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COACHING STAFF

Derek Mason	Head Coach
Andy Ludwig	Offensive Coordinator/QBs
Kenwick Thompson	Associate Head Coach/LBs
Charles Bankins	Special Teams Coordinator/RBs
Gerry Gdowski	Recruiting Coordinator/TEs
Cortez Hankton	Wide Receivers
Keven Lightner	Offensive Line
Marc Mattioli	Safeties
Frank Maile	Defensive Line
Brett Maxie	Defensive Backs
Kevin Abrams	Graduate Assistant (Off.)
Tate Benton	Graduate Assistant (Off.)
Ryan Anderson	Graduate Assistant (Def.)
Chris Marve	Graduate Assistant (Def.)
James Dobson	Head Strength Coach
Tyler Clarke	Assistant Director, Strength
Cedric Calhoun	Assistant, Strength
Ben Schumacher	Assistant, Strength

A QUICK LOOK

Head Coach	Derek Mason (2nd year)
Career Record	3-9
2014 Team Record	3-9 (0-8 in SEC East)
Associated Press Rank	n/a
USA Today/Coaches' Rank	n/a
Home	3-4
Away	0-4
Neutral	0-1
Home Attendance	270,063 (8 games)
Average Home Attendance	34,258
Number of Bowl Appearances	7
All-Time Bowl Record	4-2-1
Last Bowl	2014 BBVA Compass
Last Bowl (W/L)	Houston (W, 41-24)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	Nashville, Tenn.
Founded	1873
Undergraduate Enrollment	6,851
Nickname	Commodores
Colors	Black and Gold
Conference	Southeastern
Stadium	Vanderbilt Stadium (40,350)
Surface	Synthetic (Shaw Sportexe)
All-Time Record	584-592-50 (.497)
Chancellor	Nicholas S. Zeppos
Athletics Director	David Williams II
Assistant AD/Director, FB Operations	Jason Grooms
Assistant Director/FB Operations	Matt Britain
Director, Player Personnel	Tyler Barnes
Director, Player Development	Al Smith
Director, High School Relations	Rayna Stewart
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Head Equipment Manager	Chris Singleton
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Assistant Quality Control (Def.)	Rod Chance
Assistant Quality Control (Off.)	Mike Morita
Analytics Assistant	Jarren Horton

2015 VANDERBILT SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	TV	Kickoff	Location	Venue
Sept. 3	Western Kentucky	SECN	7 pm	Nashville	Vanderbilt Stadium
Sept. 12	Georgia *	CBS	2:30 pm	Nashville	Vanderbilt Stadium
Sept. 19	Austin Peay	SECN-ALT	3 pm	Nashville	Vanderbilt Stadium
Sept. 26	Ole Miss *	TBA	TBA	Oxford, Miss.	Vaught-Hemingway Stadium
Oct. 3	MTSU	CBS-CSTV	6 pm	Murfreesboro	Floyd Stadium
Oct. 17	South Carolina *	TBA	TBA	Columbia, S.C.	Williams-Brice Stadium
Oct. 24	Missouri *	TBA	TBA	Nashville	Vanderbilt Stadium
Oct. 31	Houston	TBA	TBA	Houston, Texas	TDECU Stadium
Nov. 7	Florida *	TBA	TBA	Gainesville, Fla.	Ben Hill Griffin Stadium
Nov. 14	Kentucky *	TBA	TBA	Nashville	Vanderbilt Stadium
Nov. 21	Texas A&M *	TBA	TBA	Nashville	Vanderbilt Stadium
Nov. 28	Tennessee *	TBA	TBA	Knoxville	Neyland Stadium

* denotes Southeastern Conference opponent



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20 RETURNING POSITION STARTERS

OFFENSE: 9

NAME, POSITION

Johnny McCrary, QB
Ralph Webb, RB
D.J. Duncan, WR
Latevius Rayford, WR
Steven Scheu, TE
Jake Bernstein, OL
Spencer Pulley, OL
Andrew Jelks, OL
Will Holden, OL

2014 NOTES

Threw for 985 yards, 9 TDs; shared starting assignments with Freebeck
 Posted team freshman record with 907 rushing yards on 212 attempts
 Had 28 receptions, 441 receiving yards and 4 TDs as freshman starter
 Ranked second on team with 36 catches, good for 350 receiving yards
 2nd team All-SEC pick after leading team with 39 catches, 525 yards
 Enters final season as Commodore with 29 career starts at left guard
 Senior has started 25 straight games (29 games in career) at right guard
 Entering junior season with 21 career starts at tackle positions
 Gained critical starting experience at tackle as sophomore in 2014

DEFENSE: 11

NAME, POSITION

Caleb Azubike, DL
Adam Butler, DL
Nigel Bowden, ILB
Zach Cunningham, ILB
Darreon Herring, ILB/OLB
Stephen Weatherly, OLB
Torren McGaster, CB
Taurean Ferguson, CB
Oren Burks, SAF
Jahmel McIntosh, SAF
Andrew Williamson, SAF

2014 NOTES

Posted 39 tackles, including four QB sacks, in seven starts as DE
 Set career highs with 35 tackles, 2.5 QB sacks in eight DT/DE starts
 Earned SEC All-Freshman honors after topping team with 78 tackles
 Finished 2014 strong, registering 56 stops in last seven appearances
 Earned 11 starts at multiple positions, finishing with 45 total tackles
 Topped team with 12.5 tackles for loss, including 5 against Tennessee
 Topped 'Dores with 56 solo tackles, had 4+ tackles in 11 of 12 games
 Posted two INTs and 25 tackles as late-season starter for 5 games
 Played well before and after midseason injury; had 37 total tackles
 Registered 40 total tackles starting nine games in 'Dore secondary
 Contributed 54 total tackles, 32 solo stops, in nine starting assignments

TOP STATISTICAL RETURNEES

RUSHING

	G	Att.	Net.	Avg.	TD	Long	Avg./G
Ralph Webb	12	212	907	4.3	4	28	76.0
Dallas Rivers	12	61	218	3.6	2	12	18.2

PASSING

	G	Effic.	Comp.-Att.-INT	Pct.	Yards	TD	Avg./G
Johnny McCrary	7	114.8	78-152-8	51.3	985	9	140.7
Wade Freebeck	5	81.8	34-72-5	47.2	376	1	75.2

RECEIVING

	G	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long	Avg./G
Steven Scheu (TE)	12	39	525	13.5	4	44	43.8
Latevius Rayford (WR)	12	36	350	9.7	1	24	29.2
C.J. Duncan (WR)	11	28	441	15.8	4	65	40.1

DEFENSE

	G	UA-A-TT	TFL/Yds.	Sacks	INT	PBU	FF/FR	QH
Nigel Bowden (ILB)	11	37-41-78	2.0-12	1.0-7	0-0	1	1/0	2
Zach Cunningham (ILB)	11	37-30-67	6.5-13	1.5-7	0-0	2	1/0	1
Torren McGaster (CB)	12	46-20-66	3.5-9	0.0-0	2-6	5	1/0	0
Stephen Weatherly (OLB)	12	30-25-55	12.5-47	4.5-32	0-0	1	1/0	2

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ALL-SEC CANDIDATES



ANDREW JELKS
JR - OFFENSIVE LINE

STEVEN SCHEU
SR - TIGHT END

- ★ Jelks started all 12 games as a sophomore left tackle; has 21 career starts.
- ★ Contributed 16 pancake blocks while protecting the QB's blindside in 2014.
- ★ Earned Freshman All-America and SEC All-Freshman honors in 2013.

