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#### #18 KANSAS STATE at VANDERBILT

Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017 ★ 6:30 p.m. ★ Nashville, Tenn. ★ Vanderbilt Stadium

#### **WILDCATS**

**Overall: 2-0 Big 12:** 0-0

**Head Coach:** 

Bill Snyder (26th season) **Record at KSU: 204-105-1 (.660)** 

Career record: 204-105-1 (.660)

#### **COMMODORES**

**Overall: 2-0 SEC:** 0-0

**Head Coach:** 

Derek Mason (4th season) **Record at VU: 15-24 (.385)** 

Career record: 15-24 (.385)



# **QUICK COMPARISON**

KSU		VU
32.2	PPG	35.0
44	1st DOWNS	33
245.0	RUSH	125.0
261.0	PASS	261.5
506.0	OFFENSE	386.5
50%	3rd DOWNS	48%
166.5	OPP. RUSH	66.5
128.0	OPP. PASS	105.0
294.5	OPP. OFFENSE	171.5
41%	OPP. 3rd DOWNS	12%

#### **OPENING KICK**

- ★ Vanderbilt welcomes Kansas State to Vanderbilt Stadium for the first time since 1984.
- ★ The Commodores' defense enters the weekend with a nationally ranked defense - 1st in the red zone and third down percentage, 2nd in scoring defense, 3rd in total defense, 9th in rush defense and 11th in pass defense.
- ★ RB Ralph Webb is Vanderbilt's all-time leading rusher with 3,445 yards and ranks 18th all-time in SEC history. He's set to make his 40th straight start.
- ★ QB Kyle Shurmur's hot start to the season (498 yards, 7 TDs) has pushed him onto the program's top 10 charts in passing yards (9th - 3,410) and touchdowns (9th - 21). He broke a 56-year-old school record last week, completing 83.3% of his passes.
- ★ The VU defense has already produced eight sacks and 20 tackles

for loss in the team's first two games. The Dores had 15 sacks all of last season.

#### A Vanderbilt victory would...

- ★ Be the team's second straight win over a ranked team (#24 Tennessee in 2016).
- ★ Make the team 3-0 for first time since
- ★ Be the fifth straight win at Vanderbilt Stadium.

#### VANDERBILT STAT LEADERS

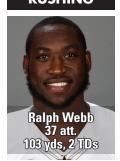
# **TACKLES**



# **PASSING**



**RUSHING** 



**RECEIVING** 





**ESPNU** 

PBP: Mike Couzens Analyst: John Congemi



#### **VANDERBILT IMG NETWORK**

Flagship: WLAC 1510-AM/98.3 FM Voice of the Commodores: Joe Fisher Analyst: Norman Jordan Sideline: Mitch Light Sirius: 108 | XM: 201





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Sept. 16 6:30 p.m. **ESPNU** 

Alabama Sept. 23 2:30 p.m. **CBS** 

@Florida Sept. 30 TBA

Georgia Oct. 7 TBA

@Ole Miss Oct. 14 TBA

@S. Carolina Oct. 28 TBA

WKU Nov. 4 TBA

Kentucky Nov. 11 TBA

Missouri Nov. 18 TBA

@Tennessee Nov. 25 TBA



# VANDERBILT FOOTBALL MEDIA SERVICES

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SUNDAY	<b>MONDAY</b> MORNING	TUESDAY PRESS	WEDNESDAY SEC	THURSDAY MORNING	<b>FRIDAY</b> MORNING	SATURDAY
0FF	PRACTICE	CONFERENCE	COACHES TELECONFERENCE	PRACTICE	PRACTICE	KANSAS STATE
DAY	NO MEDIA AVAILABILITY	COACH MASON 12:15 p.m. STUDENT-ATHLETES 12:35 p.m.	COACH MASON 10:30-10:40 a.m.	COACH LUDWIG STUDENT-ATHLETES 9:45 a.m.	NO MEDIA AVAILABILITY	6:30 p.m. ESPNU

#### **VANDERBILT POST-GAME INTERVIEWS**

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

Mason's remarks will be held in the team's press conference area. The press conference area at Vanderbilt Stadium is located in the south end zone tunnel near the team's locker room.

The Vanderbilt locker room is closed. Up to six student-athletes 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 are available at the conclusion of Mason's conference.

#### **GAME WEEK INTERVIEW POLICY**

All interview requests for Coach Mason and Vanderbilt student-athletes **MUST** go through Kyle Parkinson or Larry Leathers prior to the interview. Offensive coordinator Andy Ludwig will be available to media members at the conclusion of practice on Thursday morning. Student-athletes and other assistant coaches will also be available to media after Thursday practices.

Practice sessions are closed to the media.

#### **COACH MASON'S RADIO SHOW WEDNESDAY**

The Vanderbilt Coaches Show with Coach Mason, a weekly feature of Nashville flagships NewsRadio 1510 WLAC, is scheduled on Wednesdays. The show starts at 7 p.m. with Coach Mason and the Voice of the Commodores Joe Fisher.

#### **CREDENTIALS**

Media seeking credentials should visit sportssystems.com/vanderbilt. Media will call is located at Gate 1 of Vanderbilt Stadium.

# **WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE**

Coach Mason will participate in a press conference for local media on Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 11:45 a.m. It is held in the team's post-game press conference room in the south end zone of Vanderbilt Stadium.

Interviews with selected student-athletes will follow Mason's remarks.

The press event is available on SEC Network+ and archived at vucommodores.com.

#### **SEC COACHES TELECONFERENCE:** WEDNESDAY 10:30 A.M.

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 Office at (205) 458-3010.

#### COACH'S SHOW ON FACEBOOK

New in 2017, The Coach's Show with Derek Mason will be available on Facebook each Friday afternoon of game weeks.

The new show will feature interviews and stories with Coach Mason, assistant coaches and student-athletes while being hosted by the Voice of the Commodores Joe Fisher.

#### ON THE INTERNET

Vanderbilt's website - vucommodores.com - hosts stories from former Sports Illustrated writer Zac Ellis along with stats, notes and videos.

#### **GAME DAY AT VANDERBILT STADIUM**

The press box at Vanderbilt Stadium opens 2.5 hours before kickoff unless otherwise noted. The press box will close approximately three hours after the conclusion of the game.

Game notes and depth charts for both teams will be available in the press box and online at vucommodores.com/FootballGameNotes.

Wireless internet is available in the press box along with live stats via statbroadcast.com.



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#### VANDERBILT VS. KANSAS STATE BREAKDOWN

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CATEGORY	VANDERBILT	KANSAS STATE	CATEGORY	VANDERBILT	KANSAS STATE
Overall	2-0	2-0	Kick Returns: #-Yards	1-22	6-173
SEC/BIG 12	0-0	0-0	Punt Returns: #-Yards	5-63	4-93
Streak	W2	W2	INT Returns: #-Yards	3-37 (2)	3-37
Scoring	70	110	Kick Return Average	22.0 (9)	28.8
Points per Game	35.0 (6)	55.0	Punt Return Average	12.6 (4)	23.2
First Downs	33 (12)	44	INT Return Average	12.3	12.3
Rushing	13	23	Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Passing	20	20	Fumbles Recovered	2-0	3-3
Penalty	0	1	Penalties-Yards	10-109	11-102
Rushing Yards	250	490	Average per Game	54.5 (11)	51.0
Yards Gained	265	509	Punts-Yards	12-459	3-124
Yards Lost	15	19	Average per Punt	38.2	41.3
Attempts	70	82	Net Punt Average	32.8 (14)	34.7
Average per Rush	3.6	6.0	Time of Possession/Game	33:37 (3)	29:27
Average per Game	125.0 (11)	245.0	3rd Down Conversions	14/29	9/18
TDs	3	/	3rd Down Pct.	48% (3)	50%
Passing Yards	523	522	4th Down Conversions	0/1	0/1
Comp-Att-INT	39-54-0	27-39-0	4th Down Pct.	0% (T11)	0%
Average per Pass	9.7	13.4	Sacks By-Yards	8-60 (T2)	4-28
Average per Catch	13.4	19.3	Sacks Allowed-Yards	1-6 (T2)	2-6
Average per Game	261.5 (3)	261.0	Touchdowns Scored	10	14
TDs Passing	7	4	Field Goals-Attempts	0-2	4-5
Total Offense	773	1012	Redzone Scores	5-6 (T7)	10-11
Total Plays	124	121	Redzone Touchdowns	5-6	7-11
Average per Play Average per Game	6.2 386.5 (6)	8.4 506.0	(SEC rank in parentheses)		

#### The Kansas State Series

All-Time vs. Kansas State: 1-0

First meeting: 1984 in Nashville W 26-14 Last meeting: 1984 in Nashville W 26-14

In Nashville: 1-0 In Manhattan: 0-0

Streak: W1 Last meeting (1-0)

1984 - Nashville, W 26-14

#### Last time vs. Kansas State

**NASHVILLE** - Vanderbilt broke open a second half deadlock with a pair of Ricky Anderson field goals and a time consuming touchdown march to claim the season opener over Kansas State before a near capacity (40,786) Vanderbilt Stadium Crowd.

With the score tied at 14-14 midway through the third quarter, Anderson salvaged two scoring opportunities with field goals. The Commodores applied the clincher in the final stanza with an 82-yard drive, culminated by a two-yard Carl Woods run. The drive consumed seven and one half minutes from the clock.

**TEAM** 

Woods was the workhorse of the evening, rushing for 116 yards on 29 carries. The Gallatin, Tenn.,

native opened the scoring with a one-yard leap on the Commodores' first possession. Vanderbilt stretched the lead to 14-3 at halftime on a 55-yard pass from Kurt Page to Keith Edwards.

#### **SCORING SUMMARY**

1st: VANDY: Hoods 1-yd run. KSU: Willis 43-yd field goal.

2nd: VANDY: Edwards 55-yd pass from Page.

**3rd:** KSU: Willis 36-yd field goal. KSU: Lambert 25-yd interception return (Rickets pass from Edwards). VANDY: Anderson 43-yd field goal.

4th: VANDY: Anderson 41-yd field goal. Woods 2-yd run.

VU	7	7	3	9	26	1-0
STATIS	TICS				KSU	VU
FIRST D	0WNS				-	-
RUSHES	S-YARD	S (NE	T)		37-126	40-129
PASSIN	G YDS	(NET	)		120	196
Passes A	Атт-Сом	P-INT			11-23-1	15-23-1
TOTAL (	OFFENS	SE PL	AYS-Y	ARDS	246	325
KICKOFF F	RETURNS:	YARDS	S		2-73	4-54
INTERCEPT	TION RET	URNS-	YARDS		1-25	1-0
Punts (N	Jumber-	Avg)			3-45.7	2-51.5
FUMBLES-	NTISTICS   KSU		-			
PENALTIES	s-Yards				-	-
Possessi	ои Тіме				-	-
THIRD-DO	own Cor	VERSI	ONS		-	-

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**RECORD** 

**RUSHING:** KSU-Ricketts 8-33; Weber 11-43; Hendrick 6-14; Lewis 2-4; Crawford 9-46; Witherspoon 1-(-14). VANDY-Page 5-(-9); Woods 29-116; Edwards 1-5; Crawford 4-21; Wracher 1-(-4).

FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES

SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS

PASSING: KSU-Weber 10-20-0-109; Campbell 1-3-1-11. VANDY-Page 15-23-1-196.

**RECEIVING:** KSU-Crawford 2-26; Wallace 2-18; Elder 3-25; Lewis 2-16; Bailey 2-35. VANDY-Scott 2-39; Edwards 4-82; Stephenson 2-10; Crawford 1-2; Kelly 1-20; Bullen 1-14; Woods 1-6; Popp 3-23.

#### **Did You Know?**

Manhattan, Kansas has a population of approximately 52,000 people or nearly 1.6 million less than the other Manhattan in New York.

Manhattan, Kansas also has the nickname 'The Little Apple.'



# **VANDERBILT (IN)DEPTH CHART: OFFENSE**

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WR 🔊	<b>10 Trent Sherfield // 6-1, 205, Sr.</b> Team-high 86 career receptions in 2016 Set school record with 240 yards receiving vs. Austin Peay 9/19/15 Expected to graduate in May with degree in medicine, health and society.	2017 2016 2015 2014 <b>Totals</b>	REC 8 34 51 1 <b>94</b> REC	YDS 137 472 659 9 <b>1277</b> YDS	TD 1 1 3 0 <b>5</b> TD
	9 Caleb Scott // 6-2, 202, Sr. Played in all 13 games, starting three in 2016 Son of former Commodore and NFL player Chuck Scott (1981-84) Set to graduate in May with degree in medicine, health and society.  83 Nathan Marcus // 6-5, 242, R-Sr.	2017 2016 2015 2014 <b>Totals</b>	0 24 24 6 <b>54</b> REC	0 466 339 78 <b>891</b>	TD 0 0 2 0 <b>2</b> TD 0
TE S	Started 12 of 13 games as a junior in 2016, catching a career-best 11 passes Caught game-winning pass in win at WKU in 2016 Graduating with a degree in communication studies in December.  80 Jared Pinkney // 6-4, 255, R-So.	2017 2016 2015 2014 <b>Totals</b>	3 11 4 6 <b>24</b> REC	10 73 34 56 <b>173</b> YDS	0 1 0 2 <b>3</b> TD
	Caught career-best 2 TDs 9/9 Started six games and led all VU TEs with 22 catches and 274 yards Posted multiple catches in seven games Majoring in communication studies.  58 Justin Skule // 6-6, 315, Jr.	2017 2016 <b>Totals</b> 2017	7 22 <b>29</b> GP 2	84 274 <b>358</b>	2 2 <b>4</b> GS 2
	Freshman campaign ended with an injury after earning way into starting lineup, starting two games and playing in seven Dad, Josh, played on offensive line at Navy.  74 Cole Clemens // 6-6, 305, Fr.	2016 2015 <b>Totals</b>	13 7 <b>22</b> GP		13 2 <b>17</b> GS
	Made his collegiate debut 9/9 Three-year starter for powerful Bingham HS in South Jordan, Utah Won 14 straight games and state title at 5A level Lettered in baseball and track in HS.  57 Ean Pfeifer // 6-4, 300, R-So.	2017	1 GP 2		0 GS 2
LG [	Started nine games and played in two more as a freshman in 2016 Took over starting spot on OL early in season Majoring in economics Studied abroad in London in May 2017.  56 Saige Young // 6-4, 315, So.	2016 2015 <b>Totals</b>	11 0 <b>13</b> GP		9 0 <b>11</b> GS
	Kentucky Started on OL for Dodge City, earning honorable mention All-Conference.  61 Bruno Reagan (ray-gan) // 6-3, 310, R-Jr.	2017 2017 2016 2015	1		GS 2 13 10
C	Played in all 13 games in 2016, on the field for nearly 90% of team's snaps Won wrestling Tennessee state title as a junior in HS finishing 57-0, also nationally ranked in judo.  53 Sean McMoore // 6-4, 305, R-Fr.	2014 Totals	GP 2 13 12 12 <b>39</b> GP		10 0 <b>25</b> GS 0
	Saw his first action 9/9 Redshirted in 2016 First Hawaiian to suit up for Vanderbilt One of six Polynesian players on roster Three-year starter on offensive line for Kapolei HS in Kapolei, Hawaii.  71 Jared Southers // 6-4, 310, R-So.	2016 2015 <b>Totals</b> 2017	1 <b>2</b> GP 2		0 0 GS 2
RG	First career start at MT Played in the final 10 games of 2016 Played for Seton Hall Prep in New Jersey Also lettered in wrestling in HS Working towards a degree in economics.  76 Egidio (eh-jid-ee-o) DellaRipa (del-la rip-pa) // 6-4, 300, R-Jr.	2016 <b>Totals</b> 2017 2016	10 <b>12</b> GP 2		0 <b>2</b> GS 0
lu,	Played in one game in 2016, seeing action against Tennessee State Working towards a degree in economics.  77 Devin Cochran // 6-7, 315, R-Fr. Saw his first career action with a start at MT First team All-State OT for Greater Atlanta Christian as	2016 <b>Totals</b> 2017	1 <b>3</b> GP 2		GS 2
RT	a senior, helping team to 12-2 record senior season Also competed in track & field as a thrower. <b>75 Bailey Granier</b> (graun-yay) // <b>6-6, 316, R-Jr.</b> Played in nine games, mostly at guard in 2016 Dad is a commercial fisherman Working towards a	<b>Totals</b> 2017 2016	<b>2 GP</b> 2 9		<b>2 2 6 5 0 0 0</b>
OP	degree in special education. <b>14 Kyle Shurmur // 6-4, 227, Jr.</b> Set VU game record with 83.3% completion percentage 9/9 Set sophomore VU record with 2409	2015 <b>Totals</b> 2017 2016 2015	0 11 C-A-I 35-46-0 204-375-10 44-103-3	)	VDS TD 498 7 2409 9 503 5 <b>3410 21</b>
G(D)	passing yards in 2016 Son of Minnesota Vikings OC Pat Shurmur Majoring in economics. <b>2 Deuce Wallace // 6-2, 210, R-Fr.</b> Played in his first game 9/9 Redshirted during his first season at Vanderbilt Two-year starter at Service County US passing for 2 FDE yards and 27 TDe as a spring. Also lettered in healtstand in healtstand in healtstand.	Totals 2017 Totals	283-524-13 C-A-I 3-4-0 3-4-0	3	<b>3410 21</b> YDS TD 19 0 <b>19 0</b>
RB	vier County HS passing for 3,505 yards and 37 TDs as a senior Also lettered in basketball & baseball. <b>7 Ralph Webb // 5-10, 202, Sr.</b> Became Vanderbilt's all-time leading rusher in 2016 Ran for 211 yards vs. MT, 3rd-most in VU history Expected to graduate in December with degree in sociology.	2017 2016 2015 2014 <b>Totals</b>	ATT 37 250 277 212 <b>776</b>	YDS 103 1283 1152 907 <b>3445</b>	TD 2 13 5 4 <b>24</b>
	23 Khari (car-EE) Blasingame // 6-1, 235, R-Jr. Saw action as a RB in all 13 games in 2016 after moving from LB His 10 TDs ranked second on the team Majoring in medicine, health and society.	2017 2016 <b>Totals</b>	ATT 14 97 <b>111</b>	YDS 86 449 <b>535</b>	TD 0 10 <b>10</b>
FB 🔊	<b>28 Dallas Rivers // 6-1, 225, Sr.</b> Played in all 13 games in 2016 running for 92 yards on 20 carries Involved in Young Life organization and works as counselor at local youth camps Graduating in May with a degree in economics.	2017 2016 2015 2014 <b>Totals</b>	ATT 0 20 60 61 <b>141</b>	YDS 0 92 183 218 <b>493</b>	TD 0 1 1 2 <b>4</b>
	39 Bailey McElwain // 6-0, 238, So. Caught six passes for 35 yards and two scores as a true freshman in 13 games in 2016 Three-year letterwinner at Hewitt-Trussville HS in Trussville, Ala.	2017 2016 <b>Totals</b>	ATT 0 1 <b>1</b> REC	YDS 0 0 0 YDS	TD 0 0 <b>0</b>
WR	19 C.J. Duncan // 5-11, 203, R-Sr. Led VU WRs with 44 receptions in 2016 Played in all 13 games in 2016 as WR and punt returner Graduating in December with degree in political science.	2017 2016 2015 2014 <b>Totals</b>	6 44 DNP 28 <b>78</b>	48 494 441 <b>983</b>	TD 0 0 4 4 4
	<b>16 Kalija</b> (kuh-lie-JUH) <b>Lipscomb // 6-1, 200, So.</b> Caught a career-best two TDs at MT, first Dore since Jordan Matthews with two TD catches in one game Played in 12 games at WR and punt returner.	2017 2016 <b>Totals</b>	REC 4 27 <b>31</b>	YDS 91 319 <b>410</b>	TD 3 2 <b>5</b>
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# **VANDERBILT (IN)DEPTH CHART: DEFENSE**

