

HEAD COACH DEREK MASON



Mason speaking to an assembled audience in January after being introduced as the 28th head coach in Vanderbilt football history.

Derek Mason, regarded among the nation's top coordinators at Stanford, is the 28th head coach for the Vanderbilt Commodores.

Mason, who served as associate head coach and Willie Shaw Director of Defense for the 2013 Pacific-12 champion Stanford Cardinal, was introduced as the Commodores' coach by Vanderbilt Chancellor Nicholas S. Zeppos and Director of Athletics David Williams II in mid-January.

Mason becomes head coach of a Commodore program that has enjoyed consecutive nine-win seasons and postseason Top 25 rankings for the first time in team history. The 2013 Vanderbilt squad finished 9-4, capped by a 41-24 victory over Houston in the BBVA Compass Bowl.

"I am so excited to be at Vanderbilt," Mason said. "This university combines the best of what's good about college athletics and academics. We expect to be competitive and look forward to competing for an SEC East crown."

Since arriving on campus, Mason has attracted an outstanding signing class of 22 prospects, assembled a highly qualified staff that includes a former major college head coach and six coordinators, and effectively rolled out new offensive and defensive schemes during his initial Spring Practice. Increasingly, Mason also has become more visible in the city, contributing to several local community and university causes while making appearances at an array of social and sporting events.

Zeppos and Williams praised the 44-year-old Arizona native. Both said Mason quickly became their top choice during the January hiring process.

"Derek Mason is the leader we trust to continue the challenging but exciting work that has elevated the Vanderbilt football program to unprecedented heights," Zeppos said. "He embodies integrity, strategic thinking and a demonstrated commitment to success. He understands the important role that athletics plays in the life of a vibrant university, and that outstanding scholarly pursuits and top-notch sports are integral parts of the Vanderbilt experience. We are thrilled to welcome him to the Vanderbilt community."

"We are very pleased with our search. It was evident that the football world is aware of the tremendous progress our program has made and that was reflected by the deep pool of talent that showed an interest in our position," Williams said. "We talked to outside experts and did our own

Recent Mason Achievements

COACHED IN FOUR CONSECUTIVE BCS BOWLS

Since being hired by then-Stanford Head Coach Jim Harbaugh prior to 2010 season, Mason has been a key leader in arguably the greatest era of Cardinal football. In the last four years, Stanford has played in four straight BCS bowl games: the 2011 Orange Bowl, 2012 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, 2013 Rose Bowl and 2014 Rose Bowl. Alabama is the only other team that can make the same claim. During the four-year period, Stanford owns an overall record of 45-8.

COACHED BACK-TO-BACK PAC-12 CHAMPION TEAMS TO ROSE BOWL APPEARANCES

Mason's last two years at Stanford with Head Coach David Shaw concluded with appearances in the Rose Bowl. The consecutive appearances in Pasadena, by way of earning Pac-12 titles, ranks as a modern-day first for the Cardinal program.

2012 BROYLES AWARD FINALIST

Mason's contributions to Stanford's 12-1 overall campaign that was capped by a Rose Bowl victory over Wisconsin is acknowledged by national panel that selects him as a finalist for the Broyles Award, given annually to the nation's top assistant coach.

AMONG THE NATION'S TOP DEFENSIVE COACHES

Mason has changed the perception of Stanford Cardinal defense during his time on campus. The 3-4 scheme Mason has helped develop at Stanford is now viewed among the most aggressive and innovative in college football.

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evaluations and the person that always seemed to be in the spotlight was the same person that was at the top of our list and that was Derek Mason."

"We are so excited to be introducing him as our head football coach because we are confident he can build upon our successes on and off the field and that he will take us to the next level. Derek will be an asset to our university," Williams added.

Defensive coordinator at Stanford since 2011, Mason helped take the Cardinal to Rose Bowl appearances in 2013 and 2014, and consecutive Pac-12 titles with one of the nation's top defensive units. Under Mason, the Cardinal ranked among the NCAA national Top 15 in defensive efficiency for three consecutive years.

While facing seven ranked opponents and one of the nation's toughest schedules in 2013, Mason's defense ranked third in the NCAA in rushing defense (89.4 yards), 10th in scoring defense (19.0 points) and 16th in total offense (343.1 yards).

The Cardinal was one of only five teams last year to allow less than 100 rushing yards per game. The team was also among the best nationally in producing stops for negative yardage, ranking fifth with 44 sacks and seventh with 109 tackles for loss. The defense was also superb on third downs, holding opponents to a 32 percent conversion rate.

Off the field, the Cardinal ranks among the nation's best with a football graduation rate of 95 percent. Like Vanderbilt, Stanford ranks among the nation's elite academic universities.

In 2012, Mason was a finalist for the Broyles Award, given annually to the nation's top assistant coach, after directing a defense that ranks among the best in the nation and finest in Stanford history. The 2012 unit broke Stanford's single season record for quarterback sacks and topped the Pac-12 in numerous categories, including scoring defense and total defense, helping the Cardinal to a 11-2 season capped off with a Rose Bowl crown.



GETTING TO KNOW MUSIC CITY

Mason was among the celebrity judges at a recent benefit against child abuse. Mason joins (from left) PGA Tour golfer and Vanderbilt alum Brandt Snedeker, Rascal Flatts' guitarist Joe Don Rooney and "Nashville" ABC television series co-star Eric Close at the event.

Mason's leadership paved the way to a historic defensive output in 2012, breaking Stanford's single-season sacks record (57) and pacing the Pac-12 in scoring defense (17.2 points), total defense (336.2 yards) and rushing defense (97.0 yards). In 11 of 14 games in 2012, Stanford held its opponent to 20 or fewer points, including a 14-point effort in the overtime win at top-ranked Oregon, who led the FBS with a 54.8 scoring average.

The 2012 Stanford defense held eight of 13 opponents under 100 yards rushing, and in a string of three consecutive games, the Cardinal recorded three of its top-10, single-game rushing defense performances in school history.

In 2011, Mason's first year as co-defensive coordinator, he teamed with



SETTING THE TONE AT PRACTICE

Mason began putting his stamp on the Commodore program during spring drills with an energetic approach on the practice field that stressed proper fundamentals.

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What others are saying about Coach Mason

"I am very excited for Derek; this is a great opportunity for him and his wife, Leighanne. Derek is a great teacher and motivator, but more importantly he is a man of high character. We wish him success."

David Shaw,
Stanford University Head Coach

"He's very conscientious, very down to earth. He really studies the game in an old-time, throwback fashion and he's always looking for a better way to do things. Old school means we weren't blackboard coaches. We were teaching. He is a great teacher."

Willie Shaw,
Former NFL & Stanford Def. Coordinator

"Stanford's had many touted assistants over the past five years. None are more respected by SU colleagues than Derek Mason."

Bruce Feldman,
CBSSports.com

"This is a seamless transition from the brilliance of Franklin to the promise of Derek Mason for Vandy. The Commodores prospects will no longer resemble the stock exchange – up and down. Long-term success has been established."

Dennis Dodd,
CBSSports.com

"I didn't think Vandy could easily replace James Franklin. With Derek Mason, they just did. Brilliant choice."

Paul Finebaum,
ESPN Radio/SEC Network

"He's fired up every day. He's a workhorse, and he'd go jump on (a cardio machine) three times a day because he'd never ask his players to do something he hasn't done. What I'll remember is the motivational talks and speeches he gives. Not that Coach (David) Shaw doesn't say what the team needs to hear as well, but I wish the entire team could have heard Coach Mason's speeches."

Trent Murphy,
former Stanford All-America LB

"He's just got tremendous drive, and he's really passionate. That's an infectious kind of attitude. And he knows what he's doing. With our team defensively past two, three years, people have come and gone, things have changed. We've got new guys, different skill sets, and he's done a tremendous job kind of changing and planning what we do to fit to the guys we have."

Shayne Skov,
former Stanford All-America LB



THE MASON FAMILY

Derek and Leighanne Mason with their daughters, Makenzie and Sydney.

Jason Tarver to mold Stanford into one of the Pac-12's top defensive units. That season, the unit ranked either first or second in the Pac-12 in six defensive categories, including rushing defense, third-down conversion defense, scoring defense, total defense, sacks and opponent first downs. Stanford finished third nationally in rushing defense. Mason joined the Cardinal staff in 2010, serving as secondary coach under then-Stanford coach Jim Harbaugh. Mason's 2010 secondary, which featured three players now in the NFL, was one of the team's most improved units, posting 18 interceptions.

At Stanford, Mason helped develop an array of Cardinal defensive standouts, including All-Pro cornerback Richard Sherman of the world champion Seattle Seahawks, All-America defensive end Trent Murphy, All-America linebacker Shayne Skov, and All-Pacific 12 safety Ed Reynolds.

Prior to his arrival in Palo Alto, Mason served as an assistant defensive backs coach for the Minnesota Vikings from 2007 to 2009, playing a vital role in the team ranking sixth in total defense in 2008 and 2009 as the Vikings won NFC North titles each season. Mason was introduced to the NFL coaching circles through the Minority Fellowship program in 1996 with the St. Louis Rams and also spent time with the coaching staffs of the New York Giants and Oakland Raiders. He joined the Vikings staff in 2007, where he worked with defensive backs coach Joe Woods.

