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Southeastern Conference regular season and tournament championships, SEC Coach of the Year, three consecutive NCAA tournament appearances, a No. 1 national ranking, 36 players drafted and two players selected in the top two of the draft.

The list of accomplishments would read like a career resume for most, but for Vanderbilt head coach Tim Corbin, the achievements are a snapshot of his past three seasons alone.

To say Vanderbilt's baseball program has arrived would be an understatement. However, before the Commodores can advance to their fourth consecutive NCAA Tournament, they must overcome the loss of virtually their entire offense from last season.

Gone from last year's squad that finished 41-22 overall and 15-14 in the SEC are 73.8 percent of the team's runs scored, 68.5 percent of its RBI and 69.2 percent of its hits.

The majority of that production came from the likes of Pedro Alvarez, Ryan Flaherty, Alex Feinberg, David Macias, Dominic de la Osa and Shea Robin, who have all either graduated or moved on to the minor leagues.

Showing just how far Vanderbilt has come as a baseball program, Alvarez's selection to the Pittsburgh Pirates at No. 2 overall, gave Vanderbilt the distinction of being the only school — high school or college — to have players picked either No. 1 or No. 2 overall in consecutive MLB Drafts since Major League Baseball began having just one draft per year in 1987. David Price was selected No. 1 overall in 2007.

The 2009 team will not only have to overcome the loss in production of players such as Alvarez, it must also replace the leadership the group provided.

A good portion of that leadership may come from the pitching staff, which will be the most experienced group on the team.

Having a team with experienced pitchers and a host of wet-behind-the-ears position players will be a complete 180 from the outlook for the 2008 season when the team returned 85.5 percent of its hits, which helped offset the losses of Price and Casey Weathers.

"We will be inexperienced on the field," Corbin said, but we bring back 87 percent of the innings on the pitching staff, led by Mike Minor and Caleb Cotham."

Because of the team's lack of experienced position players, the Commodores will lean heavily on its freshman class to provide an immediate impact. The 13-member class was touted as the No. 2 class in the country by *Baseball America* and the No. 3 class by *Collegiate Baseball*.

Eight of the 13 members of the class were drafted in the 2008 amateur draft. Of the position players in the class, six are listed on the three-deep, while shortstop Jason Esposito and third baseman Joe Loftus are penciled in as starters.

All of the players saw significant action in the fall with eyes on a starting spot in the spring.

"In the seven years that our staff has been at Vanderbilt, this class will have more of an impact on the field than any previous group," Corbin said.



**Curt Casali**

"We are fortunate to have a class that is this talented and this deep."

### Infield

No area on the field was hit harder by graduation and the draft than the infield. With the losses of Alvarez, Feinberg, Flaherty and Robin, Vanderbilt will be looking for new starters at every position besides first base, where junior Andrew Giobbi returns.

In addition to Giobbi, junior Brian Harris (2B) will add a veteran presence to an infield that has three underclassmen in sophomore Curt Casali (C) and true freshmen Jason Esposito (SS) and Joe Loftus (3B).

After a breakout campaign in 2008, where he ranked second on the team with a .332 batting average, Giobbi returns as Vanderbilt's top returning offensive threat this season. The Portland, Maine, native also led the team with 22 doubles and ranked third on the squad with 42 RBI.

"Andrew (Giobbi) will be a catalyst for our team in many ways," Corbin said. "He has improved his athleticism greatly and can play several positions on the field. He has come up with a lot of big hits in his career and he is a very positive influence on our young kids."

Although he is listed as the team's preseason starter at first base, don't be surprised to see him spending time behind the plate, where he is listed as the No. 2 catcher behind Casali. Casali batted .317 last year and will likely find his way into the lineup because of his bat even when he isn't catching.

A Nashville, native Harris is one of the team's most versatile players. Listed as the preseason starter at second base, Harris is also the backup at shortstop and third base. Although Harris was not a regular starter, he was one of the team's most vital players last year, filling in for Alvarez at third base and Feinberg at second base when they both missed time due to



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injuries.

"Brian is the most versatile infielder on our team," Corbin said. "He has great reflexes and hands. Brian has developed as a hitter in a big way; makes very good contact and has plate discipline. He will be counted on very heavily by our team."

### Outfield

There were three players who played and started every single game last season. Of those players, two were outfielders. Every game, Vanderbilt took the field it could count on centerfielder David Macias and rightfielder Dominic de la Osa being in the lineup.

Corbin will try to fill their void by shifting senior Jonathan White to center field and sophomore Steven Liddle to right field. Last season, Liddle and White battled each other for playing time in left field. Likely earning the start in left this year will be sophomore Alex Hilliard, who had just three at bats last season.

White started 30 games last season, hitting .286 and ranking second on the team with 11 stolen bases. When not playing in left field, White was the team's primary designated hitter at the end of last season. His production on the field will be key to Vanderbilt's success, but what may be even more important is the leadership he brings to the locker room as a fifth-year senior.

"Jonathan (White) is a rare case of a player who possesses legitimate speed and power," Corbin said. "He can be an offensive threat and really help our team. His experience and attitude should be a key factor as well."

Liddle was one of the team's most pleasant surprises last season. The Franklin, Tenn., product hit .310 and totaled 28 RBI in 158 at bats. His .376 on-base percentage is also the highest among any returning player with at least 100 bats last season.



Steven Liddle

"Steve (Liddle) really came on at the end of last year," Corbin said. "He is a good all-around baseball player who always plays hard. He has very good fundamental skills in the outfield and handles the bat very well."

### Designated Hitter

Vanderbilt used a platoon of players at designated hitter last season and this year will likely be no different. The biggest difference at the position this season will be the experience level Corbin has to select from.

After having a bench full of experienced players to fill the spot in recent seasons, this year's team will turn to young players in 2009.

Among those battling for time at the position will be sophomores Richie Goodenow and Aaron Westlake and sophomore transfer Dylan Pratt. Catcher Curt Casali will also see time at the position when he is not behind the plate.

Goodenow has been primarily used as a pitcher out of the bullpen, but has impressed Corbin with his offensive development in the fall and sees Goodenow as a two-way player for the Commodores.

"Richie (Goodenow) has turned the corner as a player," Corbin said. "He had a very good fall as a pitcher and also as a hitter."

Westlake was starting to find a role in the lineup last season, but a shoulder injury caused him to miss the last two months of the year.

### Pitching

Vanderbilt's strong suit should be its pitching staff. The returning members of the staff accounted for 37 of the team's 41 wins last season and pitched 87.4 percent of the innings.

The staff will be buoyed by the return of its weekend rotation of lefthander Mike Minor and righthanders Caleb Cotham and Nick Christiani. The rotation posted a 20-12 mark and accounted for 43.6 percent of the team's strikeouts.

Leading the rotation will be Minor, who posted a 7-3 record to go along with a 4.28 ERA. This past summer he was named College Summer League Player of the Year by *Baseball America*. Minor earned the honor after helping the USA Baseball National Team win the gold medal game of the FISU World Championships by throwing 9.2 innings of shutout baseball in the team's 12-inning win over Japan.

Minor's place among the best pitchers in the nation was recognized this winter when he earned second team preseason All-America honors from the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association.

"Mike has to be seen as one of top pitchers in the country," Corbin said. "He brings back a tremendous amount of experience. We have relied on him heavily since his freshman year and we will continue to do so again."

The team's Saturday starter will be Cotham, who finished the season with a 7-6 record and 4.50 ERA, while averaging over one strikeout per inning.

"Caleb (Cotham) had a great summer in the Cape Cod League and continued his progress this fall," Corbin said. "He has developed into a quality SEC starter with a heavy fastball and two quality secondary pitches. He has

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**Caleb Cotham**

improved a great deal over the last year."

Vanderbilt's Sunday starter will be Christiani, who posted a 6-3 record and a 4.97 ERA. He was drafted in the 32nd round by the Cleveland Indians but turned down the chance to play professionally and returned to Nashville.

"Getting Nick (Christiani) back for his senior year was very big for our team in many ways," Corbin said. "He has a lot of experience in the SEC and he continues to get better."

After being one of the biggest question marks heading into the 2008 season, the middle of the bullpen is one of Vanderbilt's most stable parts this year. Righthander Chase Reid and Goodenow, a lefty, were solid contributors last season and will once again fortify the middle of the bullpen.

Reid finished second on the team with 23 appearances, where he went 4-0 with a 4.30 ERA. Goodenow pitched in 19 games, finishing 1-0 with a 4.22 ERA as a lefty specialist.

Also adding depth to the middle of the bullpen will be righthanders Jack Armstrong and Will Clinard and lefthanders Sean Bierman, Grayson Garvin, Ben Blanton, Corey Williams and Kellen St. Luce.

At the back of the bullpen will be sophomore right-hander Russell Brewer, who earned Freshman All-SEC honors after posting eight saves and a 3.52 ERA last season.

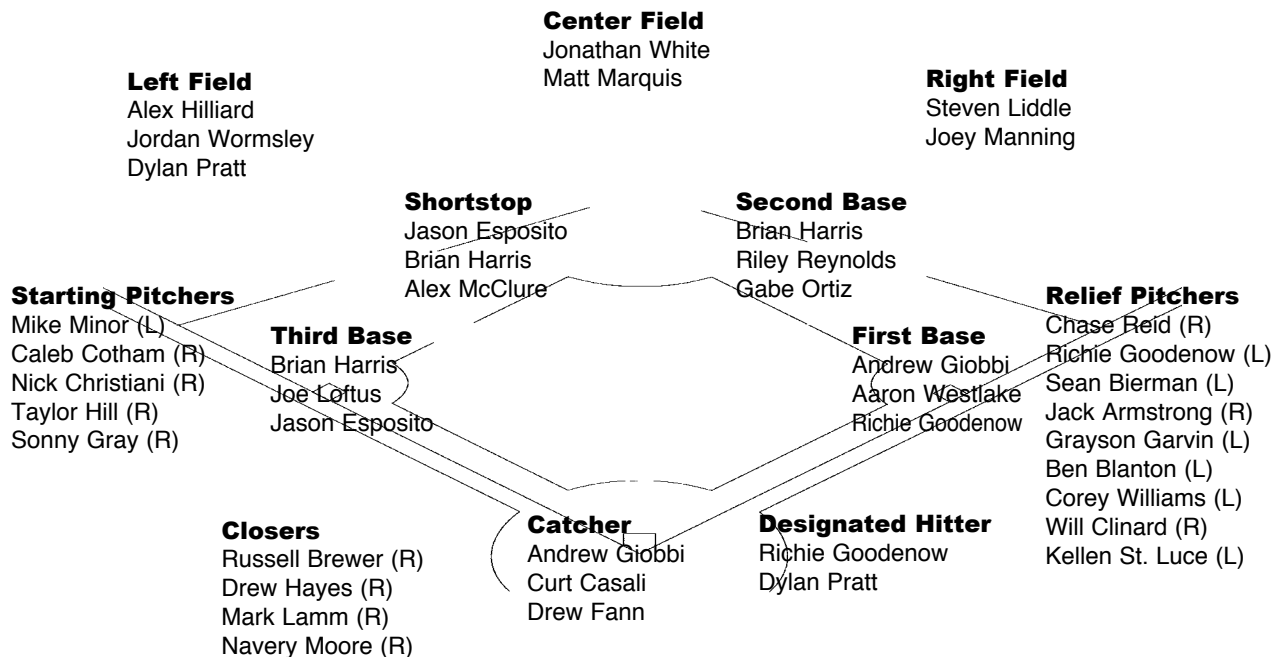
"Russell (Brewer) is as consistent as any pitcher we have," Corbin said. "He could be used in many roles, but really flourishes at the end of the game because of his attitude."

Corbin also expects righthanders Drew Hayes, Mark Lamm and Navery Moore to provide significant innings at the back of the bullpen. Hayes had two saves last season to go along with his team-leading 3.51 ERA.

"Drew has really come on the last year," Corbin said. "He has a very good arm with a very competitive attitude. We will count on him heavily and he will end up pitching some very important innings for us. He is very valuable to our club's success."