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49 Jonathan Wynn // 6-4, 265, R-Sr. Played in 12 games and started 10 during 2016, making career-best 28 tackles Studied abroad in Switzerland in May 2016 Attended same HS as teammate Dallas Rivers.	2017 2016 2015 2014 <b>Totals</b>	U-A-T 1-1-2 20-8-28 8-13-21 5-8-13 <b>34-30-63</b>	TFL 0.0-0 2.0-2 3.0-13 1.5-10 <b>6.5-25</b>	SACK 0.0-0 1.0-1 1.0-7 1.0-8 <b>3.0-16</b>
<b>57 Josiah Sa'o (sah-0) // 6-2, 295, R-Fr.</b> Redshirted in 2016 in 2016 Two-way starter on OL and DL his final two years at Kearney HS in San Diego One of six Polynesians on team.	2017 <b>Totals</b>	U-A-T 0-1-1 <b>0-1-1</b>	TFL 0.0-0 <b>0.0-0</b>	SACK 0.0-0 <b>0.0-0</b>
77 Nifae (nee-FY) Lealao (lay-lau) // 6-5, 315, Sr. Started 11 of the Dores' 13 games in 2016 setting career-bests in tackles and sacks One of six players on football roster of Polynesian decent Working towards degree in sociology.	2017 2016 2015 2014 <b>Totals</b>	U-A-T 0-3-3 15-7-22 9-9-18 2-5-7 <b>26-24-50</b>	TFL 1.0-3 4.0-7 1.0-2 0.0-0 <b>6.0-15</b>	SACK 0.0-0 2.5-3 0.0-0 0.0-0 <b>2.5-3</b>
74 Jay Woods // 6-3, 285, Sr. Played in all 13 games in 2016 after making quick recovery from leg injury during spring ball Working towards degree in medicine, health and society.	2017 2016 2015 2014 <b>Totals</b>	U-A-T 4-0-4 2-4-6 12-12-24 12-19-31 <b>30-35-65</b>	TFL 0.0-0 0.5-4 2.0-6 1.5-8 <b>4.0-18</b>	SACK 0.0-0 0.5-4 1.0-5 0.0-0 <b>1.5-9</b>
34 Dare (dar-AY) Odeyingbo (o-dang-BO) // 6-2, 272, Jr. Career-best two sacks at MT Played in all 13 games 2016 Parents, Gary and Betty, are natives of Nigeria Younger brother Dayo is freshman on team Majoring in medicine, health and society.	2017 2016 2015 <b>Totals</b>	U-A-T 5-1-6 10-11-21 0-2-2 <b>15-14-29</b>	TFL 4.5-20 4.0-12 0.5-1 <b>9.0-33</b>	SACK 2.5-15 1.0-7 0.0-0 <b>3.5-22</b>
90 Cameron Tidd // 6-3, 290, R-Fr. Redshirted in 2016 Four-year starter for Center Grove HS in Greenwood, Ind. helping team to 14-0 record and state title as senior.	2017 Totals	U-A-T 0-0-0 <b>0-0-0</b>	TFL 0.0-0 <b>0.0-0</b>	SACK 0.0-0 <b>0.0-0</b>
11 Charles Wright // 6-3, 240, R-Jr. First Dore with three sacks in a game since 2012 Played in 12 games during 2016 season making 13 tackles, including 3.5 for loss Majoring in human & organizational development.	2017 2016 2015 <b>Totals</b>	U-A-T 3-8-11 9-4-13 1-2-3 <b>13-14-27</b>	TFL 4.5-40 3.5-14 1.5-5 <b>9.5-59</b>	SACK 4.0-39 0.0-0 1.0-4 <b>5.0-43</b>
48 Andre Mintze (mence) // 6-3, 235, R-Fr.  Missed his freshman campaign with an injury Helped Imhotep Institute HS in Philadelphia to 15-0 state title as a senior Recorded 14 sacks as a senior.	2017 <b>Totals</b>	U-A-T 0-0-0 <b>0-0-0</b>	TFL 0.0-0 <b>0.0-0</b>	SACK 0.0-0 <b>0.0-0</b>
4 Emmanuel Smith // 6-2, 235, Sr.  Made a career-high six tackles at MT Played in nine games during his junior season at LB and S  Majoring in environmental sociology Studied abroad in Brazil in 2016 Brother, Josh is OLB.	2017 2016 2015 2014 <b>Totals</b>	U-A-T 10-6-16 4-2-6 1-9-10 1-2-3 <b>16-19-35</b>	TFL 1.5-5 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 <b>0.5-5</b>	SACK 0.5-3 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 <b>0.5-3</b>
40 Jordan Griffin // 6-1, 223, Jr. Played in all 13 games in 2016 making a career-best 21 stops Finished high school career with 428 tackles, second-most at Armwood HS in Tampa, Fla.	2017 2016 2015 <b>Totals</b>	U-A-T 2-1-3 12-9-21 6-3-9 <b>20-13-33</b> U-A-T	TFL 1.0-3 1.5-3 0.0-0 <b>2.5-6</b> TFL	SACK 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0
20 Oren Burks // 6-3, 230, R-Sr.  Moved to ILB late in 2016 season, making 59 tackles for second straight year Studied abroad in 2017 in Australia Graduating in December with degree in human and organizational development.	2017 2016 2015 2014 <b>Totals</b>	5-3-8 40-19-59 35-24-59 16-21-37 <b>96-67-163</b> U-A-T	1.5-5 6.5-22 2.0-5 0.0-0 <b>10.0-32</b>	SACK 0.0-0 3.5-17 0.0-0 0.0-0 <b>3.5-17</b>
33 Jay Hockaday // 6-3, 230, R-Fr. Missed the 2016 season with an injury Played in eight games as a true freshman in 2015 making two tackles Won state title as a senior with Christ Presbyterian Academy in Nashville.	2017 2016 2015 <b>Totals</b>	0-1-1 DNP 1-1-2 <b>1-2-3</b>	TFL 0.5-2 0.0-0 <b>0.5-2</b>	SACK 0.0-0 0.0-0 <b>0.0-0</b>
25 Josh Smith // 6-3, 240, Jr. Played in nine games as a sophomore, including start vs. Tennessee Younger brother of teammate, Emmanuel Smith Dad, Demetrius, played football at Middle Tennessee.	2017 2016 2015 <b>Totals</b>	U-A-T 1-2-3 2-1-3 1-6-7 <b>4-9-13</b>	TFL 1.0-3 0.5-3 0.5-1 <b>2.0-7</b>	SACK 1.0-3 0.5-3 0.0-0 <b>1.5-6</b>
9 Caleb Peart (peert) // 6-1, 235, R-So. Played in 11 games as a freshman in 2016 making five tackles Major in medicine, health and society.	2017 2016 <b>Totals</b>	U-A-T 0-1-1 3-2-5 <b>3-3-6</b>	TFL 0.5-1 0.0-0 <b>0.5-1</b>	SACK 0.0-0 0.0-0 <b>0.0-0</b>
31 Tre Herndon // 6-1, 188, Sr. Started 25 straight games entering 2017 after starting all 13 in 2016 Real name is Willie Herndon III Majoring in sociology.	2017 2016 2015 2014 <b>Totals</b>	U-A-T 3-1-4 30-11-41 35-12-47 7-2-9 <b>75-26-101</b>	TFL 0.0-0 0.5-3 1.0-6 0.0-0 <b>1.5-9</b>	INT 0-0 2-4 0-0 0-0 <b>2-4</b>
30 Bryce Lewis // 6-0, 185, R-Jr. Picked off his first career pass at MT Saw action in all 13 games during the 2016 season, making a career-best 10 tackles Working on a degree in economics.	2017 2016 2015 <b>Totals</b>	U-A-T 3-1-4 7-3-10 0-1-1 <b>7-4-11</b> U-A-T	TFL 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 <b>0.0-0</b> TFL	INT 1-28 0-0 0-0 <b>1-28</b>
14 Ryan White // 5-10, 190, R-Sr.  Named a team captain for the third straight year Started 12 games in 2016, making 75 tackles  Graduated in May 2017 with a degree in communication studies, enrolled in Peabody College.	2017 2016 2015 2014 <b>Totals</b>	9-0-9 49-26-75 18-8-26 19-15-34 <b>95-49-144</b>	2.0-4 3.5-6 3.0-10 3.5-14 <b>12.0-34</b>	INT 0-0 0-0 1-0 0-0 <b>1-0</b>
6 Zaire Jones // 6-0, 200, R-Fr. Redshirted during 2016 season Three-year starter at Meridian HS in Meridian, Miss. making 92 tackles as a senior.	2017 <b>Totals</b>	U-A-T 1-2-3 <b>1-2-3</b> U-A-T	TFL 1.0-2 <b>1.0-2</b>	INT 0-0 <b>0-0</b>
2 Arnold Tarpley // 6-1, 203, Sr. Played in all 12 games, starting the final seven Started seven games in 2015, playing in all 12 making at least three tackles in 10 of the 12 games Arnold Lee Tarpley III.	2017 2016 2015 2014 <b>Totals</b>	2-1-3 29-11-40 24-12-36 14-4-18 <b>70-25-97</b>	TFL 0.0-0 3.0-14 5.0-27 2.0-13 <b>10.0-54</b> TFL	INT 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 <b>0-0</b> INT
or 5 LaDarius Wiley // 6-1, 210, R-Jr. Started seven games and played in all 13 in 2016 making 75 stops Has five brothers Working on degree in medicine, health and society.	2017 2016 2015 <b>Totals</b>	U-A-T 4-2-6 49-26-75 5-3-8 <b>58-31-89</b>	0.0-0 2.5-16 1.0-1 <b>3.5-17</b>	INT 0-0 0-0 0-0 <b>0-0</b>
8 Joejuan Williams // 6-3, 208, So.  Made his first career start at MT Played in all 13 games as a true freshman, one of six freshman to play in 2016 Working towards degree in economics.	2017 2016 <b>Totals</b>	U-A-T 0-0-0 14-5-19 <b>14-5-19</b> U-A-T	TFL 0.0-0 1.5-5 <b>1.5-5</b> TFL	INT 0-0 0-0 <b>0-0</b> INT
21 Donovan Sheffield // 6-0, 190, Jr. Saw action in all 13 games as a sophomore making seven tackles Dad, Robert Sheffield, played CB for Vanderbilt 1993-96 Majoring in human and organizational development.	2017 2016 2015 <b>Totals</b>	4-2-6 4-3-7 4-1-5 <b>12-6-18</b>	0.0-0 0.5-0 2.0-9 <b>2.0-9</b>	INT 0-0 0-0 0-0 <b>0-0</b>



#### COMMODORES IN SEC & NATIONAL RANKINGS

	TEAM		
Category	Stat	SEC	<u>National</u>
Total Offense	384.0	6	79
Rushing Offense	122.5	11	98
Passing Offense	261.5	3	45
Team Passing Efficiency	196.36	2	10
Scoring Offense	35.0	6	49
Total Defense	159.0	1	3
Rushing Defense	54.0	3	9
Passing Yards Allowed	105.0	3	11
Team Pass Defense Efficiency	78.73	1	8
Scoring Defense	3.0	1	2
Turnover Margin	+3	T5	T12
3rd Down Conversions	48.3%	3	28
Opp. 3rd Down Conv.	7.8%	1	1
Red Zone Offense	83.3%	7	74
Red Zone Defense	0.0%	1	1
Net Punting	32.8	14	112
Punt Return Avg.	12.6	4	29
Kickoff Returns	22.0	9	51
1st Downs/Game	16.5	12	T111
Opp. 1st Down/Game	10.5	2	7
Fewest Penalty Yards/Game	54.5	11	73
Time of Possession	33:37	3	25
Sacks By/Game	4.0	3	T10
Sacks Against/Game	0.5	2	9
Kickoff Coverage	11.5	2	4

#### **INDIVIDUAL**

Category/Player	Stat	SEC	<u>National</u>
Completion Percentage/K. Shurmur	76.1	2	10
Completions/Game/Kyle Shurmur	17.5	2	56
Forced Fumbles/Dare Odeyingbo	0.5	5	24
Passing Yards/Game/K. Shurmur	249.0	3	40
Passing Efficiency/K. Shurmur	217.2	1	5
Passing TDs/K. Shurmur	7	3	6
Passing Yards/K. Shurmur	498	3	38
Receiving TDs/Kalija Lipscomb	3	2	6
Receiving TDs/Jared Pinkney	2	5	20
Sacks/Game/Charles Wright	2.0	1	2
Sacks/Dare Odeyingbo	1.25	4	15
Tackles for Loss/Charles Wright	2.3	2	11
Tackles for Loss/Dare Odeyingbo	2.3	2	11
Total Touchdowns/Kalija Lipscomb	3	5	26
Total Touchdowns/Ralph Webb	3	5	26

#### SHURMUR'S HOT START

QB Kyle Shurmur is off to a hot start in his junior season having already thrown seven touchdowns in the Commodores first two games of 2017, including a career-best four last week against Alabama A&M. He threw nine all of last year and entered the season with 14 total in his career.



Shurmur ranks in the top 40 nationally in multiple

categories, including completion percentage, passing

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yards per game, passing
efficiency and yards
per game. He leads the
Southeastern Confer-
ence in passing efficien-
cy at 217.2 and ranks
fifth nationally while his
seven TD tosses are
the third-most in the
league and sixth-most in
college football.
The junior has been

The junior has been sharp with the football. completing 76.1-percent of his passes in the first two games to rank second in the SEC and 10th nationally. His hot start has been evident early in both Vandy victories, starting 13-for-14 in the season-opener at Middle Tennessee and a perfect 12-for-12

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VU CAKEER PASSING	<u>TAKDS</u>
1. Jay Cutler, 2002-05	8,697
2. Greg Zolman, 1998-2001	7,981
3. Whit Taylor, 1979-82	6,307
4. Kurt Page, 1981-84	6,233
5. Eric Jones, 1986-88	5,029
6. Jordan Rodgers, 2011-12	4,063
7. Damian Allen, 1994-97	3,704
8. John Gromos, 1985, 87-89	3,514
9. <b>Kyle Shurmur, 2015</b> -	3,410
10. Chris Nickson, 2005-08	3,406

#### VU CAREER PASSING TDS

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1. Jay Cutler, 2002-05	59
2. Greg Zolman, 1998-2001	41
Whit Taylor, 1979-82	41
4. Kurt Page, 1981-84	35
5. Eric Jones, 1986-88	32
6. Bill Wade, 1949-51	31
7. Chris Nickson, 2005-08	29
8. Jordan Rodgers, 2011-12	24
9. Kyle Shurmur, 2015-	21

last week against Alabama A&M. He finished 15-for-18 against the Bulldogs to set a new Vanderbilt single-game completion percentage record (83.3%).

He's also been a distributor of the ball, having completed passes to nine different receivers against the Blue Raiders in the opener.

His hot start to the season also begun his ascension up the Vanderbilt record charts moving him into ninth all-time in passing yards (3410) and passing touchdowns (21).

#### NON-CON WINNERS

The Commodores have won five of the team's last six non-conference games in the regular season dating back to last season.

The Dores have beaten Middle Tennessee twice. Western Kentucky. Tennessee State and Alabama A&M to improve to 10-4 in non-league games under head coach Derek Mason.

