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David Price  
Cy Young Winner



David Price  
1st Overall Pick ('07)  
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In the Corbin Era



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"While they're commending and admiring it, major league teams have every reason to keep going back to the Vanderbilt well. *You can expect to see more former Commodores in The Show every year—and to hear more of their names called in the draft every June.* It's impressive how much talent Corbin and Co. have sent to the pros, but part of what keeps the line moving is the welcome mat Vanderbilt keeps out for players who have moved on. It comes in the form of a 'pro locker room' that Corbin had constructed alongside the regular locker room, which gives the Commodores a unique feature."



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# MEDIA INFORMATION

The Vanderbilt Athletic Communications Office welcomes your interest in the Vanderbilt baseball team. We will make every effort to meet your needs throughout the season.

The following is information and guidelines to help you during the season and allow Vanderbilt coaches and players to adhere to their schedules.

## Vanderbilt Athletic Communications

Vanderbilt Director of Baseball Communications Kyle Parkinson is the media contact for baseball. He can be contacted in the office (615) 343-0020 or via e-mail at kyle.parkinson@vanderbilt.edu. The Vanderbilt Athletic Communications office is located directly across the street from Hawkins Field on the second floor of the McGugin Center in room 225.

## Press and Photo Credentials

Requests for press and photo credentials can be made via email or mail at least one week prior to the desired game or series. Requests should be directed to Kyle Parkinson. All credentials will be available at media will call located at the front entrance of Hawkins Field.

## Interview Policy

All Vanderbilt coaches and players will be available throughout the season for interviews with members of the media prior to practice. All requests for interviews should be made through Kyle Parkinson. Post-game interviews with Coach Corbin and requested players may be conducted after a mandatory 10-minute cooling off period on the field in front of the Vanderbilt dugout.

## Practice Policy

Vanderbilt baseball practices are open to the media and the public. Practice starts at approximately 3 p.m. Tuesday - Friday (Monday is an off day). Media members are encouraged to arrive at Hawkins Field by 2 p.m. to conduct interviews prior to practice. Members of the media need to notify Kyle Parkinson in advance with their interview request(s).

## Baseball Information at vucommadores.com

Commodore press releases, game notes, coach and player bios, updated statistics, game photos and more are available at the official web site of Vanderbilt Athletics, vucommadores.com. For additional info and in-game updates follow the team on Twitter @vandybaseball.

## Digital Platform

The Digital Image Platform allows media to access image files from the SEC and its 14 member institutions. Media can view or download images of coaches, players, athletic administrators, logos and more by logging on to secsportsmedia.com.

## Phone Lines

A limited number of phone lines are available in the press box at no charge. However, media wishing to order their own phone line in advance can do so by contacting Kyle Parkinson at (615) 343-0020/kyle.parkinson@vanderbilt.edu.

## Wireless Internet

Vanderbilt provides wireless internet in the Hawkins Field Press Box.

## Parking

Media parking is available in the McGugin Center lot. Entry is off Jess Neely Drive between Natchez Trace and 25th Avenue. Additional parking is available at the Parking Garage located at the intersection of Jess Neely Drive and 25th Avenue (diagonal from Hawkins Field right field). Parking requests must be arranged through Vanderbilt Athletic Communications. There is no parking allowed in the concourse area and Hawkins Field front gates.

## Photo Galleries

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# MEDIA INFORMATION



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#### Vanderbilt Hustler

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#### WGFX - 104.5 FM - The Zone

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## Radio/TV Broadcasts

### WNSR 560 AM/95.9 FM - Baseball Flagship

WNSR is the flagship station for Vanderbilt Baseball. WNSR will once again broadcast all SEC series and the postseason. "Voice of the Commodores" Joe Fisher will call the action upon completion of the men's basketball campaign. Eric Jones will handle the early season slate as well as the midweek contests.



Joe Fisher



Eric Jones



### Internet Streaming

This season you can listen to all 56 games of the regular season slate and all of the postseason action on the internet through the Vanderbilt app and [vucommodores.com](http://vucommodores.com) for FREE.

### Commodores on SEC Network+

Vanderbilt's home baseball games and road SEC games can be found online via SEC Network+. Kevin Ingram (play-by-play) and former Commodore Andrew Harris will call the action.

### Commodores on Television

The Commodores are scheduled for 12 games on the ESPN family of networks and the SEC Network this season, appearing at Hawkins Field four times and on the road eight times.

March 19	Mississippi State	7:30 p.m.	SECN
March 26	at Missouri	5 p.m.	SECN
March 27	at Missouri	12 p.m.	SECN
March 31	South Carolina	7 p.m.	ESPNU
April 2	South Carolina	3 p.m.	SECN
April 7	at LSU	6 p.m.	SECN
April 8	at LSU	6 p.m.	SECN
May 5	at Texas A&M	6:30 p.m.	ESPNU
May 7	at Texas A&M	2:30 p.m.	SECN
May 10	Louisville	6 p.m.	SECN
May 14	at Florida	3 p.m.	ESPNU
May 15	at Florida	12 p.m.	SECN

### Commodores on the Web

Check out the official Twitter feed of the Vanderbilt baseball team ([@vandybaseball](https://twitter.com/vandybaseball)) for all the latest news, notes and in-game updates.



