Punt Returns	9.4	5 49
Brett Upson	Punting	37.9	10 93

## COMMODORE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

### RICHMOND (41-17, 9/1)

**OFFENSIVE PLAYERS OF WEEK:** Earl Bennett, WR;  
Chris Nickson, QB  
**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF WEEK:** Ryan Hamilton, safety  
**SPECIALIST OF WEEK:** Bryant Hahnfeldt, PK

### ALABAMA (10-24, 9/8)

**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF WEEK:** Chris Williams, LT  
**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF WEEK:** Marcus Buggs, LB  
**SPECIALIST OF WEEK:** D.J. Moore, KR/PR

### OLE MISS (31-17, 9/15)

**OFFENSIVE PLAYERS OF WEEK:** Josh Eames, LG;  
Cassen Jackson-Garrison, TB  
**DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF WEEK:** Jonathan Goff, LB;  
Theo Horrocks, DT  
**SPECIALIST OF WEEK:** D.J. Moore, KR

### EASTERN MICHIGAN (30-7, 9/29)

**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF WEEK:** Sean Walker, WR  
**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF WEEK:** Defensive unit  
**SPECIALIST OF WEEK:** Brandon Bryant, coverage units

### AUBURN (7-35, 10/6)

**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF WEEK:** Chris Williams, LT  
**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF WEEK:** Myron Lewis, CB  
**SPECIALISTS OF WEEK:** Jared Hawkins, coverage units;  
Alex Washington, PR

### GEORGIA (17-20, 10/13)

**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF WEEK:** Mackenzi Adams, QB  
**DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF WEEK:** Jonathan Goff, LB;  
Reshard Langford, safety  
**SPECIALISTS OF WEEK:** Chris Johnson, coverage units;  
Jared Hawkins, coverage units

## EXCELLENT CROWDS WATCHING 'DORES

The Commodores are playing before an average of 36,632 fans through four home games. The average represents 92.1% capacity in Vanderbilt Stadium, which seats 39,773.

On Saturday, the Commodores and Georgia Bulldogs played before a sellout homecoming audience. It was the second sellout for the Commodores this season, after the capacity crowd that watched Vanderbilt and Alabama play on Sept. 8.

A crowd of 37,220 watched Vanderbilt's 30-7 win over Eastern Michigan.

Vanderbilt athletics has sold more than 15,000 season tickets this year, the most since 1996.

Recent averages for Vanderbilt home games follows:

YEAR	AVG. ATTENDANCE
2007 (thru 5 games)	36,632
2006 (7 games)	34,861
2005 (6 games)	36,031
2004 (6 games)	28,472
2003 (7 games)	28,282
2002 (7 games)	32,192
2001 (6 games)	33,990

# TEAM NOTES

## GOFF WEARS DOSTER PATCH AGAIN

The "KD1" jersey patch, one of the most significant recognitions awarded by the Commodore players, is being worn for the second consecutive season by standout linebacker and co-captain Jonathan Goff.

The patch honors the memory of Kwane Doster, the only Commodore ever to receive the SEC Freshman of the Year Award. Doster was shot and killed in his hometown of Tampa, Fla., on Dec. 26, 2004.

Goff, a redshirt senior and two-time team captain, is the only Commodore to have the patch. It was initiated last season by Head Coach Bobby Johnson.

"It is a great honor to be elected by my teammates to honor Kwane. I will wear it again with great pride," Goff said.

The Doster legacy continues this season at Vanderbilt football program. Jermaine Doster, younger brother of former Commodore standout, is a freshman running back prospect.

## STAMPER, JENNINGS BACK FROM INJURY

The Commodores have welcomed back a pair of former standouts, **Brian Stamper** (R-Sr., OT) and **Jeff Jennings** (R-Jr., TB), who missed most or all of the 2006 season. Stamper has started the first four games at right tackle. Jennings started in against Alabama, though he missed the Ole Miss and Eastern Michigan games with an ankle injury.

Stamper, a 42-game career starter, underwent career-threatening back surgery last year after the pain became too much early in the season. He was granted a medical redshirt and fifth year of eligibility last winter after he and the team petitioned the NCAA. Jennings, who has compiled 14 career rushing TDs, sat out the entire 2006 season to rehabilitate the injured leg.

## JOHNSON'S STAFF MARKED BY FEW CHANGES

When Bobby Johnson arrived at Vanderbilt, he held the belief that consistency on the coaching staff would lead to more stability in the program and greater chances for team success. He has put the principle into action as head coach of the Commodore program.

Since arriving prior to the 2001 season, Johnson has made just two changes to his assistant coaching staff – Kenny Carter replaced J.D. Hall in 2004 and Rick Logo replaced David Turner in 2006. Under Johnson, Vanderbilt has experienced the fewest coaching changes in the SEC.

The coaching staff has multiple links dating back three decades to 1976 – Johnson's initial year in collegiate coaching when he served as a defensive ends assistant at Furman.

## VANDY ROSTER INCLUDES PREP TEAMMATES

The Commodore roster features several players who competed on the same high school team, then followed each other to Nashville.

- Redshirt senior **Merritt Kirchoffer** and junior **Josh Allen** attended Roswell H.S. near Atlanta. Allen and Kirchoffer are likely to start at cornerback and offensive guard, respectively.
- Redshirt sophomore DT **Derrius Dowell** and redshirt freshman CB **Alan Strong** were standouts at Douglass H.S. in Atlanta.
- Sophomore CB **D.J. Moore** and redshirt freshman DE **Terrial Brannon** were classmates at Broome H.S. in Spartanburg, S.C.
- Junior PK **Bryant Hahnfeldt** and redshirt sophomore FB **Matt Bubis** were classmates at Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville.

## SIX NEW DEFENSIVE STARTERS THIS SEASON

Sophomore **Patrick Benoist** became the sixth defensive player this season to earn his first career start when he was in the opening lineup at linebacker against Auburn.

Besides Benoist, other new starters are linebacker **Brandon Bryant**, tackle **Gabe Hall**, end **Steven Stone**, cornerback **Myron Lewis** and nickelback **Darlon Spead**.

Every offensive starter had started previous to this year.

## COMMODORES SEEING INITIAL ACTION

Twelve Commodores, including three true freshmen, have enjoyed their initial collegiate action in the opening four games this season.

Redshirt freshmen seeing their initial action includes RB **Kennard Reeves**, TE **Justin Green**, LB **Nathan Campbell**, LB **Michael Garcia**, DE **Reilly Lauer**, LB **Austin Newton**, center **Joey Bailey**, CB **Alan Strong** and DT **Adam Smotherman**. Three true freshmen – LB/SN **John Stokes**, DE **Theron Kadri** and TE **Austin Monahan** – have played.

