

A black and white portrait of Bobby Johnson, the head coach. He is a middle-aged man with short, light-colored hair, smiling slightly. He is wearing a dark, long-sleeved polo shirt with a small star logo on the left chest and a Nike swoosh on the collar. He is holding a football with both hands in front of his chest. The football has a star logo and the word "SCOTT" visible. He is wearing light-colored pants and a dark belt.

HEAD COACH
BOBBY JOHNSON

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Thanks to Bobby Johnson's emphasis of building off a solid foundation, respect is returning to the Vanderbilt football team.

Johnson, entering his seventh season at the helm of Commodore football, has vastly upgraded the program thanks in large part to his continuing commitment to character, integrity, effort and playing the game of football with passion.

Vanderbilt fans are buying into Johnson's improving Commodores. The program sold more season tickets in 2007 than any year since 1996. As the 2008 season approaches, athletic officials expect season ticket sales to surpass 2007 figures.

In six years, Johnson has directed a transformation of the program that has the student-athletes of Vanderbilt football positioned to succeed on and off the field. Johnson's last three squads have been more competitive than Commodore teams in more than a decade. Though the 2005-07 teams narrowly missed bowl appearances, they did garner 14 victories, including an impressive string of road wins at four of the Southeastern Conference's toughest venues – Arkansas, Tennessee, Georgia and South Carolina.

When he came to Vanderbilt from a highly successful career at Furman University in December 2001, Johnson didn't have four-and five-win seasons on his mind. Johnson came to Nashville fully expecting to turn the Commodores into a perennial winner that competes for titles – and he hasn't wavered at all from that intent.

As Johnson continues to reshape the program, his impact on the 2008 squad will be more pronounced than ever before. Johnson

believes the team he welcomes to camp in late July is well positioned to compete effectively and consistently in what most observers believe is America's premier football conference.

Nothing short of attaining that standard will satisfy Bobby Johnson, one of the NCAA's most highly respected coaches. Johnson expects success, on and off the football field.



Seven years ago, Johnson walked onto the Vanderbilt campus after leading his Furman squad to the NCAA I-AA national championship game. He came to Nashville believing that the Commodores would succeed competitively only if each student-athlete, coach and member of the Vanderbilt football family worked to get better each day. Johnson's plan for ultimate success placed as much emphasis on coaches' efforts in recruiting as it did players' conditioning – everyone had to get better.

Johnson's plan is showing dividends. The Commodore coaching staff, from its coordinators to the strength assistants, almost mirrors the group Johnson selected in his first months on campus. When the only three coaching vacancies during Johnson's tenure became available, he acted quickly to attract highly qualified replacements. He expanded the roles of four current members of the staff.

With his hand-picked conditioning director John Sisk in place, Johnson has witnessed a revival of the Commodores' conditioning program. Facility upgrades have occurred – and plans for more than \$40 million in additional improvements to Vanderbilt Stadium and football facilities in McGugin Center were announced in May. Commodore student-athletes lift weights and practice in modern facilities that did not exist prior to Johnson's arrival on campus. The head coach has even

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enhanced the way players and coaches study game film by installing the latest in video and computer technologies.

The aim of winning football games at Vanderbilt is a formidable task

The Johnson Tenure By the Numbers

2 Commodores selected in the
First Round of NFL Draft

4 SEC road victories in front of
crowds of 68,000 or more

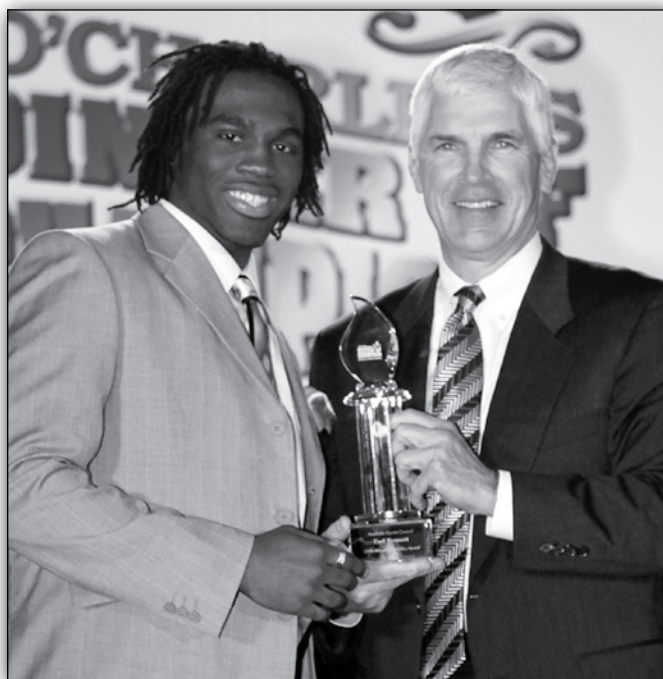
19 Commodores earning
All-SEC honors since 2001

139 Players earning Academic
All-SEC recognition since '01

for any coach. In 2005, Johnson directed his Commodores to their best record in years. The squad's five victories, which included three on the road, were the most in seven seasons. Three wins in SEC play were the most by a Vanderbilt team since the league went to divisional play in 1992. Last

year, Commodore fans watched a veteran squad get off to a 5-3 record, including a road win over No. 6 ranked South Carolina, then compete toe-to-toe with Georgia and Tennessee only to lose last-minute decisions.

College football observers and pro scouts are taking notice of



Coach Johnson and SEC record-breaking receiver Earl Bennett

Johnson's efforts to upgrade talent on the Commodore roster. Seven upperclassmen from the 2007 squad are currently competing for pro spots in NFL camps. Three of the seven, led by the first round selection of offensive tackle Chris Williams, were taken in the NFL Draft. With Williams joining 2005 standout Jay Cutler as a first rounder, Johnson became the first Vanderbilt coach in 48 years to have two players selected in the opening round in a three-year span.

