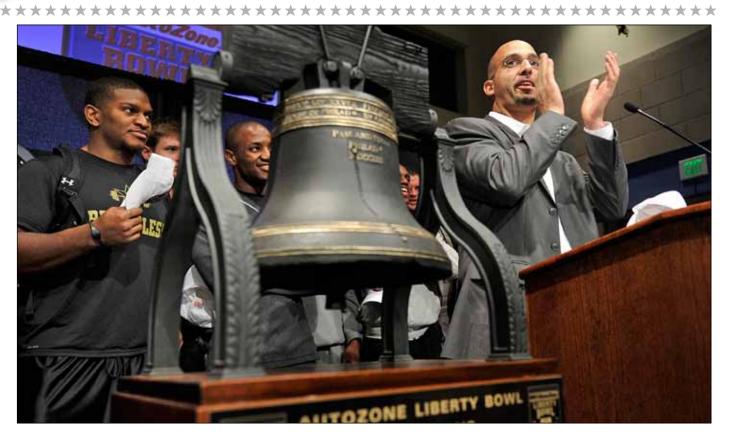


JAMES FRANKLIN



In the span of 12 months, James Franklin has changed the culture of Commodore Football, raising expectations among followers that a Brand New Vanderbilt has arrived in Nashville.

Franklin's enthusiasm, passion and drive have left a strong statement that Vanderbilt Football is headed for lots of success in the future.

Named as the team's 27th head coach in team history last December, Franklin became the first new Commodore coach to guide his initial team into postseason play. His 6-6 Vanderbilt squad will face the 9-3 Cincinnati Bearcats in the 53rd AutoZone Liberty Bowl.

The Commodores are vastly improved under Franklin. Statistically, the Vanderbilt offense and defense rank as the most improved in the powerful Southeastern Conference. The offense tallied more points than any Vanderbilt unit in 50 years. The improvement on defense has been even more pronounced, as it ranks among the nation's Top 20 in total defense. They also are an exciting team to watch, offering an array of trick plays to the delight of fans.

Upon arriving on campus, Franklin promised to reverse the football fortunes on West End. He immediately began changing expectations among players and support staff, inspiring a championship mentality within the entire Vanderbilt Football community.

Around campus and in Nashville, Franklin enthusiastically promoted his squad. Franklin draws attention to the Vanderbilt program in various ways, whether speaking before civic groups or producing must-see YouTube videos for public consumption. He also provides rare insider experience, such as allowing remarkable fifth-grader Andrew Kittrell to lead the Commodores onto the field against Connecticut.

Franklin's impact was immediate. The offseason conditioning program guided by Dwight Galt, a former Franklin associate at Maryland, was a huge success in building as much team chemistry as it did individual strength. Franklin's positive message grew interest in the team's spring practices, and helped attract the largest crowd in years to the team's Black & Gold Spring Game.

While the Commodores opened the season with a convincing 45-14 victory over outmanned Elon, a series of events late in the Connecticut game brought the Commodores even closer together. Seeing a lack of energy

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

"Franklin has an edge about him that the Vanderbilt fans love, and it's the way his team has played this season."

Chris Low ESPN.com blogger

"James Franklin hasn't backed down from anything since taking over the Vanderbilt head coaching job some 12 months ago."

Bruce Feldman CBSSports.com

"No doubt at all, this is not the Vanderbilt football program of old."

Clay Travis OutkicktheCoverage.com

"I saw a Vanderbilt team that's perhaps changed forever...for the better. James [Franklin] has done a great job down here,"

> **Rick Minter** Kentucky def. coordinator

with his team trailing 21-14 in the fourth quarter, an emotional Franklin rallied his squad, telling all that this Vanderbilt football team was different from the others. Within minutes, cornerback Casey Hayward returned an interception 50 yards for a touchdown, and Carey Spear capped the comeback with a 31-yard field goal to give the program its first big win in two full seasons.