While there are many new faces on the 2009 squad, the one thing that will remain the same is the focus on pitching and defense with timely hitting. This team may have growing pains early but should be able to come together and make another run into the nation's elite.

### 2009 Preseason Commodore Depth Chart



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## RETURNING PLAYER BIOS



**SEAN**  
**BIERMAN**  
So.-1L • LHP  
6-0, 200 • L/L  
Kinnelon, N.J.  
Kinnelon H.S.

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**Coach Corbin Quote:** Sean may have been one of our most improved pitchers this fall. His fastball and breaking ball command improved a great deal. He is a good athlete who can field his position and hold runners. Will be a big key for our team.

**2008:** Went 0-0 with 8.64 ERA and 23 strikeouts in 16.2 innings...Made first collegiate appearance against Arizona State (2/23), allowing six runs on three hits in 1.2 innings of work...Bounced back nicely from opening outing, striking out the side in his only inning against Evansville (2/27)...Saw first SEC action against South Carolina (3/14), pitching 0.1 of an inning, walking one and striking out one...Struck out five in two innings of scoreless work against Lipscomb (3/19) ... Made first collegiate start against Middle Tennessee (3/26), gave up three runs, one earned, on four hits with a walk and two strikeouts in 3.0 innings of work. Did not factor in the decision... Made second start of the season against MTSU (4/2), allowing five runs on five hits in 3.2 innings. For the second straight week, he did not factor in the decision...Pitched two scoreless innings against Austin Peay (4/9), allowing only one hit while striking out two batters...Gave up one run on two hits with two strikeouts and a walk in relief against Mississippi State (4/11)...Walked and struck out a batter in 0.1 innings in relief against Lipscomb (4/15)... Closed out Auburn (4/19), allowing one hit with two strikeouts and a walk in 0.2 innings ... Recorded an out and walked three batters against Tennessee Tech (5/7) ... Went 2-2 with 3.70 ERA in 10 appearances for Keene of the New England Collegiate Baseball League over the summer. Struck out 42 batters in 41.1 innings of work.



**High School:** Tabbed the seventh best prospect out of New Jersey by *Baseball America* entering the June 2007 draft ... 42nd round selection by the Cincinnati Reds ... First-team All-County at Kinnelon H.S. ... Captain of the baseball and soccer teams as a junior and senior ... Lettered four years in both sports ... Played for the Bayside Yankees in the summer and helped lead team to Premier League National Championship in 2006-07. Was 3-3 with a 3.00 ERA in nine games, including seven starts in 2007. Struck out 32 batters with 14 walks in 32.2 innings, while also recording a save.

**Personal:** Sean Charles Bierman ... Born 10/20/88 .... Son of John and Candice Bierman ... Has a sister, Ashley ... Undecided on major... Favorites include Andy Pettite, Lebron James, Entourage, and the movies Old School and Miracle ... Favorite vacation spot is St. Thomas ... Chose Vanderbilt because of the great athletics and education combination.



**BEN**  
**BLANTON**  
Fr.-RS • LHP  
6-3, 205 • L/L  
Alpharetta, Ga.  
Chattahoochee H.S.

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**Coach Corbin Quote:** We are expecting Ben to start to work his way into the mix after a redshirt year. He can throw three solid pitches for strikes. He has very good work habits and is very good in weight room.

**2008:** Redshirted his true freshman campaign. Went 4-0 with 2.33 ERA in 27 innings for the Fauquier Gators in the Valley League over the summer. Only pitcher on the team to toss a complete game shutout.

**High School:** Tabbed the 31st best prospect out of Georgia by *Baseball America* entering the June 2007 draft ... Helped lead Chattahoochee High to state championship in 2005. Team finished No. 23 in the national rankings by B.A. ... Set the school single season record in ERA (0.58) and saves (4). Six career saves also record ... 2007 *Atlanta Journal Constitution* All-Northside First Team ... Four-year letterman ... Also earned team's Outstanding Player Award in 2007 ... Member of the National Honor Society (2005-07) and the Spanish National Honor Society (2005-07) ... Graduated Magna Cum Laude and also served as the sports editor of the school newspaper.

**Personal:** Benjamin Troy Blanton ... Born 9/17/88 .... Son of Jan Blanton ... An economics major... Favorites include Jeff Francoeur, Family Guy, Garth Brooks, Will Ferrell and the movies 300 and Superbad ... Favorite vacation spot is Orange Beach, Ala. ... Chose Vanderbilt because it gives him the best of both worlds: attending one of the top universities in the world and getting the opportunity to play baseball for Coach Corbin.

### Bierman Career Stats

Year	ERA	W	L	App	GS	CG	SHO	CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP
2008	8.64	0	0	13	2	0	0	0	0	16.2	21	19	16	15	23	5	0	2	88	.304	0	2





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RUSSELL

**BREWER**

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So.-1L • RHP  
6-0, 200 • R/R  
Norwood, N.C.  
South Stanly H.S.

**Coach Corbin Quote:** *Russ is as consistent as any pitcher we have. He could be used in many roles, but really flourishes at the end of the game because of his attitude. He is a very good athlete with plus command.*

**2008:** Named to All-SEC Freshman team after leading the team with eight saves (tied for seventh best in school history) ... Converted infielder who finished the year with a 4-2 record and 3.52 ERA ... Control pitcher with 52 strikeouts and just 10 walks in 46.0 innings ... Led team in appearances with 26... Made first career appearance in ninth inning against Evansville (2/27) and picked up the victory, allowing one hit and striking out one in his inning of work...Pitched the final 2.1 innings against Kansas (2/29), retiring all seven batters he faced, including striking out a career-high three...Closed out the game against Louisville (3/4), pitching the final innings and allowing only one hit while striking out two...Recorded first career save against Western Carolina (3/11), pitching the final three innings and only allowing two hits while striking out five...Picked up second win of the season against South Carolina (3/14), pitching 1.2 innings, allowing only one hit, walking two and striking out one ... Gave up three unearned runs in 2.2 innings against Alabama (3/23) ... Threw three innings of two hit scoreless relief against Middle Tennessee (3/26) with five strikeouts and a walk...Pitched five innings of scoreless baseball against Arkansas (3/29), allowing four hits while striking out six...Recorded second save of the season against MTSU (4/2), pitching a scoreless ninth inning...Allowed one run on six hits in 2.2 innings in series finale against Ole Miss (4/6)...Pitched an inning of scoreless relief against Mississippi State (4/11)...Came into the game with the bases loaded and two outs in the bottom of the ninth against the Bulldogs (4/13) with VU ahead 4-3. Went 2-0 on the batter before running the count full and then struck him out swinging to end the game to pick up third save of the year...gave up a run on one hit in two innings with four strikeouts in relief against Auburn (4/18)... Earned fourth save of the year against Auburn (4/20), pitching the final 1.2 scoreless innings with two strikeouts and a hit. Came into the game with the bases loaded and one out in the eighth and the Commodores leading 9-5. Struck out Mike Bianucci who had homered twice in the game and got Hunter Morris to pop up after homering earlier in the game and against Brewer in his first appearance against the Tigers...Notched fifth save of the year with 0.2 innings against Austin Peay (4/22). Struck out final batter ... Picked up third win of the year with 1.2 innings of scoreless relief against Kentucky (4/25) ... Made his first career start in place of an injured Nick Christiani against Tennessee (5/4). Gave up five runs on five hits in five innings of work with a walk and a strikeout. Did not factor in decision...Threw 2.2 innings of two-hit scoreless relief with career high seven strikeouts against Georgia (5/9). Picked up the win against the Bulldogs to move to 4-0 on the year...Gave up

two runs on two hits and didn't record an out against Georgia (5/10). Charged with his first career loss... Gave up four runs on three hits in an inning of work against Florida (5/15)... Allowed one run on two hits in two innings of work against Gators (5/17) ... Recorded an out and sixth save of the year against Florida in the opening round of the SEC tourney (5/21) ... Notched seventh save against South Carolina (5/23) with 1.1 innings of scoreless work with two strikeouts and walk ... Closed out 7-4 win over Ole Miss (5/24) in the first semifinal game of SEC tourney. Recorded an out for eighth save of the year ... charged with loss against Oklahoma (6/1) after allowing two runs on one hit in 1.1 innings with a strikeout and a walk ... Went 1-0 with 2.74 ERA and team-high 12 saves in 18 games for Hyannis in the Cape Cod League over the summer. Opponents batted just .187 off him in closer role. Named to Cape Cod League All-Star team and was Relief Pitcher of the Year in addition to All-League honors at the end of the summer.

**2007:** Redshirted ... Played for the Waynesboro Generals of the Valley League over the summer. Was 4-2 with a 2.15 ERA in 11 appearances, including eight starts. Had two complete games and two shutouts with 54 strikeouts and just 10 walks in 54.1 innings. Also hit .226 with three homers and 20 RBI in 41 games, including 26 starts.

**High School:** Three-year captain of South Stanly High School ... Was a three-time all-conference pick and the team MVP his junior and senior years ... Played in the North Carolina State games ... Helped lead team to district championship as a sophomore ... Also lettered in basketball, cross country and soccer ... Excelled in the classroom as well, was National Honor Society Vice President, President of the Spanish Club and a member of the Vica Club and Student Democracy.

**Personal:** Robert Russell Brewer ... Born 2/25/88 ... Son of Pam and Keith Brewer ... Has two brothers, Adam and Ethan ... Majoring in Human and Organizational Development ... Favorites include Scott Rolen, Carolina Panthers receiver Steve Smith, SportsCenter, and home-cooking ... One person he would like to have dinner with (living or dead) is Mickey Mantle ... Chose Vanderbilt because of strong academics and the quality baseball program ... Considers Nolan Ryan to be the greatest baseball player of all-time.



### Brewer Career Stats

Year	ERA	W	L	App	GS	CG	SHO	CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP
2008	3.52	4	3	26	1	0	0	0	8	46.0	44	21	18	10	52	9	1	7	195	.250	0	3

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## RETURNING PLAYER BIOS



CURT

CASALI

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So.-1L • C  
6-3, 220 • R/R  
New Canaan, Conn.  
New Canaan H.S.

**Coach Corbin Quote:** *Curtis should be a big key to our success. He gained some experience behind the plate last year and should catch a sizable amount this year. He will be in the lineup regardless because of the way he handles the bat. He has very good strike zone discipline and can drive the ball. In addition he also gives us some depth at first base.*

**2008:** Batted .317, with 13 runs scored and 13 RBI...Made first collegiate appearance against Arizona State (2/23), going 1-for-1 with two runs scored and a walk...Made first career start against Xavier (3/2), going 3-for-5 with four RBI and two runs scored...Had perfect 3-for-3 day at the plate, scored three runs and had an RBI against Louisville (3/4)...Scored two runs and had a hit against Illinois-Chicago (3/9)...Hit first home run of his career against Western Carolina (3/12), while driving in two runs ... Hit walk off two-run homer in bottom of the 12th against Middle Tennessee (3/26)...Came in as a pinch hitter against Austin Peay (4/9) and went 1-for-1...Tied a career best with three hits against Lipscomb (4/15) with two RBI...Was 1-for-2 against Western Kentucky (4/16)...Went 1-for-4 with two RBI against Austin Peay (4/22)...Started at DH against Florida (5/16), going 1-for-3 ... Hit .172 with a double, triple, and homerun in 30 games for Hyannis in the Cape Cod League over the summer.

**High School:** Tabbed the second best prospect out of Connecticut/Rhode Island by *Baseball America* entering the June 2007 draft ... Named a first-team All-American by *Collegiate Baseball* in 2007 ... Also participated in the Playstation All-American game ... Was a star on the baseball diamond as well as on the gridiron for New Canaan High ... Named first-team All-State in baseball 2005-07 and in football 2007 ... Helped lead baseball team to conference championship as a junior ... Quarterbacked football team to state championship in football as a senior ... Named the New Canaan Sportsman of the Year in 2007 ... Lettered four years in baseball, three in football and two in basketball ... Team captain in baseball for two years (2006-07) and one in football (2006) ... Enrolled at Vanderbilt over the summer.