		<b>2017</b> Coin	NEED- KO/	TO-K	NOW IN	FO Game				
Opponent	Captains	Toss	Receive	Poss.	1st Poss.	Length	Jersey	Pants	Helmet	Result
	Burks/Herndon/Sherfield/White	Lost	REC	TD	INT	3:09	White	White	White	W 28-6
Alabama A&N	<b>I</b> Burks/Sherfield/White	Lost	REC	TD	PUNT	3:13	Gold	Gold	Black	W42-0
Kansas State Alabama @Florida Georgia @Ole Miss @S. Carolina Western Ky. Kentucky Missouri @Tennessee	ive of AP poll ranking when game was	s played								



## THE INCREDIBLE MR. WEBB

With numerous Commodore records in his hip pocket, senior running back Ralph Webb can become one of the leading rushers in Southeastern Conference history.

The three-year starter from Gainesville, Fla. enters Week 3 with 3,445 rushing yards, No. 1 all-time among Commodore backs.

Webb started the season No. 20 all-time among SEC backs and has moved up to 18th through two games. He's sixth on the active rushers list in the NCAA.

If Webb
duplicates a
sensational
2016 campaign,
he could move
to No. 2 on the
league's all-time
charts behind

<b>ACTIVE NCAA RUSHING</b>	<b>LEADERS</b>
1. Royce Freeman - Oregon	4,449
2. Justin Jackson - Northwestern	4,256
3. Larry Rose III - New Mexico St.	3,777
4. Jarvion Franklin - W. Michigan	3,715
5. Nick Chubb - Georgia	3,583
6. Ralph Webb - Vanderbilt	3,445

Georgia's legendary Herschel Walker.

In 2016, Webb broke the Commodore single-season record en route to setting the new school career mark. He rushed for 1,283 yards, surpassing Zac Stacy's previous record of 1,193 yards in 2011. He also added 13 rushing touchdowns and posted seven games of 100+rushing yards.

The 2016 All-SEC performer has been remarkably consistent and durable as a Commodore. Since entering the lineup in 2014, Webb has set freshman, sophomore and junior rushing records. He enters the weekend riding a 39-game consecutive start streak.

# Webb's Vanderbilt records

- ★ Career rushing yards: 3,445
- ★ Career rush attempts: 739
- ★ Single-season rushing yards: 1,283 ★ Single-season rush attempts: 277 (2016)
  - ★ Rushing yards by a junior: 1,283
  - ★ Rushing yards by a sophomore: 1,152
    - ★ Rushing yards by a freshman: 907
- ★ Most 100+ rushing games in a season: 7 (2016)
  - ★ Most 100+ rushing games in a career: 13

Webb would like to break one more career record held by Stacy. He is seven rushing touchdowns shy of breaking Stacy's mark for rushing touchdowns.

Webb eclipsed Stacy's career mark in a 111-yard rushing performance against NC State in the Camping World Independence Bowl Dec. 26.

In 2016, Webb also became just the second Commodore to top 1,000 rushing yards in back-toback seasons. He joined Stacy, who accomplished the feat in 2011-12.

# **SEC ALL-TIME RUSHERS**

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Nam	е	Yards	Years
1.	Herschel Walker, UGA	5,259	1980-82
2.	Darren McFadden, ARK	4,590	2005-07
3.	Kevin Faulk, LSU	4,557	1995-98
4.	Bo Jackson, AU	4,303	1982-85
5.	Errict Rhett, FLA	4,163	1989-93
6.	Dalton Hilliard, LSU	4,050	1982-85
7.	Charles Alexander, LSU	4,035	1975-78
8.	Anthony Dixon, MSU	3,994	2006-09
9.	Emmitt Smith, FLA	3,928	1987-89
10.	Sonny Collins, UK	3,835	1972-75
11.	Carnell Williams, AU	3,831	2001-04
12.	Leonard Fournette, LSU	3,830	2014-16
13.	Alex Collins, ARK	3,703	2013-15
14.	Derrick Henry, ALA	3,591	2013-15
15.	*Nick Chubb, UGA	3,583	2014-
16.	Shaun Alexander, ALA	3,565	1996-99
17.	James Brooks, AU	3,523	1977-80
18.	*Ralph Webb, VU	3,445	2014-
19.	Bobby Humphrey, ALA	3,420	1985-88
20.	Joe Cribbs, AU	3,368	1976-79
* ac	tive players		

# **VANDERBILT'S RECORD WHEN...**

home
road
neutral 0-0
day games
overtime
VU scores on 1st possession
Opp. scores on 1st possession
VU scores first2-0
Opp. scores first
VU leads after 1st quarter2-0
Opp. leads after 1st quarter
Tied after 1st quarter
VU leads at halftime2-0 Opp. leads at halftime0-0
Tied at halftime
VU leads after 3rd quarter 2-0
Opp. leads after 3rd quarter
Tied after 3rd quarter0-0
VU has more total yards2-0
Opp. has more total yards0-0
VU has more rushing yards
Opp. has more rushing yards
VÜ has more passing yards
VU has more turnovers
Opp. has more turnovers
Teams have equal turnovers
VU forces 1+ turnovers2-0
VU has more penalties1-0
Opp. has more penalties1-0
Teams have equal penalties0-0
VU has more time of possession
VU has 100-yard rusher
Opp. has 100-yard rusher
VU has 300-yard passer
Opp. has 300-yard passer0-0
VU has 100-yard receiver1-0
Opp. has 100-yard receiver
VU scores less than 20 points
Opp. scores less than 20 points2-0VU scores 20+ points2-0
Opp. scores 20+ points
VU scores 30+ points
Opp. scores 30+ points
Playing on grass0-0
Playing on turf2-0
VU defense scores
Opp. defense scores
VÜ scores special teams TD
vs. Associated Press Top 5
vs. Associated Press Top 10
vs. Associated Press Top 150-1
vs. Associated Press Top 251-1
VU rushes for 100+ yards1-0
Opp. rushes for 100+ yards0-0
VU rushes for 200+ yards
Opp. rushes for 200+ yards
VU passes for 200+ yards
VU passes for 250+ yards
Opp. passes for 250+ yards
VU passes for 300+ yards0-0
Opp. passes for 300+ yards0-0
VU totals less than 300 yards total offense0-0
Opp. totals less than 300 yards total offense
VÜ totals 300+ yards total offense
Opp. totals 300+ yards total offense0-0



#### THIRD DOWN DOMINATION

Winning third down is a key to victory for the Commodores and the squad did has done that - on both sides of the ball in the team's 2-0 start to 2017.

The Dores lead the nation in opponent third down conversion having allowed just two third down conversions in the first two games of the year for a 7.8% conversion rate. The Dores have been dominating on third down, holding Middle Tennessee to 0-for-12 on third down and following up the performance by holding Alabama A&M to just 2-for-14 to add up to 2-for-26 on third down against the VU defense so far this season.

The Commodores' offense has handled third down at a 48.3% clip, converting 14-for-29 to rank third in the league and 28th nationally.

#### **LOPSIDED**

Vanderbilt has outscored its two opponents 70-6 to move to 2-0 for the first time since 2011.

It's been much longer since the Commodores opened a season with a scoring margin that wide in the first two games. VU has outscored Middle Tennessee and Alabama A&M by a combined 70-6. The last time the Dores outscored the team's first two opponents by that wide of a margin was 1970 when Vandy beat Chattanooga 39-6 and followed up with a 52-0 victory over The Citadel the following week for a 91-6 scoring margin in the first two games.

#### TENACIOUS D

The Commodores' defense has been tenacious in the team's 2-0 start.

The squad is coming off one of the team's best performances in recent history, allowing just 103 total yards to Alabama A&M last week - the fewest total yards since a 51-6 victory over Chattanooga in which the Mocs gained just 93 yards.

Vanderbilt ranks third nationally and first in the SEC in total defense giving up just 159 yards per game. The VU defense is third in the league and ninth nationally in

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Category	<b>National Rank</b>	allowed just
Total	3rd	108 yards in
Rush	9th	two games fo
Pass	11th	an average
Scoring	2nd	of 54 in two
Opp. 3rd Do	wn 1st	games. The
Red Zone	1st	3

pass defense has been equally as good, ranking third in the SEC and 11th nationally at 105 yards per game.

The squad ranks at the top of the SEC in the most important category - scoring defense. The Commodores have yielded just six points in two games after recording the team's first shutout since 2012 (Kentucky) last weekend. Only Air Force, who has played just one game, ranks ahead of the Vandy defense nationally.

Pressuring the quarterback has been a major contributor for the Dores. Vanderbilt ranks 10th nationally and third in the league with four sacks per game while the team's +3 turnover margin is among the tops in the nation.

VU continues to lead the nation in red zone defense a year after leading college football in the category. Vanderbilt's two opponents are 0-for-2 in the red zone this season.

#### **BIG 12 SHOWDOWN**

Vanderbilt takes on a Big 12 opponent for the first time on the gridiron. The Big 12 came into existence in 1996 but the Commodores have never played a member of the Big 12.

The last time VU met a now current member of the Big 12 on the football field was TCU in 1998 when the Horned Frogs escaped

# with a VU vs. BIG 12

19-16	OPP	RECORD (YEARS)
double	Baylor	0-2 (1953-54)
over-	Iowa State	1-1 (1983, 85)
time win	Kansas	1-1 (1984-85)
a year	Kansas State	1-0 (1984)
after the	Oklahoma	0-2 (1976-77)
Dores	Texas	6-3-1 (1899-27)
beat	W. Virginia	1-1 (1961-62)
TCU	TOTAL	10-10-1
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Vanderbilt is 10-10-1 all-time against current members of the Big 12.

#### **UNDER PRESSURE**

The Vanderbilt defense has been putting opposing quarterbacks under pressure in the team's first two games, having recorded eight sacks as part of 20 tackles for loss.

The Commodores recorded 15 sacks all of last year and 68 tackles for loss.

Charles Wright (4.5 TFLs, 4.0 sacks) and Dare Odeyingbo (4.5 TFLs, 2.5 sacks) are leading the way for the Dores as two of 10 different players with at least one full tackle for loss.

## NOTES FROM THE OPENER

- The Commodores claimed the win in their home opener for the first time since 2011 when they defeated Elon, 45-14.
- Vanderbilt starts the season 2-0 for the first time since 2011 when they defeated Elon and Connecticut to open the year and for the first time in the Derek Mason era.
- The Commodores 35-0 halftime lead marked the first time Vanderbilt has held an opponent scoreless in the first half for two consecutive games since Oct. 27-Nov. 2, 2012, against UMass and Kentucky.
- Vanderbilt players making their first career starts in Saturday's game: Caleb Peart (LB).
- Vanderbilt first time contributors: Deuce Wallace (QB), Zaire Jones (S), Jackson Winrow (WR), Saige Young (OL), Sean Mc-Moore (OL), Cole Clemens (OL) and Shawn Stankavage (QB).
- Ralph Webb's first quarter touchdown was the 27th touchdown of his career and moves him into second place all-time in school history. Webb's touchdown marks his sixth consecutive game with a rushing touchdown dating back to last season.
- Kyle Shurmur set a Vanderbilt record for completion percentage in a game, going 15-for-18 (83.3%) to best Hank Lesesne's record of 81.8% set in 1961 vs. Georgia.
- Charles Wright set a career high in tackles for the second consecutive week with seven against the Bulldogs.
- Dayo Odeyingbo recorded his first career interception in the third quarter.
- Andrew Rector blocked the second punt of his career in the second quarter against Alabama A&M.
- The Commodores tallied four passing touchdowns against Alabama A&M. It is the most since 2014 (5 vs. Old Dominion).
- VU opponents started the year 0-for-14 on third downs before the Bulldogs converted the first quarter.
- The Commodores intercepted two passes Saturday against the Bulldogs. It was the most in a game since they had two against Kentucky on Nov. 14, 2015.
- The Commodores' first shutout since Nov. 3, 2012 (Kentucky 40-0).
- Vanderbilt held Alabama A&M to 103 yards of offense, the fewest an opponent has had since Sept. 6, 2003 (Chattanooga 93 yards).
- Vanderbilt held Alabama A&M to 38 total yards in the first half.



#### STRENGTH OF SCHEDULE

Vanderbilt's 2017 schedule ranks among the toughest in the nation, with nine opponents appearing in postseason bowls last year.

The cumulative win percentage for Vanderbilt's 12 regular season opponents is .606, tied for ninth highest among NCAA FBS teams. The only SEC team facing a more difficult schedule in terms of opponent win percentage is LSU (.628).

Only five teams in the nation face more 2016 bowl teams than Vanderbilt – Syracuse (11), Notre Dame (11), Duke (11), South Carolina (10) and Ole Miss (10).

Vanderbilt's nine opponents that played in howls

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are	TOUGH EN	NOUGH				
Middle	FBS TEAM	WIN % (W-L)				
Ten-	1. Massachusetts	.652 (101-54)				
nessee,	2. LSU	.628 (98-58)				
Kansas	3. East Carolina	.624 (98-59)				
State,	4. South Carolina	.616 (98-61)				
Ala-	5. Fresno State	.615 (96-60)				
bama,	6. Tulane	.614 (94-59)				
Florida,	7. Syracuse	.613 (95-60)				
Georgia,	8. Georgia Tech	.609 (95-61)				
South	T-9. Vanderbilt	.606 (94-61)				
Carolina,	T-9. Duke	.606 (94-61)				
Western						

Kentucky, Kentucky and Tennessee.

## 18 STARTERS RETURN FOR DORES IN 2017

Only two other teams in the Southeastern Conference return more starters from the 2016 season than the Commodores.

Head coach Derek Mason brings back 18 starters - nine on offense, seven on defense and two specialists - from a 2016 squad that went 6-6 in the regular season and made an appearance in the Independence Bowl.

Only Georgia and Kentucky - with 19 starters returning - bring back more than the Commodores. Another SEC East team, Florida, returns 17 starters.

The Commodores return virtually all of their offensive firepower from a year ago, including quarterback Kyle Shurmur, record-breaking running back Ralph Webb, fullback Bailey McElwain, wide receivers Trent Sherfield and Kalija Lipscomb and tight end Nathan Marcus. The Dores also return three offensive linemen in Justin Skule, Ean Pfeifer and Bruno Reagan.

The defense returns linemen Nifae Lealao and Jonathan Wynn, linebacker Oren Burks

# **BACK IN THE SEC**

SEC Team – Total 2016 Starters Returning Georgia – 19 (10 offense, 8 defense, 1 specialist) Kentucky – 19 (8 offense, 9 defense, 2 specialists) Vanderbilt – 18 (9 offense, 7 defense, 2 specialists) Florida – 17 (9 offense, 6 defense, 2 specialists)

and defensive backs Tre Herndon, Taurean Ferguson, Ryan White and LaDarius Wiley. Kicker Tommy Openshaw and punter Sam Loy are also back.

Six more Commodores that started multiples games last year are also back with wide receivers C.J. Duncan and Caleb Scott and tight end Jared Pinkney on offense and end Dare Odeyingbo, safety Arnold Tarpley III and cornerback Bryce Lewis on defense.

#### **GOING THE DISTANCE**

Vanderbilt recorded 36 scoring drives that resulted in a touchdown in 2016 with 23 of those drives covering at least 70 yards.

The Commodores have picked up where they left off with four of the squad's 10 scoring drives covering 70+ yards in the team's first two wins of the year.

# IT'S A STREAK

Ralph Webb is slated to make his 40th straight start on Saturday at Vanderbilt, by far the longest active streak on the roster.

On the other side of the ball, Tre Herndon is the only player with more than seven straight starts having started 27 consecutive games.

Kyle Shurmur (18), Bruno Reagan (17), Justin Skule (15), Nathan Marcus (11) and Ean Pfeifer (11) are the other Commodores who have started more than 10+ games in a row.

# **CLEAR BAG POLICY**

The SEC has adopted a league-wide clear bag policy for the 2017-18 season restricting what is allowed inside stadiums.

#### **DOUBLE DUTY MASON**

Vanderbilt head coach Derek Mason is on a very short list of college football head coaches that serves as his own defensive coordinators in college football.

Mason and San Diego State head coach Rocky Long are the only two head coaches in the country that run both the team and the defense.

Mason is entering his third season with both duties. Since taking over the defense, the Commodores have ranked among the Top 25 nationally in several defensive categories.

# THE GRADUATES

Three Commodores will have the honor of wearing the SEC Graduate patch this season.

Ryan White earned his degree from Vanderbilt last spring alongside Tommy Openshaw, who earned degrees in engineer-



ing science and economics, and transfer Scott Sypniewski picked up a diploma from Michigan before joining the Commodores over the summer as the team's long snapper.

#### **CAPTAINS NAMED**

The Commodores named six team captains for the 2017 season.

Senior Ryan White is a third-time captain and is the first Commodore to be named a

three-time captain since Jay Cutler (2003-05).

Joining White as captains this season are Khari Blasingame, Oren Burks, Tre Herndon, Trent Sherfield and Kyle Shurmur.