Franklin's reaction after a bitter 33-28 midseason defeat to SEC East rival Georgia drew more admiration from Commodore fans.

"We're going to compete with class," Franklin said at the post-game press conference. "But we are not going to sit back and take stuff from anybody. Those days are long gone and never coming back. Ever!"

The Commodores seemed to take momentum from the Georgia disappointment. They had a chance to win all six games afterward, and outscored those opponents 193-117. Vanderbilt defeated Kentucky 38-8, the widest margin over an SEC team in 40 years, and thrashed Wake Forest 41-7 on the road to claim bowl eligibility. The Commodores' three late-losses in conference play came by a total of 14 points.







Franklin and Tampa Bay Bucs Head Coach Raheem Morris. The two served as coordinators at Kansas State in 2006.

Franklin's first Vanderbilt team notched four more victories than the 2009 and 2010 Commodore teams. They recorded five home wins, the most by a Commodore squad since the mid-1990s. They also outscored their opponents by 73 points, a remarkable 244-point improvement over the previous year. The point differential by the Commodores is the largest since 1974.

Several Vanderbilt players enjoyed tremendous seasons during Franklin's first year on campus. Stacy put together the finest rushing season in Commodore history, setting a team single-season record of 1,136 yards. He also rushed for 13 touchdowns, the highest total in modern-day team history. Rodgers passed for 1,498 yards – the most ever by a first-year Vanderbilt quarterback - and tossed nine touchdowns, including at least one in the last six games. Sophomore Jordan Matthews blossomed as Rodgers' top target, averaging 121 receiving yards during the final five games. Another young

receiver. Chris Boyd, topped all SEC freshmen with seven touchdown catches.

The offensive line jelled despite a rash of injuries. Three linemen -Wesley Johnson, Ryan Seymour and Kyle Fischer earned weekly honors from the SFC.

On defense, Hayward, linebacker Chris Marve and defensive end Tim Fugger earned All-conference recognition.

The unit made tremendous strides over the previous year, jumping from 93rd in the nation to 19th in total defense by

FRANKLIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Franklin became the first African-American to hold the Vanderbilt head coaching position when announced as the 27th coach in team history.
- Franklin is the first Vanderbilt coach to start his Commodore career 3-0 since the World War II Era.
- Became first new Vanderbilt coach to guide squad to bowl appearance in Commodore history.
- · As a quarterback at East Stroudsburg, Franklin was a finalist for the NCAA Division II National Player of the Year.
- Regarded as a top recruiter, Franklin has been named among the nation's Top 25 recruiting coaches on multiple occasions by Rivals.com.
- Franklin is recognized as a noted quarterback mentor, having worked with Josh Freeman at Kansas State, and Danny O'Brien among others at Maryland. He also worked with Brett Favre as Green Bay coach and Dan Marino as a participant in the NFL's Minority Coaching Fellowship.
- Franklin's Kansas State offense in 2006 featured a rare triple feat, producing a 1,000-yard rusher, 3,000yard passer and 1,500-yard receiver.
- Franklin pupil Danny O'Brien earned ACC Rookie of the Year honors in 2010 after throwing for 2,438 yards, 22 TDs and just eight INTs for Maryland.

averaging nearly 94.6 less yards per game. They also owned the line of scrimmage, limiting opponents to just 123 rushing yards. The defense also earned a reputation for scoring points off turnovers, returning a schoolrecord four interceptions for touchdowns.

After the team's victory at Wake Forest, Vanderbilt's administration committed to Franklin on a long-term basis, extending his contract with a pay raise and promising a series of program upgrades, including adding an indoor practice facility, new jumbotron and meeting rooms.









TWELVE MONTHS 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 conducts 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 POSTSEASON BOWL ★ November 2011

Needing two wins in last three games to reach bowl eligibility, Franklin guides Commodores to resounding victories over Kentucky and Wake Forest. In photo below, Franklin towels off following Gatorade shower.





