

SID STAFF/MEDIA POLICIES



VUCOMMODORES.COM: FULL MEDIA RESOURCE

Game materials for the working media are updated regularly on the Vanderbilt Athletics website, vucommadores.com. Most documents are available in .pdf format.

Pre-game materials on the website include game notes, updated statistics, player and coaching bios, the latest Vanderbilt releases, and press conference video streaming. A live stats program will be provided in the press box.

Game books, final statistics, and player/coach quotes will be provided via email.

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KEY PRESEASON DATES

TEAM REPORTS Aug. 2
FIRST PRACTICE Aug. 3
DORE JAM (Fan Day) Aug. 4 (4-6 pm CT)
FIRST DAY IN FULL GEAR Aug. 7

REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE

The Commodores will have no availability on Sundays and Mondays.

Each Tuesday, starting at 12:15 pm CT, VU hosts an on-campus press conference with Coach Mason and select players.

After Wednesday practices, select players and coaches will be available starting at about 8:45 am CT. Coach Mason's segment of SEC Head Coaches Teleconference starts Wednesday, Aug. 29, at 10:30 am.

PRESEASON COVERAGE

The first week of preseason camp will be open to local media outlets. The Does will conduct morning practices. Practices typically conclude about 9 a.m.

ONLINE CREDENTIALING

Use the following online resource to request credentials to Vanderbilt home games:
<https://clients.sportssystem.com/clients/seccredentials/>
 All applications will be notified of their status at least one week before gameday. Approvals will not be granted without acceptance of SEC credential and media policies.

When possible, credentials will be mailed one week in advance. However, credentials can be picked up on Fridays before games at the Vanderbilt Communications office in McGugin Center (2601 Jess Neely Dr.). On gamedays, **Media Will Call is located at Gate 1** (stadium gate closest to Marriott & Wendy's).

GAMEDAY MEDIA PARKING

If authorized, media parking is located in Kensington Garage next to Memorial Gym. *Please access the garage entrance off 25th Avenue South.* All media representatives must have a proper credential to access parking garage.

PRESS BOX, FIELD ACCESS

Media must wear "MEDIA" or "PHOTO" credentials to gain access to the press box. The field elevator is located near Gate 1. Seating charts will be posted.

Field access is restricted to working photojournalists from kickoff until 5:00 is left. All photographers must wear a "PHOTO" armband.

PRESS BOX WIRELESS ACCESS

The press box is equipped with wireless internet access for the working press. Visiting photographers should plan to transmit from the press box.

TV production crews should order phone lines in advance. To order, call (615) 343-2012.

MASON'S POSTGAME REMARKS

Coach Mason's post-game press conference is held after he addresses the team.
Only properly credentialed media will be allowed into the conference.

Writers can access the field level for the final 5:00 of the fourth quarter. The best option for Dudley Field access is the Press Box northside elevator.

The location in Vanderbilt Stadium for postgame press conferences is next to the Commodore locker room. Access to the conference room is available in the south end zone field tunnel. The visiting conference room is just across from VU's post-game facility.

VANDERBILT PLAYER POSTGAME AVAILABILITY

The Vanderbilt Locker Room is closed. Select student-athletes will be made available for post-game interviews. These interviews will be conducted in the same room as Coach Mason's remarks. The players will enter when Mason concludes.

The visiting team interview room can also be accessed from the south end zone tunnel. It is directly across from Vanderbilt's interview room.



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The Vanderbilt Radio Network features Voice of the Commodores Joe Fisher (center), sideline reporter Mitch Light (left) and analyst Norman Jordan.

MASON'S MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

• WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE ON TUESDAYS

Coach Mason meets with local media each Tuesday of game week, starting at 12:15 p.m. CT. It will be held in the team's Press Conference Room in Vanderbilt Stadium. Select student-athletes are available following Mason.

• SEC HEAD COACHES TELECONFERENCE

Each Wednesday of the season, Mason is available to out-of-town media via the SEC Coaches' Teleconference at 10:30 a.m., CT. Call 205-458-3010 for info.