## PRELIMINARY PLANS UNDERWAY TO ENHANCE VANDERBILT STADIUM

Initial steps have been taken toward an eventual extensive enhancement to Dudley Field Vanderbilt Stadium.

Preliminary planning is taking place to evaluate the extent of improvements upcoming to the stadium and Dudley Field, which has served as home to Commodore football since Oct. 14, 1922 when Vanderbilt and Michigan played to a scoreless tie. The last serious renovation to the site came in 1981 – a \$10.1 million project that included a rebuild of the south end-zone, suites and press box, and refurbished grandstands.

In April, a Vanderbilt group including Coach Johnson, former chancellor Gordon Gee, current interim Chancellor Nicholas Zeppos and Vice Chancellor of University Affairs David Williams II visited several recently completed stadium renovations across the South.

## OLE MISS PROMO: \$50,894 TO HOSPITAL

More than \$50,000 will go to the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt from a special Vandy-Ole Miss ticket promotion spearheaded by country music entertainer Kix Brooks.

Brooks, several Commodore football players, key community leaders, and friends of the hospital teamed with Vanderbilt Athletics for the promotion – which contributed \$50,894 to the Children's Hospital.

## O-LINE ONE OF NCAA'S MOST EXPERIENCED

The Vandy offensive line features five seniors – all returning starters from a year ago.

The veteran unit includes All-SEC performers **Chris Williams** and **Brian Stamper** at tackle, **Josh Eames** and **Merritt Kirchoffer** at guard and **Hamilton Holliday** at center.

Collectively, the five linemen have started 131 collegiate games.

Lineman	Total Games	Total Starts
Chris Williams, LT	27	27
Josh Eames, LG	32	26
Hamilton Holliday, C	36	20
Merritt Kirchoffer, RG	32	16
Brian Stamper, RT	44	42
<b>Totals</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>131</b>



# ADDITIONAL TEAM NOTES

## COMMODORES SOLID IN SEASON STATS

Midway through the season, the Commodores compare favorably to their opponents.

Vanderbilt has combined to score more points (136-120) and produce more first downs (111-99) and total yards (1,933-1,888) than their five opponents. Vanderbilt has also produced more turnovers (12-10), quarterback sacks (12-10) and more time of possession (30:15-29:45) than their opponents.

On the flip side, the Commodores have converted on just 67% of its red-zone opportunities (20/30), while its opponents are converting at a 89% clip (16/18).

## VANDERBILT PASS DEFENSE IMPROVES

The Vanderbilt pass defense ranks among the nation's best through six games. The unit is allowing an average of 166 passing yards, which ranks third in the SEC and 11th in the NCAA.

The Commodores rank 22nd in the NCAA – and third in the SEC – in total defense allowing an average of 314.7 yards per game.

## INTERCEPTIONS PLENTIFUL FOR 'DORES

One game after posting seven quarterback sacks against Ole Miss, the Vanderbilt defense notched five pass interceptions in the victory over Eastern Michigan on Sept. 29.

It was the team's most interceptions since Nov. 13, 1993 (vs. Navy). The team record of seven interceptions came in a win over Auburn on Nov. 1, 1947.

Vanderbilt is second behind LSU in the SEC with 11 interceptions. The Commodores are tied for 15 nationally in the category.

Vanderbilt's interception total through four games ties or betters the Commodore yearly total in seven of the last 10 years. In 2006, Vanderbilt recorded 14 interceptions, its highest total since hauling in 19 picks in 1989.

**D.J. Moore** leads the Commodores with three interceptions.

## SEVEN SACKS VS. OLE MISS EQUALS MARK

Putting together one of its top performances in years, the Commodore defense limited Ole Miss to 262 total yards in a 31-17 victory on Sept. 15 that was highlighted by seven Vanderbilt sacks of Rebel quarterbacks.

Statistics since the 1984 season – when quarterback sacks officially became a defensive stat – reveals that no Commodore unit has produced more sacks in a game than the seven achieved against Ole Miss.

Only twice in the last 23 years – against Alabama on Sept. 10, 1994 and versus Virginia Tech on Nov. 4, 1989 – has a Commodore defensive unit matched the seven-sack output registered against the Rebels. Vanderbilt lost both previous games.

Seven defenders – LB **Jonathan Goff**, LB **Brandon Bryant**, DT **Theo Horrocks**, DT **Gabe Hall**, DE **Curtis Gatewood**, DE **Steven Stone** and DE **Broderick Stewart** – contributed to the sack total.

Stone's sack was the second this year for the first-year starter. He leads the Commodore in the category, sharing sixth place in the conference. Stone also shares the Commodore early season lead with five tackles for loss.

## GOFF AMONG SEC'S TOP ACTIVE TACKLERS

Senior linebacker **Jonathan Goff** ranks third among active Southeastern Conference players in a pair of career tackling categories.

Goff matched career highs last Saturday against Georgia with 12 solo tackles and 14 total tackles. He also contributed a quarterback sack and hurry against the Bulldog offense.

Goff has 245 total tackles during his four-year career, and is within eight tackles of current SEC active career runnerup Jonathan Hefney of Tennessee.

### SEC ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS – TOTAL TACKLES

314	Wesley Woodyard, LB, Kentucky
253	Jonathan Hefney, DB, Tennessee
245	Jonathan Goff, LB, Vanderbilt

### SEC ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS – SOLO TACKLES

209	Wesley Woodyard, LB, Kentucky
183	Jonathan Hefney, DB, Tennessee
177	Jonathan Goff, LB, Vanderbilt

## NICKSON No. 7 ALL-TIME IN TOTAL OFFENSE

Junior QB **Chris Nickson**, who shared duties with sophomore Mackenzi Adams on Saturday against Georgia, has moved into the team all-time Top 10 in passing yardage and total offense.

Nickson attempted just five passes and rushed five times against the Bulldogs as Adams saw increased playing time.

### COMMODORE LEADERS – CAREER TOTAL OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK, YEARS	RUSHES	YARDS	PASSES	YARDS	PLAYS	TOT. YDS
1. Jay Cutler, 2002-05	453	1,256	1,242	8,697	1,695	9,953
2. Greg Zolman, 1998-01	228	-274	1,156	7,981	1,384	7,607
3. Whit Taylor, 1979-82	331	420	1,016	6,307	1,347	6,727
4. Eric Jones, 1986-88	389	1,211	661	5,029	1,050	6,240
5. Kurt Page, 1981-84	116	-225	936	6,233	1,052	6,008
6. Damian Allen, 1994-97	241	29	699	3,704	940	3,888
7. <b>Chris Nickson</b> , 2005-07	207	880	412	2,861	619	3,741

## NUMEROUS STARTERS BACK FOR 'DORES

The Commodore starting lineup includes a bevy of players with collegiate starting experience.