# QUICK FACTS

## General Information

Location: . . . . . Nashville, Tenn.  
 Enrollment: . . . . . 6,767  
 Nickname: . . . . . Commodores  
 Stadium (Capacity): . . . . . Charles Hawkins Field (3,626)  
 Dimensions: . . . . . LF-310; CF-400; RF-330; Alleys-375  
 Founded: . . . . . 1873  
 Colors: . . . . . Black and Gold  
 Conference: . . . . . Southeastern (SEC)  
 Chancellor: . . . . . Nicholas S. Zeppos  
 Director of Athletics . . . . . David Williams, II  
 Faculty Representative: . . . . . Susan Wente  
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 Press Box Phone: . . . . . (Main Line) 615.320.0436

## Coaching Staff

Head Coach: . . . . . Tim Corbin (Ohio Wesleyan, 1984)  
 Overall Record: . . . . . 673-409 (.622/18 years)  
 Record at Vanderbilt: . . . . . 567-271 (.677/13 years)  
 NCAA Appearances: . . . . . 14 (2004, 2006-15)  
 CWS Appearances: . . . . . 3 (2011, 2014-15)  
 National Championships: . . . . . 1 (2014)  
 Assoc. Head Coaches: Travis Jewett (Washington St., 1993)  
 . . . . . Scott Brown (SUNY-Cortland, 1999)  
 Volunteer Asst. Coach: .Blake Allen (Blackburn College, 2001)  
 Baseball Operations: . . . . . Drew Fann (Vanderbilt, 2011)  
 Trainer: . . . . . Tracy Campbell (James Madison, 2008)  
 Strength Coach: . . . . . Chris Ham (Illinois, 2005)  
 Player Development: . . Brian Hiler (Mount St. Joseph, 1999)  
 Equipment Manager: . . . . . John Mardirosian (Texas, 2011)  
 Video Coordinator: . . . . . Brandon Barak (Illinois, 2012)  
 Managers: . Josh Ruchotzke, Ben Sampson, Jack Goodrum

## History

All-Time Record: . . . . . 2183-1683-32 (117 years)  
 All-Time Conference Record: . . . . . 619-875-9 (68 years)  
 Conference Tournament Titles: . . . . . 1973-74, 1980, 2007  
 NCAA Tournament Appearances: . . 14 (1973-74, 1980, 2004, 2006-15)  
 NCAA Tournament Record: . . . . . 51-31  
 NCAA Tournament Super Regionals: . . . . . 5 (2004, 10-11, 13-15)  
 College World Series Appearances: . . . . . 3 (2011, 2014-15)  
 National Championships: . . . . . 1 (2014)

## Team Information

2015 Overall Record: . . . . . 51-21  
 . . . . . Home: 28-8 Away: 14-7 Neutral: 9-6  
 Southeastern Conference Record: . . . . . 20-10  
 . . . . . Home: 10-5 Away: 10-5  
 Conference Finish: . . . . . 1st East/2nd Overall  
 Postseason Play: . . . . . National Runner-Up  
 Final Ranking: . . . . . 2 (ESPN/USA) (NCBWA) (BA) (CB) (PG)  
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: . . . . . 23/10  
 Position Starters Returning/Lost: . . . . . 7/3  
 Pitchers Returning/Lost: . . . . . 10/5  
 Newcomers: . . . . . 14

## Road Headquarters

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*Travel arrangements are subject to change*