**Personal:** Curtis Michael Casali ... Born 11/9/88 ... Son of Cathy and Louis Casali ... Has two siblings, Andrew and Chase ... Undecided on major... Favorites include Chipper Jones, Tom Petty, Third Eye Blind and the movie *The Shawshank Redemption* ... Favorite vacation spot is The Hamptons and Cape Cod ... Chose Vanderbilt because of the baseball program and academics and the position they will put him in to develop into the person he wants to become.



NICK

CHRISTIANI

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Sr.-3L • RHP  
6-0, 195 • R/R  
Linden, N.J.  
Seton Hall Prep

**Coach Corbin Quote:** *Getting Nick back for his senior year was very big for our team in many ways. He has a lot of experience in the SEC and he continues to get better. He will likely be a weekend starter and will win some big games for us. He is a very good teammate.*

**2008:** Went 6-3 with a 4.97 ERA in 15 appearances, including 12 starts... Made first start of 2008 season against Miami (Ohio), allowing three runs, only one earned, and seven hits in five innings...Struck out five and walked three against Miami (Ohio)...Struck out a career-high 12 and only walked one in a career-high 8.1 innings of work against Xavier (3/2)...Allowed only three runs, two of them earned, on seven hits against the Musketeers... Gave up nine runs on nine hits in 2.1 innings of work against South Carolina (3/15) ... Made first relief appearance of the season against Alabama (3/22), pitching 1.2 innings, allowing one run on two hits while striking out three ... Gave up two runs on three hits in 2.0 innings of work with a walk against Middle Tennessee (3/26)...Picked up his second win of the season in relief against MTSU (4/2), going three innings and allowing no runs on three hits, while striking out two...Recorded his third victory of the season against Western Kentucky (4/8), allowing one run on five hits while striking out six in 6.2 innings...Picked up fourth win of the year with seven inning start against Mississippi State (4/13). Struck out 10 and walked four, allowed just three hits and two runs. Both runs came on the first hit of the game in the third inning, a homer...Notched fifth win of the year in start against Auburn (4/20). Gave up four runs on five hits in five innings of work with three strikeouts and two walks...Threw first nine-inning complete game of his career against Kentucky (4/27). Took the hard-luck loss after giving up three runs, two earned, on six hits with five strikeouts and two walks ... Scratched from his scheduled start against Tennessee (5/4) due to tingling in his fingers...Gave up a career high 10 runs (seven earned) on 12 hits in 5.1 innings against Georgia (5/11). Took the loss after striking out six to drop to 5-3 on the year ... Allowed seven runs on eight hits in five innings of work against Florida (5/17). Struck out five and walked two in the no-decision ... Picked up sixth win of the year against South Carolina (5/23) at the SEC tourney. Allowed one run on five hits in 6.1 innings with four strikeouts and two walks ... Charged with five runs on six hits in five innings in start against Oklahoma (6/1) in NCAA tourney play ... Drafted in the 32nd round by the Cleveland Indians.

### Casali Career Stats

Year	Avg	GP	GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB	ATT
2008	.317	28	17	63	13	20	2	0	2	13	28	.444	15	2	15	1	.463	0	0	0	0



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**2007:** 5-3 with 4.11 ERA and 57 strikeouts in 70.0 innings ... 36 walks given up, most on team ... Pitched in the weekend rotation to start the year and ended it as a top reliever ... Started against Michigan (6/3) and gave up five runs on seven hits in four innings of work with four strikeouts and two walks in 10-7 VU win ... Allowed two runs on six hits in four innings of relief work against Tennessee (5/23) in the SEC tourney. Struck out five and walked one ... Tagged with the loss after giving up one run on two hits in three innings of work against Auburn (5/13) ... Gave up one run on two hits in 1.1 innings with two strikeouts and a walk against Florida (4/29) ... Allowed just one run on two hits in five innings of relief against Tennessee (4/22) with four strikeouts and two walks ... Recorded an out and gave up a hit in relief appearance against Middle Tennessee (4/18) ... Pitched 1.1 innings of one-hit scoreless relief against Lipscomb (4/17) with two strikeouts and a walk ... Lasted just an inning in start against Kentucky (4/15), allowing two runs on two hits with three walks and a strikeout ... Gave up one run on five hits in 6.1 innings against Alabama (4/8). Left the game with the lead after striking out six and walking five ... Took the loss against South Carolina (4/1) after giving up five runs on four hits with two walks in 2.1 innings (shortest start of the year) ... Picked up win with 7.1 innings of work against Arkansas (3/25). Gave up two runs on five hits with three strikeouts and five walks ... Gave up five runs and a career-high seven hits in 3.1 innings in loss to Ole Miss (3/17) ... Pitched 7.1 innings of shutout baseball in win over Illinois-Chicago (3/10). Struck out eight with one walk and gave up six hits in picking up fourth win ... Picked up third win after giving up three runs on six hits in 5.2 innings against Xavier. Struck out five and walked two ... Threw six innings of four-hit shutout ball in win over Ball State (2/24). Struck out a career-best nine batters with four walks against the Cardinals ... Gave up an unearned run in a career-high eight innings in win over Ohio (2/18). Struck out six with a walk while allowing six hits against the Bobcats ... Gave up four runs on five hits in 3.2 innings with four walks in no-decision against Arizona State (2/10) ... Had an outstanding summer with Orleans in the Cape Cod League, going 3-3 with a 1.88 ERA in 19 relief appearances. Picked up four saves while striking out 22 batters in 28.2 innings of work.

**2006:** Had the most appearances on the team with 25, including three mid-week starts ... went 3-4 with a 4.79 ERA overall and 0-1 with a 5.06 ERA in 10 SEC games ... Picked up the win against Michigan (6/4) in the NCAA Atlanta Regional. Held the Wolverines scoreless in 1.2 innings of work with two strikeouts ... Took the loss in the first game against Georgia (5/27) at the SEC tourney ... Allowed a run on two hits to end the game ... Gave up one run on three hits in two innings of relief against South Carolina (5/20) in the regular season finale ... Pitched 3.2 scoreless innings against LSU (5/12-5/14), struck out three and ceded one hit ... Gave up two runs on three hits in two innings of relief against Lipscomb (5/10) ... Allowed three runs on a career high four walks in two innings against Kentucky (4/30) ... Threw 4.1 innings in a start against Austin Peay (4/25). Scattered five hits and gave up two runs and tied a career high with four strikeouts ... Charged with the loss after giving up a season high six runs on five hits in 1.1 innings in a starting effort at Middle Tennessee (4/18) ... Picked up the loss after giving up four runs in 0.2 innings of work against Georgia (4/14) ... Set a then career high with 4.1 innings of two hit scoreless relief against Arkansas (4/9) ... Pitched

a scoreless inning against Arkansas (4/8) ... Threw a shutout inning against Austin Peay (4/5) ... Pitched a scoreless inning against Florida (3/31) ... Allowed one unearned run in two innings of relief against Western Kentucky (3/28) and struck out a career best four ... Picked up first career save against Ole Miss (3/17). Gave up two runs, one earned, on three hits in an inning. ... Threw one inning of scoreless relief against Butler (3/15), Creighton (3/7) and Ball State (3/3) ... Threw two innings of scoreless ball in win against Brown (3/12) and in his first career start against Tennessee Tech (2/22), where he picked up his first career win ... First career loss came against Kent State (2/25) when he allowed two runs in 3.2 innings ... Went 2-0 with a 2.29 ERA in 11 appearances, four starts, for the Manchester Silk Worms of the New England Collegiate Baseball League in the summer. Struck out 39 with 16 walks in 35.1 innings with two saves.

**High School:** Was the Gatorade New Jersey High School Player of the Year as a senior at Seton Hall Prep ... Was the 128th ranked pro prospect in the country by Baseball America ... Two-time all-state, all-county and all-conference selection in 2004 and 2005 ... Helped lead school to No. 1 state ranking and state championship in 2005 ... Were ranked No. 22 nationally by *USA Today* ... Team was also the state champions in 2003 and went 60-3 in the two trophy winning years ... Lettered in baseball for three years... Captained the baseball teams for two seasons and was a three-year starter... Played with the Bayside Yankees club team in 2003-04 and with the Bergen Saints in 2005.

**Personal:** Nicholas John Christiani... Born 7/17/87 in Linden, N.J.... Son of Roger and Lorraine Christiani ... Has two sisters, Andrea and Elizabeth ... Nickname is "Nasty" ... An economics major ... Favorites include the movies *The Rock*, *There Will Be Blood*; *Derek Jeter*, *Daniel Day Lewis* ... One thing he would change about his sport is to make metal bats illegal at all levels.



### Christiani Career Stats

Year	ERA	W	L	App	GS	CG	SHO	CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP
2006	4.79	3	4	25	3	0	0	1	3	41.1	44	24	22	16	37	15	1	2	192	.277	3	9
2007	4.11	5	3	17	11	1	0	1	0	70.0	71	33	32	36	57	15	2	6	315	.271	4	10
2008	4.97	6	3	15	12	1	0	0	0	76.0	85	54	42	25	65	17	2	10	343	.284	5	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4.61</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>187.1</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>.278</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>28</b>



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## RETURNING PLAYER BIOS



CALEB

COTHAM

27

So.-1L • RHP  
6-3, 215 • R/R  
Mt. Juliet, Tenn.  
Mt. Juliet H.S.

**Coach Corbin Quote:** Caleb had a great summer in the Cape Cod League and continued his progress this fall. He has developed into a quality SEC starter. He has a heavy fastball with two quality secondary pitches. He is a very competitive kid who has improved a great deal over the last year.

**2008:** Finished 7-6 with a 4.50 ERA in 16 appearances, including 14 starts... Tied for the team lead in wins, and was second on the team in strikeouts with 90...Made first collegiate appearance and picked up first save in season-opening win against Oregon State (2/22)...Pitched three innings of no-hit baseball, allowing two walks and striking out three against Oregon State...Recorded first career start in home-opener against Evansville... Received no decision against Evansville (2/27) after allowing no runs and five hits in four innings...Struck out three batters and walked two against the Purple Aces...Struck out career-high nine batters and allowed four runs in 7.1 innings to pick up first career win against Louisville (3/4)...Picked up second win of the season against Western Carolina (3/11), allowing one hit and one unearned run in four innings pitched...Made first SEC start against South Carolina (3/16) and picked up the victory, allowing two runs on five hits in 5.2 innings ...Tied a then career high with nine strikeouts against the Gamecocks...Picked up fourth win of the season in relief against Arkansas, throwing three innings and allowing two runs on five hits...Pitched seven shutout innings against Mississippi State (4/12). Allowed just five hits while striking out seven and walking four to pick up fifth win of the year...Struck out a career-high 11 in 8.1 innings in start against Auburn (4/19). Allowed two runs on six hits and walked just one...Charged with loss against Kentucky (4/26) after giving up six runs on seven hits with four strikeouts and two walks in 4.1 innings ... Picked up seventh win of the year with seven inning start against Tennessee (5/3). Allowed two runs on six hits with six strikeouts and four walks...Threw seven shutout innings against Georgia (5/10) with seven strikeouts and three walks. Allowed just three hits and left the game with a 2-0 lead ... Took the loss after giving up five runs on five hits in four innings with four strikeouts and three walks against Florida (5/16)...Picked up the loss against LSU (5/22) in the SEC Tournament after allowing seven runs on eight hits in five innings pitched ... Took the loss against Oklahoma (5/30) in the NCAA Regional in Tempe. Allowed seven runs, five earned, on nine hits in 5.2 innings with three strikeouts and three walks ... Went a team-best 5-1 with 2.54 ERA in eight starts for Brewster in the Cape Cod League over the summer. Struck out 51 in 46 innings of work. Opponents hit just .209 off him. He was named a Cape Cod League All-Star reserve.

**2007:** Appeared in three games, did not allow a run while striking out one and walking two in 2.2 innings ... Received Redshirt ... Played for the Keane Swampbats of the New England Collegiate League over the summer. Made eight starts and went 2-3 with a 4.53 ERA with 37 strikeouts and 15 walks in 37.2 innings.

