



In one season, Vanderbilt Head Coach James Franklin became the only first-year coach in school history to guide the Commodores to a bowl game, surpassed the total wins achieved by the program in each of its previous two seasons and reeled in the best recruiting class in school history.

Through his successes, Franklin has sent a jolt of positive energy throughout Vanderbilt's football program that has been buoyed by an infectious personality and unmatched passion for the Commodores.

It remains to be seen what his encore performance has in store, but if it is anything like year one, Vanderbilt fans will have a lot to cheer about in 2012.

Hired as the 27th head coach in school history on Dec. 17, 2010, Franklin guided the Commodores to an appearance in the 53rd AutoZone Liberty Bowl in 2011 and had the Commodores competing at a high level in the best college football conference in the nation.

The Commodores did not just compete; they sent shivers through the spines of many of their opponents by being outscored by a mere 27 points in their final five losses en route to earning a trip to a bowl game for just the fifth time in school history.

Vanderbilt's drastic improvements can also be measured by statistics. The offensive and defensive ranks in conference play were the most improved of any Southeastern Conference team. Offensively, the unit scored more points than any Vanderbilt team in the previous 50 years. The progress was even more dramatic on the defensive end where the Commodores finished the season ranked 18th-nationally in total defense.

Just as Franklin has made an immediate impact on the football field, he has done the same in the Vanderbilt and Nashville community. Whether it is speaking before civic groups or helping move students into their dorms, Franklin has made a strong impact in the community by embracing each opportunity with the same passion he does a football game.

At the same time, Franklin has provided other members of the community with unforgettable behind-the-scenes experiences such as leading the team on the field or receiving a locker room tour. Franklin has also given the public never-before-seen access inside the program by allowing cameras and journalists into meeting rooms.

Franklin's first season began with a convincing 45-14 victory over out-manned Elon. In the second game against Connecticut, the defending Big East Champions, a series of events late in the game set the tone for the sea-

FRANKLIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Franklin is the first Vanderbilt coach to guide initial squad to bowl appearance in Commodore history.
- Franklin became the first African-American to hold the Vanderbilt head coaching position when announced as the 27th coach in team 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 (2010 ACC Rookie of the Year) 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, 3,000-yard passer and 1,500-yard receiver.

son. Seeing a lack of energy 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. Vanderbilt would win its next two games to begin the season 3-0 before suffering two straight road losses.

The Commodores returned home to play eventual SEC East Champion Georgia in what turned out to be one of the most intense games of the season. Franklin's reaction after a bitter 33-28 midseason defeat to the Bulldogs drew more admiration from Commodore fans.

"We're going to compete with class," Franklin said at the postgame 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' last three losses in conference play came by a total of 14 points.

Vanderbilt's six wins were two more than the 2009 and 2010 Commodore teams combined for. The team won five of its games at home, which were the most at Vanderbilt Stadium since the mid-1990s. The Commodores 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. Running back Zac Stacy put together the finest rushing season in Commodore history, setting a team single-season record of 1,193 yards. He also rushed for 14 touchdowns, the highest total in modern-day team history. Jordan Rodgers passed for 1,523 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 111 receiving yards during the final six regular season games. Another young receiver, Chris Boyd, topped all SEC freshmen with seven touchdown catches. Three linemen – Wesley Johnson, Ryan Seymour and Kyle Fischer – earned weekly honors from the SEC. On defense, Hayward, linebacker Chris Marve and defensive end Tim Fugger earned All-conference recognition.

As a result of his success, Vanderbilt's administration committed to Franklin on a long-term basis following the regular season. Vanderbilt extended his contract with a pay raise and promised a series of program upgrades, including adding an indoor multipurpose facility, new Jumbotron, turf and meeting rooms.

