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# FOOTBALL



# ★ JAMES FRANKLIN'S FIRST YEAR



## FRANKLIN INTRODUCED Dec. 17, 2010

Vanderbilt's 27th head coach – and first African-American – comes from Maryland. At 39, he's the youngest Commodore head coach in nearly two decades.

## COACHING STAFF ANNOUNCED January 2011

Franklin's new Commodore staff includes three former Maryland assistants, a pair of former FCS defensive coordinators, three former BCS-level assistants and Vanderbilt's 2010 offensive line mentor.

## ENJOYING THE STUDENTS Jan. 20, 2011

After a rousing introduction at men's basketball game, Franklin heads into the student section to greet Memorial Maniacs. Three weeks later, 17 students tryout for the football squad after Franklin visits dorms and fraternity row.

## NATL. SIGNING DAY Feb. 15, 2011

Franklin makes a quick national splash, landing a 21-member class that includes two prospects with 4-star rankings.

## SPRING GAME RETURNS TO CAMPUS April 17, 2011

Franklin caps first spring drills on campus by re-introducing the Black & Gold Spring Game. The televised event, capped by fireworks, draws thousands of Commodore faithful to Vanderbilt Stadium.



# CHANGING THE CULTURE ON WEST END



**FRANKLIN GETS WIN #1**  
Sept. 3, 2011  
Commodore captains reward game ball to their new coach after the team's 45-14 victory over Elon in the season opener.

**"NOT THE SAME VANDERBILT"**  
Sept. 10, 2011  
Team responds to coach's urging with comeback win vs. UConn.  
**"SIX FINGERS — SIX SECONDS"**  
October, 2011  
Three raised fingers on each hand becomes commonplace among Vandy fans. The gesture pays tribute to Franklin's push to play hard "six seconds at a time."

**"THOSE DAYS ARE LONG GONE..."**  
Oct. 15, 2011  
Proud of his team's comeback vs. Georgia, Franklin emotionally states that a new era of Vanderbilt football has arrived.

**BOWL ELIGIBILITY**  
Nov. 26, 2011  
Playing on the road in Winston-Salem, the Dores' 41-7 win over Wake Forest is the team's sixth of the year.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE ON BEALE**  
Dec. 31, 2011  
Spurred on Franklin's urging, more than 30,000 Commodore fans journey to Memphis for a New Year's Eve match against ranked Cincinnati in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl.

**NATIONAL SIGNING DAY**  
Feb. 1, 2012  
Franklin's second class of 22 prospects ranks among program's finest. For first time ever, every signee is 3-stars or better. The class includes six elite players from Tennessee.







# VANDERBILT ALL-STAR PROSPECTS



## #8 TREY WILSON Sr., CB, Shreveport, La.

A senior cornerback, Wilson was one of the Commodores' top defensive playmakers in 2011. Wilson set a Vanderbilt team record – and shared the SEC seasonal lead – by returning two interceptions for touchdowns. His total of 11 passes defended ranks seventh among returning SEC DBs.

## #62 RYAN SEYMOUR R-Sr., OT, Kingsland, Ga.

Seymour is a two-year starter who possesses the combination of strength and agility to play effectively at tackle or guard. As a junior, he was a recipient of weekly honors as the SEC's top offensive lineman. In 2011, Seymour's performance was one of the keys to Vanderbilt having the conference's most improved offense.

## #94 RICHARD KENT R-Sr., P, Marietta, Ga.

A Ray Guy Award candidate, Kent was one of the SEC's most effective punters last year. His 41.2-yard net average ranked fourth in the SEC and was the highest by a Commodore since 1996. Opposing returners posted just 87 total yards on Kent's 64 punts last season.

## #87 JORDAN MATTHEWS Jr., WR, Madison, Ala.

Matthews topped the SEC with a 19.0-yard per catch average as a sophomore. In his final six games, Matthews averaged 110.2 receiving yards.



# VANDERBILT ALL-STAR PROSPECTS



## #84 ROB LOHR R-Sr., DT, Phoenixville, Pa.

A Nagurski Trophy candidate, Lohr has been an extremely productive defensive tackle for the last two years. Lohr's 11.5 tackles for loss in 2011, which included five quarterback sacks, is the most of any returning tackle in the SEC. Lohr has started 25 consecutive games.