While Williams' ascension in the draft dominated postseason attention, others made plenty of news during the 2007 season. Midway through his third varsity season, Earl Bennett became the SEC's all-time lead-

BOBBY JOHNSON FACTS

- ★ Guided Vanderbilt to 14 victories in 2005-07, the most at the school in a three-year span since 1992-94.
- ★ First head coach at Vanderbilt to serve at least seven years in 23 years. The last to serve as long was George MacIntyre (1979-85). MacIntyre was Johnson's position coach during playing days at Clemson.
- ★ Mentored two Commodores that rank among the highest ever selected in the NFL Draft, Jay Cutler and Chris Williams. Cutler, the 2005 SEC Offensive Player of the Year, was taken 11th overall by Denver. Williams, an offensive tackle and unanimous All-SEC player in 2007, was selected No. 14 by Chicago.
- ★ Coached receiver Earl Bennett, who became the SEC's all-time leader in receptions in 2007.
- ★ Continues to focus attention on academic achievements. Vanderbilt has more SEC Academic Honor Roll recipients during Johnson's tenure than any other school. The team's collective GPA after the 2008 spring semester was its highest level in Johnson's tenure.
- ★ Preparing for his 15th season as a college head coach, the 2001 I-AA National Coach of the Year enters the 2008 season with a 80-86 overall career record.



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ing receiver. He finished with 238 receptions, 30 more than the former record holder. As senior linebacker Jonathan Goff continued to pile up tackles, versatile sophomore D.J. Moore exploded on the scene. Moore became the SEC's top triple threat, ranking among its leaders in interceptions and kickoff return yardage while producing fireworks as a limited-duty running back/receiver.

Under Johnson, 19 Commodores have earned All-SEC recognition. Johnson has mentored 13 freshmen All-SEC selections, including Vanderbilt's first SEC Freshman of

the Year in 2002. Off the field, the Commodores are SEC leaders in academic honor roll recognition.

The national media also is taking notice of Johnson's tenure at Vanderbilt. In 2006, the Commodores christened the college football season for ESPN after the network approached Vanderbilt officials about a trip to Ann Arbor to play Michigan. In the last three years, 14 Vanderbilt games have been on national or regional television.

Johnson arrived at Vanderbilt from Furman where he left few accomplishments unfulfilled. During an eight-year reign as head coach at Furman, Johnson guided the Paladins to a 60-36 overall record, a NCAA I-AA national runner-up finish, four NCAA appearances and a pair of Southern Conference titles.

In the weeks leading to becoming Vanderbilt's 25th head coach, Johnson directed Furman to the pinnacle of success in 2001, culminating a tremendous rebuilding job by the head coach. The Paladins reached the I-AA national championship for the first time in 13 years, falling to No. 1 ranked Montana in the title game.

Johnson's coaching career, which covers 31 years, began in 1976 as defensive ends coach at Furman. By 1983, he was elevated to Furman's defensive coordinator, serving a decade in that role. After one year as the defensive coordinator at his alma mater, Johnson returned to Furman to accept the head coaching job.

Off the field, the engaging South Carolina native is as comfortable talking to young Commodore followers at Dore Jam fan activities as he is encouraging callers to the 104.5 The Zone Radiothon to open their wallets in support of the Charles Davis Foundation.

A native of Columbia, S.C., Johnson was a three-sport standout at Eau Claire High School. He continued playing at Clemson, where he lettered three years as a receiver and cornerback, and graduated in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in management. In 1979, he was awarded a master's degree in education from Furman.

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HOMETOWN: Columbia, S.C.

ALMA MATER: Clemson, 1973

HIGH SCHOOL: Eau Claire (S.C.)

LETTERS EARNED: 1970-72

LETTERS EARNED: 3, 1966-68

POSITIONS: Receiver/Def. Back

POSITIONS: Tight End/Def. End

HONORS: ACC All-Academic



Coach Johnson and his wife, Catherine, in front of Kirkland Hall on the Vanderbilt campus.

COACHING CAREER

Year	School	Position	Record
2007	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	5-7
2006	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	4-8
2005	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	5-6
2004	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	2-9
2003	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	2-10
2002	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	2-10
2001	Furman	Head Coach	12-3
2000	Furman	Head Coach	9-3
1999	Furman	Head Coach	9-3
1998	Furman	Head Coach	5-6
1997	Furman	Head Coach	7-4
1996	Furman	Head Coach	9-4
1995	Furman	Head Coach	6-5
1994	Furman	Head Coach	3-8
1993	Clemson	Defensive Coordinator	8-3
1992	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	6-5
1991	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	7-4
1990	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	9-4
1989	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	12-2
1988	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	13-2
1987	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	7-4
1986	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	7-3-2
1985	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	12-2
1984	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	8-3
1983	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	10-2-1
1982	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	9-3
1981	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	8-3
1980	Clemson	Athletic Academic Counselor	
1979	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	5-6
1978	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	8-3
1977	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	4-5-2
1976	Furman	Defensive Ends Coach	6-4-1

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VANDERBILT STAFF: A CLOSE-KNIT UNIT

Bobby Johnson's staff of assistant coaches is a close-knit group with personal and professional relationships dating back three decades.

As Johnson enters his seventh year at Vanderbilt, he believes the ability to keep intact most of the staff is key to transforming the Commodore football squad into a perennial contender.

"Having the same group of hard-working men in place, all with a common purpose, is definitely a strength for our program," Johnson said.

Many of the Commodore coaches have had a relationship with Johnson since he entered the coaching ranks more than 30 years ago. In 1976, when Johnson accepted the role of coaching defensive ends at Furman, **Robbie Caldwell** – the current Vanderbilt assistant head coach/offensive line coach – was working as a first-year graduate assistant at Furman. The next year, **Ted Cain** joined the Furman staff, **Bruce Fowler** became a Paladin freshman walk-on and **Jimmy Kiser** was a contributing Furman receiver. Today, Cain, Fowler and Kiser are coaching with Johnson, serving as offensive coordinator, defensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, respectively.

In the mid-1990s, current Commodore receivers coach **Charlie Fisher** was at North Carolina State along with Caldwell and Kiser. **Ricky Logo** was an outstanding defensive tackle for the Wolfpack, eventually playing a year in the NFL.

