

VANDERBILT LOOKS FOR 3RD STRAIGHT WIN



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KICKOFF INFORMATION

DATE: Saturday, September 13, 2008
KICKOFF: 6:00 p.m., CST
STADIUM: Vanderbilt Stadium
LOCATION: Nashville, Tenn.
RADIO: Vanderbilt Radio Network;
 Flagship Station – 104.5 "The Zone"
COMMODORE RADIO CREW:
 Joe Fisher, play-by-play;
 John Gromos, color analyst;
 Kevin Ingram, sidelines reporter
XM RADIO: Channel 199
TV: none

TICKET AVAILABILITY

All tickets to the Vanderbilt-Rice game are \$12. The game also features the annual Vanderbilt Employee Tailgate and Celebration.

SEEKING 3-0 STARTS

Both Vanderbilt and Rice are looking to start the season 3-0 with a victory this Saturday.

JESS NEELY...LEGEND FOR BOTH

In college, Jess Neely was a remarkable talent for Dan McGugin's Commodores. As a head coach, primarily at Rice, he became a College Football Hall of Fame recipient. When Vanderbilt players participate in Star Walk, the street they'll cross is named Jess Neely Drive. *More on page 3*

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THE COMMODORE SEASON AT A GLANCE...(2-0, 1-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	NOTES
8/28	@ Miami of Ohio	(W, 34-13) Commodores rush for 269 yards in road win
9/4	So. Carolina , ESPN	(W, 24-17) Second straight win over ranked Gamecocks
9/13	Rice , 6 pm	2-0 Owls rally past Memphis with 29 fourth quarter points
9/20	@ Ole Miss, 6 pm	1-1 Rebels drop tough 30-28 decision at Wake Forest
10/4	Auburn , TBA	2-0 Tigers streamroll visiting Southern Miss 27-13
10/11	@ Miss. State, TBA	1-1 Bulldogs get on winning track against SE Louisiana
10/18	@ Georgia, TBA	2-0 Georgia wins easily over Central Michigan 56-21
10/25	Duke , 2 pm	1-1 Blue Devils fall to Northwestern in Durham 24-20
11/8	Florida , TBA	Tim Tebow and 2-0 Gators defeat Miami in Gainesville
11/15	@ Kentucky, TBA	2-0 Wildcats have little trouble with visiting Norfolk State
11/22	Tennessee , TBA	0-1 Vols off last week after falling in opener at UCLA
11/29	@ Wake Forest, TBA	2-0 Deacs beat Ole Miss with last-second field goal

VANDERBILT GAME NOTES

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QUICK FACTS ON VANDERBILT & RICE



	VANDERBILT	RICE
Location	Nashville, Tenn.	Houston, Texas
Founded	1873	1812
Enrollment	6,402	5,145
Conference	Southeastern	Conference USA
Nickname	Commodores	Owls
Colors	Black & Gold	Blue & Gray
Home Field	Vanderbilt Stadium	Rice Stadium
Capacity	39,773	47,000
Field Surface	natural grass	FieldTurf
Head Coach	Bobby Johnson (7th)	David Bailiff (2th)
Coaching Record	82-86 (.488)	26-24 (.520)
Website	vucommodores.com	riceowls.com



STADIUM IMPROVEMENTS ★ SERIES HISTORY

VANDERBILT STADIUM GETS FRESH LOOK; PHASE I CONSTRUCTION WORK COMPLETE

Commodore fans attending the home opener against South Carolina were greeted by the first substantial improvements to Dudley Field and Vanderbilt Stadium in more than a decade.

Construction crews completed Phase 1 work on Vanderbilt Stadium in late August. The result is a clean, refurbished look for the stadium, built in 1981.

The construction is the first of five phases outlined in a \$60 million athletic facility enhancement plan. The project was announced last winter by Vanderbilt Vice Chancellor of University Affairs and Student Athletics David Williams II.

Among the football stadium improvements completed in the Phase I work are:

- New brick exterior renovation to south end of stadium facing McGugin Athletic Center and Jess Neely Drive. The work extends the brick facade included at the adjacent Hawkins Baseball Field.
- Painting of stadium exterior.
- Addition of new Vanderbilt Bookstore and Commodore Grille outlets on concourse.
- New eastside concourse artwork featuring Vanderbilt Athletics "It's Good To Be Gold" theme. The artwork includes action images of several recent Vanderbilt standouts, such as football players Jay Cutler, Earl Bennett and Chris Williams, golfer Brandt Snedeker, hoopsters Shan Foster and Chantelle Anderson, and baseball players Pedro Alvarez and David Price.
- New exterior signage and installation of large "Star V" logos on the press box structure.

Bobby Johnson's football team also benefited from the addition of FieldTurf artificial surface at its practice facility this summer.

Phase I construction also is aimed at enhancing both Memorial Gym and Hawkins Field. New men's and women's player locker rooms, and post-game press conference facilities are under construction at Memorial Gym, along with the installment of a new wooden gym floor. At Hawkins Field, work is under way to expand capacity with the addition of seating areas in left field and right field.

The facility project is expected to continue for several years. Phase II, expected to get under way after the 2008 football season, calls for total renovation of both stadium gates facing Jess Neely Drive, and the continuation of the brick exterior facade down Natchez Trace. Work on the long-anticipated Vanderbilt Athletics Hall of Fame also is expected to start after the season.

The project also calls for future construction of new football player locker and meeting rooms, and expanded training and academic support facilities.

ANOTHER WIN OVER RANKED OPPONENT

Vanderbilt's 24-17 victory over No. 24 South Carolina last Thursday represents the third consecutive season that a Commodore squad has defeated a Top 25 opponent. It marks the first time in Vanderbilt history that the Commodores have accomplished the feat.

The Commodores are 3-5 in their last eight games against ranked opponents. Three of the five losses have been by a touchdown or less.

Prior to defeating No. 16 Georgia in Athens in 2006, the Commodores had lost 51 consecutive meetings with ranked teams.

The victory over South Carolina was the Commodores' first home win over a ranked opponent since defeating No. 25 Ole Miss 31-9 on Sept. 19, 1992.

WINS OVER TOP 25 TEAMS SINCE 2005

South Carolina, No. 24	Nashville (9/4/2008)	24-17
South Carolina, No. 6	Columbia, S.C. (10/20/2007)	17-6
Georgia, No. 16	Athens, Ga. (10/14/2006)	24-22

COMMODORES GET VOTES IN POLLS

After defeating South Carolina in front of a national television audience, the Commodores earned Top 25 consideration in weekly polls by the *USA Today* (coaches) and Associated Press (sportswriters).

Vanderbilt notched eight votes from the coaches and seven from the writers on Sunday. It marks the first time since Sept. 24, 2005 that the 'Dores have earned votes in either poll. Based on votes received, Vanderbilt is 33rd in the AP poll and 37th in the coaches' ballot.

The team's opponent this Saturday, Rice, also received recognition in the national writers poll.

USA TODAY COACHES' POLL

coaches ballot, released Sept. 7, 2008

#	SCHOOL (RECORD)	VOTES
1.	So. California (1-0) 34	1481
2.	Georgia (2-0) 18	1454
3.	Oklahoma (2-0) 3	1370
4.	Florida (2-0) 3	1306
5.	Ohio State (2-0) 1	1289
6.	Missouri (2-0)	1212
7.	LSU (1-0) 2	1198
8.	Texas (2-0)	1069
9.	Auburn (2-0)	1017
10.	Wisconsin (2-0)	946
11.	Kansas (2-0)	854
12.	Texas Tech (2-0)	755
13.	Arizona State (2-0)	737
14.	Oregon (2-0)	665
15.	Brigham Young (2-0)	628
16.	Alabama (2-0)	611
17.	Penn State (2-0)	547
18.	South Florida (2-0)	475
19.	Wake Forest (2-0)	419
20.	East Carolina (2-0)	375
21.	Fresno State (1-0)	300
22.	Utah (2-0)	235
23.	Clemson (1-1)	175
24.	West Virginia (1-1)	145
25.	California (2-0)	128

Others receiving votes:

Illinois 124; UCLA 86; Florida State 50; Kentucky 28; Boise State 22; Tennessee 21; TCU 18; Nebraska 16; Georgia Tech 15; Arizona 11; Virginia Tech 11; **Vanderbilt 8**; Oklahoma State 7; Iowa 4; Colorado 3; Notre Dame 3; Connecticut 2; Tulsa 2; Bowling Green 1; Northwestern 1; South Carolina 1.

ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

writers poll, released Sept. 7, 2008

#	SCHOOL (RECORD)	VOTES
1.	USC (33) 1-0	1,577
2.	Georgia (23) 2-0	1,525
3.	Oklahoma (23) 2-0	1,458
4.	Florida (4) 2-0	1,438
5.	Ohio State (1) 2-0	1,347
6.	Missouri (1) 2-0	1,336
7.	LSU (1) 1-0	1,231
8.	Texas 2-0	1,100
9.	Auburn 2-0	1,067
10.	Wisconsin 2-0	910
11.	Alabama 2-0	865
12.	Texas Tech 2-0	845
13.	Kansas 2-0	825
14.	East Carolina 2-0	762
15.	Arizona State 2-0	744
16.	Oregon 2-0	616
17.	Penn State 2-0	607
18.	Brigham Young 2-0	537
19.	South Florida 2-0	493
20.	Wake Forest 2-0	404
21.	Fresno State 1-0	290
22.	Utah 2-0	258
23.	California 2-0	195
24.	Illinois 1-1	164
25.	West Virginia 1-1	163

Others receiving votes:

UCLA 150, Clemson 73, Florida State 50, Boise State 22, Tennessee 15, Georgia Tech 14, Oklahoma State 11, **Vanderbilt 7**, TCU 6, Kentucky 6, Virginia Tech 4, Tulsa 3, South Carolina 2, Arizona 2, Connecticut 1, North Carolina 1, Rice 1.