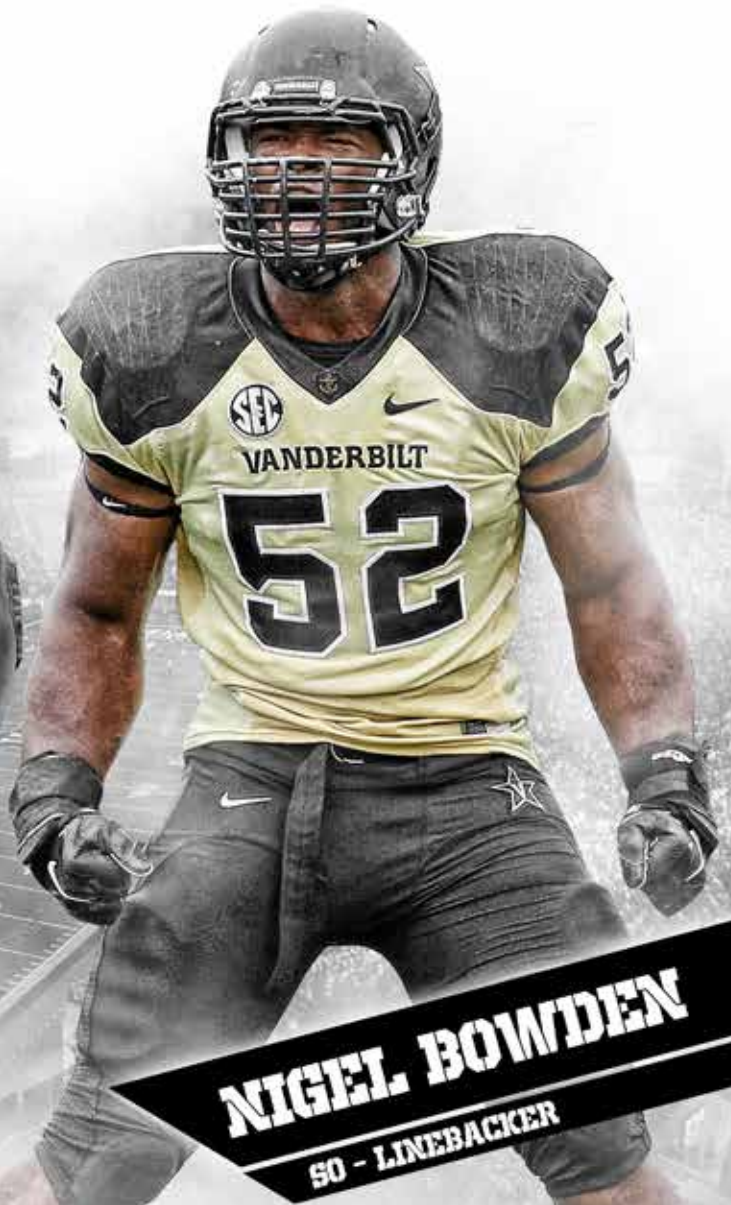
- ★ Named second team All-SEC tight end by Associated Press in 2014.
- ★ 39 receptions – most by a Vanderbilt TE since 1983 – topped all SEC TEs.
- ★ Topped team with 39 catches and 525 receiving yards

ALL-SEC CANDIDATES



CALEB AZUBIKE
SR - DEFENSIVE END

- ★ Azubike ranks as the Commodores' active leader with 12 career quarterback sacks and 20.0 tackles for loss.
- ★ Posted single-season career high with 39 tackles in 2014.
- ★ Returning to defensive end role in 2015.