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# **HEAD COACH DEREK MASON**

Age: 47

Alma Mater: Northern Arizona (playing career 1989-92)
Degrees: Bachelor's, Criminal Justice, NAU 1993
Family: Wife, LeighAnne; daughters, Makenzie & Sydney

Twitter: @CoachDerekMason

#### VANDERBILT - 2014-17 (Head Coach)

Introduced Jan. 17, 2014 as the 28th head coach in team history... Notched first career victory as head coach in dramatic style, guiding team to 34-31 win over UMass on Sept. 13, 2014... After 2014 season, took over Vanderbilt defensive coordinator responsibilities. Earned first road win at MTSU in October 2015... Earned first SEC victory Oct. 24, 2015

with 10-3 win over Missouri... Mason's 2016 team improved win total for second straight year, winning the final two games of the regular season against Ole Miss and Tennessee to get to six wins and earn an invitation to the Camping World Independence Bowl... Also earned first win over ranked foe on the road vs. Georgia... Offense improved in nearly every category in 2016, finishing sixth nationally in red zone efficiency... The 2016 defense was led by consensus All-American Zach Cunningham, who became just the third Commodore to ever earn first-team All-American status from the Walter Camp Foundation... Defense led the nation in the red zone.

#### 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 Skov 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** – **2005-06** (wide receivers)

Hired by former Nebraska head coach Frank Solich, Mason coached Ohio 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 AT THE HELM**

	2017	
Overall		
Home		
Road		
Neutral	0-0	0-1
SEC		
Overtime	0-0	1-0
Grass	0-0	1-8
Turf	2-0	14-16
vs. AP Top 5	0-0	0-2
vs. AP Top 10	0-0	0-1
vs. AP Top 15		
vs. AP Top 25		
Leading after 10	2-0	6-3
Trailing after 10	0-0	6-18
Tied after 10	0-0	3-3
Leading at half		
Trailing at half	0-0	4-19
Tied at half		
Leading after 30	2-0	10-2
Trailing after 30	0-0	4-22
Tied after 30		
Scoring first		
Opp. scoring first		
Scoring 20+ points	2-0	12-2
Allowing 20+ points	0-0	4-19
Scoring 30+ points	1-0	9-1
Allowing 30+ points	0-0	3-11
Decided by 3 points or less	0-0	4-3
Decided by 10 points or less.	1-0	5-11
Rush for <100 yards	1-0	2-6
Rush for 100+ yards	1-0	11-17
Rush for 200+ yards		
Pass for <200 yards		
Pass for 200+ yards	2-0	4-7
Pass for 250+ yards		
Pass for 300+ yards		
Total 300+ yards offense	2-0.	12-10
Opp. rush for <100 yards	2-0	9-3
Opp. pass for <200 yards	2-0	6-9
Opp. total <300 yards	2-0	4-3
Win turnover margin		
Tie turnover margin	0-0	5-5
Lose turnover margin	0-0	3-15
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#### **COACHING STAFF**

#### On the Field

Jeff Genyk, Special Teams Coord./RBs C.J. Ah You, Defensive Line Gerry Gdowski, Quarterbacks Cortez Hankton, Wide Receivers Chris Marve, Inside Linebackers Marc Mattioli, Secondary Cameron Norcross, Offensive Line

#### In the Booth

Andy Ludwig, Offensive Coord./TEs Warren Belin, Outside Linebackers





#### SON OF A...

Two Commodores are sons of former NFL players.

Jaire George is the son of former Titans legend and Heisman Trophy winner Eddie George.

Caleb Scott is the son of former Commodore great and NFL WR Chuck Scott, who played for Los Angeles and Dallas.

#### YEAH BRO

The Vanderbilt roster features three sets of brothers.

Dare and Dayo Odeyingbo, Jared and Jalen Pinkney and Emmanuel and Josh Smith.

The Odeyingbo brothers reside on the Dores' defensive line with Dare in his third year and Dayo a true freshman.

The Pinkney brothers are on opposite sides of the ball with Jared lining up at tight end as one of the Commodores' top weapons and talented younger brother and freshman Jalen on the defensive line.

The Smith brothers have been playing together at VU for the last two years but are roommates for this year for the first time since they were young kids. Both are expected to be major players for VU as linebackers.

#### **COMMODORES IN THE LEAGUE**

Notes from NFL preseason (Sept. 10)

Adam Butler (2013-16) // New England // Butler made the Patriots' 53-man opening day roster after signing as an undrafted rookie free agent with the defending Super Bowl champions last May. Butler is playing both tackle and end at New England. Week 1: Butler saw initial NFL action, contributing a tackle as reserve defensive tackle in Pats' 42-27 home loss to Kansas City last Thursday. Week 2: at New Orleans, Sunday, Sept. 17, 12 noon CT.

Zach Cunningham (2013-16) // Houston // The 57th overall pick of the 2017 NFL Draft, Cunningham has impressed since he arrived in Houston. A consensus First Team All-America inside linebacker for the Commodores in 2016, Cunningham has received high marks from Texan coaches with his abilities to play the rush and defend the pass. Cunningham joins a Houston defense that features returning linebacker starters Benardrick McKinney and Brian Cushing, All-Pro tackle J.J. Watt, end Jadeveon Clowney and former Commodore defensive back Andre Hal.

Week 1: Cunningham had four assisted tackles, a tackle for loss and deflected pass in the Texans' 29-7 home loss to Jacksonville. Week 2: at Cincinnati, Thursday, Sept. 14, 7:25 pm CT.

Jay Cutler (2002-05) // Miami // Retirement didn't last long for the veteran Cutler, who has decided to continue his career with former Bears mentor Adam Gase in South Beach. Gase confirmed Cutler's return to the NFL, Aug. 7. Cutler, named to the Vanderbilt Athletics Hall of Fame in 2015, has thrown for 32,467 yards and 208 touchdowns during an 11-year career with Denver and Chicago. He suffered a season-ending arm injury midway through the 2007 season, and announced intentions in May to join FOX Sports as a NFL color analyst. A leg injury to Dolphin QB Ryan Tannehill opened a path for Cutler's return to the game. Cutler looked sharp in two preseason appearances and will start the Dolphins opener.

Week 1: Due to Hurricane Irma, the Miami-Tampa Bay game originally scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 10 has been pushed back to Sunday, Nov. 19. Cutler attended the Vanderbilt-Alabama A&M home opener last Saturday. Week 2: at Los Angeles Chargers, Sunday, Sept. 17, 3:05 pm CT.

Andre Hal (2010-13) // Houston // Hal, the Texans' starting free safety, signed a new three-year deal in August in advance of his fourth season with the club. Hal is coming off his finest year, helping Houston advance to the second round of the AFC playoffs by registering 60 total tackles, three interceptions and 10 passes defended. In his final appearance last year, Hal registered six total tackles, an interception and two defensed passes in Houston's playoff loss to the Patriots. The former Commodore cornerback also earned 11 starts at free safety last year, and has 22 career starting assignments. Former Vanderbilt All-America Zach Cunningham joins Hal on the Houston roster.

Week 1: Hal contributed six total tackles, including a tackle for loss, in Houston's 29-7 home loss to Jacksonville. Week 2: at Cincinnati, Thursday, Sept. 14, 7:25 pm CT.

Casey Hayward (2008-11) // L.A. Chargers // Hayward enters his sixth season regarded as one of the NFL's elite cornerbacks. In 2016, Hayward enjoyed his finest season, earning his initial Pro Bowl recognition after leading the league with seven interceptions. He also ranked second in the league with 21 pass deflections, and finished the 2016 regular season with 35 solo tackles. He joins former Commodore offensive lineman Spencer Pulley on the Charger roster.

Week 1: at Denver, Monday, Sept. 11, 9:20 pm CT. Week 2: vs. Dolphins, Sunday, Sept. 17, 3:05 pm CT.

Will Holden (2013-16) // Arizona // Selected in the fifth round of the 2017 NFL Draft, Holden earned a spot of Arizona's 53-man opening day roster with a solid showing during the preseason. He has the versatility to play either tackle or guard for the Cardinals. Week 1: Holden was inactive for the Cardinals' 35-23 home loss to Detroit on Sunday. Week 2: at Indianapolis, Sunday, Sept. 17, 12

Andrew Jelks (2013-16) // New England // Jelks was placed on the reserve/non-football injury list Sept. 2 by the Patriots. New England coach Bill Belichick was impressed by Jelks at Vanderbilt Pro Day in March, then added Jelks as an undrafted free agent in May. Though he missed the last two seasons at Vanderbilt due to injury, Jelks joins fellow Commodore undrafted rookie free agent Adam Butler with the Patriots.

Wesley Johnson (2010-13) // New York Jets // Johnson enters his fourth professional season at the Jets' starting center, Nick Mangold who served in the role for the last decade. Johnson is coming off a 2016 campaign when he filled in admirably for an injured Mangold, starting eight of the final nine games for the Jets.

Week 1: He started at center as the N.Y. Jets fell at Buffalo 21-12 on Sunday. Week 2: at Oakland, Sunday, Sept. 17, 3:05 pm CT.

Jordan Matthews (2010-13) // Buffalo // Matthews enters his fourth season in the NFL. On Aug. 11, 2017, Matthews was traded from Philadelphia to the Buffalo Bills. Matthews has missed three weeks this preseason with an injury, but is expected to start in the season opener vs. New York. The Commodores' all-time leading receiver is coming off a campaign when he ranked second on the Eagles with 73 receptions and 804 receiving yards. Matthews posted impressive numbers in Philly: 225 receptions, 2,673 receiving yards and 19 touchdown catches in 35 career starts.

Week 1: Returning from a preseason injury, Matthews registered two catches for 61 yards, including a 47-yarder, in Buffalo's 21-12 home win over the N.Y. Jets this Sunday. Week 2: at Carolina, Sunday, Sept. 17, 12 noon CT.

Spencer Pulley (2011-15) // L.A. Chargers // Entering his second professional season, Pulley looks to be the opening day starter as Philip Rivers' center in Los Angeles. Pulley has enjoyed a quick rise since signing with the Chargers as an undrafted rookie free agent in May 2016. As a rookie, Pulley saw action in all 16 games for San Diego, contributing on both special teams and the offensive line. He joins former Commodore cornerback Casey Hayward on the Charger roster.

Week 1: at Denver, Monday, Sept. 11, 9:20 pm CT. Week 2: vs. Dolphins, Sunday, Sept. 17, 3:05 pm CT.

Stephen Weatherly (2012-15) // Minnesota // Weatherly enters his second season in Minneapolis aiming for an important role on the Vikings' defensive front. Selected in the 7th round of the 2016 NFL Draft, Weatherly finished last year on Minnesota's active roster, garnering a couple of tackles in late-season appearances. Weatherly has worked hard to transition from an outside linebacker at Vanderbilt, and currently sits at the top reserve to Viking right end starter Everson Griffen.

Week 1: vs. New Orleans, Monday, Sept. 11, 6:10 pm CT. Week 2: at Pittsburgh, Sunday, Sept. 17, 12 noon CT.



## NATIONAL RANKINGS

#### AP Top 25

Week 3			
	Record	Points	Prev
1. Alabama(58)	2-0	1522	_
2. Oklahoma(2)	2-0	1447	5
3. Clemson(1)	2-0	1380	_
4. USC	2-0	1324	6
5. Penn State	2-0	1299	4
6. Washington	2-0	1124	7
7. Michigan	2-0	1107	8
8. Ohio State	1-1	1003	2
9. Oklahoma State	2-0	1002	11
10. Wisconsin	2-0	993	9
11. Florida State	0-1	944	10
12. LSU	2-0	935	_
13. Georgia	2-0	882	15
14. Louisville	2-0	658	17
15. Auburn	1-1	591	13
16. Virginia Tech	2-0	559	18
17. Miami	1-0	542	16
18. Kansas State	2-0	475	17
19. Stanford	1-1	364	14
20. TCU	2-0	352	23
21. Washington State	2-0	233	20
22. South Florida	2-0	188	21
23. Tennessee	2-0	159	25
24. Florida	0-1	146	22
25. UCLA	2-0	119	NR
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Dropped from rankings: Notre Dame 24 Others receiving votes: Utah 101, South Carolina 72, Colorado 66, West Virginia 63, Oregon 61, Maryland 42, Notre Dame 31, San Diego State 16, Houston 10, Mississippi State 3, Boise State 3, California 2, Vanderbilt 2, Iowa 2, Texas Tech 2, Michigan State 1

#### **Coaches Poll**

	Record	Points	Prev		
1 Alabama(58)	2-0	1497	_		
2 Clemson(2)	2-0	1386	1		
3 Oklahoma	2-0	1385	3		
4USC	2-0	1308	1		
5 Penn State	2-0	1256	1		
6 Washington	2-0	1173	1		
7 Michigan	2-0	1082	1		
8 Oklahoma State	2-0	1026	2		
9 Ohio State	1-1	962	7		
10. Florida State	0-1	926	1		
11. LSU	2-0	920	1		
12. Wisconsin	2-0	919	1		
13. Georgia	2-0	830	2		
14. Louisville	2-0	658	2		
15. Miami	1-0	551	2		
16. Virginia Tech	2-0	509	2		
17. Auburn	1-1	488	4		
18. Kansas State	2-0	487	1		
19. Stanford	1-1	372	5		
20. TCU	2-0	271	NR		
21. South Florida	2-0	249	1		
22. Washington State	2-0	244	_		
23. Tennessee	2-0	219	2		
24. Utah	2-0	182	1		
25. Florida	0-1	134	1		
Dropped from rankings: Notre Dame 25					

Others receiving votes: West Virginia 74, Colorado 70, Oregon 68, UCLA 57, Mississippi State 37, South Carolina 27, Maryland 26, Notre Dame 24, San Diego State 19, Memphis 11, NC State 10, Minnesota 9, Houston 7, Navy 6, Vanderbilt 5, Iowa 4, Duke 3, Army 2, Michigan State 2, UCF 2, Kentucky 1, Boise State 1, Appalachian

#### COACHING STAFF CONSISTENCY

One year after changing numerous coaching positions, head coach Derek Mason heads into his fourth season at Vanderbilt with a staff largely intact from a year ago.

The only offseason change Mason made was forced by illness. Warren Belin, a long-time Commodore defensive coach under Bobby Johnson, returned to campus, serving as Mason's outside linebackers coach.

Belin was enticed to Vanderbilt only after learning Osia Lewis

would be leaving his duties to battle a liver cancer diagnosis. Lewis left his on-field responsibilities in February, moving into a senior defensive assistant/consultant to the head coach role.

Before the 2016 season, Mason brought on five new staffers: Lewis, Jeff Genyk (special teams coordinator/running backs), Cameron Norcross (offensive line), C.J. Ah You (defensive line) and Chris Marve (inside linebackers).

Only Gerry Gdowski remains from Mason's original staff. Last year, Gdowski mentored Vanderbilt quarterbacks after coaching tight ends in 2014-15.

#### FOUR DORES ON SENIOR BOWL WATCH LIST

Prior to the season, four Commodores were named to the Reese's Senior Bowl watch list.

The four Dores are four of the most productive athletes on the 2017 roster led by Vanderbilt all-time leading rusher Ralph Webb. The star running back set the all-time VU rushing mark last fall and holds the class record for Vandy freshmen, sophomores and juniors entering his senior season.

Oren Burks moves to inside linebacker for his senior season after playing both safety



**BELIN** 

and outside linebacker over the last three seasons on West End. He comes back for his senior season as one of the team's top tacklers.

Tre Herndon led the Commodores with two interceptions a year ago and comes into his final year in the black and gold with three career picks. The Chattanooga, Tenn. native has been a mainstay in the Vanderbilt secondary throughout his career.

Nifae Lealao anchors the Dores' defensive front on the line. The talented senior made 22 stops last season, including 2.5 sacks. He also holds the honor of beginning the Commodores' Poly pipeline as the group's elder statesman.

#### **EXPERIENCE MATTERS**

For the first time in the Derek Mason era the Commodores started an overwhelming amount of upperclassmen in 2016.

In the Dores' 13 games last year, 70.3% of the squad's starts went to juniors and seniors. The previous year just 54.2% of the starts went to older student-athletes and only 46.2% of the starts in Mason's first year in 2014.

#### THREE DORES BACK AFTER ALL-SEC FRESHMAN CAMPAIGNS

Vanderbilt sophomores Sam Loy, Ean Pfeifer and Jared Pinkney are coming off a season when they earned All-SEC Freshman honors from Athlon Sports. Pfeifer and Pinkney were named to Athlon's first team all-freshman squad. Loy was named as Athlon's second-team punter.





## **BURKS, WEBB EARN PRESEASON ALL-SEC NOD**

Oren Burks and Ralph Webb were named preseason All-Southeastern Conference recipients by the league's head coaches prior to the season.

The duo also earned preseason recognition from the media attending SEC Media Days in July.

SEC head coaches voted Webb, a rising senior running back from Gainesville, Fla., and Burks, a rising senior linebacker from Fairfax Station, Va., as third-team all-conference recipients.

A preseason candidate for the Doak Walker and Maxwell awards, Webb enters his final season with 3,342 rushing yards. Webb ranks No. 20 on the SEC career rushing charts and could climb into the league's top five with a season comparable to last year when he set a new team single-season record with 1,283 rushing yards.

A Butkus Award candidate, Burks finished with 40 unassisted tackles, 59 total stops, 6.5 tackles for loss, 3.5 quarterback sacks and an interception last year. Burks' career statistics of 155 total tackles and four interceptions are active team highs.

#### POLY PIPELINE GROWING IN NASHVILLE

Vanderbilt's Poly pipeline continues to grow in 2017 with six student-athletes on the roster with Polynesian decent, doubling last year's total.

Senior Nifae Lealao is the elder statesman of the group and has been joined by now redshirt freshmen Josiah Sa'o and Sean McMoore. Sa'o plays alongside Lealao on the defensive line with McMoore on the offensive line. McMoore is the first Hawaiian to suit up for VU while Lealao and Sa'o both hail from California.