Eighteen position players that started multiple games in 2006 – ten on offense and eight on defense – were in the starting lineup last week for the season opener versus Richmond. Every offensive starter versus the Spiders had enjoyed at least one previous starting assignment. Both kicking specialists for the 'Dores also return.

Offensive starters back in familiar roles are QB **Chris Nickson**, TB **Cassen Jackson-Garrison**, TE **Brad Allen**, WR **Earl Bennett**, WR **George Smith**, LT **Chris Williams**, LG **Josh Eames**, C **Hamilton Holliday**, RG **Merritt Kirchoffer** and RT **Brian Stamper**.

Returning starters on defense were DE **Curtis Gatewood**, DT **Theo Horrocks**, MLB **Jonathan Goff**, OLB **Marcus Buggs**, CB **D.J. Moore**, SS **Reshard Langford**, and FS **Ryan Hamilton**.



# TRACKING EARL BENNETT

## RECEIVER NEEDS FOUR RECEPTIONS FOR SEC CAREER RECORD

### LATEST ON BENNETT'S ACHIEVEMENTS...

**MyNameIsEarlBennett.com**

Vanderbilt junior **Earl Bennett** needs just four receptions to become the Southeastern Conference all-time leader.

Bennett contributed three catches for 31 yards in the Commodores' last-second 20-17 loss to Georgia.

Through six games, Bennett leads the SEC with 44 receptions and ranks second with 530 receiving yards. He is also tied for fifth in the

conference with four touchdown catches.

The reception total versus Georgia broke a personal 22-game streak by Bennett of posting at least four receptions. The streak dates to the Commodores' LSU game in 2005.

During the effort against Georgia, Bennett continued to assault other career receiving lists:

- Moved from third place to second place all-time among SEC receivers with 205 catches. He surpassed former Georgia standout Terrence Edwards (204), and now trails only former Kentucky standout Craig Yeast (208) on the list.
- Closed on the SEC all-time Top Ten in receiving yardage. Currently ranked No. 14 all-time, Bennett needs 74 receiving yards to join the Top Ten; and 542 receiving yards to become the all-time leader.

After claiming the Vanderbilt career mark for catches on Oct. 6 at Auburn, Bennett is approaching two other key Vanderbilt receiving records:

- Bennett needs three touchdown catches to overtake **Dan Stricker** (1999-2002) as the all-time leader. Stricker caught 21 TDs during his career.
- Bennett currently ranks third on the Commodore all-time charts for receiving yardage. He has 2,552 receiving yards, 412 behind record holder Boo Mitchell (2,964 yards, 1985-88).

In 29 career games, Bennett has been remarkably consistent and productive. He has set a team record with nine games of 10 or more receptions. He also has nine games of at least 100 receiving yards.

Among his top performances was a school-record 223-yard effort in the 2007 opener against Richmond. That performance allowed Bennett to become the first player in SEC history with three games of at least 200 receiving yards. His 13 receptions against Richmond also established a new SEC standard for opening-game performances by a receiver.

Bennett, a Rivals.com third team All-America selection in 2006, has been named to virtually every All-SEC preseason squad, and numerous preseason All-America polls. He is on the watchlist for several

honors, including the Walter Camp Player of the Year and Biletnikoff Awards.

With four TD catches on the season, Bennett pushed his career total to 19, moving him behind only Stricker (21) and Chuck Scott (20) on the team charts.

Bennett has produced an abundance of remarkable single game performances in a career that spans only 26 starting assignments. He has achieved 150 receiving yards or more in seven games. He now has achieved three of the six highest single-game receiving yardage totals in school history. Bennett has five of the top 11 highest single-game receiving totals in school history.

Bennett leads the SEC and ranks among the national leaders with 41 receptions. His 88-yard receiving yardage is second in the SEC.

Bennett is attempting to top the SEC in receptions for the third consecutive season. As a freshman and sophomore, he became the only receiver in SEC history to achieve at least 75 catches in different seasons.

Bennett's reception total and receiving yardage total (1,146) from 2006 are the second highest totals in Vanderbilt history.

Bennett has been incredibly consistent, registering a catch in every career game – and at least four receptions in his last 20 consecutive games.

Bennett's individual game achievements are remarkable: 223 yards/3 TDs vs. Richmond (Sept. 1, 2007); 220 yards at Kentucky (Nov. 11, 2006); SEC-record tying five TD catches vs Kentucky (No. 10, 2005); 204 yards at South Carolina (Oct. 25, 2005); 184 yards at Duke (Oct. 28, 2006); and 179 yards at Ole Miss (Oct. 7, 2006).

### BENNETT'S RECORDS

Career Receptions	205
Receiving Yards (game)	223 (Richmond, 2007)
TD receptions (game) ^	5, (vs. Kentucky, 2005)
Most games with 10 or more receptions	(9)
Most games with 200+ receiving yards #	(3)
Receptions by So.	82 (2006)
Receiving Yards by So.	1,146 (2006)
Catches in game (So.)	13 (vs. Florida, 2006)
Rec. Yards in game (So.)	220 (@ Kentucky, 2006)
Receptions by Fr. %	79 (2005)
Receiving yards by Fr.	876 (2005)
TD receptions by Fr.	9 (2005)
Catches in game (Fr.)	16 (@ USC, 2005)
Rec. Yards in game (Fr.)	204 (@ USC, 2005)
# SEC record ^ Ties SEC record	
% SEC freshman record	

### CAREER LEADERS – RECEIVING YARDAGE

RECEIVER	YEARS	YARDS
1. Boo Mitchell	1985-88	2,964
2. Dan Stricker	1999-2002	2,880
3. <b>Earl Bennett</b>	<b>2005-07</b>	<b>2,552</b>

### ALL-TIME SINGLE GAME RECEIVING TOTALS

RECEIVER	YARDS	GAME
<b>Earl Bennett</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>Richmond, 2007</b>
Clarence Sevillian	222	Tennessee, 1992
<b>Earl Bennett</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>Kentucky, 2006</b>
M.J. Garnett	219	MTSU, 2001
<b>Earl Bennett</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>So. Carolina, 2005</b>
Dan Stricker	204	Duke, 2001

### CAREER TOUCHDOWN CATCHES

RECEIVER	YEARS	CAREER TDs
1. Dan Stricker	1999-2002	21
2. Chuck Scott	1981-84	20
3. <b>Earl Bennett</b>	<b>2005-07</b>	<b>19</b>

# INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION

## PRESEASON ACCOLADES

### ALL-AMERICA TEAMS

#### EARL BENNETT

*Athlon's, Blue Ribbon, Street & Smith, Lindy's,  
The Sporting News, Rivals.com, Scout*

#### JONATHAN GOFF

*Athlon's, Phil Steele*

#### CHRIS WILLIAMS

*Athlon's*

### AWARD WATCHLISTS

#### EARL BENNETT

*Walter Camp Player of the Year,  
Biletnikoff Trophy, Maxwell Trophy*

#### JONATHAN GOFF

*Bronko Nagurski Award, Butkus Award, Bednarik Award*

#### CHRIS WILLIAMS

*Outland Trophy, Lombardi Rotary Award*

### ALL-SEC

#### EARL BENNETT

*(virtually unanimous first-team selection)*

#### JONATHAN GOFF

*Coaches (1st) and Media (1st)*

#### CHRIS WILLIAMS

*(Coaches (1st) and Media (2nd))*

#### BRIAN STAMPER

*Coaches (2nd) and Media (2nd)*

#### CHRIS NICKSON

*Coaches (3rd)*

**CURTIS GATEWOOD, RESHARD LANGFORD, THEO HORROCKS**  
*named by preseason publications*

## JONATHAN GOFF

**R-Senior • 6-4, 235 • Linebacker • Lynn, Mass.**

Played remarkable game versus Georgia, tying career highs with 12 solo tackles and 14 total tackles while earning co-defensive player of the week honors. Also contributed a quarterback sack and hurry.

## CHRIS WILLIAMS

**R-Senior • Offensive Tackle • 6-6, 315 • Glynn, La.**

The Commodore All-America candidate posted another solid blocking performance against Georgia, as Vanderbilt rushers continually followed his lead while rushing for 179 net yards.

## CURTIS GATEWOOD

**R-Senior • Defensive End • 6-3, 245 • Memphis, Tenn.**

Gatewood contributed three total tackles in the Commodores' last-second loss to Georgia. He has gone two straight games without a tackle for loss after posting five consecutive games with the stat dating back to the 2006 finale.

## THEO HORROCKS

**Senior • Defensive Tackle • 6-4, 290 • Fayetteville, Tenn.**

A defensive co-captain, Horrocks netted three total tackles – two solo stops and an assist – in Vanderbilt's narrow loss to Georgia.

## RESHARD LANGFORD

**R-Junior • Safety • 6-2, 207 • Tanner, Ala.**

A starter in 29 consecutive games and Vanderbilt's leader in the secondary, Langford contributed a season-high eight tackles and a forced fumble against Georgia.

## MARCUS BUGGS

**R-Senior • Linebacker • 6-0, 225 • Madison, Tenn.**

Buggs posted yet another solid performance against Georgia – eight total tackles and a defended pass. He shares the team high with five tackles for loss, and has at least five tackles in five of the Commodores' six games.

## D.J. MOORE

**Sophomore • Cornerback/Return Specialist • 5-10, • Madison, Tenn.**

Moore contributed in a variety of ways against Georgia: eight solo tackles and a defended pass on defense; 48 rushing yards on offense, 78 yards in kickoff returns.

## FORMER COMMODORES IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Former Player	NFL Team	Most Recent Performance
Corey Chavous, Safety	St. Louis Rams	Team's defensive leader was inactive in 22-3 loss to Baltimore Ravens.
Jay Cutler, QB	Denver Broncos	Was in Nashville attending UGA game with off week. Plays Pittsburgh Steelers Sunday.
Justin Geisinger, OG	Washington Redskins	Re-signed to Washington practice squad on Sept. 26. Has not played in last two weeks.
Jovan Haye, DT	Tampa Bay	Posted career game in win over Titans – 10 total tackles, one QB sack, two QB hurries.
Hunter Hillenmeyer, LB	Chicago Bears	Contributed six solo tackles and an assist in Bears' 34-31 loss to Minnesota Vikings.
Matt Stewart, LB	Cleveland Browns	Six-year veteran; Remains on injured reserve list with the Browns.
Jamie Winborn, LB	Denver Broncos	Broncos were off Sunday. Returns to action on Sunday night against Pittsburgh Steelers.
Todd Yoder, TE	Washington Redskins	Blocking specialist and special teams contributor in 17-14 loss to Green Bay.

# MORE ABOUT THE 'DORES

## DOSTER LEGACY CONTINUES; KWANE'S BROTHER JERMAINE IS FRESHMAN ON '07 SQUAD

The Doster Legacy continues this season with the Vanderbilt football program.

**Jermaine Doster**, younger brother of former Commodore standout and 2002 Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Year Kwane Doster, is a member of Vanderbilt's freshman class.

Like his brother, Jermaine comes to Vanderbilt following an excellent prep career as a running back at Robinson H.S. in Tampa, Fla.

Jermaine's brother will always be part of the Vanderbilt family. A two-year starter, Kwane died in his hometown Dec. 26, 2004 from injuries suffered in a shooting. Doster was a Vanderbilt junior and on target to graduate when the tragedy happened.

Unlike his brother, Jermaine might have a chance to get accustomed to life on the campus before he hits the field. At least three proven players (Cassen Jackson-Garrison, Jeff Jennings and Jared Hawkins) are ahead of Doster on the depth chart.

Coach Bobby Johnson and the Commodore players continue to honor the memory of Kwane Doster. No Commodore has worn Kwane's No.1 since his death. A gameday locker is perpetually on display in the Vanderbilt players' locker room.

## NINE NAMED TO COMMODORE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Nine Commodores participate in the Leadership Council, serving as an entity that addresses team and student-athlete issues while acting as their teammates' voice in communicating with coaches.

Co-captains **Jonathan Goff**, **Theo Horrocks** and **Chris Williams** are members of the Leadership Council.

Others voted by teammates to represent other various position groups. They include **Marcus Buggs**, linebackers; **Reshard Langford**, defensive secondary; **Gabe Hall**, defensive line; **Brad Allen**, offensive backfield; **George Smith**, wide receivers; and **Brian Stamper**, offensive line.

## GEORGE SMITH CONTRIBUTING BIG AGAINST THE ODDS

**George Smith** is beating the odds.

In the last two years, the redshirt junior from Pembroke Hills, Fla., has survived a serious ailment and gunshot attack to become a valuable starting receiver for the Black & Gold.

The fact that Smith was in uniform last year was quite remarkable. In April 2004, Smith was diagnosed with acute transverse myelitis, an illness that causing swelling of the spinal cord. For the next six weeks, Smith fought the illness in intensive care and eventually extensive rehabilitation. Smith returned to Vanderbilt the following semester, sat out the 2004 season, and finally received medical clearance as the August 2004 preseason camp neared.