COMMODORE NOTES

THE VANDERBILT-RICE SERIES

- ★ Meeting Between Schools: 4th
- ★ Series Record: Vanderbilt leads, 2-1
- ★ Last Meeting: Vanderbilt 9, Rice 6 (1975)
- ★ First Meeting: Vanderbilt 13, Rice 12 (1939)
- ★ Last Game in Series: Vanderbilt 9, Rice 6 (1975)
- ★ Vanderbilt Record in Nashville: 0-0
- ★ Vanderbilt Record in Rice: 2-1
- ★ Biggest Vanderbilt Margin: (3) 9-6 (1975)
- ★ Worst Vanderbilt Defeat: (21) 13-34 (1954)
- ★ Longest Vanderbilt Win Streak: 1
- ★ Longest Vanderbilt Losing Streak: 1

This will mark the first time that Vanderbilt and Rice have met on campus in Nashville. The three previous games between the schools were held at Rice Stadium in Houston. In the last game played between the teams, Vanderbilt placekicker/linebacker Mark Adams converted three field goals, including a 25-yarder with :32 seconds left, for all nine Commodore points.

TWO VANDERBILT LEGENDS HAVE RICE TIES

Two legendary former Vanderbilt football players, **Jess Neely** and **Watson Brown**, have ties to the Rice program.

As a Vanderbilt undergraduate, Neely became a legendary player and team leader on Dan McGugin's dominant Commodore squads from 1920-22. Neely served as a senior captain and became famous for preserving a 0-0 tie against mighty Michigan by recovering a fumble in the first game ever played in Old Dudley Field.

Neely soon earned an outstanding coaching reputation. After compiling a 43-35-7 record at Clemson, Neely moved to Rice where he spent 26 years. Neely became the winningest coach in Owl history with a 144-124-10 record. He also guided Rice to six bowls, including the Cotton, Sugar and Orange Bowls.

After leaving Rice, Neely returned to his alma mater, serving as athletics director. In 1967, he received the Amos Alonzo Stagg Award.

Neely was one of four people associated with the 1921 Commodore squad – along with McGugin, and players Red Sanders and Wallace Wade – eventually inducted as coaches into the College Football Hall of Fame.

Brown was a Vanderbilt fan favorite as a starting quarterback from 1969-70 and 1972. After he moved into coaching, Brown served as head coach at Rice for two years (1984-85) before returning to coach the Commodores for five years (1986-90).

COMMODORES FROM TEXAS

Eight Commodore players, including starters **Jared Hawkins** (TB, R-Jr., Spring) and **Patrick Benoist** (LB, Jr., Southlake), hail from Texas.

Both Hawkins (84 rushing yards) and Benoist (15 total tackles) produced career performances in Vanderbilt's win over South Carolina.

Other Texans on the Vanderbilt roster are WR **Turner Wimberly** (R-Jr., Austin), WR **Larry Simmons** (R-Jr., Austin), OL **Ryan Vance** (R-Jr., Bellaire), OL **Rob Ashabrunner** (R-Fr., Beaumont), OL **Richard Cagle** (Fr., Houston) and safety **Al Owens** (Fr., Springtown).

VANDERBILT SEEKS 3-0 START

Vanderbilt is seeking to run its record to 3-0 for the second time in three years.

The last time Vanderbilt captured its first three games was in 2005 when senior QB Jay Cutler guided the Commodores to victories over Wake Forest, Arkansas and Ole Miss. That season, the 'Dores actually started 4-0 in an eventual 5-7 campaign.

A 3-0 start is rare with the Vanderbilt program. Prior to 2005, the Commodores went more than two decades after starting 4-0 in 1984.

Counting this year, the Commodores have been 2-0 just four times since the 1984 season.

VANDERBILT VS. NON-SEC OPPONENTS

Vanderbilt is looking for its ninth victory in its last 10 games facing non-Southeastern Conference opponents.

In Vanderbilt's last non-SEC game, the Commodores defeated Mid-American Conference (MAC) member Miami University in the 2008 opener 24-13.

Under Bobby Johnson, the Commodores are 13-10 in non-SEC games.

In the last decade, Vanderbilt holds a 23-14 non-conference record. All-time, the Commodores are 434-188-32 in non-SEC games.

VANDERBILT VS. C-USA TEAMS

The Commodores are 35-39-3 all-time versus current members of the Conference USA.

Vanderbilt has not played a C-USA member since 1996 – a 31-15 decision against Alabama-Birmingham.

Below is a summary on Vanderbilt's all-time results vs. C-USA teams:

C-USA MEMBER	VU's RECORD	LAST MEETING
Army	4-3	41-10, 1991
Marshall	2-0	27-6, 1949
Memphis	7-5	10-13, 1989
Rice	2-1	9-6, 1975
SMU	2-2	14-11, 1991
Tulane	17-28-3	13-37, 1989
UAB	1-0	31-15, 1996
TOTALS	35-39-3	

PREP TEAMMATES FACING OFF

When junior **Patrick Benoist** lines up against Rice at linebacker Saturday, he'll be facing a familiar face in Owl wide receiver **Corbin Smiter**.

Benoist and Smiter, who starts for the explosive Rice offense, were classmates and teammates at powerful Southlake Carroll H.S. between Dallas and Fort Worth.

The duo, along with other standouts such as current Missouri QB Chase Daniel, helped Carroll to consecutive Texas 5A state titles. Carroll was regarded by *USA Today* as one of the nation's elite teams.

Two other Owls, **Joseph Agnew** and **Evan Fentriss**, also attended Carroll High.



COMMODORE NOTES

NICKSON CONTINUES SOLID QB PLAY

One week after celebrating his return to the starting lineup by earning SEC Offensive Player of the Week honors in Vanderbilt's 24-13 win at Miami University, **Chris Nickson** (R-Sr.) continued his steady play quarterback in the Commodores' 24-17 victory over South Carolina.

Nickson compiled just 107 total yards, but managed the 'Dore offense with precision, accounting for two touchdowns and limiting mistakes for the second straight game.

A 18-game starter before injuries sidelined him midway through the 2007 season, Nickson also moved into exclusive company during the game among Vanderbilt quarterbacks. With 90 passing yards, he becomes just the third Commodore QB to reach 3,000 passing yards and 1,000 rushing yards in his career. He joins Jay Cutler (2002-05) and Eric Jones (1986-88) on the dual-threat list.

Nickson hurt Miami with his dual abilities. He rushed for a career-high 166 yards and two touchdowns on 20 carries. Nickson's effort marks the second highest single-game rushing total ever by a Vanderbilt quarterback, trailing only Van Heflin's 167-yard effort vs. Air Force on Nov. 17, 1979.

FIRST-TIME COMMODORE STARTERS

Jared Hawkins (TB, R-Jr.) and **T.J. Greenstone** (DT, R-Fr.) earned their first career starting assignments in the win over South Carolina.

Greenstone and Hawkins became the 12th and 13th Commodores to earn their first career starts against either Miami (Ohio) or South Carolina. There have been seven new starters on offense and six on defense.

First-time starting assignments on offense were given to four linemen – **Joey Bailey** (R-So., RG), **Reilly Lauer** (R-So., LT), **Bradley Vierling** (R-Jr., C) and **Thomas Welch** (R.-Jr., RT). Besides Hawkins, **Jamie Graham** (R-Fr., WR) and **Austin Monahan** (So., TE) were the other first-time starters on offense.

Besides Greenstone, three other defensive linemen – **Greg Billinger** (Jr., DT), **Adam Smotherman** (R-So., DT) and **Broderick Stewart** (R-Jr., DE) – have started for the first time. A pair of linebackers from Memphis, **John Stokes** (So., SLB), and **Chris Marve** (R-Fr., MLB), also made their first career start.

COMMODORES SEEING INITIAL ACTION

Sixteen Commodores, including a trio of true freshmen, enjoyed initial collegiate action in the season-opening win at Miami University.

True freshmen seeing action in the opener were WR **John Cole**, CB **Casey Hayward** and safety **Sean Richardson**.

Three first-time players, **Jamie Graham** (WR), **Chris Marve** (MLB) and **T.J. Greenstone** (DT), also started for the Commodores.

Other Commodores getting into their first game were **Kyle Fischer** (OT, R-Fr.), **Udom Umoh** (WR, R-Fr.), **Brandon Barden** (TE, R-Fr.), **Rich Tompkins** (DB, Fr.), **Davis Flowers** (LB, R-Fr.), **Turner Wimberly** (WR, R-So.), **David Giller** (LS, So.), **Chris Aaron** (OC, R-So.), **Rob Ashabranner** (OC, R-Fr.) and **David Leinweber** (DE, R-Jr.).

ENOIST, BILLINGER POST CAREER GAMES

Patrick Benoist (Jr., LB) and **Greg Billinger** (Jr., DT) shared the team's Defensive Player of the Week honors after putting together career best efforts in the win over South Carolina.

Benoist, from powerful Southlake Carroll H.S. in Texas, was named the Southeastern Conference Defensive Player of the Week for efforts. Benoist joins quarterback **Chris Nickson** as early-season SEC recipients from Vanderbilt.

Benoist set a career high with 15 total tackles against the Gamecocks, including a six-yard QB sack and a two-yard tackle for loss. He also added a defended pass in the performance. Benoist smashed his previous high of eight tackles against Temple in 2006.

Billinger was equally effective in the middle of Vanderbilt's defensive line.

The Georgia native made his presence felt early and often. He contributed a QB sack to force an early USC field goal. In the third quarter, Billinger blocked a Carolina 42-yard FG attempt. On the Gamecocks' last possession, he added another key QB sack.

HAHNFELDT STAYS PERFECT IN KICKING GAME

Bryant Hahnfeldt (Sr., placekicker) shared the team's Specialist of the Week honors for the second straight week after his performance in the Miami (Ohio).

Hahnfeldt continued to take aim at the Commodore all-time scoring record for kickers (*more page 9*). He added a 19-yard field goal and three PAT conversions to surpass the 200-point plateau for his career. Hahnfeldt is 3-3 this season on field goal attempts.

A four-year starter, Hahnfeldt needs eight points to surpass John Markham's team scoring record of 209 points by a kicker.