The Dores' freshman class features three new players with Poly blood, including two from The Rock in Feleti Afemui and Jonah Buchanan. Afemui is a linebacker from Kahului with Buchanan playing alongside Lealao and Sa'o on the defensive line from Honolulu. Michael Owusu rounds the gridiron group playing outside linebacker from Oxnard, Calif.

Vanderbilt's soccer team joined the Polynesian party, adding sophomore Taiana Tolleson to the growing 'ohana' (family) at Vanderbilt.

Even with seven Polynesians in athletics on West End, the most famous Polynesian in Nashville remains Heisman Trophy winner and Tennessee Titans  $\Omega B$  Marcus Mariota.

#### LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

WR Caleb Scott and DB Donovan Sheffield are second-generation Commodores. Both following their dad's collegiate path through Vanderbilt 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.

# **SEC STANDINGS**

# Eastern Division

<u>Team</u>	OVR	SEC	Home	Road	Strk
S. Carolina	2-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	W2
Georgia	2-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	W2
Kentucky	2-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	W2
Vanderbilt	2-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	W2
Tennessee	2-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	W2
Missouri	1-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	L1
Florida	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	L1

#### **Western Division**

<u>Team</u>	OVR	SEC	Home	Road	<u>Strk</u>
Alabama	2-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	W2
LSU	2-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	W2
Miss. St.	2-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	W2
Ole Miss	2-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	W2
Auburn	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	L1
Arkansas	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	L1
Texas A&M	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	W1

#### This Week in the SEC

#### Saturday, Sept. 16

Louisiana at Texas A&M | 11 a.m. | SECN
Tennessee at Florida | 2:30 p.m. | CBS
Mercer at Auburn | 3 p.m. | SECN
Purdue at Missouri | 3 p.m. | SECN
Colorado State at Alabama | 6 p.m. | ESPN2
LSU at Mississippi State | 6 p.m. | ESPN
Samford at Georgia | 6:30 p.m. | SECN
Kansas State at Vanderbilt | 6:30 p.m. | ESPNU
Kentucky at South Carolina | 6:30 p.m. | SECN
Ole Miss at California | 9:30 p.m. | ESPNU

#### **Next Week in the SEC**

#### Saturday, Sept. 23

Alabama at Vanderbilt | 2:30 p.m. | CBS
Syracuse at LSU | 6/6:30 p.m. | ESPN2/SECN/ESPNU
Auburn at Missouri | 6/6:30 p.m. | ESPN2/SECN/ESPNU
Mississippi State at Georgia | 6 p.m. | ESPN
Florida at Kentucky | 6/6:30 p.m. | ESPN2/SECN/ESPNU
UMass at Tennessee | 11 a.m. | SECN
Arkansas vs. Texas A&M | 11 a.m. | ESPN
Louisiana Tech at South Carolina | 2:30 p.m. | SECN

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# KANSAS STATE | SEPT. 16

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20-29	-	2	-	-	1
30-39	-	1	-	-	-
40-49	-	-	-	-	-
50-59	-	-	-	-	-
60-69	-	-	-	-	-
70-79	-	-	-	-	-
80-89	-	-	-	-	-
90-100	-	-	-	-	
<b>TOTALS</b>	0	3	0	0	1

	Three-&-Out Driv	' <b>es</b> Opponent
	THREE-&-OUTS/DRIVES	THREE-&-OUTS/DRIVES
@Middle Tenn.	5/15 (33.3%)	6/13 (46.2%)
Alabama A&M	1/13 (7.7%)	6/14 (42.9%)
Kansas State		
Alabama		
@Florida		
Georgia		
@Ole Miss		
@S. Carolina		
W. Kentucky		
Kentucky		
Missouri		
@Tennessee		
	6/28 (21.4%)	12/27 (44.4%)



# **Vanderbilt Scoring Drives**

<u>OPP</u>	PLAYS	YARDS	TIME	SCORING PLAY
@MT	5	75	2:29	Lipscomb 37-yd pass from Shurmur
@MT	3	40	1:04	Webb 1-yd run
@MT	13	76	7:43	Lipscomb 4-yd pass from Shurmur
@MT	3	80	1:24	Webb 73-yd pass from Shurmur
AAMU	11	67	6:22	Webb 6-yd run
AAMU	6	54	3:10	Pinkney 10-yd pass from Shurmur
AAMU	6	81	2:33	Lipscomb 45-yard pass from Shurmur
AAMU	3	10	0:53	Shurmur 1-yd run
AAMU	4	65	1:28	Sherfield 25-yd pass from Shurmur
AAMU	1	23	0:06	Pinkney 23-yd pass from Shurmur

# **Opponent Scoring Drives**

I	OPP	PLAYS	YARDS	TIME	SCORING PLAY
ı	@MT	3	47	1:05	James 22-yd pass from Stockstill

Scor	ing Dr	rive Bre	akdov	/n	Ga	me-	-Op	ening	g Drive	es		Second H	alf-	Open	ing D	rive	<b>3</b> 5
	VAND	ERBILT	OPP0	NENT		VA	NDĒF	RBILT	OPF	PONE	NTS	VA	NDER	BIĽT	OPF	ONE	NTS
<u>Yardage</u>	TD	FG	TD	FG	<u>OPP</u>	PTS	1ST	S YDS	PTS	1STS	YDS	OPP PTS	1STS	YDS	PTS	1STS	YDS
No drive	-	-	-	-	@Middle Tenr	. 7	3	75	0	2	31	@Middle Tenn. 7	0	80	0	0	9
Neg. Yards	-	-	-	-	Alabama A&N	17	4	67	0	1	2	Alabama A&M 0	1	10	0	0	5
0-9	-	-	-	-	Kansas State							Kansas State					
10-19	1	-	-	-	Alabama							Alabama					
20-29	1	-	-	-	@Florida							@Florida					
30-39	-	-	-	-	Georgia							Georgia					
40-49	1	-	1	-	@0le Miss							@Ole Miss					
50-59	1	-	-	-	@S. Carolina							@S. Carolina					
60-69	2	-	-	-	W. Kentucky							W. Kentucky					
70-79	2	-	-	-	Kentucky							Kentucky					
80-89	2	-	-	-	Missouri							Missouri					
90-99	-	-	-	-	@Tennessee							@Tennessee					
TOTALS	10	0	1	0	TOTALS	14	7	142	0	3	33	TOTALS 8	0	90	0	0	14

## **Scoring Drive Superlatives**

Most Plays/Result Most Yards/Result Most Time/Result VANDERBILT 14/FGA at Middle Tenn. 81/TD vs. Alabama A&M 7:43/TD at Middle Tenn. OPPONENT

8/TO Downs at Middle Tenn. 52/TO Downs at Middle Tenn. 4:05/TO Downs at Middle Tenn.

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# The Last Vanderbilt Player...

	Ralph Webb vs. Ole Miss (3, 11/19/2016)
	Earl Bennett vs. Kentucky (5, 11/12/2005)
	Kyle Shumur at Middle Tenn. (3, 9/2/2017)
QB passes for 4+ TDs	_ Kyle Shurmur vs. Alabama A&M(4, 9/9/2017)
QB passed for 200-299 yards	Kyle Shurmur vs. Alabama A&M (202, 9/9/2017)
QB passed for 300-399 yards	J. McCrary vs. Austin Peay (368, 9/19/2015)
QB passed for 400+ yards	_Kyle Shurmur vs. Tennessee (416, 11/26/2016)
70+ yard receptionS	Shurmur to Webb at Middle Tenn. (73, 9/2/2017)
Rushed for 100-199 yards	_Ralph Webb vs. NC State (111, 12/26/2016)
Rushed for 200-299 yardsRalp	oh Webb vs. Middle Tennessee (211, 9/10/2016)
Rushed for 300+ yards	_ Frank Mordica vs. Air Force (321, 11/18/1978)
70+ yard rush	Ralph Webb at Florida (74, 11/7/2015)
Rushed for 3+ TD	Ralph Webb vs. Ole Miss (3, 11/19/2016)
Receiver had 100-199 yards	Ralph Webb at Middle Tenn. (104, 9/2/2017)
	Trent Sherfield vs. Austin Peay (240, 9/1/2015)
Had 3+ TD receptions	Earl Bennett vs. Richmond (3, 9/1/2007)
Returned kickoff for TD Da	arrius Sims vs. South Carolina (100, 9/120/2014)
	nathan Krause at Wake Forest (83, 11/24/2012)
Returned INT for TD	Oren Burks vs. Kentucky (30, 11/14/2015)
Returned fumble for TD	_Taurean Ferguson at Kentucky (22, 10/8/2016)
	Tommy Openshaw at Auburn (3, 11/5/2016)
Kicked 50+ yard FG1	Tommy Openshaw vs. NC State (52, 12/26/2016)
Had 70+ yard punt	Tommy Openshaw vs. Missouri (78, 10/24/2015)
Recorded 10+ tackles Em	manuel Smith vs. Alabama A&M (10, 9/9/2017)
Recorded 3+ tackles for loss Oc	deyingbo, Wright at Middle Tenn. (3.0, 9/2/2017)
Recorded 3+ sacks	_Charles Wright at Middle Tenn. (3.0, 9/2/2017)
Blocked opponent punt	_ Andrew Rector vs. Alabama A&M (9/9/2017)
Returned blocked punt for TD _	_Stephen Weatherly vs. UMass (11, 9/13/2014)
	Zach Cunningham at Auburn (11/5/2016)
Blocked a PAT attempt	Nifae Lealao at Middle Tenn. (9/2/2017)
Scored on safety	Team vs. Middle Tennessee (9/10/2016)

# The Last Time Vanderbilt...

Achieved 30+ first downs	vs. Old Dominion (33, 11/1/2014)
Topped 500+ Yards in Total Offense	vs. Tennessee (608, 11/26/2016)
300 or more passing yards	vs. Austin Peay (394, 9/19/2015)
400 or more passing yards	vs. Tennessee (416, 11/26/2016)
Rushed for 200-299 yards	_vs. Middle Tennessee (231, 9/10/2016)
Rushed for 300-399 yards	vs. Tennessee State (358, 10/22/2016)
Rushed for 400+ yards	vs. Presbyterian (410, 9/15/2012)
Scored 40 points or more	vs. Alabama A&M (42, 9/9/2017)
Held foe under 100 total yards	vs. Chattanooga (93, 9/6/2003)
Held foe to less than 200 total yards _	vs. Alabama A&M (103, 9/9/2017)
Held foe under 100 rushing yards	vs. Alabama A&M (59, 9/9/2017)
Held foe under 100 passing yards	vs. Alabama A&M (44, 9/9/2017)
Held foe scoreless	vs. Alabama A&M (42-0, 9/9/2017)

# The Last Opposing Player...

Player scored 3 TDs	Jaylen Samuels (3, 12/26/16) Justin Boyles Duke (4, 10/28/2006)
Player scored 4 TDs or more	Justin Boyles Duke (4, 10/28/2006)
	Ryan Finley (3, 12/26/2016)
	_ Johnny Manziel at Texas A&M (4, 10/26/2013)
QB passed for 200-299 yards	Ryan Finley vs. NC State (235, 12/26/2016)
QB passed for 300-399 yards	Joshua Dobbs vs. Tennessee (340, 11/26/2016)
QB passed for 400+ yards	Bo Wallace Ole Miss (403, 11/10/2012)
70+ yard reception	Lock to Moore at Missouri (82, 11/12/2016)
Rushed for 100-199 yards	_ Josh Malone vs. Tennessee (121, 11/26/2016)
Rushed for 200+ yards	Arian Foster Tennessee (223, 11/19/2005)
Rushed for 3+ TDs	Dedrick Mills at Georgia Tech (3, 9/17/2016)
70+ yard rush	Pharoh Cooper vs. So. Carolina (70, 9/20/2014)
	Richie James at Middle Tenn. (112, 9/2/2017)
Receiver had 200+ yards	Craig Yeast Kentucky (269, 11/13/1998)
Had 3+ TD receptions	Jaylen Samuels vs. NC State (3, 12/26/2016)
Returned kickoff for TD	Nyheim Hines vs. NC State (100, 12/26/2016)
Returned punt for TD	_ Cameron Sutton at Tennessee (85,11/28/2015)
Returned INT for TD	Niles Clark vs. NC State (32, 12/26/2016)
Returned fumble for TD	Christian Holmes at Miss. State (51, 11/22/2014)
Kicked at least three FGs	Daniel Carlson at Auburn (3, 11/5/2016)
Kicked 50+ yard FG	Daniel Carlson at Auburn (53, 11/5/2016)
Had 70+ yard punt	_ Ryan Janvion vs. Wake Forest (71, 11/30/2013)
Recorded 10+ total tackles	Harris, Brower vs. Alabama A&M (10, 9/9/2017)
	Chris Johnson at WKU (4.0, 9/24/2016)
Blocked VU punt	Drell Greene at WKU (9/24/2016)
	L. Mathis vs. Charleston So. (17., 10/11/2014)
Blocked VU FG	Sharrif Floyd Florida (11/5/2011)
Scored on VU safety	Team at Tennessee (11/28/2015)

# The Last VU Opponent...

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ı	Achieved 30+ first downs in game	Ole Miss (30, 9/26/2015)
ı	Topped 500+ Yards in Total Offense	Tennessee (516, 11/26/2016)
ı	300 or more passing yards	Tennessee (340, 11/26/2016)
ı	400 or more passing yards	Ole Miss, (403 yds., 11/10/2012)
ı	Rushed for 200-299 yards	at Auburn (271, 11/5/2016)
ı	Rushed for 300-399 yards	Tennessee (331,11/28/2015)
ı	Rushed for 400+ yards	vs. Georgia Tech (404, 10/31/2009)
ı	Scored 40 points or more	vs. NC State (41, 12/26/2016)
ı	Held Vanderbilt under 200 total yards	at Georgia (171, 10/15/2016)
ı	Held Vanderbilt under 100 rushing yards_	at Middle Tenn. (71, 9/2/2017)
ı	Held Vanderbilt under 100 passing yards	vs. South Carolina (73, 9/1/2016)
ı	Held Vanderbilt scoreless	vs. Texas A&M (25-0, 11/21/2015)

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**Vanderbilt Individual Season-Highs** 

Rush Attempts	24	Ralph Webb, @Middle Tenn.
Yards Rushing	64	Jamauri Wakefield, Alabama A&M
TD Rushes	1 (3x)	Webb, Shurmur, Alabama A&M
Long Rush	31	Khari Blasingame, Alabama A&M
Pass Attempts	28	Kyle Shurmur, @Middle Tenn.
Pass Completions	20	Kyle Shurmur, @Middle Tenn.
Yards Passing	296	Kyle Shurmur, @Middle Tenn.
TD Passes	4	Kyle Shurmur, Alabama A&M
Long Pass	73	Kyle Shurmur, @Middle Tenn.
Receptions	4 (3x)	Pinkney, Sherfield, Alabama A&M
Yards Receiving	104	Ralph Webb, @Middle Tenn.
TD Receptions	2 (2x)	Jared Pinkney, Alabama A&M
Long Reception	73	Ralph Webb, @Middle Tenn.
Field Goals		
Long Field Goal		
Punts	7	Sam Loy, @Middle Tenn.
Punting Avg.	41.9	Sam Loy, @Middle Tenn.
Long Punt	52	Sam Loy, @Middle Tenn.
Punts Inside 20	2	Sam Loy, Alabama A&M
Long Punt Return	11	Kalija Lipscomb, Alabama A&M
Long Kickoff Return	22	C.J. Duncan, Alabama A&M
Tackles	10	Emmanuel Smith, Alabama A&M
Sacks	3.0	Charles Wright, @Middle TN
Tackles for Loss	3.0 (2x)	Odeyingbo, Wright, @Middle Tenn.
Interceptions	1 (3x)B	urks, Day. Odeyingbo, Alabama A&M

**Vanderbilt Team Game-Highs** 

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Rushes	35 (2x)	Alabama A&M
Yards Rushing	174	Alabama A&M
Yards per Rush	5.0	Alabama A&M
TD Rushes	2	Alabama A&M
Pass Attempts	28	@Middle Tennessee
Pass Completions	s 20	@Middle Tennessee
Yards Passing	296	@Middle Tennessee
Yards per Pass Co	omp. 14.8	@Middle Tennessee
TD Passes	4	Alabama A&M
Total Plays	63	@Middle Tennessee
<u>Total Offense</u>	401	Alabama A&M
Yards per Play	6.6	Alabama A&M
Points	42	Alabama A&M
Sacks By	5	@Middle Tennessee
First Downs	18	Alabama A&M
<u>Penalties</u>	6	@Middle Tennessee
Penalty Yards	69	@Middle Tennessee
Turnovers		
Interceptions By	2	Alabama A&M
Punts	7	@Middle Tennessee
Punting Avg.	41.9	@Middle Tennessee
Long Punt	52	@Middle Tennessee
Punts Inside 20	3	Alabama A&M

Vanderbilt's Longest Plays

Rushing	31	Alabama A&M
Passing	73	@Middle Tennessee
Field Goal		
Punt	52	@Middle Tennessee
Punt Return	11	Alabama A&M
Kickoff Return	22	Alabama A&M
Interception Return	28	@Middle Tennessee
Fumble Return		