In the last two-plus seasons, Smith moved into a starting role and has 52 career catches for 696 yards and six touchdowns.

## COMMODORES CONTINUE ANCHOR "UNITY" TRADITION

For the third straight year, Vanderbilt will travel with an authentic anchor as a symbol of team unity. Prior to each game, two players are selected to carry the anchor to and from the Vanderbilt locker room on gameday, either at Vanderbilt Stadium or to the opponent's home stadium.

Originally, the anchor was developed by the team's Leadership Council as a way of demonstrating team unity among the squad.

## QB KOVALCHECK LONE 'DORE GRADUATE STUDENT

Richard Kovalcheck, who transferred to Vanderbilt last year after starting at quarterback for the University of Arizona, is the Commodores' lone graduate student.

Kovalcheck, of San Diego, Calif., is entering his second year of studies in Vanderbilt's Owen School of Management. He is working toward advanced degrees in finance and strategy with emphasis on entrepreneurship and real estate.

## COMMODORE MEDIA INFO

### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Patrick Benoist (Ben-WAH)  
Terial (Ter-RELL) Brannon  
Matt Bubis (BEW-bus)  
Nick Forte (FORT)  
Tim Fugger (FEW-ger)  
Theo Horrocks (HOR-ricks)  
Cassen (KAY-sin) Jackson-Garrison  
Theron (THER-in) Kadri (COD-ree)  
Merritt Kirchoffer (KIRCH-offer)  
Richard Kovalcheck (Ko-VOL-chek)  
Reshard (Rah-SHARD) Langford  
Chris Marve (MARV)  
Dom Morias (MORE-ree-as)  
Chris Reinert (RINE-ert)  
Darlron (Dah-RON) Spead (SPEED)  
Udom (OOD-um) Umoh (OO-mah)  
Bradley Vierling (VEER-ling)

### COACH JOHNSON, STUDENT-ATHLETE POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

Following the South Carolina game, Coach Johnson will meet with the media at the team's postgame press conference facilities directly across the breezeway from the Vanderbilt Player Locker Room in Williams-Brice Stadium.

The Vanderbilt Player Locker Room is closed to the media. Interview request forms will be collected by the Vanderbilt SID staff. Player interviews will be conducted as soon as the head coach concludes his remarks.

### PRACTICE WEEK INTERVIEW POLICIES

Media wishing to interview players during the week should contact the Vanderbilt Media Relations staff in advance.

Selected players will be available Monday immediately after Coach Bobby Johnson concludes his weekly press conference.

Selected Vanderbilt players will be available for interviews with out-of-town beat reporters on Wednesday.

Commodore players will be available upon request either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday at the conclusion of practice.

Coach Johnson is available briefly to reporters at the conclusion of practice.

Media photographers are permitted to shoot the first 30 minutes of practice.

# HEAD COACH BOBBY JOHNSON

## PERSONAL DATA

**AGE:** 55  
**ALMA MATER:** Clemson  
**HIGH SCHOOL:** Eau Claire (S.C.) 1969  
**DEGREES:** Bachelor's in Management, 1973, Clemson;  
 Master's in Education, 1979, Furman  
**FAMILY:** Wife, Catherine

## KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 78-82 overall record as head coach; 4-4 record in NCAA postseason play
- In five years at Vanderbilt, has coached the first Commodore named unanimous SEC Offensive Player of the Year (Jay Cutler, 2005), the team's first and only SEC Freshman of the Year (Kwane Doster, 2002), the nation's top tackler (Hunter Hillenmeyer, 2002) and the first Vanderbilt All-America (Earl Bennett, 2006), in seven years.
- I-AA National Coach of the Year in 2001.
- Three Southern Conference titles
- 217-138-8 Combined Record (31 years of collegiate coaching)

## SIXTH YEAR RECORD OF 'DORE HEAD COACHES

COACH	YEARS	W	L	T
Bobby Johnson	2007	3	3	-
George MacIntyre	1984	5	6	-
Bill Pace	1972	3	8	-
Art Guepe	1958	5	2	3
Red Sanders	1948	8	2	1
Dan McGugin	1909	7	3	-

## SUMMARY OF BOBBY JOHNSON'S COACHING CAREER

YEAR	SCHOOL	POSITION	RECORD	HIGHLIGHTS
2007	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	3-3 (1-3)	
2006	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	4-8 (1-7)	
2005	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	5-6 (3-5)	VU's Most SEC wins since '91
2004	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	2-9 (1-7)	
2003	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	2-10 (1-7)	
2002	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	2-10 (0-8)	
2001	Furman	Head Coach	12-3	I-AA Finals; Conference Co-Champion; I-AA Coach of the Year; I-AA Region II Coach of Year
2000	Furman	Head Coach	9-3	I-AA Playoffs; Conference Co-Champion
1999	Furman	Head Coach	9-3	I-AA Playoffs; Conference Champions; I-AA Region II Coach of Year
1998	Furman	Head Coach	5-6	
1997	Furman	Head Coach	7-4	
1996	Furman	Head Coach	9-4	I-AA Playoffs; I-AA Region II Coach of Year
1995	Furman	Head Coach	6-5	
1994	Furman	Head Coach	3-8	
1993	Clemson	Defensive Coordinator	8-3	
1992	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	6-5	
1991	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	7-4	
1990	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	9-4	I-AA Playoffs; Conference Champions
1989	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	12-2	I-AA Playoffs; Conference Champions
1988	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	13-2	I-AA National Champions; Conference Champions
1987	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	7-4	
1986	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	7-3-2	
1985	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	12-2	I-AA Finals; Conference Champion
1984	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	8-3	
1983	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	10-2-1	Conference Champion
1982	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	9-3	Conference Champion
1981	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	8-3	Conference Champion
1980	Clemson	Athletic Academic Counselor		
1979	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	5-6	
1978	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	8-3	Conference Champion
1977	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	4-5-2	
1976	Furman	Defensive Ends Coach	6-4-1	

## JOHNSON'S WEEKLY MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

Coach Johnson conducts a weekly press conference for local media each Monday at 12:00 noon CT. It is held in the McCall Room, at the McGugin Athletic Center. It is not available via satellite. A live video feed of the conference is planned at [www.vucommodores.com](http://www.vucommodores.com). A transcript is provided no more than three hours later.

Johnson participates in the weekly SEC Head Coaches' Teleconference at 10:21 a.m. (CT) on Wednesdays. Johnson is also available after regular Commodore practices Tuesday-Thursday.

