ROAD TO THE SPRING GAME





BLACK & GOLD SPRING GAME SATURDAY, APRIL 14 6:00 PM

SPRING MEDIA POLICIES

This spring, Head Coach James Franklin plans to open Vanderbilt's spring practices to both the media and public. Upon further notice, local media photographers and videographers will be allowed to shoot throughout each Commodore practice session. The first practice is Friday, March 16.

Post-practice interviews with Coach Franklin and selected student-athletes will be available after virtually every practice.

Assistant coaches will be available after Thursday sessions.

2012 VANDERBILT SPRING PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday Thursday		Friday	Saturday
					March 16 Practice #1 Starts at 4:15 pm	March 17 Practice #2 Starts at 10 am
March 18	March 19	March 20 Practice #3 Starts at 4:15 pm	March 21	March 22 Practice #4 Starts at 4:15 pm	March 23	March 24 Practice #5 10:30 am
March 25	March 26	March 27 Practice #6 Starts at 4:15 pm	March 28	March 29 Practice #7 Starts at 4:15 pm	March 30	March 31 Practice #8 Start: 10 am
April 1	April 2	April 3 Practice #9 Starts at 4:15 pm	April 4	April 5 Practice #10 Starts at 4:15 pm	April 6	April 7 Practice #11 Start: 10 am
April 8	April 9	April 10 Practice #12 Starts at 4:15 pm	April 11	April 12 Practice #13 Starts at 4:15 pm	April 13 Practice #14 Starts at 4:15 pm	April 14 Black & Gold Spring Game 6 pm, stadium





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Quick Facts

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Head CoachJames Franklin (2nd year)
Career Record6-7
2011 Record6-7
2011 SEC Record2-6 (4th in SEC East)
Home5-2
Away1-4
Neutral0-1
Home Attendance230,112
Average Home Attendance32,873
Bowls5
All-time Bowl Record2-2-1
Last Bowl2011 AutoZone Liberty
Last Bowl W/L Cincinnati (L, 24-31)

General Information

Location	Nashvilla Tonn
Founded	
Enrollment	6,800
Nickname	Commodores
Colors	Black and Gold
StadiumVanderb	ilt Stadium (39,773)
All-Time Record	563-575-50 (.495)
ChancellorN	icholas S. Zeppos
Vice Chancellor (athletics)	David Williams II
Assoc. Dir., Student Athletic	sKevin Colon
Chief of Staff	Jemal Griffin
Dir., Football Operations	Michael Hazel
Player Personnel Dir	Andy Frank
Asst. Dir., FB Operations	
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2012 VANDERBILT SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	City, State	Venue
Thurs., Aug. 30	SOUTH CAROLINA	Nashville	Vanderbilt Stadium
Sat., Sept. 8	at Northwestern	Evanston, III.	Ryan Field
Sat., Sept. 15	PRESBYTERIAN	Nashville	Vanderbilt Stadium
Sat., Sept. 22	at Georgia	Athens, Ga.	Sanford Stadium
Sat., Sept. 29	idle		
Sat., Oct. 6	at Missouri	Columbia, Mo.	Memorial Stadium/Faurot Field
Sat., Oct. 13	FLORIDA	Nashville	Vanderbilt Stadium
Sat., Oct. 20	AUBURN	Nashville	Vanderbilt Stadium
Sat., Oct. 27	MASSACHUSETTS	Nashville	Vanderbilt Stadium
Sat., Nov. 3	at Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	Commonwealth Stadium
Sat., Nov. 10	at Ole Miss	Oxford, Miss.	Vaught-Hemingway Stadium
Sat., Nov. 17	TENNESSEE	Nashville	Vanderbilt Stadium
Sat., Nov. 24	at Wake Forest	Winston-Salem, N.	C. BB&T Field

2011 COMMODORE RESULTS 6-7, 2-6 (4th-SEC East)

Date	AP/USAT	Opponent (TV)	Site	Result
Sept. 3	-/-	ELON (CSS)	Nashville, Tenn.	W, 45-14
Sept. 10	-/-	CONNECTICUT (CSS)	Nashville, Tenn.	W, 24-21
Sept. 17	-/-	OLE MISS (SEC TV)	Nashville, Tenn.	W, 30-7
Sept. 24	-/-	at So. Carolina (CSS)	Columbia, S.C.	L, 3-21
Oct. 8	-/-	at Alabama (ESPNU)	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	L, 0-34
Oct. 15	-/-	GEORGIA (Fox Sports South)	Nashville, Tenn.	L, 28-33
Oct. 22	-/-	ARMY (ESPNU)	Nashville, Tenn.	W, 44-21
Oct. 29	-/-	ARKANSAS (SEC TV)	Nashville, Tenn.	L, 28-31
Nov. 5	-/-	at Florida (SEC TV)	Gainesville, Fla.	L, 21-26
Nov. 12	-/-	KENTUCKY (SEC TV)	Nashville, Tenn.	W, 38-8
Nov. 19	-/-	at Tennessee (ESPNU)	Knoxville, Tenn.	L, 21-27 (OT)
Nov. 26	-/-	at Wake Forest (ESPNU)	Winston-Salem, N.C.	W, 41-7
Dec. 31	-/-	Cincinnati/AutoZone Liberty Bowl (ABC)	Memphis, Tenn.	L, 24-31

2011 VANDERBILT INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing	G	Att.	Net.	Avg.	TD		Long	Avg./G
Zac Stacy •	13	201	1193	5.9	14		77	91.8
Jordan Rodgers •	13	117	420	3.6	4		40	32.3
Jerron Seymour •	13	83	268	3.2	5		40	20.6
Passing	G	Effic.	CompAtt.	-INT	Pct.	Yards	TD	Avg./G
Jordan Rodgers •	13	113.8	108-216-	10	50.0	1524	9	117.2
Larry Smith	10	104.6	68-123-6	3	55.3	668	5	66.8
Receiving	G	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD		Long	Avg./G
Jordan Matthews •	13	41	778	19.0	5		49	59.8
Chris Boyd •	13	31	473	15.3	8		68	36.7
Jonathan Krause •	13	23	171	7.4	0		41	13.2
Wesley Tate •	13	22	187	8.5	0		33	14.4
Zac Stacy •	13	20	106	5.3	0		44	8.2
Defense	UA-	A-TT	TFL/Yds.	Sacks	INT	PBU	FF-FR	ОВН
Chris Marve	49-4	2-91	8.5-24	3.0-11	1-19	4	1/-	4
Sean Richardson	41-2	2-63	6.5-40	2.0-16	1-11	4	-/-	1
Casey Hayward	46-1	6-62	7.5-11	-	7-107	17	-/-	-
Archibald Barnes •	37-2	2-59	4.5-30	2.0-12	2-128	6	3/-	2
Kenny Ladler •	37-1	6-53	1.0-1	-	1-0	4	-/-	-
Chase Garnham •	30-2	1-51	5.5-30	2.0-19	-	1	1/-	1
Javon Marshall • • 2012 returnee	32-1	0-42	0.5-1	-	2-32	6	-/-	-





2011 STARTERS RETURNING:

OFFENSE: 9

Name, Position
Jordan Rodgers, QB
Zac Stacy, TB
Jordan Matthews, WR
Chris Boyd, WR
Wesley Tate, WR
Wesley Johnson, OT/C
Andrew Bridges, OT
Ryan Seymour, OG
Josh Jelesky, OG

2011 Notes

Averaged 184 passing yards starting final seven games of season Set single-season records with 1,193 rushing yards, 14 rush TDs Averaged 111.5 receiving yards in last six games; 41 catches on year Posted team-high eight TD receptions as first-year starting WR As first-year slot receiver, contributed 22 catches for 187 yards Showed remarkable OL versatility, starting at center, guard & tackle First-year contributor improved thru season; started last four games Moved between guard & tackle, earning 11 starting assignments Played effectively when inserted at right guard for last five games

DEFENSE: 7 Name Position

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Walker May, DE
Rob Lohr, DT
Colt Nichter, DT
Chase Garnham, LB
Archibald Barnes, LE
Trey Wilson, DB
Javon Marshall, FS

2011 Notes

Posted 30 tackles, three QB sacks in seven starts as def. end Best year in VU uniform: 40 tackles, 11.5 for loss, five sacks Registered 26 tackles and a sack as nine-game starter at tackle As first-year starter, posted 51 tackles, 5.5 for loss and two sacks Huge late-season factor: 59 tackles, three forced fumbles, two INTs Top year as 'Dore: 40 tackles, three INTs, 11 passes defended Hard hitter as first-year starter: 32 solo tackles, two INTs

SPECIALISTS: 3

Name, Position

Ryan Fowler, PK Carey Spear, KO

2011 Notes

Finished year as team's placekicker; made 4-of-7 FG attempts Richard Kent, punter Averaged 42.5 yards on 64 punts; superb 39.2-yard net average Hit 4-of-7 FGs as placekicker; also served as kickoff specialist