MORE ON FRANKLIN



FRANKLIN'S VANDERBILT STAFF

JOHN DONOVAN OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/RBs

One of two offensive position coaches at Maryland to join Franklin in Nashville... After Franklin accepted job, Donovan guided Terp offense to 51-point performance in Military Bowl... Coached quarterbacks and running backs at Maryland... Graduate of John Hopkins.

BOB SHOOP DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/SAFETIES

Former head coach at Columbia... Has coached on winning side of Army-Navy, Boston College-Notre Dame and Harvard-Yale rivalies... Came from four-year stint guiding superb defenses at William & Mary.

BRENT PRY CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/LINEBACKERS

Son of a college coach... Coached defense at East Stroudsburg when Franklin was standout QB... Spent last year at Georgia Southern, developing a Top Ten defense as coordinator.

CHARLES BANKINS SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR/TES

Coached at NFL, college and prep levels... Worked two years at Maryland with Franklin... Coached ACC's top punt returner (Tony Logan) last year... Another Terp standout, Torry Smith, broke ACC kickoff return records in 2009.

CHRIS BEATTY OFF. RECRUITING COORDINATOR/RECEIVERS

Joined Franklin after three years at West Virginia...WVU duties included director of recruiting... Mentored pair of dynamic WVU offensive players: RB Noel Devine and WR Jock Sanders... As Virginia high school coach, mentored former Florida standout Percy Harvin.

HERB HAND OFFENSIVE LINE

Re-hire from 2010 Commodore staff... Came to Vanderbilt as OL coach after three years helping guide high-powered offenses at Tulsa... Spent five years coaching at West Virginia, working with some of nation's most productive attacks... Avid tweeter.

WES MCGRIFF DEF. RECRUITING COORDINATOR/DEF. BACKS

Known to staff as "Crimedog"... Previously coached in SEC at Kentucky (2001-02)... Came from Miami where he mentored All-America DB Kenny Phillips and Brandon Harris... Close friend of NFL Hall of Famer Shannon Sharpe as teammates at Savannah State.

RICKY RAHNE QUARTERBACKS

Cornell grad... Came from five-year stint at Kansas State working with legendary head coach Bill Snyder... Worked as grad. assistant under Franklin at Kansas State in 2006, mentoring young QB Josh Freeman.

SEAN SPENCER DEFENSIVE LINE

Energetic DL coach... Encourages players to attack like "wild African dogs"... Has worked with three finalists for Buchanan Award, given to top defensive player in FCS classification.

THE FRANKLIN FILE

AGE: 39 CAREER RECORD AS HEAD COACH: 6-6

ALMA MATER: East Stroudsburg (Pa.) University; Playing career - 1991-94

DEGREE: Bachelor's: Psychology, East Stroudsburg, 1995

Master's: Educational Leadership, Washington State, 1999

FAMILY: Wife, Fumi; daughters: Addy and Shola

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FRANKLIN'S CAREER AT A GLANCE

2011 VANDERBILT (head coach)

Guides Commodores to 6-6 record and appearance in AutoZone Liberty Bowl in first year...
Team shows vast improvement, ranking as the SEC's most improved offense and defense...Wins five home games, most by Vanderbilt in more than a decade...Four players earn postseason recognition, including defensive back Casey Hayward (All-America by Walter Camp Foundation)...Builds enthusiasm among fan base and works non-stop growing support for program on campus and in the community.

2008-10 MARYLAND (assistant head coach/offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)

On December 23, 2007, Ralph Friedgen sways Franklin back to Maryland as the Terps' assistant head coach and offensive coordinator...In February 2009, Friedgen designates Franklin as his successor...The Terrapins go 9-4 overall in 2010, finishing second in the ACC's Atlantic Division and winning the Military Bowl...Quarterback Danny O'Brien earns ACC Rookie of the Year and Freshman All-America honors under Franklin's mentorship...Torrey Smith also flourishes in 2010, catching 67 passes for 1,055 yards... For the fourth time in his career, Franklin also is honored as a Top 25 recruiter by Rivals.com... In 2008, the Terps defeat four ranked teams en route to a win in the Humanitarian Bowl to cap an 8-5 record. Terp WR Darrius Heyward-Bey becomes No. 9 overall pick of the 2009 NFL Draft.