## TV HIGHLIGHTS SHOW

The Commodore Connection – a weekly Vanderbilt highlights show with Coach Johnson that airs across Middle Tennessee cable systems, will be broadcast each Tuesday of the season.

In Nashville cable homes, the replay show will air Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., on Comcast Channel 49.

Regionally, the show airs twice weekly on Comcast Sports (Channel 27): Tuesday, 6:30 a.m., and Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

## JOHNSON'S RADIO SHOW

The Commodore Call-In Show with Bobby Johnson can be heard each Monday at 7:00 p.m. on WGFX FM-104.5.

The weekly show is hosted by Commodore play-by-play announcer Joe Fisher. It is staged at the Commodore Bar & Grille, located in the Holiday Inn Select on West End Avenue, one block from Vanderbilt Stadium.

The show features Johnson's summary of the previous game, an indepth look at the Commodores' next opponent and questions from callers across Middle Tennessee.

# COMMODORE DEPTH CHART

AS OF OCT. 13TH

## OFFENSE

<b>Z WR</b>	88	George Smith (6-3, 200, R-Jr.)
	81	Bryant Anderson (6-3, 200, R-Jr.)
<b>X WR</b>	7	Sean Walker (6-0, 180, R-Jr.)
	80	Justin Wheeler (6-0, 175, R-So.)
<b>S WR</b>	10	Earl Bennett (6-1, 202, Jr.)
	4	Alex Washington (5-9, 185, R-So.)
<b>QB</b>	3	Chris Nickson (6-1, 210, R-Jr.)
-or-	9	Mackenzi Adams (6-3, 210, R-So.)
<b>TB</b>	22	Cassen Jackson-Garrison (6-1, 215, Sr.)
	21	Jeff Jennings (6-1, 215, R-Jr.)
	31	Jared Hawkins (5-10, 190, R-So.)
<b>LT</b>	74	Chris Williams (6-6, 320, R-Sr.)
	66	Eric Hensley (6-6, 315, R-So.)
<b>LG</b>	78	Josh Eames (6-5, 305, R-Sr.)
	73	Ryan Custer (6-4, 295, R-So.)
<b>C</b>	53	Hamilton Holliday (6-3, 290, Sr.)
	71	Joey Bailey (6-3, 275, R-Fr.)
<b>RG</b>	64	Merritt Kirchoffer (6-5, 320, R-Sr.)
	60	Bradley Vierling (6-3, 290, R-So.)
<b>RT</b>	72	Brian Stamper (6-5, 300, R-Sr.)
	76	Thomas Welch (6-7, 295, R-So.)
<b>TE</b>	83	Brad Allen (6-3, 240, R-Jr.)
	85	Jake Bradford (6-6, 265, R-So.)

## DEFENSE

<b>DE</b>	96	Steven Stone (6-6, 255, R-So.)
	90	Broderick Stewart (6-5, 225, R-So.)
<b>DT</b>	56	Gabe Hall (6-1, 290, Sr.)
	98	Greg Billinger (6-3, 280, So.)
<b>RT</b>	54	Theo Horrocks (6-4, 290, Sr.)
	44	David Whittington (6-2, 270, R-Jr.)
<b>DE</b>	48	Curtis Gatewood (6-3, 245, R-Sr.)
	93	Theron Kadri (6-3, 240, Fr.)
<b>WLB</b>	30	Patrick Benoist (6-0, 218, So.)
	52	Nathan Campbell (6-3, 228, R-Fr.)
<b>MLB</b>	47	Jonathan Goff (6-4, 235, R-Sr.)
	45	Chris Johnson (6-1, 225, R-So.)
<b>SLB</b>	24	Marcus Buggs (5-11, 225, R-Sr.)
	49	John Stokes (6-5, 230, Fr.)
<b>CB</b>	17	D.J. Moore (5-10, 180, So.)
	14	Josh Allen (5-9, 182, R-Jr.)
<b>SS</b>	33	Reshard Langford (6-2, 207, R-Jr.)
	11	Brent Trice (6-3, 210, So.)
<b>FS</b>	2	Ryan Hamilton (6-2, 208, R-So.)
	29	Joel Caldwell (6-0, 195, R-So.)
<b>CB</b>	5	Myron Lewis (6-3, 195, So.)
	20	Jared Fagan (5-10, 180, R-Jr.)
<b>NB</b>	6	Darlron Spead (5-10, 185, R-So.)

## SPECIAL TEAMS

<b>P</b>	39	Brett Upson (5-11, 180, So.)
	8	Bryant Hahnfeldt (5-11, 190, Jr.)
<b>KO</b>	8	Bryant Hahnfeldt (5-11, 190, Jr.)
	97	John Laughrey (5-11, 180, R-Fr.)
<b>PK</b>	8	Bryant Hahnfeldt (5-11, 190, Jr.)
	97	John Laughrey (5-11, 180, R-Fr.)
<b>H</b>	9	Mackenzi Adams (6-3, 210, R-So.)
	36	Chris Reinert (5-9, 170, R-So.)
<b>PR</b>	4	Alex Washington (5-9, 185, R-So.)
	17	D.J. Moore (5-10, 180, So.)
<b>KR</b>	17	D.J. Moore (5-10, 180, So.)
	7	Sean Walker (6-0, 180, R-Jr.)
<b>LS</b>	49	John Stokes (6-5, 230, Fr.)
	75	Nick Miller (6-3, 270, R-So.)
<b>SN</b>	49	John Stokes (6-5, 230, Fr.)
	75	Nick Miller (6-3, 270, R-So.)

