

# Changing the Culture

James Franklin takes the helm of Vanderbilt Football

### James Franklin: 'Why Not Vanderbilt'

"We have very high standards and goals at Vanderbilt. We also have expectations of who we can be and what we can accomplish. We are not going to allow anyone to tell us any different!

"Instead of others asking why, I want to ask, "*Why not. Why not Vanderbilt*?" This university has everything in place to succeed: a great city, one of finest academic institutions in the nation and the greatest football conference. My message is the time is now."

## **PRACTICE** like a

### **Players' Quotes:**

"It's just a different mindset. And the message and reinforcement you get is upbeat and positive."

> Chris Marve Sr., linebacker

"As a team, we're grown a lot closer, no question. We've become a lot more like a family. There's just a lot more invested by everyone."

> **Colt Nichter** Jr., defensive tackle

"The whole mentality is different. We're all buying into the system. There's been a different level of focus and concentration."

> Larry Smith Sr., quarterback

"Everybody have gotten a lot closer. We're working harder than we've ever worked. Everybody is coming together as a team."

> Wesley Johnson Soph., offensive tackle



### **Summer Workouts Prove Beneficial to Squad**

Virtually the entire Commodore roster has been on campus this summer joining in the team's rigorous offseason conditioning.

For most of June, Director of Performance Enhancement Dwight Galt and his staff pushed nearly 90 team members through intense workouts. Even more players were participating in July workouts.

The players' response to the new staff and new methods has been rewarding to both Galt and Coach Franklin. "I can't say enough about how the players have bought into Coach Galt's program. The results they are getting have been unbelievable. All the effort will be rewarded," Franklin said.

"I'm more than pleased. These young men have done everything that I've asked of them, and done it with great attitude. I'm seeing the results of what they are accomplishing and I think they're seeing it too," Galt said.



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## <u>PLAY</u> like a CHAMPION

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### Off the Field...

Vanderbilt Football will continue to emphasize academic excellence, and look to strengthen its recognition as a leader in classroom achievement.

Coach Franklin plans to broaden the team's reach within the Nashville community, hoping to participate in more outreach efforts on campus and in Middle Tennessee. CHAMPION

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Named to watch lists for the Bednarik, Nagurski and Lott awards, Marve is a two-time All-SEC recipient. He enters the season as the league's active career leader with 306 total tackles. An excellent leader, Marve also has contributed seven forced fumbles in his career.

### #67 Wesley Johnson

R-So., OT, Nashville, Tenn.

Johnson was named to the Coaches' Freshman All-SEC squad last year, impressing with his competitiveness and blocking abilities while playing as an undersized left tackle.

## **#21 Sean Richardson** Sr., Safety, Linden, Ala.

Richardson brings physicality and a nose for the football to Vanderbilt's defense at safety. Richardson ranks fourth among active SEC players with 193 career tackles. In 2010, he ranked second among SEC defensive backs with 98 total tackles. Richardson is also an excellent leader for the defense.

## **#74 T.J. Greenstone** R-Sr., DT, Lawrenceville, Ga.

A 2010 co-captain, Greenstone provides the Commodores with an athletic inside presence. Greenstone enters the season just one tackle shy of 100 for his career.

## L-STAR PROSPECT



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## #19 Casey Hayward Sr., DB, Perry, Ga.

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A preseason All-America and candidate for the Thorpe, Nagurski and Bednarik awards, Hayward ranked second in the SEC last year with six INTs and topped the league with 17 defensed passes.

#### #6 Brandon Barden R-Sr., TE, Lincolnton, Ga.

A Mackey Award candidate, Brandon has more career receptions than any other SEC tight end. A second team All-SEC pick last year, Brandon enters his final season with 91 career catches, good for 991 yards and eight TDs.

## **#2 Zac Stacy** Jr., RB, Centreville, Ala.

For two years Stacy has played in the shadow of Vanderbilt's other junior back, Warren Norman. With nearly 1,000 career rushing yards, Stacy is on pace to become one of the team's all-time top rushers by the end of his career.

## **#62 Ryan Seymour** R-Jr., OT, Kingsland, Ga.

A two-year starter at right tackle, Seymour enters camp off an excellent offseason effort. He appears ready to establish himself as one of the SEC's top offensive linemen.