2011 STARTERS LOST:

OFFENSE: 2

Name,	Positio
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2011 Notes

Brandon Barden, TE Kyle Fischer, OT

Production dropped in 2011; Caught 16 passes for 243 yards, 1 TD Enjoyed best season as 'Dore, serving as co-captain as RT starter

DEFENSE: 4

Name, Position

2011 Notes

Tim Fugger, DE Chris Marve, LB Casey Hayward, CB

Posted career year, including 11 tackles for loss, seven sacks Three-time All-SEC ranks among team's all-time Top 10 tackles Ended career as senior All-America; Tied school's INT record Sean Richardson, SS Three-year starter was second on team with 63 solo tackles

SPECIALISTS: 0

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2011 UNIT RANKINGS (SEC and NCAA)

leam Offense
Points26.7 (SEC: 6; NCAA: 61
Total Offense 339.1 (SEC: 7; NCAA: 98
Rush Offense 164.5 (SEC: 6; NCAA: 47

Team Defense

Points Allowed.....21.6 (SEC: 7; NCAA: 29) Total Defense322.8 (SEC: 7; NCAA: 18) Rush Defense...... 130.5 (SEC: 6; NCAA: 36) Pass Offense 174.6 (SEC: 8; NCAA: 97) Pass Defense 192.2 (SEC: 7; NCAA: 18)

THE 2012 COMMODORE ROSTER

LETTERWINNERS RETURNING: 43

OFFENSE (19) Chris Boyd, Andrew Bridges, Josh Jelesky, Wesley Johnson, Jonathan Krause, Fitz Lassing, Jordan Matthews, Austin Monahan, Warren Norman, Marc Panu, Spencer Pulley, Jordan Rodgers, Jerron Seymour, Ryan Seymour, Zac Stacy, Wesley Tate, Joe Townsend, Dillon van der Wal, Chase White

DEFENSE (20) Archibald Barnes, Karl Butler, Steven Clarke, Barron Dixon, Eddie Foster, Chase Garnham, Andre Hal, Kenny Ladler, Javon Marshall, Walker May, Thad McHaney, Jared Morse, Colt Nichter, Rob Lohr, Eric Samuels, Tristan Strong, Vince Taylor, Johnell Thomas, Kyle Woestmann, Trey Wilson

SPECIALISTS (4) Andrew East, Ryan Fowler, Richard Kent, Carey Spear

LETTERWINNERS LOST: 21

OFFENSE (10) Brandon Barden, Mylon Brown, Jabo Burrow, John Cole, Kyle Fischer, Mason Johnston, Micah Powell, Larry Smith, Logan Stewart, Udom Umoh, Caleb Welchans

DEFENSE (10) Dexter Daniels, Tim Fugger, T.J. Greenstone, Casey Hayward, DeAndre Jones, Taylor Loftley, Rob Lohr, Chris Marve, Al Owens, Sean Richardson

SPECIALISTS (0)

COMMODORES BY CLASS

SENIORS (16) Manny Amingwa, Archibald Barnes, Eddie Foster, Ryan Fowler, Josh Jelesky, Richard Kent, Rob Lohr, Austin Monahan, Colt Nichter, Jordan Rodgers, Eric Samuels, Ryan Seymour, Zac Stacy, Tristan Strong, Johnell Thomas, John Townsley, Trey Wilson

JUNIORS (21) Robby Barbieri, Karl Butler, Austyn Carta-Samuels, Steven Clarke, Hasan Clayton, Luke Colbert, Chase Garnham, Andre Hal, Wesley Johnson, Jonathan Krause, Kenny Ladler, Fitz Lassing, Javon Marshall, Jordan Matthews, Walker May, Thad McHaney, Jared Morse, Warren Norman, Marc Panu, Carey Spear, Patrick Sutton, Wesley Tate

SOPHOMORES (18) Scot Aiello, Tyler Anders, Chris Boyd, Andrew Bridges, Barron Dixon, Andrew East, Josh Gregory, Daniel Hagaman, Alex Hysong, Trent Pruitt, Spencer Pulley, Grant Ramsey, Marc Rosen, Jerron Seymour, Vince Taylor, Joe Townsend, Dillon van der Wal, Chase White, Trey Wilkins, Kyle Woestmann

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (18) Jake Bernstein, Hunter Bowman, Larry Franklin, Josh Grady, Conor Hart, Taylor Hudson, Kris Kentera, Derek King, Jacquese Kirk, James Lewis, Jahmel McIntosh, Steve Monk, Connor Morrison, Steve Scheu, Jimmy Stewart, Lafonte Thourogood, Kellen Williams, Andrew Williamson

FRESHMEN (2) Darreon Herring, Patton Robinette









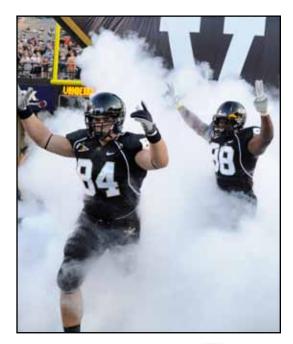






















VANDERBILT SPRING NOTES

In Second Year, Franklin Seeks Continued Improvement from Commodores

The Commodores will look for continued improvement in James Franklin's second year on the Vanderbilt campus.

In 2011, the Commodores were a vastly improved squad under Franklin. In terms of statistics, Vanderbilt's offense and defense ranked as the most improved in the SEC. Only one team in the league (Georgia) had a greater win-loss turnaround than Vanderbilt's 6-7 mark in 2011 after a 2-10 record in 2010.

Under Franklin, the Commodores performed at a higher level than the 2010 Vanderbilt squad in virtually every stat area. In several categories, the one-year improvement was remarkable.

The 2011 offense averaged 26.7 points, nearly 10 points more per game than in 2010. The offense also produced more 339.1 yards per game, 41 more yards than the previous year. The team rushed and passed for more yardage last year: 25.8 additional rushing yards and 15.2 more passing yards. The unit scored 17 more total touchdowns, including 13 more via the rush and six more through the air.

The per-play production on offense also increased. The Commodores averaged more yards per rush attempt (4.3-4.0) and more yards per pass attempt (6.6-5.3).

The improved offensive balance allowed the Commodores to produce 2.2 more first downs and allow nine fewer quarterback sacks).

On defense, the 2011 Commodores were even more impressive. The defense held opponents to an average of 322.8 yards of total offense, 96.4 fewer yards than the previous year. Again, the decrease in yardage was across-the-board: 62.5 less rushing yards allowed and 34 fewer passing yards.

The Vanderbilt defense held opponents to 12 total rushing TDs, 13 fewer than in 2010. Foes averaged 3.6 yards per rush, nearly a full yard lower than the previous year.

The defense also produced more 10 interceptions and 29 total turnovers, 12 more than in 2010. Those stats resulted in the Commodores' +5 turnover margin.

The Commodores enjoyed more success inside the 20-yard line. On offense, the Commodores scored 25 TDs, 11 more than in 2010. On defense, Vanderbilt also held opponents to 11 fewer TDs (18-29). Third-down efficiencies were higher for the offense (34%-27%) and lower for the defense (37%-38%).

VAST IMPROVEMENT UNDER FRANKLIN

Statistical Category	2011	2010	change
Record	6-7	2-10	+ 3.5
Scoring Offense	26.7	16.9	+ 9.8
Total Offense	339.1	298.1	+ 41.0
Rushing Offense	164.6	138.8	+ 25.8
Avg. Per Rush Offense	4.3	4.0	+ .3
Rushing TDs Scored	26	13	+ 13
Passing Offense	174.6	159.4	+ 15.2
Scoring Defense	21.6	31.2	+ 9.6
Total Defense	322.8	419.2	+ 96.4
Rushing Defense	130.5	193.0	+ 62.5
Avg. Per Rush Defense	3.6	4.5	+ .9
Rushing TDs Allowed	12	25	+ 13
Passing Defense	192.2	226.2	+ 34.0
Net Punting	39.2	36.8	+ 2.4
Kickoff Returns	21.9	22.4	5
Turnover Margin	+1	- 4	+ 5
Pass Efficiency	113.2	95.6	+ 17.6
Def. Pass Efficiency	113.9	140.5	+ 26.6
3rd Down Conv. %	34%	27%	+ 7%
3rd Down Conv. % (Def.)	37%	38%	+ 1%
Red Zone Off. Efficiency	77%	71%	+ 6%
Red Zone TDs Scored	25	14	+ 11
Red Zone TDs Allowed	18	29	+ 11
QB Sacks	27	20	+ 3
QB Sacks Allowed	27	36	+ 9
Pass Interceptions	19	9	+ 10
First Downs	17.2	15.0	+ 2.2
First Downs Allowed	18.0	19.9	+ 1.9
Time of Possession	29:53	26:58	+ 2:55