HAWKINS HAS CAREER RUSHING EFFORT

Tailback **Jared Hawkins** (R-Jr., Spring, Texas) made the most of his first career start in the South Carolina game.

Starting in place of injured Jeff Jennings, Hawkins provided the Commodore rushing attack with a punishing, yet elusive force. Hawkins finished the game with 84 rushing yards on 17 carries. The rushing attempts and yardage total marked new career highs for Hawkins.

Hawkins' 84-yard total was the most rushing yards by a Commodore running back since Cassen Jackson-Garrison produced 119 yards in a 31-17 win over Ole Miss last year.

Similar to the entire Vanderbilt offense, Hawkins' performance seemed to improve with each series. After struggling in the first half, Hawkins' tough running style sparked the Commodore offense in the second half. He contributed a 12-yard run on Vanderbilt's second TD drive, then had 29 yards on five carries in the final scoring drive, which he capped from 13 yards.

Hawkins' effectiveness seemed to inspire a young Commodore offensive line that struggled in the first half. Hawkins' inside-the-tackle rushes sparked the line led by **Thomas Welch** (RT, R-Jr.).

The unit came up with three consecutive touchdown possessions in the second half.



COMMODORE NOTES

COMMODORES - YOUTHFUL STARTING SQUAD

One year after losing six players to NFL rosters, Vanderbilt Head Coach **Bobby Johnson** is playing a squad dominated by youth this season.

In Vanderbilt's win over South Carolina, Johnson's 22-player offensive and defensive starting lineup included three seniors, 12 juniors, four sophomores and three redshirt freshmen.

MORE COMMODORE NOTES

★ Through two games, Vanderbilt has improved its rushing attack. Sparked by the dual threat of senior QB **Chris Nickson**, the 'Dores are averaging 202 rushing yards. Their opponents have averaged just 94 rushing yards.

The Commodores also have tallied five rushing TDs. Opponents have yet to register a touchdown on the ground.

Vanderbilt is getting rushing yards from several positions. While Nickson and TB **Jared Hawkins** top the team with 183 and 135 yards, respectively, two of the top five rushers early in the season are wide receivers, **Sean Walker** (3rd, 55 yards) and **Jamie Graham** (5th, 11 yards).

★ Early in the season, Vanderbilt has been a productive second half squad.

The Commodores have outscored their first two opponents 28-10 in the second half, continuing a trend from the 2005 and 2007 seasons.

★ **Chris Nickson** (R-Sr., QB) is averaging just 90.5 passing yards, but he has played winning, error-free football through two games.

Nickson is 17 of 29 on the season, good for two touchdowns and no interceptions. His pass efficiency rating of 133.8 ranks sixth in the SEC and 50th in the nation.

Nickson also ranks among the SEC Top 5 in rushing yards (91.5), is sixth in total offense (182.0 yards) and tied for second with three rushing TDs.

★ Vanderbilt's preseason emphasis on special teams has paid dividends early in the season. The team ranks among the SEC Top 5 in punt return average (20.1 yards) and kickoff return average (20.5 yards). The squad's net punting average of 35.5 yards also ranks fifth in the conference after trailing behind the other 11 SEC teams in 2007.

★ The Vanderbilt offense has performed well inside the opponent's 20-yard line.

The offense is 9 for 9 in red-zone opportunities against Miami and South Carolina. They have scored touchdowns in six of the nine possessions.

Vanderbilt opponents are 4 of 5 in end-zone opportunities. They have scored two touchdowns in four chances.

★ Vanderbilt remains one of the NCAA's least penalized teams.

Through two games, the Commodores top the SEC with the fewest penalties (6) and fewest penalty yardage (60). They rank in the Top 20 nationally in both categories.

★ Nine different players have contributed a tackle for loss for the Commodore defense.

T.J. Greenstone (R-Fr., DT) tops the unit with 2.5 tackles for loss.

Four players – **Patrick Benoist** (Jr., LB), **Chris Marve** (R-Fr., LB), **Greg Billinger** (Jr., DT) and **D.J. Moore** (Jr., CB) – have added two tackles for loss.

TURNOVER MARGIN: KEY TO COMMODORES

A positive turnover margin has been one key to the Commodores' 2-0 start.

Vanderbilt ranks third in the SEC and 16th in the NCAA with a +1.5 turnover margin.

Against South Carolina, the Commodores forced three turnovers: two interceptions and a recovered fumble. The turnovers were big in Vanderbilt's eventual defeat of the No. 25 Gamecocks.

Vanderbilt didn't score on its first forced turnover: an interception by **Reshard Langford** on a pass deflected by CB **D.J. Moore**. But it stopped an early South Carolina scoring threat and totally changed field position after Langford's 33-yard return.

The Commodores scored their first points after NB **Darlon Spead's** first interception of the season, which he returned 41 yards. Eight plays later, **Bryant Hahnfeldt** hit a 19-yard FG.

The third turnover came on special teams – a fumble recovery by **Ryan Hamilton** on a Vanderbilt punt that hit the leg of a Carolina blocker. One play later, it resulted in Vanderbilt's first TD.

VANDERBILT RESULTS IN SEC OPENERS

Vanderbilt captured its Southeastern Conference opener for just the second time in its last 18 appearances by defeating South Carolina 24-17.

It was also Vanderbilt's first win in a SEC opener played at Dudley Field since 1990 when the Commodores topped LSU 16-14.

The Commodores are now 5-20 in their last 25 SEC openers. The win over South Carolina was the team's first victory in an SEC opener since 2005– a 28-24 victory at Arkansas.

YEAR	OPPONENT	SITE	W/L	SCORE
2008	So. Carolina	Nashville	W	24-17
2007	Alabama	Nashville	L	10-24
2006	Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	L	10-13
2005	Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.	W	28-24
2004	So. Carolina	Nashville	L	6-31
2003	Ole Miss	Nashville	L	21-24
2002	Auburn	Nashville	L	6-31
2001	Alabama	Nashville	L	9-10
2000	Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	L	10-28
1999	Alabama	Nashville	L	17-28
1998	Miss. State	Nashville	L	0-42
1997	Alabama	Nashville	L	0-20
1996	Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	L	26-36
1995	Alabama	Nashville	L	25-33
1994	Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	L	7-17
1993	Alabama	Nashville	W%	6-17
1992	Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	L	8-25
1991	LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	L	14-16
1990	LSU	Nashville	W	24-21
1989	Miss. State	Starkville, Miss.	L	7-42
1988	Miss. State	Nashville	W	24-20
1987	Alabama	Nashville	L	23-30
1986	Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	L	10-42
1985	Alabama	Nashville	L	20-40
1984	Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	W	30-21

% Vanderbilt awarded victory due to Alabama forfeit



COMMODORE NOTES

TWO IN A ROW OVER SPURRIER TEAMS

After 14 successful attempts, the Commodores have possess their own streak against squads coached by South Carolina mentor Steve Spurrier.

The Commodores have defeated Spurrier's team for the last two years. Prior to that, Vanderbilt squads were winless in 14 tries against Spurrier-guided teams at Duke, Florida and South Carolina.

In the last three years, Bobby Johnson's Commodores have snapped similar streaks against Tennessee head coach Philip Fulmer and Georgia head coach Mark Richt.

'DORES LOOKING FOR FIRST ESPN WIN

In defeating South Carolina last Thursday, the Commodores also won for the first time on the flagship ESPN station.

Before topping the Gamecocks, the 'Dores were winless in seven previous ESPN appearances dating back to a 1984 game against LSU.

The Commodore victory came in ESPN's first trip to the Vanderbilt campus since 1999.

While Vanderbilt is winless in ESPN appearances, it moved to 2-0 on ESPN with a 34-13 win at Miami (Ohio) last week.

'DORES ON ESPN STATIONS

YEAR	OPPONENT	STATION	W/L
2008	So. Carolina	ESPN	W
2008	Miami (Ohio)	ESPN	W
2007	Georgia	ESPN2	L
2006	Michigan	ESPN	L
2005	Wake Forest	ESPN	W
	LSU	ESPN2	L
	Georgia	ESPN2	L
	Florida	ESPN2	L
1999	Kentucky	ESPN	L
1998	Miss. State	ESPN2	L
	Tennessee	ESPN2	L
1997	Alabama	ESPN	L
	Georgia	ESPN	L
1996	Notre Dame	ESPN	L
	Alabama	ESPN2	L
	Tennessee	ESPN	L
1984	LSU	ESPN	L

THIRD STRAIGHT WIN ON THURSDAY

Vanderbilt captured its third straight victory on Thursday night last week when the Commodores defeated South Carolina 24-17.

The Commodores also defeated Miami (Ohio) 34-13 to open the season on Thursday, Aug. 28. Prior to that game, Vanderbilt's last Thursday appearance ended in a 24-20 win at Wake Forest on Sept. 1, 2005.

This season marks the first time ever that Vanderbilt has opened with consecutive Thursday night games.

WINNING UNDER THE LIGHTS

Since the 2005 opener, the Commodores are 10-4 while playing under the lights, including an 8-3 record in Vanderbilt Stadium. The team has also earned six victories in its last seven night appearances.

The victory over No. 25 South Carolina ranks among the Commodores' top night performances in the last three-plus seasons.

Other top Vanderbilt performances at night include road victories at Wake Forest and Arkansas in 2005, and a 31-17 decision over Ole Miss in 2007.

COMMODORES IN SEASON OPENERS

Vanderbilt, in its 119th year of organized football, captured its 76th season-opening victory with its win at Miami (Ohio) on Aug. 28. The Commodores moved to 76-39-4 all-time in season openers.

★ The 'Dores are now 10-15 in their last 25 openers.

★ Vanderbilt is now 24-24-2 all-time in openers played on the road. They are 3-7 in the last 10 openers played away from Nashville.

★ In their last 10 openers against non-SEC teams, Vanderbilt is 6-4.