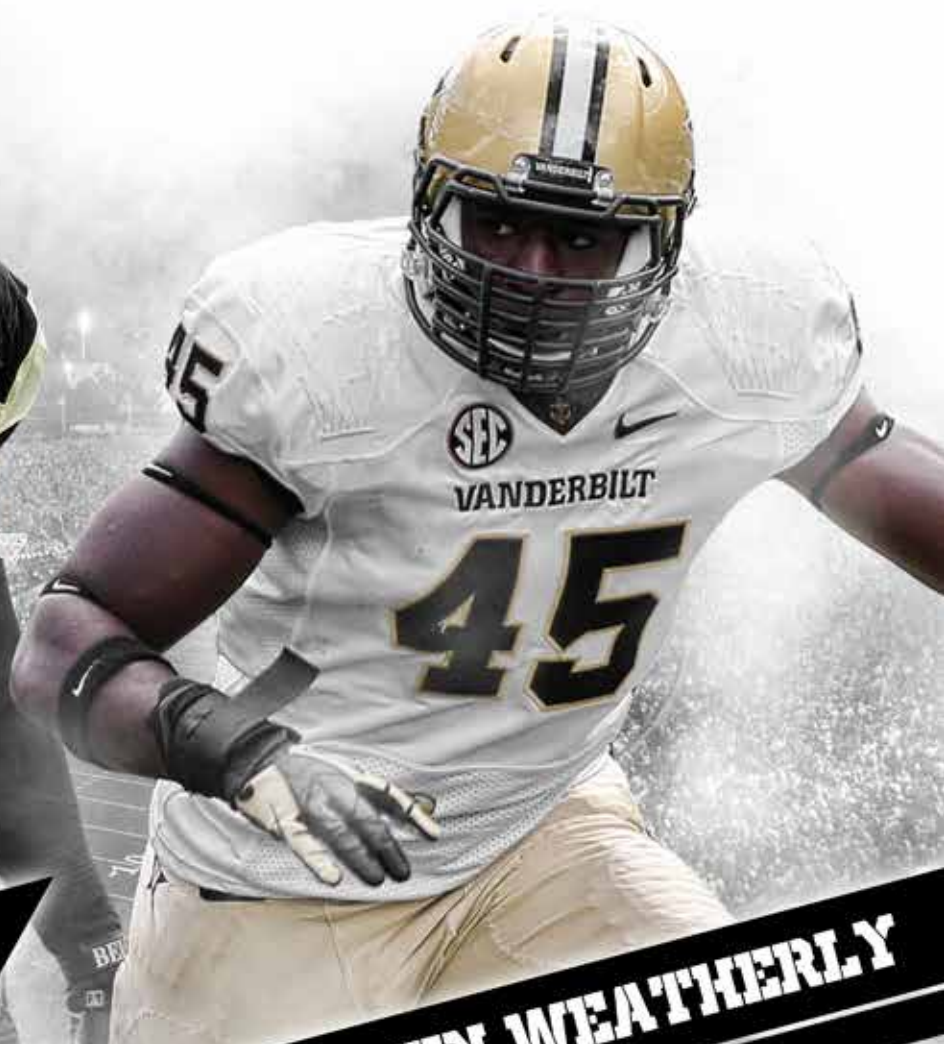
NIGEL BOWDEN
SO - LINEBACKER

- ★ Named to Coaches' All-SEC Freshman team as linebacker in 2014.
- ★ Topped all SEC freshmen with 78 tackles as interior linebacker last year.
- ★ First freshman to pace team in tackles since LB Jamie Winborn did so in 1998.

ALL-SEC CANDIDATES



TORREN MCGASTER
JR - CORNERBACK

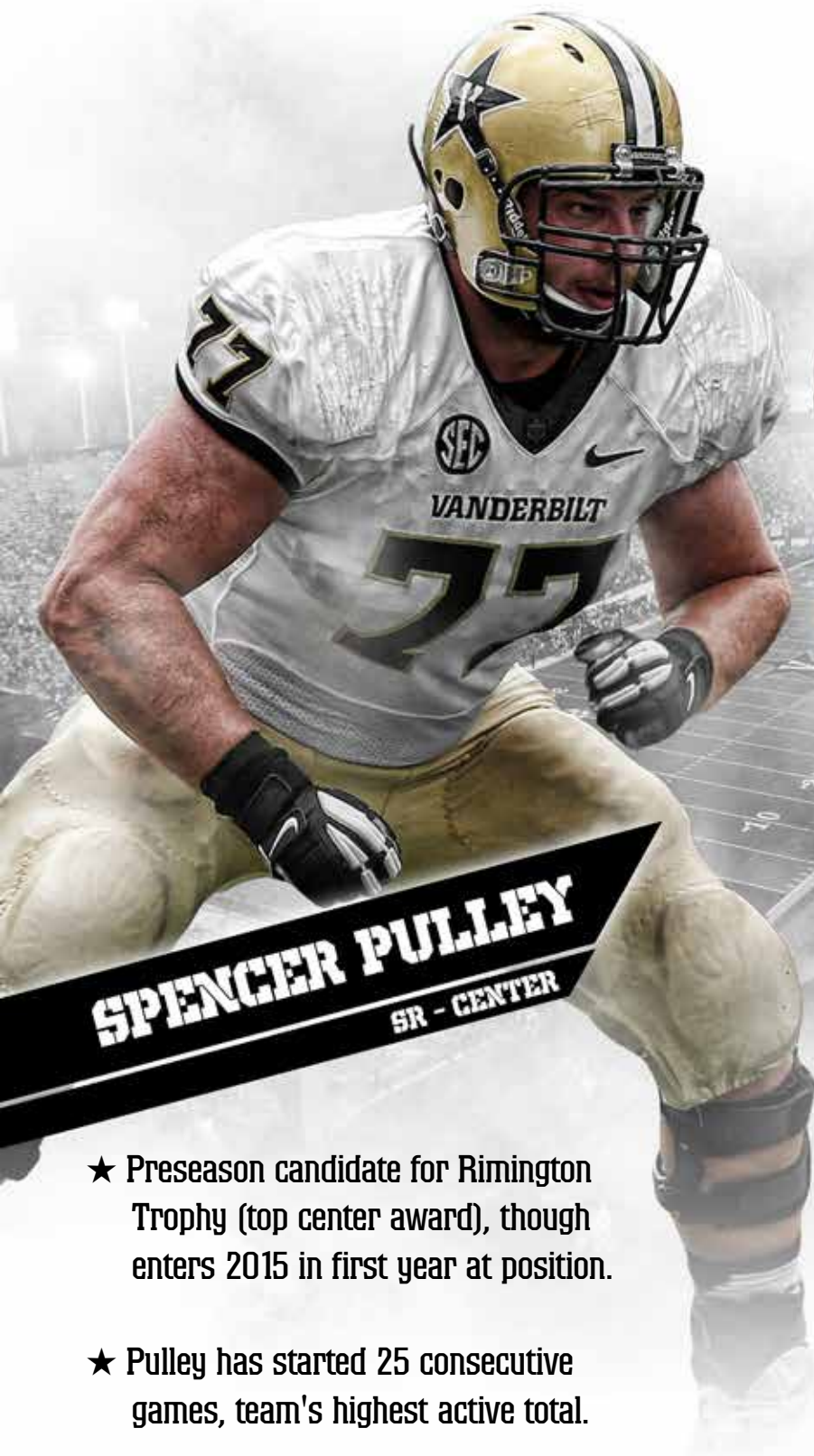


STEPHEN WEATHERLY
JR - LINEBACKER

- ★ A physical presence in the secondary, McGaster's 46 solo tackles topped the defense.
- ★ McGaster ended the regular season by picking off two passes versus Tennessee.
- ★ Started every game in '14 at cornerback.