VANDERBILT ACTIVE CAREER STAT LEADERS

Category	Team Leaders	Career Totals
Total Offense	Z. Stacy/J. Rodgers	2,212/1,944
Total TDs	Z. Stacy/W. Norman	20/11
Rushing Yards	Z. Stacy/W. Norman	2,002/1,242
Rushing Attempts	Z. Stacy/W. Norman	374/222
Rushing TDs	Z. Stacy/W. Norman	20/7
Passing Yards	J. Rodgers	1,524
Pass Attempts	J. Rodgers	216
Completions	J. Rodgers	108
Passing TDs	J. Rodgers	9
Receptions	J. Mathews/J. Krause	56/47
Receiving Yards	J. Matthews/C. Boyd	962/473
Receiving TDs	J. Matthews/C. Boyd	9/8
Punt Return Yards	J. Krause	218
Kick Return Yards	W. Norman/A. Hal	1,608/1,002
Total Tackles	K. Ladler/A. Barnes	110/85
Solo Tackles	K. Ladler/A. Barnes	78/55
Tackles for Loss	R. Lohr/W. May	20.5/10.5
Quarterback Sacks	R. Lohr/W. May	10.5/4.5
Interceptions	E. Foster/T. Wilson	4/3
Forced Fumbles	A. Barnes/R. Lohr	4/2
Fumbles Recovered	E. Samuels/May-Clarke (tie)	3/2
Passes Defended	T. Wilson-E. Foster (tie)	10
Career Starts (Pos.)	W. Johnson-R. Lohr (tie)	25
Consecutive Starts (Pos.)	W. Johnson-R. Lohr (tie)	25

2011 Production: Most Point Since 1915

The 2011 Commodores produced more points than any Vanderbilt squad since the post-World War I era.

The 2011 Commodores scored 347 points. It was the most points produced in a single season since Dan McGugin's 1915 Vanderbilt squad racked up 514 points during a 9-1 campaign.

TEARET SCORING AVO.						
Year	Point Total	Avg.				
1948	328	29.8				
2005	299	27.2				
2011	347	26.7				
1974	313	26.1				
1987	286	26.0				
1984	276	25.1				
1982	293	24.5				
1969	242	24.2				
	Year 1948 2005 2011 1974 1987 1984 1982	Year Point Total 1948 328 2005 299 2011 347 1974 313 1987 286 1984 276 1982 293				

YEARLY SCORING AVG

The 2011 Vanderbilt squad became just the third Vanderbilt team since the 1920s to score more than 300 points.

The Commodores averaged 26.7 points, the program's third highest average since World War II: 1948 (29.8) and 2005 (27.2).

Since midseason, Vanderbilt's offense has scored consistently, averaging 31.5 points during its last seven games. The unit also has scored at least 21 points in its last seven games, marking the first time a Commodore offense has done so since the 1948 season.

In the defensive-oriented Southeastern Conference, the offense is averaging 21.1 points, a 10.8-point improvement from one year ago.



VANDERBILT SPRING NOTES



Nine Offensive Starters Return; List Includes Top Producers

Nearly all of the principal contributors from the 2011 Vanderbilt offense will be back in the Black and Gold uniform during the upcoming season.

Nine offensive starters are expected back, including the Commodores' leading passer, rusher and receiver from a year ago as well as four offensive linemen.

This spring, coordinator John Donovan and the offensive staff will look to replace 2011 co-captain Kyle Fischer at tackle and Brandon Barden at tight end.

The list of offensive standouts back in 2012 includes:

- The quarterback (senior **Jordan Rodgers**) who accounted for 67% of Vandy's passing yards and accumulated nearly 2,000 total yards.
- The top three rushers (senior Zac Stacy, Rodgers and sophomore Jerron Seymour) who accounted 88% of the Commodore rushing total.
- The top five receivers (junior **Jordan Matthews**, sophomore **Chris Boyd**, junior **Wesley Tate**, junior **Jonathan Krause** and **Stacy**) who accounted for 77% of Vanderbilt's completions.
- Both offensive linemen (senior Ryan Seymour and junior Wesley Johnson) that earned SEC Lineman of the Week honors last year.
 The Vanderbilt offense produced 312 points (24.0 ppg.) in 2011.

Two New Coaches Join Vanderbilt Staff; Franklin Adds Barlow and Gattis



George Barlow



Josh Gattis

Two new assistant coaches, **George Barlow** and **Josh Gattis**, will particiate in their first Vanderbilt spring practice after joining the staff in January.

Both Barlow, a Marshall University graduate who comes from the University of New Mexico staff, and Gattis, a Wake Forest grad who served last year at Western Michigan, will have key recruiting roles in addition to position responsibilities. Barlow will coach defensive backs and serve as defensive recruiting coordinator. Gattis will mentor wide receivers and serve as offensive recruiting coordinator.

Barlow and Gattis are coming off remarkable 2011 football seasons.

Barlow spent more than half of last season as New Mexico's interim head coach. He also served as New Mexico's defensive coordinator during the year.

Gattis enjoyed tremendous success last year as the wide receivers coach at Western Michigan. His top pupil, senior Jordan White, amassed staggering statistics in leading the nation with 140 catches and 1,911 receiving yards.

Defensive Spring Goal: Replace Departed Leaders, Playmakers

Vanderbilt defensive coaches enter spring drills facing the prospect of replacing four of their top performers from a year ago.

TOP DEFENDERS BACK

Total Tackles	2011 Total
Archibald Barnes, LB	59
Kenny Ladler, safety	53
Chase Garnham, LB	51
Javon Marshall, safet	ty 42
Rob Lohr, DT	41
QB Sacks	2011 Total
Rob Lohr, DT	5
Walker May, DE	3
Three others	2
Interceptions	2011 Total
Trey Wilson	3
Archibald Barnes	2
Javon Marshall	2
Forced Fumbles	2011 Total

Archibald Barnes, LB

Rob Lohr, DT

Linebacker Chris Marve, cornerback Casey Hayward, defensive end Tim Fugger and safety Sean Richardson, were key contributors on a Commodore defense that ranked among the nation's most improved units in 2011. All four, along with defensive tackle T.J. Greenstone, graduated at the end of the fall semester.

In 2011, Marve, Richardson and Hayward were the team's top three tacklers. Hayward paced the 'Dores with seven interceptions en route to tying the team career record with 15 picks. Fugger lead the defense with eight quarterback sacks and 13.5 tackles for loss.

Coordinator **Bob Shoop** and the defensive staff have 20

letterwinners, including seven starters, back to combat the graduation losses. Starters back from a year ago include linemen Rob Lohr, Walker May and Colt Nichter, linebackers Archibald Barnes and Chase Garnham, cornerback Trey Wilson and safety Javon Marshall.

Last spring, Garnham, Wilson and Marshall used excellent performances to help secure starting roles for the 2011 season.

Despite the personnel losses, 11 of Vanderbilt's top 15 tacklers from the 2011 are back this spring competing for more substantial roles.



Richard Kent



Carey Spear

Top Specialists Are Back

Vanderbilt is expected to feature a veteran group of kicking specialists in 2012 with the return of the team's top three kickers-punters.

Richard Kent (R-Sr.) is back to handle the punting chores after putting together his finest season last year. Kent's 39.2-net average ranked third in the SEC and his 42.1-yard career average is fourth all-time on the team charts.

Ryan Fowler (R-Sr.) and Carey Spear (Jr.) are expected to compete for the primary placekicking responsibilities. Both were 4-of-7 last year in field goal attempts.

Spear, special team's captain in 2011, will likely handle the kickoff duties. He contributed eight touchbacks and 11 tackles as a sophomore.





VANDERBILT BOWL NOTES

Rodgers Returns at Quarterback, but Competition Awaits

Jordan Rodgers (R-Sr.) returns this spring with seven career starts under his belt as a Commodore, but he will face more competition this spring to keep his starting quarterback job.

Former Mountain West Conference Freshman of the Year recipient **Austyn Carta-Samuels** (R-Jr.) and one of the newest Commodores, 2012 signee **Patton Robinette** of Maryville, Tenn., are expected to get snaps this spring along with Rodgers.

RODGERS IN	REC	GULAR	SEAS	SON
Opponent	Pass	Comp%	Rush	Total
10/22 Army	186	37.0	96	282
10/29 Arkansas	240	55.6	66	306
11/5 Florida	297	67.9	20	317
11/12 Kentucky	207	54.5	29	236
11/19 Tennessee	193	53.1	- 8	185
11/26 W. Forest	139	46.7	90	229
Totals	1252		293	1555
Avg.	208.7	54.6	48.8	259.2

When inserted at midseason of the 2011 season, Rodgers gave the Commodore offense



Jordan Rodgers

a lift as a dual-threat quarterback. In six regular season starts, Rodgers has accounted for 12 TDs – eight passing and four rushing. As a starter, Rodgers also ranked among the Southeastern Conference leaders in passing yards (208.7 ypg.) and total offense (259.2 ypg.). Rodgers set a team record for first-year quarterback with 1,523

passing yards.

Rodgers also developed excellent chemistry with **Jordan Matthews** (Jr., WR), who caught 34 passes and averaged 95.6 receiving yards in Rodgers' seven starts.