GAME WEEK INTERVIEW POLICIES

All interview requests for Coach Mason, assistant coaches and players must go through the VU Communications staff.

For the third straight year, the Commodores will stage morning practices. Starting in preseason camp and through the season, offensive coordinator Andy Ludwig will be available at the conclusion of each Wednesday practice. Upon request, select Vanderbilt student-athletes and position coaches will also be available.

Media outlets are permitted to shoot the closing period of Wednesday's practice; otherwise, sessions are closed.

FISHER ANCHORS RADIO NETWORK

Joe Fisher, Norman Jordan and Mitch Light provide concise and insightful Commodore coverage on the Vanderbilt Radio Network.

A Nashville native, Fisher enters his 21st season as the team's play-by-play announcer. He handles similar duties for Vanderbilt men's basketball and baseball. Fisher also serves as Vanderbilt Athletics' Director of Broadcasting.

Prior to joining Vanderbilt, Fisher was a television sports anchor in the

Nashville market from 1987-96, with stints at WSMV-4 and WKRN-2. He also worked in public relations.

Jordan, a former Vanderbilt standout running back who helped the Commodores to a 1982 Hall of Fame Bowl appearance, returns for his fourth year at analyst. He works as a stock broker in Nashville.

Light enters his sixth season providing sideline commentary. Light is a Vanderbilt graduate and editor of Athlon sports publications.

NASHVILLE MEDIA OUTLETS

WIRE SERVICE

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Teresa Walker, beat writer, Nashville bureau • 615-373-9988

NEWSPAPERS

THE TENNESSEAN (AM daily)

Adam Sparks, beat writer • 615-259-8010 • tennessean.com

VANDERBILT HUSTLER (student publication)

Box 1504, Station B, Nashville • 615-322-2424 • insidervandy.com

RADIO STATIONS

WNSR AM-560/ WNSR 95.9 FM

Dual AM-FM sports talk signal;
In-studio phone: 615-844-5600

102.5 FM THE GAME/ 94.9 FM THE GAME2

In-studio phone: 615-737-1025

104.5 FM THE ZONE

In-studio phone: 615-737-1045

NEWSRADIO 1510 WLAC

• Commodore Flagship
Coaches' Call-in Show
Thursdays, 6:30 pm.

TELEVISION STATIONS

WKRN, ABC

Nashville • 615-369-7240

WTVF, CBS

Nashville • 615-248-5285

WSMV, NBC

Nashville • 615-353-2407

WZTV, FOX-17

Nashville • 615-369-5562



The Vanderbilt Radio Network features the widely heard evening signal of NewsRadio 1510 WLAC.

This year, the network also includes radio stations in two of the state's largest cities, Memphis and Chattanooga.

It marks the sixth year that NewsRadio 1510 WLAC serves as flagship for the VU radio network.

NewsRadio 1510 WLAC features a nightly signal can be heard across more than 30 states on the AM dial.

Mason's weekly call-in show hosted by Joe Fisher is heard Wednesdays at 7 p.m. CT on 1510 WLAC.

VANDY RADIO NETWORK



NewsRadio AM-1510 WLAC*	Nashville
WNRQ 98.3 FM	Nashville
WPLZ-HD2 106.9 FM	Chattanooga
WEKR AM-1240	Fayetteville
WJJM AM-1490	Lewisburg
WJJM 94.3 FM	Lewisburg
WMSR AM-1320	Manchester
WMSR 107.9 FM	Manchester
WMPS AM-1210	Memphis
WMPS 103.1 FM	Memphis

*network flagship

VANDERBILT STADIUM



GAMEDAY ON CAMPUS

MEDIA PARKING..... Kensington Garage
..... (garage on 25th Avenue South next to Memorial Gym)
MEDIA WILL CALL..... Vanderbilt Stadium Gate 1
..... (stadium entrance closest to Vanderbilt Marriott)
PRESS BOX..... Third floor, west side of stadium
..... (press box typically opens 2.5 hours prior to kickoff)

DIRECTIONS TO VANDERBILT STADIUM

ARRIVING FROM SOUTH OF NASHVILLE

Take I-65 North to I-40 West to Exit 209A (Broadway-West End). Turn left to go west on Broadway. When Broadway splits, stay to the right to enter West End Ave. Take West End past the University's three high-rise dorms and turn left on 25th Ave. Garage access is one block on right, just before Memorial Gym.