COMMODORES' LAST 25 OPENERS

YEAR	OPPONENT	SITE	W/L	SCORE
2008	Miami (Ohio)	Oxford, Ohio	W	34-13
2007	Richmond	Nashville	W	41-17
2006	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	L	7-27
2005	Wake Forest	Winston-Salem, N.C.	W	24-20
2004	South Carolina	Nashville	L	6-31
2003	Ole Miss	Nashville	L	21-24
2002	Georgia Tech	Atlanta, Ga.	L	3-45
2001	MTSU	Nashville	L	28-37
2000	Miami (OH)	Nashville	L	30-33
1999	Alabama	Nashville	L	17-28
1998	Miss. State	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-42
1997	North Texas	Nashville	W	29-12
1996	Notre Dame	Nashville	L	7-14
1995	Alabama	Nashville	L	25-33
1994	Wake Forest	Nashville	W	35-14
1993	Wake Forest	Winston-Salem, N.C.	W	27-12
1992	Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	L	8-25
1991	Syracuse	Syracuse, N.Y.	L	10-37
1990	SMU	Dallas, Texas	L	7-44
1989	Miss. State	Starkville, Miss.	L	7-42
1988	Miss. State	Nashville	W	24-20
1987	Memphis	Nashville	W	27-17
1986	Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	L	10-42
1985	Chattanooga	Nashville	W	7-0
1984	Kansas State	Nashville	W	26-14

RESULTS OF OPENERS VS. NON-SEC TEAMS

2008	Miami (Ohio)	Oxford, Ohio	W	34-13
2007	Richmond	Nashville	W	41-17
2006	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	L	7-27
2005	Wake Forest	Winston-Salem, N.C.	W	24-20
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1996	Notre Dame	Nashville	L	7-14
1994	Wake Forest	Nashville	W	35-14



STAT COMPARISONS ★ MOORE...MR. VERSATILITY

STATISTICAL COMPARISON

	<u>VANDERBILT</u>	<u>RICE</u>
	(THROUGH WEEK 2)	
TEAM RECORD	2-0/1-0	2-0/2-0
TOTAL POINTS	58	98
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	7	13
POINTS ALLOWED	30	62
TOUCHDOWNS ALLOWED	3	9
FIRST DOWNS	32	54
RUSHING	21	22
PASSING	9	29
PENALTY	2	3
RUSHING YARDAGE	404	320
YARDS GAINED RUSHING	483	361
YARDS LOST RUSHING	[79]	[41]
RUSHING ATTEMPTS	91	71
AVERAGE PER RUSH	4.4	4.5
AVERAGE PER GAME	202.0	160.0
TDs RUSHING	5	4
PASSING YARDAGE	181	576
ATT-COMP-INT	29-17-0	81-50-2
AVERAGE PER PASS	6.2	7.1
AVERAGE PER CATCH	10.6	11.5
AVERAGE PER GAME	90.5	288.0
TDs PASSING	2	7
TOTAL OFFENSE	585	896
TOTAL PLAYS	120	152
AVERAGE PER PLAY	4.9	5.9
AVERAGE PER GAME	292.5	448.0
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	6-123	10-223
AVERAGE KICK RETURN	20.5	22.3
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	7-141	4-23
AVERAGE PUNT RETURN	20.1	5.8
INTERCEPTION RETURNS: #-YARDS	5-75	5-190
AVERAGE INT. RETURN	15.0	38.0
FUMBLES/FUMBLES LOST	4-3	6-2
OPP. FUMBLES/FUMBLES RECOVERED	3-1	3-2
PENALTIES-YARDS	6-60	5-35
AVERAGE PER GAME	30.0	17.5
PUNTS-YARDS	10-369	7-243
AVERAGE PER PUNT	36.9	34.7
NET PUNT AVERAGE	35.5	34.7
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	31:23	29:10
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	10/25	16/28
3RD DOWN PCT.	40%	57%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	0/1	0/0
4TH DOWN PCT.	0%	0%
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	3/3	2/4

D.J. MOORE: MR. VERSATILITY

It took one game for junior **D.J. Moore** to affirm his status as one of the nation's most versatile and productive players.

Named First Team All-SEC by the Associated Press, Moore single-handedly changed the momentum in Vanderbilt's opener at Miami with a remarkable first quarter performance.

In the span of 5:42 on the game clock, Moore intercepted a Miami pass attempt, forced a fumble on a quarterback sack that took the RedHawks out of field goal range, then returned the Miami punt 91 yards to the 1-yard line. The plays led to 10 Vanderbilt points.

Moore contributed as a defensive back, wide receiver, punt returner and kickoff returner for the Commodores. The 91-yard punt return – second longest in Vanderbilt history – was the first of Moore's career.

Moore focused on defense against South Carolina, contributing four tackles, including a 2-yard loss, and deflecting a pass that resulted in Reshard Langford's ninth career interception.

In 2007, the native of Spartanburg, S.C., was remarkable against his home-state Gamecocks. Moore earned National Defensive Player of the Week honors helping Vanderbilt to a 17-6 victory over the No. 6 ranked Gamecocks. He contributed two interceptions and eight tackles in the stellar performance last year.

An Athlons' preseason All-American, Moore has been added to several individual watchlists, including the Jim Thorpe Award, Nagurski Trophy and Bednarik Award.

Last year, Moore was one of the nation's top cornerbacks, sharing the SEC lead with six interceptions and ranking among the defensive leaders in solo tackles. He also put together one of the finest seasons ever by a Commodore kickoff returner, compiling a team-record 823 yards. He ranked among the NCAA leaders with a 25.7-yard average on kickoff returns and averaged 13 yards on six rushing attempts.

SUPPORTIVE CROWD IN HOME OPENER

An enthusiastic crowd of 36,850, mostly in support of the Black and Gold Commodores, watched Vanderbilt's 24-17 win over South Carolina in the home opener.

With season ticket sales at the highest levels since 1996, the Commodores are hoping to post its highest average attendance since the late 1990s.

The Vanderbilt-Auburn game on Oct. 4 is listed as a sellout. Two other contests – Florida on Nov. 8 and Tennessee on Nov. 22 – are near sellouts.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE SINCE 2000

YEAR	AVG. ATTENDANCE
2008 (through Game 1)	36,850
2007 (8 games)	34,629
2006 (7 games)	34,861
2005 (6 games)	36,031
2004 (6 games)	28,472
2003 (7 games)	28,282
2002 (7 games)	32,192
2001 (6 games)	33,990



2008 PARTICIPATION ★ RANKINGS ★ D.J. MOORE

VANDERBILT ACTIVE PLAYER PARTICIPATION

PLAYER	POSITION	2008 GAMES PLAYED	2008 STARTS	CAREER GAMES PLAYED	CAREER STARTS	CONSECUTIVE CAREER STARTS
Chris Aaron	C	1	-	1	-	-
Mackenzi Adams	QB	2	-	26	6	-
Josh Allen	CB	2	-	36	10	-
Rob Ashabranner	C	1	-	1	-	-
Joey Bailey	OG/C	2	2	5	2	2
Patrick Benoist	LB	2	2	20	7	6
Greg Billinger	DT	2	2	25	2	2
Jake Bradford	TE	2	-	26	2	-
Terrell Brannon	DE	2	-	3	-	-
Brandon Bryant	LB	-	-	20	3	-
Matt Bubis	FB	2	-	14	-	-
Joel Caldwell	CB	2	-	24	11	-
Nate Campbell	LB	2	-	14	-	-
John Cole	WR	1	-	1	-	-
Ryan Custer	OG	2	2	26	5	2
Jared Fagan	CB	2	-	37	2	-
Kyle Fischer	OT	2	-	2	-	-
Davis Flowers	LB	2	-	2	-	-
Nick Forte	OG	1	-	1	-	-
Michael Garcia	LB	2	-	6	-	-
David Giller	SN	1	-	1	-	-
Drew Gardner	OL	2	-	18	-	-
Jamie Graham	WR	2	2	2	2	2
Justin Green	TE	1	-	10	-	-
T.J. Greenstone	DT	2	1	2	1	1
Bryant Hahnfeldt	PK	2	2	37	37	37
Ryan Hamilton	S	2	2	26	23	21
Jared Hawkins	TB	2	1	24	1	1
Casey Hayward	DB	2	-	2	-	-
Eric Hensley	OL	2	-	19	-	-
Jeff Jennings	TB	1	1	32	14	-
Chris Johnson	LB	2	-	25	-	-
Theron Kadri	DE	2	-	14	-	-
Reshard Langford	SS	2	2	37	37	37
Reilly Lauer	DE/OT	2	2	4	2	2
John Laughrey	PK	-	-	3	-	-
David Leinweber	DE	1	-	1	-	-
Myron Lewis	CB	2	2	24	14	14
Chris Marve	LB	2	2	2	2	2
Gaston Miller	TB	2	-	10	-	-
Nick Miller	SN	-	-	16	-	-
Austin Monahan	TE	2	2	11	2	2
D.J. Moore	CB	2	2	26	23	14
Austin Newton	LB	2	-	11	-	-
Chris Nickson	QB	2	2	28	20	2
Kennard Reeves	RB	-	-	12	-	-
Chris Reinert	WR	2	-	11	-	-
Sean Richardson	S	2	-	2	-	-
Larry Simmons	WR	1	-	5	-	-
George Smith	WR	-	-	35	26	-
Adam Smotherman	DT	2	1	10	1	-
Darlon Spead	CB	2	-	25	4	-
Broderick Stewart	DE	2	2	26	2	2
John Stokes	LB/SN	2	2	14	2	2
Steven Stone	DE	2	2	26	14	14
Alan Strong	CB	2	-	11	-	-
Rich Tompkins	DB	2	-	2	-	-
Brent Trice	S	2	-	26	-	-
Udom Umoh	WR	2	-	2	-	-
Brett Upson	P	2	2	26	26	26
Ryan Vance	OL	-	-	3	-	-
Brad Vierling	OG	2	2	26	2	2
Sean Walker	WR	2	2	33	17	2
Alex Washington	WR	-	-	24	-	-
Thomas Welch	OT	2	2	23	2	2
Justin Wheeler	WR	2	2	23	2	2
Turner Wimberly	WR	2	-	2	-	-