## #67 WESLEY JOHNSON R-Jr., OT, Nashville, Tenn.

An Outland Trophy candidate, Johnson is one of the nation's most versatile offensive linemen. As a sophomore, he played effectively while earning multiple starts at center, guard and tackle. He has twice been recognized for weekly SEC offensive line honors. He has started all 25 games of his career.

## #2 ZAC STACY Sr., RB, Centreville, Ala.

A Doak Walker and Maxwell Award candidate, Stacy is coming off the finest season ever by a Vanderbilt back. As a junior, he set team records with 1,193 rushing yards and 14 rushing TDs. Stacy ranks second among all active SEC running backs in career rushing yards and is SEC's top returning rusher from 2011. The senior needs 631 rushing yards to become the team's all-time career leader.



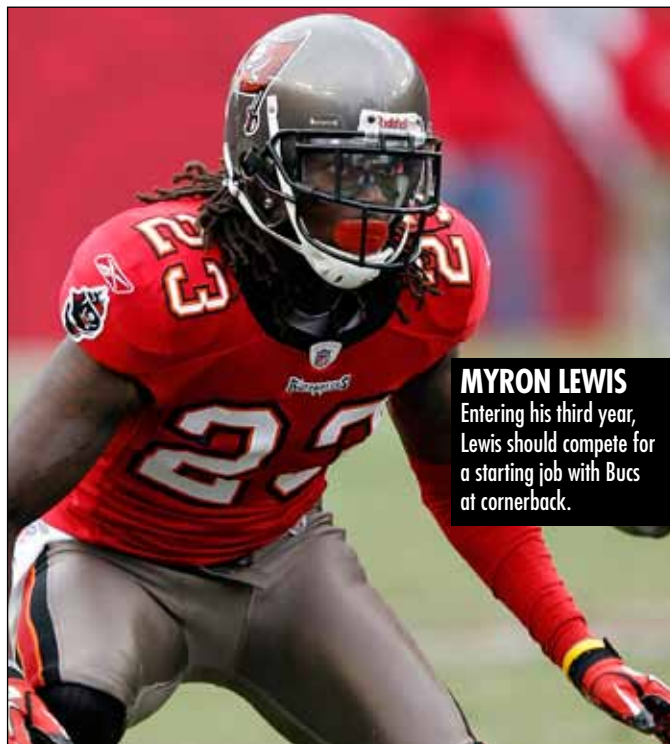




# COMMODORES IN THE PROS



**JONATHAN GOFF**  
The New York Giants starting middle linebacker in 2009-11, Goff has signed as a free agent with Washington.



**MYRON LEWIS**  
Entering his third year, Lewis should compete for a starting job with Bucs at cornerback.

## COMMODORES LIVING DREAM; ENJOYING PRO CAREERS



**SEAN RICHARDSON**

### HAYWARD, RICHARDSON IMPRESS AT COMBINE

Two 2011 defensive standouts, Casey Hayward and Sean Richardson, had superb workouts at the 2012 NFL Combine.

Hayward, eventually selected in the second round by Green Bay, posted the best 20-yard shuttle of any cornerback.

Richardson, also now with the Packers, was even more impressive, turning in the top vertical jump and broad jump among all participating safeties.



**CASEY HAYWARD**

Eleven former Vanderbilt standouts are currently signed with National Football League teams looking to expand or begin pro careers.

The list of former Commodores includes six defensive players and five offensive standouts.

The contingent also includes four players on one NFL roster: Earl Bennett, Jay Cutler, D.J. Moore and Chris Williams are veterans on the Chicago Bears.

Two former Commodores standouts, Jonathan Goff and Thomas Welch, signed deals with new teams during the offseason. Goff, a former starting

linebacker with the reigning world champion New York Giants, inked with another team from the NFC East, the Washington Redskins. Welch, an offensive lineman with New England and St. Louis last year, is with Philadelphia.

All-SEC defensive back Casey Hayward was drafted in the second round by the Green Bay Packers. Another 2011 All-SEC player, Tim Fugger, was later selected by Indianapolis.

Two others, Brandon Barden and Sean Richardson, signed rookie contracts with Tennessee and Green Bay, respectively.