Before joining the Vikings, Mason tutored wide receivers at Ohio University under head coach Frank Solich, helping the Bobcats improve from 4-7 in 2005 to

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Mason has quickly become a favorite of the Vanderbilt student body. Here, he leads students in an "Anchor Down" cheer during a men's basketball game.

a 9-5 campaign the following year that ended with an appearance in the GMAC Bowl. Mason spent the 2004 season as the wide receivers coach at New Mexico State, where he helped the Aggies lead the conference in passing.

During the 2002 campaign, Mason mentored the receivers and assisted with the special teams at Utah. The Utes also featured the NFL Draft's No. 1 overall pick in quarterback Alex Smith and eventual 7th round pick receiver Paris Warren.

Mason's move to Utah came after a three-year stint at Bucknell (1999-2001) in which he gained his first experience as a defensive assistant coach. At Bucknell, Mason served as defensive backs mentor for three straight winning Bison squads. His relationship with current Vanderbilt defensive coordinator David Kotulski – and introduction to the 3-4 defensive scheme – came at Bucknell.

Mason's first three collegiate positions came as an offensive assistant

at Mesa Community College (in 1994), Weber State (1995-96) and Idaho State (1997-98).

As a player, Mason was a two-year starter and four-year letterwinner at Northern Arizona. He was recruited to the university by Head Coach Larry Kentera, the grandfather of current Vanderbilt receiver Kris Kentera.

During his NAU career, Mason was influenced by several outstanding coaches, including Kentera, former Minnesota head coach Brad Childress, Jets offensive coordinator Marty Mornhingweg, Kansas City head coach Andy Reid, former Louisville head coach Steve Kragthorpe and current Vanderbilt offensive coordinator Karl Dorrell.

Mason earned a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Northern Arizona in 1993.

A native of Phoenix, Mason attended Camelback High School.

Derek and his wife, Leighanne, have two daughters, Makenzie, 14, and Sydney, 13.

Mason's Stanford Years: Pac-12 titles, back-to-back Rose Bowls, four BCS appearances



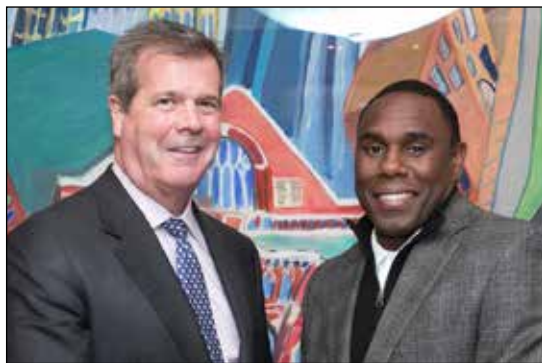
Hired by Stanford Head Coach Jim Harbaugh away from the NFL, Mason is promoted after one season to the Cardinal defensive coordinator.



During Mason's three years guiding the Stanford defense, the Cardinal wins consecutive Pac-12 titles, back-to-back Rose Bowls and three straight appearances in BCS games.



Many observers take notice of Mason's impressive Cardinal defense. He was named as a finalist for the 2012 Broyles Trophy, given annually to the nation's top assistant coach.



Vanderbilt Head Coach Derek Mason

AGE: 44

CAREER RECORD: 0-0 (1st season)

ALMA MATER: Northern Arizona University; Playing career – 1989-92

DEGREES: Bachelor's, Criminal Justice, Northern Arizona, 1993

FAMILY: Wife, Leighanne; two daughters: Makenzie and Sydney

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Mason's Career at a glance

2014 VANDERBILT (Head Coach)

Introduced Jan. 17, 2014 as the 28th head coach in Commodore history.

2013 STANFORD (Willie Shaw Director of Defense)

Promoted to position of Willie Shaw Director of Defense, Mason guides one of the nation's top defenses as Cardinal goes 10-3 overall, wins Pac-12 crown and plays in second straight Rose Bowl... Stanford finishes year ranked No. 10 on strength of four victories over ranked opponents... The defense ranks third in NCAA in rushing defense, 10th in scoring defense and 16th in total defense... Unit again ranks among Pac-12's best in numerous defensive categories... For second straight year, Mason's defense limits powerful Oregon spread offense, holding Ducks scoreless for first three quarters in eventual 26-20 Stanford victory... Three of Mason's standouts – LB Trent Murphy, LB Shayne Shov and DB Ed Reynolds – garner postseason All-America recognition.

2011-12 STANFORD (associate head coach/defensive coordinator)

Finalist for 2012 Broyles Award as nation's outstanding assistant coach... Stanford goes 23-4 overall in Mason's first two years as coordinator, wins 2012 Pac-12 title, captures 2012 Rose Bowl over Wisconsin, and plays in the 2011 BCS Fiesta Bowl... Mason's 3-4 attacking defense ranked among the NCAA leaders in both seasons... In 2012, the Cardinal defense topped the nation with 57 quarterback sacks, ranked second in tackles for loss, fifth in rushing defense and 11th in scoring defense... Stanford also paced the Pac-12 in scoring defense, total defense, rushing defense and sacks... The 2012 defense also held eight opponents under 100 rushing yards and limited high-powered Oregon to just 14 points in an overtime win... In 2011 the Cardinal was third in the NCAA in rushing defense, sixth in 3rd-down efficiency and 11th in quarterback sacks, and finished among the Pac-12 leaders in scoring defense, total defense, rushing defense, sacks and opponent first downs.

2010 STANFORD (defensive backs coach)

Hired by Cardinal Head Coach Jim Harbaugh... Helped change Stanford into a tough-minded, attacking defense... Unit was key to arguably Stanford's best year of modern era – a 12-1 overall record capped by 40-12 victory over Virginia Tech in the Orange Bowl... The 2010 Cardinal secondary was one of the great turnaround stories in college football as Stanford ranked high nationally in interceptions and pass defense... That unit included three eventual NFL players, including All-Pro cornerback Richard Sherman from the World Champion Seahawks.

2007-09 MINNESOTA VIKINGS - NFL (assistant defensive backs coach)

Served as an assistant defensive backs coach for the Minnesota Vikings from 2007 to 2009, playing a vital role in the team ranking sixth in total defense in 2008 and 2009 as the Vikings won NFC North titles each season.

2005-06 OHIO UNIVERSITY (wide receivers)

Hired by former Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich, Mason coached Ohio U. receivers for two years, helping the Bobcats improve from 4-7 in 2005 to a 9-5 campaign in 2006 that ended with a GMAC Bowl appearance.

2004 NEW MEXICO STATE (wide receivers)

In lone season at New Mexico State, the Aggie offense with Mason mentoring wide receivers corps topped the Sun Belt Conference in numerous passing categories.

2003 SAINT MARY'S (co-defensive coordinator/assistant head coach)

First coordinator responsibilities came in only season at St. Mary's, member of NCAA I-AA Independent League.

2002 UTAH (wide receivers/special teams assistant coach)

Hired by Ron McBride, Mason tutored WR Paris Warren, an eventual 7th round draft pick, in his only year at Utah. The 2002 Utes offense featured young QB Alex Smith, the eventual 2005 No. 1 NFL draft pick.

1999-2001 BUCKNELL (defensive backs)

Secondary coach for three straight winning Bison squads... Coached two Bucknell defensive backs to All-Patriot League recognition... Bison defensive staff during three-year span was directed by current Vanderbilt defensive coordinator David Kotulski.

1997-98 IDAHO STATE (running backs)

Mason coached Idaho State running backs for two years under Head Coach Tom Walsh.

1995-96 WEBER STATE (wide receivers)

Mason worked with Weber State receivers, including Pokey Eckford, who earned All-America honors in 1995 after catching 77 passes for 1,074 yards and six TDs.

1994 MESA (CALIF.) COMMUNITY COLLEGE (wide receivers)

Mason entered collegiate coaching as a receivers coach with community college located in San Diego.

NFL MINORITY COACHING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Mason spent time with the St. Louis Rams in 1996, New York Giants and Oakland Raiders through the Minority Coaching Fellowship Program.

COACHING STAFF



Karl Dorrell enters his first season at Vanderbilt as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

With 26 years of coaching experience at the college and professional level, Dorrell brings a strong pedigree with him to the Vanderbilt position.

A former head coach at UCLA from 2003-07 where he was named the 2005 Pac-10 Conference Co-Coach of the Year, Dorrell has spent the previous six seasons in the NFL. His last two seasons were in Houston where he coached Texans' quarterbacks.

In addition to having head coaching experience, Dorrell has seven years of experience as a collegiate offensive coordinator. He was the offensive coordinator at Washington in 1999 and also served in the same capacity at Colorado (1995-98) and Northern Arizona (1990-91). Dorrell has coached on the staffs of 12 teams that enjoyed postseason appearances.

In his two seasons with the Texans, Dorrell helped the team reach the playoffs in 2012, where he tutored QB Matt Schaub to his second career Pro Bowl. Schaub tossed for 4,008 yards and completed 64.3 percent of his passes in 2012.