**High School:** Four-year letterwinner at Mt. Juliet High ... Was a three-time all-district selection ... Was the 9-AAA tournament MVP as a senior ... Was the district MVP and also earned all-region and all-state honors as a junior in 2005 ... Earned all-region honors in 2004 ...Helped lead the team to the sectional playoffs in 2006, district championships in 2005-06 and regionals in 2004 ... Two-year captain on the baseball team ... Also lettered one season in basketball ... Was the junior class president and member of the National Honor Society.

**Personal:** Caleb Kent Cotham ... Born 11/6/87 .... Son of Dave and Melinda Cotham ... Has a brother, Josh, who is a freshman baseball player at Lipscomb ... An economics major... Favorites include Tiger Woods, movies Blow and Dark Knight, Daniel Day-Lewis, Christian Bale, Family Guy, Johnny Depp and John Mayer ... One person, living or dead, he would like to have dinner with is Thomas Jefferson.



DREW

FANN

45

Fr.-RS • C  
6-4, 200 • R/R  
Murfreesboro, Tenn.  
Oakland H.S.

**Coach Corbin Quote:** Drew has improved his game a great deal over the last year, specifically his receiving skills and throwing. He had a good fall offensively as well and will back up behind the plate.

**2008:** Redshirted in his first year in the program.

**High School:** Helped lead Oakland High to District and Regional championships in 2007 en route to a 42-2 record ... Was named All-District from 2005-07 and All-Area by the *Daily News Journal* in 2006-07 ... Four-year letterwinner in baseball and three-year letterer in basketball ... Won the basketball Sportsmanship Award in 2004 and was the team captain in 2007 ... Also played on 2004 district champion baseball team ... Was the Valedictorian of his class ... Also FCA and National Honor Society presidents ... Member of the Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, DECA, Young Democrats and Beta Epsilon.

**Personal:** Lee Andrew Fann ... Born 12/21/88 .... Son of Terry and Vicki Fann ... Has a brother, Chase ... HOD major... Favorites include Fred McGriff, steak and potatoes, Kanye West, Rascal Flatts, Will Ferrell and Denzel Washington... Favorite vacation spot is Destin, Fla. ... Chose Vanderbilt to get a great education and to win a national championship.

### Cotham Career Stats

Year	ERA	W	L	App	GS	CG	SHO	CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP
2007	0.00	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2.2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	12	.000	1	3
2008	4.50	7	6	16	14	0	0	1	1	86.0	86	49	43	35	90	13	4	6	380	.265	4	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4.36</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>88.2</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>.260</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>

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## RETURNING PLAYER BIOS



ANDREW  
GIOBBI

5

Jr.-2L • C/INF  
6-3, 205 • R/R  
Portland, Maine  
Deering H.S.

**Coach Corbin Quote:** Andrew will be a catalyst for our team in many ways. His athleticism has improved greatly and he can play several positions on the field. Most likely he will be our catcher or first baseman. He has come up with a lot of big hits in his career and is a very positive influence on our young kids.

**2008:** Hit .332 with 42 RBI and 32 runs scored...Team leader in doubles with 22...Went 1-for-3 and scored a run against Arizona State (2/23)...Drove in two runs while going 3-for-4 against Evansville (2/27)...Tied a career high with two runs scored and went 3-for-4 from the plate against Kansas (2/29)...Went 2-for-4 and scored two runs in Saturday game against Illinois-Chicago (3/7)...Hit two doubles in Sunday game against UIC (3/8)...Drove in four runs and went 3-for-6 in series against Western Carolina (3/11-12)...Hit a grand slam against South Carolina (3/16) for his first home run of the season...Had six hits in weekend series with the Gamecocks...Drove in two runs and had a hit against Austin Peay (4/9)...Had two hits as a reserve against Mississippi State (4/12)...Went 3-for-4 with two doubles against Auburn (4/18)...2-for-5 against Austin Peay (4/22)...Hit grand-slam homer against Belmont (4/23)...Was 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI against Tennessee (5/3)...Went 2-for-4 with a double against Tennessee Tech (5/6)...2-for-4 with a two-run double against Florida (5/16)...Added three hits and scored a run in victory over Florida (5/21) in the first round of the SEC Tournament...Hit his third home run of the season and drove in two runs in 7-5 SEC Tournament win over South Carolina (5/23)...Named to the SEC All-Tournament Team after hitting .381 with a home run and five RBI ... Continued his torrid run in the NCAA Tournament in Tempe, earning All-Tourney honors. Was 9-for-14 (.642) with five RBI and a triple in three games. Went 4-for-4 with three RBI in win over Stony Brook (5/31). Ended the season with a 3-for-5 day against Oklahoma (6/1) with a RBI and two runs scored ... Played for Harwich in the Cape Cod League over the summer. Was second on the team in home runs (4) and RBI (19). Finished the regular season with a .456 slugging percentage. Recipient of the Cape Cod Manny Robello 10th player award after a courageous comeback from a near-disastrous on-field injury when he was hit in the face with a pitch. Instead of going home to rehab, he stayed in the Cape and managed to come back late in the year. The annual award is given to the player who performs above and beyond expectations.

**2007:** Hit .312 with a homer and 25 RBI in 40 games (37 starts) ... Has nine multi-hit and multiple-RBI games ... Started all three games of Florida series at first base and was 6-for-12 with two doubles and three RBI at the plate. Had two hits in all three games ... Made first collegiate start at first base against Tennessee Tech (4/25) and went 1-for-3 with no errors in eight chances ... Had career best 4-for-4 night against Kentucky (4/13) ... Hit first-career homer against Xavier (3/4) ... Went 2-for-3 with two RBI against Xavier (3/3) ... Had two doubles and two RBI against Xavier (3/2) ... Was 1-for-3 with two RBI in first career start against Ball State (2/24) ... Recorded first collegiate hit in first at bat against Ohio (2/16) ... Played for the Falmouth Commodores in the Cape Cod League over the summer.

**2006:** Redshirted. Played for the Haymarket Senators of the Valley League over the summer. Hit .222 with a double, homer and 12 RBI in 19 starts. Picked off two runners and threw out five basestealers.

**High School:** Was a three-time all-state selection at Deering High School ... Helped lead team to two state and three league championships ... Received the Umpires Award- Catcher of the Year ... Was a four-year letterwinner and started in baseball ... Was the team captain in his junior and senior years ... Teamed with former Vanderbilt teammate Ryan Flaherty ... Was an honor roll selection ... Named to the all-state tournament team while playing for Nova Seafood in American Legion.

**Personal:** Andrew Jesse Giobbi... Born 10/25/86 .... Son of Mike and Kathy Giobbi ... Major is human and organizational development with a minor in managerial studies ... Father was drafted by the Chicago Cubs in the 1973 draft, but didn't sign ... Has a brother, Nick ... Nickname is "Gio"... Favorites include the movie The Departed, Eric Church, Matt Damon, and Family Guy... One thing he would change about baseball is to make it steroid free ... Considers Willie Mays to be the greatest baseball player.



RICHIE  
GOODENOW

15 So.-1L • LHP/DH  
6-2, 200 • L/L  
Nashville, Tenn.  
Overton H.S.

**Coach Corbin Quote:** Rich has turned the corner as a player. He had a very good fall as a pitcher and also as a hitter. He will impact our pitching staff as a reliever and may also contribute as a DH. He is an enjoyable kid to coach.

**2008:** Went 1-0 with a 4.22 ERA in 19 relief appearances on the season. Struck out 10 batters in 10.2 innings of work as a left-handed specialist. Made his first career appearance against Lipscomb (3/19) in relief. Picked up the win against the Bison, pitching an inning of scoreless baseball while walking two and striking out three...Pitched 0.2 of an inning against Arkansas, striking out one...Pitched 0.1 inning and struck out the one batter he faced against Western Kentucky (4/8)...Came into bases loaded one-out situation in bottom

## Giobbi Career Stats

Year	Avg	GP	GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB	ATT
2007	.312	40	37	125	19	39	10	1	1	25	54	.432	6	4	24	1	.355	3	0	1	1
2008	.332	59	54	211	32	70	22	1	3	42	103	.488	13	1	38	4	.368	3	0	2	3
TOTAL	.324	99	91	336	51	109	32	2	4	67	157	.467	19	5	62	5	.363	6	0	3	4



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of the ninth against Mississippi State (4/13) with VU ahead 4-3. Got ahead of batter 2-0, before throwing three consecutive strikes, the last one with the batter looking for the second out...Pitched an inning of scoreless relief with two strikeouts against Lipscomb (4/15)...Recorded an out with a walk in relief against Western Kentucky (4/16)...Pitched 0.2 innings of one-hit scoreless relief against Auburn (4/20) with a strikeout...Faced one batter and recorded an out against Austin Peay (4/22)...Pitched 0.2 scoreless innings against Belmont (4/23)...Did not allow a run of his own in 1.1 innings of two-hit scoreless relief against Kentucky (4/26). Walked a career high three batters with two strikeouts...Did not record an out while giving up a two-run homer (one run to previous pitcher) against Tennessee (5/4)...Recorded an out against Georgia (5/10)...Recorded an out against Florida (5/15)...Made three appearances in the SEC Tournament, pitching 1.1 innings of no-hit baseball, striking out three and walking one ... Gave up one run on three hits in an inning of work against Oklahoma (6/1). Struck out the side ... Went 1-0 with 2.65 ERA in 18 appearances for Danville in the Central Illinois Collegiate League over the summer. Struck out 31 in 34 innings. At the plate, Goodenow hit .259 with one double and three RBI in 58 at-bats.

**2007:** Redshirted ... Pitched in four games for the Keane Swampbats over the summer.

**High School:** A four-year letterwinner at Overton High ... A four-year starter and two-time all-state selection as a junior and senior ... Was named the state's pitcher of the year as a junior ... Had a 1.00 ERA with five shutouts and 103 strikeouts in 73.1 innings pitched in senior year ... Went 14-0 with a 0.87 ERA in 80 innings pitched in 2005 ... Also lettered four seasons in bowling.

**Personal:** Richard Dale Goodenow ... Born 9/1/87 .... Son of Robert and Jody Goodenow ... Has a brother, Ryan ... A sociology major... Favorites include Roger Clemens, movies White Men Can't Jump and Major League, Baseball Tonight, Samuel L. Jackson and pizza ... Most memorable athletic experience was playing in the state championship in his junior year ... Was a state champion 12-year old bowler. Considers Babe Ruth to be the greatest baseball player of all-time.



**BRIAN**

**HARRIS**

Jr.-2L • INF

5-9, 180 • R/R

Nashville, Tenn.

Montgomery Bell

**Coach Corbin Quote:** Brian is the most versatile infielder on our team. He has great reflexes and hands. He has developed as a hitter in a big way; makes very good contact and has plate discipline. He will be counted on very heavily by our team.

### Goodenow Career Stats

Year	ERA	W	L	App	GS	CG	SHO	CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP
2008	4.22	1	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	10.2	10	5	5	10	19	0	0	1	54	.238	3	2

### Harris Career Stats

Year	Avg	GP	GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB	ATT
2007	.283	29	8	46	12	13	1	0	0	5	14	.304	7	1	4	0	.389	0	0	1	2
2008	.268	42	31	112	17	30	7	0	2	23	43	.384	5	12	19	2	.359	2	2	0	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>.272</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>.361</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.368</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>

**2008:** Hit .268 with 17 runs scored and 23 RBI on the season...Started 17 games in place of the injured Pedro Alvarez. Started 14 games at second in place of the injured Alex Feinberg...Made first start of the season against Xavier (3/2), registering a career-high three hits and driving in three runs...Drove in two runs against Louisville (3/4)...Went 2-for-3 with a RBI and a run scored in Friday game against Illinois-Chicago (3/7)...Drove in two runs in Sunday game against UIC (3/9)...Tied a career high by scoring two runs against Western Carolina (3/12)...Scored two runs in Friday game against South Carolina (3/14)...Had two-run single against Lipscomb (3/19)...Tied a career high with three hits against Middle Tennessee (3/26)...Drove in the game-winning run in the 12th inning against Arkansas (3/29)...Went 2-for-4 against Austin Peay (4/9)...Went 2-for-4 against Mississippi State (4/12)...Hit first career homer, a three-run shot, against Lipscomb (4/15)...Had RBI double against Western Kentucky (4/16)...Had solo homer against Kentucky (4/25), his first homer at Hawkins Field ... Hit .278 with 13 RBI in 37 games for Sanford, the New England Collegiate Baseball League Champions, over the summer. Led the team in runs (25) and doubles (7) and on-base percentage (.377). Ranked second on team in base-on-balls (16) and first in hit-by-pitch (4).