Prior to accepting the Vanderbilt position, Franklin spent the last five seasons coordinating highly productive offensive units at top Division I programs. Most recently, Franklin served as offensive coordinator and assistant head coach at the University of Maryland. In 2010, Maryland enjoyed an impressive one-year turnaround with a 9-4 campaign. Franklin's explosive offense averaged 32.2 points and topped 50 points in three games. Maryland redshirt freshman quarterback Danny O'Brien finished the season as one of the nation's most efficient signal callers, throwing for 2,438 yards,

22 touchdowns, and only eight interceptions after earning the starting job in the fourth game of the season. O'Brien earned ACC Rookie of the Year honors. Senior receiver Torrey Smith, an eventual second round NFL pick, flourished under Franklin's system, finishing the year with 67 receptions, 1,055 receiving yards and 12 touchdowns en route to first team All-ACC honors.

Franklin went to Maryland after spending the 2006 and 2007 seasons as offensive coordinator at Kansas State. He helped the Wildcats earn their first winning season in four years and a berth in the inaugural Texas Bowl. In 2006, Franklin focused on mentoring talented true freshman quarterback Josh Freeman. In 2007, Franklin's offense produced a 3,000-yard passer (Freeman), 1,500-yard receiver (All-America wide receiver Jordy Nelson), and 1,000-yard rusher for the first time in school history.

Today, Freeman and Nelson have found great success in the NFL. Freeman is the starting quarterback for Tampa Bay after being selected in the first round of the 2009 NFL Draft. Nelson grabbed a touchdown pass in the Green Bay Packers' 2011 victory in Super Bowl XLV.

Franklin spent the 2005 season coaching wide receivers for the Green Bay Packers under head coach Mike Sherman. During that season, wide receiver Donald Driver set new career-high marks with 86 receptions for 1,221.

After his brief but successful NFL tenure, Franklin returned to college coaching for the opportunity to devise offensive schemes and gain in-game play calling experience at the coordinator level. Franklin's opportunity with the most storied team

in the NFL came on the heels of a five-year role coaching wide receivers at Maryland. During his tenure, the Terps earned three postseason berths including an appearance in the 2002 FedEx Orange Bowl.

Franklin's role expanded to recruiting coordinator in 2003. Franklin delivered back-to-back recruiting classes ranked in the Top-25 by Rivals.com.

Early in his career, Franklin committed himself to being a student of the game: gleaning strategies, tools and tips from great coaches at a variety of competitive levels. Franklin began his career in 1995 as the wide receivers coach at Kutztown (Pa.) University. Then, he returned to his alma mater, East Stroudsburg (Pa.) University learning the game from the defensive side of the ball coaching cornerbacks and safeties under veteran coach Denny Douds. He earned a Division I position at James Madison University coaching wide receivers.

In 1998, Franklin earned the opportunity to participate in the NFL's Minority Coaching Fellowship Program. Franklin interned with the Minnesota Vikings, the Philadelphia Eagles and the Miami Dolphins. Franklin also worked with Mike Price coaching tight ends at Washington State in 1998. The following year, Franklin helped Idaho State rank among the NCAA's best in total offense as ISU's receivers coach.

Franklin developed a passion for the game as a four-year letter winning quarterback at East Stroudsburg. He was a two-time Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference selection. As a senior, he garnered MVP honors and was a Harlon Hill Trophy nominee for Division II Player of the Year after setting seven school records.

Franklin earned a Bachelor's in psychology from East Stroudsburg in 1995 and a Master's in educational leadership from Washington State in 1999.

Franklin and his family have become fast fans of Nashville. He and his wife, Fumi, are the parents of two daughters, Addy, 4, and Shola, 3.

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



JAMES 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 rivalries... 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, Torrey Smith, broke ACC kickoff return records in 2009.

GEORGE BARLOW DEF. RECRUITING COORDINATOR/DEF. BACKS

Concluded the 2012 season as interim head coach at Univ. of New Mexico... Mentored excellent defenses at James Madison (Va.) University... Coached at Oklahoma in mid-1990s... Played at Marshall.

JOSH GATTIS OFF. RECRUITING COORDINATOR/RECEIVERS

Impressed other coaches last year mentoring Western Michigan WRs... As graduate assistant coached with Bob Shoop's brother, John, at University of North Carolina... As college player, was two-time All-ACC safety at Wake Forest.