ARRIVING FROM NORTH OF NASHVILLE

Take I-65 South into downtown and take Exit 209B (Broadway-West End). Turn right on Broadway. When Broadway splits, stay to the right to enter West End Avenue. Take West End past the University on the left, turn left on 25th Avenue. Access into Kensington Garage is a block on right just before Memorial Gym.

ARRIVING FROM EAST OF NASHVILLE

Take I-40 West/I-65 North downtown to Exit 209A (Broadway-West End). Turn left at light, headed west on Broadway. When Broadway splits, veer right to enter West End Ave. Take West End past the University's three high-rise dorms and turn left on 25th Ave. Garage access is one block on right, just before Memorial Gym.

ARRIVING FROM WEST OF NASHVILLE

Take I-40 East to I-440 East. Take the first exit (Murphy Road-West End) and turn left at redlight. In .25 mile, turn left onto West End. The campus will be on your right. Turn right on 25th Avenue (one block past Wendy's). Kensington Garage access is one block on right, just before Memorial Gym.

ARRIVING FROM CHATTANOOGA/ATLANTA

Take I-24 West to I-440 West. Take Exit 1 (West End Avenue). Stay right off the exit onto West End. The Vanderbilt campus will be on your right. Turn right on 25th Avenue (one block past Wendy's). Kensington Garage access is one block on right, just before Memorial Gym.

VANDERBILT STADIUM: COMMODORE HOME SINCE 1981

Several improvements have been made to 40,350-capacity Vanderbilt Stadium, which has served as home to the Commodores since 1981.

Vanderbilt Stadium's Dudley Field playing surface, where the Commodores have played since the early 1920s, also has received updates in recent years. In 2012, it returned to a synthetic surface for the first time in more than a decade when the university decided to add cushioned Shaw Sportex turf. The surface has drawn rave reviews from players, who also benefited with the addition of new stadium lights the same year.

The 2012 work adds to other major improvements. A thorough exterior renovation was completed in 2010, including new plazas and entrances at Gates 2 & 3 and an exterior effort to unify Vanderbilt Stadium, Hawkins Field and Memorial Gymnasium.



2018 OPPONENTS

MIDDLE TENNESSEE

Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville
Sept. 1; Kickoff: 6:30 pm; TV: SEC Network

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Founded 1911
Undergraduate Enrollment 20,140
Nickname Blue Raiders
Conference Conference USA
All-time Record 571-424-28 (.572)
2017 Record/CUSA mark 7-6/4-4 (T-3rd-East)
Stadium Floyd (32,000)
Official Website GoBlueRaiders.com

HEAD COACH

Rick Stockstill Florida State, 1982
Record at Middle Tennessee 79-73 (13th year)
Career Head Coaching Record 79-73 (13th year)

VS. MIDDLE TENNESSEE

Overall Series: Vanderbilt leads 15-3
VU-Middle Tennessee @ Vanderbilt 11-3
VU-Middle Tennessee @ Murfreesboro 4-0

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NEVADA

Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville
Sept. 8; Kickoff: 11 am; TV: SEC Network

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Reno, Nevada
Founded 1874
Undergraduate Enrollment 23,400
Nickname Wolf Pack
Conference Mountain West
All-time Record 543-483-33 (.528)
2017 Record/Mountain West mark 3-9/3-5 (4th)
Stadium Mackay (27,000)
Official Website NevadaWolfpack.com

HEAD COACH

Jay Norvell Iowa, 1985
Record at Nevada 3-9 (2nd year)
Career Head Coaching Record 3-9 (2nd year)