VANDERBILT 2008 STATISTICAL RANKINGS

TEAM CATEGORY	AVG.	SEC	NCAA
Scoring Offense	29.0	7	57
Scoring Defense	15.0	7	T-29
Total Offense	292.5	12	96
Rushing Offense	202.0	4	30
Passing Offense	90.5	12	115
Total Defense	332.5	11	60
Rushing Defense	94.0	9	37
Passing Defense	238.5	10	78
Net Punting	35.5	4	47
Punt Returns	20.1	3	14
Kickoff Returns	20.5	5	63
Turnover Margin	+1.5	T-3	T-16
Pass Efficiency	133.8	6	50
Defensive Pass Efficiency	101.2	8	36
Penalties (Total)	6	1	T-7
Penalty Yardage	30.0	1	T-17
Third Down Conv. %	40.0%	8	T-60
Third-Down Conv. % (opponent)	33.3%	7	T-45
Quarterback Sacks	7	1	T-9
Quarterback Sacks Allowed	4	9	T-69
Pass Interceptions	5	1	T-2
Time of Possession	31:23	5	43
First Downs	16.0	12	T-96
First Downs Allowed	17.5	T-8	T-48

INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY	AVG.	SEC	NCAA
Josh Allen	interceptions	.5	T-8 T-36
Greg Billinger	sacks	1.0	T-2 T-16
Patrick Benoist	tackles	10.0	T-3 T-27
T.J. Greenstone	tackles for loss	1.25	- T-88
Bryant Hahnfeldt	scoring (kicker)	8	T-5 -
	field goals made	1.5	T-4 T-20
Jared Hawkins	rushing	67.5	10 75
Reshard Langford	interceptions	.5	T-8 T-36
Myron Lewis	interceptions	.5	T-8 T-36
Chris Marve	sacks	.5	T-10 T-91
D.J. Moore	interceptions	.5	T-8 T-36
	punt returns	23.8	3 8
	sacks	.5	T-10 T-91
Chris Nickson	rushing	91.5	5 T-37
	pass efficiency	133.8	7 -
	total offense	182.0	6 78
	scoring	9.0	T-7 T-60
Darlon Spead	interceptions	.5	T-8 T-36
Broderick Stewart	sacks	.5	T-10 T-91
Steven Stone	sacks	.5	T-10 T-91
Brett Upson	punting	36.5	6 62



COMMODORE NOTES

SEASON TICKET SALES STRONG FOR 2008 SCHEDULE

Vanderbilt football season ticket sales are on their strongest pace in more than a decade, according to Commodore athletic officials.

Commodore season ticket sales surpassed 18,900 last Friday. Officials said virtually every available season ticket has been sold.

The current number represents the most sold by Vanderbilt Athletics since 1996 when the Commodores hosted Notre Dame in its opener and Tennessee in the season finale.

Besides playing South Carolina and Rice this Saturday, the Commodore home schedule includes nationally ranked SEC teams Auburn (Oct. 4), Florida (Nov. 8) and Tennessee (Nov. 22) and non-conference foe Duke (Oct. 25).

The current sales level is well ahead of last year's final total of 15,191 season tickets. In 2006 – the last year Vanderbilt hosted cross-state Tennessee, South Carolina and Florida on its Nashville campus – the Commodores sold 11,367 season tickets.

"We're extremely pleased with the ticket sales total. I also believe we'll sell many more before the home opener," Ticket Manager Eric Jones said. "The tremendous home schedule is obviously a factor for the increase, but we're seeing new season ticket buyers that are enthusiastic about Coach (Bobby) Johnson's team and how we've upgraded the Vanderbilt gameday experience."

WEEKLY INDIVIDUAL HONORS: TOP COMMODORE PERFORMERS

MIAMI (OHIO) 34-13, Aug. 28

OFF. PLAYER OF WEEK: Chris Nickson, QB
DEF. PLAYER OF WEEK: Reshard Langford, FS
SPECIALISTS OF WEEK: Bryant Hahnfeldt, PK
Brett Upson, P

SOUTH CAROLINA 24-17, Sept. 4

OFF. PLAYERS OF WEEK: Jared Hawkins, TB
Thomas Welch, OT
DEF. PLAYERS OF WEEK: Patrick Benoist, LB
Greg Billinger, DT
SPECIALIST OF WEEK: Bryant Hahnfeldt, PK

JENNINGS WEARS DOSTER 'KD1' PATCH

Tailback Jeff Jennings (R-Sr.) became the second Vanderbilt player to wear the "KD1" jersey patch, one of the most significant recognitions awarded by the Commodore players.

The patch honors the memory of Kwane Doster, the only Commodore ever to receive the SEC Freshman of the Year Award. Doster was shot and killed in his hometown of Tampa, Fla., on Dec. 26, 2004. It was worn for the last two seasons by linebacker Jonathan Goff.

"It is a really big honor to wear the patch," Jennings said. "For the type of person Kwane (Doster) was, it is a real big honor to go out on the field and represent him.

"It means even more that I knew him and got to play with him. I really know what type of player and person he was, the type of work ethic he had and how much he wanted to win every game," Jennings added.

The team's Leadership Council votes on the player to wear the "KD1" patch. They recognized Jennings' leadership role and willingness to return from a serious knee injury suffered late in the 2005 season.

Jennings missed the South Carolina game after starting in the opener at Miami (Ohio). He needs 87 yards to surpass 1,000 career rushing yards.

PREP TEAMMATES ON VANDERBILT ROSTER

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

- **Derrius Dowell** (R-Jr., DT) and **Alan Strong** (R-So., CB) were standouts at Douglass H.S. in Atlanta.

- **D.J. Moore** (Jr., CB/WR/KR) and **Terrial Brannon** (R-So., DE) were classmates at Broome H.S. in Spartanburg, S.C.

- Senior PK **Bryant Hahnfeldt** (Sr., PK), **Matt Bubis** (R-Jr., H-Back) and **Rich Tompkins** (R-Fr., DB) attended at Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville.

- **Darlron Speed** (R-Jr., CB) and **Ryan Seymour** (Fr., DT) graduated from southern Georgia prep power Camden County H.S.

- **Michael Garcia** (R-So., LB) and **Ryan van Rensburg** (R-Fr., TB) were teammates at The Bolles School in Jacksonville, Fla.

- **Adam Smotherman** (R-So., DT) and **James Williams** (R-Fr., OT) helped Smyrna H.S. near Nashville to a state title.

- Linebackers **John Stokes** (So.) and **DeAndre Jones** (Fr.) were star performers at University School in Memphis.

REINERT OUT OF ACTION

Reserve receiver **Chris Reinert** (R-Jr.) will miss the rest of the season after suffering a broken left leg in the 24-17 victory over South Carolina.

Reinert gave an emotional thumbs-up to Vanderbilt teammates and fans as he was taken from the field by medical staff on a cart.

Reinert underwent surgery Friday at Vanderbilt Medical Center to repair fractures to the left tibia and fibula.

Junior DB **Darlron Speed** also is expected to miss extended playing time after sustaining a lower leg injury at the conclusion of an interception return against South Carolina.

The Commodores played against South Carolina without the services of two top receivers: senior **George Smith** and junior **Alex Washington**.

The Commodores also are expected to be without freshman receiver **John Cole** for several weeks. Cole suffered a knee injury at Miami and is expected to keep him out of action a minimum of eight weeks. He returned two punts for 23 yards against the RedHawks.

Linebacker **Brandon Bryant** (R-Jr.) is expected to continue out of action this week due to an offseason leg injury. Bryant, a starter at linebacker to open the '07 season, hopes to rejoin the team this season as he works his way back from a leg fracture suffered last winter.



COMMODORE NOTES ★ FORMER 'DORES IN THE NFL

VANDERBILT DEFENSE GETS THREE INTERCEPTIONS

The defense turned in another stellar performance in Vanderbilt's 24-17 victory at South Carolina.

The defense held the Gamecocks under 100 rushing yards in the win. The unit also sacked QB Chris Smelley on three occasions, and forced three turnovers.

South Carolina accumulated just 325 total yards.

It was the Commodores' second consecutive outstanding defensive performance against Steve Spurrier's squad.

In the last two meetings between the schools, the Commodores have surrendered just 114 rushing yards while notching five interceptions and 11 quarterback sacks.

Interceptions were turned in by safety **Reshard Langford** and nickelback **Darlon Spead**. For Langford, it was his ninth career pick, most on the team.

The Commodores' young defensive line also played outstanding, with DT **Greg Billinger** and DE **Steven Stone** contributing sacks.

The unit ranks among the SEC and NCAA leaders in several categories. Through two games, the defense tops the SEC with seven QB sacks and five interceptions, ranking ninth and second in the NCAA, respectively.

The unit is allowing 94 rushing yards per game, 37th in the NCAA. Their scoring defense, 15.0 points per game, is seventh in the SEC and 29th in the nation.

HAHNFELDT: CHASING TEAM ALL-TIME SCORING MARK

Senior placekicker **Bryant Hahnfeldt** is chasing an important team scoring record held by a close friend and placekicking mentor.

Hahnfeldt, a Nashville native, needs eight points to overtake John Markham (1997-2000) as the Commodores' record holder for career points by a kicker.

Hahnfeldt and Markham are longtime friends. Both were standout kickers at Montgomery Bell Academy, a school located 1.5 miles west of Vanderbilt.

Hahnfeldt opened his fourth year as the starting Commodore placekicker by converting field goals of 42 and 32 yards at Miami (Ohio). He hit a 19-yarder in the win over South Carolina.

As a junior in 2007, he converted 13 field goals – a single season career high. For his career, Hahnfeldt is 33 of 54 in field goals and 87 of 91 extra points.

Hahnfeldt holds the team record for PATs made with 94. He needs to make 12 field goals this season to surpass Markham's career school record of 47.

Hahnfeldt moved into second place during 2008 opener, passing Ricky Anderson (192 points, 1981-84) on the all-time list.