In 2011, Dorrell mentored Dolphins quarterback Matt Moore to a career season. Moore took over the reins in midseason and promptly earned career highs in completions, yards and touchdowns.

From 2008-10, Dorrell was wide receivers coach with the Dolphins. In that role, Dorrell saw Brandon Marshall and Davone Bess combine for the fourth-most receptions of any duo in the NFL.



Before returning to the NFL, Dorrell served as head coach at UCLA for five years, guiding the Bruins to five bowl games and a 35-27 overall record. In 2005, Dorrell led UCLA to a 10-2 record and No. 13 national ranking in the Coaches' Poll.

Dorrell's first full-time stint in the NFL came from 2000-02 when he served as wide receivers coach for Denver. Dorrell helped Rod Smith eclipse 1,000 receiving yards three times and a pair of Pro Bowl selections. In 2000, Ed McCaffrey posted 101 receptions for 1,317 yards.

A native of San Diego, Calif., Dorrell began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at UCLA. His first full-time position was as wide receivers coach at Central Florida in 1989. Dorrell also coached at Northern Arizona as offensive coordinator/wide

receivers coach from 1990-91.

Dorrell coached wide receivers at Colorado from 1992-93 and Arizona State in 1994 before returning to Colorado to serve as offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach of the Buffaloes from 1995-98. Dorrell also served as offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach at Washington in 1999.

A graduate of UCLA in 1987, Dorrell played wide receiver for the Bruins from 1982-86, where he helped lead the team to three Rose Bowls.

Dorrell and his wife, Kim, are the parents of two children: Chandler, who recently joined the Vanderbilt football team, and Lauren.



Coach Dorrell and his wife, Kim, with their children, Chandler and Lauren.

More on Coach Dorrell

HOMETOWN: Alameda, Calif.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's: Psychology, UCLA, 1987

COLLEGIATE/NFL COACHING CAREER:

2014 Vanderbilt - Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks Coach

2012-13 Houston Texans (NFL) - Quarterbacks Coach

2011 Miami Dolphins (NFL) - Quarterbacks Coach

2008-10 Miami Dolphins (NFL) - Wide Receivers Coach

2003-07 UCLA - Head Coach

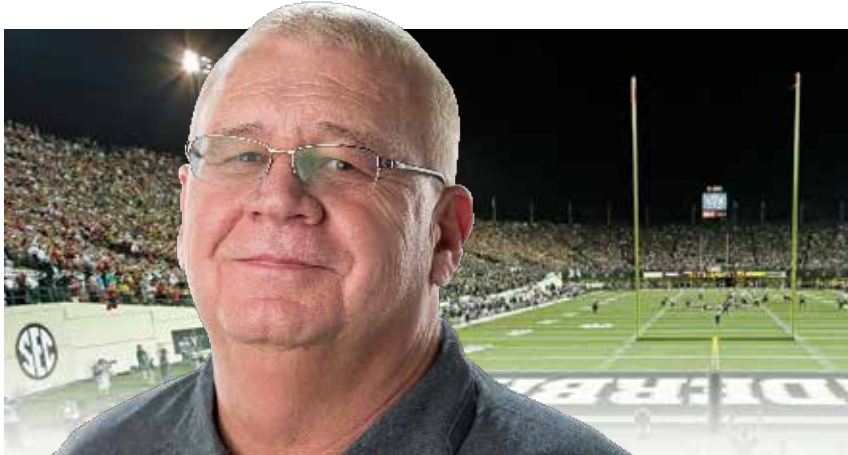
2000-02 Denver Broncos (NFL) - Wide Receivers Coach

1999 Washington - Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers Coach

1995-98 Colorado - Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers Coach

Earlier Roles: Central Florida (WRs, 1989), Northern Arizona (Off. Coordinator/WRs, 1990-91), Colorado (WRs, 1992-93), Arizona State (WRs, 1994)

COACHING STAFF



DAVID KOTULSKI

Defensive Coordinator;
Inside Linebackers Coach

David Kotulski, who worked with Vanderbilt Head Coach Derek Mason during the 2012-13 seasons as a Stanford defensive assistant, will serve as the Commodores' defensive coordinator under Mason.

Kotulski mentored two highly productive inside linebackers during his two-year tenure with Stanford, Shayne Skov and A.J. Tarpley.

In 2012-13, Kotulski's interior linebackers helped produce one of the nation's top defenses for a Stanford program that captured back-to-back Pac-12 crowns and made consecutive Rose Bowl appearances.

In 2013, the Cardinal defense was one of five nationally to allow opponents less than 100 rushing yards per game, ranking third in the NCAA with a 89.4-yard rush defense average.

The 2013 unit also ranked 10th in scoring defense (19.0 points) and 16th in total defense, and was among the nation's best in producing plays for negative yardage with 44 quarterback sacks and 109 tackles for loss. In 2012, Kotulski's linebackers were key to Stanford's 57 quarterback sacks, a school record. That season, the Cardinal also paced the Pac-12 in scoring defense (17.2 points), total defense and rushing defense. Skov was Kotulski's most decorated player at Stanford, becoming a two-time All-America recipient, two-time All-Pac-12 honoree and 2012 Butkus Award finalist. Tarpley earned All-Pac-12 honorable mention recognition in 2013.

Skov and Tarpley also paced the 2013 Cardinal defense statistically, contributing 109 and 93 tackles, respectively. Skov also produced 13 tackles for loss, 5.5 quarterback sacks and 10 hurries.

Prior to joining the Stanford staff, Kotulski served six years directing one of the Patriot League's top defenses at Lehigh University. In 2011, Lehigh ranked in the top three in six Patriot League defensive categories, including total defense (315.7 yards), rushing defense (102.8 yards), interceptions and sacks. The Mountain Hawks also finished in the Top 20 nationally in both total defense and rushing defense.

After winning its second straight Patriot League title in 2011, Lehigh defeated Towson in the second round of the Football Championship Series



(FCS) playoffs before falling to eventual national champ North Dakota State. In 2009, Kotulski's Lehigh unit led the nation with 39 sacks.

Before joining Lehigh, Kotulski was defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Holy Cross in 2005 and Utah State in 2003-04.

Kotulski's familiarity with Mason dates back to an eight-year tenure at Bucknell University where Mason served as a defensive assistant.

Kotulski also has collegiate experience as the defensive coordinator at Utah State (2003-04) and linebackers/defensive line coach at Saint Mary's University (1990-94).

Kotulski earned a bachelor's in physical education in 1974 from New Mexico State, where he lettered as a linebacker and center.

Kotulski and his wife, Cissy, are the parents of a son, David and daughter, Carey.



Kotulski and his wife, Cissy, with their son, David, and daughter, Carey.

More on Coach Kotulski

HOMETOWN: Chicago, Ill.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's: Physical Education, New Mexico State, 1974

COLLEGIATE COACHING CAREER:

2014 Vanderbilt - Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers

2012-13 Stanford - Inside Linebackers

2006-11 Lehigh - Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers

2005 Holy Cross - Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers

2003-04 Utah State - Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers

2002 Bucknell - Interim Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers

1995-2001 Bucknell - Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers

Earlier Roles: Saint Mary's (Defensive Coordinator/LBs, 1990-94),

Utah (Def. Line, 1978-81, and Def. Line/LBs, 1982-89)

COACHING STAFF

CHARLES BANKINS

Special Teams Coordinator;
Running Backs Coach

Charles Bankins enters his fourth season at Vanderbilt as special teams coordinator. He also will coach running backs for the first time during his Commodore tenure under Derek Mason.

Since 2011, Bankins has brought superb special teams to Vanderbilt. In 2013, Bankins' special teams unit was a huge contributor to the Commodores' success.

Carey Spear led the kicking unit last year by converting 15-of-19 field goals and going 2-for-2 in field goals of 50+ yards, including a career-long of 54 yards at South Carolina. The senior captain booted three field goals to match a career-best in the season-ending victory against Wake Forest, including the game-winner from 38 yards. First-year punter Taylor Hudson averaged 42.9 yards, landing 11 of 48 punts inside the 20-yard line. Darrius Sims emerged as the go-to-guy for the Dores on kickoff returns with an average of 22.8 yards per return.

Bankins coached tight ends from 2011-13. In 2013, tight ends Kris Kentera and Steven Scheu each set career-highs in receiving yards and each caught touchdown passes.

In 2012, Bankins continued his remarkable job with Vanderbilt special teams, helping Spear and punter Richard Kent both earn All-SEC recognition as the 'Dores put together arguably the finest combined special teams effort in school history. Spear was sensational, setting school records with



20 field goals and 87 points scored by a kicker. Kent averaged 44.9 yards, the fourth highest average ever by a Commodore.

Bankins coached tight ends and special teams at Maryland from 2009-10. In 2010, Maryland punt returner Tony Logan earned first team All-ACC honors after leading the ACC with a 18.8-yard punt return average. In 2009, another Bankins' standout at Maryland, Torrey Smith, earned All-ACC honors by breaking the conference single-season record for kickoff return yards. Bankins also groomed kicker Nick Ferrara to freshman All-America honors in 2009.