Unable to play in 2011 after transferring from the University of Wyoming, Carta-Samuels still impressed teammates as a scout team player last year. A native Californian like Rodgers, Carta-Samuels enters spring drills with excellent credentials. He started 21 games at Wyoming, passing for 3,655 yards and 19 TDs, and accumulated 4,400 yards of total offense. In 2009, Carta-Samuels became the first true freshman to start at quarterback for the Cowboys in 35 years and capped the MWC Freshman of the Year campaign by leading Wyoming to a victory over Fresno State in the New Mexico Bowl.

'Dores Lacking Depth This Spring on Offensive Line

For the second straight spring, Commodore offensive coaches are looking at limited personnel on the offensive front.

Offensive line coach Herb Hand is expected to have less than two full line units available when spring drills open March 16. The lack of depth stems from players rehabilitating old injuries (**Ryan Seymour**, **Chase White**) to suspension (**Mylon Brown**, violation of team rules).

The staff targetted offensive line prospects during the 2012 recruiting effort to improve depth, signing six highly regarded OL candidates.

Garnham, Grady, Kentera Moving Positions This Spring

Junior Chase Garnham and a pair of athletic redshirt freshmen, Josh Grady and Kris Kentera, will appear at new positions when spring drills start March 16.

Garnham, one of the team's most productive defensive players in 2011 as an outside linebacker, is expected to move inside and compete for the middle linebacker opening vacated by three-time All-SEC pick **Chris Marve** at the position. In eight starts as a sophomore, Garnham impressed observers with his physicality and ability to run sideline-to-sideline.

Grady, one of the top athletes on the Commodore roster who practiced at quarterback as a true freshman, will switch to wide receiver. Kentera, another former quarterback who impressed the staff with his athleticism during fall practices, will move to tight end/H-back.

Matthews-Boyd: Productive Receiving Tandem

With a combined 71 receptions in 2011, **Jordan Matthews** (Jr.) and **Chris Boyd** (R-So.) return as a potent wide receiver duo for the Commodores.

The pair also hauled in 13 receiving touchdowns last year (Boyd 8/Matthews 5). It is the most of any returning pair of receivers in the SEC.

VANDERBILT'S SEC, NCAA RANKING

TEAM CATEGORY	Υ	AVG.	SEC	NCAA
Scoring Offense		26.7	6	61
Total Offense		339.1	7	98
Rushing Offense)	164.5	6	47
Passing Offense		174.6	8	97
Scoring Defense		21.6	7	29
Total Defense		322.8	6	18
Rushing Defens	е	130.5	4	36
Passing Defense		192.2	7	18
Net Punting	-	38.7	4	22
Punt Returns		6.3	11	85
Kickoff Returns		21.9	6	54
Turnover Margir	า	+5	6	T-49
Pass Efficiency	•	110.7	10	105
Def. Pass Efficie	incv	110.7	5	9
Penalties	ПОУ	6.2	9	73
Penalty Yards		50.2	9	66
3rd Down Conv.	0/2	34%	9	105
3rd Down Conv.		37%	7	39
Red Zone Offens		77%	11	88
Red Zone Defen	•	79%	7	T-40
QB Sacks	Se Liliciency	75 /0 27	7	47
QB Sacks Allow	and.	28	6	73
Tackles for Loss		84	7	73 40
Pass Interception		19	, T-2	T-6
First Downs	1115	17.2	9	104
First Downs Allo	wwod	17.2	9 7	T-29
Time of Possess				
Tillie of Possess	31011	29:54	6	58
INDIVIDUAL CAT				NCAA
Zac Stacy	rushing yards	91.8	3	36
	all-purpose yards		9	
	total offense	95.1	13	_
	scoring	74 pts.		T-94
Jordan Rodgers	pass efficiency	113.8	10	96
	total offense	149.5	6	100
Jonathan Krause		4.1	6	46
Jordan Matthews		41	T-12	
	receiving yards	59.9	5	89
01 : 5 .	receiving TDs	5	T-9	
Chris Boyd	receiving yards	36.4	16	
	receiving TDs	8	T-3	F0
Andre Hal	kickoff returns	23.8	7	53
Rob Lohr	sacks	4.5	T-16	
T 105	tackles for loss	11.5	T-15	
Trey Wilson	interceptions	3	T-13	00
Richard Kent	punting	42.5	6	32
Ryan Fowler	field goals	4	T-12	
Carey Spear	field goals	4	T-12	

Johnson, Lohr Have Most Career Starts

Rob Lohr (R-Sr., DT) and **Wesley Johnson** (R-Jr., OL) top all Vanderbilt position players with 25 career starts.

They are trailed by **Ryan Seymour** (R-Sr., OL) with 22 starts and **Zac Stacy** (Sr., RB) with 20 starts.

Specialists Ryan Fowler (R-Sr., PK) and Richard Kent (R-Sr., punter) have started 28 and 25 games, respectively.



VANDERBILT BOWL NOTES



VANDY PLAYER PARTICIPATION

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		2011		CAREER	Co	ONSECUTIVE
		GAMES	2011	GAMES	CAREER	CAREER
PLAYER	Pos.	PLAYED	STARTS	PLAYED	STARTS	S TARTS
Robby Barbieri	LB	3	-	3	-	-
Archibald Barnes	LB	13	9	36	9	9
Chris Boyd	WR	13	8	13	8	7
Andrew Bridges	0L	13	5	13	5	4
Karl Butler	S/LB	13	-	25	-	-
Steven Clarke	CB	13	-	24	-	-
Barron Dixon	DT	8	-	8	-	-
Andrew East	SN	13	-	13	-	-
Eddie Foster	CB	13	-	37	16	-
Ryan Fowler	PK	8	5	33	28	5
Chase Garnham	LB	10	8	23	8	-
Andre Hal	CB	13	-	25	2	-
Wesley Johnson	0L	13	13	25	25	25
Josh Jelesky	0L	11	5	34	5	5
Richard Kent	Р	13	13	25	25	25
Jonathan Krause	WR	13	5	25	15	-
Kenny Ladler	S	13	6	25	16	-
Fitz Lassing	FB	13	4	23	4	-
Rob Lohr	DT	13	13	36	25	25
Javon Marshall	С	13	7	19	7	1
Jordan Matthews	WR	13	10	25	12	3
Walker May	DE	13	9	20	9	7
Thad McHaney	DE	13	-	17	-	-
Austin Monahan	TE	13	6	33	13	-
Jared Morse	DT	13	-	21	-	-
Colt Nichter	DT	13	9	29	16	-
Warren Norman	RB	-	-	20	13	-
Marc Panu	FB	11	-	22	-	-
Trent Pruitt	WR	3	-	3	-	-
Spencer Pulley	0L	8	-	8	-	-
Jordan Rodgers	QB	13	7	13	7	7
Eric Samuels	S	13	1	32	1	1
Jerron Seymour	RB	13	-	13	-	-
Ryan Seymour	0L	11	11	33	22	2
Carey Spear	PK	13	7	25	9	-
Zac Stacy	RB	13	13	32	20	13
Tristan Strong	LB	4	4	22	4	-
Wesley Tate	WR	13	4	24	4	1
Vince Taylor	DT		-	12	_	-
Johnell Thomas	DE	12	6	33	5	-
Joe Townsend	0L	5	-	5	-	-
Dillon van der Wal		12	_	12	_	-
Chase White	0L	12	3	12	3	-
Trey Wilson	СВ	13	13	37	14	13
Kyle Woestmann	DE	12	-	12	-	-
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Seven 'Dores Likely Limited in Spring

Several Commodore returnees, including 2011 starters **Ryan Seymour** (OG, R-Sr.) and **Javon Marshall** (safety, R-Jr.), are likely to miss contact drills this spring as they recover from injury.

Others joining Seymour and Marshall on the sidelines during full contact will be Marc Panu (FB, Jr.), Warren Norman (RB, R-Jr.), Jerron Seymour (RB, So.), Tristan Strong (LB, R-Sr.), Chase White (OL, R-So.). Vanderbilt does not give particular injury updates during Spring Practice. All seven are expected back this summer.



Franklin: First Vanderbilt Coach to Guide Initial Commodore Squad Into Postseason

James Franklin, the 27th head coach in team history, became the first coach to guide his initial Commodore squad to a postseason bowl game.

Franklin also became the first new Vandy coach to register six wins since **Fred Pancoast's** 'Dores earned seven victories in 1975.

Franklin also became the first new coach at Vanderbilt to claim victories in his first three games since E.H. Alley accomplished the feat in 1943. Before Alley's achievement, the last new coach to duplicate Franklin's 3-0 mark was Dan McGugin in 1904.

Franklin guided Vanderbilt to a 45-14 victory over Elon on Sept. 3, a 24-21 come-frombehind win over Connecticut on Sept. 10, and an impressive 30-7 victory over Ole Miss on Sept. 17 to open the season.

