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Pre-game and post-game materials for the working media are updated regularly on the Vanderbilt Athletics website, **vucommodores.com**. Most documents are available in .pdf format.

Pre-game materials on the website include game notes, updated statistics, player and coaching bios, the latest Vanderbilt releases, and press conference video streaming and transcripts. A live stats program will be provided in the press box. Game books, final statistics, and player/coach quotes will be provided via email.

PRESEASON COVERAGE

The first week of August camp will be open to local media outlets. The Commodores will conduct morning practices during the week, ending about 9:15 a.m.

SECURING GAME CREDENTIALS

Vanderbilt does not offer online credentialing for home games.

KEY PRESEASON DATES

MEDIA DAY	Aug. 2
TEAM REPORTS	Aug. 3
FIRST PRACTICE	Aug. 4
FIRST DAY IN FULL GEAR	Aug. 9
DORE JAM (Fan Day)	Aug. 14

Email credential requests to Larry Leathers (larry.leathers@vanderbilt.edu). All applications will be notified of their status at least 10 days before the gameday. Credentials will not be granted without signed approval of SEC credential policy.

When possible, credentials will be mailed 10 days in advance. However, credentials can be picked up on Fridays before games at our office in McGugin

Center (2601 Jess Neely Dr.). On gamedays, **Media Will Call is located at Gate 1** (stadium gate closest to Marriott & Wendy's).

GAMEDAY MEDIA PARKING

If authorized, media parking is located in Kensington Garage next to Memorial Gym. Please access the garage entrance off 25th Avenue South. All media representatives must have a proper credential to access parking garage.

PRESS BOX ACCESS

Media must wear "MEDIA" or "PHOTO" credentials to gain access to the press box. The field elevator is located near Gate 1. Seating charts will be posted.

IN-GAME FIELD ACCESS

Field access is restricted to working photojournalists from kickoff until 5:00 remaining in the game. All photographers must wear a "**PHOTO**" armband.

WIRELESS IN THE PRESS BOX

The press box is equipped with wireless internet access for the working press. Working photographers should transmit in the press box transmit. **TV production** crews should order phone lines in advance. To order, call (615) 343-2012.

MASON'S POSTGAME REMARKS

Coach Mason's post-game press conference is held after he addresses the team. Only properly credentialled media will be allowed into the conference.

Media wishing to participate in postgame interviews can meet at the press box elevator with 5:00 left to be escorted to Dudley Field.

The location in Vanderbilt Stadium for postgame press conferences is next to the Commodore locker room. Access to the conference room is available in the south end zone field tunnel. The visiting conference room is directly across from Vanderbilt's facility.

VANDERBILT PLAYER POSTGAME AVAILABILITY

The Vanderbilt Locker Room is closed. Select student-athletes will be made available for post-game interviews. These interviews will be conducted in the same room as Coach Mason's remarks. The players will enter when Mason concludes.

During home games, the visiting team interview room also is accessed from the south end zone tunnel. It is directly across from Vanderbilt's interview room.

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and concise play-by-play coverage of Vanderbilt football, basketball and baseball.

Joe Fisher, Norman Jordan and Mitch Light provide concise and insightful Commodore coverage on the Vanderbilt Radio Network.

A Nashville native, Fisher enters his 19th season as the team's play-byplay announcer. He handles similar duties for Vanderbilt men's basketball and baseball. Fisher also serves as Vanderbilt Athletics' Director of Broadcasting.

Prior to joining Vanderbilt, Fisher was a television sports anchor in the Nashville market from 1987-96, with stints at WSMV-4 and WKRN-2. He also worked in public relations.

Jordan, a former Vanderbilt standout running back who helped the Commodores to a 1982 Hall of Fame Bowl appearance, returns for his second year at analyst. He works as a stock broker in Nashville.

Light enters his fourth season providing sideline commentary. Light is a Vanderbilt graduate and editor of Athlon sports publications.

The Vanderbilt Radio Network features the widely heard evening signal of NewsRadio 1510 WLAC. Games in Middle Tennessee will now be available on 1510 WLAC and three other Nashville affiliates: WNSR AM-560 and WNSR 95.9 FM, and WNRQ 98.3 FM.

NewsRadio 1510 WLAC became the Vanderbilt flagship station in 2012. Vanderbilt night games can now be hear across more than 30 states on NewsRadio 1510 WLAC.

Mason's weekly call-in show hosted by Joe Fisher is heard Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. on AM-1510 and AM-560.