Commodore Leaders – Career Points by Kicker

	PLACEKICKER	FGs	PATs	POINTS
1.	John Markham, 1997-2000	47-68	68-77	209
2.	Bryant Hahnfeldt , 2005-08	36-57	94-98	202

VISITING OXFORD TWICE

The Commodores will make two trips to Oxford this season.

Vanderbilt's first visit to Oxford came in the season opener – a 34-13 win over Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

For its second road appearance, the 'Dores will return to Oxford – Oxford, Miss. – to take on Ole Miss Sept. 20.

Later in the year, Vanderbilt will make another trip to Mississippi – playing Mississippi State in Starkville on Oct. 11.

INEXPERIENCED LINE

In 2007, the Commodores featured five senior offensive line starters that combined for 161 career starting assignments.

This year, the group is talented yet inexperienced, with only one returnee (OG **Ryan Custer**) having starting experience.

The unit, coached by veteran mentor Robbie Caldwell, is led by junior center and co-captain **Bradley Vierling**.

FORMER VANDERBILT PLAYERS IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Former Commodore	NFL Team	Notes
Earl Bennett, WR	Chicago Bears	Third round pick; Was inactive in Chicago's 29-13 victory over Indianapolis
Marcus Buggs, LB	Buffalo Bills	Added to Bills' practice squad after getting released from active roster on Aug. 30
Corey Chavous, Safety	St. Louis Rams	Posted five tackles in Rams' decisive loss to Eagles... Starting 11th NFL campaign
Jay Cutler, QB	Denver Broncos	Opens third season as starter when the Broncos visit Oakland on Monday Night Football
Curtis Gatewood, LB	Washington Redskins	Added to Redskins' practice squad after getting released from active roster on Aug 30
Justin Geisinger, OG/C	Washington Redskins	Earned permanent roster spot with Redskins; did not play in opening loss to N.Y. Giants
Jonathan Goff, LB	New York Giants	Rookie LB impressed coaches in early camp; currently sidelined with back injury
Jovan Haye, DT	Tampa Bay	DT starter in opener; contributed one tackle in Bucs' narrow loss against New Orleans
Hunter Hillenmeyer, LB	Chicago Bears	Started in solid Bears linebacking corps, contributed one tackle in 29-13 win over Colts
Chris Williams, OT	Chicago Bears	First round pick is sidelined with back injury; could return to active duty by November
Jamie Winborn, LB	Denver Broncos	Could be in starting unit at LB when the Broncos visit Oakland on Monday Night Football
Todd Yoder, TE	Washington Redskins	Started in opener against New York Giants, but did not register a reception





MORE ABOUT THE COMMODORES

SMITH – BEATING THE ODDS

George Smith continues to beat the odds.

Vanderbilt's offensive co-captain and starting receiver was featured on ESPN.com this summer for his remarkable attitude and amazing recovery from a near-death experience in 2004.

In the last three years, the sixth-year senior from Pembroke Pines, Fla., has survived a serious ailment and gunshot attack to become a valuable starting receiver for the Black & Gold.

The fact that Smith is in uniform is remarkable. In April 2004, Smith was diagnosed with acute transverse myelitis, an illness that causing swelling of the spinal cord. For the next six weeks, Smith fought the illness in intensive care and eventually extensive rehabilitation. Smith returned to Vanderbilt the following semester, sat out the 2004 season, and finally received medical clearance during the 2005 preseason camp.

One of only three sixth-year players in the SEC this year, Smith has 76 career receptions, 997 career receiving yards and eight TDs.

Smith missed the first two games recovering from an unrelated foot injury.

JAMIE GRAHAM: TWO-SPORT STUDENT-ATHLETE

When **Jamie Graham** (R-Fr., WR) made his first appearance in a Commodore uniform as a receiver starter against Miami, he earned the distinction of being the only SEC student-athlete who played basketball to '07-08 to participate in this football season.

Graham, a native of Nashville, redshirted on the football team in 2007, but became an integral part of the Commodore men's basketball success last winter.

After joining the hoops team after football ended, Graham became a fan favorite and defensive specialist in 15 appearances on the basketball court. He played important minutes down the stretch, helping the squad to a berth in the NCAA tournament.

Graham became the first Commodore to play both basketball and football since wide receiver Fred Baker did both in 1994-95.

In the Commodores' win at Miami, Graham continued on reception.

SQUAD SERVED BY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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

Co-captains **Reshard Langford**, **George Smith** and **Bradley Vierling** are members of the Leadership Council.

Others voted by teammates to represent other various position groups include **Mackenzi Adams**, quarterbacks; **Steven Stone**, defensive line; **Jeff Jennings**, offensive backfield; **Jake Bradford**, receivers/tight ends; **Bryant Hahnfeldt**, specialists; and **Patrick Benoist**, linebackers.

KITCHINGS JUST THIRD CHANGE TO JOHNSON STAFF

First-year Commodore running backs mentor **Des Kitchings** represents just the third change to Coach Johnson's Vanderbilt staff in his tenure.

Kitchings, a former Furman offensive coach, replaces Kenny Carter, who joined the Florida staff.

Johnson arrived at Vanderbilt with the belief that consistency on the coaching staff would lead to greater stability in the program and better chances for team success. He has taken the principle to heart: under Johnson, Vanderbilt has experienced the fewest coaching changes in the SEC. Both coordinators – Bruce Fowler (defense) and Ted Cain (offense) – also have the conference's longest tenures.

The coaching staff has multiple links dating back three decades to Johnson's initial year in collegiate coaching when he served as a defensive ends assistant at Furman. Johnson is just the fourth head coach in Vanderbilt football history to reach seven years of service.

COMMODORES CONTINUE ANCHOR 'UNITY' TRADITION

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

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

MEDIA INFORMATION

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Patrick Benoist (Ben-WAH)
Teriall (Ter-RELL) Brannon
Matt Bubis (BOO-bus)
Nick Forte (FORT)
Tim Fugger (FEW-ger)
Theron (THER-in) Kadri (COD-ree)
Reshard (Rah-SHARD) Langford
Chris Marve (MARV)
Chris Reinert (RINE-ert)
Darlon (Dah-RON) Spead (SPEED)
Udom (OOD-um) Umoh (OO-mah)
Bradley Vierling (VEER-ling)

JOHNSON, STUDENT-ATHLETE POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

Following the Rice game, Coach Johnson will meet with media representatives at the Commodores' postgame press conference facilities in McGugin Athletic Center (two-story brick building across Jess Neely Drive from stadium).

As in past seasons, the post-game conference area is housed in the team's wide receiver meeting room. Access is gained through the stadium tunnel, across Jess Neely Drive, and into the McGugin Center entrance directly in front of Gate 3.

The Vanderbilt Player Locker Room is closed to the media. The Vanderbilt SID staff will take requests for student-athlete interviews. Interviews with 4-5 student-athletes will be conducted as soon as Coach Johnson concludes his remarks.

PRACTICE WEEK INTERVIEW POLICIES

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

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

Selected Vanderbilt players will be available for interviews with out-of-town beat reporters on Wednesday following the team's practice.

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

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

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



HEAD COACH BOBBY JOHNSON

PERSONAL DATA

AGE: 56

ALMA MATER: Clemson

HIGH SCHOOL: Eau Claire (S.C.) 1969

DEGREES: Bachelor's in Management,
1973, Clemson;

Master's in Education, 1979, Furman

FAMILY: Wife, Catherine

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 82-86 overall record as head coach;
4-4 record in NCAA postseason play
- During Vanderbilt tenure, has coached the first Commodore named unanimous SEC Offensive Player of the Year (Jay Cutler, 2005), the team's only SEC Freshman of the Year (Kwane Doster, 2002), the nation's top tackler (Hunter Hillenmeyer, 2002) and the first Vanderbilt All-America (Earl Bennett, 2006), in seven years.
- I-AA National Coach of the Year in 2001.
- Three Southern Conference titles
- 222-142-8 Combined Record
(32 years of collegiate coaching)

SEVENTH YEAR RECORD OF 'DORE HEAD COACHES

Johnson is just the fourth head coach in team history to reach seven years of service with the university. Here's the seventh year record of that group:

COACH	YEARS	RECORD
Bobby Johnson	2008	2-0
George MacIntyre	1985	3-7-1
Art Guepe	1959	5-3-2
Dan McGugin	1910	8-0-1

SUMMARY OF JOHNSON'S COACHING CAREER

YEAR	SCHOOL	POSITION	RECORD	HIGHLIGHTS
2008	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	2-0 (0-0)	Another win over ranked opponent
2007	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	5-7 (2-8)	road win over No. 6 So. Carolina
2006	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	4-8 (1-7)	win over No. 22 Georgia in Athens
2005	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	5-6 (3-5)	VU's Most SEC wins since '91
2004	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	2-9 (1-7)	
2003	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	2-10 (1-7)	
2002	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	2-10 (0-8)	
2001	Furman	Head Coach	12-3	I-AA Finals; Conference Co-Champion; I-AA Coach of the Year; I-AA Region II Coach of Year
2000	Furman	Head Coach	9-3	I-AA Playoffs; Conference Co-Champion
1999	Furman	Head Coach	9-3	I-AA Playoffs; Conference Champions; I-AA Region II Coach of Year
1998	Furman	Head Coach	5-6	
1997	Furman	Head Coach	7-4	
1996	Furman	Head Coach	9-4	I-AA Playoffs; I-AA Region II Coach of Year
1995	Furman	Head Coach	6-5	
1994	Furman	Head Coach	3-8	
1993	Clemson	Defensive Coordinator	8-3	
1992	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	6-5	
1991	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	7-4	
1990	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	9-4	
1989	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	12-2	I-AA Playoffs; Conference Champions
1988	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	13-2	I-AA Playoffs; Conference Champions I-AA National Champions; Conference Champions
1987	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	7-4	
1986	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	7-3-2	
1985	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	12-2	I-AA Finals; Conference Champion
1984	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	8-3	
1983	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	10-2-1	Conference Champion
1982	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	9-3	Conference Champion
1981	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	8-3	Conference Champion
1980	Clemson	Athletic Academic Counselor		
1979	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	5-6	
1978	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	8-3	Conference Champion
1977	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	4-5-2	
1976	Furman	Defensive Ends Coach	6-4-1	

JOHNSON'S WEEKLY INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

TV HIGHLIGHTS SHOW

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

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

Regionally, the show airs twice weekly on CSS at Comcast channel 27: Tuesday, 6:30 a.m., and Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

JOHNSON'S RADIO SHOW

The Commodore Call-In Show with Bobby Johnson can be heard each Monday on Vanderbilt Athletics' flagship station WGFX FM-104.5 at a new time this season.