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.

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: 40

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

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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 regular 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 earned post-season recognition, including defensive back Casey Hayward (All-America by Walter Camp Foundation) and team rushing record setter Zac Stacy... Builds enthusiasm among fan base and works non-stop growing support for program on campus and in the community... Excites fans after the season by inking strong signing class of prep recruits.

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 early 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 flourished 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 became 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 played 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 mentored a strong receiving arsenal that included Donald Driver, Robert Ferguson and others catching passes from Brett Favre... Driver set 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 achieved 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.





JOHN DONOVAN

Off. Coordinator-Running Backs
2nd year on Vanderbilt staff

Donovan's first offense was a big hit on the Vanderbilt campus.

The Commodores enjoyed one of the most productive offenses in team history enroute to an appearance in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl.

The former Maryland coach accepted the Vanderbilt offensive coordinator position when former Terp

assistant James Franklin was named Vanderbilt head coach in December 2010.

Donovan's offense was the Southeastern Conference's most improved unit. The offense averaged 26.7 points, nearly 10 more than the previous year, and produced more rushing and passing yards than in 2010.

One of Donovan's pupils, junior Zac Stacy, put together arguably the finest season ever by a Commodore running back. Stacy established new team records with 1,193 rushing yards and 14 rushing touchdowns to spearhead the Vanderbilt attack.

The offense scored 347 total points, the most by any Commodore team since the 1920s. The 2011 Commodores rushed for 13 more touchdowns than in 2010. The team's 339.1-yard total offense average was the highest since Jay Cutler guided the Vanderbilt attack in the mid-2000s. The offense also had a greater time of possession by amassing more first downs, enjoyed higher third down and red-zone successes, and permitted less turnovers than the 2010 edition.

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 1,193 rushing yards and 14 touchdowns.



BOB SHOOP

Def. Coordinator-Safeties
2nd year on Vanderbilt staff

Shoop returns for his second year with the Commodores after guiding one of the NCAA's most impressive defensive turnarounds in 2011.

The Commodores' defensive coordinator and safeties coach directed the 2011 unit to staggering levels of improvement. Under Shoop's guidance, the Vanderbilt defense

ranked 18th in the NCAA in both total defense and pass defense. It also ranked high nationally in points allowed (29th) and rush defense (36th).

The defense was paced by All-American defensive back Casey

Hayward, who tied the Vanderbilt career record with 15 interceptions, and senior linebacker Chris Marve, who earned All-Southeastern Conference honors for the third straight year and concluded his career among the team's Top Ten career tacklers.

What made Shoop's coaching achievements in Nashville ever more impressive was how quickly he improved the Commodore 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. In 2011, the Commodore defense allowed 9.6 fewer points and 96.4 less yards than in 2010.

Shoop's unit also nabbed 19 interceptions, 10 more than in 2010, helping the Commodores to a plus-5 improvement in turnover margin. It also amassed seven more quarterback sacks than in 2010.

The unit held three BCS-level teams – Ole Miss, Kentucky and Wake Forest – to eight points or less.

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 to 18th in the NCAA total offense rankings from 2010 to 2011.



CHARLES BANKS

Special Teams Coordinator-TES
2nd year on Vanderbilt staff

Banks returns for his second season as Vanderbilt's special teams coordinator and tight ends coach.

After working alongside James Franklin at Maryland in 2009-10, Banks brought his special teams expertise to Vanderbilt last year and quickly gave the Commodore program improved play in the third phase of

football.

Banks' special teams lived up to Franklin's promise of quality play from the third phase of football, and helped spark Vanderbilt's eventual berth in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl. The Commodores' kickoff return and net punting ranked among the top five in the SEC. The Commodores were splendid in punt and kickoff coverage. In a midseason game against Georgia, a 96-yard kickoff return for a TD and blocked punt nearly provided the Commodores victory over the nationally-ranked Bulldogs.