2006-07 KANSAS STATE (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)

As K-State's offensive coordinator, Franklin helps the Wildcats to a 7-6 record in 2006, including a 45-42 win over No. 4 Texas. Kansas State also plays in the Texas Bowl... In 2007, under Franklin's guidance, K-State offense becomes first in team history to feature a 3,000-yard passer, 1,500-yard receiver and 1,000-yard rusher in the same season.... QB Josh Freeman (eventual 2009 first-round pick of Tampa Bay) sets numerous school records, including 3,353 passing yards... WR Jordy Nelson becomes All-America with 122 catches... He starts for the world champion Packers.

2005 GREEN BAY PACKERS-NFL (assistant coach/wide receivers)

Assisting Head Coach Mike Sherman, Franklin mentors a strong receiving arsenal that includes Donald Driver, Robert Ferguson and others catching passes from Brett Favre... Driver sets career highs with 86 receptions for 1,221 receiving yards... Packers also draft quarterback of the future in California's Aaron Rodgers.

2000-04 MARYLAND (wide receivers/recruiting coordinator)

Franklin helps Maryland to three consecutive bowl appearances...Maryland also achieves three straight seasons of 10 wins or more (2001-03), including appearance in 2002 FedEx Orange Bowl...Terps beat Tennessee 30-3 in 2002 Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl and West Virginia 41-7 in 2003 Toyota Gator Bowl... Promoted to recruiting coordinator in 2003, Franklin delivers back-to-back recruiting classes that were ranked among the nation's Top 25.

1999 IDAHO STATE (wide receivers)

As receivers coach, Franklin helps ISU finish ninth nationally in total offense.

1998 WASHINGTON STATE (graduate assistant coach/tight ends)

Franklin joins highly successful Cougar Coach Mike Price as grad assistant.

1997 JAMES MADISON (wide receivers)

Franklin mentors James Madison wide receivers... Junior receiver Earnest Payton finishes his career as the school's leader in receptions with 185.

1996 EAST STROUDSBURG (defensive backs)

Franklin returns to his alma mater, Division II East Stroudsburg.

NFL MINORITY COACHING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Franklin participates in the program in 1998, serving an internship with Miami. He also enjoyed stints with Philadelphia in 1999 and Minnesota in 2008.





COMMODORE COACHES



DONOVAN

Off. Coordinator•Running Backs 1st year on Vanderbilt staff

Donovan's offense has been a big hit at Vanderbilt, a school that has struggled with point production in recent years.

The former Maryland offensive coach accepted the offensive coordinator position when former Terp assistant James Franklin was named Vanderbilt head coach last December.

Since arriving on campus, Donovan has developed a balanced attack featuring the rushing ability of junior Zac Stacy, and passing game of

Jordan Rodgers targetting young receivers Jordan Matthews, Chris Boyd and Jonathan Krause.

The youthful unit produced points and yards in abundance. The offense scored more total points than any Commodore team since 1948. It averaged

MORE ON DONOVAN

In addition to coordinating the Commodore offense, Donovan has mentored Zac Stacy to the most impressive single-season rushing performance in team history. The second team All-SEC selection broke team records with 1,136 rushing yards and 13 touchdowns.

10 points more this year than in 2010. The unit's 26.9-point average ranks as Vanderbilt's highest since Jay Cutler's senior campaign in 2005. Since midseason, the offense has been extremely consistent, scoring at least 21 points in its last seven outings.

The offense is averaging 342.8 yards of total offense, the highest average by a Commodore unit in five years. Donovan's offense surpassed the 2010 Vanderbilt unit in every key statistical category, producing 28.8 more rushing yards and 15.8 additional passing yards. The offense produced 14 more toucdowns than in 2010, ranked among the SEC's best in explosive plays, and helped the Commodores finish with nearly a three-minute improvement in time of possession.