**2007:** Served as a backup infielder with eight starts in 29 games ... Hit .283 with 12 runs scored ... Went 1-for-2 with an RBI and two runs scored against Middle Tennessee (4/18) ... Went 2-for-4 with two runs scored and an RBI against Middle Tennessee (3/28) ... 2-for-5 with a run scored against Western Kentucky (3/6) ... 2-for-4 with two runs scored against Austin Peay (2/27) ... Recorded RBI single in first career at bat in first game of doubleheader against Ohio (2/18) ... Played for the Saratoga Phillies of the New York Collegiate Baseball League over the summer. Hit .266 with five doubles and 14 RBI in 36 starts with 10 stolen bases in 12 attempts.

**2006:** Redshirted. Played for the Galesburg Pioneers of the Central Illinois Collegiate League over the summer. Batted .242 with two homers, six doubles, a triple and 12 RBI in 39 games (35 starts).

**High School:** Helped lead Montgomery Bell Academy to 2004 state championship ... Was an all-state selection in football and baseball in 2004 ... Football team won 2002 and 2003 state championships ... Lettered in baseball and football for three years ... Started all four years ... Played with fellow Vandy teammate Brad French ... Played for the Worth Copperheads in summer ball.

**Personal:** William Brian Harris ... Born 1/20/87 .... Son of Robert and the late Cay Harris ... Brother, Andrew, is a freshman for the Commodores ... Father, Robert, is a Vanderbilt baseball alum and a past president of the Bull Pen Club ... Nickname is "Dirty Harry".

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## RETURNING PLAYER BIOS



DREW

HAYES

33

Jr.-1L • RHP  
6-1, 205 • R/R  
McKenzie, Tenn.  
Bethel College

**Coach Corbin Quote:** Drew has really come on in the last year. He has a very good arm with a very competitive attitude. We'll count on him heavily and he will end up pitching some very important innings for us. He is very valuable to our club's success.

**2008:** Went 2-1 with two saves and a 3.51 ERA in 18 relief appearances and three starts on the season... First VU appearance came against Evansville, allowing three runs on one hit, while not retiring a batter...Pitched an inning against Iowa (3/1), allowing no runs on one hit with one strikeout...Threw a hitless inning in Sunday game against Illinois-Chicago (3/9), allowing only one walk...Threw two innings of hitless relief and retired all six batters he faced against South Carolina (3/15)...Gave up two runs on two hits in two innings in first start of season against Lipscomb (3/19). Struck out three and walked three in no decision...Only allowed one hit while striking out two in relief appearance against Alabama (3/23)...Picked up first save of the season against Belmont, pitching two perfect innings and striking out three (3/25)...Pitched 1.1 innings against Arkansas (3/30), allowing only one hit...Picked up second save of the season against Western Kentucky (4/8), pitching two scoreless innings and striking out a career-high four batters...Pitched 1.2 innings of one-hit scoreless relief against Lipscomb (4/15) with two strikeouts and a walk...Picked up first win at Vanderbilt against Austin Peay (4/22). Gave up four runs on five hits in 3.1 innings of relief with career-high six strikeouts and a walk...Pitched three scoreless innings of relief against Kentucky (4/26) with five strikeouts and just one walk...Closed out Tennessee (5/3) with two strikeouts in two scoreless innings...Had his best start of his VU career against Memphis (5/6) in Jackson, Tenn. (close to his hometown of McKenzie, Tenn.) Struck out a career high 12 in seven innings with just one walk to pick up second win of the year...Gave up two runs, one earned on two hits in an inning against Georgia (5/10) with two strikeouts...Recorded two outs with two walks in relief against Florida (5/15)...Pitched 3.1 innings in SEC Tournament opener against Florida, allowing no runs on three hits and four walks...Made a start against Ole Miss (5/24), allowing three runs on three hits while walking four in 3.0 innings of work ... Played for Union City in the Kentucky-Illinois-Tennessee League over the summer. On the mound, Hayes went 5-2 with 2.08 ERA in eight starts for the Greyhounds over the summer. Struck out 64 in 52 innings. First on the team in opponent's batting average (.176) and second in ERA (2.08). Hit .319 with four doubles and 12 RBI in 91 official at-bats as a third baseman. Posted .418 slugging percentage and team-high .418 on-base percentage. Selected to 2008 Kitty League All-Star Game.

**Bethel College (2007):** Named second team all-conference as a starting pitcher and as a hitter as well ... He also won the Gold Glove Pitcher of the Year award ... Went 6-4 as a pitcher with a 2.72 ERA and recorded 86 strikeouts in 72.0 innings ... Notched eight complete games in 12 starts, while also recording two saves ... Batted .320 with seven homers and 38 RBI in 53 games.

**High School:** Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association Player of the Year in 2006 at McKenzie High School ... Helped lead team to Class A state championship ... Also a two-time first-team all-state selection and the district's most valuable player ... Drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 29th round of the 2006 amateur baseball draft ... A three-time All-State football player. and 2005 Mr. Football in Tennessee ... Finished his career with the second most career passing yards in state history ... All-district in basketball ... Earned four letters in football, basketball and baseball and served as team captain in all three sports as a senior ... An honors graduate and Beta Club member ... Teammate of current Vanderbilt football player John Laughrey.

**Personal:** Andrew Trent Hayes ... Born 9/3/87 .... Son of Joyce and Glenn Hayes ... Has two siblings, Mike and Stefanie ... A secondary education and English major... Favorites include Albert Pujols, Tiger Woods, Adam Sandler, Alex Whitmore, Law and Order and MLB The Show ... Favorite vacation spot is Omaha in June ... Nickname is "Boots" ... Chose Vanderbilt because of the great academics and great baseball.



TAYLOR

HILL

34

So.-1L • RHP  
6-4, 225 • R/R  
Old Hickory, Tenn.  
Mt. Juliet H.S.

**Coach Corbin Quote:** Taylor is a tough, hard nosed kid who has a great work ethic. He is a very reliable pitcher who throws strikes and competes. He had a very good fall and could be in a starting or middle relief role.

**2008:** Posted a 5-2 record and 4.60 ERA in 16 appearances, including eight starts on the season...Pitched three innings, giving up four hits, no runs and three strikeouts in first appearance of the season against Evansville (2/27)...Made first collegiate start against Illinois-Chicago (3/7), striking out seven and allowing one run in 5.2 innings of work...Pitched two innings of hitless relief against Western Carolina (3/12)...Pitched two innings in relief against South Carolina (3/16) and allowed no runs on two hits while walking one and striking out two...Tossed one inning of one-hit scoreless relief to pick up win over Middle Tennessee (3/26)...Picked up his third victory of the season against Arkansas (3/29), striking out all three batters he faced...Pitched an inning of one-hit scoreless relief against Mississippi State (4/12)...Picked up the win in start against Lipscomb (4/15).Gave up one run on four hits with two strikeouts and two walks in five innings of work...Allowed three runs, one earned, on three hits in 3.2 innings in start against Belmont (4/23). Walked a

### Hayes Career Stats

Year	ERA	W	L	App	GS	CG	SHO	CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP
2008	3.51	2	1	21	3	0	0	1	2	41.0	32	19	16	29	53	3	3	1	190	.212	5	6



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career high five batters with three strikeouts...Gave up one run on four hits in career-high 6.2 inning start against Tennessee Tech (5/7). Picked up the win after striking out six with just one walk ... Allowed one run on two hits in 0.2 innings against Georgia (5/11) with a strikeout...Started against Ole Miss (5/24) in SEC Tournament, giving up four runs on five hits while striking out three in four innings ... Recorded a team-best 6-1 record with 2.53 ERA in nine appearances for Winchester in the Valley League. Struck out 59 in 53.1 innings. Opponents batted .234 off him. Struck out a season-high and team-high 14 batters in win over Front Royal on June 21, 2008. Named to the Second Team All-Valley League at the conclusion of the season.

**High School:** No. 2 high school prospect (No. 14 overall) in the state of the Tennessee by *Baseball America* entering the June 2007 draft out of Mt. Juliet High ... Named the Gatorade Player of the Year in Tennessee after striking out 106 batters in 82.0 innings as a senior ... Helped lead team to district championships in 2006-07. Team finished as the regional and sectional runner-ups as well ... Named District 9AAA MVP in 2006 and 2007 and was on the district all-tournament team in both years as well. Earned MVP honors at the tourney in 2007 ... 2006 all-state selection ... Also a National Honor Society member ... Played with current Vanderbilt teammate Caleb Cotham for three years.

**Personal:** David Taylor Hill ... Born 3/12/89 .... Son of David and Teresa Hill ... Has a brother, Ryan ... Human and organizational development major... Favorites include Justin Verlander, Vince Young, Baseball Tonight, Eva Mendes, and the movies Dumb and Dumber and Field of Dreams ... Favorite vacation spot is St. Maarten ... Chose Vanderbilt because "it's an unbelievable academic and athletic experience."



**ALEX HILLIARD**  
So.-1L • OF  
51 6-1, 190 • R/R  
Lafayette, La.  
Lafayette H.S.

**Coach Corbin Quote:** Alex has really started to flourish as a player. He had a great summer and followed up by playing well this fall. He could play any one of the three outfield positions. He can run, hit, displays gap power and has good energy for the game.

**2008:** Played in four games, getting three at-bats ... Hit .297 (2nd highest on team) with five doubles, 17 RBIs and 12 stolen bases in 41 games for Holyoke in the New England Collegiate Baseball League over the summer. Posted the second-highest fielding percentage among position players (.973%).

**2007:** Redshirted.

**High School:** A PlayStation All-American as a senior at Lafayette High ... Lettered in baseball and also played the tuba where he was a finalist for the National Falcone Tuba Competition ... Earned all-state, All-Acadiana and all-district plaudits as a senior ... Earned all-district honors in 2005 and helped lead team to state tournament ... Member of the National Honor Society.

**Personal:** Alex Blake Hilliard ... Born 12/21/87 .... Son of Quincy and Rubye Hilliard ... Has a sibling, Cameron ... Father is a world renowned composer ... A music education major... Favorites include Tiger Woods, movies School of Rock and For Love of the Game, Will Smith and musician Kirk Whalum ... If he could have dinner with one person dead or alive, it would be with Jackie Robinson ... Chose Vanderbilt because it is a great school with great baseball.



**MARK LAMM**  
So.-1L • RHP  
44 6-4, 215 • R/R  
Loretto, Tenn.  
Loretto H.S.

**Coach Corbin Quote:** Mark really came on at the end of the fall and showed good consistency with his pitches. He has a chance to throw three quality pitches. He can help us in the bullpen in several roles. He is a very good athlete and an excellent teammate and worker who won the Omaha Challenge for the third year in a row.