## #5 Warren Norman Jr., RB/RS, Stone Mtn., Ga.

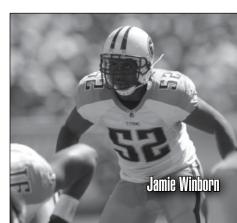
The 2009 SEC Freshman of the Year topped the team with 459 rushing yards last year despite missing the last four games. He also averaged 25.4 yards as a kick returner.

## **COMMODORES IN THE PROS**



Jamie Winborn, a linebacker and special teams standout for the Tennessee Titans the last two years, just completed his 10th NFL season.

PLAYING AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL





### ELEVEN COMMODORES ON ACTIVE NFL ROSTERS

Eleven former Vanderbilt standouts were on National Football League rosters at the conclusion of the 2010-11 season.

The list includes six former Commodores that ended the season as starters with their respective NFL teams: Earl Bennett, Jay Cutler, D.J.

Moore and Chris Williams, all with Chicago; and Jonathan Goff of the New York Giants.

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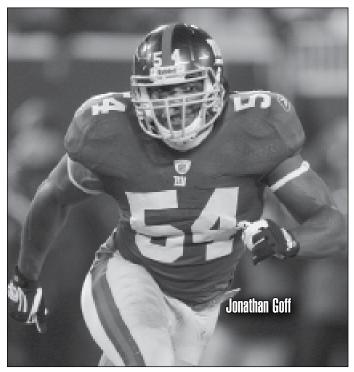
Several of the former Commodores put together career seasons last year. Goff earned 80 tackles in his first year as the Giants' starting middle linebacker. D.J. Moore blossomed in his second year as a big-play nickelback for the Bears' talented defense. Chicago teammate Earl Bennett set several career highs

### "Dores on NFL Rosters

- Earl Bennett, WR, Chicago
- Jay Cutler, QB, Chicago
- Curtis Gatewood, LB, Arizona
- Jonathan Goff, LB, N.Y. Giants
- Jovan Haye, DT, Tennessee
- Reshard Langford, S, Kansas City
- Myron Lewis, DB, Tampa Bay
- D.J. Moore, DB, Chicago
- Thomas Welch, OT, Minnesota
- Chris Williams, OG, Chicago
- Jamie Winborn, LB, Tennessee

as a favorite receiving option for Bears quarterback and former Commodore standout Jay Cutler. Defensive back Myron Lewis impressed as a rookie in Tampa Bay, and witnessed his role increase with each week of the season.

Ten former Commodores played in NFL games during the 2010 season.

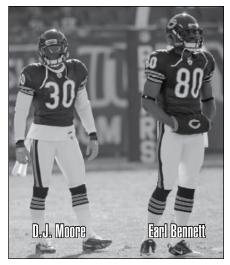


## **COMMODORES IN THE PROS**





### FOUR FORMER 'DORES START AS BEARS ADVANCE TO NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

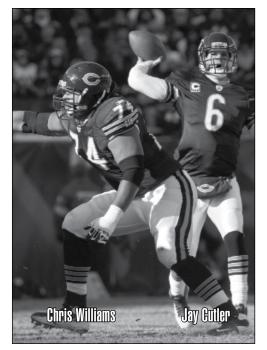


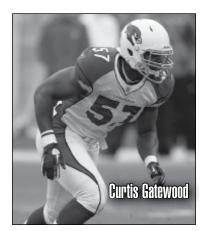
Four former Commodore standouts played key roles last year as the Chicago Bears advanced to their first NFC Championship Game in five years.

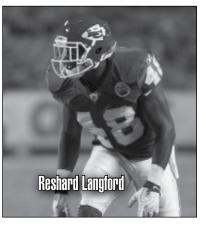
Jay Cutler threw for 3,274 yards and 23 touchdowns. His former Commodore target, wide receiver Earl Bennett, caught 46 passes.

Chris Williams, a first round pick of the Bears in 2008, protected Cutler as the starting left guard.

Former Commodore All-America D.J. Moore was a standout for the Bears in his first year as the starting nickelback. He contributed four interceptions and took his first fumble recovery 48 yards for a score.







### THE BENEFIT OF PRO DAY

Safety Reshard Langford and defensive end/linebacker Curtis Gatewood are just two of many former Commodores who have benefited from impressive performances at Vanderbilt's annual Pro Day activities.

Professional scouts stage the Pro Day event on campus just weeks before the NFL Draft. It gives draft-eligible former Commodores a chance to showcase their skills to would-be NFL suitors through a series of agility tests and on-field drills.