As Wolfpack coaches, Cain, Caldwell and Kiser had difficulties accounting for **Warren Belin**, an energetic Wake Forest linebacker, in the late 1980s.

After 14 years at N.C. State, Caldwell moved down Tobacco Road to Chapel Hill to become North Carolina's offensive line coach. In 2001, Caldwell became impressed with the abilities of a Tar Heel defensive graduate assistant, **Jamie Bryant**.

As Johnson marched Furman toward a national championship appearance in his final years on campus, one of his top receivers and return specialists was **Desmond Kitchings**, the newest addition to Johnson's Commodore staff.

WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT BOBBY JOHNSON

"Coach Johnson is the kind of coach guys want to play for. He demands a lot, but he's there for you at the same time. He's building the kind of program all Commodore fans can be proud of."

JAY CUTLER

*Denver Broncos quarterback;
Vanderbilt career passing leader*

"Bobby was one of my favorite players and he is a super football coach. He understands how to build a program the right way. He's a winner.

GEORGE MACINTRYE

Vanderbilt head coach, 1979-85

"After working three games, I came away very impressed with Bobby's Commodore team. He is an innovative and inspiring coach, and has a history of well-coached teams. It was obvious to me that his Vanderbilt team competed really hard every game."

MIKE GOTTFRIED

ESPN college football analyst

"Coach Johnson emphasized doing the small things correctly. Then, when you see a coach that practices what he preaches, it's easy for players to buy into his system."

HUNTER HILLENMEYER

*Vanderbilt National Scholar Athlete;
Chicago Bears linebacker*

Johnson was named one of the five most underrated coaches and among the top 30 head coaches in college football.

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ASSISTANT COACHES



WARREN BELIN

Linebackers;
Recruiting Coordinator

Warren Belin, an 18-year veteran of collegiate coaching, enters his seventh year mentoring the Commodores' linebacking corps. He also begins his first year as the team's recruiting coordinator.

In each of Belin's years with the Commodores, he has mentored stellar pupils. In 2006 and 2007, interior linebacker Jonathan Goff ranked among the Southeastern Conference defensive leaders while Marcus Buggs developed into an extremely productive defender.

In 2004-05, Moses Osemwegie was named first team All-SEC, finishing his collegiate career as the team's active leader in tackles. Before that, linebacker Hunter Hillenmeyer earned the National Student Athlete Award while leading the SEC in tackles and earning all-league honors.

Hillenmeyer, Goff and Buggs have moved on to the NFL. Hillenmeyer is a starter at Chicago. Goff was drafted by the New York Giants while Buggs signed a free agent contract with the Buffalo Bills.

Belin served in a similar role at Southern Methodist University before coming to Vanderbilt. In five years at SMU, Belin continued the school's reputation for strong linebackers and stingy defenses. At least one Mustang linebacker was named All-Western Athletic Conference each year of Belin's service. Vic Vilorio was named first team All-WAC as a junior and led the conference in tackles as a sophomore. Another of Belin's pupils, Jason Simonton, was an All-WAC selection in 1998 and 1999. A third linebacker, Chris Bordano, was WAC Western Division Defensive Player of the Year in 1997 and drafted by New Orleans.

Prior to joining the SMU staff, Belin worked as an assistant coach at William & Mary, Cornell and East Tennessee State.

A native of Marshville, N.C., Belin was a three-year starter and four-year letterman at Wake Forest from 1987-90. He earned a B.S. in Health and Sports Science from Wake Forest, graduating cum laude. He was named to the ACC All-Academic Team in 1990, and was a two-time ACC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

Belin is married to the former Yolanda Taylor. They are the parents of three daughters: Camryn, 6; and 3-year-old twins Morgan and MacKenzi.

the BELIN file

Hometown: Marshville, North Carolina

Education: B.S., Health & Sports Science, Wake Forest, 1990

Coaching Experience:

Linebackers at SMU, 1997-2001

Linebackers at William & Mary, 1996

Defensive Line at William & Mary, 1995

Linebackers at Cornell, 1991, 1993-94

Linebackers at East Tennessee State, 1992

Postseason Appearances: 1 **Conference Titles:** 1

NFL Draftees: 3 **All-Americans:** 1



*The Belin family:
Warren,
Yolanda and
daughters
Camryn,
Morgan and
MacKenzi.*

ASSISTANT COACHES

JAMIE BRYANT

Defensive Secondary; Special Teams Coordinator

Jamie Bryant is in his seventh year as the defensive secondary coach for the Commodores. Coach Johnson added special teams coordinator duties to Bryant's responsibilities after the 2007 season.

Last season, Bryant developed a corps of underclassmen into one of the nation's top secondaries – and a unit that ranks with some of the best in team history.

The personnel included sophomore cornerback D.J. Moore, who earned unanimous All-Southeastern Conference recognition after intercepting six passes, the most by a Commodore player in 25 years. Moore also earned national defensive player of the week honors after a remarkable performance against South Carolina. Safeties Reshard Langford and Ryan Hamilton, cornerback Myron Lewis and nickel back Darlron Speed added to the superb unit.

The secondary helped Vanderbilt rank among the nation's Top 20 in pass defense and total defense.

Bryant, 38, assisted on the North Carolina staff alongside current Vanderbilt associate head coach Robbie Caldwell in 2001 before joining the Commodore staff. The 2001 Tar Heels finished strong, using an aggressive defense to win seven of their final nine regular season games, including impressive routs of ACC foes Florida State and Clemson. UNC ended its season by shutting down Auburn 16-10 in the Peach Bowl.

Prior to joining UNC, Bryant's efforts as defensive coordinator and secondary coach improved a struggling defense at I-AA St. Francis (Pa.) University in 2000.

Bryant entered the collegiate coaching ranks in 1997 as outside linebackers coach at Clarion. His duties at Clarion evolved to secondary coach and special teams coordinator for his final two seasons.

A native of Fredericktown, Ohio, Bryant was a three-year letterwinner at Ohio Wesleyan. He earned a B.S. degree in economics management.