SHOOP

Def. Coordinator•Safeties 1st year on Vanderbilt staff

Shoop's first defense at Vanderbilt enjoyed a remarkable turnaround in 2011, jumping from 93rd in the NCAA to 19th in total defense. The one-year difference was staggering: in 2010, the Commodores ranked 10th or worse among SEC teams in virtually every defensive statistic; this season, Vanderbilt ranked seventh or better

in 12 of 13 top defensive stat categories. This year, the 'Dores defense allowed 10.4 fewer points and 94.6 less yards than in 2010.

By limiting foes to a 20.8-point average, the Commodores jumped from 94th in scoring defense to 27th in 2011. The rush defense ranked fourth

in the SEC, allowing 70 yards less yards a game than one year ago and holding opposing rushers to just a paltry 3.4-yard average. The unit nabbed 17 interceptions, eight more than the previous season, helping the Commodores to a plus-6 improvement in

MORE ON SHOOP

Shoop's Vanderbilt defense played with the same effort as the former nationally ranked units he guided at William & Mary. Shoop's defensive overhaul of the Commodores resulted in staggering improvement, such as jumping from 93rd in total offense last year to 19th in the NCAA this season.

turnover margin. The defense was especially effective limiting rushing touchdowns (3rd in the SEC with 10 TDs) and first downs (17.8 per game), and getting quarterback sacks (24, 5th in the SEC).

Shoop's aggressive, attacking defense was paced by a trio of senior All-SEC performers: defensive back Casey Hayward, linebacker Chris Marve, defensive end Tim Fugger. Hayward also earned second team All-America honors from the Walter Camp Foundation, Yahoo! Sports and Rivals.com.

The unit held three BCS-level teams – Ole Miss, Kentucky and Wake Forest – to no more than a touchdown.



CHARLES BANKINS

Special Teams Coordinator•TEs 1st year on Vanderbilt staff

After working alongside James
Franklin in Maryland for the past two
seasons, Bankins brought his
expertise in special teams and tight
ends play to the Vanderbilt campus.

Bankins' special teams lived up to Franklin's promise of quality play from the third phrase of football, and helped spark Vanderbilt's 6-6 regular season.

The Commdoores' kickoff returns and net punting ranked among the top five in the SEC. The Commodores were splendid in punt and kickoff coverage. In a midseason conference game against Georgia, a 96-yard kickoff return for a TD and blocked punt nearly provided the Commodores victory over the nationally-ranked Bulldogs.

Bankins' special team schemes made fourth downs fun to watch.

Vanderbilt converted multiple fakes on fourth down, including a unique punter-to-snapper pass that converted a fourth-and-long situation.

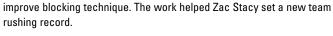
Bankins also mentored a pair of veteran tight ends, Brandon Barden and Austin Monahan.

Bankins worked with Barden and Monahan to

Barden and Monahan to

MORE ON BANKINS

Bankins gave Commodore fans plenty to enjoyment on fourth downs. Twice, Vanderbilt was successful in 4th-and-long situations by using fake punt trick. None were more clever than a pass from punter Ryan Fowler to long snapper Andrew East that gained 35 yards.





COMMODORE COACHES





CHRIS BEATTY

Off. Recruiting Coordinator•WRs 1st year on Vanderbilt staff

Presented with early-season injuries to veteran receivers, Beatty responded by developing relative newcomers into a corps that produced an abundance of big plays.

Sophomore Jordan Matthews and redshirt freshman Chris Boyd made huge strides under Beatty's guidance, becoming one of the Southeastern

Beatty developed four sophomores into viable aerial

targets during the season. Sophomore Jordan Matthews

and redshirt freshman Chris Boyd were among the SEC's

top young receivers. Matthews averaged 121 receiving

yards over his last five games, and averaging an

SEC-leading 19.5 yards per catch. Boyd topped all

freshman receivers in the SEC with seven touchdown

catches. Jonathan Krause and Wesley Tate both added

Conference's most productive tandems by the end of the regular season.