VANDY RADIO NETWORK

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WNSR	AM-560	Nashville
WNSR	95.9 FM	Nashville
ALT 983	98.3 FM	Nashville
WEKR	AM-1240	Fayetteville
WJJM	AM-1490	Lewisburg
WMSR	AM-1320	Manchester
WMPS	AM-1210	Memphis
WMPS	103.1 FM	Memphis
WDUC	93.9 FM	Tullahoma
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MASON'S WEEKLY MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE ON TUESDAYS

Coach Mason meets with local media each Tuesday of game week, starting at 12 noon, CT. It will held in the Commodores' Press Conference Room in Vanderbilt Stadium. Select studentathletes are available following Mason.

WEEKLY SEC TELECONFERENCE ON WEDNESDAYS

Each Wednesday of the season, Mason is available to out-oftown media via the SEC Coaches' Teleconference at 10:56 a.m., CT. Call 205-458-3010 for info.

GAME WEEK INTERVIEW POLICIES

All interview requests for Coach Mason and Vanderbilt players must go through Athletic Communications staff.

This season, the Commodores will stage AM practices during the week. Starting Monday, Aug. 15 and through the season, Mason will be available to media at the conclusion of each Wednesday practice (9:15 am) excluding Aug. 31.

Vanderbilt student-athletes and coordinators also will be available to media after the Wednesday sessions.

Media outlets are permitted to shoot the closing segment of Wednesday's practice; otherwise, sessions are closed.

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THE TENNESSEAN (AM daily)

Adam Sparks, beat writer • 615-259-8010 • tennessean.com

VANDERBILT HUSTLER/INSIDEVANDY.COM (student publication) Box 1504, Station B, Nashville • 615-322-2424 • insidevandy.com

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WNSR AM-560 **WNSR 95.9 FM**

> Dual AM-FM sports talk signal; In-studio phone: 615-844-5600

104.5 FM "THE ZONE"

In-studio phone: 615-737-1045

102.5 FM "THE GAME" 94.9 FM "THE GAME2"

In-studio phone: 615-737-1025

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Commodore Flagship

Coaches' Call-in Show Thursdays, 6:30 pm.

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VANDERBILT STADIUM





GAMEDAY ON CAMPUS

MEDIA PARKING	Kensington Garage
(garage on 25th Ave	nue South next to Memorial Gym)
MEDIA WILL CALL	Vanderbilt Stadium Gate 1
(stadium entrar	nce closest to Vanderbilt Marriott)
PRESS BOXTh	nird floor, west side of stadium
(press box typical	ly opens 2.5 hours prior to kickoff)

DIRECTIONS TO VANDERBILT STADIUM

ARRIVING FROM SOUTH OF NASHVILLE

Take I-65 North to I-40 West to Exit 209A (Broadway-West End). Turn left to go west on Broadway. When Broadway splits, stay to the right to enter West End Ave. Take West End past the University's three high-rise dorms and turn left on 25th Ave. Garage access is one block on right, just before Memorial Gym.

ARRIVING FROM NORTH OF NASHVILLE

Take I-65 South into downtown and take Exit 209B (Broadway-West End). Turn right on Broadway. When Broadway splits, stay to the right to enter West End Avenue. Take West End past the University on the left, turn left on 25th Avenue. Access into Kensington Garage is a block on right just before Memorial Gym.

ARRIVING FROM EAST OF NASHVILLE

Take I-40 West/I-65 North downtown to Exit 209A (Broadway-West End). Turn left at light, headed west on Broadway. When Broadway splits, veer right to enter West End Ave. Take West End past the University's three high-rise dorms and turn left on 25th Ave. Garage access is one block on right, just before Memorial Gym.

ARRIVING FROM WEST OF NASHVILLE

Take I-40 East to I-440 East. Take the first exit (Murphy Road-West End) and turn left at redlight. In .25 mile, turn left onto West End. The campus will be on your right. Turn right on 25th Avenue (one block past Wendy's). Kensington Garage access is one block on right, just before Memorial Gym.

ARRIVING FROM CHATTANOOGA/ATLANTA

Take I-24 West to I-440 West. Take Exit 1 (West End Avenue). Stay right off the exit onto West End. The Vanderbilt campus will be on your right. Turn right on 25th Avenue (one block past Wendy's). Kensington Garage access is one block on right, just before Memorial Gym.

VANDERBILT STADIUM: COMMODORE HOME SINCE 1981

Several improvements have been made to 40,350-capacity Vanderbilt Stadium, which has served as home to the Commodores since 1981.

The gameday experience in Vanderbilt's on-campus venue were substantially improved in 2013 with the construction of a 450-capacity hillside berm next to the north end zone. Behind the berm, university officials installed a new video board that more than doubled the size of the stadium's former visual board.

Vanderbilt Stadium's Dudley Field playing surface, where the 'Dores have played dating back to 1922, also has received recent updates. In 2012, it returned to a synthetic surface for the first time in more than decade when the university decided to add cushioned Shaw Sportexe turf. The surface has drawn rave reviews from players, who also benefited with the addition of new stadium lights the same year.