Opponent Individual Season-Highs

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Rush Attempts	12	Trevon Walters, Alabama A&M
Yards Rushing	31	Maurice Gordon, @Middle Tenn.
TD Rushes		
Long Rush	18	Damion May, Alabama A&M
Pass Attempts	31	Brent Stockstill, @Middle Tenn.
Pass Completions	18	Brent Stockstill, @Middle Tenn.
Yards Passing	166	Brent Stockstill, @Middle Tenn.
TD Passes	1	Brent Stockstill, @Middle Tenn.
Long Pass	31	Brent Stockstill, @Middle Tenn.
Receptions	10	Richie James, @Middle Tenn.
Yards Receiving	112	Richie James, @Middle Tenn.
TD Receptions	1	Richie James, @Middle Tenn.
Long Reception	31	Richie James, @Middle Tenn.
Field Goals		
Long Field Goal		
Punts	9	Nick Carden, Alabama A&M
Punting Avg.	42.0	Brent Stockstill, @Middle Tenn.
Long Punt	61	Nick Carden, Alabama A&M
Punts Inside 20	2	Alabama A&M
Long Punt Return	20	Richie James, @Middle Tenn.
Long Kickoff Return	12	Harvey Harris, Alabama A&M
Tackles	10	Harris, Brower, Alabama A&M
Sacks	1.0	Walter Brady, @Middle Tenn.
Tackles for Loss	1.5	Malik Manciel, @Middle Tenn.
Interceptions		<u> </u>

Opponent Team Game-Highs

Rushes	32	Alabama A&M
Yards Rushing	59	Alabama A&M
Yards per Rush	1.9	@Middle Tennessee
TD Rushes		
Pass Attempts	31	@Middle Tennessee
Pass Completion	s 18	@Middle Tennessee
Yards Passing	166	@Middle Tennessee
Yards per Pass C	omp. 9.2	@Middle Tennessee
TD Passes	1	@Middle Tennessee
Total Plays	57	@Middle Tennessee
Total Offense	215	@Middle Tennessee
Yards per Play	3.8	@Middle Tennessee
Points	6	@Middle Tennessee
Sacks By	1	@Middle Tennessee
First Downs	14	@Middle Tennessee
<u>Penalties</u>	5	Alabama A&M
Penalty Yards	21	Alabama A&M
Turnovers	2	Alabama A&M
Interceptions By		
Punts	10	Alabama A&M
Punting Avg.	40.7	@Middle Tennessee
Long Punt	61	Alabama A&M
Punts Inside 20	2	Alabama A&M
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**Opponent's Longest plays** 

Rushing	19	@Middle Tennessee
Passing	31	@Middle Tennessee
Field Goal		
Punt	61	Alabama A&M
Punt Return	20	@Middle Tennessee
Kickoff Return	12	Alabama A&M
Interception Return	n	
Fumble Return		



# **2017 VANDERBILT COMMODORES**

	D1 A 7		] #	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Year	CL	Hometown/High School (Other)
١	Roster A-Z	_	2	Arnold Tarpley III	S	6-1	203	SR	3L	Pittsburgh, Pa./Central Catholic
#		Pos.	2	Deuce Wallace	ΩВ	6-2	210	R-FR	RS	Sevierville, Tenn./Sevier County
17	Feleti Afemui	LB	3	Taurean Ferguson	СВ	5-9	190	R-SR	3L	Jonesboro, Ga./Jonesboro
18	Colin Anderson	LB	3	Shawn Stankavage	QB	6-2	205	R-JR	RS	Durham, N.C./Cardinal Gibbons
78	Bryce Bailey	0L	4	Emmanuel Smith	LB	6-2	240	SR	3L	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Oakland
38	Gil Barksdale	DB	4	Donaven Tennyson	WR	5-10	170	SO	1L	Richmond, Va./Benedictine College Prep
91	Drew Birchmeier	DL	5	Ke'Shawn Vaughn	RB	5-10	215	JR	TR	Nashville, Tenn./Pearl-Cohn/Illinois
23	Khari Blasingame	RB	5	LaDarius Wiley	S	6-1	210	R-JR	2L	Los Angeles, Calif./Cathedral
81	James Bostic Jonah Buchanan	WR	6	Zaire Jones	S	6-0	200	R-FR	RS	Meridian, Miss./Meridian
92		DL	7	Dimitri Moore	LB	6-3	215	FR	HS	Cedar Hill, Texas/Cedar Hill
20	Oren Burks Cole Clemens	LB	7	Ralph Webb	RB	5-10	202	R-SR	3L	Gainesville, Fla./Gainesville
74	Devin Cochran	OL	8	Joejuan Williams	СВ	6-3	208	SO		lashville, Tenn./Father Ryan/Hendersonville
77		OL TE	9	Caleb Peart	LB	6-1	235	R-SO	1L	Chandler, Ariz./Hamilton
82	Turner Cockrell	TE	9	Caleb Scott	WR	6-2	202	SR	3L	Suwanee, Ga./North Gwinnett
35	Frank Coppet	DB	10	Dayo Odeyingbo	DL	6-6	250	FR	HS	Irving, Texas/Carrollton Ranchview
22	Josh Crawford	RB	10	Trent Sherfield	WR	6-1	205	SR	3L	Danville, III./Danville
12	Tae Daley	DB	11	Charles Wright	LB	6-3	240	R-JR	2L	Irvine, Calif./Beckman
96	Darion DeBrossard	0L	12	Tae Daley	DB	6-0	185	FR	HS	Warner Robins, Ga./Northside
52	Brayden DeVault-Smith	LB	12	Jacob Free	QΒ	6-4	215	FR	HS	Brantley, Ala./Brantley
76	Egidio DellaRipa	0L	13	Jackson Winrow	WR	6-1	195	R-FR	RS	Shawnee, Okla./Shawnee
84	Sam Dobbs	TE	14	Kyle Shurmur	QΒ	6-4	227	JR	2L	Philadelphia, Pa./La Salle College
19	C.J. Duncan	WR	14	Ryan White	S	5-10	190	GR	3L	Louisville, Ky./Trinity
99	Stone Edwards	DL	15	Elijah Hamilton	DB	6-2	200	R-FR	RS	Roswell, Ga./Blessed Trinity Catholic
36	Trey Ellis	WR	15	Alex Stump	WR	6-3	210	R-SO	TR	Avon, Ohio/St. Edward/Ohio State
3	Taurean Ferguson	СВ	16	Kalija Lipscomb	WR	6-1	200	SO	1L	New Orleans, La./Jesuit
55	David Floyd	OL	17	Feleti Afemui	LB	6-3	235	FR	HS	Kahului, Hawaii/Maui
12	Jacob Free	QB	17	Tommy Openshaw	K	6-2	200	GR	3L	Jacksonville, Fla./Creekside
28	Allan George	DB	18	Colin Anderson	LB	6-2	215	FR	HS	Florence, Ala./Brooks
27	Jaire George	FB	18	Hayden Pegley	QB	6-1	190	FR	HS	Atherton, Calif./Menlo School
75	Bailey Granier	0L	19	C.J. Duncan	WR	5-11	203	R-SR	3L	Montgomery, Ala./St. James School
40	Jordan Griffin	LB	19	Sam Loy	P	6-1	190	SO		an Clemente, Calif./Santa Margarita Catholic
98	Ryley Guay	K	20	Oren Burks	LB	6-3	230	R-SR	3L	Fairfax Station, Va./South County
15	Elijah Hamilton	DB	21	Donovan Sheffield	CB	6-0	190	JR	2L	Nashville, Tenn./Ensworth
24	Randall Haynie	DB	22	Josh Crawford	RB	5-10	198	JR	2L	Montgomery, Ala./Edgewood Acad.
42	Kenny Hebert	LB	23	Khari Blasingame	RB	6-1	235	R-JR	2L	Huntsville, Ala./Buckhorn
31	Tre Herndon	DB	24	Randall Haynie	DB	6-0	185	FR	HS	Fort Lauderdale, Fla./Cardinal Gibbons
33	Jay Hockaday	LB	25	Josh Smith	LB	6-4	240	JR	2L	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Oakland
6	Zaire Jones	S	26	Andrew Rector	S	6-0	205	JR	2L	Nashville, Tenn./Father Ryan
65	Braden Kopp	0L	27	Jaire George	FB	6-1	230	R-SO	RS	Hyattville, Md./DeMatha Catholic HS
77	Nifae Lealao	DL	28	Allan George	DB	6-1	185	FR	HS	Andalusia, Ala./Andalusia
59	John Learned	0L	28	Dallas Rivers	RB	6-1	225	SR	3L	Stone Mountain, Ga./Stephenson
30	Bryce Lewis	CB	29	Austin Quillen	S	5-11	190	R-FR	RS	Jenks, Okla./Jenks
16	Kalija Lipscomb	WR	30	Bryce Lewis	СВ	6-0	185	R-JR	2L	Lilburn, Ga./Parkview
19	Sam Loy	P	31	Tre Herndon	СВ	6-1	188	SR	3L	Chattanooga, Tenn./East Hamilton
83	Nathan Marcus	TE	32	Jamauri Wakefield	RB	6-1	220	R-FR	RS	Jacksonville, Fla./Providence
45	Cody Markel	TE	33	Jay Hockaday	LB	6-3	230	R-SO	1L	Nashville, Tenn./Christ Presbyterian Acad.
49	Alex Maxey	SN	34	Dare Odeyingbo	DE	6-2	272	JR	2L	Irving, Texas/Cistercian Prep
54	Kade Mayle	DL	35	Frank Coppet	DB	5-11	185	R-FR	RS	Fort Lauderdale, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas
39	Bailey McElwain	FB	36	Trey Ellis	WR	5-9	170	SR	2L	Charlotte, N.C./Ardrey Kell
53	Sean McMoore	0L	38	Gil Barksdale	DB	5-10	180	SO	1L	Solon, Ohio/Solon
63	Grant Miller	0L	39	Bailey McElwain	FB	6-1	238	SO	1L	Trussville, Ala./Hewitt-Trussville
48	Andre Mintze	LB	40	Jordan Griffin	LB	6-0	223	JR	2L	Tampa, Fla./Armwood HS
7	Dimitri Moore	LB	40	Baffour Osei	RB	5-8	180	JR	SQ	Accra, Ghana/Oaks Christian
97	Reid Nelson	P	42	Kenny Hebert	LB	6-4	228	R-FR	RS	New Orleans, La./Holy Cross
34	Dare Odeyingbo	DE	44	Jalen Pinkney	DL	6-4	230	FR	HS	Norcross, Ga./Norcross
10	Dayo Odeyingbo	DL	45	Cody Markel	TE	6-5	245	R-FR	RS	Middleton, Wisc./Middleton
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#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Year	CL	Hometown/High School (Other)
46	Keithian Starling	WR	6-0	180	FR	HS	Nashville, Tenn./Nashville Christian
47	Tommy Schiager	FB/SN	6-0	220	R-FR	RS	Portland, Ore./Sunset
48	Andre Mintze	LB	6-3	235	R-FR	RS	Philadelphia, Pa./Imhotep Institute
49	Alex Maxey	SN	5-11	180	FR	HS	Phoenix, Ariz./Pinnacle
49	Jonathan Wynn	DE	6-5	265	R-SR	3L	Stone Mountain, Ga./Stephenson
51	Scott Sypniewski	LS	6-1	231	GR	TR	Ottawa, III./Marquette/Michigan
52	Brayden DeVault-Smith	LB	6-3	208	FR	HS	Nashville, Tenn./Pearl-Cohn
53	Sean McMoore	0L	6-4	305	R-FR	RS	Kapolei, Hawaii/Kapolei
54	Kade Mayle	DL	6-2	255	JR	SQ	McConnelsville, Ohio/Morgan
55	David Floyd	0L	6-5	300	R-FR	RS	Nashville, Tenn./Lipscomb Academy
56	Saige Young	0L	6-4	315	S0	TR	Versailles, Ky./Woodford Co./Dodge City CC
57	Ean Pfeifer	0L	6-4	300	R-SO	1L	Bentonville, Ark./Bentonville
57	Josiah Sa'o	DL	6-2	295	R-FR	RS	San Diego, Calif./Kearney
58	Justin Skule	0L	6-6	315	JR	2L	Clifton, Va./Centreville
59	John Learned	0L	6-3	285	FR	HS	Gulf Breeze, Fla./Gulf Breeze
61	Bruno Reagan	0L	6-3	315	R-JR	2L	Clarksville, Tenn./Clarksville
63	Grant Miller	0L	6-4	260	FR	HS	Fort Lauderdale, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas
65	Braden Kopp	0L	6-5	285	R-FR	RS	Houston, Texas/Houston Christian
66	Cameron Robinson	DL	6-0	300	FR	HS	Mobile, Ala./Murphy
71	Jared Southers	0L	6-5	310	R-SO	1L	South Orange, N.J./Seton Hall Prep
73	Johnathan Stewart	0L	6-8	305	FR	HS	Lawrenceville, Ga./Mountain View
74	Cole Clemens	0L	6-6	305	FR	HS	South Jordan, Utah/Bingham
74	Jay Woods	DL	6-3	285	R-SR	3L	Jackson, Ga./Jackson
75	Bailey Granier	0L	6-6	316	R-JR	2L	Galliano, La./South Lafourche
76	Egidio DellaRipa	0L	6-4	300	R-JR	RS	Castaic, Calif./West Ranch/Coll. of the Canyons (CA)
77	Devin Cochran	0L	6-7	305	R-FR	RS	Norcross, Ga./Greater Atlanta Christian
77	Nifae Lealao	DL	6-5	312	SR	3L	Sacramento, Calif./Capital Christian
78	Bryce Bailey	0L	6-5	305	FR	HS	Newburgh, Ind./Castle
80	Jared Pinkney	TE	6-4	255	R-SO	1L	Norcross, Ga./Norcross
81	James Bostic	WR	6-3	208	FR	HS	Fort Lauderdale, Fla./Cardinal Gibbons
82	Turner Cockrell	TE	6-5	230	R-FR	RS	Acworth, Ga./Allatoona
83	Nathan Marcus	TE	6-5	242	R-SR	3L	Glen Ellyn, III./Glenbard West
84	Sam Dobbs	TE	6-4	230	JR	2L	Douglasville, Ga./Landmark Christian
85	Chris Pierce	WR	6-4	208	FR	HS	Smithfield, Va./Smithfield
88	Michael Owusu	LB	6-5	228	FR	HS	Oxnard, Calif./Oaks Christian
90	Cameron Tidd	DL	6-3	290	R-FR	RS	Greenwood, Ind./Center Grove
91	Drew Birchmeier	DL	6-4	295	R-FR	RS	Midlothian, Va./Cosby
92	Jonah Buchanan	DL	6-4	270	FR	HS	Honolulu, Hawaii/Iolani
96	Darion DeBrossard	0L	6-4	295	R-SO	1L	Snellville, Ga./Shiloh
97	Reid Nelson	Р	6-2	215	SR	1L	Hueytown, Ala./Hueytown HS
98	Ryley Guay	K	5-10	190	S0	1L	Naperville, III./Benet Academy
99	Stone Edwards	DL	6-5	245	FR	HS	Hillsborough, N.C./Orange

	Roster A-Z	7
#	Name	Pos.
17	Tommy Openshaw	K
40	Baffour Osei	RB
88	Michael Owusu	LB
9	Caleb Peart	LB
18	Hayden Pegley	QB
57	Ean Pfeifer	0L
85	Chris Pierce	WR
44	Jalen Pinkney	DL
80	Jared Pinkney	TE
29	Austin Quillen	S
61	Bruno Reagan	OL
26	Andrew Rector	S
28	Dallas Rivers	RB
66	Cameron Robinson	DL
57	Josiah Sa'o	DL
47	Tommy Schiager	FB
9	Caleb Scott	WR
21	Donovan Sheffield	СВ
10	Trent Sherfield	WR
14	Kyle Shurmur	QB
58	Justin Skule	OL
4	Emmanuel Smith	LB
25	Josh Smith	LB
71	Jared Southers	OL
3	Shawn Stankavage	QB
46	Keithian Starling	WR
73	Jonathan Stewart	OL
15	Alex Stump	WR
51	Scott Sypniewski	LS
2	Arnold Tarpley	S
4	Donaven Tennyson	WR
90	Cameron Tidd	DL
5	Ke'Shawn Vaughn	RB
32	Jamauri Wakefield	RB
2	Deuce Wallace	QB
7	Ralph Webb	RB
14	Ryan White	S
5	LaDarius Wiley	S
8	Joejuan Williams	СВ
13	Jackson Winrow	WR
74	Jay Woods	DL
11	Charles Wright	OLB
49	Jonathan Wynn	DE
56	Saige Young	OL.
L	- ango roung	01

# Pronunciations PLAYERS

Peleti (fuh-le-TAY) Afemui (ah-fa-mooee)
Drew Birchmeier (bersh-meyer)
Khari (car-EE) Blasingame
Jaire (JIE-air) George
Bailey Granier (graun-YAE)
Nifae (nee-FY) Lealao (lay-lau)
Kalija (kuh-lie-JUH) Lipscomb
Josiah Sa'o (sah-O)
Dare (dar-AY) Odeyingbo (O-dang-BO)

Dayo (die-OH) Odeyingbo (O-dang-BO)
Caleb Peart (peert)

#### **COACHES**

Warren Belin (BEE-lin) Gerry (**Jerry**) Gdowski (**guh-DOW-ski**)

# Roster by Class PLAYERS

Seniors - 19 Juniors - 20

Sophomores - 16 RS-Freshmen - 19

Freshmen - 24



# **VANDERBILT DEPTH CHART**



Kyle Shurmur | QB Shurmur set a new career-high with four touchdown passes in the win over Alabama A&M setting a new school record with a 83.3% completion percentage. Emmanuel Smith | LB Smith set a new career-best for the second straight week, making 10 tackles in the win over Alabama A&M, including 1.5 tackles for loss.