Prior to working at Maryland, Bankins enjoyed success as an assistant at the University of Richmond from 2007-08. In Bankins' final game as a Richmond coach, the Spiders claimed the 2008 NCAA FCS national title with a victory over Montana.

Bankins had two stints at Hampton University (2000-04, 2006) and spent 2005 with the St. Louis Rams. He also coached a year at Indiana (Pa.) University and James Madison.

Bankins played running back for James Madison, where he earned a bachelor's degree in speech communications in 1994. He earned a master's from Eastern Kentucky in 1998.

Bankins and his wife, Katrina, are the parents of a daughter, Ashley, and son, William.

Charles and Katrina Bankins with their daughter, Ashley, and son, William.



More on Coach Bankins

HOMETOWN: Hollywood, Md.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's: Speech Communications, James Madison, 1994

Master's: Sports Administration, Eastern Kentucky, 1998

COLLEGIATE/NFL COACHING CAREER:

2014 Vanderbilt - Special Teams Coordinator/Running Backs Coach

2011-13 Vanderbilt - Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends Coach

2009-10 Maryland - Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends Coach

2007-08 Richmond - Special Teams Coordinator/Running Backs Coach

2006 Hampton - Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks/Running Backs Coach

2005 St. Louis Rams - Assistant Special Teams

2000-04 Hampton - Running Backs/Recruiting Coordinator

Earlier Roles: Indiana, Pa. (WRs/TEs, 1999), James Madison (WRs/TEs, 1998), Eastern Kentucky (WRs, 1996-97)

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GERRY GADOWSKI

Recruiting Coordinator;
Tight Ends Coach

Gerry Gdowski comes to Vanderbilt after spending nine years at Ohio. He will coach Commodore tight ends after mentoring quarterbacks at Ohio, where he also held the titles of Assistant Head Coach and co-Offensive Coordinator. He also serves as Vanderbilt's recruiting coordinator.

During his tenure at Ohio, Gdowski helped mold Tyler Tettleton into one of the greatest quarterbacks in Bobcats' history. Under Gdowski's tutelage, Tettleton set Ohio career records in passing yards and touchdowns, and became the only quarterback in school history to post three straight seasons of at least 2,500 yards passing. In 2013, the Bobcats averaged nearly 27.4 points and 380 yards of total offense, including 245.4 passing yards.

Gdowski's 2011 offense was the most productive unit in modern Ohio University history, totaling 427 points and 6,241 total yards. In all, the Bobcats' offensive unit set eight program records during the year.

Other standout quarterbacks mentored by Gdowski at Ohio were Boo Jackson, (38 career touchdown passes), Theo Scott (20 touchdown passes in 2009), Brad Bower and Austen Everson (ranks among team's all-time Top Ten passers in numerous categories).

Gdowski went to Ohio after eight seasons at New Mexico State. He was the Aggies' recruiting coordinator and quarterbacks coach until 2003 when he took over as offensive coordinator. The Aggies ranked second in the Sun Belt Conference in 2004 in scoring offense and passing offense.

Gdowski began his coaching career at Nebraska, working with the quarterbacks, tight ends and receivers as a graduate assistant from 1991 to 1993. He then moved to South Dakota State, where he coached for three seasons. After two years as quarterbacks and wide receivers coach,



Gdowski was promoted to offensive coordinator.

As a player, he earned three letters at Nebraska under legendary coach Tom Osborne. Gdowski was the starting quarterback and team captain for the Cornhuskers in 1989 and was named to the All-Big Eight First Team. He was an eighth round draft choice of the New Orleans Saints that spring.

Gdowski excelled off the field at Nebraska as well. He earned CoSIDA Academic All-America honors in 1989 and was awarded the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Postgraduate Scholarship as well as the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship. A 1990 graduate of Nebraska with a bachelor's in business administration, Gdowski also went on to earn his master's in education administration from Nebraska in 1996.

A native of Fremont, Neb., Gdowski and his wife, Sam, have three sons: Isaac, Luke, and Tommy.

Coach Gdowski and his wife, Sam, with their three sons: Isaac, Luke and Tommy.



More on Coach Gdowski

HOMETOWN: Fremont, Neb.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's: Business Administration, Nebraska, 1990

Master's: Education Administration, Nebraska, 1996

COLLEGIATE COACHING CAREER:

2014	Vanderbilt - Recruiting Coordinator/Tight Ends Coach
2008-13	Ohio U. - Assistant Head Coach/co-Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks Coach
2005-07	Ohio U. - Quarterbacks Coach
2003-04	New Mexico State - Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator
1998-2002	New Mexico State - Quarterbacks Coach/Recruiting Coordinator
1996-97	South Dakota State - Offensive Coordinator
1994-95	South Dakota State - Quarterbacks and Wide Receivers Coach
1991-93	Nebraska - Graduate Assistant (Offense)

COACHING STAFF



Keven Lightner enters his first season at Vanderbilt as offensive line coach. Lightner and Derek Mason have known each other for more than a decade, working together previously at Ohio U. and New Mexico State.

Lightner spent the last nine seasons mentoring the offensive line at Ohio. Mason was Ohio's wide receivers coach in 2005-06.

Thirteen linemen earned All-Mid-American Conference accolades, including five repeat selections, under Lightner's tutelage. In 2013, the New York Giants took guard Eric Herman in the seventh round of the NFL Draft. He was the first Ohio offensive lineman to be drafted since 1972.

In 2012, Lightner's line paved holes for running back Beau Blankenship, who rushed for a school record 1,604 yards and 15 touchdowns. During his time at Ohio, Lightner saw the Bobcats set single-season records for total offense, scoring, yards per game, passing, touchdowns, completions, first downs and plays. The Bobcats also won the MAC East title three times and played in six bowls.

Prior to working at Ohio, he spent two seasons at New Mexico State, where Mason was the wide receivers coach in 2004.

Together, Lightner and Mason helped New Mexico State lead the Sun Belt Conference in passing and total offense, and ranked second in scoring offense. In 2003, the Aggies ranked 12th nationally in rushing offense and led



the Sun Belt. Lightner's top pupils with the Aggies was Outland Trophy candidate Steve Subia and six-year NFL veteran Nick Cole.

Lightner coached the offensive line and served as co-offensive coordinator at Western Kentucky for the 2001 and 2002 seasons. In two years, the Hilltoppers were 20-7 overall, made the I-AA playoffs twice and won the 2002 national championship. Lightner coached three All-Americans and five all-league players at WKU.

Lightner served as an assistant coach at Division II Nebraska-Omaha for three seasons (1998-2000). The Mavericks won their conference and made the playoffs

twice. Lightner also coached two-time All-American guard Chris Bober, who played seven seasons in the NFL.

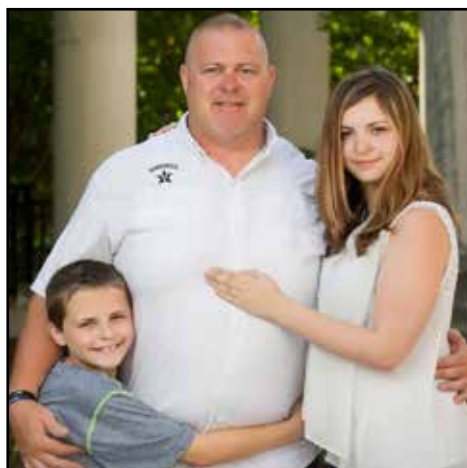
Prior to UNO, he also served as an assistant coach for two years at Division II Northern (S.D.) State, where he helped the Wolves produce their first 1,000-yard rusher in 25 years.

Before coaching at the college ranks, Lightner spent five years at two Nebraska high schools (Lincoln Northeast and Hastings) coaching the offensive and defensive lines.

Lightner played collegiately at Nebraska, where he earned first team All-Big Eight honors as an offensive tackle in 1987 and participated in the 1988 Hula Bowl. He briefly played professionally in three leagues - the NFL (Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 1988), the CFL (Hamilton Tiger Cats, 1990) and World League of American Football (Montreal Machine, 1991-92).

A native of Hastings, Neb., Lightner earned a bachelor's in secondary education from Nebraska in 1996.

He and wife, Erin, are the parents of a daughter, Alexis, and son, Kade.



Coach Lightner with his daughter, Alexis, and son, Kade.

More on Coach Lightner

HOMETOWN: Hastings, Neb.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's: Secondary Education, Nebraska, 1996

COLLEGIATE COACHING CAREER:

2014	Vanderbilt - Offensive Line Coach
2006-13	Ohio U. - Offensive Line Coach
2003-05	New Mexico State - Offensive Line Coach
2001-02	Western Kentucky - Co-Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line Coach
1998-2000	Nebraska-Omaha - Offensive Assistant
1996-97	Northern State - Offensive Line Coach/Tight Ends Coach

COACHING STAFF



MARC LUBICK

Wide Receivers Coach

Marc Lubick is in his first season at Vanderbilt after serving as an offensive assistant coach with the NFL's Houston Texans. Lubick will mentor Commodore wide receivers.

Lubick served four years with the Texans, including the last two seasons as assistant wide receivers coach. While in Houston, he also served with current Vanderbilt offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Karl Dorrell.