Bryant and his wife, Elisa, are the parents of two young sons, Luke and Jake.



the BRYANT file

Hometown: Fredericktown, Ohio

Education: B.S, Economics Management, Ohio Wesleyan, 1993

Coaching Experience:

Graduate Assistant (Defense) at North Carolina, 2001

Defensive Coordinator at St. Francis, 2000

Secondary/Special Teams at Clarion, 1998-99

Linebackers at Clarion, 1997

Postseason Appearances: 1

NFL Draftees: 2

All-Americans: 1



*The Bryant family:
Jamie, Elisa
and young
sons Luke
and Jake.*

ASSISTANT COACHES

TED CAIN

Offensive Coordinator; Tight Ends

A former I-AA head coach with more than three decades of coaching experience, Ted Cain serves as offensive coordinator and tight ends coach for the Commodores. The first assistant hired by Bobby Johnson at Vanderbilt, Cain enters his seventh year on the staff.

Cain's 2007 offense produced an average of 21.7 points and 326.6 yards a game despite inconsistent quarterback play. The one-back set featured a tailback trio of Cassen Jackson-Garrison, Jeff Jennings and Jared Hawkins, and the receiving abilities of three-time All-SEC stand-out Earl Bennett, who became the league's all-time leader in catches.

Two Vanderbilt offensive players, Bennett and offensive tackle Chris Williams, were selected early in the 2008 NFL Draft.

Cain's tenure at Vanderbilt has produced some of the most potent offenses in Commodore history. The 2005 offense, directed by SEC Offensive Player of the Year Jay Cutler, produced more points and first downs than any Commodore offense in the last three decades.

Cain's coaching resume includes a two-year stint as head coach at Virginia Military Institute, a successful tenure as offensive coordinator at North Carolina State and many years of coaching service at Furman.

Cain, 56, was a three-year tight end for Furman. After serving a two-year term as a U.S. Army second lieutenant, Cain began his coaching career as Furman's outside linebackers coach in 1977. He became the Furman passing game coordinator/receivers coach the following year, helping the squad to a 69-23-2 record during an eight-year span.

That success led to Cain's move to North Carolina State in 1986. As offensive coordinator and tight ends coach, Cain directed seven of N.C. State's top 10 passing seasons.

Cain rejoined the Johnson's staff at Furman in 1999, helping the Paladins to a pair of Southern Conference titles.

Cain earned a B.S. degree in geology and a M.A. in education from Furman. Cain and his wife, Susan, are the parents of two children: Matt, an assistant coach with Presbyterian (S.C.) College; and Erin, 22.



the CAIN file

Hometown: Aiken, South Carolina

Education: B.S., Geology, Furman, 1974;
M.A., Education, Furman, 1981

Other Coaching Experience:

Receivers at Furman, 1999-2001

Head Coach at Virginia Military Institute, 1997-1998

Offensive Coordinator at N.C. State, 1986-96

Passing Coordinator/Receivers at Furman, 1978-85

Linebackers at Furman, 1977

Postseason Appearances: 8 **Conference Titles:** 8

NFL Draftees: 1 **All-Americans:** 5



The Cain family: Ted, Susan, and son Matt, and daughter Erin.

ASSISTANT COACHES



ROBBIE CALDWELL

Assistant Head Coach; Offensive Line

Caldwell, a 32-year veteran of the collegiate coaching ranks, serves as Vanderbilt's assistant head coach and offensive line mentor. He enters his seventh year as a key member of the Commodore coaching staff.

Last season, he mentored one of the most experienced line corps in Vanderbilt history, with five seniors who collectively possessed more than 160 career starting assignments. The unit, which featured first team All-SEC tackle Chris Williams, ranked among the SEC's best by allowing just 17 quarterback sacks.

Caldwell has developed most of the finest offensive linemen in recent team history. Williams, his star pupil last year, became the highest offensive lineman from Vanderbilt ever taken in the NFL Draft when Chicago selected him with the No. 14 overall pick.

Williams is one of three former Caldwell pupils currently on pro rosters. Justin Geisinger plays on the Washington Redskins' line and Brian Stamper signed a 2008 free agent contract with New Orleans.

Before joining Vanderbilt, Caldwell served two years as offensive line coach at North Carolina after lengthy tenures at North Carolina State and Furman.

At N.C. State, Caldwell tutored the line for 11 years, then added the responsibility of assistant head coach from 1997-99. Caldwell coached 14 All-ACC Wolfpack linemen. Prior to joining N.C. State, Caldwell coached the front line at Furman from 1978-85, and served there as a graduate assistant in 1976. He coached prep football at Hanahan, S.C. in 1977.

Caldwell coached six Southern Conference championship teams at Furman, including the national runnerup in 1985. Eight of his pupils were first-team all-league, with five earning the conference's Jacobs Award.

Caldwell was a three-year letterman at center for Furman and earned the team's MVP award in 1975. He graduated with a B.S. degree in Health and Physical Education from Furman in 1976.

Caldwell and his wife, Nora Lynn, are the parents of a daughter, Emsley, 13.

the CALDWELL file

Hometown: Pageland, South Carolina

Education: B.S., Health & Physical Education, Furman, 1976

Other Coaching Experience: (positions since 1978)

Offensive Line at North Carolina, 2001-01

Assistant Head Coach at North Carolina State, 1996-98

Offensive Line at North Carolina State, 1986-99

Offensive Line at Furman, 1978-85

Postseason Appearances: 10 **Conference Titles:** 6

NFL Draftees: 6

All-Americans: 5



*The
Caldwell
family:
Robbie,
Nora Lynn
and daughter
Emsley.*



ASSISTANT COACHES

CHARLIE FISHER

Wide Receivers; Passing Game Co-Coordinator

Former collegiate head coach Charlie Fisher enters his fifth season working with Commodore receivers and seventh year on the staff. Three years ago, Coach Johnson rewarded Fisher's effort by adding the title of Passing Game Co-Coordinator.