The 2012 work adds to other major recent improvements. A thorough exterior renovation was completed in 2008-10, including new plazas and extrances at Gates 2 & 3 and an exterior effort to unify Vanderbilt Stadium, Hawkins Field and Memorial Gym.



2016 OPPONENTS

South Carolina

Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville Thursday, Sept. 1; 7 pm CT; ESPN

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	Columbia, S.C.
Founded	1801
Enrollment	22,000
Nickname	Gamecocks
Conference	Southeastern
All-time Record	587-561-44 (.511)
2015 Record/SEC mark	3-9/1-7 (T-7th/East)
Stadium	Williams-Brice (80,250)
Official Website	Gamecocksonline.com

HEAD COACH

Will Muschamp Georgia, 1967
Record at South Carolina 1st year
Career Head Coaching Record 28-21 (5th year)

VS. SOUTH CAROLINA

Overall Series: Vanderbilt trails 4-21
VU-South Carolina @ Vanderbilt 2-10
VU-South Carolina @ Columbia 2-11

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Middle Tennessee

Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville Sept. 10; Kickoff: 3 pm; TV: SEC Network ALT

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Founded	1911
Enrollment	23,900
Nickname	Blue Raiders
Conference	Conference USA
All-time Record	507-364-28 (.578)
2015 Record/CUSA mark	7-6/6-2 (T-2nd)
Stadium	Floyd (32,000)
Official Website	goblueraiders.com

HEAD COACH

Rick Stockstill Florida State, 1982
Record at Austin Peay 64-61 (11th year)
Career Head Coaching Record same

VS. MIDDLE TENNESSEE

Overall Series: Vanderbilt leads	13-3
VU-Middle Tennessee @ Vanderbilt	10-3
VU-Middle Tennessee @ Murfreesboro	3-0

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Georgia Tech

Dodd Stadium/Grant Field, Atlanta, Ga. Sept. 17: 11:30 am CT: ACC Network

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location		Atlanta, Ga.
Founded		1885
Enrollment		15,200
Nickname		Yellow Jackets
Conference		Atlantic Coast
All-time Record		700-471-43 (.594)
2015 Record/AC	C mark	3-9/1-7 (7th)
Stadium	Dodd Stadium,	/Grant Field (55,000)
Official Website		RamblinWreck.com

HEAD COACH

Paul Johnson Western Carolina, 1979 Record at Georgia Tech 61-44 (9th year) Career Head Coaching Record 168-83 (20th year)

VS. GEORGIA TECH

Overall Series: Vanderbilt trails
VU-Georgia Tech @ Vanderbilt
VU-Georgia Tech @ Atlanta
9-11

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Western Kentucky

Houchens Industries-Smith Stadium, Bowling Green Sept. 24; 3:30 pm CT; TV: CBS College Sports

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location		Bowling Green, Ky.
Founded		1906
Enrollment		20,300
Nickname		Hilltoppers
Conference		Conference USA
All-time Record		540-380-32 (.584)
2015 Record/Cl	JSA mark	12-2/8-0 (1st)
Stadium H	louchens	Industries-Smith (22,000)
Official Website	9	WKUsports.com

HEAD COACH

Jeff Brohm	Louisville, 1993
Record at Western Kentucky	20-7 (3rd year)
Career Head Coaching Record	same

VS. WESTERN KENTUCKY

Overall Series: Vanderbilt leads	3-1
VU-Western Kentucky @ Vanderbilt	3-1
VU-Western Kentucky @ Bowling Green	0-0

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Florida

Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville Oct. 1; Kickoff: TBA; TV: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	Gainesville, Fla.
Founded	1853
Undergraduate Enrollment	t 34,000
Nickname	Gators
Conference	Southeastern
All-time Record	701-398-40 (.633)
2015 Record/SEC mark	10-4, 7-1 (1st/East)
Stadium Ben Hill Grif	ffin/Florida Field (88,548)
Official Website	Gatorzone.com

HEAD COACH

Jim McElwain	Eastern Washington, 1984
Record at Florida	10-4 (2nd year)
Career Head Coaching Re	ecord 32-20 (5th year)

VS. FLORIDA

Overall Series: Vanderbilt trails	10-37-2
VU-Florida @ Vanderbilt	7-15-1
VU-Florida @ Gainesville/Jacksonville	3-22-1

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Kentucky

Commonwealth Stadium, Lexington, Ky.
Oct. 8; Kickoff: TBA; TV: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	Lexington, Ky.
Founded	1865
Enrollment	20,850
Nickname	Wildcats
Conference	Southeastern
All-time Record	592-606-44 (.476)
2015 Record/SEC mark	5-7/2-6 (T-4th/East)
Stadium	Commonwealth (67,942)
Official Website	UKathletics com