After a slow start, Matthews caught fire at midseason. He concluded

MORE ON BEATTY

the season with team highs in receptions (37) and receiving yards (722). Matthews' final five games were remarkable: 29 catches, 605 receiving yards and four touchdowns. Matthews also concluded the season with a 19.5-yard receiving average, tops among the SEC's leading wideouts.

Boyd started strong,

scoring touchdowns on his first three career receptions. Like Matthews, Boyd enjoyed a solid close to the season, catching 21 passes in his last six games. Boyd topped all SEC freshman with seven touchdown catches

more than 20 receptions.

Two other sophomores, Jonathan Krause and Wesley Tate, also produced for Beatty. As possession receivers, Krause and Tate posted 23 and 19 receptions, respectively.

For Tate, it marked his first year at wide receiver after seeing action at running back during his first two seasons on campus.



HERB HAND

Offensive Line 2nd year on Vanderbilt staff

The only coach rehired from the former staff, Hand did a remarkable job molding a undersized offensive line corps.

Hand innovatively dealt with the lack of roster spots along the offensive line. During the summer, Hand made his boldest move, switching three

returning starters to new positions. The moves – senior Kyle Fischer from guard to tackle, junior Ryan Seymour from tackle to guard, and

sophomore Wesley Johnson from tackle to center – gave Hand the versatility he needed to get the most out of his corps. Throughout $\,$

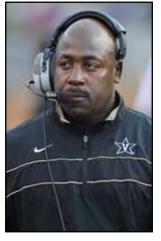
the season, Hand's ability to adapt to key injuries allowed the Commodore offense to gain confidence and produce better results.

The improved line helped Vanderbilt add 28.8 yards to its 2010 rushing average. It also did a better job of protecting the quarterback, allowing 11 fewer sacks.

MORE ON HAND

Hand's coaching job with an underappreciated and inexperienced offensive front didn't go unnoticed. The Commodores were the only Southeastern Conference team to see three different offensive linemen—center-guard Wesley Johnson, guard-tackle Ryan Seymour and tackle Kyle Fischer—earn the league's Offensive Lineman of the Week honors.

The three players that switched positions with Hand's encouragement also were rewarded for making a decision for the good of the entire team. All three enjoyed the distinction of earning SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week honors after an outstanding individual performance.



WESLEY MCGRIFF

Def. Recruiting Coordinator•DBs 1st year on Vanderbilt staff

McGriff's collection of defensive backs looked to create turnovers and big plays. They succeeded on both fronts.

Vanderbilt defensive backs contributed 10 interceptions, three returns for touchdowns, seven tackles behind the line of scrimmage and nearly 20 pass breakups.

From the opening game, McGriff's pupils made game-deciding plays. Junior cornerback Trey Wilson returned picks for touchdowns in wins over Elon and Ole Miss while senior Casey Hayward repeated the trick against Connecticut. It marked the first time in team history that Vanderbilt returned interceptions for touchdowns in three consecutive games.

Hayward finished the season with five interceptions, ranking fourth in the SEC. After the regular season, Hayward earned All-America recognition from several sources, including the Walter Camp Foundation and Rivals.com.

Wilson put together his finest year, finishing

with career highs in interceptions (3), passes defended (10) and total tackles (29)

McGriff also received valuable contributions from Andre Hal, Steven Clarke and Eddie Foster among others.

MORE ON McGRIFF

McGriff's defensive backs started strong and stayed that way for much of the season. His top pupil, senior Casey Hayward, earned All-America recognition after nabbing five interceptions, running his career total to a SEC-high 13. Junior Trey Wilson intercepted three passes, taking two for touchdowns. McGriff's defensive backs returned three interceptions for scores.