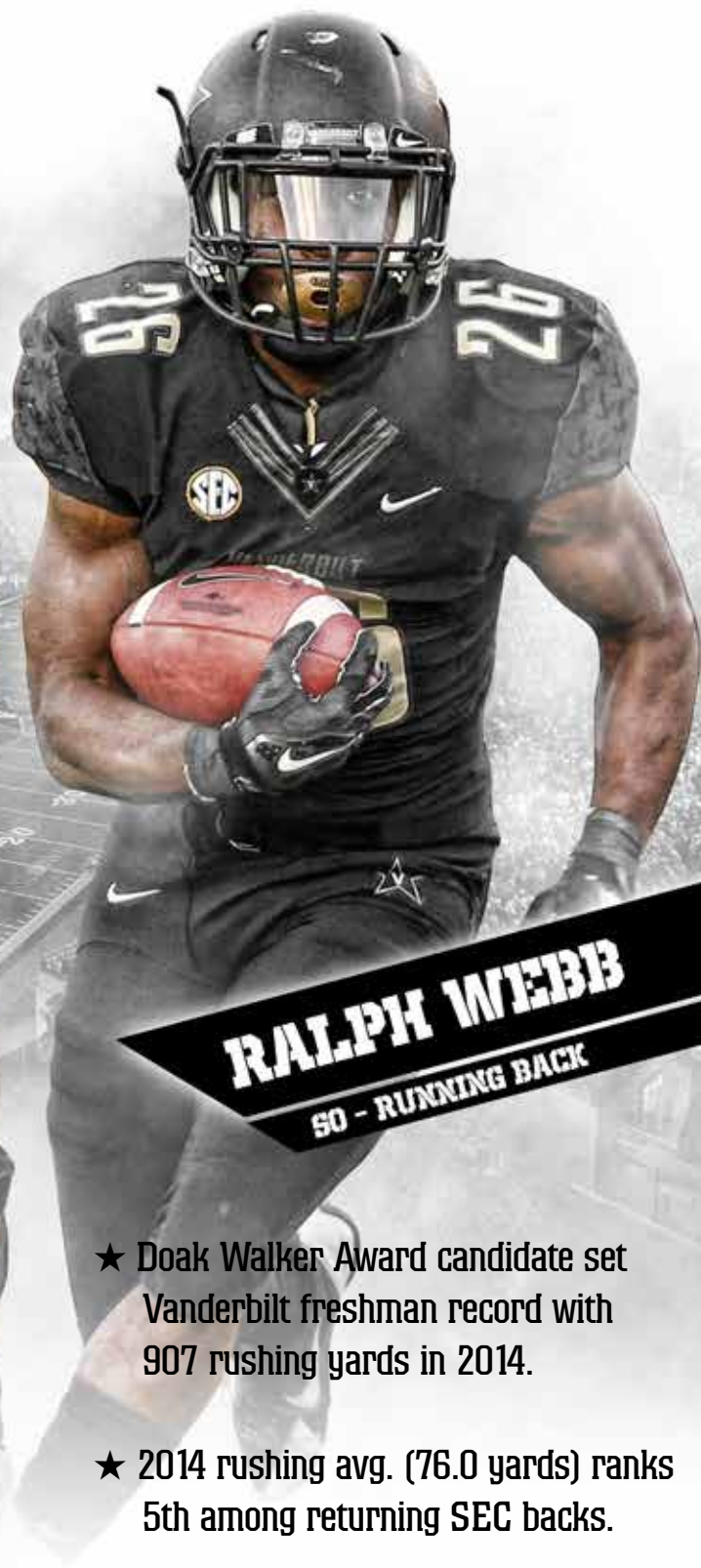
- ★ Weatherly finished the 2014 season by posting five tackles for loss vs. Tennessee from outside linebacker position.
- ★ Combined for four QB sacks and 10.5 tackles for loss against last conference opponents.
- ★ Ranked fifth on team with 48 total tackles.

ALL-SEC CANDIDATES



SPENCER PULLEY
SR - CENTER

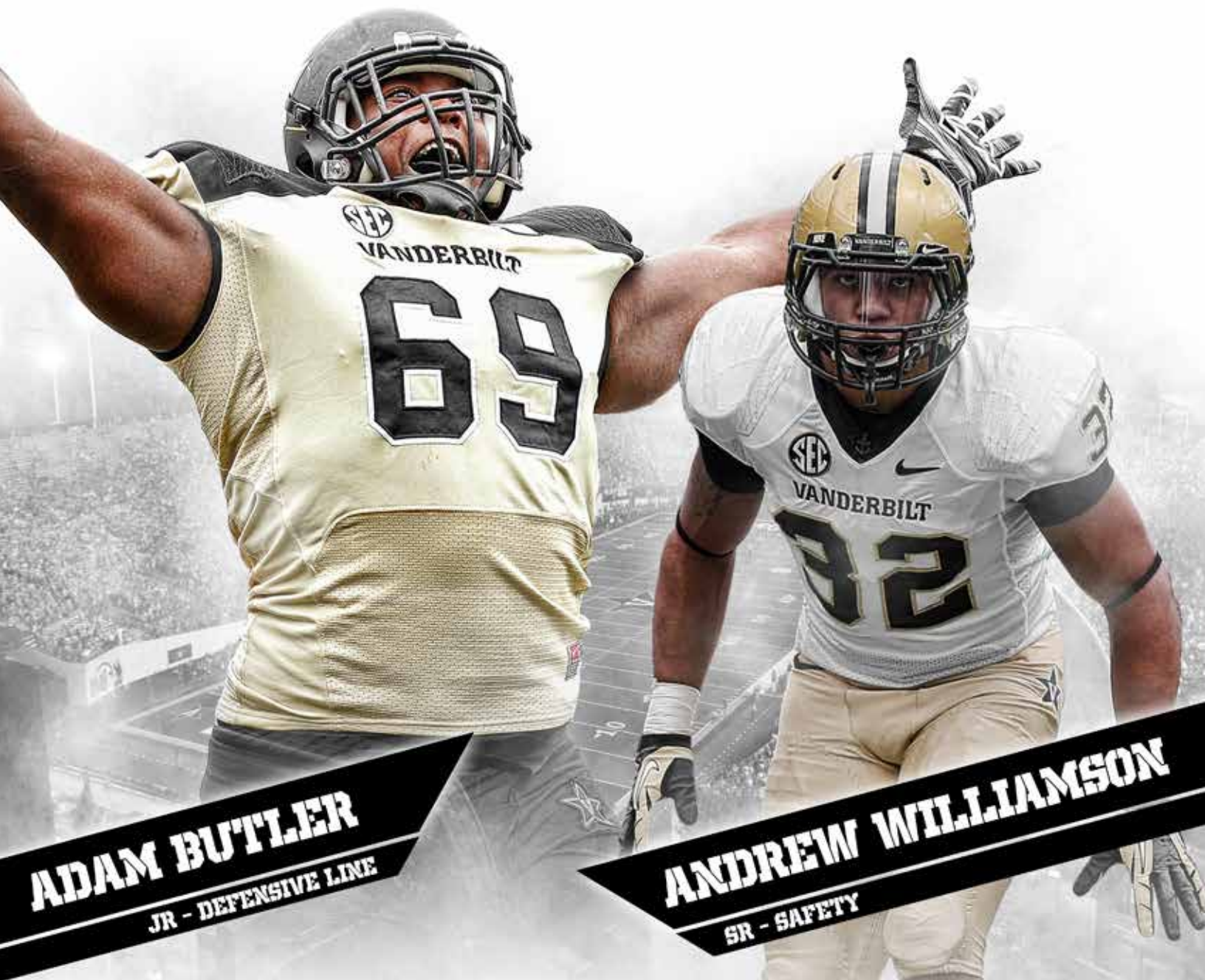
- ★ Preseason candidate for Rimington Trophy (top center award), though enters 2015 in first year at position.
- ★ Pulley has started 25 consecutive games, team's highest active total.
- ★ In 2014, Pulley played virtually every meaningful offensive snap.