**2008:** Went 1-0 with a 3.98 ERA in 16 appearances on the season, including two starts...Made first collegiate appearance against Arizona State (2/23), allowing two hits and walking one in 0.1 inning...Pitched final 0.2 inning against Xavier (3/2), striking out one...Made first start of his college career against Western Carolina (3/12), allowing three runs on two hits in three innings of work...Threw career-high four innings against Lipscomb (3/19) in relief. Gave up two runs, one earned on a hit with three walks and five strikeouts...Pitched a scoreless ninth inning against Austin Peay (4/9), allowing only one hit and striking out one...Struck out the side to close out the Mississippi State (4/11) series opening win...Threw four innings of two-hit scoreless relief against Western Kentucky (4/16) to pick up the win. Struck out four and did not walk anyone...Gave up four runs on two hits in three innings in start against Austin Peay (4/22). Walked three, hit two batters and struck out two...Struck out the side to close out Memphis (5/6)...Pitched scoreless inning against Georgia (5/10) with a strikeout...Pitched a second scoreless inning against Georgia (5/11), allowing one hit...Pitched 3.1 innings of three-hit scoreless relief against Florida (5/16) with a walk...Threw the final four innings in SEC Tournament loss to LSU (5/22), allowing only one run on one hit and striking out four ... Allowed three runs on two hits in an inning of

### Hill Career Stats

Year	ERA	W	L	App	GS	CG	SHO	CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP
2008	4.60	5	2	16	8	0	0	1	0	47.0	47	27	24	19	44	10	1	5	210	.257	6	4

### Hilliard Career Stats

Year	Avg	GP	GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB	ATT
2008	.000	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0

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work against Oklahoma (6/1) ... Went 1-2 in 13 appearances for Brewster in the Cape Cod League over the summer. Struck out 20 in 15.2 innings with a save. Posted an opponents batting average of .224.

**2007:** Redshirted. Went 2-1 with a 1.19 ERA in nine appearances, four starts, for the Saratoga Phillies of the New York Collegiate Baseball League over the Summer ... Struck out 50 batters with 12 walks in 37.1 innings with a save.

**High School:** A four-year letterwinner at Loretto High ... A two-year team captain and MVP in 2005-06 ... First-team all-area in 2005-06 ... Third-team all-midstate by the *Tennessean* in 2006 ... District MVP as a senior ... Three-time all-district and all-region ... Helped lead team to district championship as a junior and senior ... Also lettered four years in football and three years in basketball ... Served as the team captain in football as a senior and in 2004-05 in basketball.

**Personal:** Mark Jordan Lamm ... Born 3/8/88 ... Nickname is "Cowboy" ... Son of Gary and Cheryl Lamm ... Has two brothers, Paul and Luke ... A human and organizational development major... Favorites Roger Clemens, Deion Sanders, movies Boondock Saints and Field of Dreams, SportsCenter, Will Ferrell and George Strait and video game: The Show ... If he could change one thing about his sport it would be to eliminate the aluminum bats ... Considers Pete Rose to be the greatest baseball player of all-time.



**STEVEN LIDDLE**  
 So.-1L • OF/1B  
 6-1, 200 • L/L  
 Franklin, Tenn.  
 Franklin H.S.

**Coach Corbin Quote:** Steve really came on at the end of last year. He is a good all-around baseball player who always plays hard. He has very good fundamental skills in the outfield and handles the bat very well. Steve is expected to start either in left or right field.

**2008:** Hit .310 with 28 RBI and 28 runs scored...Played in 54 games including 39 starts...Saw first collegiate action against Oregon State, coming in as a pinch hitter...Made first start against Arizona State, going 0-for-3 with an RBI...Recorded two triples in the Music City Classic...Went 2-for-5 with an RBI and a run scored against Xavier (3/2)...Scored two runs and drove in a run against Louisville (3/4)...Went 1-for-2 and scored a run against South Carolina (3/15)...Had an infield RBI single against Lipscomb (3/19)... Had career-high three hits against Middle Tennessee (3/26) in start in LF...

Entered the game as a pinch hitter against Western Kentucky (4/8) and had a hit with a RBI...2-for-4 with a RBI against Auburn (4/20)...0-for-2 with a career high three walks against Austin Peay (4/22)...Tied a career high with three hits against Belmont (4/23)...Was 1-for-1 against Kentucky (4/26) and 2-for-4 against Wildcats (4/27) the next day in a start in LF...Was 5-for-11 in the Tennessee series including a pair of two-hit games (5/2&5/3)...Went 2-for-2 with a RBI and run scored against Tennessee Tech (5/7)...Went 2-for-4 with an RBI against Georgia (5/9)...went 3-for-5 with two RBI and two runs scored in series finale against the Bulldogs (5/11)...Suffered leg injury in a collision at first base against Florida (5/15) causing him to not be in the lineup on 5/16... Drove in a career high three runs in series finale at Florida (5/17)...Tied a career high with three hits and scored a run in victory over Florida (5/21) in the first round of the SEC Tournament...Recorded at least one hit in every game of the SEC Tournament ... Went 3-for-5 with two RBI, a double and triple and three runs scored against Stony Brook (5/31) in the NCAA tournament ... Hit .198 with two doubles and two triples in 31 games for Wareham in the Cape Cod League over the summer.

**2007:** Redshirted. Played for the Fayetteville SwampDogs of the Coastal Plains League over the summer. Hit .272 with three homers and 18 RBI in 40 games (35 starts). Also was 5-for-5 in stolen bases while not committing an error in 166 chances.

**High School:** Four-year letterwinner at Franklin High ... 2006 Region VI Player of the Year ... First-team all-district, all-midstate, all-state as a senior ... Batted .538 with 15 homers and 61 RBI ... Served as co-captain in 2006, helping lead team to 30-10 record and district championship ... Team was Region VI runner up and finished in third place in the 3-A state tourney in 2006 ... Helped lead team to district and regional runner up finish, while also leading them to first state tournament appearance in the school's 95 year history in 2005.

**Personal:** Steven James Liddle ... Born 11/24/87 ... Son of Tim and Kathi Liddle ... Has a sister, Kristen ... Father played baseball at Lipscomb ... Uncle, also named Steve, is the bench coach for the Minnesota Twins ... A contemporary organization management major... Chose Vanderbilt because of the players, coaches and the education ... Considers Mickey Mantle to be one of the greatest baseball player of all time.

### Lamm Career Stats

Year	ERA	W	L	App	GS	CG	SHO	CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP
2008	3.98	1	0	16	2	0	0	1	0	31.2	23	15	14	12	28	6	0	2	133	.211	7	6

### Liddle Career Stats

Year	Avg	GP	GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB	ATT
2008	.310	54	39	155	28	48	12	3	0	28	66	.426	18	1	32	4	.376	4	1	2	5



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JOEY

**MANNING**

**55**

So.-1L • OF  
6-5, 235 • R/R  
Bartow, Fla.  
Bartow H.S.

**Coach Corbin Quote:** *Joey has a chance to challenge for one of the outfield spots this year. He is a big, strong kid who has improved defensively and as a hitter. He is very self motivated and works on his game all the time.*

**2008:** Batted .286 with one run scored and one RBI...First collegiate appearance came in a pinch hitting role against Arizona State (2/23), going 1-for-1 with a run scored...Drove in first collegiate run against Xavier (3/2)...Made first career start against Western Carolina (3/12)...Made second start of the season against Western Kentucky (4/8), going 1-for-2 with first career walk ... Hit .200 with two homeruns in 29 games for Newport in the New England Collegiate Baseball League over the summer. Batted .250 with one homerun and one RBI in NECBL playoffs. Team won Southern Division title before falling to Sanford in championship.

**High School:** Listed as the No. 53 prospect in the talent-rich state of Florida by *Baseball America* entering the June 2007 draft ... Selected by the Philadelphia Phillies in the 47th round of the draft, despite already being enrolled and attending Vanderbilt summer school ... Helped lead Bartow High to district and regional finals in 2005-06 and district finals in 2007 ... Named first team all-state and all-county in 2005-06 ... Picked up all-state honorable mention and first team all-county honors in 2004-05 ... Three-year starter in baseball and basketball ... Earned second-team all-county in hoops ... Was team captain in both sports in junior and senior years ... Played in the Cape Cod High School All-Star game.

**Personal:** Jeremiah L. Manning Jr. ... Goes by Joey ... Born 10/2/88 .... Son of Jeremiah and Laurie Manning (both are hearing impaired)... Has a brother, Jeremy and a sister, Mara ... Undecided on a major... Favorites include David Ortiz, Dwight Howard, Pizza, Lil Wayne, Family Guy and all of the Harry Potter movies... Favorite vacation spot is Ruskin, Fla. and Newport, R.I. ... Chose Vanderbilt because it was the perfect combination of superior academics and athletics. There is a great coaching staff and it is the best place for me to develop my skills as a baseball player and as a person.



MIKE

**MINOR**

**12**

Jr.-2L • LHP  
6-4, 210 • R/L  
Chapel Hill, Tenn.  
Forrest H.S.

### National and SEC Pitcher of the Year Candidate Preseason All-American

**Coach Corbin Quote:** *Mikie is one of the most complete pitchers that I have coached. He has three above average pitches with plus command and pitchability. He will be our "go to guy" and one of the top pitchers in the country. Mikie is a well conditioned athlete who has a strong work ethic.*

**2008:** 7-3 record with a 4.28 ERA in 15 starts...Led the team in strikeouts (101), innings pitched (103.0), complete games (2) and tied for lead in wins... Opening day starter for Vanderbilt against Oregon State (2/22). Picked up the win allowing only one run on five hits in six innings pitched...Named to the All-Tournament Team of the Music City Classic after striking out nine and allowing one run on three hits in 6.2 innings in win over Kansas (2/29)... Pitched first complete game of career and suffered first loss of the season against Illinois-Chicago (3/6)...Allowed two runs on five hits and struck out six against UIC...Received no decision against South Carolina (3/14) as he pitched 8.2 innings and allowed three runs on six hits while striking out 10 batters...Struck out career high 12 batters and threw second complete game of the season in win against Alabama (3/21)...Picked up win despite rough outing against Mississippi State (4/11). Gave up seven runs on nine hits in six innings with six strikeouts and three walks...Allowed five runs on five hits in seven innings in loss to Auburn (4/18). Struck out nine and walked two and carried a 3-2 lead into the seventh before giving up three runs with two outs in the inning...Allowed just one unearned run on five hits in six innings against Kentucky (4/25) with nine strikeouts and two walks...Picked up win after giving up five runs on seven hits in 8.2 innings against Tennessee (5/2). Struck out five with two walks...Gave up three runs on nine hits in 5.1 innings in no decision against Georgia (5/9). Struck out five and walked two...Gave up four runs on 10 hits in six innings with four strikeouts and a walk in no decision against Florida (5/15)...Picked up the victory in SEC tournament opener against Florida (5/21), allowing three runs on five hits and striking out three in five innings of work ... Picked up seventh win against Stony Brook (5/31) in the NCAA Regional in Tempe. Gave up four runs on seven hits in eight innings of work with seven strikeouts and a walk ... Served as the ace of the USA National Team squad that went 24-0 over the summer and captured the International University Sports Federation (FISU) World Championships in the Czech Republic in July 2008. He went 3-0 with a 0.75 ERA during the tour with 37 strikeouts and 13 walks in a team high 36 innings. Named *Baseball America's* 2008 Summer Player of the Year. Minor completed his two-year National team run with an 8-2 record and a 1.17 ERA with 74 strikeouts and just 17 walks in 69 innings of action.

### Manning Career Stats

Year	Avg	GP	GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB	ATT
2008	.286	7	2	7	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	.286	2	0	4	0	.400	1	0	0	1



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**2007:** Named a Freshman All-American by *Baseball America*, *Collegiate Baseball* and *Rivals.com*. Tabbed SEC Freshman of the Year by *SEBaseball.com*. Also named to SEC All-Freshman team, Went 9-1 with a 3.09 ERA in 19 appearances, 14 starts ... 88 strikeouts and 19 walks in 90.1 innings with two saves ... First loss was in his tenth start ... One wild pitch all season, none in SEC play ... Struck out two in an inning of scoreless relief against Michigan (6/4) ... Gave up three runs on five hits in 7.1 innings in start against the Wolverines (6/2). Struck out six and did not walk a batter in the no-decision ... Scattered eight hits over 7.2 innings in win over Tennessee (5/25). Gave up two runs with eight strikeouts and two walks in second win over the Vols ... Picked up win against LSU (5/18). Pitched 7.2 innings, giving up two runs on five hits with six strikeouts and two walks ... Allowed three runs on seven hits in 4.2 innings with five strikeouts in no-decision against Auburn (5/12) ... Allowed three runs on six hits in two innings against Florida (4/28). Did not factor in decision ... Gave up three runs on five hits in six innings in win over Tennessee (4/21). Struck out four and walked two ... Allowed just one unearned run on two hits in five inning win over Kentucky (4/14). Struck out two and walked one in shortened start due to the game being suspended to the next day because of rain ... Gave up two unearned runs on three hits in 5.1 innings in win over Alabama (4/7). Struck out three and walked two ... Named *Rivals.com* National Freshman of the Week (4/2) after masterful seven inning performance against then No. 1 South Carolina (3/31) on the road. Gave up one run on five hits while striking out a career high nine with two walks ... Picked up save with 1.2 innings of relief against Arkansas (3/24). Lone hit given up was solo homer in the bottom of the ninth ... Ran record to 3-0 with 3.1 innings of relief against Western Kentucky (3/20) allowing just two hits while striking out six... Made his SEC debut in relief against Ole Miss (3/18) working 1.1 scoreless innings with two strikeouts... Picked up second win against Western Kentucky (3/06) in 5.2 innings striking out seven allowing just two earned runs... Earned first collegiate win versus Austin Peay (2/27) with eight innings of shutout baseball striking out eight with one walk and three hits... Pitched a no-decision in his first start against Lipscomb (2/21) throwing 4.1 innings on three hits, allowing three runs while striking out eight batters... Made his collegiate debut in the Houston College Classic versus Baylor (2/11) when he logged in 2.1 innings allowing just one walk while striking out two collecting a save ... Went 5-2 with 1.64 ERA for the USA National Team over the summer. Struck out 37 with just four walks in 33.0 innings.