HEAD COACH

Mark Stoops	Iowa, 1988
Record at Kentucky	12-24 (4rd year)
Career Head Coaching Record	same

VS. KENTUCKY

Overall Series is tied	42-42-4
VU-Kentucky @ Vanderbilt	27-19-2
VU-Kentucky @ Lexington	15-23-2

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2016 OPPONENTS



Georgia

Sanford Stadium, Athens, Ga. Oct. 15; Kickoff: TBA; TV: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Athens, Ga. Founded 1785 Enrollment 26,500 Nickname Bulldogs Conference Southeastern 786-413-54 (.649) All-time Record 2015 Record/SEC mark 10-3/5-3 (T-2nd/East) Sanford (92,746) Stadium Official Website GeorgiaDogs.com

HEAD COACH

Kirby Smart Georgia, 1999
Record at Georgia 1st year
Career Head Coaching Record n/a

VS. GEORGIA

Overall Series: Vanderbilt trails 19-56-2 VU-Georgia @ Vanderbilt 11-25-2 VU-Georgia @ Athens/Atlanta 8-31-0

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Tennessee State

Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville Oct. 22; Kickoff: TBA; TV: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Nashville Founded 1912 Enrollment 9,165 Nickname Tigers Conference Ohio Valley All-time Record 555-288-33 (.652) 2015 Record/OVC mark 4-6/1-6 Stadium Hale (15,000) Official Website TSUTigers.com

HEAD COACH

Rod Reed Tennessee State, 1988 Record at TSU 36-33 (7th year) Career Head Coaching Record same

VS. TENNESSEE STATE

Overall Series: Vanderbilt leads 1-0
VU-Tennessee State @ Vanderbilt 1-0
VU-Tennessee State @ TSU 0-0

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Auburn

Jordan-Hare Stadium, Auburn, Ala. Nov. 5; Kickoff: TBA; TV: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Auburn, Ala. Founded 1856 Enrollment 26,000 Nickname **Tigers** Conference Southeastern All-time Record 735-421-47 (.631) 7-6/2-6 (8th/West) 2015 Record/SEC mark Stadium Jordan-Hare (87,451) Official Website AuburnTigers.com

HEAD COACH

Gus Malzahn Henderson State (Ark.), 1989 Record at Auburn 27-13 (4th year) Career Head Coaching Record 36-16 (5th year)

VS. AUBURN

Overall Series: Vanderbilt leads 21-20-1 VU-Auburn @ Vanderbilt 12-7 VU-Auburn @ Auburn/Montgomery/B'ham 8-13-1 VU-Auburn @ neutral sites 1-0

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Missouri

Memorial Stadium/Faurot Field, Columbia, Mo. Nov. 12; Kickoff: TBA; TV: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Columbia, Mo. Location Founded 1839 Enrollment 25,000 Nickname Tigers Conference Southeastern All-time Record 668-541-53 (.550) 2015 Record/SEC mark 5-7/1-7 (T-7/-East) Memorial/Faurot Field (71,000) Stadium Official Website MUTigers.com

HEAD COACH

Barry Odom Missouri, 1999 Record at Missouri 1st Year Career Head Coaching Record n/a

VS. MISSOURI

Overall Series: VU trails 3-4-1 VU-Missouri @ Vanderbilt 1-1-1 VU-Missouri @ Columbia/St. Louis 2-3-0

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Ole Miss

Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville Nov. 19; Kickoff: TBA; TV: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Oxford, Miss. Founded 1848 Enrollment 16,250 Nickname Rebels Conference Southeastern All-time Record 655-504-35 (.563) 2015 Record/SEC mark 10-3/6-2 (2nd/West) Stadium Vaught-Hemingway (64,038) Official Website OleMissSports.com

HEAD COACH

Hugh Freeze Southern Miss, 1992
Record at Ole Miss 34-18 (5th year)
Career Head Coaching Record 64-25 (7th year)

VS. OLE MISS

Overall Series: Vanderbilt trails 38-50-2 VU-Ole Miss @ Vanderbilt 27-24-2 VU-Ole Miss @ Oxford/Jackson/Memphis 11-26-0

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Tennessee

Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville Nov. 26; Kickoff: TBA; TV: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Knoxville, Tenn. Location Founded 1794 Enrollment 20.800 Nickname Volunteers Conference Southeastern All-time Record 815-367-54 (.681) 2015 Record/SEC mark 9-4/5-3 (T-2nd/East) Stadium Neyland (102,455) Official Website UTsports.com

HEAD COACH

Butch Jones Ferris (Mich.) State, 1989 Record at Tennessee 21-17 (4th year) Career Head Coaching Record 71-44 (10th year)

VS. TENNESSEE

Overall Series: Vanderbilt trails 30-75-5 VU-Tennessee @ Vanderbilt 19-36-4 VU-Tennessee @ Knoxville 11-39-1

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