RALPH WEBB
SO - RUNNING BACK

- ★ Doak Walker Award candidate set Vanderbilt freshman record with 907 rushing yards in 2014.
- ★ 2014 rushing avg. (76.0 yards) ranks 5th among returning SEC backs.
- ★ Durable back – 212 rush attempts in 2014 was third most in SEC.

ALL-SEC CANDIDATES



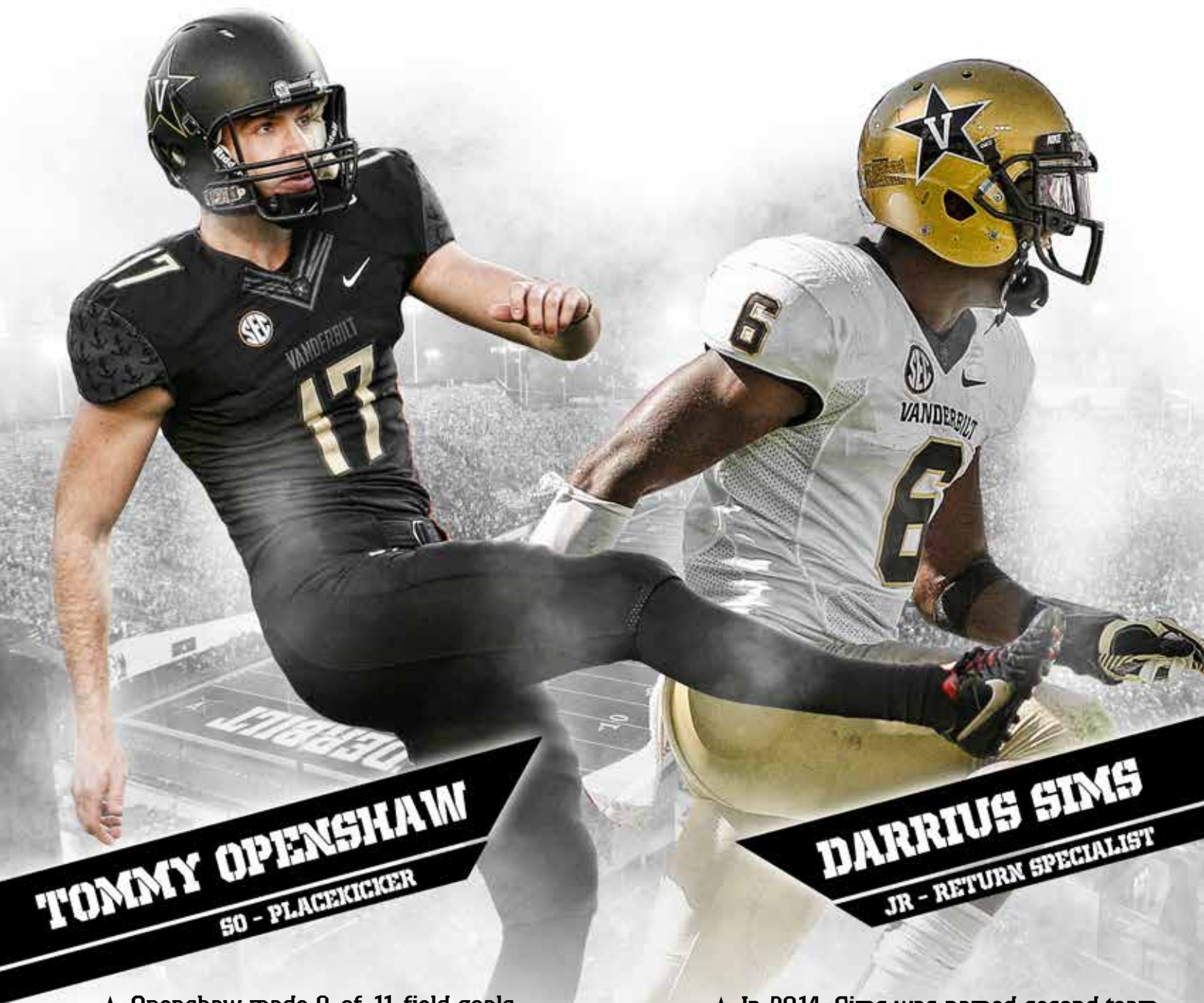
ADAM BUTLER
JR - DEFENSIVE LINE

- ★ Has 14 career starts on defensive line entering third season.
- ★ In 2014, posted career highs with 34 total tackles and 6.5 tackles for loss.
- ★ Has blocked two kicks in career.

ANDREW WILLIAMSON
SR - SAFETY

- ★ A leader in the secondary, Williamson earned nine starts at safety despite playing with late-season injuries.
- ★ One of the team's top athletes, Williamson ranked fifth on team in 2014 with 32 solo tackles and 54 total stops.

ALL-SEC CANDIDATES



TOMMY OPENSHAW
SO - PLACEKICKER

- ★ Openshaw made 8-of-11 field goals (72.7%) as a freshman kicker in 2014.
- ★ Openshaw's longest field goal came from 48 yards. He was also 100% (6-of-6) inside 40 yards.

DARRIUS SIMS
JR - RETURN SPECIALIST

- ★ In 2014, Sims was named second team All-SEC kick returner in coaches' ballot.
- ★ Two kick returns for TD vs. So. Carolina established SEC single-game record.
- ★ Averaged 24.5 yards per return in 2014.

MOLDING VANDERBILT MEN



EARNING THE DIPLOMA

Eighteen members of the football team earned diplomas during Vanderbilt Commencement ceremonies in May. Linebackers coach Kenwick Thompson poses with fullback Kellen Williams (middle) and baseball player Zander Weil.



TRIO TO MEDICAL SCHOOL

Former quarterback Patton Robinette (above) guided the Commodores to a recent bowl win and several conference victories. After graduating, he was one of three members of the football team to earn acceptance into the Vanderbilt School of Medicine, joining Alex Hysong and Steve Monk.

MASON'S PROGRAM GOAL: DEVELOP VANDERBILT MEN

Since arriving on campus, Derek Mason has spoken frequently about his aim to develop a program of "Vanderbilt Men" – student-athletes who have ample experiences to succeed on the field, in the classroom, and well after their football days come to a close.

Mason's emphasis on developing the total student-athlete has shown early successes in the classroom – the team GPA during the 2015 spring semester was the highest in years. Forty-one players, including a record 11 freshmen, earned SEC Academic Honor Roll recognition.

Mason and his staff also started a summer internship program last year that now includes 42 football student-athletes getting superb experiences at businesses and non-profit organizations in the Nashville area. The internship success in 2014 helped expand the program to student-athletes from virtually every Commodore sport this year.



GETTING WORK EXPERIENCE

C.J. Duncan, left, and Sean Dowling were among 42 team members to complete work internships this summer. Duncan and Dowling worked in the offices of Davidson County (Tenn.) criminal court judges J. Randall Wyatt, second from left, and Steve Dozier.