Banks' 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 4th-and-long situation.

Banks also mentored a pair of veteran tight ends, senior Brandon Barden and redshirt junior Austin Monahan, working with Barden and Monahan to improve blocking technique.

MORE ON BANKS

Banks gave 2011 Commodore fans plenty to enjoyment on fourth downs. Twice, Vanderbilt was successful in 4th-and-long situations by using innovative trick plays from punting formations.



COMMODORE COACHES



GEORGE BARLOW

**Def. Recruiting Coordinator-DBs
1st year on Vanderbilt staff**

George Barlow, interim head coach and defensive coordinator at the University of New Mexico last season, enters his first year at Vanderbilt. He will serve as defensive backs coach and defensive recruiting coordinator.

Barlow, 43, served three years at New Mexico after a successful stint mentoring defenses at James Madison

(Va.) University, one of the top teams in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS).

Barlow began the 2011 season as UNM's assistant head coach and defensive coordinator. Four games into the season, Lobo athletics officials named Barlow as the team's interim head coach after Mike Locksley was relieved.

Barlow joined New Mexico after a highly successful decade of coaching at James Madison. Barlow experienced tremendous success at JMU, helping guide the Dukes to the 2004 NCAA I-AA national title and FCS postseason appearances in 2006, 2007 and 2008. Barlow's JMU was consistently among the nation's best. In 2006, the Dukes were second nationally in sacks. In 2005, the unit ranked first nationally in rush defense. In JMU's I-AA championship season of 2004, the Dukes set a FCS record for sacks and ranked second in the nation in rush defense. In 1999, he served as JMU's running backs coach.

He has also served on staffs at Oklahoma, Marshall, West Virginia State and Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College.

In college, Barlow was an all-conference safety at Marshall from 1986-90. He was a member of the 1987 Marshall squad that played in the I-AA title game. He graduated in 1990 with a degree in business administration.

MORE ON BARLOW

One of Barlow's top pupils at the University of New Mexico was first-team All-Mountain West Conference middle linebacker Carmen Messina. He topped the MWC in tackles for three straight years, ending his career as the league's all-time leader with 454 tackles.



JOSH GATTIS

**Off. Recruiting Coordinator-WRs
1st year on Vanderbilt staff**

Josh Gattis will mentor Commodore wide receivers and serve as the team's offensive recruiting coordinator.

Gattis joins Vanderbilt after one year as wide receivers coach at Western Michigan where he helped the 7-6 Broncos to the 2011 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl.

Wide receiver Jordan White, Gattis' top pupil at Western Michigan, established a slew of team and Mid-American Conference (MAC) records

last year en route to consensus All-America recognition. White owns virtually every Western Michigan receiving record. He had 140 catches, 1,911 yards and 17 TDs in 2011.

Two other Western Michigan wide receivers, seniors Chleb Ravenell and Robert Arnheim, produced career campaigns under Gattis' guidance.

Gattis joined Western Michigan after serving as a graduate assistant in 2010 at the University of North Carolina. Gattis spent time with both the Jacksonville Jaguars and Chicago Bears during a three-year NFL playing career that concluded in 2009.

Gattis was an All-ACC safety at Wake Forest in 2005 and 2006. He was picked in the fifth round of the 2007 NFL Draft by Jacksonville.

Gattis earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wake Forest in 2006.

MORE ON GATTIS

Gattis' top pupil last year, Western Michigan wide receiver Jordan White, produced a remarkable season. As a senior, White topped the nation with 140 receptions and 1,911 receiving yards en route to consensus All-America recognition. He finished his career with 306 catches, setting a new Mid-American Conference record with 4,187 receiving yards.



HERB HAND

**Offensive Line
3rd year on Vanderbilt staff**

Rehired by James Franklin off the former Vanderbilt staff, Hand serves as offensive line coach for the Commodores.

In 2011, Hand did a remarkable job molding a undersized offensive line corps. He innovatively dealt with the lack of roster spots along the offensive line, switching three returning starters

to new positions during the summer. 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 needed to get the most out of his unit.

