EAD COACH MASON



In 2015, Mason returned to his roots, adding defensive coordinator duties to his Vanderbilt role. The change resulted in one of the nation's most improved defenses.

Derek Mason enters his third season in charge of the Commodores with the program headed in the right direction, on and off the field.

Led by an attacking defense, Mason's Commodores showed plenty of improvement on the field last year, notching conference wins against Missouri and Kentucky en route to a fourth place finish in the SEC East. Following the season, Mason successfully revamped his staff with very accomplished coaches while attracting another outstanding signing class.

In 2015, Mason demonstrated his skills as one of college football's leading defensive minds by becoming his own defensive coordinator. The results were staggering - Vanderbilt's defense ranked among the nation's most improved, finishing among the NCAA Top 30 in scoring defense, total defense, first downs allowed, red zone defense and third-down efficiency.

Mason has strengthened the Commodore coaching staff since arriving on campus. After the 2014 season, he lured highly regarded offensive coordinator Andy Ludwig and head strength James Dobson, along with impressive young staffers in secondary coach Marc Mattioli and wide receivers coach Cortez Hankton. Following the 2015 campaign, Mason continued to enhance the staff, hiring Jeff Genyk as special teams coordinator/running backs coach, Cameron Norcross as offensive line coach and Osia Lewis as outside linebackers. Coach Mason has also brought two rising stars in the profession, C.J. Ah You and Chris Marve, to mentor the defensive line and inside linebackers, respectively.

The changes helped Mason guide an improved Commodore squad in 2015, and one that most keen observers of college football see as continuing to progress in 2016.

In February, Mason welcomed a 20-player signing class that features

MASON: FACTS & NOTES

AN AGGRESSIVE, INNOVATIVE DEFENSIVE MIND

In 2015, with Mason taking over defensive coordinator duties, the result was a much improved Commodore defense. The attacking 3-4 unit showed massive improvement in scoring defense, total defense and first downs allowed. Mason enjoyed similar results with Stanford defenses.

OFF THE FIELD ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Off the field, Mason's Vanderbilt program has performed superbly. The team captured the 2015 AFCA Academic Achievement Award for graduation successes. The team also topped the SEC in academic honor roll selections and NCAA APR scores. Mason has also been innovative, developing a comprehensive summer internship program and allowing players to enjoy study abroad opportunities.

COMES WITH STRONG CREDENTIALS

From 2010-13, Mason was a key figure in arguably the greatest era of Stanford football since being hired by then-Cardinal head coach Jim Harbaugh. In that time, Stanford owned a 45-8 overall record, captured two Pac 12 titles and played in four straight BCS bowl games: the 2011 Orange Bowl, 2012 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, 2013 Rose Bowl and 2014 Rose Bowl.



18 three-star prospects according to national recruiting pundits.

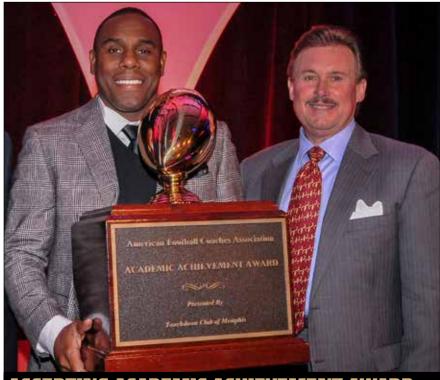
Off the football field, Mason's Commodores are enjoying plenty of recognition. The Commodores were co-recipients of the 2015 Academic Achievement Award, given annually by the American Football Coaches Association and Memphis Touchdown Club to the school that performs best in graduation success. Three former football players, including quarterback Patton Robinette, were accepted into the Vanderbilt Medical School last year. In the last two calendar years, the team has 80 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipients and more than 40 Dean's List honorees. It is recognized as a national and Southeastern Conference leader in its Academic Progress Rate (APR) graduation performance.

Since arriving on campus, Mason has also been instrumental in creating a summer internship program for Commodore student-athletes that is one of the most innovative in the nation. Started in 2014 within the football team, the internship program has been expanded to other Vanderbilt squads, providing excellent work experience opportunities for student-athletes.