### 'DORES IN THE NFL

- **Earl Bennett**, WR, Chicago
- **Brandon Barden**, TE, Tennessee
- **Jay Cutler**, QB, Chicago
- **Tim Fugger**, LB, Indianapolis
- **Jonathan Goff**, LB, Washington
- **Casey Hayward**, DB, Green Bay
- **Myron Lewis**, DB, Tampa Bay
- **D.J. Moore**, DB, Chicago
- **Sean Richardson**, S, Green Bay
- **Thomas Welch**, OT, Philadelphia
- **Chris Williams**, OT/OG, Chicago







## JAY CUTLER & CHRIS WILLIAMS

Cutler guided Bears to a 7-3 record before missing the final six regular season games to injury. He is nearing 20,000 passing yards for his NFL career. Williams could be starting as Cutler's protector at tackle or guard.



## D.J. MOORE

One of the NFL's top nickelbacks, Moore led Chicago with four interceptions last year.

## FOUR FORMER 'DORES LIKELY TO START FOR BEARS

For the second straight year, four former Commodore standouts – quarterback Jay Cutler, offensive lineman Chris Williams, wide receiver Earl Bennett and defensive back D.J. Moore – could start for the Chicago Bears.

Cutler was off to his finest year in 2011 until an injury prematurely ended his season. The six-year veteran still threw for 2,319 yards and 13 touchdowns.

Moore's four interceptions topped the Bears' secondary for the second consecutive season.

Bennett averaged 15.9 yards on 24 receptions while limited to just nine appearances.

Williams was playing at a Pro Bowl level last year as a first-year starter at guard. The versatile Williams is expected to play left tackle this season.



## EARL BENNETT

The SEC's all-time leading receiver, Bennett has 124 career catches in Chicago.



## TIM FUGGER

One of eight seniors to participate in Pro Day on campus, Fugger's athleticism attracted Indianapolis scouts.

## PRODUCTIVE PRO DAY ON CAMPUS

Dwight Galt, known for producing some of the elite performers at the NFL Combine during his time at Maryland, lived up to that reputation in his first Pro Day as Vanderbilt's Director of Performance Enhancement.

NFL scouts raved about impressive individual performances at Vanderbilt's first Pro Day activity under Galt's direction. The on-campus event is held annually just before the NFL Draft.

Seven of the eight Commodore seniors that trained with Galt and participated in Pro Day made their way into NFL camps.

Two of the eight, Casey Hayward and Tim Fugger, were selected in the draft. Two others, Sean Richardson and Brandon Barden, signed rookie free agent deals. T.J. Greenstone, Larry Smith and Kyle Fischer used the training to earn tryouts.

Pro Day provides players a stage to showcase their skills in front of NFL teams through a series of agility tests and on-field drills.



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### COACHING STAFF

James Franklin	Head Coach
John Donovan	Offensive Coordinator/RBs
Bob Shoop	Defense Coordinator/safeties
Brent Pry	Co-Defensive Coordinator/LBs
Charles Bankins	Special Teams Coordinator/TEs
Josh Gattis	Offensive Recruiting Coord./WRs
Herb Hand	Offensive Line
George Barlow	Defensive Recruiting Coord./DBs
Ricky Rahne	Quarterbacks
Sean Spencer	Defensive Line
Dwight Galt	Director, Performance Enhancement
Barry Brown	Assistant, Performance Enhancement
Chuck Losey	Assistant, Performance Enhancement
Joey Orck	Offensive Graduate Assistant
Derham Cato	Defensive Graduate Assistant
Sam Williams	Offensive Quality Control
Charles Walker	Defensive Quality Control
Chandler Henley	Graduate Assistant
Lamar Morgan	Graduate Assistant

### A QUICK LOOK

Head Coach	James Franklin (2nd year)
Career Record	6-7
Vanderbilt 2011 Record	6-7
Vanderbilt 2011 SEC Record	2-6 (4th/East)
Rankings	n/a
Home	5-2
Away	1-4
Neutral	0-1
Home Attendance	230,112 (32,873 avg.)
All-Time Record	563-575-50 (.492)
Bowl Appearances	Five
All-time Bowl Record	2-2-1
Last Bowl Appearance	2011 AutoZone Liberty
Last Bowl Result	L (24-31) vs. Cincinnati