COMMODORE COACHES



BRENT PRY

Co-Defensive Coordinator•LBs 1st year on Vanderbilt staff

Like Shoop, Pry accepted James Franklin's offer to move from Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) power Georgia Southern to join the Commodore defensive staff. And like Shoop, Pry made the most of the opportunity.

Charged with coaching a linebacking corps of inexperienced prospects surrounding multiple All-Southeastern Conference pick Chris Marve, Pry molded the group into an efficient and effective unit.

The linebackers were vital to the Commodores' improvement in

virtually every statistical category. The defense soared in SEC and NCAA rankings, finishing the regular season 19th in total defense, 27th in scoring defense, and 27th in rush defense.

MORE ON PRY

Aside from two-year captain Chris Marve returning at middle linebacker, Pry mentored three inexperienced prospects into productive roles as starting linebackers.

Pry's pupils stepped forward from the season opener. Marve earned All-SEC honors for the third straight year after leading the squad with 84 tackles. Tristan Strong, Chase Garnham and Archibald Barnes made immediate impacts when inserted into the starting lineup.



RICKY RAHNE

Quarterbacks 1st year on Vanderbilt staff

Rahne worked with two quarterbacks during the season, Larry Smith and Jordan Rodgers, and directed the development of a trio of true freshman prospects.

Both Smith and Rodgers had success under Rahne. Smith increased

his completion percentage to a career high under Rahne (57.7%) and provided excellent leadership throughout the season. When called upon

at midseason, Rodgers responded and never relinquished the job.

Rodgers finished the regular season with 1,498 passing yards, the most ever by a first-year Vanderbilt quarterback. He also threw nine touchdowns, including

MORE ON RAHNE

Larry Smith and Jordan Rodgers combined for 2,024 passing yards and 13 TDs. After taking over at midseason, Rodgers passed for 1,498 yards, the most ever by a first-year Commodore QB.

at least one in all six starting assignments.

Rahne also utilized Rodgers' running abilities to open up the offense.

The dual abilities allowed Rodgers to rank among the SEC's best in total offense during his six-game stretch as a starter.



SEAN SPENCER

Defensive Line 1st year on Vanderbilt staff

Spencer's defensive line fed off the the energy and enthusiasm their coach displayed, with several linemen enjoying career years.

Spencer's corps was topped by senior defensive end Tim Fugger and fourth-year junior tackle Rob Lohr,

both of whom enjoyed career campaigns working with the first-year coach.

Fugger's season that included 6.5 quarterback sacks and 12.5 tackles for loss was rewarded when coaches picked him as a second team All-SEC recipient. Lohr didn't earn

MORE ON SPENCER

Two of Spencer's pupils, defensive end Tim Fugger and tackle Rob Lohr, ranked among SEC leaders in several defensive categories.

All-SEC, but his totals in tackles for loss (11.5) and quarterback sacks (4.5) ranked high among tackles in the conference.

Spencer also mentored several others to solid seasons, including ends Johnell Thomas and Walker May, and tackles Colt Nichter, T.J. Greenstone and Jared Morse.



DWIGHT GALT

Dir., Performance Enhancement 1st year on Vanderbilt staff

Vanderbilt student-athletes flourished under the new strength and conditioning program installed by Director of Performance Enhancement Dwight Galt.

Working with Galt and assistants Barry Brown and Chuck Losey, Commodore players enthusiasticly

embraced the year-around program aimed at improving speed, agility,

strength and power.

The in-season training program, aimed at maximizing results in November, was extremely successful in its initial season. From early August to mid-November, each player averaged a bench press increase of 13.4

MORE ON GALT

Conditioning was a factor in several stats that favored Franklin's squad. The Commodores reversed historical scoring trends after intermission, outscoring opponents 155-128 in the second half and 80-60 in the fourth quarter.

pounds. Each student-athlete also averaged a 1.1-pound weight gain during the regular season.

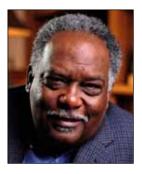


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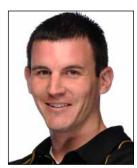
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