# ALPHABETICAL TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Year	CL	Hometown/High School
63	Chris Aaron	OL	6-3	290	So.	TR	Palos Verdes, Calif./PVHS/Lehigh
9	Mackenzi Adams	QB	6-3	210	R-So.	1L	Tulsa, Okla./Union
83	Brad Allen	TE	6-3	240	R-Jr.	2L	Venice, Fla./Venice
14	Josh Allen	CB	5-9	182	R-Jr.	2L	Roswell, Ga./Roswell
81	Bryant Anderson	WR	6-3	210	R-Jr.	2L	Roswell, Ga./Centennial
62	Rob Ashabranner	DL	6-2	270	Fr.	HS	Beaumont, Texas/Cathedral Christian
40	Bo Baggerley	LB	6-1	210	R-So.	SQ	Forsyth, Ga./Stratford Academy
71	Joey Bailey	C	6-3	275	R-Fr.	RS	Trussville, Ala./Hewitt-Trussville
87	Brandon Barden	TE	6-5	225	Fr.	HS	Lincolnton, Ga./Lincoln Co.
10	Earl Bennett	WR	6-1	202	Jr.	2L	Birmingham, Ala./West End
30	Patrick Benoist	LB	6-0	215	So.	1L	Southlake, Texas/Carroll Senior
98	Greg Billinger	DT	6-3	280	So.	1L	Lilburn, Ga./Parkview
85	Jake Bradford	TE	6-6	265	R-So.	1L	St. Simons Isl., Ga./Glynn Academy
89	Teriall Brannon	DE	6-3	235	R-Fr.	RS	Spartanburg, S.C./Broome
35	Brandon Bryant	LB	6-0	228	R-So.	1L	Cincinnati, Ohio/St.Xavier
32	Matt Bubis	FB	5-10	228	R-So.	1L	Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell
24	Marcus Buggs	LB	5-11	225	R-Sr.	3L	Madison, Tenn./Goodpasture
29	Joel Caldwell	S	6-1	195	R-So.	1L	Hoover, Ala./Hoover
52	Nate Campbell	LB	6-3	228	R-Fr.	RS	Hazen, Ark./Hazen
50	Thomas Carroll	PK	5-9	160	R-So.	SQ	Columbus, Ga./Brookstone
50*	Bo Cramer	DL	6-4	255	Fr.	HS	Charlotte, N.C./Country Day
12*	Chris Crooks	WR	6-2	190	Fr.	HS	Cummings, Ga./Chattahoochee
73	Ryan Custer	OG	6-3	295	R-So.	1L	Troy, Ohio/Troy
26	Andrew Diomande	WR	6-1	185	Jr.	TR	Miami, Fla./Columbus/Clemson
41	Jermaine Doster	TB	5-10	205	Fr.	HS	Tampa, Fla./Robinson
99	Derrius Dowell	DT	6-3	275	R-So.	SQ	Atlanta, Ga./Douglass
78	Josh Eames	OG	6-5	305	R-Sr.	3L	North Cape May, N.J./Lower Cape
67	James Elledge	DL	6-4	275	Fr.	HS	Birmingham, Ala./Mountain Brook
20	Jared Fagan	CB	5-10	180	R-Jr.	2L	Waldorf, Md./Westlake
65	Kyle Fischer	OL	6-6	300	Fr.	HS	Columbia, S.C./Spring Valley
38	Davis Flowers	LB	6-0	215	Fr.	HS	Dothan, Ala./Houston Academy
61	Nick Forte	OG	6-2	295	R-So.	SQ	Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood Academy
42	Tim Fugger	DE	6-4	225	Fr.	HS	Oak Brook, Ill./Montini Catholic
12	Jared Funk	QB	6-2	195	R-Fr.	RS	Long Grove, Ill./Saint Viator
46	Michael Garcia	LB	6-0	240	R-Fr.	HS	Jacksonville, Fla./The Bolles School
70	Drew Gardner	OG	6-6	300	R-So.	SQ	Hoxie, Ark./Hoxie
48	Curtis Gatewood	DE	6-3	245	R-Jr.	3L	Memphis, Tenn./White Station
47	Jonathan Goff	LB	6-4	235	R-Sr.	3L	Lynn, Mass./St. John's Prep
25	Jamie Graham	CB	5-11	180	Fr.	HS	Nashville, Tenn./Whites Creek
82	Justin Green	TE	6-6	230	Fr.	RS	Troy, Ala./Henderson
58	T.J. Greenstone	DT	6-3	270	Fr.	HS	Lawrenceville, Ga./Collins Hill
49*	Chris Griffin	WR	6-1	185	R-Fr.	RS	Memphis, Tenn./Central
8	Bryant Hahnfeldt	P/PK	5-11	190	Jr.	2L	Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell
56	Gabe Hall	DT	6-1	290	Sr.	3L	Virginia Beach, Va./Fork Union
2	Ryan Hamilton	S	6-2	208	R-So.	1L	Wycombe, Pa./Council Rock North
31	Jared Hawkins	TB	5-10	190	R-So.	1L	Spring, Texas/Klein
66	Eric Hensley	OT	6-6	315	R-So.	1L	Clinton, Tenn./Clinton
53	Hamilton Holiday	C	6-4	290	Sr.	3L	Marietta, Ga./Walton
92	Brandon Holmes	DT	6-3	295	R-Jr.	1L	Garland, Texas/Garland
54	Theo Horrocks	DT	6-3	290	Sr.	3L	Fayetteville, Tenn./Lincoln Co.
22	Cassen Jackson-Garrison	TB	6-1	215	Sr.	3L	Knoxville, Tenn./Central