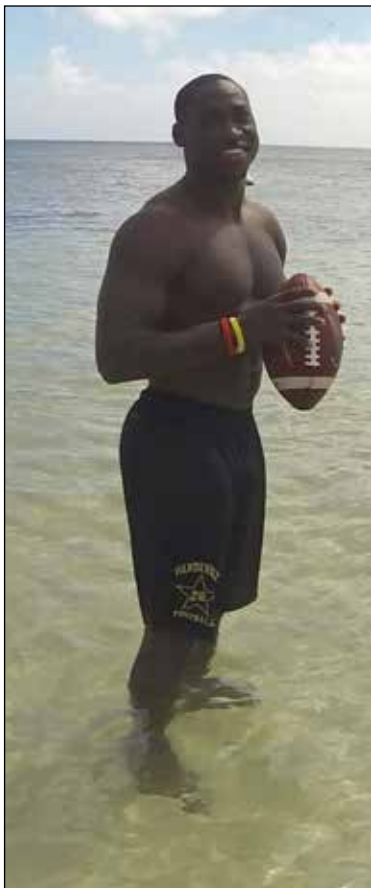


UPLIFTING OTHERS

Vanderbilt student-athletes visit with elementary students, patients at the Veterans Hospital on campus, and ailing youngsters getting treatment at Vanderbilt's Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital.



FOCUS TOWARD SUCCESS



STUDYING IN AUSTRALIA

Football student-athletes Ralph Webb and Chris Martin spent most of May studying biological diversity of Australia's Gold Coast. Joining 12 fellow Vanderbilt undergraduates, Webb and Martin snorkeled in the Great Barrier Reef, kayaked in mangrove swamps, explored lush rainforests in Fraser Island, and studied successful reforestation and conservation efforts. Several members of the Vanderbilt football program have studied abroad in recent years.



GOOD WORKS RECIPIENT

Four-year starting snapper Andrew East earned national Allstate-AFCA Good Works Team recognition and was a finalist for the prestigious Wuerffel Trophy. East talks to College Football Hall of Famer Archie Manning at the Allstate-AFCA team activities in New Orleans.



INTERNATIONAL AID MISSIONS

For the last three years, Commodore football players have joined a contingent of Vanderbilt student-athletes on aid trips to Africa and Central America affiliated with the Soles4Souls organization. Punter Taylor Hudson presents shoes to a young girl on a 2014 trip to Costa Rica.

'DORES IN THE PROS



SEAN RICHARDSON & CASEY HAYWARD – 'DORE DUO IN GREEN BAY

Two former Commodore classmates, Sean Richardson (left) and Casey Hayward, enter their fourth season together in the Packer secondary. Hayward, one of the NFC's top young cornerbacks, has nine career interceptions. Richardson earned substantial action at safety last year, posting a career high in tackles.

FIFTEEN FORMER COMMODORES ON NFL PRESEASON ROSTERS

'DORES IN THE NFL

- Jay Cutler, QB, Chicago
- Andrew East, SN, Kansas City
- Andre Hal, CB, Texas
- Casey Hayward, CB, Green Bay
- Wesley Johnson, OL, N.Y. Jets
- Jonathan Krause, WR, N.E. Patriots
- Kenny Ladler, SAF, Buffalo
- Jordan Matthews, WR, Philadelphia
- Sean Richardson, S, Green Bay
- Ryan Seymour, OL, Cleveland
- Carey Spear, PK, Cleveland
- Zac Stacy, RB, N.Y. Jets
- Vince Taylor, DT, N.E. Patriots
- Chris Williams, OL, Buffalo
- Kyle Woestmann, LB, Chicago

Fifteen former Vanderbilt standouts are currently signed with National Football League teams looking to continue or start pro careers.

The list of former 'Dores includes seven offensive players, six defensive standouts and two specialists.

Four NFL teams – the Buffalo Bills, Green Bay Packers, New England Patriots and New York Jets – have multiple former Vanderbilt players on preseason rosters.

Running back **Zac Stacy**, a two-year NFL veteran who started as a rookie with the St. Louis Rams, also joins former Vanderbilt offensive line teammate **Wesley Johnson** with the New York Jets after a draft-day trade.

Three seniors off the 2014 squad – defensive tackle **Vince Taylor**, linebacker **Kyle Woestmann** and long snapper **Andrew East** – are in preseason camps as rookie free agents: Taylor in New England, Woestmann in Chicago, East in Kansas City.



JONATHAN KRAUSE

After starting 2014 as a rookie free agent in Cleveland, former 'Dore Jonathan Krause finished the year by meeting President Obama as a member of the Super Bowl champ Patriots.

'DORES IN THE PROS



JAY CUTLER

Entering his 10th NFL season, the former first-round draft pick looks to guide Chicago back to the NFC playoffs. Cutler threw for 3,812 yards and a career-high 28 touchdowns in 2014. Cutler should surpass two significant career milestones — 200 touchdown passes and 30,000 passing yards — in his seventh season as the Bears' starting quarterback.



KENNY LADLER

After making the Buffalo roster as an undrafted free agent in 2014, Ladler is expected to compete for a bigger role at free safety in the Bills' secondary.



ZAC STACY

Stacy, who paced the Rams with nearly 1,000 rushing yards in 2013, will compete for a starting role this season in the New York Jets' offensive backfield.



JORDAN MATTHEWS

A second round draft pick of the Philadelphia Eagles, the relentless Matthews ranked among top rookie receivers in virtually every statistical category. Matthews finished his first NFL season with 67 catches, 872 receiving yards and eight touchdowns.

'DORES IN THE PROS



BECOMING A STARTER

After two years moving between three NFL franchises, versatile offensive lineman Ryan Seymour became a starting center for Cleveland last year.



COMPETING IN BUFFALO

Seven-year vet Chris Williams was a starter at guard before being sidelined by injuries. He enters 2015 looking to earn his starting job in Buffalo.

PRO DAY, ALL-STAR GAMES BENEFIT FORMER PLAYERS

Three Commodore seniors from the 2014 squad are in NFL preseason camps on the strength of their game performances and postseason workouts.

The trio – snap specialist **Andrew East** of Indianapolis; defensive tackle **Vince Taylor** of Hattiesburg, Miss., and outside linebacker **Kyle Woestmann** of Marietta, Ga. – signed rookie free agent deals in April.

East, a four-year starter, used performances at Vanderbilt's on-campus Pro Day and the Reese's Senior Bowl to attract the Chiefs' interest. The Bears inked Woestmann after impressive showings at Pro Day and NFLPA Collegiate Bowl appearances. Taylor's Pro Day performance earned a rookie contract with the reigning Super Bowl champion New England Patriots.