For the last three years, Fisher mentored wide receiver Earl Bennett, one of the finest players in Commodore history. A three-time All-SEC recipient and All-America in 2006, Bennett became the SEC's all-time leading receiver in 2007. Bennett finished his career with 236 receptions and became the first receiver in SEC history to catch at least 75 passes in three consecutive years. After the season, Bennett declared for the NFL draft, where he was selected by Chicago in the third round.

Besides Bennett, Fisher also worked with George Smith and Sean Walker – who posted at least 20 catches in 2007.

As the team's running backs coach in 2002, he mentored Kwane Doster to SEC Freshman of the Year honors.

Before joining Vanderbilt, he served two years as offensive coordinator/quarterback coach at Temple.

Prior to joining Temple, Fisher was successful during a two-year stint tutoring wide receivers at N.C. State. The Wolfpack passing attack led the ACC and was a key reason behind N.C. State's drive to a bowl berth.

Fisher's background includes a successful tenure as head coach at West Georgia prior to moving to North Carolina State. From 1993-97, Fisher guided the Braves to a 36-17 overall record. He also served as an offensive coach at Lenior-Rhyne (N.C.) College from 1985-1990.

Fisher played quarterback and wide receiver from 1977-80 at Springfield (Mass.) College. He also lettered as a shortstop in baseball. He earned his B.S. in physical education. Fisher earned a M.A. in sports management from Eastern Kentucky in 1984. He has served as a graduate assistant at both ECU and Ole Miss.

Fisher and his wife, Julie, are the parents of two sons: Brian, 19; and Brett, 13.



the FISHER file

Hometown: Allenwood, Pennsylvania

Education: B.S., Physical Education, Springfield (Mass.), 1981
M.A., Sports Management, Eastern Kentucky, 1984

Other Coaching Experience: (positions since 1991)

Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks, Temple, 2000-01

Receivers at North Carolina State, 1998-99

Head Coach at West Georgia, 1993-97

Offensive Coordinator at West Georgia, 1991-92

Postseason Appearances: 2

NFL Draftees: 4

All-Americans: 10



*The Fisher family:
Charlie,
Julie, Brian
and Brett.*

ASSISTANT COACHES

BRUCE FOWLER

Defensive Coordinator

Bruce Fowler is in his seventh season as the Commodore defensive coordinator. He also assists with the defensive end position.

The Commodore defense ranked among the best in team history under Fowler's direction in 2007, finishing the season among the top 20 nationally in numerous categories, including points allowed, total defense and pass defense. In the SEC, the unit ranked fourth in total defense and fifth in scoring defense and pass defense. The defense also produced 30 sacks, the third highest single-season total in the past three decades. The defense also came up with 19 interceptions, the most by a Commodore unit since 1989.

Three former defenders under Fowler – Jonathan Goff, Jovan Haye and Hunter Hillenmeyer – have been selected in the NFL Draft. Haye and Hillenmeyer start with Tampa Bay and Chicago, respectively. Goff is a rookie this season with the New York Giants.

Fowler, 49, served as Bobby Johnson's defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Furman. Their relationship on the field dates to the 1970s when Johnson was Fowler's position coach at Furman.

Fowler served 16 seasons on the Furman staff after starting as a graduate assistant in 1984. His responsibilities continuously progressed during his Furman tenure. He mentored Furman All-America and Southern Conference Defensive Player of the Year Will Bouton. The defense was critical to Furman's 30-9 success from 1999-2001, two conference titles, three I-AA playoff berths and a 2001 national runnerup finish.

Fowler worked with the Furman secondary for six years prior to coaching Paladin linebackers. He mentored six all-conference performers, including All-America safety John Keith. He moved to the Furman defensive staff after serving several years as an offensive assistant for receivers.

Fowler earned two varsity letters at Furman. He was a member of the Paladins' first Southern Conference championship team in 1978, started in the defensive secondary in 1979, and played on Furman's 1980 league championship squad. He earned a B.A. and M.A. degree in physical education from Furman.

Fowler is married to the former Lindy Gilman. They are the parents of a son, Jake, 13, and daughter, Madison, 11.



the FOWLER file

Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio

Education: B.A., Physical Education, Furman, 1980

M.A., Physical Education, Furman, 1989

Other Coaching Experience:

Def. Coordinator & Linebackers at Furman, 1999-2001

Secondary at Furman, 1993-98

Receivers at Furman, 1986-92

Graduate Assistant at Furman, 1984-85

Postseason Appearances: 7 **Conference Titles:** 8

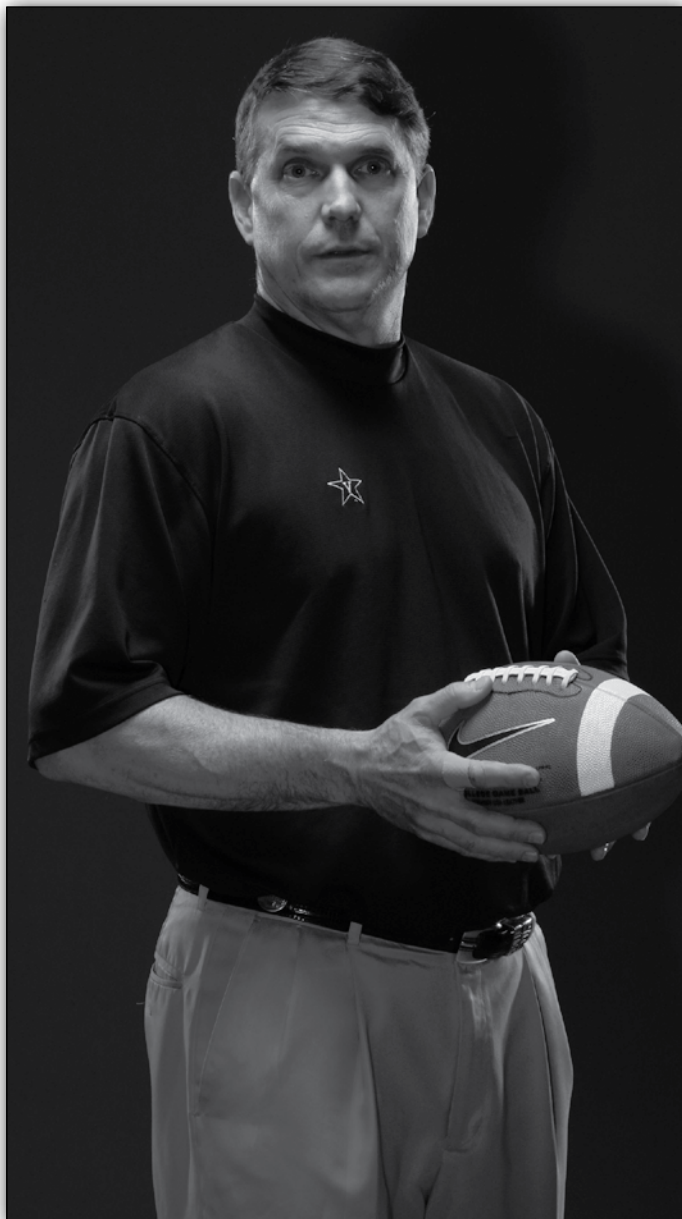
NFL Draftees: 5 **All-Americans:** 2



*The Fowler family:
Bruce,
Lindy,
Jake and
Madison.*



ASSISTANT COACHES



JIMMY KISER

Quarterbacks; Passing Game Co-Coordinator

Jimmy Kiser brings 25 years of collegiate coaching experience to the Vanderbilt staff. Kiser enters his seventh year as quarterbacks coach, and third as the Commodores' Passing Game Co-Coordinator.

Kiser is well known as the mentor for former Vanderbilt standout and current Denver Broncos' starting quarterback Jay Cutler. Mentored by Kiser for four years, Cutler became the team all-time leader in numerous categories and won SEC Offensive Player of the Year honors. He was selected by Denver 11th overall in the 2006 NFL Draft.

Injuries and limited experience hindered the progress of Kiser's pupils last year. After passing for nearly 2,100 yards and 15 touchdowns in 2006, Chris Nickson struggled with a shoulder ailment and inconsistency last season, and was replaced after the sixth game by Mackenzi Adams, who finished with 1,043 passing yards and nine touchdowns.

Kiser, 51, started his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Furman. After coaching three years at Dunwoody (Ga.) H.S., Kiser worked two years at Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.) College, serving as offensive coordinator.

In 1986, Kiser joined the North Carolina State staff. He served the Wolfpack as receivers coach (1986-95), quarterbacks/receivers coach (1996) and offensive coordinator (1997-99). Under Kiser in 1997, the Wolfpack led the ACC in rushing offense and finished second in total offense, then topped the league in total offense the following year.

In 2000, Kiser moved to Memphis where he coached quarterbacks. In 2001, he served as offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach at Richmond.

Kiser won four varsity letters at Furman, graduating in 1979. He was named honorable mention All-Southern Conference as a wide receiver as a senior. He earned a B.A. in economics and business administration, graduating cum laude. In 1982, Kiser earned a M.B.A. from the Clemson/Furman joint MBA program.

Kiser and his wife, LeAnn, are the parents of four children: Anna Lee, 21, Jodi, 19, Jamie, 17, and Kelly, 7.

the KISER file

Hometown: Rock Hill, South Carolina

Education: B.A, Economics & Business Management, Furman, 1979
M.B.A., Clemson/Furman Program, 1982

Other Coaching Experience:

Offensive Coordinator at Richmond, 2001
Quarterbacks at Memphis, 2000
Offensive Coordinator at North Carolina State, 1997-99
Quarterbacks & Receivers at North Carolina State, 1996
Receivers at North Carolina State, 1986-95

Postseason Appearances: 9

NFL Draftees: 9

All-Americans: 2



*The Kiser family:
Jimmy,
LeAnn,
Anna Lee,
Jodi, Jamie
and Kelly.*

ASSISTANT COACHES

DES KITCHINGS

Running Backs

Des Kitchings, a former All-America and all-Southern Conference performer at Furman, became the newest Commodore assistant when he agreed to become the team's running backs coach in January.

Kitchings, who replaces Kenny Carter on the Commodore staff, is entering his fifth year as a collegiate assistant coach.

Kitchings, 30, came to Vanderbilt from Western Michigan University, though he only joined the Bronco staff for a brief period after serving as an offensive assistant at his alma mater for four years.

He served as Furman's tight ends coach and special teams coordinator in 2007, mentoring Larry Hedden to all-SoCon honors after the tight end caught 36 passes for 421 yards and three touchdowns. Kitchings also coached three-time all-conference tight end Willis Sudderth at Furman. Another of his pupils, John Rust, was also named all-conference in 2005.

During his tenure at Furman, the Paladins went 10-3 and captured a conference title in 2004, and advanced to the NCAA I-AA national semifinals in 2005.

Kitchings, of Wagener, S.C., was a standout receiver/return specialist at Furman. As a senior in 1999, Kitchings helped Furman win the first of three conference championships under Johnson. He ranks among the school's all-time leaders in receptions and returns. As a specialist, he averaged a SoCon record 29.3 yards on 33 kickoff returns, four of which went for touchdowns – also a school record.

A consensus all-Southern Conference selection as both a receiver and returner, Kitchings earned All-America honors as a return specialist in 1999 after leading the NCAA I-AA division in return average.

Kitchings was selected by the Kansas City Chiefs in the 2000 NFL Draft, and spent four years on practice squads and rosters of the Chiefs, New York Jets, Indianapolis and St. Louis.

Kitchings completed an undergraduate degree at Furman in health and exercise science in 2000.

Kitchings is married to the former Heather Seib. The couple are parents of a son, Aiden Jacob, 2; and infant daughter, Ava Marie.



the KITCHINGS file

Hometown: Wagener, South Carolina

Education: B.S., Health & Exercise Science, Furman, 2000

Other Coaching Experience:

Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends at Furman, 2006-07

Tight Ends at Furman, 2004-05

Postseason Appearances: 3

Conference Titles: 1

All-Conference Players: 4



The Kitchings family: Des, Heather, Aiden and Ava.