The show will air weekly at 6:30 p.m., 30 minutes earlier than in past years.

The show is hosted by Commodore play-by-play announcer Joe Fisher. The show, open to the public, will be held at the refurbished Commodore Bar & Grille in Holiday Inn Select, located on West End Avenue.

The show features Johnson's game recap, a look at the next opponent and questions from callers across Middle Tennessee.





COMMODORE DEPTH CHART

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 7

OFFENSE

Z WR	7	Sean Walker	(6-0, 178, R-Sr.)
	26	Andrew Diomande	(6-2, 204, Sr.)
X WR	25	Jamie Graham	(5-11, 190, R-Fr.)
	23	Udom Umoh	(5-11, 172, R-Fr.)
S WR	80	Justin Wheeler	(6-1, 178, R-Jr.)
	81	Turner Wimberly	(6-1, 195, R-So.)
QB	3	Chris Nickson	(6-1, 212, R-Sr.)
	9	Mackenzi Adams	(6-3, 215, R-Jr.)
TB	31	Jared Hawkins	(5-10, 202, R-Jr.)
	27	Gaston Miller	(5-7, 180, R-So.)
TE	86	Austin Monahan	(6-7, 255, So.)
	85	Jake Bradford	(6-6, 270, Sr.)
-or-	87	Brandon Barden	(6-5, 245, R-Fr.)
LT	68	Reilly Lauer	(6-6, 275, R-So.)
	72	Kyle Fischer	(6-6, 300, R-Fr.)
LG	73	Ryan Custer	(6-3, 295, R-Jr.)
	70	Drew Gardner	(6-6, 305, R-Jr.)
C	60	Bradley Vierling	(6-3, 292, R-Jr.)
	71	Joey Bailey	(6-4, 280, R-So.)
	55	Rob Ashrabanner	(6-2, 285, R-Fr.)
RG	71	Joey Bailey	(6-4, 280, R-So.)
	61	Nick Forte	(6-2, 290, R-Jr.)
	77	James Williams	(6-6, 305, R-Fr.)
RT	76	Thomas Welch	(6-7, 305, R-Jr.)
	66	Eric Hensley	(6-6, 312, R-Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	96	Steven Stone	(6-5, 272, R-Jr.)
	89	Teriall Brannon	(6-3, 245, R-So.)
DT	56	Greg Billinger	(6-4, 290, Jr.)
	62	Ryan Seymour	(6-4, 282, Fr.)
-or-	84	Rob Lohr	(6-4, 270, Fr.)
DT	59	Adam Smotherman	(6-4, 285, R-So.)
-or-	74	T.J. Greenstone	(6-3, 278, R-Fr.)
DE	90	Broderick Stewart	(6-5, 230, R-Jr.)
	91	Theron Kadri	(6-4, 272, So.)
SLB	49	John Stokes	(6-5, 228, So.)
	11	Brent Trice	(6-3, 218, Jr.)
	46	Austin Newton	(6-3, 218, R-So.)
MLB	13	Chris Marve	(6-0, 225, R-Fr.)
	45	Chris Johnson	(6-1, 228, R-Jr.)
WLB	30	Patrick Benoist	(6-0, 220, Jr.)
	52	Nathan Campbell	6-3, 228, R-So.)
CB	17	D.J. Moore	(5-10, 1882, Jr.)
	14	Josh Allen	(5-9, 184, R-Sr.)
SS	33	Reshard Langford	(6-2, 212, R-Sr.)
	38	Sean Richardson	(6-2, 190, Fr.)
FS	2	Ryan Hamilton	(6-2, 210, R-Jr.)
	29	Joel Caldwell	(6-1, 195, R-Jr.)
CB	5	Myron Lewis	(6-3, 202, Jr.)
	16	Alan Strong	(5-10, 175, R-So.)
NB	20	Jared Fagan	(5-9, 182, R-Sr.)
	19	Casey Hayward	(6-0, 178, Fr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	8	Bryant Hahnfeldt	(5-11, 185, Sr.)
	94	Ryan Fowler	(5-10, 160, Fr.)
SN	49	John Stokes	(6-5, 228, So.)
	69	David Giller	(6-1, 240, So.)
H	9	Mackenzi Adams	(6-3, 215, R-Jr.)
KO	8	Bryant Hahnfeldt	(5-11, 185, Sr.)
	94	Ryan Fowler	(5-10, 160, Fr.)

KR	17	D.J. Moore	(5-10, 182, Jr.)
	7	Sean Walker	(6-0, 178, R-Sr.)
PR	17	D.J. Moore	(5-10, 182, Jr.)
	7	Sean Walker	(6-0, 178, R-Sr.)
P	39	Brett Upson	(5-11, 185, Jr.)
	8	Bryant Hahnfeldt	(5-11, 185, Sr.)