Pro Day has helped numerous Commodores. Jay Cutler and Chris Williams solidified first-round grades with impressive workouts. Others like Langford and Gatewood eventually earned free agent deals with NFL clubs.

### SCHEDULE/FACTS/CONTENTS \*\*\*\*\*\*

### TEAM-INFORMATION-

#### **COACHING STAFF**

James Franklin	Head Coach
John Donovan	Off. Coordinator/RBs
Bob Shoop	Def. Coordinator/safeties
Brent Pry	Co-Def. Coordinator/LBs
Charles Bankins	Special Teams Coord./TEs
Chris Beatty	Off. Recruiting Coord./WRs
Herb Hand	Offensive Line
Wesley McGriff	Def. Recruiting Coord./DBs
Ricky Rahne	Quarterbacks
Sean Spencer	Defensive Line
Dwight Galt Direct	or, Performance Enhancement
Barry BrownAs	st., Performance Enhancement
Chuck LoseyAs	st., Performance Enhancement
Joey Orck	Off. Graduate Assistant
Derham Cato	Def. Graduate Assistant
Charles Huff	Off. Quality Control
Robert Livingston	Def. Quality Control

#### **A QUICK LOOK**

THE COMMODORES

Head CoachJames Fra	anklin (1st year)
Career Record	1st year
Vanderbilt 2010 Record	
Vanderbilt 2010 SEC Record	1-7 (6th/East)
Rankings	n/a
Home	1-5
Away	1-5
Home Attendance 232,8	85 (33,269 avg.)
All-Time Record 5	57-568-50 (.492)
Bowl Appearances	Four
All-time Bowl Record	2-1-1
Last Bowl Appearance2008 I	Music City Bowl
Last Bowl Result W (16-14) vs	. Boston College

#### **GENERAL INFO**

Location	Nashville, Tenn.
Undergraduate Enrollment	6,879
Founded	
Nickname	Commodores
Colors	Black and Gold
Marching Band	Spirit of Gold
Stadium Vanderbilt	Stadium (39,773),
Stadium surface	Bermuda grass
Conference	Southeastern
ChancellorNi	cholas S. Zeppos
Vice Chancellor (athletics)	David Williams II
Faculty Representative Dr.	Richard McCarty
Assoc. Dir., Student Athletics	Kevin Colon
Chief of Staff	Jemal Griffin
Dir., Football Operations	Michael Hazel
Asst. Dir., Football Operations	Andy Frank
Administrative Asst	Kevin Threlkel
Head Athletic Trainer	Tom Bossung
Equipment Manager	Luke Wyatt

### 2011 VANDERBILT SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Venue
Sept. 3	Elon	Nashville, Tenn.	Vanderbilt Stadium
Sept. 10	Connecticut	Nashville, Tenn.	Vanderbilt Stadium
Sept. 17	Ole Miss	Nashville, Tenn.	Vanderbilt Stadium
Sept. 24	South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	Williams-Brice Stadium
Oct. 8	Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	Bryant-Denny Stadium
Oct. 15	Georgia	Nashville, Tenn.	Vanderbilt Stadium
Oct. 22	Army (homecoming)	Nashville, Tenn.	Vanderbilt Stadium
Oct. 29	Arkansas	Nashville, Tenn.	Vanderbilt Stadium
Nov. 5	Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	Ben Hill Griffin Stadium
Nov. 12	Kentucky	Nashville, Tenn.	Vanderbilt Stadium
Nov. 19	Tennessee	Knoxville, Tenn.	Neyland Stadium
Nov. 26	Wake Forest	Winston-Salem, N.C.	BB&T Field
	teams in bold font are	Southeastern Conference	onnonents



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### ISTICAL LEADERS/CRED



**Statistical Notes** 

#### **OFFENSE: 11**

#### Name, Position

Larry Smith, quarterback Warren Norman, running back Brandon Barden, tight end John Cole, wide receiver Jonathan Krause, wide receiver Team's most explosive WR as true freshman, posting 24 catches Udom Umoh, wide receiver Wesley Johnson, left tackle Jabo Burrow, left guard Logan Stewart, center Kyle Fischer, right guard Ryan Seymour, right tackle

#### **DEFENSE: 8** Name, Position

Tim Fugger, def. end T.J. Greenstone, def. tackle Rob Lohr, def. tackle Chris Marve, linebacker Casey Hayward, cornerback Kenny Ladler, strong safety Sean Richardson, free safety Eddie Foster, cornerback