Mason has also supported foreign study by members of the team. Since 2014, five Commodore players have studied abroad, including defensive end Jonathan Wynn, safety Emmanuel Smith and kicker Hayden Lekacz this year.

The personable Mason is actively involved in the Middle Tennessee community, contributing to several local and university causes, while making appearances at various social and sporting events.

Mason became Vanderbilt's 28th head coach in January 2014,



ACCEPTING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Mason accepts the 2015 Academic Achievement Award at the American Football Coaches Association convention. He is joined by Greg Cotton of the presenting Touchdown Club of Memphis.

coming to Nashville after serving as associate head coach and Willie Shaw Director of Defense for the 2013 Pacific-12 champion Stanford Cardinal.

"I am so excited to be at Vanderbilt," Mason said at the time he was



PARTICIPATING IN JAY CUTLER'S ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

Mason joins former standout quarterback Jay Cutler, Vanderbilt Athletics Director David Williams II and former Commodore head coach Bobby Johnson at Cutler's induction into the Vanderbilt Athletic Hall of Fame. The ceremony took place at halftime of the Black & Gold Spring Game.

hired. "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."

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

Mason's plan in Nashville is to build the Commodore defense into a top-tier unit, much as he did at Stanford where he served as coordinator from 2011-13. Mason's defense was a critical ingredient in helping 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.

In 2013 while facing seven ranked opponents and one of the nation's toughest schedules, the Stanford 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 also one of only five teams to allow less than 100 rushing yards per game in 2013. 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% conversion rate.

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.

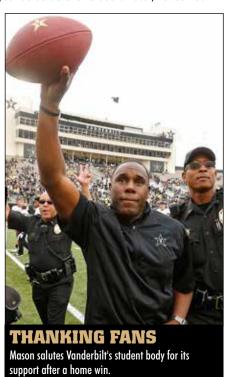


Mason's leadership paved the way to a historic defensive output in 2012, breaking Stanford's single-season record with 57 sacks and pacing the Pac-12 in scoring defense, total defense and rushing defense. In 11 of 14 games in 2012, Stanford held its opponent to 20 or fewer points, including a 14-point 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 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 current NFL players, registered 18 total interceptions.

At Stanford, Mason also 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, 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. He played 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. He 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.

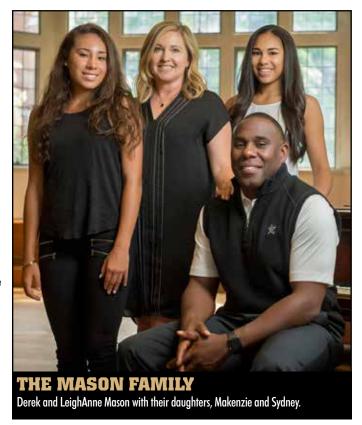
Before joining the Vikings, Mason tutored wide receivers at Ohio University under head coach Frank Solich, helping the Bobcats improve from 4-7 in 2005 to a 9-5 campaign the following year that ended with an appearance in the GMAC Bowl. Mason spent the 2004 season as the wide receivers coach at New Mexico 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.

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 letter-winner



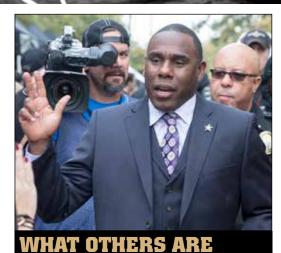
at Northern Arizona. He was recruited to the university by Head Coach Larry Kentera, the grandfather of former Vanderbilt receiver Kris Kentera.

During his NAU career, Mason was influenced by several outstanding coaches, including Kentera, Kansas City head coach Andy Reid, former Minnesota head coach Brad Childress, former NFL head coach and offensive coordinator Marty Mornhingweg.

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

A native of Phoenix, Mason attended Camelback High School. Derek and his wife, LeighAnne, have two daughters, Makenzie, 17, and Sydney, 15.





"Coach Mason is building the Vanderbilt football program the right way... and in the SEC it doesn't happen overnight. We saw improvement in Year 2 and I expect the 'Dores to keep growing and improving under Coach Mason this year and the years to come."

Kirk Herbstreit, ESPN CollegeGameDay Host, Play-by-Play Announcer

"Coach Mason is the guy for the job. I fully endorse him. I know he's going to have an impact there for a long time. The guys just have to stick with him and keep working to get better."