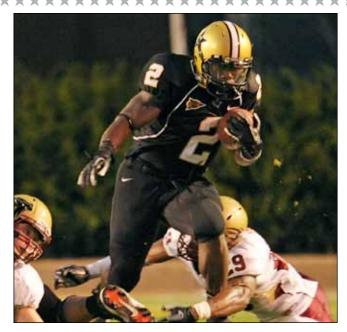
RECORDS OF 2ND-YEAR COACHES

Coach	Year	1st Yr.	2nd Yr.
JAMES FRANKLIN	2011	6-7	-
Bobby Johnson	2002	2-10	2-10
Woody Widenhofer	1997	3-8	2-9
Rod Dowhower	1995	2-9	2-9
Gerry DiNardo	1991	5-6	4-7
Watson Brown	1986	1-10	4-7
George MacIntyre	1979	1-10	2-9
Fred Pancoast	1975	7-4	2-9
Steve Sloan	1973	5-6	7-3-2
Bill Pace	1967	2-7-1	5-4-1
Jack Green	1963	1-7-2	3-6-1
Art Guepe	1953	3-7	2-7
Bill Edwards	1949	5-5	7-4
Doby Bartling	1944	3-0-1	3-6
Red Sanders	1940	3-6-1	8-2
Ray Morrison	1918	4-2	7-3
Dan McGugin	1904	9-0	7-1
W.H. Watkins	1901	6-1-1	8-1
J.L. Crane	1899	7-2	4-4-1
R.G. Acton	1896	3-2-2	6-0-1
Elliott H. Jones	1890	1-0	3-1





ALL-SEC PROSPECTS



All-SEC RB Zac Stacy Enters Final Year With Team Rushing Mark Within Reach

Zac Stacy (Sr., RB) enters the 2012 season within reach of the team career rushing record.

Stacy put together a superb junior campaign in 2011, setting Vanderbilt marks with 1,193 rushing yards and 14 rushing touchdowns.

Stacy, a product of Bibb County H.S. in Centreville, Ala., ranks

Vandy Annual Rus		ng Lis Yards	
1. ZAC STACY, 2011	201	1,193	14
2. Corey Harris, 1991	229	1,103	4
3. Jermaine Johnson, 1995	267	1,072	4
4. Frank Mordica, 1978	173	1,065	8
5. Jamie O'Rourke, 1974	201	933	12
6. Jermaine Johnson, 1994	167	877	7
7. Doug Mathews, 1969	167	849	4
8. Frank Mordica, 1979	162	830	6
9. Kwane Doster, 2002	160	798	3
10. WARREN NORMAN, 2009	145	783	4

eighth all-time among Commodore rushers with 2,002 rushing yards. He trails career leader Frank Mordica (1976-79) by 630 yards.

Stacy earned consensus All-SEC running back honors as a junior, finishing as the league's third leading rusher behind Trent Richardson of Alabama and Michael Dyer of Auburn. Stacy is the SEC's top returning rusher in 2012.

Stacy broke the team single-season record during a 184-yard, 3-TD performance in the team's regular season finale at Wake Forest on Nov. 26. It was part of a seven-game stretch when Stacy averaged 121.7 rushing yards and scored 12 rushing TDs.

Stacy also became the first 'Dore running back in two decades to earn SEC Offensive Player of the Week honors following a 135-yard, 3-TD performance vs. Kentucky on Nov. 12.

Vanderbilt Career Rushing Leaders

Name Name	Career	Rush Yards	Att.	Avg.	<u>TDs</u>
1. Frank Mordica	1976-79	2,632	546	4.8	18 TDs
Carl Woods	1983-86	2,490	619	4.0	15 TDs
3. Jamie O'Rourke	1971, 73-7	4 2,202	498	4.4	20 TDs
4. Jermaine Johnson	1993-95	2,152	486	4.4	13 TDs
Jared McGrath	1997-2000	2,151	492	4.4	9 TDs
Lonnie Sadler	1972-75	2,096	569	3.7	8 TDs
7. Rodney Williams	1998-2001	2,021	452	4.5	16 TDs
8. ZAC STACY	2009-	2,002	374	5.4	20 TDs

OTHERS COMMODORES TO CONSIDER



CHASE GARNHAM

LB ★ 6-3, 230, Jr. ★ Fairhope, Ala.

Garnham put together an excellent season as a first-year linebacker starter in 2011. Despite missing most of four games in the second part of the season, Garnham finished with 51 total tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss and two quarterback sacks. This spring, Garnham will move to middle linebacker.



WESLEY JOHNSON

Offensive Line ★ 6-5, 290, R-Jr. ★ Nashville, Tenn.

Johnson is one of the SEC's most versatile and productive offensive linemen. The Nashville product started at all three offensive line positions as a sophomore: seven at center, five at left tackle and one at left guard. Johnson displayed tremendous agility, tenacity and physicality in 2011.



RICHARD KENT

Punter ★ 6-2, 198, R-Sr. ★ Marietta, Ga.

Kent averaged career-high 42.5 yards in 2011. His 39.2-yard net average ranked 3rd in the SEC. The two-year starter also ranked fifth in the SEC with a 36% success rate in pinning opponents inside their 20-yard line. Kent owns a 42.1-yard career average, fourth all-time among Vandy punters.



ROB LOHR

Defensive Tackle ★ 6-4, 290, R-Sr. ★ Phoenixville, Pa.

Lohr enjoyed his best season as a Commodore in 2011, ranking among the SEC defensive tackle leaders with five quarterback sacks and 11.5 tackles for loss. He started every game, finishing the year with 41 total tackles and a pair of forced fumbles.



JORDAN MATTHEWS

Wide Receiver ★ 6-4, 205, Jr. ★ Madison, Ala.

Matthews performed at an All-SEC level during the second half of the 2011 season, averaging 111 receiving yards over his final six games. His 19.0-yard per catch average topped all SEC receivers. Matthews also topped the team with 41 catches and 778 yards. He surpassed 150 receiving yards twice in SEC play.



RYAN SEYMOUR

Offensive Line ★ 6-5, 305, R-Sr. ★ Kingsland, Ga.

Seymour and Wesley Johnson were the Commodores' most versatile and consistent offensive linemen in 2011. A two-year starter, Seymour opened the 2012 season with four starts at left tackle, then shifted inside as a physical presence at left guard. Seymour has 22 career starts entering his final year.



TREY WILSON

Cornerback ★ 5-11, 192, Sr. ★ Shreveport, La.

Wilson's three interceptions ranked second on the team and tied for 11th in the Southeastern Conference last year. He was the only player in the SEC to return two interceptions for touchdowns. Wilson also contributed 24 solo tackles and 11 passes defended.



FRANKLIN TENURE ON WEST END



FRANKLIN'S FIRST YEAR AT VANDERBILT: BUILDING A WINNER AND CREATING FAN INTEREST



FRANKLIN INTRODUCED IN NASHVILLE ★ Dec. 17, 2010

James Franklin is introduced as Vanderbilt's 27th head football coach in a press conference held in the Board of Trust Room at Sarratt Student Center. At 39, the former assistant head coach/offensive coordinator at Maryland becomes the youngest Vandy head coach in nearly two decades.

FRANKLIN: "It's time that this football program starts reflecting everything else on this campus, and that's a commitment to excellence. There's going to be high expectations from day one. There is no part of this program that will settle. Everything we do will be about championships."

FRANKLIN ANNOUNCES OFFENSIVE STAFF ★ Jan. 13, 2011

The head coach announces the hirings of his offensive coaches, including new coordinator John Donovan, and Dwight Galt, the man who will guide the Commodores' conditioning program. He also names key administrators in the football office.

FRANKLIN: "We're really laying the foundation right now with the offensive staff, the administrative staff, the strength coach, to put together what my focus is on, which is to build the best staff in the country. When I say that, I'm talking about people that are passionate about being at Vanderbilt."

FRANKLIN INTRODUCED AT BASKETBALL GAME ★ Jan. 20, 2011

Franklin takes the floor during halftime of the men's basketball game against Ole Miss in Memorial Gymnasium, asking students and fans for their support for the football team in the coming months.

FRANKLIN: "We have a plan; we have a vision for what this program could be, but we can't do it alone. We need everybody's support. We need this community, we need this campus to come together and unite more than it ever has before."

FRANKLIN NAMES DEFENSIVE STAFF ★ Jan. 31, 2011

Four defensive coaches are named to fill out Franklin's staff: defensive coordinator and safeties coach Bob Shoop, linebackers coach and co-defensive coordinator Brent Pry, secondary coach Wes McGriff and defensive line coach Sean Spencer.

NATIONAL SIGNING DAY ★ Feb. 2, 2011

Fueled by a strong finish to recruiting, Franklin lands 21 signees coming from 13 states. The class, which includes a pair of 4-star prospects, is regarded as Vanderbilt's most talented class in years.

FRANKLIN TO AUDIENCE OF FANS: "Basically, this staff was not going to take 'no' for an answer. We told every recruit that. We would go into their homes and tell them reasons they should come and tell their family. In the end, we would look them in the eye and tell them we weren't taking 'no' for an answer and they were coming to Vanderbilt."