	tion percentage.				
	Offense			Defense	
	Trent Sherfield Trey Ellis Caleb Scott	6-1, 205, Sr. 5-9, 170, Sr. 6-2, 202, Sr.	DL	49 Jonathan Wynn 57 Josiah Sa'o	6-4, 265, R-Sr. 6-2, 295, R-Fr.
	Nathan Marcus Jared Pinkney	6-5, 242, R-Sr. 6-4, 255, R-So.	DL	77 Nifae Lealao 34 Dare Odeyingbo	6-5, 315, Sr. 6-2, 272, Jr.
	Justin Skule Cole Clemens	6-6, 315, Jr. 6-6, 305, Fr.	DL	74 Jay Woods 90 Cameron Tidd	6-3, 285, R-Sr. 6-3, 290, R-Fr.
	Ean Pfeifer Saige Young	6-4, 300, R-So. 6-4, 315, So.	OLB	11 Charles Wright 48 Andre Mintze	6-3, 240, R-Jr. 6-3, 235, R-Fr.
	Bruno Reagan Sean McMoore	6-3, 315, R-Jr. 6-4, 305, R-Fr.	ILB	4 Emmanuel Smith 40 Jordan Griffin	6-2, 235, Sr. 6-0, 223, Jr.
- 1	Jared Southers Egidio DellaRipa	6-4, 310, R-So. 6-4, 300, R-Jr.	ILB	20 Oren Burks 33 Jay Hockaday	6-3, 230, R-Sr. 6-3, 230, R-So.
	Devin Cochran Bailey Granier	6-7, 315, R-Fr. 6-6, 316, R-Jr.	OLB	25 Josh Smith 9 Caleb Peart	6-3, 240, Jr. 6-1, 235, R-So.
<b>QB</b> 14 2	Kyle Shurmur Deuce Wallace	6-4, 227, Jr. 6-2, 210, R-Fr.	СВ	31 Tre Herndon 30 Bryce Lewis	6-1, 188, Sr. 6-0, 185, R-Jr.
<b>RB</b> <sup>7</sup> <sub>23</sub>	Ralph Webb Khari Blasingame	5-10, 202, R-Sr. 6-1, 235, R-Jr.	SS	<ul><li>14 Ryan White</li><li>6 Zaire Jones</li></ul>	5-10, 190, Gr. 6-0, 200, R-Fr.
	Dallas Rivers Bailey McElwain	6-1, 225, Sr. 6-0, 238, So.	FS	2 Arnold Tarpley or 5 LaDarius Wiley	6-1, 203, Sr. 6-1, 205, R-Jr.
<b>WR</b> 19 or	C.J. Duncan 16 Kalija Lipscomb	5-11, 203, R-Sr. 6-1, 200, So.	СВ	<ul><li>8 Joejuan Williams</li><li>21 Donovan Sheffield</li></ul>	6-3, 208, So. 5-11, 190, Jr.
		Special	Teams	1	
	Tommy Openshaw Ryley Guay	6-2, 200, Gr. 5-10, 190, So.	PR	16 Kalija Lipscomb 19 C.J. Duncan	6-1, 200, So. 5-11, 203, R-Sr.
	Sam Loy Reid Nelson	6-1, 190, So. 6-2, 215, Sr.	KR	16 Kalija Lipscomb 32 Jamauri Wakefield	6-1, 200, So. 6-1, 220, R-Fr.
97	Reid Nelson	6-2, 215, Sr.	SN	51 Scott Sypniewski	6-1, 220, Gr.



OFF. STARTERS	WR	WR	WR/TE/FB	TE	QB	RB	LT	LG	С	RG	RT
at Middle Tennessee	Sherfield	Marcus (TE		Pinkney	Shurmur	Webb	Skule	Pfeifer	Reagan	Southers	Cochran
Alabama A&M	Sherfield	Marcus (TE	) Blasingame	Pinkney	Shurmur	Webb	Skule	Pfeifer	Reagan	Southers	Cochran
Kansas State											
Alabama											
at Florida											
Georgia											
at Ole Miss											
at South Carolina											
Western Kentucky											
Kentucky											
Missouri											
at Tennessee											

<b>DEF. STARTERS</b>	DL	DL	DL	OLB	ILB	ILB	OLB/NB	СВ	SS	FS	СВ
at Middle Tennessee	Dar. Odeyingbo	o Lealao	Wynn	Wright	Burks	E. Smith	Wiley (NB)	Herndon	White	Tarpley	Williams
Alabama A&M	Dar. Odeyingbo	o Lealao	Wynn	Wright	Burks	E. Smith	Peart (OLB)	Herndon	White	Wiley	Williams
Kansas State											
Alabama											
at Florida											
Georgia											
at Ole Miss											
at South Carolina											
Western Kentucky											

# **EXPERIENCE ANALYSIS**

Kentucky Missouri at Tennessee

The chart below shows Vanderbilt's offensive and defensive starting lineups over the last five years with numbers representing total starts by classes and percentages of total starts for the entire season.

Season	G	SR	JR	S0	FR	UpperCI%
2017	2 (2-0)	20 (45.5%)	13 (29.6%)	9 (20.5%)	2 (4.6%)	75.0%
2016	13 (6-7)	63 (22.0%)	138 (48.3%)	57 (19.9%)	28 (9.8%)	70.3%
2015	12 (4-8)	64 (24.2%)	79 (29.9%)	107 (40.5%)	14 (5.3%)	54.2%
2014	12 (3-9)	50 (18.9%)	72 (27.3%)	67 (25.4%)	75 (28.4%)	46.2%
2013	13 (9-4)	146 (51.1%)	62 (21.7%)	49 (17.1%)	29 (10.1%)	72.7%
2012	13 (9-4)	96 (33.6%)	122 (42.7%)	50 (17.5%)	18 (6.3%)	76.2%
2011	13 (6-7)	87 (30.4%)	106 (37.1%)	81 (28.3%)	12 (4.2%)	67.5%

# **SEASON/CAREER STARTS**

OFFENSE	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	TOT	STRK	DEFENSE	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	TOT	STRK
R. Webb	2	13	12	12	-	39	39	0. Burks	2	10	12	7	-	31	2
T. Sherfield	2	7	12	0	-	21	2	T. Herndon	2	13	12	0	-	27	27
K. Shurmur	2	13	5	-	-	20	18	T. Ferguson	-	11	1	6	-	17	0
N. Marcus	2	12	2	3	-	19	11	J. Wynn	2	10	4	2	-	18	5
B. Reagan	2	13	2	-	-	17	17	N. Lealao	2	11	5	0	-	17	3
J. Skule	2	13	2	-	-	17	15	A. Tarpley	1	7	7	0	-	15	0
C. Scott	-	3	9	1	-	13	0	R. White	2	12	1	1	-	16	4
C. Duncan	0	3	0	9	-	12	0	J. Woods	0	0	5	5	-	10	0
E. Pfeifer	2	9	-	-	-	11	11	L. Wiley	2	7	0	0	-	9	2
K. Lipscomb	1	8	-	-	-	9	0	Dar. Odeyingbo	2	3	0	-	-	5	2
J. Pinkney	2	7	-	-	-	9	2	E. Smith	2	0	2	0	-	4	2
B. McElwain	-	4	-	-	-	4	0	B. Lewis	0	1	0	-	-	1	0
B. Granier	0	0	3	-	-	3	0	J. Griffin	0	1	0	-	-	1	0
K. Blasingame	1	1	1	-	-	3	1	J. Smith	0	1	0	-	-	1	0
S. Dobbs	0	1	1	-	-	2	0	J. Williams	2	0	-	-	-	2	2
D. Tennyson	-	1	-	-	-	1	0	C. Wright	2	0	0	-	-	2	2
D. Cochran	2	-	-	-	-	2	2	C. Peart	1	0	0	-	-	1	1
D. Rivers	1	0	0	0	-	1	0								
J. Southers	2	0	-	-	-	2	2								



SCORE (qtr)	<b>1</b> st	<b>2</b> ND	3 <sub>RD</sub>	<b>4</b> <sub>TH</sub>	OT	TOTAL
<b>VANDERBILT</b>	28	28	14	0	0	70
OPPONENTS	0	0	0	6	0	6

# **TEAM STATISTICS**

TEAM STATISTICS		
	<b>VANDERBILT</b>	<u>OPPONENT</u>
SCORING	70	6
Points Per Game	35.0	3.0
Points Off Turnovers	14	0
FIRST DOWNS	33	21
Rushing	13	7
Passing	20	9
Penalty	0	5
RUSHING YARDAGE	245	108
Yards gained rushing	260	198
Yards lost rushing	15	90
Rushing Attempts	70	58
Average Per Rush	3.5	1.9
Average Per Game	122.5	54.0
TDs Rushing	3	0
PASSING YARDAGE	523	210
Comp-Att-Int	39-54-0	26-52-3
Average Per Pass	9.7	4.0
Average Per Catch	13.4	8.1
Average Per Game	261.5	105.0
TDs Passing	7	1
TOTAL OFFENSE	768	318
Total Plays	124	110
Average Per Play	6.2	2.9
Average Per Game	384.0	159.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	1-22	<b>2-23</b>
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	5-63	4-25
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	3-37	0-0
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	22.0	11.5
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	12.6	6.2
INT RETURN AVERAGE	12.3	0.0
FUMBLES-LOST	1-0	2-0
PENALTIES-Yards	10-109	9-35
Average Per Game	54.5	17.5
PUNTS-Yards	12-459	17-639
Average Per Punt	38.2	37.6
Net punt average	32.8	33.9
KICKOFFS-Yards	12-775	<b>3-169</b>
Average Per Kick	64.6	56.3
Net kick average	41.8	40.7
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	33:37	26:23
3RD-DOWN Conversions	14/29	2/26
3rd-Down Pct	48%	8%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	<b>0/1</b>	<b>0/2</b>
4th-Down Pct	0%	0%
SACKS BY-Yards	8- <b>60</b>	1-6
MISC YARDS		
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	0 10	0
		-
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	0-2	0-0
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(5-6) 83%	(0-2) 0%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(5-6) 83%	(0-2) 0%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(10-10) 100%	(0-1) 0%
ATTENDANCE	25802	26717

#### **GAME RESULTS**

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L,SCORE	OVERALL	CONF.	TIME	ATT.
9/2	at Middle Tenn.	W, 28-6	1-0	0-0	3:09	26717
9/9	Alabama A&M	W, 42-0	2-0	0-0	3:13	25802
9/16	Kansas State					
9/23	Alabama					
9/30	at Florida					
10/7	Georgia					
10/14	at Ole Miss					
10/28	at South Carolina	l				
11/4	W. Kentucky					
11/11	Kentucky					
11/18	Missouri					
11/25	at Tennessee					

# **INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

<b>PASSING</b>	<u>GP</u>	Eff.	Атт-С	COMP-INT	Рст	YARDS	TD	Long	Avg/G
Kyle Shurmur	2	217.24		35-46-0	76.1	498	7	73	249.0
Deuce Wallace	1	65.66		3-7-0	42.9	19	0	13	19.0
S. Stankavage	1	150.40		1-1-0	100.0	6	0	6	6.0
Total	2	196.36		39-54-0	72.2	523	7	73	261.5
Opponents	2	78.73		26-52-3	50.0	210	1	31	105.0
RUSHING	GP	Ап	GAIN	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Ralph Webb	2		108		103	2.8	2	9	51.5
K. Blasingame	2		86		86	6.1	0	31	43.0
J. Wakefield	2		65	-	64	4.3	0	13	32.0
TEAM	2		0	-	-3	-1.5	0	0	-1.5
Kyle Shurmur	2	_	1	6	-5	-2.5	1	1	-2.5
Total			260		245	3.5	3	31	122.5
Opponents	2		198		108	1.9	0	19	54.0
<b>RECEIVING</b>	(	GP N	No.	YARDS	Avg	TD	L	ONG	Avg/G
Trent Sherfield		2	8	137	17.1	1		25	68.5
Jared Pinkney		2	7	84	12.0	2		23	42.0
C.J. Duncan		2	6	48	8.0	0		16	24.0
Kalija Lipscomb		2	4	91	22.8	3		45	45.5
Ralph Webb		2	3	104	34.7	1		73	52.0
Nathan Marcus		2	3	10	3.3	0		4	5.0
Sam Dobbs		2	2	22	11.0	0		16	11.0
Trey Ellis		2	2	17	8.5	0		9	8.5
K. Blasingame		2	2	-1	-0.5	0		0	-0.5
Jackson Winrow	1	1	1	13	13.0	0		13	13.0
J. Wakefield		2	1	-2	-2.0	0		0	-1.0
Total		_	39	523	13.4	7		73	261.5
Opponents		2	26	210	8.1	1		31	105.0



<b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>	<u>GP</u>	PLAYS	Rush	Pass	TOTAL	Avg/G
Kyle Shurmur	2	48	-5	498	493	246.5
Ralph Webb	2	37	103	0	103	51.5
K. Blasingame	2	14	86	0	86	43.0
J. Wakefield	2	15	64	0	64	32.0
Deuce Wallace	1	7	0	19	19	19.0
S. Stankavage	1	1	0	6	6	6.0
TEAM	2	2	-3	0	-3	-1. <u>5</u>
Total	2	124	245	523	768	384.0
Opponents	2	110	108	210	318	159.0

<b>ALL-PURPOSE</b>	GP	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	RET	TOTAL	Avg
Ralph Webb	2	103	104	0	0	0	207	103.5
Trent Sherfield	2	0	137	0	0	0	137	68.5
Kalija Lipscomb	2	0	91	26	0	0	117	58.5
K. Blasingame	2	86	-1	0	0	0	85	42.5
Jared Pinkney	2	0	84	0	0	0	84	42.0
C.J. Duncan	2	0	48	0	22	0	70	35.0
J. Wakefield	2	64	-2	0	0	0	62	31.0
Andrew Rector	2	0	0	29	0	0	29	14.5
Bryce Lewis	2	0	0	0	0	28	28	14.0
Sam Dobbs	2	0	22	0	0	0	22	11.0
Trey Ellis	2	0	17	0	0	0	17	8.5
Jackson Winrow	1	0	13	0	0	0	13	13.0
Nathan Marcus	2	0	10	0	0	0	10	5.0
Oren Burks	2	0	0	0	0	9	9	4.5
Jalen Pinkney	2	0	0	8	0	0	8	4.0
TEAM	2	-3	0	0	0	0	-3	-1.5
Kyle Shurmur	2	-5	0	0	0	0	-5	<u>-2.5</u>
Total	2	245	523	63	22	37	890	445.0
Opponents	2	108	210	25	23	0	366	183.0

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	%	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG	Вц
Tommy Openshaw	0-2	0.0	0	0-1	0	1	-	-

PUNTING	No.	YDS	Avg	Long	TB	FC	<b>I-20</b>	Вьк
Sam Loy	10	410	41.0	52	2	0	3	0
Reid Nelson	2	49	24.5	30	0	0	1	0
Total	12	459	38.2	<b>52</b>	2	0	4	0
Opponents	17	639	37.6	61	0	5	3	1

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<b>SCORING</b>	<b>TD</b> s	<b>FG</b> s	Кіск	Rush	REC	Pass	DXP	SAF	Pts
Kalija Lipscomb	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Ralph Webb	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Jared Pinkney	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Tommy Opensh	aw 0	0-2	10-10	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	10
Kyle Shurmur	1	0-0	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
Total	10	0-2	10-10	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	70
Opponents	1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	YDS	Avg	TD	Long
C.J. Duncan	1	22	22.0	0	22
Total	1	22	22.0	0	22
Opponents	2	23	11.5	0	12
PUNT RETURNS	No.	YDS	Avg	TD	Long
Kalija Lipscomb	4	26	6.5	0	11
Andrew Rector	1	29	29.0	0	0

Kalija Lipscomb	4	26	6.5	0	11
Andrew Rector	1	29	29.0	0	0
Jalen Pinkney	0	8	0.0	0	8
Total	5	63	12.6	0	11
Opponents	4	25	6.2	0	20

FIELD GOAL SEQUENCE	<u>VANDERBILT</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>
at Middle Tennssee	31	
Alabama A&M	56	

Kansas State Alabama at Florida

Georgia at Ole Miss

at South Carolina Western Kentucky

Kentucky Missouri

at Tennessee

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate successful field goals.