Jordan Matthews, Vanderbilt WR (2010-13); WR, Philadelphia Eagles

"Coach (Mason) was essential to my development and my understanding of the game. He taught me how to play the game, how to study the game, how to really go in-depth with your film study and also understanding your weaknesses... He's really helped me, and he still helps me to this day."

Richard Sherman, All-Pro CB, Seattle Seahawks

"Derek is a great teacher and motivator, but more importantly he is a man of high character."

David Shaw, Head Coach, Stanford University

"Derek is a tremendous person, outstanding teacher, strong communicator, hard worker and consummate winner."

Jim Harbaugh, Head Coach, University of Michigan

"He's very conscientious, very down to earth. Derek 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 Defensive Coordinator in NFL and at Stanford

"From the first time I met Derek, what resonated with me was how he related to people, so genuine and so full of life, and yet, equally full of confidence in a way that's refreshing. It's a big part of what makes Derek such a good teacher and somebody who sees the bigger picture of developing players and developing a program.He's really helped me, and he still helps me to this day."

Chris Low, ESPN.com national college writer

VANDERBILT HEAD COACH DEREK MASON

ACE: 46

CAREER RECORD: 7-17 (3rd 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

MASON ON TWITTER: @CoachDerekMason

MASON'S CAREER AT A GLANCE

2014- VANDERBILT (Head Coach)

Introduced Jan. 17, 2014 as the 28th head coach in Commodore history... Notched first career victory as head coach in dramatic style, guiding team to 34-31 win over UMass on Sept. 13... Directed one of nation's youngest teams, with 31 true or redshirt freshmen seeing action... At conclusion of 2014 season, took over Vanderbilt defensive coordinator responsibilities... Earned first road win at MTSU in October 2015... Earned first SEC victory Oct. 24, 2015 with 10-3 win over Missouri... Earned second SEC win over Kentucky (21-17, Nov. 14, 2015)... 2015 Commodore defense ended season among the nation's most improved.

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.

2010 STANFORD (defensive backs)

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 was directed by current Vanderbilt 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 (ARIZONA) 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. Philadelphia in 1999 and Minnesota in 2008.





Andy Ludwig, regarded among the leading college offensive coordinators in America, enters his second year on the staff. In 2016, he will serve as tight ends coach while handling coordinator duties.

In 2015, Ludwig's position role was quarterback coach. He mentored a young signal calling corps that included Kyle Shurmur, Wade Freebeck and Johnny McCrary. Collectively, the trio threw for 2,062 vards and 11 touchdowns.

Ludwig's 2015 offense featured sophomore Ralph Webb, who established a new team sophomore record with 1,152 rushing yards, the second highest single-season total in program history. Sophomore receiver Trent Sherfield also produced 51 catches for 659 vards.

Ludwig joined Vanderbilt after two seasons as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Wisconsin, where the Badgers set numerous offensive records. A coaching veteran with 28 years of experience, Ludwig's coaching career also includes stops as coordinator at San Diego State (2011-12), Cal (2009-10), Utah (2005-08), Oregon (2002-04) and Fresno State (1998-2001).

Ludwig helped rewrite the Wisconsin record book as the Badgers tallied two of the three highest offensive outputs in school history en route to a 20-7 overall record and consecutive Jan. 1 postseason bowl appearances. The 2013 Wisconsin offense averaged a school-record

More on Coach Ludwig...

HOMETOWN: Ogden, Utah

1993-94

EDUCATION: Bachelor's: Exercise Science, Portland State, 1988

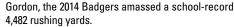
COLLEGIATE/NFL COACHING CAREER: Vanderbilt - Offensive Coordinator/TE Coach 2016 Vanderbilt - Offensive Coordinator/QB Coach 2015 2013-14 Wisconsin - Offensive Coordinator/QB Coach 2011-12 San Diego State - Offensive Coordinator 2009-10 California - Offensive Coordinator Utah - Offensive Coordinator 2005-08 2002-04 Oregon - Offensive Coordinator 1998-2001 Fresno State - Offensive Coordinator 1997 Cal Poly - Offensive Coordinator 1995-96 Boise State - Quarterbacks Coach

Augustana (S.D.) - Offensive Coordinator

480.8 yards per game. The 2014 squad nearly matched those totals, averaging 34.6 points and 468.9 total yards.