FRANKLIN STAGES STUDENT TRYOUTS ★ Feb. 15, 2011

After visiting dorms and fraternity row, Franklin personally conducted tryouts for the Vanderbilt student body to make the team's spring roster. Seventeen students participated in the tryouts. Eventually, six students would join the team for spring drills.



FRANKLIN GUIDES SPRING DRILLS ★ March 18, 2011

Franklin oversees his first spring practice as head coach at the John Rich Practice Facility on campus. During the ensuing 14 practices, Franklin puts his stamp on the Commodore program: upbeat, energetic, disciplined, physical, and positive.

THOUSANDS ATTEND SPRING GAME ★ April 17, 2011

The 'Dores conclude a month of drills with the Black and Gold Spring Game in Vanderbilt Stadium. The Black Team comes away with a 19-7 victory in front of a large and enthusiastic crowd. It marks the first spring intrasquad game on campus in more than 10 years. A fireworks display caps the spring finale.

GETS 'DORES OFF RIGHT WITH 3-0 START ★ September 2011

After a strong preseason camp, Franklin's squad opens the season with a 45-14 win over Elon, then follows that with a 24-21 comeback over UConn and 30-7 defeat of Ole Miss. Franklin's becomes the first new Vandy coach to start 3-0 since World War II.

GUIDES 'DORES TO AUTOZONE LIBERTY BOWL ★ Nov.-Dec. 2011

Needing two wins in the last three games to reach bowl eligibility, Franklin guides Commodores to resounding victories over Kentucky and Wake Forest and became the first new coach at Vanderbilt to guide the 'Dores to a postseason bowl. On New Year's Eve, Vanderbilt played Cincinnati before a near-sellout crowd in the 53rd AutoZone Liberty Bowl.







VANDERBILT SPRING OUTLOOK

VANDY 2011 STAT COMPARISON

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<u>v</u>	<u>ANDERBILT</u>	OPP.
SCORING	347	281
Points Per Game	26.7	21.6
FIRST DOWNS	223	234
Rushing	121	101
Passing	82	113
Penalty	20	20
RUSHING YARDAGE	2138	1697
Yards gained rushing	2542	2125
Yards lost rushing	404	428
Rushing Attempts	497	473
Average Per Rush	4.3	3.6
Average Per Game	164.5	130.5
TDs Rushing	26	12
PASSING YARDAGE	2270	2499
Comp-Att-Int	179-346-18	216-398-19
Average Per Pass	6.6	6.3
Average Per Catch	12.7	11.6
Average Per Game	174.6	192.2
TDs Passing	15	16
TOTAL OFFENSE	4408	4196
Total Plays	843	871
Average Per Play	5.2	4.8
Average Per Game	339.1	322.8
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	54-1184	53-1063
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	27-171	23-89
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	19-406	18-309
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	21.9	20.1
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	6.3	3.9
INT RETURN AVERAGE	21.4	17.2
FUMBLES-LOST	21-10	33-10
PENALTIES-Yards	81-653	79-671
Average Per Game	50.2	51.6
PUNTS-Yards	68-2837	66-2646
Average Per Punt	41.7	40.1
Net punt average	39.2	36.0
TIME OF POSSESSION/Ga		30:06
3RD-DOWN Conversions	63/184	71/194
3rd-Down Pct	34%	37%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	15/20	9/22
4th-Down Pct	75%	41%
SACKS BY-Yards	27-172	27-196
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	46	35
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS		12/19
RED-ZONE SCORES	(33-43) 77%	
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(45-46) 98%	
ATTENDANCE	230,112	388,367
Games/Avg Per Game	7/32,873	5/77,673

2011 'Dores: SEC's Most Improved Team

Statistically speaking, James Franklin's Commodores were the Southeastern Conference's most improved team in 2011.

Vanderbilt showed more progress during Franklin's first year on both offense and defense than any other SEC team. A comparison of final stats for 2011 and 2010 reveals the Commodores ranked No. 1 in the league in scoring offense differential (+9.8 pts.), scoring defense (-9.6 pts.) and rushing defense (-62.5 yards). Franklin's squad also showed solid improvement in several other key stats.

COMPARING 2011 VS. 2010 (FINAL STATS)

	2011 (SEC Rank)	2010 (SEC Rank)	Diff./Rank
Scoring Offense	26.7 (6th)	16.9 (12th)	+ 9.8 - 1st
Scoring Defense	21.6 (7th)	31.2 (11th)	- 9.6 - 1st
Total Offense	339.1 (7th)	298.2 (12th)	+ 40.9 - 2nd
Total Defense	324.2 (6th)	419.2 (12th)	- 95.0 - 2nd
Rushing Defense	130.5 (4th)	193.0 (12th)	- 62.5 - 1st
Time of Possession	29:53 (6th)	26:57 (12th)	3:48 - 3rd
Turnover Margin	+5 (6th)	-4 (11th)	+ 9 - 1st

Perfect Cap to Year: Excellent Signing Class

James Franklin and his Commodore staff have capped off a smashing sales effort in February by signing one of the top classes of prospects in team history.

Franklin praised the 2012 class, which ranked among the nation's top 30 recruiting efforts by experts across the nation.

"This is the best recruiting class I have ever been associated with," Franklin said during a National Signing Day gathering. "We have tremendously improved our football team today. I keep saying you win football games Sunday through Friday and by winning on National Signing Day. Vanderbilt won today!"

The 22-member class attracted 11 defensive players, 10 offensive performers and one kicking specialist. Rivals.com rated every signee three-stars or higher, the first time Vanderbilt has ever achieved such status. Six different players earned rare four-star evaluations from national recruiting pundits. One signee earned Parade Magazine All-American status.

The class is highlighted by six offensive line prospects all ranked among the Top 75 players at their positions nationally. The new Commodores include six prep standouts from Tennessee, all considered among the state's Top 25 seniors.

"We didn't fill all of our needs, and we'll do even better next year, but we are truly building something special at Vanderbilt. All Commodore fans should be happy with the class and the direction of our program," Franklin said.

The 2012 Signing Class follows (signee bios are on pages 45-48):

Signees	Position	Ht.	Wt.	Residence/High School
Torey Agee	Def. Line	6'3"	250	Opelika, Ala./Opelika H.S.
Caleb Azubike	Def. Line	6'4"	250	Nashville, Tenn./McGavock H.S.
Brandon Banks	Def. Back	5'10"	170	Brandywine, Md./Gwynn Park H.S.
Ladarius Banks	Def. Line	6'2"	275	Dallas, Ga./East Paulding H.S.
Cory Batey	Wide Receiver	6'0"	188	Nashville, Tenn./Ensworth School
Adam Butler	Off. Line	6'4"	285	Duncanville, Texas/Duncanville H.S.
Colby Cooke	P/PK	6'3"	200	Goochland, Va./Goochland H.S.
Blake Fromang	Off. Line	6′7″	285	Orlando, Fla./Lake Highland Prep
Barrett Gouger	Off. Line	6'4"	280	Soddy Daisy, Tenn./Baylor School
Harding Harper	Linebacker	6'2"	215	Montgomery, Ala./Carver H.S.
Paris Head	Def. Back	6'0"	175	Lawrenceville, Ga./Buford H.S.
Darreon Herring	Linebacker	6′1″	220	Stone Mtn., Ga./Stephenson H.S.
Will Holden	Off. Line	6'6"	280	Green Cove Springs, Fla./Clay H.S.
Andrew Jelks	Off. Line	6'6"	270	Paris, Tenn./Henry Co. H.S.
Brian Kimbrow	Running Back	5'8"	170	Memphis, Tenn./East H.S.
Kevin McCoy	Off. Line	6'5"	285	Tampa, Fla./Armwood H.S.
Torren McGaster	Def. Back	6'0"	185	Daphne, Ala./Daphne H.S.
Tip McKenzie	Wide Receiver	5'8"	175	Natchez, Miss./Trinity Episcopal
Patton Robinette	Quarterback	6'4"	200	Maryville, Tenn./Maryville H.S.
Jake Sealand	Linebacker	6'2"	215	Tucker, Ga./Tucker H.S.
Ja'karri Thomas	Linebacker	6′1″	200	Tallahassee, Fla./Godby H.S.
Stephen Weatherly	Def. End/LB	6′5″	220	Snellville, Ga./Shiloh H.S.