In Houston, Lubick worked with likely future Hall of Famer Andre Johnson, who continued to post stunning receiving statistics. In 2013, Johnson registered 1,407 receiving yards on 109 catches. In 2012, he recorded a benchmark season earning his sixth Pro Bowl trip and All-Pro recognition posting 112 passes and 1,598 receiving yards. It marked the second time in NFL history a player recorded more than 100 receptions and 1,500 yards in his 10th season or later.

In 2010-11, Lubick was part of a staff that guided the Texans' offense to several franchise records, including points scored and total yardage.

Lubick has 14 seasons of coaching experience, including eight seasons collegiately at Colorado State. He served as CSU's tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator from 2008-09 and receivers coach from 2005-07. During that time, he coached 7th-round pick and former Texans receiver David Anderson, along with former free agent signee Dustin Osborn.

Lubick launched his coaching career in 2000 as a defensive student assistant at CSU. Lubick spent the 2002 season as an academic graduate assistant coach at CSU, working with wide receivers. After the 2002 campaign, Lubick joined the St. Louis Rams for two years.

Lubick comes from a family of successful coaches. His father, Sonny, is considered the most successful head football coach in Colorado State



history. In addition to the tenure at CSU, his father served three years as head coach at Montana State, and also was a successful defensive coordinator at Miami (Fla.) and Stanford.

Marc's brother, Matt, serves as receivers coach and passing game coordinator for the Oregon Ducks. He was the 2012 FootballScoop.com Wide Receivers Coach of the Year in 2012.

Lubick earned his bachelor's degree in health and exercise science from CSU in 2001 after playing collegiately as a defensive back at Montana State from 1997-99.

Lubick is engaged to Stephanie Anderson.



Marc Lubick and his fiancée, Stephanie Anderson.

More on Coach Lubick

HOMETOWN: Fort Collins, Colo.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's: Health & Exercise Science, Colorado State, 2001

COLLEGIATE/NFL COACHING CAREER:

2014	Vanderbilt - Wide Receivers Coach
2012-13	Houston Texans (NFL) - Assistant, Wide Receivers
2010-11	Houston Texans (NFL) - Offensive Assistant Coach
2008-09	Colorado State - Recruiting Coordinator/Tight Ends Coach
2005-07	Colorado State - Wide Receivers Coach
2003-04	St. Louis Rams (NFL) - Scouting Assistant
2002	Colorado State - Academic Graduate Assistant
2000-01	Colorado State - Defensive Student Assistant

COACHING STAFF



FRANK MAILE

Defensive Line Coach

Frank Maile enters his first year on the Commodore staff, contributing his efforts as defensive line coach.

Maile served the last six seasons at his alma mater, Utah State, including the last three as defensive line coach.

During the last three years, Utah State has enjoyed virtually unparalleled success. Like Vanderbilt, the Aggies just played in their third straight postseason game for the first time in school history and has a combined 28-13 record over the three-year span.

In 2013, Maile's defensive line helped Utah State to a 9-5 overall record, capped by a 21-14 victory over No. 24 Northern Illinois and Heisman Trophy candidate Jordan Lynch in the Poinsettia Bowl. The USU unit held NIU's high-powered offense in check, and limited Lynch to just 39 rushing yards.

Utah State's 2013 defense ranked seventh in the nation in scoring defense (17.1 pts.), 8th in rushing defense, 12th in total defense and 15th in pass defense efficiency.

During the 2012 season, Maile helped Utah State's defense rank first in the Western Athletic Conference and seventh in the nation in scoring defense and sixth nationally in sacks. The unit also paced the WAC in total defense, passing defense and pass efficiency defense, and ranked second in the conference in rushing defense.

Utah State's 2012 defense also led the WAC and ranked second in the nation in red zone efficiency after allowing just 13 touchdowns and 15 field goals on 44 trips inside the 20-yard line.

In 2012, Maile coached three linemen to All-WAC honors: senior Al Lapuaho, redshirt freshman Jordan Nielsen and junior Connor Williams.

As a senior in 2012, Lapuaho finished with 35 tackles, 4.5 tackles for loss and 3.0 sacks. Nielsen finished with 5.0 sacks and 6.5 tackles for loss. Nielsen had 4.5 sacks and blocked two kicks during the year. Williams ended the 2012 campaign with a team-high six sacks.



During the 2011 season, Maile helped Utah State's defense end the year ranking first in the WAC in total defense, second in the conference in rushing defense and tackles for loss, and third in the league in pass efficiency defense and quarterback sacks.

In 2011, Maile coached senior defensive end Levi Koskan who earned second-team All-WAC honors after finishing the year with 27 tackles, 10.0 tackles for loss and a team-best 5.5 sacks, as well as six quarterback hurries. Overall, Koskan ranked eighth in the WAC in sacks and 12th in tackles for loss. Maile also coached Quinn Garner and Lapuaho that season, with both contributing 31 total tackles.

Prior to joining the Aggies as a full-time position coach, Maile spent two years as a strength and conditioning graduate assistant at Utah State.

Maile was a standout defensive lineman for the Aggies from 2004-07, enjoying 21 career games. He was a senior co-captain, finishing his career with 19 tackles for loss among 71 total stops. He also earned his bachelor's in interdisciplinary studies and his master's in education from Utah State.

A native of West Valley City, Utah, Maile was a first-team all-state defensive lineman at Alta (Utah) High School. He went on an LDS Church Mission to the Dominican Republic from 2001-03.

Maile, and his wife, Heather, are the parents of three sons, Maximus, Samson and Titan, and a daughter, Cecilia.



Coach Maile and his wife, Heather, with their daughter, Cecilia, and three sons, Maximus, Samson and Titan.

More on Coach Maile

HOMETOWN: West Valley City, Utah

EDUCATION: Bachelor's: Interdisciplinary Studies, Utah State, 2008

Master's: Education, Utah State, 2010

COLLEGIATE COACHING CAREER:

2014 Vanderbilt - Defensive Line Coach

2011-13 Utah State - Defensive Line Coach

2009-10 Utah State - Defensive Graduate Assistant

COACHING STAFF



Brett Maxie joins Derek Mason's Vanderbilt staff as secondary coach after serving the last two years in a similar role with the crosstown Tennessee Titans.

After 16 seasons in the National Football League, Maxie's role as mentor of the Vanderbilt secondary is his first in the collegiate coaching ranks.

In 2013, Maxie coached an improved Titans' defensive backfield paced by cornerback Alterraun Verner, who earned All-Pro recognition for the first time after recording a career-high five interceptions. In 2012, another young Titan cornerback, Jason McCourty, posted four interceptions as the Tennessee defense ranked seventh in the NFL with 19 interceptions.

Maxie joined Tennessee after four seasons as secondary coach for the Dallas Cowboys, working for noted defensive coordinators Wade Phillips and Rob Ryan. In 2008, Maxie's secondary helped the Cowboys rank fifth in the NFL in passing defense. One of Maxie's leading players in Dallas, cornerback Terence Newman, totaled 16 interceptions during the four-year tenure in Dallas. Another cornerback, Mike Jenkins, earned Pro Bowl honors in 2009.



In 2007, Maxie mentored the Miami Dolphins secondary under coordinator noted Dom Capers. The Dolphins produced the NFL's fourth-best passing defense that year, limiting opponents to 188.7 passing yards per game.

During his tenure in Atlanta, Maxie helped cornerback DeAngelo Hall develop into a two-time Pro Bowler. The 2004 season saw the Falcons secondary register a club-record five touchdowns, including four via interception returns.

Prior to working in Atlanta, Maxie worked with the San Francisco 49ers from 1999 to 2003, including three seasons as the assistant secondary coach and the final two years as secondary coach. From 2001-03, Maxie's 49er secondary totaled 66 interceptions - the third highest number in the NFL during that time.

His first NFL coaching job came in 1998 as a quality control coach with the Carolina Panthers.

Maxie started a distinguished 13-year NFL playing career as an undrafted safety from Texas Southern, signing with the New Orleans Saints. He played in 153 NFL games, earning 104 starts, and recording 23 interceptions and three touchdowns. Maxie played nine seasons (1985-93) with the Saints, one year in Atlanta (1994), two years in Carolina (1995-96) and finished his career with one year in San Francisco (1997).

At Texas Southern, he earned his degree in biology and was a member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

Maxie and his wife, Angela, have two sons, Brett and Adam, and two daughters, Maya and Olivia.

The four children of Brett and Angela Maxie: sons Brett and Adam, and daughters Maya and Olivia.



More on Coach Maxie

HOMETOWN: Dallas, Texas

EDUCATION: Bachelor's: Biology, Texas Southern, 1985

COLLEGIATE/NFL COACHING CAREER:

2014	Vanderbilt - Defensive Secondary
2012-13	Tennessee Titans (NFL) - Defensive Backs Coach
2008-11	Dallas Cowboys (NFL) - Defensive Backs Coach
2007	Miami Dolphins (NFL) - Secondary/Safeties Coach
2004-06	Atlanta Falcons (NFL) - Defensive Backs Coach
2002-03	San Francisco 49ers (NFL) - Defensive Backs Coach
1999-01	San Francisco (NFL) - Assistant, Defensive Secondary
1998	Carolina Panthers (NFL) - Quality Control/Defensive Backs

COACHING STAFF



KENWICK THOMPSON

Associate Head Coach;
Outside Linebackers Coach

Kenwick Thompson, defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at San Jose State in 2013, is now associate head coach and outside linebackers coach at Vanderbilt.