Ludwig's Wisconsin offenses were led by Heisman Trophy finalist Melvin Gordon. The consensus firstteam All-American rushed for 2,587 yards in 2014, establishing the second highest single-season

rushing total in NCAA FBS history. Gordon also paced all NCAA FBS backs with 29 rushing touchdowns and briefly held the NCAA single-game rushing record after a 408-yard effort in a November win over Nebraska. Behind



In 2013, Wisconsin was one of just four FBS teams to amass 3,500 rushing yards and 2,500 passing vards. Overall, UW's explosive offense ranked second in the country with 15 plays of 50-plus yards, with the Badgers scoring on 10 of those home-run

Prior to joining Wisconsin, Ludwig spent the 2011-12 seasons at San Diego State. In 2012, the Aztecs enjoyed success, going 9-4. In 2011, the SDSU offense featuring running back and eventual third round pick Ronnie Hillman averaged 427.4 yards. Aztec quarterback Ryan Lindley also became a sixth-round draft choice of the Arizona Cardinals.

Ludwig has been an offensive coordinator at the NCAA level for 21 years. His teams have been to 15 bowl games. Prior to his years at Vanderbilt and San Diego, Ludwig served as offensive coordinator at California (2009-10), Utah (2005-08), Oregon (2002-04), Fresno State (1998-01), Cal Poly (1997) and Augustana (1993-94). Ludwig helped Utah go to four bowls, including a 2009 Sugar Bowl win over Alabama, as the Utes finished 13-0 and No. 2

in the nation.

Ludwig's mentoring of quarterbacks includes two other signal callers that eventually played in the NFL, Kellen Clemens of Oregon and 2002 NFL Draft No. 1 pick David Carr of Fresno State.

Ludwig played two seasons as a wide receiver at Snow College in Utah (1982-83) before earning two more letters at Portland State (1985-86). Ludwig and his wife, Jill, are the parents of son Joe, and daughter Delaney.





Jeff Genyk, one of the nation's most respected special teams instructors and a former collegiate head coach, enters his first year on the staff. Genyk will serve as Vanderbilt's special teams coordinator and running backs coach.

In 2015, Genyk rekindled a working relationship with Northwestern University, serving as a consultant to Head Coach Pat Fitzgerald on special teams, offense and game management. The Wildcats went 10-3 and advanced to the Outback Bowl.

In 2013-14, Genyk coordinated special teams and worked with tight ends at the University of Wisconsin. During the two years at Wisconsin, he worked with current Vanderbilt offensive coordinator Andy Ludwig.

The Badgers had plenty of successes, including capturing the 2014 Big Ten West title, beating Auburn in the 2014 Outback Bowl and playing in the 2013 Citrus Bowl.

Before joining Wisconsin, Genyk held similar positions at University of California under Head Coach Jeff Tedford. While in Berkeley, Genyk led dramatic improvement with the Cal special teams units, including back-to-back first-team All-Pac 12 selections in kicker Giorgio Tavecchio and punter Bryan Anger, who is now a four-year

veteran with Jacksonville after being a thirdround draft pick by the Jaguars.

Genyk served as the head coach at Eastern Michigan from 2004-08. He coached the Eagles to their best conference finish in seven years in 2004 with a third-place showing in the MAC West

More on Coach Genyk...

HOMETOWN: Ann Arbor, Mich.
EDUCATION: Bachelor's: Business Administration,

Bowling Green (Ohio) State, 1982

COLLEGIATE/NFL COACHING CAREER:

2016 Vanderbilt - Special Teams Coordinator/RB Coach
2015 Northwestern - Special Teams/Off. consultant
2013-14 Wisconsin - Special Teams Coordinator/TE Coach
2010-12 California - Special Teams Coordinator/TE Coach
2004-08 Eastern Michigan - Head Coach
1999-2003 Northwestern - RB Coach/Special Teams Coach

1997-98 Northwestern - LB Coach

1992-94 Northwestern - Def. Graduate Assistant

Division.