### GENERAL INFO

Location	Nashville, Tenn.
Undergraduate Enrollment	6,879
Founded	1873
Nickname	Commodores
Colors	Black and Gold
Marching Band	Spirit of Gold
Stadium	Vanderbilt Stadium (40,550)
Stadium surface	synthetic (Shaw Sportex)
Conference	Southeastern
Chancellor	Nicholas 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	Kevin Threlkel
Player Personnel Director	Andy Frank
Head Athletic Trainer	Tom Bossung
Equipment Manager	Luke Wyatt

## 2012 VANDERBILT SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	City, State	Venue
Thurs., Aug. 30	SOUTH CAROLINA	Nashville	Vanderbilt Stadium
Sat., Sept. 8	at Northwestern	Evanston, Ill.	Ryan Field
Sat., Sept. 15	PRESBYTERIAN	Nashville	Vanderbilt Stadium
Sat., Sept. 22	at Georgia	Athens, Ga.	Sanford Stadium
Sat., Oct. 6	at Missouri	Columbia, Mo.	Memorial Stadium/Faurot Field
Sat., Oct. 13	FLORIDA	Nashville	Vanderbilt Stadium
Sat., Oct. 20	AUBURN	Nashville	Vanderbilt Stadium
Sat., Oct. 27	MASSACHUSETTS	Nashville	Vanderbilt Stadium
Sat., Nov. 3	at Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	Commonwealth Stadium
Sat., Nov. 10	at Ole Miss	Oxford, Miss.	Vaught-Hemingway Stadium
Sat., Nov. 17	TENNESSEE	Nashville	Vanderbilt Stadium
Sat., Nov. 24	at Wake Forest	Winston-Salem, N.C.	BB&T Field



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## RETURNING STARTERS

### OFFENSE: 9

Name, Position	2011 Notes
Jordan Rodgers, QB	Averaged 184 passing yards in seven starting assignments as junior
Zac Stacy, TB	Set single-season records with 1,193 rushing yards, 14 rush TDs
Jordan Matthews, WR	Averaged 111.5 receiving yards in last six games; 41 catches on year
Chris Boyd, WR	Posted team-high eight TD receptions as first-year starting WR
Wesley Tate, WR	As first-year slot receiver, contributed 22 catches for 187 yards
Wesley Johnson, OT/C	Showed remarkable OL versatility, starting at center, guard & tackle
Andrew Bridges, OT	First-year contributor improved thru season; started last four games
Ryan Seymour, OG	Moved between guard & tackle, earning 11 starting assignments
Josh Jelesky, OG	Played effectively when inserted at right guard for last five games

### DEFENSE: 8

Name, Position	2011 Notes
Walker May, DE	Posted 30 tackles, three QB sacks in eight starts as defensive end
Johnell Thomas, DE	Contributed 26 tackles, two QB sacks in five starts at defensive end
Rob Lohr, DT	Best year in Vanderbilt uniform: 40 tackles, 11.5 for loss, five sacks
Colt Nichter, DT	Registered 26 tackles and a sack as nine-game starter at tackle
Chase Garnham, LB	As first-year starter, posted 51 tackles, 5.5 for loss and two sacks
Archibald Barnes, LB	Huge late-season factor: 59 tackles, three forced fumbles, two INTs
Trey Wilson, CB	Top year as Commodore: contributed 30 tackles, three interceptions
Javon Marshall, FS	Hard hitter as first-year starter: 32 solo tackles, two interceptions

### SPECIALISTS: 2

Name, Position	2011 Notes
Ryan Fowler, PK	Finished year as team's placekicker; made 4-of-7 FG attempts
Richard Kent, punter	Averaged 42.5 yards on 64 punts; superb 41.1-yard net average

## 2011 VANDERBILT INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

### RUSHING

	G	Att.	Net.	Avg.	TD	Long	Avg./G
• Zac Stacy	13	201	1193	5.9	14	77	91.8
• Jordan Rodgers	13	117	420	3.6	4	40	32.3
• Jerron Seymour	13	83	268	3.2	5	40	20.6