ALPHABETICAL TEAM ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YEAR.	ELIG.	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL	NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YEAR.	ELIG.	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
63	Chris Aaron	OG	6-3	290	R-So.	SQ	Palos Verdes, Calif./Palos Verdes	68	Reilly Lauer	OT	6-6	275	R-So.	SQ	Gates Mill, Ohio/St. Ignatius
9	Mackenzi Adams	QB	6-3	215	R-Jr.	2L	Tulsa, Okla./Union	93*	David Leinweber	DE	6-5	245	R-Jr.	SQ	Bloomfield Hills, Mich./Cranbrook
14	Josh Allen	CB	5-9	184	R-Sr.	3L	Roswell, Ga./Roswell	5	Myron Lewis	CB	6-3	202	Jr.	2L	Pompano Beach, Fla./Pompano Beach
55	Rob Ashabranner	C	6-2	275	R-Fr.	RS	Beaumont, Texas/Cathedral Christian	54	Taylor Loftley	DL	6-2	250	Fr.	HS	Chamblee, Ga./Chamblee
40	Bo Baggerley	LB	6-0	210	Sr.	SQ	Forsyth, Ga./Stratford Academy	84	Rob Lohr	DL	6-4	270	Fr.	HS	Phoenixville, Pa./Phoenixville
71	Joey Bailey	OG/C	6-4	280	R-So.	1L	Trussville, Ala./Hewitt-Trussville	13	Chris Marve	LB	6-0	225	R-Fr.	RS	Memphis, Tenn./White Station
87	Brandon Barden	TE	6-5	245	R-Fr.	RS	Lincolnton, Ga./Lincoln Co.	17	D.J. Moore	CB	5-10	182	Jr.	2L	Spartanburg, S.C./Broome
15	Archie Barnes	LB	6-4	200	Fr.	HS	Tampa, Fla./Berkeley Prep	27	Gaston Miller	TB	5-7	180	R-So.	1L	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Riverdale
30	Patrick Benoist	LB	6-0	222	Jr.	2L	Southlake, Texas/Carroll Senior	75	Nick Miller	SN	6-3	250	R-Jr.	2L	Matthews, N.C./East Mecklenburg
56	Greg Billinger	DT	6-3	290	Jr.	2L	Lilburn, Ga./Parkview	86	Austin Monahan	TE	6-7	255	So.	1L	Charlotte, N.C./Country Day
85	Jake Bradford	TE	6-6	270	Sr.	2L	St. Simons Island, Ga./Glynn Acad.	46	Austin Newton	LB	6-3	218	R-So.	1L	McDonough, Ga./Union Grove
89	Terrial Brannon	DE	6-3	235	R-So.	SQ	Spartanburg, S.C./Broome	3	Chris Nickson	QB	6-1	212	R-Sr.	3L	Brundidge, Ala./Pike Co.
32	Matt Bubis	HB	5-10	230	R-Jr.	1L	Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell	37	Al Owens	DB	6-2	178	Fr.	HS	Springtown, Texas/Springtown
57	John Burrow	LB	6-4	230	Fr.	HS	Morris, Ala./Mortimer Jordan	15*	Will Parker Roe	S	5-10	175	R-Fr.	RS	Humboldt, Tenn./Humboldt
67	Michael Bryant	OL	6-4	290	Fr.	HS	La Vergne, Tenn./La Vergne	43	Michah Powell	DB	6-0	192	Fr.	HS	Tarpon Springs, Fla./East Lake
65	Richard Cagle	OL	6-4	285	Fr.	HS	Houston, Texas/St. Pius X	58	Colt Nichter	DT	6-2	285	Fr.	HS	Park City, Utah/Park City
29	Joel Caldwell	S	6-1	195	R-Jr.	2L	Hoover, Ala./Hoover	28	Kennard Reeves	TB	6-0	202	R-So.	1L	Duluth, Ga./Duluth
52	Nate Campbell	LB	6-3	228	R-So.	1L	Hazen, Ark./Hazen	34	Ryan van Rensburg	TB	6-1	215	R-Fr.	RS	Jacksonville, Fla./The Bolles School
50	Thomas Carroll	PK	5-9	165	R-Jr.	SQ	Columbus, Ga./Brookstone	36	Chris Reinert	WR	5-9	175	R-Jr.	1L	Santa Ana, Calif./Servite
83	John Cole	WR	5-11	170	Fr.	HS	Somerset, Ky./Somerset	38	Sean Richardson	DB	6-2	190	Fr.	HS	Linden, Ala./Linden
89*	Chris Crooks	WR	6-3	208	R-Fr.	SQ	Chattahoochee, Ga./Chattahoochee	28*	Alex Schultz	DB	6-0	192	R-Jr.	SQ	Wayland, Mass./Wayland
73	Ryan Custer	OG	6-3	295	R-Jr.	2L	Troy, Ohio/Troy	45*	Chavez Scott	TB	5-7	185	Fr.	HS	Memphis, Tenn./Whitehaven
48	Dexter Daniels	LB	6-1	210	Fr.	HS	Brantley, Ala./Brantley	62	Ryan Seymour	DL	6-4	255	Fr.	HS	Kingsland, Ga./Camden Co.
84	Chris DeGeorge	HB	6-2	225	R-Jr.	SQ	Portland, Tenn./Portland	18	Larry Simmons	WR	5-10	168	R-Jr.	SQ	Austin, Texas/Anderson
26	Andrew Diomande	WR	6-2	204	Sr.	TR	Miami, Fla./Columbus HS/Clemson	88	George Smith	WR	6-3	202	R-Sr.	3L	Pembroke Pines, Fla./Hollywood Hills
41	Jermaine Doster	TB	5-10	205	R-Fr.	RS	Tampa, Fla./Robinson	10	Larry Smith	QB	6-2	215	R-Fr.	RS	Prattville, Ala./Prattville
22	Akeem Dunham	WR	6-3	185	Fr.	HS	Eustis, Fla./Eustis	59	Adam Smotherman	DT	6-4	285	R-So.	1L	Smyrna, Tenn./Smyrna
20	Jared Fagan	CB	5-9	182	R-Sr.	3L	Waldorf, Md./Westlake	6	Darlon Speed	NB	5-10	186	R-Jr.	2L	Kingsland, Ga./Camden Co.
72	Kyle Fischer	OT	6-6	300	R-Fr.	RS	Columbia, S.C./Spring Valley	90	Broderick Stewart	DE	6-5	230	R-Jr.	2L	Newnan, Ga./Riverside Military
51	Davis Flowers	LB	6-0	215	R-Fr.	RS	Dothan, Ala./Houston Academy	49	John Stokes	LB/SN	6-5	228	So.	1L	Memphis, Tenn./University School
61	Nick Forte	OG	6-2	290	R-Jr.	SQ	Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood Academy	96	Steven Stone	DE	6-5	268	R-Jr.	2L	Conway, Ark./Conway
94	Ryan Fowler	PK	5-10	160	Fr.	HS	Taylor, S.C./Eastside	26	Alan Strong	CB	5-10	180	R-So.	1L	Atlanta, Ga./Douglass
42	Tim Fugger	DE	6-4	255	R-Fr.	RS	Oak Brook, Ill./Montini Catholic	14	Tristan Strong	LB	6-1	220	Fr.	HS	Loganville, Ga./Grayson
12	Jared Funk	QB	6-2	202	R-So.	SQ	Long Grove, Ill./St. Viator	24*	Rich Tompkins	DB	5-11	185	R-Fr.	SQ	Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell
44	Michael Garcia	LB	6-0	235	R-So.	1L	Jacksonville, Fla./The Bolles School	11	Brent Trice	S/LB	6-3	214	Jr.	2L	Orange, Va./Fort Union Military
70	Drew Gardner	OG	6-6	305	R-So.	1L	Hoxie, Ark./Hoxie	37*	Elvio Tropeano	S	5-9	200	R-Fr.	RS	Pomfret, Conn./Middlesex School
69	David Giller	SN	6-1	240	So.	TR	Swampscott, Mass./Swampscott	23	Udom Umoh	WR	6-0	172	R-Fr.	RS	Fort Valley, Ga./Peach Co.
25	Jamie Graham	WR	6-0	190	R-Fr.	RS	Nashville, Tenn./Whites Creek	39	Brett Upson	P	5-11	185	Jr.	2L	Griffin, Ga./Spalding
82	Justin Green	TE	6-6	235	R-So.	1L	Troy, Ala./Henderson	79	Ryan Vance	OG	6-3	290	R-Jr.	1L	Bellaire, Texas/Episcopal
74	T.J. Greenstone	DT	6-3	282	R-Fr.	RS	Lawrenceville, Ga./Collins Hill	46*	Duane Vaughn	S	6-1	195	R-Fr.	RS	Goodlettsville, Tenn./Davidson Academy
8	Bryant Hahnfeldt	P/PK	5-11	185	Sr.	3L	Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell	60	Bradley Vierling	C	6-3	292	R-Jr.	2L	Warmminster, Pa./Central Bucks East
2	Ryan Hamilton	FS	6-2	210	R-Jr.	2L	Wycombe, Pa./Council Rock North	7	Sean Walker	WR	6-0	178	R-Sr.	3L	Wrens, Ga./Jefferson Co.
31	Jared Hawkins	TB	5-10	202	R-Jr.	2L	Spring, Texas/Klein	4	Alex Washington	WR	5-10	182	R-Jr.	2L	Stone Mtn., Ga./Stephenson
19	Casey Hayward	DB	6-0	178	Fr.	HS	Elko, Ga./Perry	76	Thomas Welch	OT	6-7	305	R-Jr.	2L	Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood
66	Eric Hensley	OT	6-6	312	R-Jr.	1L	Clinton, Tenn./Clinton	78	Caleb Welchans	OL	6-5	285	Fr.	HS	Wildwood, Mo./Lafayette
93	Josh Jelesky	DE	6-5	234	Fr.	HS	Naperville, Ill./Naperville	80	Justin Wheeler	WR	6-1	178	R-Jr.	2L	North Augusta, S.C./North Augusta
21	Jeff Jennings	TB	6-1	214	R-Sr.	3L	Dandridge, Tenn./Jefferson Co.	77	James Williams	OL	6-6	305	R-Fr.	RS	Smyrna, Tenn./Smyrna
45	Chris Johnson	LB	6-1	228	R-Jr.	2L	Birmingham, Ala./Oak Mountain	81	Turner Wimberly	WR	6-1	195	R-So.	SQ	Austin, Texas/Westlake
47	DeAndre Jones	LB	6-0	220	Fr.	HS	Memphis, Tenn./University School	97	John Laughrey	PK	5-11	180	R-So.	SQ	McKenzie, Tenn./McKenzie
91	Theron Kadri	DE	6-4	270	So.	1L	Brighton, Tenn./Brighton	98	Johnell Thomas	DL	6-1	240	Fr.	HS	Orlando, Fla./Boone
84*	Richard Kent	P	6-1	190	Fr.	HS	Marietta, Ga./Walton	99	Derrius Dowell	DT	6-3	285	R-Jr.	2L	Atlanta, Ga./Douglass
33	Reshard Langford	S	6-2	212	R-Sr.	3L	Tanner, Ala./Tanner								

* Duplicate jerseys

COMMODORE NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	NO.	NAME	POS.	NO.	NAME	POS.	NO.	NAME	POS.	NO.	NAME	POS.
2	Ryan Hamilton	FS	21	Jeff Jennings	TB	38	Sean Richardson	DB	62	Ryan Seymour	DL	83	John Cole	WR
3	Chris Nickson	QB	22	Akeem Dunham	WR	39	Brett Upson	P	63	Chris Aaron	OG	84	Rob Lohr	DL
4	Alex Washington	WR	23	Udom Umoh	WR	40	Bo Baggerley	LB	65	Richard Cagle	OL	84	Chris DeGeorge	HB
5	Myron Lewis	CB	24	Tristan Strong	LB	41	Jermaine Doster	TB	66	Eric Hensley	OT	84*	Richard Kent	P
6	Darlon Speed	NB	24*	Rich Tompkins	DB	42	Tim Fugger	DE	67	Michael Bryant	OT	85	Jake Bradford	TE
7	Sean Walker	WR	25	Jamie Graham	WR	43	Michah Powell	DB	68	Reilly Lauer	OT	86	Austin Monahan	TE
8	Bryant Hahnfeldt	P/PK	26	Andrew Diomande	WR	44	Michael Garcia	LB	69	David Giller	SN	87	Brandon Barden	TE
9	Mackenzi Adams	QB	27	Gaston Miller	TB	45	Chris Johnson	LB	70	Drew Gardner	OG	88	George Smith	WR
10	Larry Smith	QB	28	Kennard Reeves	TB	45*	Chavez Scott	TB	71	Joey Bailey	C/OG	89	Terrial Brannon	DE
11	Brent Trice	S	28*	Alex Schultz	DB	46	Austin Newton	LB	72	Kyle Fischer	OL	89*	Chris Crooks	WR
12	Jared Funk	QB	29	Joel Caldwell	S	51	Davis Flowers	LB	73	Ryan Custer	OG	90	Broderick Stewart	DE
13	Chris Marve	LB	30	Patrick Benoist	LB	52	Nate Campbell	LB	74	T.J. Greenstone	DT	91	Theron Kadri	DE
14	Josh Allen	CB	31	Jared Hawkins	TB	54	Taylor Loftley	DL	75	Nick Miller	SN	93	Josh Jelesky	DE
15	Archie Barnes	LB	32	Matt Bubis	HB	55	Rob Ashabranner	C	76	Thomas Welch	OT	93*	David Leinweber	DE
15*	Will Parker Roe	S	33	Reshard Langford	S	56	Greg Billinger	DT	77	James Williams	OL	94	Ryan Fowler	PK
16	Alan Strong	CB	34	Ryan van Rensburg	TB	57	John Borrow	LB	78	Caleb Welchans	OL	96	Steven Stone	DE
17	D.J. Moore	CB	35	Brandon Bryant	LB	58	Colt Nichter	DT	79	Ryan Vance	OG	97	John Laughrey	PK
18	Larry Simmons	WR	36	Chris Reinert	WR	59	Adam Smotherman	DT	80	Justin Wheeler	WR	98	Johnell Thomas	DL
19	Casey Hayward	DB	37	Al Owens	DB	60	Bradley Vierling	C/OG	81	Turner Wimberly	WR	99	Derrius Dowell	DT
20	Jared Fagan	CB	37*	Elvio Tropeano	S	61	Nick Forte	OG	82	Justin Green	TE			

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