PRE-SPRING POSITION CHART



OFFENSE

	19	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	6-4, 202, Sr.
		Chris Boyd	6-4, 205, R-So.
		Trey Wilkins	5-11, 195, So.
WR	17	Jonathan Krause	5-11, 182, Jr.
	87	Jordan Matthews	6-3, 205, Jr.
	27	Jacquese Kirk	6-0, 175, R-Fr.
WR (slot)	24	Wesley Tate	6-1, 218, R-Jr.
	9	Trent Pruitt	5-9, 170, R-So.
	46	Steve Monk	5-11, 180, So.
	7	Josh Grady	6-0, 188, R-Fr.
QB	11	Jordan Rodgers	6-1, 205, R-Sr.
	12	Austyn Carta-Samuel	6-1, 224, R-Jr.
	4	Patton Robinette	6-4, 204, Fr.
TB	2	Zac Stacy	5-9, 210, Sr.
;	35	Hasan Clayton	5-10, 180, So.
	13	Lafonte Thourogood	6-2, 220, R-Fr.
TE/H-Back	86	Austin Monahan	6-6, 252, R-Sr.
;	38	Fitz Lassing	6-3, 240, Jr.
	89	Dillon van der Wal	6-7, 255, So.
	14	Kris Kentera	6-4, 218, R-Fr.
	81	Steven Scheu	6-5, 255, R-Fr.
LT	67	Wesley Johnson	6-5, 290, R-Jr.
•	76	James Lewis	6-5, 290, R-Fr.
LG	75	Grant Ramsay	6-5, 285, R-So.
•	77	Spencer Pulley	6-4, 285, So.
C	77	Spencer Pulley	6-4, 285, So.
!	56	Joe Townsend	6-4, 288, So.
RG	69	Josh Jelesky	6-5, 290, R-Sr.
(63	Jake Bernstein	6-4, 290, R-Fr.
RT !	52	Andrew Bridges	6-6, 275, R-So.

LIKELY TO MISS SPRING, RETURN IN FALL:

RB	5	Warren Norman	5-10, 202, RJr.
RB	18	Jerron Seymour	5-7, 190, So
FB	45	Marc Panu	6-1, 240, Jr.
OG/OT	62	Ryan Seymour	6-5, 305, R-Sr.
0L	73	Chase White	6-4, 290, R-So.

DEFENSE

DE	00	Mallan Man	C F 24F D I
DE	90	Walker May	6-5, 245, R-Jr.
	99	Thad McHaney	6-5, 268, R-Jr.
DT	95	Jimmy Stewart	6-4, 235, R-Fr.
DT	84	Rob Lohr	6-4, 290, R-Sr.
	97	Jared Morse	6-2, 290, Jr.
ьт	55	Conor Hart	6-3, 270, R-Fr.
DT	58	Colt Nichter	6-2, 285, R-Sr.
	53	Vince Taylor	6-1, 298, R-So.
	91	Barron Dixon	6-4, 294, So.
DE	98	Johnell Thomas	6-0, 250, R-Sr.
	92	Kyle Woestmann	6-3, 250, R-So.
STAR	28	Karl Butler	6-1, 210, Jr.
	40	Larry Franklin	6-1, 210, R-Fr.
MLB	36	Chase Garnham	6-3, 234, Jr.
	34	Andrew East	6-2, 232, R-So.
	45	Kellen Williams	6-1, 220, R-Fr.
WLB	15	Archibald Barnes	6-4, 232, R-Sr.
	49	Robby Barbieri	6-2, 228, Jr.
	35	Darreon Herring	6-2, 220, Fr.
CB	16	Eddie Foster	5-10, 172, Sr.
	12	Steven Clarke	5-10, 195, Jr.
	23	Andre Hal	6-0, 184, Jr.
	38	Alex Hysong	5-10, 185, So.
FS	1	Kenny Ladler	6-1, 200, Jr.
	32	Andrew Williamson	6-1, 200, R-Fr.
SS	22	Eric Samuels	6-0, 200, Sr.
	30	Jahmel McIntosh	6-1, 198, R-Fr.
CB	8	Trey Wilson	5-11, 192, Sr.
	43	Scot Aiello	5-9, 178, So.
	49	Josh Gregory	5-11, 170, So.
	33	Derek King	5-11, 196, R-Fr.

LIKELY TO MISS SPRING, RETURN IN FALL:

SLB	29	Tristan Strong	6-1, 230, R-Sr.
SS	31	Javon Marshall	5-10. 195. R-Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Р	48	Ryan Fowler	5-10, 175, R-Sr.	K0	39	Carey Spear	5-10, 190, Jr.
	94	Richard Kent	6-2, 198, Sr.		48	Ryan Fowler	5-10, 174, R-Sr.
PK	48	Ryan Fowler	5-10, 175, R-Sr.	KOR	23	Andre Hal	6-0, 184, Jr.
	39	Carey Spear	5-10, 190, Jr.		12	Steven Clarke	5-10, 195, Jr.
Н	94	Richard Kent	6-2, 198, Sr.	PR	17	Jonathan Krause	5-11, 182, Jr.
	11	Jordan Rodgers	6-1, 205, R-Sr.		27	Jacquese Kirk	6-0, 175, R-Fr.
SN	34	Andrew East	6-2, 230, R-So.				
	84	Rob Lohr	6-4, 290, R-Sr.				



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OFFENSE BY POSITION		NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YEAR	CL	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL (OTHER)
	1	Kenny Ladler	S	6-0	200	Jr.	2L	Stone Mountain, Ga./Stephenson
QUARTERBACKS	2	Zac Stacy	RB	5-9	210	Sr.	3L	Centreville, Ala./Bibb Co.
4 Patton Robinette Fr.	4	Patton Robinette	QB	6-4	204	Fr.	HS	Maryville, Tenn./Maryville
11 Jordan Rodgers R-Sr.	5	Warren Norman	RB	5-10	202	R-Jr.	2L	Stone Mountain, Ga./Chamblee
12 Austyn Carta-Samuels Jr.	7	Josh Grady	WR	6-0	188	R-Fr.	RS	Tampa, Fla./Armwood
16 Luke Colbert So.	8	Trey Wilson	СВ	5-11	192	Sr.	3L	Shreveport, La./Evangel Christian
DUMMING DACKS	9	Trent Pruitt	WR	5-9	170	R-So.	SQ	Fitzgerald, Ga./Fitzgerald
RUNNING BACKS	11	Jordan Rodgers	QB	6-1	205	R-Sr.	1L	Chico, Calif./Pleasant Valley/(Butte JC)
2 Zac Stacy Sr. 5 Warren Norman R-Jr.	12	Austyn Carta-Samuels	QB	6-1	224	R-Jr.	TR	San Jose, Calif./Bellarmine/(Wyoming)
12 Hunter Bowman R-Fr.	12	Steven Clarke	СВ	5-10	195	Jr.	2L	Lauderdale Lakes, Fla./Boyd Anderson
13 Lafonte Thourogood R-Fr.	12	Hunter Bowman	FB	5-11	216	R-Fr.	SQ	Savannah, Ga./Savannah Country Day
18 Jerron Seymour So.	13	Lafonte Thourogood	RB	6-2	220	R-Fr.	RS	Virginia Beach, Va./Ocean Lakes
45 Marc Panu R-Jr.	14	Kris Kentera	НВ	6-4	218	R-Fr.	RS	Colorado Springs, Colo./Pine Creek
47 Tyler Anders So.	15	Archibald Barnes	LB	6-4	232	R-Sr.	3L	Tampa, Fla./Berkeley Prep
·	16	Luke Colbert	QB	6-2	203	So.	HS	Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell
WIDE RECEIVERS	16	Eddie Foster	СВ	5-10	172	Sr.	3L	Colleyville, Texas/Heritage
7 Josh Grady R-Fr.	16	Taylor Hudson	P/K	6-3	210	R-Fr.	SQ	Powell, Ohio/Olentangy Liberty
9 Trent Pruitt R-So.	17	Jonathan Krause	WR	5-11	182	Jr.	2L	Snellville, Ga./South Gwinnett
17 Jonathan Krause Jr.	18	Jerron Seymour	RB	5-7	190	So.	1L	Hialeah, Fla./Hialeah
19 John Townsley R-Jr.	19	John Townsley	WR	6-4	202	R-Jr.	SQ	Upper Arlington, Ohio/Upper Arlington
24 Wesley Tate R-Jr.	22	Eric Samuels	S	6-0	200	Sr.	3L	Eustis, Fla./Umatilla
27 Jacquese Kirk R-Fr. 46 Steve Monk R-Fr.	23	Andre Hal	СВ	6-0	184	Jr.	2L	Port Allen, La./Port Allen
	24	Wesley Tate		VR 6-1	218	R-Jr.	2L	Hendersonville, Tenn./Pope John Paul II
80 Chris Boyd R-So. 83 Trey Wilkins So.	27	Jacquese Kirk	WR	6-0	175	R-Fr.	RS	Jasper, Ala./Walker
84 Daniel Hagaman R-So.	28	Karl Butler	S	6-1	212	Jr.	2L	New Orleans, La./Brother Martin
87 Jordan Matthews Jr.						R-Sr.	3L	
89 Manny Amingwa Sr.	29	Tristan Strong	LB	6-1	230			Loganville, Ga./Grayson
,	30	Jahmel McIntosh	S	6-1	198	R-Fr.	RS	Cleveland, Miss./Cleveland
TIGHT ENDS/H-BACKS	31	Javon Marshall	S	5-10	195	R-Jr.	2L	Huber Heights, Ohio/Wayne
14 Kris Kentera R-Fr.	32	Andrew Williamson	S	6-1	200	R-Fr.	RS	San Antonio, Texas/John Paul Stevens
38 Fitz Lassing Jr.	33	Derek King	СВ	5-11	196	R-Fr.	RS	Nashville, Tenn./Brentwood Academy
81 Steven Scheu R-Fr.	34	Andrew East	LB	6-2	230	R-So.		Indianapolis, Ind./North Central
86 Austin Monahan R-Sr.	35	Darreon Herring	LB	6-2	220	Fr.	HS	Stone Mountain, Ga./Stephenson
89 Dillon van der Wal So.	35	Hasan Clayton	RB	5-11	180	Jr.		Arlington Heights, III./Loyola Acad./(Dayton)
CENTERS	36	Chase Garnham	LB	6-3	230	Jr.	2L	Fairhope, Ala./Fairhope
CENTERS	38	Alex Hysong	СВ	5-10	175	So.	SQ	Bethesda, Md./Walt Whitman
56 Joe Townsend So. 77 Spencer Pulley So.	38	Fitz Lassing	FB	6-3	240	Jr.	2L	Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell
77 Spelicer Fulley So.	39	Carey Spear	PK	5-10	190	Jr.	2L	Mayfield Village, Ohio/Mayfield
OFFENSIVE GUARDS	40	Larry Franklin	LB	6-1	210	R-Fr.	RS	Vero Beach, Fla./Vero Beach
62 Ryan Seymour R-Sr.	41	Patrick Sutton	LB	6-0	210	Jr.	SQ	Charleston, S.C./Bishop England
63 Jake Bernstein R-Fr.	43	Scot Aiello	S	5-10	178	So.	SQ	Franklin, Tenn./Centennial
69 Josh Jelesky R-Sr.	KI	CKERS/PUNTERS		JAME	S FR/	ANKLI	N'S	STAFF OF ASSISTANTS
OFFENSIVE TACKLES	PI	LACEKICKERS		John Do	novan	Ωŧ	fensi	ve Coordinator/Running Backs
52 Andrew Bridges R-So.	39	Garey Spear Jr	:	Bob Sho				ive Coordinator/Safeties