### PASSING

	G	Effic.	Comp.-Att.-INT	Pct.	Yards	TD	Avg./G
• Jordan Rodgers	13	113.8	108-216-10	50.0	1524	9	117.2
Larry Smith	10	104.6	68-123-6	55.3	668	5	66.8

### RECEIVING

	G	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long	Avg./G
• Jordan Matthews	13	41	778	19.0	5	49	59.8
• Chris Boyd	13	31	473	15.3	8	68	36.7
• Jonathan Krause	13	23	171	7.4	0	41	13.2
• Wesley Tate	13	22	187	8.5	0	33	14.4
• Zac Stacy	13	20	106	5.3	0	44	8.2

### DEFENSE

	UA-A-TT	TFL/Yds.	Sacks	INT	PBU	FF-FR	QBH
Chris Marve	49-42-91	8.5-24	3.0-11	1-19	4	1/-	4
Sean Richardson	41-22-63	6.5-40	2.0-16	1-11	4	-/-	1
Casey Hayward	46-16-62	7.5-11	-	7-107	17	-/-	-
• Archibald Barnes	37-22-59	4.5-30	2.0-12	2-128	6	3/-	2
• Kenny Ladler	37-16-53	1.0-1	-	1-0	4	-/-	-
• Chase Garnham	30-21-51	5.5-30	2.0-19	-/-	1	1/-	1
• Javon Marshall	32-10-42	0.5-1	-	2-32	6	-/-	-
• Rob Lohr	21-20-41	11.5-40	5-22	-/-	1	2/1	-
• Trey Wilson	24-6-30	-	-	3-109	8	-/-	-
• 2012 returnee							

## IN MEMORIAM

### Rajaan J. Bennett

Oct. 20, 1991 – Feb. 18, 2010  
Powder Springs, Ga. • McEachern HS

Bennett, a top running back prospect, died just days after inking a letter-of-intent on National Signing Day 2010. His death shocked the high school and the surrounding Atlanta metro area. Bennett would be a rising junior this year at Vanderbilt.

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## VANDERBILT FOOTBALL SEC ACADEMIC LEADERS

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 by the NCAA in June 2012. The Commodore football program also received the NCAA's APR Public Recognition Award.

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

### WHERE VANDERBILT RANKS

- 17th** Among U.S. national universities
- 2nd** Among universities in southeastern U.S.
- 14th** Best schools, best value for undergrads
- 19th** Rank among high school counselors

Source: U.S. News & World Report  
Best Colleges 2012 Edition



### VANDERBILT UNDERGRADUATE FACTS

- 8-1** Undergrad ratio for student-to-faculty
- 85%** Vanderbilt students that live on campus
- 14%** Acceptance rate for undergrad admissions
- 96%** Retention rate for freshmen students
- 34** Number of residence halls and apartments
- 232** Number of buildings on campus
- 51%** Percent of female undergraduates
- 84%** Student graduating in four years





## 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 6,817 undergraduate and 6,042 postgraduate students last year. Those students arrive on campus from all 50 states and nearly 100 countries.

The university was founded 139 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 expanded 14-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.







# NASHVILLE: JEWEL OF THE SOUTH



## MUSIC CITY TRAITS

**Travel+Leisure readers were surveyed on America's top cities. They loved Nashville!**

- 1st** Tops as an affordable getaway
- 1st** Leaders for concerts and music venues
- 3rd** Music City does friendly real well
- 7th** Boasts diverse scene for singles

**Source: Travel+Leisure, 2010 Favorite Cities Survey**

## CITY OFFERS ARRAY OF ACTIVITIES

Vanderbilt's hometown of Nashville is a vibrant city known proudly as "Music City, U.S.A." Located little more than a mile from an attractive and welcoming downtown district, 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.

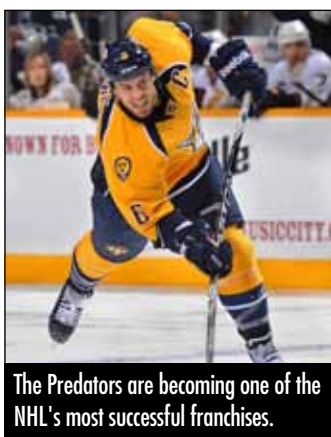
Nashville is getting plenty of attention. In its July 2012 edition, *GQ Magazine* devoted eight pages in praise of Nashville, calling it "Nowville...the most electric spot in the South."