#### SPECIALISTS: 4

Richard Kent, punter

Name, Position Ryan Fowler, placekicker

#### **Statistical Notes**

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Converted on eight of 13 FGs as second-year starter in 2010 Opponents averaged just 6.8 yards per return; 41.8-yard average Carey Spear, kickoff specialist Nearly 40 percent of Spear's kickoffs were not returned Warren Norman, kick returns One of team's all-time returners; averaged 25.2 yards in 2010

Bowl-winning quarterback threw for 1,262 yards as 11-game starter

Topped team with 459 rushing yards despite missing four games

Fourth-year junior had 25 catches while playing through injuries

Second-year starter averaged 16.2 yards on 12 receptions

First-year starter earns Freshman All-SEC, All-America honors

Earned nine starts as first-year contributor at offensive guard

Earned six starts as freshman; Moved into lineup midway in season

Team's most experienced OL, played virtually every snap as junior

Talented junior earned starts in final 10 games of 2010 campaign

Earned highs in tackles (22), sacks (4) and forced fumbles (4)

Defensive co-captain started eight games, posting 28 tackles

36-game career starter is SEC's active career leader in tackles

All-SEC junior had six interceptions and 17 defensed passes in '10

Posted 57 tackles in nine starts, earning SEC All-Freshman honors

All-league caliber safety had 98 tackles while starting every game

Versatile DB started every game; added 53 tackles and INT

Started every game, contributing 35 tackles and four sacks

Enters last season needing just nine catches shy of 100 for career

### TOP RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	Games	Att.	Net Yards Av		Avg.	TD		Long	Avg./G
Warren Norman	8	77	459		6.0		4	80	57.4
Zac Stacy	9	66	331		5.0		3	67	36.8
PASSING	<u>Games</u>	CompAtt	INT	Pct.	Yaı	rds	TD	Long	Avg./G
Larry Smith	11	117-247	-5	47.4	12	62	6	65	114.7
RECEIVING	<u>Games</u>	Rec.	Yards		Avg.		ГD	Long	Avg./G
Brandon Barden	12	34	425		12.5		3	43	35.4
John Cole	12	25	317		12.7		1	57	26.4
Jonathan Krause	12	24	243		10.1	0		52	20.2
DEFENSE	<u>Games</u>	UA-A-TT	TFL/Yds.	Sa	acks	INT	PBU	FF-FR	<u>OBH</u>
Sean Richardson	12	67-31-98	7.0-19	1	.0-1	-	5	3/-	-
Chris Marve	11	49-31-80	8.0-23	2.	5-17	-	2	1/-	-
Casey Hayward	12	59-11-70	2.0-3		-	6-13	11	-/1	-
Kenny Ladler	12	41-16-57	5.5-11		-	1-0	2	1/1	1
Eddie Foster	12	36-17-53	6.0-11		-	1-21	3	2/1	-
Rob Lohr	12	26-9-35	8.0-33	4.	0-23	-	-	-/-	-

### Fact-Book-Gredits

The 2011 Vanderbilt Football Fact Book was produced by the Vanderbilt Athletic **Communications Office.** 

**ON THE COVER:** Nine seniors are included on the cover. From left to right, the players are (front row) Sean Richardson and Casey Hayward, (middle row) Chris Marve, Larry Smith and Tim Fugger, (back row) Kyle Fischer, T.J. Greenstone, Brandon Barden and Udom Umoh.

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### **COMMODORE FOOTBALL:** ACADEMIC LEADERS

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The Vanderbilt football team continues to be an academic achievement leader in the Southeastern Conference and NCAA.

Vanderbilt topped the SEC in graduation success rates released in May 2011 by the NCAA. The program also ranked seventh nationally.

In 2008, the Commodore program received the American Football Coaches Association Academic Achievement Award after graduating 95 percent of its 2001 recruiting class. It was the third time for Vanderbilt to claim the award.

## -Where-Vanderbilt-Ranks

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Among U.S. national universities



Among universities in southeastern U.S.