39 Carey Spear Jr. Ryan Fowler R-Sr. 48 93 Marc Rosen So.

PUNTERS R-Sr. 48 Ryan Fowler Richard Kent R-Sr. **Bob Shoop Charles Bankins Josh Gattis Herb Hand George Barlow Brent Pry Ricky Rahne Sean Spencer**

Defensive Coordinator/Safeties Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends Off. Recruiting Coordinator/Wide Receivers Offensive Line Def. Recruiting Coordinator/Defensive Backs Co-Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers

Quarterbacks Defensive Line



67 Wesley Johnson

73 Chase White

75 Grant Ramsay

76 James Lewis

R-Jr.

R-So.

R-Jr.

R-Fr.



NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YEAR	CL	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL (OTHER)
45	Marc Panu	FB	6-1	240	R-Jr.	2L	Mableton, Ga./Whitefield Academy
45	Kellen Williams	LB	6-1	215	R-Fr.	RS	Winter Haven, Fla./West Orange
46	Steve Monk	WR	5-11	180	R-Fr.	RS	Baton Rouge, La./University Lab
47	Tyler Anders	RB	5-10	192	So.	HS	Richlands, Va./Graham
48	Ryan Fowler	PK	5-10	175	R-Sr.	3L	Taylors, S.C./Eastside
49	Robby Barbieri	LB	6-2	228	Jr.	1L	Eden Prairie, Minn./Breck School
49	Josh Gregory	S	5-11	170	So.	SQ	Goodlettsville, Tenn./Davidson Academy
52	Andrew Bridges	0L	6-6	275	R-So.	1L	Atlanta, Ga./Westminster
53	Vince Taylor	DT	6-1	298	R-So.	1L	Hattiesburg, Miss./Oak Grove
55	Conor Hart	DL	6-3	265	R-Fr.	RS	Bloomfield Hills, Mich./Brother Rice
56	Joe Townsend	0L	6-4	285	So.	1L	Hendersonville, Tenn./Hendersonville
58	Colt Nichter	DT	6-1	285	R-Sr.	3L	Park City, Utah/Park City
61	Connor Morrison	SN	6-0	230	R-Fr.	SQ	Edmond, Okla./Casady School
62	Ryan Seymour	0L	6-5	305	R-Sr.	3L	Kingsland, Ga./Camden Co.
63	Jake Bernstein	0L	6-3	290	R-Fr.	RS	Crystal Lake, III./Crystal Lake South
67	Wesley Johnson	0L	6-5	290	R-Jr.	2L	Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell
69	Josh Jelesky	0L	6-5	290	R-Sr.	3L	Naperville, III./Naperville
73	Chase White	0L	6-5	285	R-So.	1L	Plano, Texas/Plano West
75	Grant Ramsay	0L	6-5	285	R-So.	SQ	Marietta, Ga./Pope
76	James Lewis	0L	6-5	290	R-Fr.	RS	Arlington, Tenn./Arlington
77	Spencer Pulley	0L	6-4	285	So.	1L	Germantown, Tenn. / Evangelical Christian
80	Chris Boyd	WR	6-4	205	R-So.	1L	Roswell, Ga./Roswell
81	Steven Scheu	TE	6-5	255	R-Fr.	RS	Evansville, Ind./Reitz Memorial
83	Trey Wilkins	WR	5-11	195	So.	TR	Cordova, Tenn./St. Benedict/(Harding)
84	Rob Lohr	DT	6-4	290	R-Sr.	3L	Phoenixville, Pa./Phoenixville
84	Daniel Hagaman	WR	6-2	200	R-So.	SQ	Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood
86	Austin Monahan	TE	6-6	252	R-Sr.	3L	Charlotte, N.C./Country Day
87	Jordan Matthews	WR	6-3	205	Jr.	2L	Madison, Ala./Madison Academy
89	Manny Amingwa	WR	5-11	190	Sr.	HS	Whitinsville, Mass./Milford
89	Dillon van der Wal	TE	6-7	255	So.	1L	Woodland Hills, Calif./Oaks Christian
90	Walker May	DE	6-5	245	R-Jr.	2L	Birmingham, Ala./Briarwood Christian
91	Barron Dixon	DT	6-4	294	So.	1L	Alpharetta, Ga./Chattahoochee
92	Kyle Woestmann	DE	6-3	250	R-So.	1L	Marietta, Ga./Walton
93	Marc Rosen	K	5-9	160	So.	HS	London, England/The American School
94	Richard Kent	Р	6-2	198	Sr.	2L	Marietta, Ga./Walton
95	Jimmy Stewart	DE	6-4	235	R-Fr.	RS	Cape Coral, Fla./Island Coast
97	Jared Morse	DT	6-2	290	Jr.	2L	Oxford, Ala./Oxford
98	Johnell Thomas	DE	6-0	250	R-Sr.	3L	Orlando, Fla./Boone
99	Thad McHaney	DE	6-5	268	R-Jr.	2L	Nashville, Tenn./Brentwood Academy

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PLAYERS

Robby Barbieri (bar-bee-AIR-ee) Andre Hal (HAL)

Jacquese (juh-KWEESE) Kirk Rob Lohr (LOR)

Marc Panu (PAN-ooh)

Steven Scheu (SHOY)

Jerron (juh-RON) Seymour Kyle Woestmann (West-man)

COACHES

Ricky Rahne (RON-nee)

RETURNERS

PUNT RETURNS

2 Zac Stacy Sr. Jonathan Krause Jr. 17 R-Fr. Jacquese Kirk

KICKOFF RETURNS

12 Steven Clarke Jr. 22 Eric Samuels Sr. 23 Andre Hal Jr.

DEFENSE BY POSITION

DEI	FENSIVE TACKLES	
53	Vince Taylor	R-So.
55	Conor Hart	R-Fr.
58	Colt Nichter	R-Sr.
84	Rob Lohr	R-Sr.
91	Barron Dixon	So.
97	Jared Morse	Jr.
DEI	FENSIVE ENDS	
90	Walker May	R-Jr.
92	Kyle Woestmann	R-So.

R-Fr.

R-Sr.

R-Jr.

LINEBACKERS

95 Jimmy Stewart

98 Johnell Thomas

99 Thad McHaney

15	Archibald Barnes	R-Sr
29	Tristan Strong	R-Sr
34	Andrew East	R-So
35	Darreon Herring	Fr
36	Chase Garnham	Jr
40	Larry Franklin	R-Fr
41	Patrick Sutton	Jr
45	Kellen Williams	R-Fr
49	Robby Barbieri	Jr

DEFENSIVE BACKS

8	Trey Wilson	Sr.
12	Steven Clarke	Jr.
16	Eddie Foster	Sr.
23	Andre Hal	Jr.
33	Derek King	R-Fr
35	Hasan Clayton	Jr.
38	Alex Hysong	So
43	Scot Aiello	So

SAFETIES

49 Josh Gregory

1 Kenny Ladler

22	Eric Samuels	Sr.
28	Karl Butler	Jr.
30	Jahmel McIntosh	R-Fr.
31	Javon Marshall	R-Jr.
32	Andrew Williamson	R-Fr.



So.

Jr.