Prior to joining San Jose State for the 2013 campaign, Thompson served six years as a key defensive assistant coach at the University of California under Coach Jeff Tedford.

At San Jose State, Thompson's responsibilities included mentoring Spartan linebackers. One of his top players was linebacker Keith Smith, who became just the second San Jose State player to become a four-year All-Mountain West recipient. As a senior captain under Thompson, Smith earned First Team All-MVC honors after leading the NCAA with 159 total tackles. His performances included back-to-back, 20-tackle efforts against Minnesota and Utah State. In addition to Smith, Thompson also mentored First Team All-MVC defensive back Bene Benwikere at San Jose State. Benwikere matched the Spartan career record with 14 interceptions, including five picks as a senior.

From 2007-12, Thompson worked as linebackers coach and recruiting coordinator at the University of California, helping the Golden Bears to four bowl games. In 2012, he was also named Cal's associate head coach.

In 2011, Thompson's linebacker corps helped the Golden Bears top the Pac-12 in total defense and pass defense during a regular season that concluded with a Holiday Bowl appearance. In 2010, the Golden Bears also led the conference in total defense.

Several of Thompson's linebackers at Cal earned all-conference recognition, including 2011 All-America and Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year Mychal Kendricks.

Thompson spent the 2001-06 seasons at San Jose State in a variety of coaching roles under head coaches Fitz Hill and Dick Tomey. His positions



included linebackers coach in 2001-03, recruiting coordinator in 2002-03, defensive line coach in 2004 and defensive tackles coach in 2006.

From 1994-2000, Thompson served on the coaching staff at Texas Southern, including the last five seasons as defensive coordinator.

As a collegiate player, he was a defensive standout and team captain at Harding (Ark.) University, earning all-conference honors as a senior. Thompson earned his undergraduate degree from Harding in 1992.

Thompson's first coaching position came in a player-coach capacity in the Italian-American Professional Football League in 1990. The following season, Thompson was named as a graduate assistant at his alma mater.

Thompson and his wife, Monica, have two sons, Jaxson and Jacob.



Thompson and his wife, Monica, with their sons, Jaxson and Jacob.

More on Coach Thompson

HOMETOWN: Houston, Texas

EDUCATION: Bachelor's: Business Administration, Harding University, 1992

COLLEGIATE COACHING CAREER:

2014	Vanderbilt - Associate Head Coach/Outside Linebackers Coach
2013	San Jose State - Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers Coach
2012	California - Assoc. Head Coach/Linebackers Coach/Recruiting Coordinator
2007-11	California - Linebackers Coach/Recruiting Coordinator
2006	San Jose State - Defensive Tackles Coach
2005	San Jose State - Football Strength & Conditioning Coach
2004	San Jose State - Def. Line Coach/co-Recruiting Coordinator
2002-03	San Jose State - Linebackers Coach/Recruiting Coordinator
2001	San Jose State - Linebackers Coach
1996-2000	Texas Southern - Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator
1995	Texas Southern - Defensive Line Coach/Recruiting Coordinator
1994	Texas Southern - Running Backs Coach

SPORTS PERFORMANCE STAFF



First-year Director of Football Sports Performance Bill Hughan joins the Vanderbilt program with a wealth of strength, conditioning and nutrition experience.

In 2013, Vanderbilt coach Derek Mason and Hughan worked together at Stanford, with Mason serving as associate head coach/defensive coordinator and Hughan as a sports performance coach for the Cardinal football squad.

Hughan helped mold the 2013 Pac-12 champs into one of the nation's most physical teams. Stanford finished the season with an 11-3 record and second straight Rose Bowl appearance.

Prior to joining the Cardinal, Hughan directed the strength and conditioning program of a National Football League squad, and assisted conditioning efforts at two other NFL franchises.

In 2011, Hughan was named as Head Strength and Conditioning Coach of the New York Jets. He served with the Jets franchise through the 2011-12 regular seasons.

Hughan accepted the Jets position after serving a three-year tenure as assistant strength coach with the Atlanta Falcons (2008-10) and four-year stint as assistant strength coach with the Oakland Raiders (2004-07).

Before nearly a decade of work in the NFL, Hughan worked three years as Assistant Director of Strength and Conditioning at the University of Missouri.

During his time in Columbia, Hughan worked with the Tiger football team and more than a dozen other varsity sports. He was promoted to interim director of the Missouri department before leaving for the position in Oakland.

He served as a graduate assistant in the strength and conditioning department at Columbia University (1999-2000) after working one season with the Kansas City Royals' Triple-A baseball team, Omaha Golden Spikes.

Hughan's first job was as a strength & conditioning intern at Yale (1997-98). He earned his undergraduate degree in exercise science from Springfield (Mass.) College in 1998 and later a master's in applied physiology from Columbia University.

More on Coach Hughan

HOMETOWN: Oxford, Conn.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's: Exercise Science, Springfield (Mass.) College, 1998
Master's: Applied Physiology, Columbia University, 2000

COLLEGIATE/NFL CAREER:

2014	Vanderbilt - Director of Football Sports Performance
2013	Stanford - Sports Performance Coach
2011-12	New York Jets (NFL) - Head Strength & Conditioning Coach
2008-10	Atlanta Falcons (NFL) - Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach
2004-07	Oakland Raiders (NFL) - Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach
2001-03	Missouri - Assistant Director of Strength & Conditioning
1999-2000	Columbia - Graduate Assistant (Strength & Conditioning)
1999	Kansas City Royals (AAA affiliate) - Strength & Conditioning Coach
1997-98	Yale - Assistant Director of Strength & Conditioning (intern)



Cedric CALHOUN

Position: Asst., Sports Performance

Year on Staff: 1st

Alma Mater: Morehouse College, 1995

Cedric Calhoun, a former assistant at Florida International, Dartmouth and Alabama A&M, is in his first year in the sports performance program.

Calhoun served as defensive line coach at FIU from 2010-12, helping the Panthers to the 2010 Sun Belt Conference title and two postseason bowls.

Prior to joining FIU, Calhoun coached the Dartmouth defensive line for four seasons (2006-09) and Alabama A&M defensive line from 2002-05.

Among Calhoun's top players were Robert Mathis of Alabama, the 2002 SWAC Defensive the Player of the Year and veteran defensive end who just finished his 10th season with the Colts, and FIU end Tourek Williams, selected in the sixth round of the 2013 draft by San Diego.

Calhoun began his coaching career at Idaho State in 1997, serving as head conditioning coach and a defensive assistant. He later served as a defensive line coach at alma mater, Morehouse, from 1998-2001.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Morehouse in 1995.

Calhoun is the father of two daughters, Olusade and Adejola.



Jamey MROZ

Position: Asst., Sports Performance

Year on Staff: 1st

Alma Mater: Springfield College, 2009

Jamey Mroz is in his first year as a Commodore sports performance assistant coach.

Mroz rejoins recently named Vanderbilt Football Sports Performance Director Bill Hughan. Mroz interned under Hughan with the New York Jets during the 2012 NFL preseason.

Last year, Mroz assisted the strength and conditioning effort of the New York Giants. He has also served as interim director of Sport Performance at Southeastern Louisiana University in 2012 and interned for strength staffs at Boston College, Harvard and UMass-Amherst.

Mroz played football at Springfield (Mass.) College. He earned a bachelor's degree from Springfield and master's from Southeastern Louisiana.



Teddy THOMPSON

Position: Asst., Sports Performance

Year on Staff: 2nd

Alma Mater: Middle Tennessee, 2008

Teddy Thompson enters his first year as a full-time sports performance assistant coach after contributing to the Commodore program in 2013 as a non-paid assistant.

From 2011 to April 2013, Thompson served as a sports performance coach at D1 Sports Training in nearby Franklin, developing and mentoring conditioning programs for several male and female high school teams.

Thompson earned a bachelor's from Middle Tennessee State in 2008.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTS



Ryan **ANDERSON**

Position: Graduate Assistant-Def.

Year on Staff: 2nd

Alma Mater: Presbyterian, 2009

Ryan Anderson begins his second year as a defensive graduate assistant. In Anderson's first year, the 'Dore defense ranked among the NCAA top 25 units in several categories, including total defense and pass defense.

A former Presbyterian College linebacker, Anderson came to Vanderbilt in 2013 after serving as a defensive line coach at Reinhardt (Ga.) University. During the 2010-11 campaigns, he worked at Cumberland (Tenn.) University as linebacker coach and recruiting coordinator.

Anderson's first coaching role came at E.C. Glass H.S. in Lynchburg, Va., where he mentored linebackers and tight ends in 2009.

Anderson earned a bachelor's in psychology from Presbyterian in 2009. He is working toward a master's at Vanderbilt's Peabody College.