ASSISTANT COACHES



RICK LOGO

Defensive Line

Rick Logo is the second newest member to the Vanderbilt coaching staff, entering his third year as the Commodores' defensive line coach.

Logo came to Vanderbilt from Troy (Ala.) University where he served as co-defensive coordinator.

In 2007, Logo mentored senior defensive tackles Theo Horrocks and Gabe Hall to their best seasons in a Commodore uniform. Hall's development as a first-year starter helped solidify the Vanderbilt defensive front that included another two-year starter, end Curtis Gatewood. Logo also worked with a pair of young ends, Steven Stone and Broderick Stewart, who he developed into dependable big-play defenders.

After the 2007 season, Gatewood and Horrocks signed NFL free agent deals with Washington and Jacksonville, respectively.

Logo served as Troy's co-defensive coordinator and defensive tackles coach in 2005 for Larry Blakeney's staff. Logo mentored Troy's defensive line from 2002-2004, a tenure that culminated in the Trojans' Silicon Valley Bowl appearance. He coached two current NFL standouts at Troy: Osi Umenyiora of the defending world champion Giants and Demarcus Ware of Dallas. He joined Troy after one year at Western Carolina where he served as assistant head coach and line coach. Before that, he worked as a defensive assistant at Chattanooga.

A native of Santa Ana, Calif., Logo played four seasons as a defensive tackle at North Carolina State from 1989-92. That Wolfpack staff guided by Dick Sheridan included current Vanderbilt coaches Robbie Caldwell, Ted Cain and Jimmy Kiser.

During Logo's four seasons at N.C. State, the Wolfpack had a combined record of 32-16-1, playing in four consecutive bowls. He was a team captain during his senior season and earned All-ACC honors in 1992. That same season, he was named third-team All-America, and played in the postseason Japan and Hula bowls.

After graduating in 1992 with a B.A. in sociology, Logo signed a contract with Detroit, but suffered a career-ending injury as a rookie.

Logo is a graduate of Spencer (Ga.) H.S., where he was a standout in football, wrestling and track and field.

Logo is married to the former Folole Falefia. They are the parents of a 1-year-old son, Eliah.

the LOGO file

Hometown: Santa Ana, California

Education: B.A., Sociology, North Carolina State, 1992

Other Coaching Experience: (positions since 1999)

Co-Defensive Coordinator at Troy, 2005

Defensive Line at Troy, 2003-04

Asst. Head Coach/Def. Line at Western Carolina, 2001-02

Defensive Line at Chattanooga, 2001-02

Def. Coordinator/Def. Line at Chattanooga, 1999-2000

Postseason Appearances: 1

NFL Draftees: 4

All-Americans: 1



The Logo family: Rick, Folole and infant son Eliah.

ASSISTANT COACHES

JOHN SISK

Speed, Strength and Conditioning Director

A 16-year coaching veteran, John Sisk enters his seventh year as Vanderbilt's Director of Speed, Strength and Conditioning.

Sisk's stamp on Commodore football is apparent. In 2007, seven Commodores that developed extensively through Sisk's conditioning program were either drafted or signed NFL free agent deals. One product, offensive tackle Chris Williams, went from an undersized 245-pound prospect on his arrival at Vanderbilt to the No. 14 pick overall in the 2008 NFL Draft. In 2005, quarterback Jay Cutler used Sisk's weight room direction to woo scouts at the NFL Combine, eventually becoming the 11th player taken in the 2006 Draft.

While at Vanderbilt, Sisk has mentored four Strength & Conditioning Athletes of the Year: Williams, Cutler, Gabe Hall and Justin Geisinger.

Coach Johnson likes what he sees from Sisk's contribution. "I like everything about John's program. He makes guys better football players, and he works well with each student-athlete on a personal and physical level," Johnson said.

The relationship between Sisk and Johnson dates to 1994, when Sisk was a Furman strength assistant in Johnson's first year as coach.

At Vanderbilt, Sisk has mentored seven NFL draftees, including Williams, Cutler, Earl Bennett and Chicago Bears' linebacker Hunter Hillenmeyer. He has also worked with three recent first-round Major League Baseball picks from Vanderbilt: 2007 No. 1 pick David Price, 2008 No. 2 selection Pedro Alvarez and pitcher Casey Weathers.

Sisk joined Vanderbilt after working at Clemson where he was responsible for the conditioning of skilled-position athletes. Among his Clemson stars were NFL players Rod Gardner and David Patten, and San Diego Padres' shortstop Khalil Greene. In Nashville, he has worked with other pros, including former Tennessee Titan Eddie George.

Sisk played football at Western Carolina. After spending three years as a football/strength coach at Tuscola H.S., he joined Furman in 1993. He was named to guide the Western Carolina conditioning program in 1995. He joined Clemson in 1997.



the SISK file

Hometown: Waynesville, North Carolina

Education: B.A., Sports Administration, Western Carolina, 1993

Coaching Experience:

Assistant Strength Director at Clemson, 2001

Assistant Strength Coach at Clemson, 1997-2000

Head Strength Coach at Western Carolina, 1995-96

Assistant Strength Coach at Furman, 1993-94

Postseason Appearances: 4

NFL Draftees: 17

All-Americans: 6

Strength & Conditioning All-Americans: 6



FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF

BRIAN REESE • ASSOCIATE DIR. OF STUDENT ATHLETICS



Brian Reese, who enters his fifth season overseeing the Vanderbilt football operation, was recently promoted to Associate Director of Student Athletics. He holds one of four such administrative positions with Vanderbilt Athletics, with the football, women's lacrosse and bowling programs under his direction.

For the last four years, Reese served as Director of Sport Operations. Among his responsibilities was oversight of football operations. His duties include day-to-day operation, team travel, budget control, department staffing and alumni relations for the football squad, while serving as a campuswide liaison for Coach Johnson's program.

Previously, Reese served seven years as head athletic trainer at Furman.