Best schools, best value for undergrads



Rank among high school counselors

Source: U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges 2011Edition



### -More on Vanderbilt's Undergrad Experience...

Undergrad ratio for student-to-faculty

Acceptance rate for undergrad admissions



Number of residence halls and apartments

Percent of female undergraduates



Vanderbilt students that live on campus



Retention rate for freshmen students



Number of buildings on campus



**Clubs & organizations** on campus

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## VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY



## SCENIC URBAN CAMPUS HOME TO UNIQUE EDUCATION

Located in the popular Midtown district of Nashville, Vanderbilt is regarded among the nation's finest universities. The private research university enrolled 6,970 undergraduate and 5,835 postgraduate students last year. Those students arrive on campus from all 50 states and nearly 100 countries.

The university was founded 138 years ago when shipping and rail magnate "Commodore" Cornelius Vanderbilt provided an initial \$1 million endowment.

Vanderbilt is one of 10 charter members of the Southeastern Conference. It is the only private school among the SEC's 12-member universities.

Vanderbilt is ranked among the top universities in America. In its popular annual "Best Colleges" edition, *U.S. News & World Report* most recently ranked Vanderbilt No. 17 among all national universities. The magazine also placed Vanderbilt No. 2 among schools located in the Southeast.

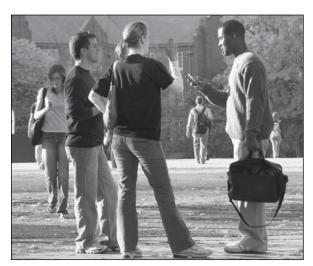
The campus is located 1.5 miles southwest of downtown Nashville on 330 pristine acres that was designated a national arboretum in 1988. Two focal areas of campus closed to vehicles – the Peabody campus and the collection of academic buildings surrounding Kirkland Hall that form the original campus – are frequently listed among the most beautiful college environments in the South.

Though located within walking distance of downtown activities, the quality of Vanderbilt life is reflected in much smaller, less public ways – running into friends while walking on campus, researching papers or grabbing a late-night snack with friends, choosing between a public policy lecture or athletic event, or having dinner at a professor's home.

Most Vanderbilt undergraduates live on campus during their time at the university. Thirty-four residential halls dot the campus, ranging from the four towers off West End Avenue to The Ingram Commons, a state-of-the-art complex for Vanderbilt's first-year students that has attracted national acclaim for its design and unique living experience.

Vanderbilt offers numerous degrees in four undergraduate colleges: the College of Arts and Science, Peabody College, School of Engineering and Blair School of Music.





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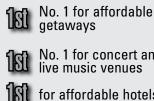
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### It's a Fun City

Here's how one popular travel magazine rated Nashville:



No. 1 for concert and live music venues

for affordable hotels

list of America's 877 friendliest cities

ATh for safety

Source: Travel+Leisure

## **CITY OFFERS ARRAY OF ACTIVITIES**

Vanderbilt's hometown of Nashville is a vibrant, engaging city known proudly as "Music City, U.S.A." Located little more than a mile from downtown, Vanderbilt students, faculty, staff and visitors frequently cite Nashville as one of the perks of the university.

From its scenic location along the Cumberland River, Nashville is a metropolitan place that proudly exudes all of the charm and hospitality one expects from a grand Southern capital city.

Boasting a metropolitan population of 1.5 million, Nashville enjoys a mild and pleasant climate with only a few days of the year having either very hot or very cold conditions. The majority of rain is confined to the spring months. The fall, with changing leaves at its peak and college football in the air, is a celebrated time throughout Tennessee.

Nashville's vibrancy stems from a diverse and youthful population, unique neighborhoods, abundance of parks and several distinct entertainment and business districts. The downtown blends state and municipal complexes with the popular Lower Broadway-Second Avenue entertainment district that draws tens of thousands of weekend visitors to an array of lively nightclubs, eateries and tourist attractions such as the Ryman Auditorium, Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, Bridgestone Arena, the Schermerhorn Symphony Center and Frist Center for the Visual Arts.





## JEWEL OF THE SOUTH



## NASHVILLE: MUSIC FOR EVERYONE

Nashville is known worldwide for its rich musical heritage. It's also a city that offers an array of sporting attractions to rival any city its size in America.

Nashville wraps its arms around the music industry. And the stars definitely come out. This summer, U2 included the city on its tour. The band played before more than 48,000 fans packed into Vanderbilt Stadium over the July 4th weekend. Other artists such as Lil Wayne, Katy Perry, R. Kelly, Miley Cyrus and Bruce Springsteen jave thrilled Nashville audiences recently.