PASSING	Com-Att-Yo	ds-TD-Int											
	K. Shurmur	•	D. Wallace	•	S. Stanka	<u>avage</u>							
at Middle Tennessee	20-28-296-3-	0	DNP		DNP								
Alabama A&M	15-18-202-4-	0	3-7-19-0-0		1-1-6-0-0								
Kansas State													
Alabama													
at Florida													
Georgia													
at Ole Miss													
at South Carolina													
Western Kentucky													
Kentucky													
Missouri													
at Tennessee													
TOTALS	35-46-498-7	-0	3-7-19-0-0		1-1-6-0-0								
RUSHING	#-Yds/TD	MT	AAMU	KSU	ALA	FLA	UGA	MISS	SC	WKU	UK	MIZ	TENN
Ralph Webb	37-103/2	24-49/1	13-54/1										
K. Blasingame	14-86/0	8-31/0	6-55/0										
J. Wakefield	15-64/0	-	15-64/0										
TEAM	2-(-3)/0	2-(-3)/0											
Kyle Shurmur	2-(-5)/1	1-(-6)/0											

RECEIVING	#-Yds/TD	MT	AAMU	KSU	ALA	FLA	UGA	MISS	SC	WKU	UK	MIZ	TENN
Trent Sherfield	8-137/1	4-68/0	4-69/1										
Ralph Webb	3-104/1	3-104/1	-										
Kalija Lipscomb	4-91/3	2-41/2	2-50/1										
Jared Pinkney	7-84/2	3-33/0	4-51/2										
C.J. Duncan	6-48/0	3-19/0	3-29/0										
Sam Dobbs	2-22/0	1-16/0	1-6/0										
Trey Ellis	2-17/0	1-9/0	1-8/0										
Jackson Winrow	1-13/0	DNP	1-13/0										
Nathan Marcus	3-10/0	2-6/0	1-4/0										
K. Blasingame	2-(-1)/0	1-0/0	1-(-1)/0										
J. Wakefield	1-(-2)/0	-	1-(-2)/0										
<b>PUNT RETUR</b>	NS #-Yds	MT	AAMU	KSU	ALA	FLA	UGA	MISS	SC	WKU	UK	MIZ	TENN
Andrew Rector	1-29	-	1-29										

<b>PUNT RETURNS</b>	#-Yds	MT	AAMU	KSU	ALA	FLA	UGA	MISS	SC	WKU	UK	MIZ	TENN
Andrew Rector	1-29	-	1-29										
Kalija Lipscomb	4-26	-	4-26										
KICK RETURNS	#-Yds	MT	AAMU	KSU	ALA	FLA	UGA	MISS	SC	WKU	UK	MIZ	TENN
C.J. Duncan	1-22	-	1-22										



# **DEFENSIVE STATS**

			1	ackles			Sacks	Pass	Def		<u>Fumb</u>	les	<b>Blocked</b>	
#	Name	GP	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yards	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf
4	<b>Emmanuel Smith</b>	2-2	10	6	16	1.5-5	0.5-3							
11	Charles Wright	2-2	3	8	11	4.0-33	3.5-32			3				
14	Ryan White	2-2	9		9	2.0-4			1					
20	Oren Burks	2-2	5	3	8	1.5-5		1-9	1					
34	Dare Odeyingbo	2-2	5	1	6	4.5-20	2.5-15		1	2		1		
21	D. Sheffield	2-0	4	2	6				1					
5	L. Wiley	2-2	4	2	6									
31	Tre Herndon	2-2	3	1	4				3					
4	Jay Woods	2-0	4		4									
30	Bryce Lewis	2-0	3	1	4			1-28						
2	Tae Daley	2-0	2	1	3	0.5-2								
7	Nifae Lealao	2-2		3	3	1.0-3			1	1			1	
ò	Zaire Jones	1-0	1	2	3	1.0-2								
0	D. Odeyingbo	2-0		3	3	1.0-8	0.5-7	1-0						
Ю	Jordan Griffin	2-0	2	1	3	1.0-1								
2	Arnold Tarpley	2-1	2	1	3				1					
6	Andrew Rector	2-0	2	1	3					1			1	
5	Josh Smith	2-0	1	2	3	1.0-3	1.0-3			1				
19	Jonathan Wynn	2-2	1	1	2					1				
)	Caleb Peart	2-1		1	1	0.5-1								
7	Josiah Sa'o	2-0		1	1									
3	K. Blasingame	2-1	1		1									
3	Jay Hockaday	2-0		1	1	0.5-2								
14	Jalen Pinkney	2-0							1					
3	J. Williams	2-2							1					
	Total	2-0	62	42	104	20-89	8-60	3-37	11	9		1	2	
	Opponents	2-0	76	56	132	8.0-16	1-6		6	3				

INTERCEPTIONS/	RET. NoYds	MT	AAMU	KSU	ALA	FLA	UGA	MISS	SC	WKU	UK	MIZ	TENN
D. Odeyingbo	1-0	-	1-0										
Bryce Lewis	1-28	1-28	-										
Oren Burks	1-9	-	1-9										
QB SACKS	UA-A-TOTAL	MT	AAMU	KSU	ALA	FLA	UGA	MISS	SC	WKU	UK	MIZ	<b>TENN</b>
Charles Wright	2-3-3.5	2.5-26	1.0-6										
Dare Odeyingbo	2-1-2.5	2.0-12	0.5-3										
Josh Smith	1-0-1.0	-	1.0-3										
Emmanuel Smith	0-1-0.5	-	0.5-3										
D. Odeyingbo	0-1-0.5	0.5-7	-										



<b>TACKLES</b>	SOLO-ASSISTED-TOTAL	MT	AAMU	KSU	ALA	FLA	UGA	MISS	SC	WKU	UK	MIZ	TENN
<b>Emmanuel Smith</b>	10-6-16	6-0	4-6										
Charles Wright	3-8-11	3-1	0-7										
Ryan White	9-0-9	6-0	3-0										
Oren Burks	5-3-8	4-0	1-3										
Dare Odeyingbo	5-1-6	3-0	2-1										
D. Sheffield	4-2-6	1-0	3-2										
L. Wiley	4-2-6	4-1	0-1										
Tre Herndon	3-1-4	3-1	-										
Jay Woods	4-0-4	2-0	2-0										
Bryce Lewis	3-1-4	3-1	-										
Tae Daley	2-1-3	1-0	1-1										
Nifae Lealao	0-3-3	-	0-3										
Zaire Jones	1-2-3	DNP	1-2										
D. Odeyingbo	0-3-3	0-1	0-2										
Jordan Griffin	2-1-3	1-0	1-1										
Arnold Tarpley	2-1-3	1-1	1-0										
Andrew Rector	2-1-3	-	2-1										
Josh Smith	1-2-3	-	1-2										
Jonathan Wynn	1-1-2	1-0	0-1										
Caleb Peart	0-1-1	-	0-1										
Josiah Sa'o	0-1-1	-	0-1										
K. Blasingame	1-0-1	-	1-0										
Jay Hockaday	0-1-1	-	0-1										

<b>FUMBLES</b>	FF/FR	MT	AAMU KSU	ALA	FLA	UGA	MISS	SC	WKU	UK	MIZ	TENN
Dare Odeyingbo	1/0	1/0	-									



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
at Middle Tennessee	W 28-6	15/14	5/3	10/8	35-71/26-49	296/166	63-367/57-215	28/20	0/1
Alabama A&M	W 42-0	18/7	8/4	10/1	35-174/32-59	227/44	61-401/53-103	94/28	0/2
Kansas State									
Alabama									
at Florida									
Georgia									
at Ole Miss									
at South Carolina									
Western Kentucky									
Kentucky									
Missouri									
at Tennessee									
Totals	70-6	33/21	13/7	20/9	70-245/58-108	523/210	124-768/110-318	122/48	0/3

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	Yps/Rush	YDS/PASS	YDS/PLAY	PUNTING	PENALTY YDS
at Middle Tennessee	8-16/0-12	0-0/0-2	36:33/23:27	13:06	2.0/1.9	10.6/5.4	5.8/3.8	7-41.9/7-40.7	69/14
Alabama A&M Kansas State Alabama at Florida Georgia at Ole Miss at South Carolina Western Kentucky Kentucky	8-10/0-12 6-13/2-14	0-0/0-2 0-1/0-0	30:33/23:27 30:41/29:19	1:22	5.0/1.8	8.7/2.1	5.8/3.8 6.6/1.9	7-41.3/7-40.7 5-33.2/10-35.4	63/14 4-40/5-21
Missouri									
at Tennessee Totals	14-29/2-26	0-1/0-2	67:14/52:46	14:28	3.5/1.9	9.7/4.0	6.2/2.9	12-38.2/17-37.6	109/35
เบเสเอ	14-23/2-20	U-1/U-Z	07.14/32.40	14:20	3.3/1.3	J.1/4.U	U.Z/Z.3	12-30.2/17-37.0	103/33



3RD DOWNS	Score	Overall	<b>1</b> st <b>Q</b> tr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4тн <b>О</b> тг
at Middle Tennessee	W 28-6	8-16 (50.0%)	2-2 (100.0%)	4-6 (66.7%)	2-4 (50.0%)	0-4 (0.0%)
Alabama A&M Kansas State Alabama at Florida Georgia at Ole Miss at South Carolina Western Kentucky Kentucky Missouri at Tennessee	W 42-0	6-13 (46.2%)	2-2 (100.0%)	3-4 (75.0%)	1-3 (33.3%)	0-4 (0.0%)
Totals		14-29 (48.3%)	4-4 (100.0%)	7-10 (70.0%)	3-7 (42.9%)	0-8 (0.0%)
Opponents		2-26 (7.7%)	0-4 (0.0%)	2-9 (22.2%)	0-6 (0.0%)	0-7 (0.0%)
4TH DOWNS	Score	<b>O</b> VERALL	1st <b>Q</b> tr	2ND QTR	3rd Qtr	4тн <b>О</b> тг
at Middle Tennessee	W 28-6	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)
Alabama A&M Kansas State Alabama at Florida Georgia at Ole Miss at South Carolina Western Kentucky Kentucky Missouri at Tennessee	W 42-0	0-1 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-1 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)
Totals		0-1 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-1 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)
Opponents		0-2 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-2 (0.0%)

# VANDERBILT-INSIDE OPPONENT 20-YARD LINE

		limes	limes	I OTAL		Kush	PASS	FG			AILED IN	KED ZONE		
<b>O</b> PPONENT	Score	in RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	<b>TD</b> s	MADE	FGA	Downs	Int	Fимв	HALF	Gм
at Middle Tennessee	W 28-6	3	2	14	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Alabama A&M	W 42-0	3	3	21	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas State														
Alabama														
at Florida														
Georgia														
at Ole Miss														
at South Carolina														
Western Kentucky														
Kentucky														
Missouri														
at Tennessee														
VU Season Totals: 5 of 6	6 (83.3%)	6	5	35	5	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

# OPPONENTS-INSIDE VANDERBILT 20-YARD LINE

		Times	Times	TOTAL		Rush	Pass	FG		F/	AILED IN	RED ZONE		
<b>O</b> PPONENT	Score	in RZ	Scored	Pts	<b>TD</b> s	<b>TD</b> s	<b>TD</b> s	MADE	FGA	Downs	Int	Fимв	HALF	Gм
at Middle Tennessee	W 28-6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Alabama A&M	W 42-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas State														
Alabama														
at Florida														
Georgia														
at Ole Miss														
at South Carolina														
Western Kentucky														
Kentucky														
Missouri														
<u>at Tennessee</u>														
Onnonent Season Totals:	0 of 2 (0.0%)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	Ο	0



# GAME 1

#### Middle Tennessee Sept. 2 | Murfreesboro

**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** -- Kyle Shurmur threw for 296 yards and tied his career-high with three touchdowns as the Vanderbilt Commodores beat Middle Tennessee 28-6 Saturday night in the season opener for both teams.

The Commodores snapped a five-year skid in season openers to give coach Derek Mason his first victory to kick off his fourth season in charge. They also won their third straight against the Conference USA school 37 miles away from Nashville.

"It was really important because for us it's something we hadn't done here in my tenure, so we got it done tonight," Mason said. "So now we move on."

Vanderbilt came out throwing with Shurmur, and the junior quarterback didn't disappoint. He completed 13 of his first 14 passes, including a 37-yard TD pass to Kalija Lipscomb to cap the opening drive. He added a 4-yard TD pass to Lipscomb for a 21-0 lead minutes into the second quarter.

Ralph Webb, the Commodores' all-time leading rusher, also added a 1-yard TD run. Shurmur hit Webb on a swing pass that the senior took 73 yards for a 28-0 lead in the third.

The Commodores smothered what was a high-powered offense in 2016 with Middle Tennessee running up 495 yards against Vanderbilt last season. The Blue Raiders averaged 517.7 yards and ranked 12th nationally scoring 39.7 points per game.

Bryce Lewis intercepted a tipped pass to set up Webb's TD, and the Commodores also sacked Stockstill five times. The Blue Raiders avoided being shut out at home when Stockstill found Richie James for a 22-yard TD early in the fourth.

<b>TEAN</b>	<b>N</b> 1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
VU	14	7	7	0	28	1-0
MT	0	0	0	6	6	0-1

### **SCORING SUMMARY**

Attendance: 26,717 Time: 3:09 Weather: 77, clear, wind NE 5 mph

1st: VANDY: Lipscomb 37-yd pass from Shurmur (Openshaw kick), 5-75 2:29. VANDY: Webb 1 yd run (Openshaw kick), 3-40 1:04.

**2nd**:VANDY: Lipscomb 4-yd pass from Shurmur (Openshaw kick), 13-76 7:43. **3rd**: VANDY: Webb 73-yd pass from Shurmur (Openshaw kick), 3-80 1:24. **4th**: MT: James 22-yd pass from Stockstill (Rooker kick blocked), 3-47 1:05.

STATISTICS V	<u>ANDERBILT</u>	<u>MT</u>
FIRST DOWNS	15	14
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	35-71	26-49
PASSING YDS (NET)	296	166
Passes Att-Comp-Int	28-20-0	31-18-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARD	OS 63-367	57-215
FUMBLE RETURNS-YARDS	0-0	0-0
PUNT RETURNS-YARDS	0-0	3-20
KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS	0-0	0-0
INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS	1-28	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-41.9	7-40.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-69	4-14
Possession Time	36:33	23:27
THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	8 of 16	0 of 12
FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	0 of 0	0 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-3	0-2
SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS	5-45	1-6

**RUSHING:** VANDY-Ralph Webb 24-49; K. Blasingame 8-31; TEAM 2-minus 3; Kyle Shurmur 1-(-6). MT-GORDON 7-26; TUCKER 2-21; JAMES 2-14; LEE 5-8; STOCKSTILL 10-(-20).

PASSING: VANDY-Shurmur 20-28-0-296. MT-STOCKSTILL 18-31-1-166. RECEIVING: VANDY-Sherfield 4-68; Webb 3-104; Pinkney 3-33; Duncan 3-19; Lipscomb 2-41; Marcus 2-6; Dobbs 1-16; Ellis 1-9; K. Blasingame 1-0. MT-JAMES10-112; SMITH 3-29; WINDHAM 2-9; LEE 2-7; TUCKER 1-9.

# GAME 2

#### Alabama A&M Sept. 9 | Nashville

NASHVILLE -- Vanderbilt quarterback Kyle Shurmur threw four touchdown passes and ran for another as the Commodores smashed Alabama A&M 42-0 on Saturday, improving to 2-0 for the first time under fourth-year coach Derek Mason

"I'm excited even if my face probably doesn't show it," Mason said. "You're excited to get the wins, but you know preparation is right around the corner. It's not about being comfortable, not about getting comfortable. It's just making sure we stay (focused)."

The Commodores dominated all facets of the game as they readied for next week's home challenge against 19th-ranked Kansas State. Shurmur completed 12-of-12 passes for 175 yards and three scores in the first half alone, finishing 15-for-18 for 202 yards. Vanderbilt outgained the Bulldogs 291-38 in the opening two quarters, holding Alabama A&M (0-2) to three first downs. The Commodores blocked one Bulldogs punt -- converting it into a touchdown -- and deflected another. Vanderbilt scored touchdowns on five-of-six possessions in the opening half.

"I thought our guys played a good first half," Mason said. "They scored points with Shurmur. That's the second week in a row he started fast. I like the way he played. I thought he had good command and that he saw everything he needed to see."

Playing in front of a crowd of 25,802, Vanderbilt recorded its first shutout since the Commodores blanked Kentucky 40-0 in 2012.

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TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
AAMU	0	0	0	0	0	0-2
VU	14	21	7	0	42	2-0

# SCORING SUMMARY

Attendance: 25,802 Time: 3:13 Weather: 79, fair, wind NE 12 mph

1st: VANDY: Webb 6-yd run (Openshaw kick), 11-67 6:22. VANDY: Pinkney 10-yd pass from Shurmur (Openshaw kick), 6-54 3:10.

**2nd:** VANDY: Lipscomb 45-yd pass from Shurmur (Openshaw kick), 6-81 2:33. VANDY: Shurmur 1-yd run (Openshaw kick), 3-10 0:53. VANDY: Sherfield 25-yd pass from Shurmur (Openshaw kick), 4-65 1:28.

3rd: VANDY: Pinkney 23-yd pass from Shurmur (Openshaw kick), 1-23 0:06.

<u>STATISTICS</u>	<u>aamu</u>	<b>VANDERBILT</b>
FIRST DOWNS	7	18
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	32-59	35-174
PASSING YDS (NET)	44	227
Passes Att-Comp-Int	21-8-2	26-19-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	53-103	61-401
FUMBLE RETURNS-YARDS	0-0	0-0
PUNT RETURNS-YARDS	1-5	5-63
KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS	2-23	1-22
INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS	0-0	2-9
Punts (Number-Avg)	10-35.4	5-33.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
PENALTIES-YARDS	5-21	4-40
Possession Time	29:19	30:41
THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	2 of 14	6 of 13
FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	0 of $0$	<b>0</b> of <b>1</b>
RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES	0-0	3-3
SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS	0-0	3-15

**RUSHING:** AAMU-May 6-27; Walters 12-17; Burke 8-17; Brower 3-7; Glass 3-(-9). VANDY-J. Wakefield 15-64; K. Blasingame 6-55; Webb 13-54; Shurmur 1-1. **PASSING:** AAMU-Glass 5-13-1-15; May 3-8-1-29. VANDY-Shurmur 15-18-0-202; Wallace 3-7-0-19; S. Stankavage 1-1-0-6.

**RECEIVING:** AAMU-Moore 3-5; Clash 2-10; O Miles 1-23; Randolph 1-4; Walters 1-2. VANDY-Sherfield 4-69; Pinkney 4-51; Duncan 3-29; Lipscomb 2-50; Winrow 1-13; Ellis 1-8; Dobbs 1-6; Marcus 1-4; K. Blasingame 1-(-1); J. Wakefield 1-(-2).