# 2016 ROSTER



No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	HT	WT	CL/EXP.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
1	Ro Coleman	IF	S/R	5-5	155	Jr./2L	Chicago, Ill. (Simeon HS)
2	Tyler Campbell	IF	R/R	5-11	175	Sr./3L	Portland, Ore. (Oswego HS)
3	Jeren Kendall	OF	L/R	6-0	190	So./1L	Holmen, Wisc. (Holmen HS)
5	Jason Delay	C	R/R	6-0	210	Jr./2L	Johns Creek, Ga. (Northview HS)
8	Alonzo Jones	IF	S/R	5-10	195	Fr./HS	Columbus, Ga. (Columbus HS)
9	Will Toffey	IF	L/R	6-2	205	So./1L	Barnstable, Mass. (Salisbury School)
10	Ethan Paul	IF	L/R	5-10	180	Fr./HS	Bellevue, Wash. (International School)
11	Liam Sabino	IF	R/R	6-1	200	So./1L	East Stroudsburg, Pa. (Blair Academy)
12	Connor Kaiser	IF	R/R	6-4	195	Fr./HS	Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley West HS)
13	Kiambu Fentress	IF/OF	R/R	6-0	170	Fr./HS	Nashville, Tenn. (Ensworth School)
16	Penn Murfee	IF	R/R	6-2	200	R-So./1L	Nashville, Tenn. (Montgomery Bell Academy)
17	Walker Grisanti	OF/C	L/R	5-10	190	Fr./HS	Collierville, Tenn. (Christian Brothers HS)
18	Nolan Rogers	IF	L/R	5-11	205	Jr./2L	Bloomington, Ind. (Bloomington HS)
19	Stephen Scott	OF	L/R	5-11	200	Fr./HS	Cary, N.C. (Cardinal Gibbons HS)
20	Bryan Reynolds	OF	S/R	6-4	215	Jr./2L	Brentwood, Tenn. (Brentwood HS)
21	John Kilichowski	LHP	L/L	6-5	215	Jr./2L	Tampa, Fla. (Jesuit HS)
22	Julian Infante	IF	R/R	6-3	205	Fr./HS	Miami, Fla. (Westminister Christian HS)
23	Joey Abraham	RHP	R/R	6-1	200	So./1L	Little Rock, Ark. (Central HS)
24	Jordan Sheffield	RHP	R/R	6-0	185	R-So./1L	Tallahoma, Tenn. (Tallahoma HS)
25	Karl Ellison	C	R/R	6-0	210	Jr./2L	Naples, Fla. (Barron Collier HS)
27	Chandler Day	RHP	R/R	6-4	165	Fr./HS	Granville, Ohio (Watkins Memorial HS)
28	Matt Ruppenthal	RHP	R/R	6-4	230	So./1L	Bloomfield Hills, Mich. (Brother Rice HS)
29	Patrick Raby	RHP	R/R	6-3	235	Fr./HS	Knoxville, Tenn. (Farragut HS)
31	Ryan Johnson	LHP	R/L	6-1	175	R-So./1L	Cedar Park, Texas (Cedar Park HS)
32	Hayden Stone	RHP	R/R	6-0	195	Jr./2L	Columbia, Tenn. (Columbia HS)
33	Tristan Chari	C	S/R	6-2	200	So./1L	Nashville, Tenn. (Montgomery Bell Academy)
34	Brendan Spagnuolo	RHP	R/R	6-2	190	So./1L	Massapequa, N.Y. (Chaminade HS)
35	Ben Bowden	LHP	L/L	6-4	235	Jr./2L	Lynn, Mass. (Lynn English HS)
38	Matthew McGarry	RHP	R/R	6-3	200	Fr./HS	Portola Valley, Calif. (Menlo-Atherton HS)
39	Kyle Smith	OF/IF	R/R	6-3	220	Sr./3L	Old Hickory, Tenn. (Mt. Juliet HS)
40	Collin Snider	RHP	R/R	6-4	200	So./1L	Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Riverdale HS)
41	Donny Everett	RHP	R/R	6-2	230	Fr./HS	Clarksville, Tenn. (Clarksville HS)
42	Maddux Conger	RHP	R/R	6-2	210	Fr./HS	Stephenville, Texas (Stephenville HS)
44	Kyle Wright	RHP	R/R	6-4	220	So./1L	Huntsville, Ala. (Buckhorn HS)
45	Evan Steele	LHP	R/L	6-5	195	Fr./HS	Marietta, Ga. (Marietta HS)
49	AJ Franklin	LHP	L/L	6-2	175	Fr./HS	Lebanon, Tenn. (Wilson Central HS)
55	Tyler Green	IF	R/R	6-6	230	R-So./1L	Williamsville, N.Y. (Williamsville North HS)

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**Student Managers:** Josh Ruchotzke, Ben Sampson & Jack Goodrum

**Video Coordinator:** Brandon Barak (Illinois, 2012)

## Pronunciation Chart

Ben Bowden	.....	<u>BO</u> -den
Tristan Chari	.....	<u>CHAR</u> -ee
Kiambu Fentress	.....	key-ahm- <u>BOO</u>
Walker Grisanti	.....	greh-sahn- <u>TEE</u>
Jeren Kendall	.....	<u>JAIR</u> -en
John Kilichowski	.....	kill-a- <u>CHOW</u> -ski
Patrick Raby	.....	.ray- <u>BEE</u>
Matt Ruppenthal	.....	<u>RUPE</u> -en-thal
Brendan Spagnuolo	.....	<u>SPAG</u> -no-lo

## Alphabetical Roster

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Ben Bowden 35	AJ Franklin 49	Matt McGarry 38	Kyle Smith 39
Tyler Campbell 2	Tyler Ferguson 45	Penn Murfee 16	Collin Snider 40
Tristan Chari 33	Tyler Green 55	Ethan Paul 10	Brendan Spagnuolo 34
Ro Coleman 1	Walker Grisanti 17	Patrick Raby 29	Evan Steele 45
Maddux Conger 42	Julian Infante 22	Bryan Reynolds 20	Hayden Stone 32
Chandler Day 27	Ryan Johnson 31	Nolan Rogers 18	Will Toffey 9
Jason Delay 5	Alonzo Jones 8	Matt Ruppenthal 28	Kyle Wright 44
Karl Ellison 25	Connor Kaiser 12	Liam Sabino 11	
Donny Everett 41	Jeren Kendall 3	Stephen Scott 19	