VS. NEVADA

Overall Series: 1st game in series

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NOTRE DAME

Notre Dame Stadium, South Bend, Ind.
Sept. 15; 1:30 pm CT; TV: NBC

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location South Bend, Ind.
Founded 1842
Undergraduate Enrollment 8,650
Nickname Fighting Irish
Conference Independent
All-time Record 906-324-42 (.729)
2017 Record 10-3
Stadium Notre Dame (77,622)
Official Website und.com

HEAD COACH

Brian Kelly Assumption College, 1983
Record at Notre Dame 48-34 (7th year)
Career Head Coaching Record 219-91-2 (28th year)

VS. NOTRE DAME

Overall Series: Vanderbilt leads 0-2
VU-Notre Dame @ Vanderbilt 0-1
VU-Notre Dame @ South Bend 0-1

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SOUTH CAROLINA

Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville
Sept. 22; Kickoff: TBA; TV: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Columbia, S.C.
Founded 1801
Undergraduate Enrollment 25,243
Nickname Gamecocks
Conference Southeastern
All-time Record 602-572-44 (.512)
2017 Record/SEC mark 9-4/5-3 (2nd/East)
Stadium Williams-Brice (80,250)
Official Website Gamecocksonline.com

HEAD COACH

Will Muschamp Georgia, 1994
Record at South Carolina 15-11 (3rd year)
Career Head Coaching Record 43-32 (6th year)

VS. SOUTH CAROLINA

Overall Series: Vanderbilt trails 4-23
VU-South Carolina @ Vanderbilt 2-12
VU-South Carolina @ Columbia 2-11

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TENNESSEE STATE

Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville
Sept. 29; Kickoff: TBA; TV: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Nashville, Tenn.
Founded 1912
Undergraduate Enrollment 7,200
Nickname Tigers
Conference Ohio Valley
All-time Record 555-288-33 (.652)
2017 Record/OVC mark 6-5/2-5 (7th)
Stadium Nissan (69,143); Hale (10,000)
Official Website TSUTigers.com

HEAD COACH

Rod Reed Tennessee State, 1988
Record at Tennessee State 49-42 (8th year)
Career Head Coaching Record 49-42 (8th year)

VS. TENNESSEE STATE

Overall Series: Vanderbilt leads 2-0
VU-TSU @ Vanderbilt 2-0

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GEORGIA

Sanford Stadium, Athens, Ga.
Oct. 6; Kickoff: TBA; TV: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Athens, Ga.
Founded 1785
Undergraduate Enrollment 27,700
Nickname Bulldogs
Conference Southeastern
All-time Record 794-418-54 (.649)
2017 Record/SEC mark 13-2/7-1 (1st/East)
Stadium Sanford (92,746)
Official Website GeorgiaDogs.com

HEAD COACH

Kirby Smart Georgia, 1999
Record at Georgia 21-6 (3rd year)
Career Head Coaching Record 21-6 (3rd year)

VS. GEORGIA

Overall Series: Vanderbilt trails 19-57-2
VU-Georgia @ Vanderbilt 11-26-2
VU-Georgia @ Athens/Atlanta 8-31-0

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2018 OPPONENTS



FLORIDA

Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville
Oct. 13; Kickoff: TBA; TV: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Gainesville, Fla.
Founded 1853
Undergraduate Enrollment 35,100
Nickname Gators
Conference Southeastern
All-time Record 714-409-40 (.631)
2017 Record/SEC mark 4-7/3-5 (5th/East)
Stadium Ben Hill Griffin/Florida Field (88,548)
Official Website Gatorzone.com

HEAD COACH

Dan Mullen Ursinus College, 1994
Record at Florida 0-0 (1st year)
Career Head Coaching Record 69-46 (10th year)

VS. FLORIDA

Overall Series: Vanderbilt trails 10-39-2
VU-Florida @ Vanderbilt 7-15-1
VU-Florida @ Gainesville/Jacksonville 3-24-1