Boasting a metro 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 widespread entertainment options. The down-town 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, the Schermerhorn Symphony Center and Frist Center for the Visual Arts.

## NASHVILLE: HOME TO GREAT SPORTS

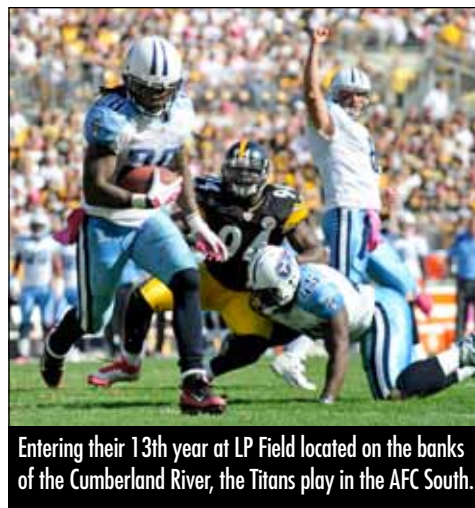


The Predators are becoming one of the NHL's most successful franchises.

Nashville ranks among the nation's best destinations for sports fans. In its 2011 "America's Best Sports Cities" edition, *The Sporting News* placed Nashville 16th on its list.

Of course, Vanderbilt athletic events are high on the Music City sports calendar. In addition to the Commodores, Nashville is home to two successful pro teams: the NFL's Titans and the NHL's Predators. Every Titans game features capacity crowds.

Bridgestone Arena has been named by various sources as one of America's top multi-event venues. The 18,000-seat arena is home to the Predators and will host the SEC basketball tourney, opening rounds of the men's NCAA tourney and the NCAA women's basketball Final Four in the near future.



Entering their 13th year at LP Field located on the banks of the Cumberland River, the Titans play in the AFC South.





# THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE



## A LEAGUE WITHOUT PEER



**Vanderbilt is a charter member of the Southeastern Conference, which expanded to 14 teams this year with the addition of Missouri and Texas A&M. During the last six years, SEC football has experienced success that is unparalleled in college football history.**

- Remarkably, SEC teams have captured the last six BCS national championships. How deep is the SEC quality? Those six straight national titles have been captured by four different teams.
- In the BCS era that dates to 1998, the SEC owns eight titles, six more than any other conference. Even more impressively, SEC teams are an undefeated 8-0 in title games.

- For the first time in 75 years of the Associated Press poll, the SEC has also claimed six consecutive Press national titles.
- Since 2006, the SEC is 9-3 in BCS bowl games. Overall, the league is 36-19 (.655) in bowl games since 2006. This includes two appearances by the Commodores.
- SEC teams were 48-8 (.857) in non-conference play last year, with Vanderbilt enjoying a 4-0 mark.
- In 2011, 283 former SEC players were on NFL rosters. That's more than any other conference. Ten of those players were former Vanderbilt standouts.
- Since 2006, the SEC has averaged 39.5 players drafted in the NFL, more than any other league. Ten were picked in the 1st round last year. Two Commodores, Jay Cutler and Chris Williams, have been selected in the 1st round since the 2006 draft.
- Three of the last five Heisman Trophy winners have come from SEC schools. In recent years, top SEC players have walked away with virtually every other significant postseason award.

## THE COMMODORES ON TV

Vanderbilt is part of the Southeastern Conference's unmatched national TV package.

On Aug. 30, the Commodores will kick off ESPN's 2012 coverage of college football by hosting South Carolina.



Every Commodore game is available on television due to national contracts between the SEC and CBS Sports and ESPN, and regional packages with Comcast Sports Southeast and FOX.

Annually, SEC encounters on CBS, ESPN and ESPN2 are among the most watched college games of the year.

Vanderbilt games also bring outstanding audiences. In 2011, the Vanderbilt-Alabama encounter was ESPN's highest rated college football game of the year for the primetime slot.

Vanderbilt's conference victories over Ole Miss and Kentucky were among four Commodore games aired on the SEC Network.