Anderson is married to the former Ashley Cook.



Chandler **HENLEY**

Position: Graduate Assistant-Off.

Year on Staff: 2nd

Alma Mater: Yale, 2007

Chandler Henley enters his second year as an offensive graduate assistant.

In Henley's first year, the Vanderbilt offense averaged 30.1 points per game. The 2013 unit ended the year by setting a team postseason scoring record with 41 points in its BBVA Compass Bowl win over Houston.

Henley enjoyed an outstanding career as a four-year letterwinner at Yale University from 2003-07. He was an All-Ivy wide receiver and sole captain of Yale's 2006 Ivy League Championship team.

Following his graduation, Henley pursued a career in sales for several years while working part time at NBC as an analyst for the Emmy-Award nominated Football Night in America.

Henley earned a bachelor's in sociology from Yale in 2007. He is working on a masters in higher education administration at the Peabody College.



A.J. **HAASE**

Position: Graduate Assistant-Off.

Year on Staff: 1st

Alma Mater: Yale, 2009

A.J. Haase joins the Vanderbilt staff as a graduate assistant. He will work with Commodore offensive coaches.

Haase was a defensive line coach at Washington (Mo.) University in 2013, helping the Bears earn their first University Athletic Association Conference (UAA) title since 1999, and advance to the NCAA Division III playoffs. Haase worked with Washington standout defensive end Nelson Nwumeh, who earned postseason UAA Defensive Player of the Year honors.

Haase was a four-year letterwinner at Yale, playing in 40 career games from 2006-09. As a senior, he had 15 catches for 237 yards and two TDs. As a freshman, he helped the Bulldogs to the 2006 Ivy League title.

Haase received a bachelor's in political science from Yale in 2009. He is currently working toward a master's degree from the Peabody College.



Johnell **THOMAS**

Position: Graduate Assistant-Def.

Year on Staff: 1st

Alma Mater: Vanderbilt, 2013

Former Commodore defensive end Johnell Thomas enters his first year on the Vanderbilt staff as a defensive graduate assistant.

A native of Orlando, Thomas served as a senior defensive co-captain on the 2012 Vanderbilt squad that tied a school record with nine victories and captured the Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl over N.C. State.

Thomas started 19 games at defensive end during a career from 2009-12, earning 90 total tackles, 12 tackles for loss and 4.5 sacks. Following his senior season, Thomas received the Mr. Commodore Award in recognition of Vanderbilt's top male student-athlete.

Thomas earned a bachelor's in human and organizational development in 2013. He is working toward a master's in higher education administration at the Peabody College.



FOOTBALL ADMINISTRATORS



Kevin COLON

Position: Associate Director of Athletics

Year on Staff: 16th

Alma Mater: Iowa State, 1987

Kevin Colon enters his fifth year with administrative oversight of the football program.

A veteran of the Vanderbilt Athletics Department, Colon serves as Associate Director of Athletics. Colon's responsibilities also include overseeing the Commodore baseball and women's bowling programs.

In the last two seasons, the Commodore football program has enjoyed unprecedented modern-day success, registering a 18-8 overall record capped by a pair of postseason bowl victories.

In 2011, 2013 and 2014, Colon directed Vanderbilt's hosting of the NCAA baseball regionals and super regionals.

On two occasions, Colon has served as the Commodores' official NCAA liaison at the College World Series, including last June when Vanderbilt captured its first national championship ever by a men's program. He also guided Vanderbilt's contingent at the 2011 CWS.

A 17-year veteran of the department, Colon administered women's indoor and outdoor track and field, men's and women's cross country, women's swimming program and baseball prior to the 2010-11 fiscal year when he was promoted to the current role.

Colon came to Vanderbilt in 1998 to organize and direct the CHAMPS/Lifeskills program on campus. As Lifeskills director, Colon directed student-athletes into an expanded role in giving back to Nashville area community efforts, focusing on mentoring local inner-city elementary school students and greater involvement in Nashville-based non-profits.

More than a decade later, the Lifeskills program continues as the primary community outreach arm for student-athletes attending Vanderbilt.

Prior to joining Vanderbilt, Colon served two years as Assistant Director of Student Services and academic advisor at Kansas State.

Colon was a two-year starter in the Iowa State defensive secondary in the mid-1980s.

Colon earned an undergraduate degree in communications at Iowa State in 1987. He later earned a master's in higher education at Toledo.

Colon is married to the former Terri Fortenberry. He has a son, DuBois.



Kevin Colon and his wife, Terri.



Jason GROOMS

Position: Director of Football Operations

Year on Staff: 1st

Alma Mater: Ohio, 2001

Jason Grooms enters his first season at Vanderbilt as director of football operations, rekindling a working relationship with Head Coach Derek Mason that dates back nearly a decade.

When Grooms became Ohio University's first director of football operations in 2005, Mason was the Bobcats' wide receiver coach.

Grooms serves as third vice president of the directors of football operations membership within the American Football Coaches Association. He is tapped to be in charge of the 2015 spring DFO clinic.

Grooms was promoted to Ohio's assistant athletic director for football operations in 2012 after serving six years as director of operations.

At Ohio, Grooms was responsible for team travel arrangements, roster management, on-campus recruiting, overseeing the team's unity council, monitoring and maintaining team budget, camps, NFL scout visits, Pro Day, future scheduling and overseeing the player development program.

Grooms oversaw six major facility renovation projects, including detailing interior design, layout, color schemes and graphic design. Those projects included the Ohio Football Hall of Champions, coaches' offices and revitalization of the team's locker room.

Grooms also established a fundraising plan and designed an extensive locker room renovation scheduled for completion this year.

During Grooms' tenure at Ohio University, the Bobcats played in six bowl games and three MAC championship games under Frank Solich. In 2013, Grooms was named 2013 Director of Football Operations of the Year by FootballScoop.com for his contributions at Ohio University.

Prior to joining Ohio, Grooms spent the 2004 season at Elon, serving as linebacker coach/recruiting coordinator. Grooms spent the 2003 season as outside linebackers coach and video coordinator at East Tennessee State.

A native of Frankfort, Ohio, Grooms began his career at Ohio as a student assistant from 1997-01. After completing his degree, Grooms joined Ohio coach Jim Grobe at Wake Forest as a graduate assistant, working with Demon Deacon safeties in 2001 and linebackers in 2002.

Grooms graduated from Ohio in 2001 with a bachelor's in sports sciences. He earned a master's in recreation and sports sciences from Ohio in 2011.

Grooms and his wife, Emily, attended the same high school, and both are graduates of Ohio University. They are the parents of two sons: Jackson, 10, and Hayden, 7; and a daughter, Scarlett Josephine, 4.



Grooms and his wife, Emily, with their sons, Jackson and Hayden, and daughter, Scarlett Josephine.

FOOTBALL STAFF



Tyler BARNES

**Position: Director of Player
Personnel**

**Year on Staff: 2nd
Alma Mater: Iowa, 2009**

Tyler Barnes is in his second season at Vanderbilt and first as director of player personnel. In 2013, Barnes served as co-recruiting coordinator for the Commodores.

Prior to joining Vanderbilt, Barnes spent more than six years as a student assistant, graduate assistant and administrative assistant at Iowa. In his last position with the Hawkeyes, Barnes served in an administrative assistant's role, focusing on football recruiting and operations.

Barnes started with the Iowa program in 2008, and became the Hawkeye student assistant the following year, helping Iowa coaches in various ways, including compiling statistical and recruiting information, and operating on-campus football clinics and camps. He became an Iowa graduate assistant in 2010, serving in that role until being promoted in 2012.

During Barnes' tenure at Iowa, the Hawkeyes won the 2010 BCS Orange Bowl over Georgia Tech, beat Missouri in the 2010 Insight Bowl, and made a return engagement to the 2011 Insight Bowl. The Hawkeyes produced 19 NFL draft picks during Barnes's tenure, the most of any Big Ten school. The recent list of Hawkeye draftees includes three first-rounders: offensive tackle Bryan Bulaga in 2010, defensive end Adrian Clayborn in 2011, and offensive tackle Riley Reiff in 2012.

Barnes earned his bachelor's from Iowa in 2009 with a double major in finance and sports studies. He earned a master's from Iowa in recreation and sports management in 2011.

Barnes is married to the former Joanne Ferentz.



Tosin ABARI

**Position: Director of Player
Development**

**Year on Staff: 3rd
Alma Mater: Maryland, 2003**

Tosin Abari is in his third season at Vanderbilt and first as director of player development.

In 2013, Abari was a football video productions and recruiting assistant. He spent the 2012 season as a non-paid recruiting assistant for the 'Dores.

From 1999-2003, Abari attended the University of Maryland, playing on the defensive line under the direction of Ron Vanderlinden (1999-2000) and Ralph Friedgen (2001-03). During the 2001-03 seasons, Maryland enjoyed three consecutive 10-win seasons and two bowl wins (2002 Peach Bowl & 2004 Gator Bowl). Additionally, the Terps won the ACC Championship in 2001 and were awarded a spot in the 2002 Orange Bowl.

After graduating from Maryland, Abari held a federal government position for several years.