TALENTED SPECIALIST

Four-year starting long snapper Andrew East signed a rookie free agent deal with Kansas City after displaying his skills to scouts at the Reese's Senior Bowl and on-campus Pro Day.



REPPING 225 POUNDS

Tackle Vince Taylor celebrates after posting 36 bench press reps of 225 pounds at Pro Day. The effort helped Taylor land a rookie free agent deal with Oakland.



CHICAGO BOUND

The impression Kyle Woestmann left with scouts at Pro Day and in the post-season NFLPA Collegiate Bowl earned a rookie contract with the Bears.

TEAM FACILITIES



TRAINING ROOM ENHANCEMENT TO BENEFIT STUDENT-ATHLETES

When construction ends later this year on the McGugin Center annex, Vanderbilt players will have one of the nation's top athletic training facilities for injury evaluation, rehabilitation and treatment. The facility, twice the size of the program's former training room, will feature hydrotherapy pools, examination and treatment rooms, doctor and trainer offices, a large student-athlete welcome lobby, and modern equipment to heal injuries.

ATHLETIC TRAINING ROOM EXPANSION UNDER WAY



WEIGHT UPGRADES

New strength coach James Dobson conditions the Commodores in a facility that features virtually all new platforms, weights and state-of-the-art training equipment.

One year after opening the program's \$31 million indoor practice facility and multi-purpose center, Vanderbilt Athletics staff and student-athletes are looking forward to moving into a \$6.5 athletic training complex now under construction at McGugin Center.

Since 2012, the Commodore program has witnessed the construction of spacious meeting rooms and team auditorium, renovation of player locker rooms, and limited Vanderbilt Stadium improvements in addition to the highly regarded indoor practice facility.

In May, the football weight room received a complete overhaul, with athletic officials replacing the flooring, lift platforms, all weights, and specialty training machines aimed at providing a more individualized training approach to student-athlete fitness and conditioning.

Program Improvements

ATHLETIC TRAINING FACILITY (to open Fall 2015)

A 9,200-square foot renovation and expansion, the project includes hydrotherapy pools, examination & treatment rooms, student-athlete welcome lobby, doctor's offices, taping stations, and new equipment.

INDOOR PRACTICE FACILITY (2013)

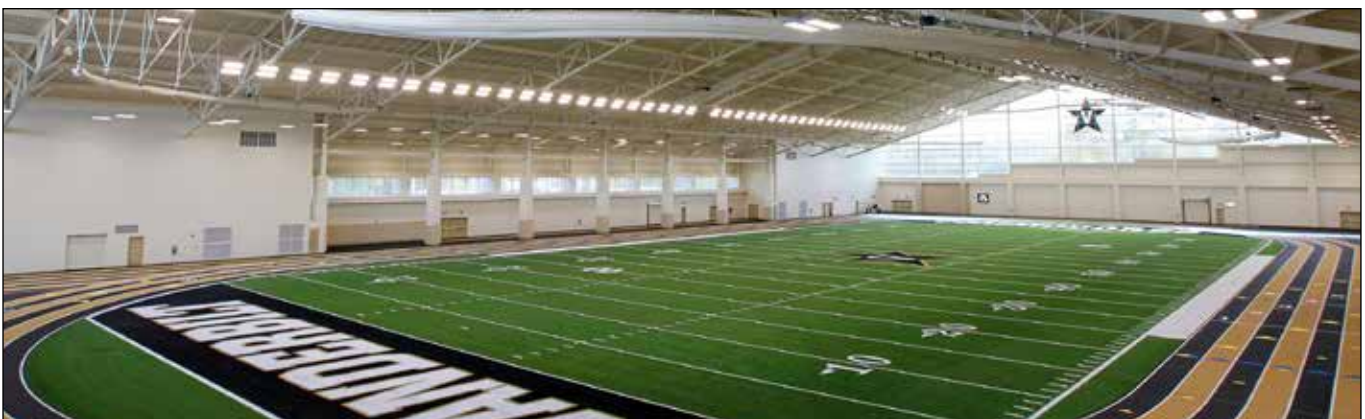
- Artificial turf football field; In-house video system

LOCKER ROOMS/MEETING ROOMS (2012)

- Thorough revitalization of players' locker rooms.
- Second-floor expansion includes 140-seat auditorium & seven position rooms.

VANDERBILT STADIUM (completed 2012)

- Video board, berm added in north end zone
- Shaw Sportex synthetic turf surface installed



INDOOR PRACTICE FACILITY ON CAMPUS

Inclement weather does not hinder Derek Mason's Commodores. Since late 2013, the squad has enjoyed a state-of-the-art indoor practice facility. The venue, located near the team's outdoor practice complex, includes a regulation-size football field, synthetic surface, video board and video systems.

PROGRAM ON THE RISE

VANDERBILT ATHLETICS...



Individual Achievements:

- 3** Commodores named SEC Players of Year
- 10** First-Team All-America recipients
- 3.13** GPA of total Vanderbilt student-athletes
*2014-15 academic year
- 128** Vandy athletes earning Dean's List
- 218** Total SEC Academic Honor Roll recipients



Vanderbilt 2014-15 Athletic Achievements

Women's Tennis

- NCAA National Champions
- SEC Tournament Champions

Baseball

- NCAA National Runnerup
- SEC East Co-Champions

Women's Bowling

- Finished T-6th at NAAs

Men's Tennis

- Advanced to Second Round of NCAA Tournament

Women's Golf

- Advanced to NCAA Regionals

Men's Golf

- Finished T-5th at 2015 NCAA Championships

Women's Cross Country

- Advanced to NCAA meet for third time ever

Men's Basketball

- Advanced to NIT Tourney quarterfinals

ACCOMPLISHMENTS ON, OFF FIELD

On and off fields of competition, Vanderbilt student-athletes enjoy an abundance of success.

While the Commodore football program looks to return to postseason action in 2015, members of the team topped the conference in several academic areas, such as 41 Commodores earning SEC Academic Honor Roll recognition.

Vanderbilt teams and student-athletes experienced plenty of competitive successes. The Commodore women's tennis squad captured its first NCAA title

along with the SEC Tournament crown, while the baseball squad lost in the College World Series finals in its bid for back-to-back NCAA championships. Both golf teams advanced to NCAA postseason play, with the men's squad reaching the eight-team NCAA Match Play finals for the first time in school history.

Individually, 10 'Dore student-athletes earned first-team All-America honors, including three SEC Player of the Year recipients: Gonzales Austin (men's tennis), Carson Fulmer (pitcher, baseball) and Hunter Stewart (men's golf). Another baseball standout, shortstop Dansby Swanson, was MLB's No. 1 overall draft pick.



SEC PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

Southeastern Conference coaches honored three Commodore standouts — tennis player Gonzales Austin, pitcher Carson Fulmer and senior golfer Hunter Stewart — with post-season SEC Player of the Year recognition.