**High School:** A two-year letterwinner at Forrest High ... Three time all-state selection, including first-team designation as a junior and senior ... Won 13 games, 12 via shutout in 2006 with a 0.08 ERA and 188 strikeouts in 86 innings ... Drafted in the 13th round by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays after his senior year in June 2006 ... Went 10-2 with a 0.81 ERA with 180 strikeouts in 86.0 innings in 2005 ... Led team to state runner-up finish in 2006 ... Helped lead team to regional championship as a junior and senior and to district championship as a sophomore ... Also played basketball for four years ... Graduated with high honors.

**Personal:** Michael David Minor ... Born 12/26/87 ... Nickname is "Spike" ... Son of Mike and Shirley Minor ... Has six siblings: Chris, Shaun, Tim, Scott, Katie and Missy ... A sociology major... Favorites include the movie *Major League*, Adam Sandler, singer Lil' Jon, ice cream and Texas Hold'em poker on ESPN ... Chose Vanderbilt because of the great academics, great coaches and the baseball program.

### Minor Career Stats

Year	ERA	W	L	App	GS	CG	SHO	CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP
2007	3.09	9	1	19	14	0	0	1	2	90.1	76	35	31	19	88	18	2	6	365	.226	1	10
2008	4.28	7	3	15	15	2	0	0	0	103.0	99	52	49	28	101	21	2	9	429	.261	3	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3.72</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>193.1</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>.244</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>



GABE

ORTIZ

32

Fr.-RS • INF

6-3, 190 • R/R

Panama City, Panama  
Notre Dame Acad.

**Coach Corbin Quote:** Gabe is ready to challenge for some playing time after redshirting last year. He is very versatile; can play SS, 3B or 2B. He's improved as a hitter and in his ability to drive the ball. Defensively, he has good actions with a solid throwing arm.

**2008:** Redshirted his first year on campus ... Hit .317 with 12 RBI in 63 at-bats for Stark County in the Great Lakes Summer Collegiate League.

**High School:** Listed as the No. 9 prospect in Virginia by *Baseball America* entering the June 2007 draft ... Played his high school baseball at Notre Dame Academy in Middleburg, Va. ... Helped guide team to back-to-back state championships in 2006-07. Earned state champ MVP honors both years ... MVP of the Southeastern Baseball Classic in 2007 ... Captured all-state and all-conference honors in 2006-07 ... Named team MVP in 2006 ... Two-year letterwinner ... Hit .460 with 11 homers and 53 RBI as a senior and .490 with seven homers and 52 RBI as a junior.

**Personal:** Gabriel Ernesto Ortiz ... Born 8/30/88 ... Son of Genaro and Dinorah Ortiz ... Has a sister, Nicole ... An economics major... Favorites include Alex Rodriguez, Derek Jeter, Rafael Nadal and Lost... Late night snack is cookies ... Favorite vacation spot is Cancun... Chose Vanderbilt because it has the best two things in the world, great academics and baseball.



CHASE

REID

42

So.-1L • RHP

6-3, 210 • L/R

Southlake, Texas  
Southlake Carroll H.S.

**Coach Corbin Quote:** Chase has a reliable arm and fills up the strike zone. He gained a lot of experience last year as a freshman pitching in tough situations. He will do the same this year and can be very dominating.

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## RETURNING PLAYER BIOS

**2008:** Finished with a 4-0 record and a 4.30 ERA in 21 relief appearances and two starts on the season...Picked up first collegiate win in comeback victory over Miami (OH) (2/24)...Pitched four innings against the RedHawks, allowing no runs on three hits, striking out five and walking two...Pitched 3.2 innings against Iowa (3/1), allowing only three hits and not giving up any runs...Picked up the victory in comeback win against Illinois-Chicago (3/7), allowing one run on two hits in two innings pitched...Didn't allow a run in 2.2 innings of work against South Carolina (3/14)...Threw 1.2 innings of hitless, scoreless relief against Middle Tennessee, striking out four with two walks...Pitched a scoreless inning of relief against Arkansas (3/29), allowing only one walk while striking out two...Pitched 1.1 innings of perfect baseball in first game of a doubleheader against Ole Miss (4/5)...Picked up third win of the season in first career start against Austin Peay (4/9), going two innings and allowing only one hit...Gave up one run on three hits in 1.1 innings of relief against Mississippi State (4/13). Struck out two and walked one...Gave up one run on two hits with a strikeout in two-inning start against Western Kentucky (4/16)...Gave up a run on three hits in 1.2 innings against Auburn (4/20) with three strikeouts and a walk...Allowed three runs, one earned, on three hits in 1.1 innings of relief against Belmont (4/23)...Gave up a run on one hit in 1.1 innings of relief against Kentucky (4/25) with a walk and two strikeouts...Gave up two runs on three hits with three strikeouts in winning effort against Tennessee (5/4)...Allowed three runs on three hits in an inning of relief against Georgia (5/9)...Gave up one run on five hits in two innings against Georgia (5/11)...Recorded two outs in relief against Florida (5/16)...Struggled in appearance against South Carolina (5/23), giving up four runs on three hits in one inning of work...Bounced back nicely from rocky performance, pitching a scoreless inning of relief against Ole Miss (5/24), striking out two and walking one ... Pitched a scoreless inning of hitless relief against Stony Brook (5/31), recording a strikeout in the team's lone win of the NCAA Tempe Regional.

**High School:** Listed as the No. 34 prospect in talent-rich Texas by *Baseball America* entering the June 2007 draft ... Lived and played high school baseball in Southlake, a suburb of Dallas ... Picked in the 42nd round of MLB draft by Milwaukee ... Helped guide Southlake Carroll High to district title in 2007 ... Third-team all-state as a senior while also earning all-area and District 5-5A MVP plaudits ... A second-team all-state selection in 2006 ... Earned all-area newcomer of the year honors and well as the District MVP award ... Earned two varsity letters.

**Personal:** Michael Chase Reid ... Born 5/17/88 .... Son of Ray and Debbie Reid ... Has four siblings: Ashley, Keary, Bryce and Travis ... An economics major... Favorites include Roy Halliday, Brad Pitt, Will Smith and movies *Braveheart* and *Bull Durham* ... Chose Vanderbilt because its the best combination of athletics and academics in the nation.



**KELLEN**  
**ST. LUCE**  
**20**

So.-1L • LHP  
6-4, 225 • L/L  
St. Thomas, Virgin Isl.  
All Saints Cathedral

**Coach Corbin Quote:** Kellen is an improved pitcher who continues to make strides. He came into our program with not much pitching experience, but has now taken steps to compete for innings. He has a strong arm.

**2008:** 0-0 record with a 0.00 ERA in one appearance on the season...Made first collegiate appearance against Arizona State (2/23), allowing no runs and no hits in one inning of work ... Went 0-3 with 5.64 ERA in seven appearances for Saratoga in the New York Collegiate Baseball League over the summer. Struck out 30 in 30.1 innings.

**High School:** Was the 2007 Athlete of the Year in the Virgin Islands by the V.I. *Daily News* ... Named Athlete of the Year at All Saints Cathedral School as well ... Selected in the 37th round of the MLB draft by Florida ... Served as team captain of the baseball team his junior and senior years and the football team in his junior season ... Four-year letterwinner in baseball, three in football and one in basketball.

**Personal:** Kellen Masem St. Luce ... Born 6/5/89 .... Son of Matthew and Kathleen St. Luce ... Undecided on a major... Favorites include Johan Santana, Cole Hamels, Jon Lester, Will Smith, Reggae, Christian Bale and Rihanna, and movies *The Shining* and *Wedding Crashers* ... Chose Vanderbilt because its the best combination of athletics and academics in the nation.

### Reid Career Stats

Year	ERA	W	L	App	GS	CG	SHO	CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP
2008	4.30	4	0	23	2	0	0	0	0	37.2	42	21	18	18	42	7	0	4	170	.282	2	1

### St. Luce Career Stats

Year	ERA	W	L	App	GS	CG	SHO	CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP
2008	0.00	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	6	.000	0	0



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## RETURNING PLAYER BIOS



**AARON  
WESTLAKE**

**36** Fr.-RS • 1B/C  
6-4, 230 • L/R  
Redding, Calif.  
Shasta H.S.

**Coach Corbin Quote:** Aaron is a strong hitter who has plate discipline and power potential. He has really come on as a defensive player as well. Aaron has a chance to play first base and is also getting time as a catcher.

**2008:** Missed the last two months of the season due to injury...Hit .241 with three runs scored in 29 at bats...First collegiate appearance came against Arizona State (2/23), going 0-for-1 with a base on balls...Recorded first career hit against Louisville (3/4) and scored first collegiate run...Saw action in all three games of South Carolina (3/14-16) series, going 2-for-5...Started against Middle Tennessee (3/26) and recorded two hits with an RBI and two runs scored...Drove in three runs and had a career-high tying two hits in series finale against Arkansas (3/30) ... Hit .209 with three doubles and four RBI in 29 games for Keene in the New England Collegiate Baseball League over the summer.

**High School:** Listed as the No. 55 prospect in talent-rich California by *Baseball America* entering the June 2007 draft ... Preseason Rawlings All-American at Shasta High ... First-team all-state and section MVP in 2006 ... First team all-league in 2005-07 and first team all-section from 2004-07 ... Helped lead team to section championships in 2004 ... Led his section in walks with 46 and RBI with 52 ... Captained the baseball team in junior and senior years and the basketball team in 2006-07 school year ... Earned four varsity letters in baseball and one in basketball ... was a Junior Olympics gold medal winner in 2005 ... Named to Sunbelt All-Tournament team in 2006 in summer league action.

**Personal:** Aaron James Westlake ... Born 12/27/88 .... Son of Steve and Deanna Westlake ... Has a sister, Marissa ... A financial management major... Favorites include Albert Pujols, Tom Hanks and movies Saving Private Ryan and The Green Mile ... Chose Vanderbilt because he wanted to be a part of a brotherhood of baseball players who are striving for the same thing-victory.



**JONATHAN  
WHITE**

**40** Sr.-3L • OF  
6-2, 205 • L/L  
Shelbyville, Tenn.  
Shelbyville H.S.

**Coach Corbin Quote:** We are fortunate to get Johnny back for his senior year. He is a rare case of a player who possesses legitimate speed and power. He can be a offensive threat and really help our team. His experience and attitude should be a key factor as well. He should start in left or center field. Johnny won the Omaha Challenge for the 2nd year in a row.