In 2010, Abari left the government to pursue a career in football. He served as a defensive line student assistant with at Temple from 2010-11. From 2011-12, he held a dual football operations/coaching internship with the Arena Football's Philadelphia Soul.

Abari earned his bachelor's from Maryland in 2003 with a double major in economics and criminal justice. In 2006, he attained a master's in business administration from the University of Phoenix.

A native of Washington, DC, Abari is married to the former Tonya Wells.



Matt BRITAIN

**Position: Assistant Director
of Football Operations**

**Year on Staff: 1st
Alma Mater: Ohio U., 2012**

Matt Britain enters his first year on the Vanderbilt staff, serving as assistant director of football operations.

A native of Kennesaw, Ga., Britain will assist Director of Football Operations Jason Grooms with the daily management of the Vanderbilt football program, including team travel, housing and special activities.

Britain was a student-athlete on the Ohio University football squad, playing offensive line for current Vanderbilt coach Keven Lightner for the Bobcats from 2008-10.

After seeing his playing career shortened by injuries, Britain continued to participate with the Ohio program, serving as a student manager, facility and event operations assistant and football operations assistant from 2010 to June 2013.

As the Bobcats' operations assistant, he worked with Grooms directly, assisting in the planning, coordination and project development of all day-to-day operations.

During his association with the Bobcats, Ohio University enjoyed plenty of success, playing in four consecutive bowl games and earning back-to-back postseason wins in 2011-12.

A graduate of North Cobb (Ga.) H.S., Britain earned a bachelor's in sports management from Ohio in 2012.



Vavae TATA

**Position: Assistant, Player
Development**

**Year on Staff: 1st
Alma Mater: UCLA, 1999**

Vavae Tata enters his first season at Vanderbilt. He serves in a non-coaching role, as an assistant in player development.

Tata will work to enhance program academic progress as staff liaisons with the Academic Center, assist the Life Skills Coordinator to foster community service among student-athletes, and contribute on matters related to the NFL such as assisting scouts with player evaluations and coordinating Pro Day activities on campus.

Tata and Derek Mason were associates at Stanford during the 2012-13 seasons, with Tata serving as a defensive assistant while Mason worked as the Cardinal defensive coordinator. Stanford concluded each season playing in the Rose Bowl as Pac-12 champions. He also served as defensive coordinator in the 2013 New Era Bowl played in Japan.

Prior to joining Mason as an defensive assistant at Stanford, Tata spent the 2010-11 seasons at San Jose State as a graduate assistant defensive line coach.

Tata began his coaching career in 2006, serving two years as a defensive line coach at McKinley High School in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Tata was a standout defensive end at UCLA, becoming a four-year letterwinner from 1994-98. His final appearance as a Bruin came in the 1999 Rose Bowl against Wisconsin.

Tata's family has a remarkable football heritage in his native Hawaii. Tata and four brothers have gone from high school in Honolulu to earn Division I scholarships.

FOOTBALL STAFF



Rod CHANCE

Position: Quality Control

Year on Staff: 3rd

Alma Mater: Rhode Island, 2005

Rod Chance is in his second season with the Vanderbilt coaching staff. He will serve as a defensive quality control this year after working on the Commodore offensive side last year.

Prior to helping the Commodores to a 9-4 campaign capped by a 41-24 victory in the BBVA Compass Bowl in 2013, Chance spent several months as cornerbacks coach at the University of Rhode Island.

Chance also coached four seasons at Alpharetta High School near Atlanta, serving as special teams coordinator and coach for defensive backs and wide receivers.

Chance was a four-year starter for the Rhode Island Rams from 2002-05. He finished his career with more than 100 tackles and 11 interceptions.



Chris MARVE

Position: Quality Control

Year on Staff: 1st

Alma Mater: Vanderbilt, 2011

Chris Marve, a four-year starter at linebacker for the Commodores from 2008-11, enters his first year on the Vanderbilt staff. He will serve as a quality control assistant.

A native of Memphis, Marve ranks high on Vanderbilt career charts in several key defensive stats, including No. 8 in total tackles (397) and No. 6 in tackles for loss (29.5).

Marve also has the distinction of earning all-conference honors after all four seasons. He was a three-time coaches' All-Southeastern Conference linebacker after earning SEC All-Freshman recognition in 2008.

Marve completed undergraduate degrees in sociology and human & organizational development from Vanderbilt in 2011.



Mike MORITA

Position: Quality Control

Year on Staff: 1st

Alma Mater: Idaho State, 1998

Mike Morita, former assistant at University of Albany (N.Y.), enters his first year with the Commodores, serving as an offensive quality control.

Morita, who played running back at Idaho State, worked eight years at Albany: seven as offensive line coach and one as tight ends/tackle coach.

Morita also has college experience as an offensive coordinator at Shaw University (2004-05), tight ends coach at Bucknell University (2000-03), and offensive line coach at Santa Barbara (Calif.) City College (2003).

Morita earned a bachelor's in elementary education from Idaho State and master's in education from Bucknell.

Football Support Staff



Tom BOSSUNG

Position: Head Athletic Trainer

Year on Staff: 16th

Alma Mater: Indiana State, 1990

Tom Bossung enters his 16th year as head athletic trainer for the team and director of the department's athletic training program.

Bossung enters his 20th year assisting Vanderbilt athletes. He came to campus as a graduate assistant in 1990, earning a master's in health promotion and exercise science in 1992.

After working a year at the Lipscomb Sports Therapy Center and serving two years as head athletic trainer at Tennessee State, he returned to Vanderbilt in 1995 to work with the men's basketball team. He moved to the football post in 1999.

Bossung, who received his bachelor's from Indiana State, is certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association, and licensed by the Tenn. Board of Medical Examiners.

Bossung served as president of the SEC Sports Medicine Committee from 2006-08.

Tom and his wife, Dee Dee, have two children: Ryan, 21; and Sarah, 17.



DR. WARNE FITCH
Team Physician



DR. HARRISON SHULL
Team Physician



TRACY CAMPBELL
Assistant Athletic Trainer



ADAM CLEMENS
Assistant Athletic Trainer



JUSTIN WENZEL
Assistant Athletic Trainer



KERRY WILBAR
Assistant Athletic Trainer

FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF



Larry LEATHERS

Position: Sports Information Dir.
Year on Staff: 14th

Larry Leathers enters his 14th year as the primary sports information director for the football program.

In 2012, the Vanderbilt Athletic Communications staff under Leathers' coordination was honored with "Super 11" status by the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA) for outstanding service. It marked the first time Vanderbilt was recognized for the national award.

Leathers oversees all media opportunities with Commodore coaches and student-athletes, serves as lead writer for annual guides and weekly game notes, and directs the program's gameday media relations responsibilities.



Chris SINGLETON

Position: Equipment Mgr.
Year on Staff: 14th

Chris Singleton enters his second year as equipment manager.

Singleton served as assistant equipment manager under Luke Wyatt for nearly 12 years prior to being promoted in 2013.

Singleton handles the purchase and care of all football equipment used by the Commodores. He also supervises three assistants and a corps of student workers that contribute to the team's in-season equipment staff. He is certified by the Athletic Equipment Manager's Association.



Steven PARKS

Position: Dir., Video Production
Year on Staff: 14th

Parks enters his ninth year as Director of Video Production. He is responsible for the array of day-to-day video needs for the team, and has been instrumental in the department's SEC Network integration.

Parks joined the Vanderbilt Athletics' video production department in 2001, and was promoted as the department director in 2006. He earned a degree in mass communications from MTSU in 2004.



Ed HIGGINS

Position: Dir., Facilities & Game Operations
Year on Staff: 1st

Higgins, a former assistant director at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, enters his first year as Director of Facilities and Game Operations.

Higgins is responsible for all grounds and facility operations during gamedays on the Vanderbilt campus, and holds a variety of ongoing facility duties with the Commodore program.

Higgins comes to Vanderbilt Athletics after a decade as VUMC's Assistant Director of Outreach & Promotions. He also served as tournament director of the 2006 Franklin American Mortgage LPGA Tour event in nearby Franklin.

He earned two business degrees from Kentucky in 1994, and also holds a master's in sports administration from Ohio University in 2010.

Additional Football Support Staff



MATT RULAND
Assistant,
Recruiting Office



ANDREA CAIN
Assistant
Recruiting Coordinator



CHARLOTTE SIEGEL
Coach Mason's
Administrative Assistant



BEVERLY BROTHERS
Administrative
Assistant



ERIC LAMMERS
Assistant,
Player Personnel



KYLE PARKINSON
Secondary Sports
Information Director



ALLISON BRADLEY
Assistant Director,
Marketing



JOSH POHL
Football Video
Coordinator



LACEY BALLARD
Assistant Director,
Video Production



WES WHALEY
Assistant Director,
Video Production



ELIZABETH WRIGHT
Director,
Academic Support



EUGENE HENDERSON
Academic
Advisor



MAX MARTIN
Academic
Advisor



ASHLEY VOGL
Academic
Advisor



GARY VEACH
Assistant Equipment
Manager



KEVIN FUHRER
Equipment
Assistant



KEVIN KONSTABEL
Equipment
Assistant