Reese, a native of Brook Park, Ohio, earned a B.S. in physical education at Grand Valley (Mich.) State College and a Master's in athletic administration at Tulsa. He joined The Citadel training staff in 1989, working there until he was named to the Furman position in 1995. Earlier, Reese spent two summers with the Detroit Lions and assisted the Tulsa staff during graduate studies.

Reese and his wife, Tricia, are the parents of three children; daughters Maureen, 14, and Brynn, 8; and a son, Patrick, 4.

MICHAEL HAZEL • ASSISTANT DIR., FOOTBALL OPERATIONS



Michael Hazel enters his fourth year as Assistant Director of Football Operations. Previously, Hazel served one year as a graduate assistant coach, working with the Commodore defense.

Hazel was a four-year letterwinner as a linebacker and special teams player for Elon (N.C.) University. During his collegiate playing days, Hazel helped Elon to a 28-16 record as the program transitioned to the I-AA level.

A native of Easley, S.C., Hazel was an eight-time member of the Elon Athletic Director's Honor Roll and a President's list recipient on three occasions.

In 2001, he earned a B.A. in corporate communications from Elon. In 2004, he earned a M.B.A. from Elon. Hazel completed a Master's in education from Vanderbilt's Peabody College in 2007.

TOM BOSSUNG • HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER



Tom Bossung enters his 10th year as head athletic trainer for the Vanderbilt football squad. He also oversees the Vanderbilt athletic training office.

He first came to Vanderbilt as a graduate assistant in 1990 and earned a master's degree in health promotion and exercise science in 1992.

Bossung is in his 12th year with the Vanderbilt staff, having worked with the men's basketball and women's tennis teams from 1995-1999. Previously, he worked a year at the Lipscomb Sports Therapy Center and served two years as the head athletic trainer at Tennessee State.

Bossung, who received his Bachelor's degree from Indiana State, is certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association, and licensed by the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners. He has served as a test site administrator and host for NATA

certification exams. Bossung also volunteers his time to youth soccer leagues in the Nashville area.

Tom and his wife, Dee Dee, have two children: Ryan, 15; and Sarah, 11.

LUKE WYATT • EQUIPMENT MANAGER



Luke Wyatt enters his 26th year at Vanderbilt, having served as the head equipment manager since 1990. He handles the purchase and care of football equipment and consults with coaches of all Vanderbilt sports.

Wyatt supervises three assistants and a staff of student workers. Together, the staff works long hours to ensure the football team is well-prepared for games and practices. They also transport team equipment to road games.

Wyatt was recognized as the National Football Federation outstanding equipment manager in 2004. He is a member of several equipment boards, including Schutt gear.

GRADUATE ASSISTANT COACHES

NORVAL MCKENZIE OFFENSE



Former Commodore tailback Norval McKenzie enters his first year as an offensive graduate assistant coach.

For the last two years, McKenzie taught and coached at Hiram (Ga.) High School.

McKenzie, of Powder Springs, Ga., earned four varsity letters for the Commodores from 2001-04. Despite suffering a serious leg injury as a sophomore, he was the team's rushing leader as a junior and senior, finishing with 1,441 career rushing yards.

McKenzie, 26, was a three-year starter at powerful McEachern H.S., in north Georgia.

In 2005, McKenzie earned B.A. degrees from Vanderbilt in secondary education, political science and American history. He is pursuing a secondary education post-graduate degree from the Peabody College.

MARK MOEHRING DEFENSE



Mark Moehring begins his first year as a Commodore graduate assistant coach, working with the Vanderbilt defense.

Moehring, 22, has been associated with the Vanderbilt football program since the 2004 season. As a Vanderbilt undergraduate, Moehring worked as an equipment manager for the squad, and volunteered in the Vanderbilt Athletics video department.

Moehring is a native of Minnetonka, Minn. He lettered in football, wrestling and track at Minnetonka High School.

Moehring earned a bachelor's degree in engineering science and economics from Vanderbilt in 2007. He is pursuing a postgraduate degree in secondary education from the Peabody College.

FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF

ASSISTANT STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING STAFF

CURTIS TURNER

Turner enters his sixth season as a Commodore strength assistant.

Turner, a native of Blairsville, Ga., serves as an assistant to Sisk's football conditioning staff and coordinates workouts for several other Vanderbilt varsity teams, including golf and tennis.

"Coach Turner loves what he does and it's paying off every day for Vanderbilt student-athletes," Sisk said. "Curtis has been a very innovative asset to our training effort."

Turner, 28, joined Vanderbilt after working three years with the Clemson athletic strength staff. After starting at Clemson as an undergraduate, Turner moved into a full-time role at Vanderbilt after earning a bachelor's degree in secondary education.

While he assisted with the Clemson football team, Turner also guided the training programs for other Tiger sports, including golf and rowing.

GABE TEEPLE

Gabe Teeple enters his third season with the Vanderbilt football program, serving as an assistant to Speed, Strength and Conditioning Director John Sisk.

Teeple, 32, joined Sisk's team in May 2006. He previously served two years as an assistant strength coach at the University of Wyoming where he implemented workouts for several varsity sports, including football, wrestling, and track & field.

While working toward a postgraduate degree at Virginia Tech, Teeple assisted the Hokies' conditioning staff for two years prior to accepting the Wyoming position. At Virginia Tech, Teeple contributed to the conditioning programs in football, men's basketball and baseball among other varsity sports. He earned a Master's in Health Promotion from Virginia Tech in 2004.

A native of Sparta, Tenn., Teeple graduated from Tennessee Tech in 1999, where he was a starting center and three-year letterwinner. Upon graduation, he served three years as an assistant football coach at Gatlinburg-Pittman High School in east Tennessee.

Teeple is married to the former Donna Ford.



ADDITIONAL SUPPORT STAFF MEMBERS



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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



BEVERLY BROTHERS
ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT



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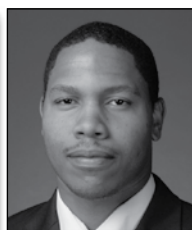
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