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Year	CL	Hometown/High School
21	Jeff Jennings	TB	6-1	215	R-Jr.	2L	Dandridge, Tenn./Jefferson Co.
45	Chris Johnson	LB	6-1	225	R-So.	1L	Birmingham, Ala./Oak Mountain
93	Theron Kadri	DE	6-3	240	Fr.	HS	Brighton, Tenn./Brighton
64	Merritt Kirchoffer	OG	6-5	320	R-Sr.	3L	Roswell, Ga./Roswell
15	Richard Kovalcheck	QB	6-2	220	R-Sr.	1L	San Diego, Calif./Ariz./St. Augustine
33	Reshard Langford	S	6-2	207	R-Jr.	2L	Tanner, Ala./Tanner
68	Reilly Lauer	DE	6-6	250	R-Fr.	RS	Gates Mill, Ohio/St. Ignatius
97	John Laughrey	PK	5-11	180	R-Fr.	RS	McKenzie, Tenn./McKenzie
93*	David Leinweber	DE	6-5	250	R-So.	SQ	Bloomfield Hills, Mich./Cranbrook
5	Myron Lewis	CB	6-2	195	So.	1L	Pompano Beach, Fla./Pompano Beach
94	Kikko Logan	DE	6-2	235	R-Fr.	RS	Elba, Ala./Elba
43	Chris Marve	LB	6-0	230	Fr.	HS	Memphis, Tenn./White Station
27	Gaston Miller	TB	5-7	165	So.	1L	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Riverdale
75	Nick Miller	SN	6-3	270	R-So.	1L	Matthews, N.C./East Mecklenburg
86	Austin Monahan	TE	6-6	235	Fr.	HS	Charlotte, N.C./Phillips Acad. (Mass.)
17	D.J. Moore	CB	5-10	175	So.	1L	Spartanburg, S.C./Broome
37	Dom Morais	LB	6-0	215	R-Sr.	SQ	Dayton, Texas/Dayton
91	Austin Newton	LB	6-2	215	R-Fr.	RS	McDonough, Ga./Union Grove
3	Chris Nickson	QB	6-1	210	R-Jr.	2L	Brundidge, Ala./Pike Co.
95	Sam Panke	DE	6-2	230	R-So.	SQ	St. Louis, Mo./Ladue
28	Kenard Reeves	TB	6-0	195	R-Fr.	RS	Duluth, Ga./Duluth
36	Chris Reinert	WR	5-9	175	R-So.	SQ	Santa Ana, Calif./Servite
28*	Alex Schultz	DB	5-11	175	So.	SQ	Wayland, Mass./Wayland
18	Larry Simmons	WR	5-9	162	R-So.	1L	Austin, Texas/Anderson
88	George Smith	WR	6-3	200	R-Jr.	2L	Hollywood, Fla./Hollywood Hills
19	Larry Smith	QB	6-2	200	Fr.	HS	Prattville, Ala./Prattville
59	Adam Smotherman	DT	6-4	275	R-Fr.	RS	Smyrna, Tenn./Smyrna
69	Garrett Snoeyenbos	OL	6-3	260	Fr.	HS	Brentwood, Tenn./Ravenwood
6	Darlon Spead	CB	5-10	185	R-So.	1L	Kingsland, Ga./Camden Co.
72	Brian Stamper	OT	6-5	300	R-Sr.	3L	Windermere, Fla./Lake Highland
90	Broderick Stewart	DE	6-5	230	R-So.	1L	Newnan, Ga./Riverside Military
49	John Stokes	LB	6-5	230	Fr.	HS	Memphis, Tenn./University School
96	Steven Stone	DE	6-5	255	R-So.	1L	Conway, Ark./Conway
16	Alan Strong	CB	5-10	175	R-Fr.	RS	Atlanta, Ga./Douglass
11	Brent Trice	S	6-3	210	So.	1L	Orange, Va./Fork Union Military (Va.)
23	Udom Umoh	WR	6-0	175	Fr.	HS	Fort Valley, Ga./Peach Co.
39	Brett Upson	P	5-11	180	So.	1L	Griffin, Ga./Spalding
34	Ryan van Rensburg	TB	6-1	215	Fr.	HS	Jacksonville, Fla./The Bolles School
79	Ryan Vance	OG	6-3	285	R-So.	SQ	Bellaire, Texas/Episcopal
46*	Duane Vaughn	S	6-1	195	Fr.	HS	Goodlettsville, Tenn./Davidson Acad.
60	Bradley Vierling	C/OG	6-3	290	R-So.	1L	Warminster, Pa./Central Bucks East
7	Sean Walker	WR	6-0	180	R-Jr.	2L	Wrens, Ga./Jefferson Co.
4	Alex Washington	WR	5-9	185	R-So.	1L	Stone Mountain, Ga./Stephenson
76	Thomas Welch	OT	6-7	295	R-So.	1L	Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood
80	Justin Wheeler	WR	6-1	180	R-So.	SQ	North Augusta, Ga./North Augusta
44	David Whittington	DT	6-2	275	R-Jr.	1L	Lafayette, La./St. Thomas More
74	Chris Williams	OT	6-6	320	R-So.	2L	Glynn, La./Catholic
77	James Williams	OL	6-6	300	Fr.	HS	Smyrna, Tenn./Smyrna
13	Turner Wimberly	WR	6-0	195	R-Fr.	RS	Austin, Texas/Westlake

\* Duplicate Jersey Number

## COMMODORE NUMERICAL ROSTER

2	Ryan Hamilton	S	22	Cassen Jackson-Garrison	TB	42	Tim Fugger	TE	63	Chris Aaron	OL	85	Jake Bradford	TE
3	Chris Nickson	QB	23	Udom Umoh	WR	43	Chris Marve	LB	64	Merritt Kirchoffer	OG	86	Austin Monahan	TE
4	Alex Washington	WR	24	Marcus Buggs	LB	44	David Whittington	DT	65	Kyle Fischer	OL	87	Brandon Barden	TE
5	Myron Lewis	CB	25	Jamie Graham	WR/CB	45	Chris Johnson	LB	66	Eric Hensley	OT	88	George Smith	WR
6	Darlon Spead	CB	26	Andrew Diomande	WR	46	Michael Garcia	LB	67	James Elledge	DL	89	Teriall Brannon	DE
7	Sean Walker	WR	27	Gaston Miller	TB	46*	Duane Vaughn	S	68	Reilly Lauer	DE	90	Broderick Stewart	DE
8	Bryant Hahnfeldt	PK/P	28	Kenard Reeves	TB	47	Jonathan Goff	LB	69	Garrett Snoeyenbos	OL	91	Austin Newton	LB
9	Mackenzi Adams	QB	28*	Alex Schultz	DB	48	Curtis Gatewood	DE	70	Drew Gardner	OG	92	Brandon Holmes	DT
10	Earl Bennett	WR	29	Joel Caldwell	S/DB	49*	Chris Griffin	WR	71	Joey Bailey	C	93	Theron Kadri	DE
11	Brent Trice	S	30	Patrick Benoist	LB	49	John Stokes	LB	72	Brian Stamper	OT	93*	David Leinweber	DE
12	Jared Funk	QB	31	Jared Hawkins	TB	50	Thomas Carroll	PK	73	Ryan Custer	OG	94	Kikko Logan	DE
12*	Chris Crooks	WR	32	Matt Bubis	TE	50*	Bo Cramer	DL	74	Chris Williams	OT	95	Sam Panke	DE
13	Turner Wimberly	WR	33	Reshard Langford	S	52	Nate Campbell	LB	75	Nick Miller	SN	96	Steven Stone	DE
14	Josh Allen	CB	34	Ryan van Rensburg	TB	53	Hamilton Holiday	C	76	Thomas Welch	OT	97	John Laughrey	PK
15	Richard Kovalcheck	QB	35	Brandon Bryant	LB	54	Theo Horrocks	DT	77	James Williams	OL	98	Greg Billinger	DT
16	Alan Strong	CB	36	Chris Reinert	WR	56	Gabe Hall	DT	78	Josh Eames	OG	99	Derrius Dowell	DT
17	D.J. Moore	CB	37	Dom Morais	LB	58	T.J. Greenstone	DT	79	Ryan Vance	OG			* Duplicate Jersey
18	Larry Simmons	WR	38	Davis Flowers	LB	59	Adam Smotherman	DT	80	Justin Wheeler	WR			
19	Larry Smith	QB	39	Brett Upson	P	60	Bradley Vierling	C/OG	81	Bryant Anderson	WR			
20	Jared Fagan	CB	40	Bo Baggerley	LB	61	Nick Forte	OG	82	Justin Green	TE			
21	Jeff Jennings	TB	41	Jermaine Doster	TB	62	Rob Ashabranner	DL	83	Brad Allen	TE			