Throughout the 2011 season, Hand's ability to adapt to key injuries allowed the 'Dore offense to gain confidence and produce better results.

The improved line helped Vanderbilt add 25.8 yards to its 2010 rushing average and 41 yards more in total offense. It also did a better job of protecting the quarterback, allowing nine fewer sacks.

Hand's offensive line also paved the way for junior Zac Stacy to establish new single-season team records with 1,193 rushing yards and 14 rushing touchdowns.

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

MORE ON HAND

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





BRENT PRY

Co-Defensive Coordinator-LBs
2nd year on Vanderbilt staff

Pry also enters his second year on the Commodores staff. He serves as linebackers coach and holds the title of co-defensive coordinator.

Like Vanderbilt defensive coordinator Bob 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 in 2011. Pry's young linebackers built around All-SEC performer Chris Marve, became one of the most

productive defensive positions. The linebackers were vital to the 'Dores' improvement in virtually every defensive stat category. The defense

soared in SEC and NCAA rankings, finishing the season 18th in total defense.

While Marve earned All-SEC honors for the third straight year, Pry mentored several untested prospects into key roles, including Chase Garnham, Tristan Strong and Archibald Barnes.

MORE ON PRY

Pry's value to the Commodore defensive success in 2011 was evident by the contributions of three of his players who entered the season with little experience: Tristan Strong, Chase Garnham and Archibald Barnes.

The dual abilities allowed Rodgers to rank among the SEC's best in total offense during his run as the starter.



SEAN SPENCER

Defensive Line
2nd year on Vanderbilt staff

Spencer enters his second year as the Commodores' defensive line coach.

In 2011, the unit fed off the Spencer's energy and enthusiasm, with several linemen enjoying career years.

The corps was topped by senior defensive end Tim Fugger and junior

tackle Rob Lohr, both of whom enjoyed impressive campaigns working with the first-year coach. Fugger's season that included eight sacks and 13.5 tackles for loss was rewarded when coaches

picked him as a second team All-SEC recipient. Lohr also ranked high among SEC interior lineman in tackles for loss (11.5) and sacks (4.5).

Several others, including Johnell Thomas, Walker May, Colt Nichter and Jared Morse, Barron Dixon and Thad McHaney, played well under Spencer's direction.

MORE ON SPENCER

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



RICKY RAHNE

Quarterbacks
2nd year on Vanderbilt staff

Rahne returns for his second season as Vanderbilt's quarterback coach.

In 2011, Rahne mentored senior Larry Smith and junior Jordan Rodgers, and guided the development of two redshirt freshman prospects.

Both Smith and Rodgers enjoyed success under Rahne. Smith increased his completion percentage to a career high under Rahne (55%) and provided excellent leadership through the season. When called upon at midseason, Rodgers also responded. He passed for 1,523 yards, the most ever by a first-year Vanderbilt quarterback. Rodgers also threw nine touchdowns, including at least one in all six regular season starting assignments.

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

MORE ON RAHNE

Larry Smith and Jordan Rodgers combined for 2,184 passing yards and 14 TDs. After taking over at midseason, Rodgers passed for 1,523 yards, the most ever by a first-year Commodore QB.



DWIGHT GALT

Dir. Performance Enhancement
2nd year on Vanderbilt staff

Dwight Galt will serve as the team's Director of Performance Enhancement for the second straight year.

In 2011, Vanderbilt student-athletes flourished under Galt's new strength and conditioning program.

Working with Galt and assistants Barry Brown and Chuck Losey,

Commodore players enthusiastically 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 the AutoZone Liberty Bowl, each player

averaged a bench press increase of 13.5 pounds. Each student-athlete also averaged a 1.1-pound weight gain during the regular season.

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 172-145 in the second half and 90-77 in the fourth quarter.



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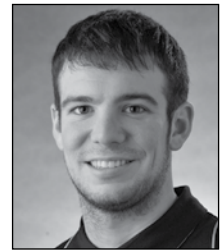
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