The biggest acts in country music, such as

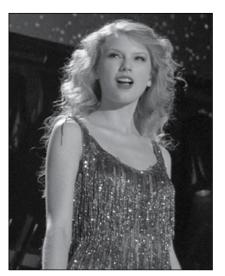
Taylor Swift, Keith Urban, Miranda Lambert, Tim McGraw and Faith Hill, and Lady Antebellum have staged recent shows in town.

In early June, Nashville residents can attend two massive musical events. The annual CMA Music Festival draws more than 50,000 fans to downtown for four days of concerts. As the city hosts the CMA Music Fest, Bonnaroo attracts nearly 100,000 spectators to a rural farm 90 minutes from the city.

Nashville is famous for its smaller music venues. The Ryman is a musical mecca for many artists. Several entertainment districts offer clubs tailored to varying musical tastes. Rites of Spring is an April tradition on campus. Larger shows, such as U2 (left) and the David Matthews Band, have performed in recent years in front of sellout crowds at Vanderbilt Stadium.

Vanderbilt hosts its share of concerts.

Others, such as Taylor Swift (below), Kid Cudi (bottom left) and Drake (bottom right) have performed recently on campus or in the city.











## MUSIC CITY IS A SPORTS TOWN

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## NASHVILLE: SPORTS GALORE

Nashville is quickly becoming one of the nation's emerging cities as a sports host.

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When it comes to sports, Nashville also appears bigger than its population.

Besides the full slate of Vanderbilt athletic events, Nashville is home to two successful professional teams: the NFL's Tennessee Titans and the NHL's Predators. Every Titans game features capacity crowds. The Predators have become Stanley Cup contenders and thoroughly entertain home crowds.

The downtown Bridgestone Arena ranks high among the nation's top multi-event venues. The arena serves as home to the Predators and as host to a wide array of other sporting and entertainment attractions. In the next two years, the 18,000-capacity venue will be the site the NCAA women's basketball Final Four, the SEC men's basketball tourney, and opening rounds of the NCAA men's basketball tourney.

The city is also home to the Nashville Sounds, the Milwaukee Brewers' Triple-A baseball franchise.

Other sporting events featured on the region's calendar are Nationwide NASCAR races, steeplechase horse racing and the Music City Marathon.





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### SEC FOOTBALL IS TV RATINGS HIT



On Oct. 4, 2008, Vanderbilt enjoyed one of its finest days of football. Sporting an undefeated record and facing a key home conference game with Auburn, ESPN's College GameDay aired live from the campus for the first time.

The broadcast and thrilling 14-13 Commodore victory before an ESPN primetime national television audience brought huge media attention to the university.



SEC's expansive television contract with ESPN and CBS, is drawing more and more media coverage. Virtually every Commodore football game is available on TV across the nation via either ESPN.

Vanderbilt Athletics, due in large part to the

ESPN2, ESPNU, CBS and SEC Network affiliates. Viewership and ratings on SEC games continued to expand in 2010. Six of the nation's ten most watched college games in 2010 were SEC pairings.

The highest ranked regular game was the finale between Alabama and Auburn. The highest ranked conference championship game was the Auburn-South Carolina clash in Atlanta. Three of the four largest audiences for bowls involved SEC teams.



## THE SEC: WITHOUT PEER



Vanderbilt is a charter member of the Southeastern Conference. During the last five years. SEC football has experienced success that is unparalleled in its football history and, perhaps, in college football history.

Remarkably, SEC teams have captured the last five BCS national championships.

How deep is the SEC quality? Those five consecutive national titles have been captured by four different teams: Alabama, Florida, LSU and Auburn

Since the BCS was created in 1998, the SEC has captured seven national titles, five more than any other league.

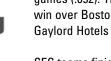




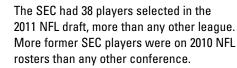


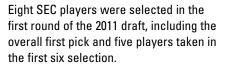






SEC teams finished the 2010 season with a non-conference mark of 46-10, marking a .793 winning performance.





Three of the last four Heisman Trophy winners have come from schools in the Southeastern Conference.



SEC teams are 7-0 in BCS national title games, and 8-2 in BCS bowl games since 2006.

The conference has also claimed five consecutive Associated Press national titles. This is the first time any league has accomplished the feat in the 75-year history of the AP poll.

Since 2006, the SEC is 30-16 in bowl games (.652). This includes Vanderbilt's win over Boston College in the 2008 Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl.

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