**2008:** Hit .286 with 12 RBI and 21 runs scored...Went 2-for-3 with three runs scored and a RBI in season opener against Oregon State (2/22)...Hit first home run of the season against Xavier (3/2)...Went 2-for-3 with a career-high four runs scored and a RBI against the Musketeers...Hit a pinch-hit home run against Western Carolina (3/12) for his second round-tripper of the season... Had two hits and two RBI against Lipscomb (3/19)...Was 1-for-1 as pinch-hitter against Memphis (5/6)...1-for-1 as a pinch hitter against Florida (5/15)... Went 2-for-3 and scored a run in SEC Tournament opener against Florida (5/21) ... Had a hit in all three games of the NCAA tournament. Went 6-for-10 with two RBI and three runs scored. Ended the year with a 3-for-4 day against Oklahoma (6/1).

**2007:** Hit .289 with seven doubles, a triple and three homers with 14 RBI in 44 games, logging 22 starts ... 2-for-5 in the Georgia series ... Was 3-for-5 with a homer and two runs scored against Tennessee Tech (4/25). Home run cleared the scoreboard at right-center at Hawkins Field ... Walked a career-high three times against Lipscomb (4/17) ... Came through with game-winning RBI double in the 12th inning of win over Kentucky (4/13). Finished 1-for-1 with a RBI and two runs scored off the bench ... Was 1-for-3 with a homer and two RBI against Belmont (4/11) ... Went 2-for-5 with a double and RBI against South Carolina (3/31) ... Was 3-for-4 in SEC opening weekend versus Ole Miss (3/16 - 3/18) with two RBI ... Knocked in the game winner with a single versus Ole Miss (3/16) ... Laced a double and a triple as part of a 2-for-5 day at the plate against Illinois-Chicago (3/11) with two RBI and a run scored... Was a triple shy of hitting for the cycle against Xavier (3/04) to go with two runs scored, three RBI and a stolen base ... Saw action in all three games of the Houston College Classic to open the 2007 season ... Scored the winning run against Arizona State (2/10) from third base as a pinch runner on a wild pitch during an intentional walk ... Earned his first collegiate start in the opener versus Rice (2/09) as the DH and went 1-for-3 with a double ... wrote a diary for his hometown paper, the *Shelbyville Gazette* ... Drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers in the 24th round in the June amateur draft ... Played on the Newport Gulls of the New England Collegiate Baseball League over the summer. Batted .246 with five doubles and three triples while also converting on 10-of-12 stolen base attempts.

### Westlake Career Stats

Year	Avg	GP	GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB	ATT
2008	.241	15	4	29	3	7	1	0	0	4	8	.276	3	0	8	0	.313	0	0	0	0

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**2006:** Played in eight games, finishing with a .200 average, a homer and three RBI ... Was 0-for-1 with a run scored in the second game of a doubleheader against Alabama (4/22) ... Hit a pinch-hit two-run homer against the Crimson Tide in the first game of the doubleheader ... Scored a run and had a RBI against Western Kentucky (4/11) ... Named the top pro prospect out of the New York Collegiate League by *Baseball America* over the summer. Played for the Glen Falls Eagles and hit .365 with three doubles, a homer, triple, 16 RBI and 11 stolen bases in as many chances in 18 games before suffering an injury that sidelined him the rest of the summer.

**2005:** Redshirted ... Played for Lehigh Valley of the ACBL over the summer ... Scored 10 runs in 24 games ... Hit .170 with a triple, homer and 13 RBI.

**High School:** Owned a .481 batting average with 47 hits, six home runs, 12 doubles, and six triples at Shelbyville High School for head coach Scott Hall...totaled 43 RBI, and 29 walks ... Was 29-30 in stolen bases...Owned a .592 on base percentage and a .825 slugging percentage ... Had a 13-game hitting streak his senior season ... Earned Team MVP and Most Improved Player honors ... Named to the District 8-AAA all-district and all-region team and earned MVP honors ... First-team All-Mid State and All-State as a senior ... Played summer baseball for the Shelbyville Post 23 American Legion team coached by Jerry Naron. Owned the highest slugging percentage (.559) and highest on base percentage (.496) as a junior. As a senior, he had the highest slugging percentage with a .713 mark.

**Personal:** Jonathan Lamont White ... Born 6/16/86 ... Son of Jeffery and Betty White ... Has a sister, Makea ... Majoring in psychology ... Favorites include: The movie Coach Carter, the TV show Fresh Prince, Aaliyah, Alex Rodriguez, Tom Cruise and the Atlanta Braves ... Craziest ambition is to become an outdoorsman ... Lists Frank Robinson as the greatest baseball player of all time.





**JORDAN**  
**WORMSLEY**  
So.-1L • OF  
6-1, 195 • L/L  
Knoxville, Tenn.  
Webb School

**Coach Corbin Quote:** *Jordan is a sound defensive outfielder who tracks the ball very well. He's a mentally alert player who doesn't make mistakes. He cracked the lineup several times last year and will look to do the same again.*

**2008:** Hit .538 with a triple in 13 plate appearances on the season...First collegiate at-bat came against Arizona State (2/23)...First hit as a college player came against Xavier (3/2) on a triple...Drove in first run of college career against South Carolina (3/15)...Got first career start in LF against Austin Peay (4/9), going 1-for-3 with a run scored...Had career high three hits and two RBI against Belmont (4/23)...Returned home to Knoxville and got a hit in his only at-bat against Tennessee (5/3) ... Hit .200 with three doubles, a triple and seven RBIs in 22 games for Saratoga in the New York Collegiate Baseball League over the summer. Posted a .371 on-base percentage and 1.000 fielding percentage.

**2007:** Redshirted ... Spent the summer at the IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla. competing in the Florida Collegiate Instructional League. Batted .345 with five doubles and seven stolen bases in 12 attempts.

**High School:** Five-year baseball letterwinner and two-year team captain at the Webb School ... Was a Louisville Slugger Preseason All-American prior to his senior year ... Earned all-state and honorable mention All-American honors after batting .500 and was the Division II East Region Player of the Year ... Helped lead team to state runner-up finish twice and regional runner-up three times ... Also lettered four times in football ... Was a member of the Spanish Honor Society.

**Personal:** Jordan Clark Wormsley ... Born 1/19/87 .... Son of Clark and Jody Wormsley ... Has one sibling, Parker ... A human and organizational development major... Favorites include the movie Major League, Jim Edmonds, Pete Rose and Lynrd Skynrd ... Considers Ted Williams to be the greatest player of all-time. Chose Vanderbilt because of the athletics and academics combination.

### White Career Stats

Year	Avg	GP	GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB	ATT
2006	.200	8	0	5	3	1	0	0	1	3	4	.800	3	0	2	0	.500	0	0	0	0
2007	.289	44	22	90	15	26	7	1	3	14	44	.489	9	1	27	1	.356	1	0	6	8
2008	.286	45	30	105	21	30	2	1	2	12	40	.381	12	5	29	1	.379	2	3	11	13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>.285</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>.440</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.373</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>21</b>

### Wormsley Career Stats

Year	Avg	GP	GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB	ATT
2008	.538	10	2	13	2	7	0	1	0	3	9	.692	1	0	1	0	.571	0	0	1	2

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## NEWCOMER BIOS



**JACK**

**ARMSTRONG**

**21**

Fr.-HS • RHP/INF  
6-7, 215 • R/R  
Jupiter, Fla.  
Jupiter H.S.

**Coach Corbin Quote:** Jack has a strong, powerful arm with good feel of a breaking pitch. He is also a very good athlete who has a relentless work ethic. Jack may also swing the bat for us.

**High School:** Named 2007-08 Second Team All-Conference and AFLAC All-American Team... Was also named the 2008 Rawlings Preseason All-American and First Team All-Region Baseball... 2008 Homerun Derby winner... Drafted by the Texas Rangers in the 36th round out of high school... Helped his team to the 2007 Conference Champs... Played on an All-American Prospects team... Ranked among the nation's top-200 draft prospects by Perfect Game... Three-year letter winner and starter in baseball and basketball... Named 2007-08 First Team All-Conference in Basketball and also 2008 MVP at Naples Daily Shoot-out Tournament... Led basketball team to 2008 District Championship... Captain of baseball and basketball teams in senior year... Earned the Order of the Arrow (maintaining a 3.0 GPA or higher while playing a sport) and the Lamp of Knowledge (3.5 GPA or higher).

**Personal:** Jack William Armstrong, Jr. ... Born 12/14/89... son of Jack and Kristine Armstrong... Has 3 siblings, Erik, Jessica and Kristofer... Dad pitched in the Major Leagues with the Reds, Indians, Marlins and Rangers. Father was a former pitcher for the Nashville Sounds... Majoring in Biological Sciences... Favorite vacation spot is Costa Rica... Favorites include the movie Braveheart, Mel Gibson, ESPN, Sushi and Lobster... Ten years from now he wants to be playing in the Majors... Most memorable athletic experience is striking out the side in the bottom of the ninth to get the win in the 2007 AFLAC All-American Game... Chose Vanderbilt because of the combination of great athletics and education.



**WILL**

**CLINARD**

**46**

Fr.-HS • RHP  
6-4, 210 • R/R  
Cross Plains, Tenn.  
East Robertson H.S.

**Coach Corbin Quote:** Will is a good athlete with a live, fluid arm. He has a very high ceiling and has a chance to be a very good pitcher for us. He also possesses a good breaking pitch.

**High School:** Named the 2007-08 Robertson County Times Player of the Year and 2006 Robertson County Times Pitcher of the Year... Named to

the 2008 Tennessean All-Mid-state Team and 2008 Rawlings Preseason All-Region Team... Ranked fourth-best baseball prospect in TN... Named to the 2007-08 TSWA All-State Baseball Team... Drafted in the 37th round by the LA Dodgers out of high school... Also played for the Brentwood A's... Chosen for the 2007 East Coast Professional Showcase and 2007 Perfect Game National Showcase... Was a Team Tennessee Selection 2006-08 All-District and All District Tournament Team, and All-Region 2006-07... Holds East Robertson High's record for most homeruns, lowest ERA, and most strikeouts with over 300 career H.S. career hits... Was a four-year letter winner in basketball and baseball, a four-year starter in baseball and two-year starter in basketball... Was the captain his senior year in baseball and basketball... Helped lead his basketball team to the 2006 State Tournament and 2005 District Champs... Named to basketball's 2008 All-District, All-District Tournament team and Robertson County Times All-County Team... Was a Tennessee Scholar, Sr. Beta and member of the National Honor's Society.

**Personal:** William Robert Clinard... Born 11/3/89... Son of Kevin and Philicia Clinard... Has a sister, Kecia ... Majoring in Economics... Favorites include Denzel Washington, the movie Twister, Sports Center and The Weather Channel, steak, rapper Lil Wayne and athlete Evan Longoria... Would be a tornado chaser if he weren't playing baseball... If he could change one thing about his sport it would be to change from aluminum to wood bats... His advice to youngsters is to live your dream. It's possible! ... Most memorable athletic experience is pitching against Mike Minor in the regional tournament as a H.S. sophomore... Has fulfilled a lifelong dream to play baseball for Vanderbilt.



**JASON**

**ESPOSITO**

**22**

Fr.-HS • INF  
6-3, 190 • R/R  
Bethany, Conn.  
Amity H.S.

**Coach Corbin Quote:** Jason is a mature infielder who has many tools. He will compete for the shortstop or third base position immediately. Besides his glove and arm, Jason is also a very good prospect with the bat and is very competent hitting to all fields.

**High School:** Named the 2008 All-State MVP, All-Area MVP, New Haven Register MVP, Connecticut Post MVP, Hartford Courant MVP, Gatorade Player of the Year, Connecticut Coco-Cola Player of the Year, Offensive Player of the Year, 2007 Gold Glove and Louisville Slugger All-American... Seventh round pick by the Kansas City Royals in the 2008 First-year player draft... Ranked as the 69th best draft prospect by Perfect Game... Also named 2006-08 All-Area Team, 2007-08 All-State, and 2006 MVP of SCC Tourn... Helped his team to 2005, 08 Housy Champs, SCC Champs 2006, 07, and back-to-back State Championships in 2006-07... Was a four-year letterwinner in baseball and was voted team captain during junior and senior years... Played for the South Florida Bandits, coached by legendary Mark Holtzman... Named Perfect Game All-American.