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KENTUCKY

Kroger Field, Lexington, Ky.
Oct. 20; Kickoff: TBA; TV: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Lexington, Ky.
Founded 1865
Undergraduate Enrollment 22,705
Nickname Wildcats
Conference Southeastern
All-time Record 605-618-44 (.494)
2017 Record/SEC mark 7-6/4-4 (T-3rd/East)
Stadium Kroger Field (61,000)
Official Website UKathletics.com

HEAD COACH

Mark Stoops Iowa, 1988
Record at Kentucky 26-36 (6th year)
Career Head Coaching Record same

VS. KENTUCKY

Overall Series: VU trails 42-44-4
VU-Kentucky @ Vanderbilt 27-19-2
VU-Kentucky @ Lexington 15-25-2

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ARKANSAS

Reynolds Razorback Stadium, Fayetteville, Ark.
Oct. 27; Kickoff: TBA; TV: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Fayetteville, Ark.
Founded 1871
Undergraduate Enrollment 27,600
Nickname Razorbacks
Conference Southeastern
All-time Record 701-475-40 (.593)
2017 Record/SEC mark 4-8/1-7 (7th/West)
Stadium Reynolds Razorback (72,000)
Official Website ArkansasRazorbacks.com

HEAD COACH

Chad Morris Texas A&M, 1992
Record at Arkansas (1st year)
Career Head Coaching Record 14-22 (4th year)

VS. ARKANSAS

Overall Series: Vanderbilt trails 2-7
VU-Arkansas @ Vanderbilt 0-3
VU-Arkansas @ Fayetteville/Little Rock 2-2

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MISSOURI

Memorial Stadium/Faurot Field, Columbia, Mo.
Nov. 10; Kickoff: TBA; TV: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Columbia, Mo.
Founded 1839
Undergraduate Enrollment 27,750
Nickname Tigers
Conference Southeastern
All-time Record 671-556-52 (.546)
2017 Record/SEC mark 7-6/4-4 (T-3/East)
Stadium Memorial/Faurot Field (71,000)
Official Website MUTigers.com

HEAD COACH

Barry Odom Missouri, 1999
Record at Missouri 11-14 (3rd year)
Career Head Coaching Record same

VS. MISSOURI

Overall Series: VU trails 3-5-1
VU-Missouri @ Vanderbilt 1-1-1
VU-Missouri @ Columbia/St. Louis 2-4-0

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OLE MISS

Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville
Nov. 17; Kickoff: TBA; TV: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Oxford, Miss.
Founded 1848
Undergraduate Enrollment 18,800
Nickname Rebels
Conference Southeastern
All-time Record 666-517-35 (.562)
2017 Record/SEC mark 6-6/3-5 (7th/West)
Stadium Vaught-Hemingway (64,038)
Official Website OleMissSports.com

HEAD COACH

Matt Luke Mississippi, 1999
Record at Ole Miss 6-6 (2nd year)
Career Head Coaching Record 6-6 (2nd year)

VS. OLE MISS

Overall Series: Vanderbilt trails 38-51-2
VU-Ole Miss @ Vanderbilt 27-24-2
VU-Ole Miss @ Oxford/Jackson/Memphis 11-27-0

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TENNESSEE

Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville
Nov. 24; Kickoff: TBA; TV: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Knoxville, Tenn.
Founded 1794
Undergraduate Enrollment 21,900
Nickname Volunteers
Conference Southeastern
All-time Record 832-384-53 (.684)
2017 Record/SEC mark 4-8/0-8 (7th/East)
Stadium Neyland (102,455)
Official Website UTsports.com

HEAD COACH

Jeremy Pruitt Alabama, 1996
Record at Tennessee (1st year)
Career Head Coaching Record (1st year)

VS. TENNESSEE

Overall Series: Vanderbilt trails 32-75-5
VU-Tennessee @ Vanderbilt 20-36-4
VU-Tennessee @ Knoxville 12-39-1

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