PERFECT MIX OF ACADEMICS, SETTING, CITY



Located in the popular Midtown district of Nashville, Vanderbilt is regarded among the nation's finest universities. The private research university enrolled 6,851 undergraduate and 5,825 postgraduate students last year. Those students came from every state and around the globe.

The university was founded 142 years ago when magnate Cornelius "Commodore" Vanderbilt provided an initial endowment.

Vanderbilt is considered among the top universities in

America. It also holds charter membership in the South-eastern Conference, and is the only private school among its universities.

Vanderbilt students are pleased with their college choice. In fact, the Commodore student body is the nation's happiest, according to *Princeton Review's* "2015 Best 379 Colleges" survey.

The campus is just southwest of downtown Nashville on 330 pristine acres that are designated as a national arboretum. Two 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 named among the South's most beautiful college environments.

Most Vanderbilt undergraduates live on campus during their time at the university. More than 30 residential halls dot the campus, including two of the nation's most unique

residential communities for undergraduates: The Martha Rivers Ingram Commons on the Peabody campus and the Warren and Moore college halls of Kissam on the main campus.

Vanderbilt: By the Numbers

- 8-1** Undergrad ratio for student-to-faculty
- 13%** Acceptance rate for undergrad admissions
- 31** Number of residence halls and apartments
- 50%** Percentage of female undergraduates
- 86%** Vanderbilt students that live on campus
- 97%** Retention rate for freshmen students
- 34%** Students that study abroad
- 88%** Students graduating in four years

Where Vanderbilt ranks:

- 16th** Among national universities
- 2nd** Among universities in Southeast
- 11th** Best schools, best value for undergrads

Source: U.S. News & World Report
Best Colleges 2015 Edition

NASHVILLE: OUR TOWN



TENNESSEE TITANS

The NFL's Titans generated plenty of offseason excitement by drafting quarterback and Heisman Trophy recipient Marcus Mariota second overall.

NASHVILLE OFFERS PLENTY OF SPORTS

Nashville has become one of the South's top cities for fans of major sports.

For lovers of college sports, Vanderbilt is enjoying more athletic success than ever before while exposing Nashville residents to other SEC programs.

Enthusiasts of pro sports have two successful teams in the market: the NFL's Titans and the NHL's Predators. Both play downtown: the Titans at spacious Nissan Stadium and Preds in Bridgestone Arena.

Site of the 2014 NCAA Women's Final Four, Bridgestone Arena will host future NCAA men's basketball tourney action in 2018 and eight SEC men's tournaments through 2025.



NHL PREDATORS

Formed in 1998, the Nashville Predators are becoming a serious Stanley Cup contender.



MUSIC CITY: GEM OF THE SOUTH

Vanderbilt's vibrant hometown of Nashville ranks among the fastest-growing cities and visitor destinations in the United States. And virtually everybody's jumping on the Music City bandwagon.

Vanderbilt students, faculty, staff and visitors cite Music City as one of the leading perks of the university, which is located in the bustling Midtown district about two miles from an exciting and welcoming downtown.

Nashville has become one of the nation's top urban attractions, exuding all of the charm and hospitality one expects from a grand Southern capital city with the amenities expected in the largest destinations.

The secret is out on Nashville and its metro population of nearly 1.8 million. Popular magazines rave about the city's diversity in attractions, accommodations and niche districts. Conventions are the newest to discover the city. Nashville is now a must-stop destination.

Nashville enjoys a diverse and youthful population, unique neighborhoods and parks, and an abundance of entertainment districts.

Taking Notice of Nashville

"Nashville: Best Culture Stop"
Money Magazine, 2015

"The South's Red Hot City"
Time, 2015

"No. 15: 52 Places to Go"
New York Times, 2014

"America's Next It City"
The New York Times, 2013

"Best Music City in the Nation"
Rolling Stone, 2011

No. 1: Friendliest City in U.S.
Travel & Leisure, 2012-13



MUSIC: PART OF NASHVILLE'S CORE

Music is a fabric of Nashville's soul and it's the reason many current and rising stars call the city home. The CMA Festival, held downtown in June, features a host of stars such as Eric Church (left). On campus, Vanderbilt students flock to Rites of Spring to see a range of acts that include Chance the Rapper (above). Top entertainers, from the Who and Rolling Stones to Jack White and Wiz Khalifa, are drawn to two top venues in the city, Bridgestone Arena and Ryman Auditorium.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE



THE SEC: SECOND TO NONE

Vanderbilt holds charter membership in the Southeastern Conference. In the last decade, Vanderbilt has shared in the league's unprecedented level of success. Now armed with greater national exposure with the SEC Network, the league promises to capture even more of the nation's college football attention in 2015.

- Since 2006, the SEC has accrued more bowl wins (56) than any other conference. The league also is 56-30 (.651) in bowls since 2006. During the span, Vanderbilt is 3-1 in postseason appearances.
- In 2014, SEC teams matched its own record with seven bowl victories, the most of any conference. Twice previously, league teams captured seven bowl wins.
- Incredibly, SEC football teams won seven of the last eight national titles during the BCS Era (1998-2013). The SEC captured seven more BCS titles than any other conference. From 2006-13, more than half of the slots in



the BCS Championship Game were taken by SEC teams (10 of 18).

- SEC teams were 55-12 (.821) in non-league play last year. Vanderbilt was 3-1 against non-SEC teams in 2014.
- In the 2015 NFL Draft, 54 former SEC players were selected, the most by any conference for the ninth consecutive year. Seven former SEC standouts were taken in the first year.

ESPN, CBS, SEC Network bring Commodores to national audiences



Legendary 'SEC on CBS' announcer Verne Lundquist, color analyst Gary Danielson and sideline reporter Allie LaForce will be at Vanderbilt on Sept. 12 for the Georgia game.

Vanderbilt is part of the Southeastern Conference's unmatched television package that features the heralded SEC Network, a wide array of ESPN-affiliated outlets, and CBS.

On Thursday, Sept. 3, the Commodores and Western Kentucky will kick off the second year of SEC Network coverage. The network, which focuses its programming on all things SEC, greatly enhanced the league's footprint across America when it was unveiled in 2014. The network features multiple SEC games each Saturday, along with a live "SEC Nation" gameday

morning show that will feature Joe Tessitore, Paul Finebaum and Marcus Spear among others.

The 'SEC on CBS' Game of the Week also is coming to Vanderbilt's campus early in the season. The Vanderbilt-Georgia game Saturday, Sept. 12, will be aired on CBS, making the network's first on-campus appearance since the Commodores' dramatic win over Georgia in 2013.

Besides the Western Kentucky and Georgia encounters, every Vanderbilt game is available on television due to national contracts between the SEC, ESPN and the SEC Network, and CBS Sports.