While at Eastern Michigan he coached three All-Americans including defensive end Jason Jones and placekicker Andrew Wellock. Jones was a second-round selection of Tennessee in the 2008 NFL Draft. He just

completed his eighth NFL season. Wellock was a finalist for the 2004 Lou Groza Award. Genyk also coached offensive tackle T.J. Lang, who remains a starter on the Green Bay offensive front.

From 1994-2003, Genyk worked at Northwestern, with responsibility for the special teams unit during each of his final five campaigns with the Wildcats. He was also the running backs coach and recruiting coordinator for five seasons (1999-2003) after having worked with the safeties in 1998 and the outside linebackers in 1997.

Genyk was on the Northwestern football staff for three Big Ten championship teams and four bowl appearances. The 1995, 1996 and 2000 teams all won Big Ten titles.

At Northwestern, Genyk mentored Fitzgerald as an All-America linebacker and defensive player of the year.

Genyk was a quarterback and punter at Bowling Green State from 1978-81. He earned a bachelor's degree in business

administration from Bowling Green in 1982. He later earned a master's of business administration and marketing from Western Michigan in 1989 and a master's of education and social policy from Northwestern in 1994.

Genyk and his wife Lisa are the parents of a son Jake, and a daughter $\mathsf{McKenna}$.







C.J. Ah You, a former University of Oklahoma defensive standout and assistant, enters his first year with Derek Mason's staff. He serves as defensive line coach.

Ah You served on Bob Stoops' Oklahoma staff for the last two years. In 2015, Ah You assisted with an Oklahoma squad that finished 11-2, captured the Big 12 Conference championship and played in the College Football Playoff national semifinals. The Sooners' season was highlighted by regular season victories over Baylor, TCU, Oklahoma State and Tennessee.

In 2015. Ah You assisted defensive line coach Diron Revnolds, who worked alongside Mason as a defensive staffer with the Minnesota Vikings in 2009. He also contributed with Sooner special teams.

The 2015 Oklahoma defense played an important role in the Sooners'

team success. The Sooner pass rush ranked sixth nationally with 40 quarterback sacks and helped produce 20 interceptions, eighth most in the NCAA. The unit was dominant against Big 12 competition, ranking among the conference leaders in scoring defense, total defense, defensive pass efficiency, sacks, interceptions and first downs allowed.

Anchoring the 2015 Sooner defense was senior defensive lineman Charles Tapper. Named first-team All-Big 12 by the Associated Press, Tapper registered seven quarterback sacks

More on Coach Ah You...

HOMETOWN: La Habra, Calif. EDUCATION: Bachelor's: Sociology, Oklahoma, 2006 **COLLEGIATE/NFL COACHING CAREER:** 2016 Vanderbilt - DL Coach

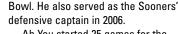
2014-15 Oklahoma - Quality Control Assistant

(Defense, Special Teams)

and four forced fumbles. He played in the 2016 Reese's Senior Bowl and is currently in camp with the Dallas Cowboys. Tapper's defensive line teammate Charles Walker, also garnered All-Big 12 recognition

this year.

A native of Orange County in Southern California, Ah You was a two-year standout on the defensive front for the University of Oklahoma from 2005-06, helping the Sooners to a 19-7 overall record, the 2006 Big 12 title, and an appearance in the 2006 Fiesta



Ah You started 25 games for the Sooners at defensive end. As a senior in 2006, he earned first-team All-Big 12 honors after registering 10 tackles for loss, 6.5 quarterback sacks and three forced fumbles. Ah You was named Big 12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year as a iunior when he contributed 41 tackles, 8.5 tackles for loss and four sacks.

Selected by Buffalo in the seventh round of the 2007 NFL Draft, Ah You eventually was a member of the St. Louis Rams from 2007-12. Ah You saw action in 33 games over three seasons, contributing six sacks among 41 tackles.

Ah You worked closely with several charities as an NFL player, including United Way, Red Cross and the National Breast Cancer Foundation among others.

Ah You completed a bachelor's degree

in sociology from the University of Oklahoma in 2006.

Ah You and his wife Chynea are the parents of three daughters: Makiah, 13; Atiana, 8; and Alei'a, 2.



Coach Ah You and his wife, Chynea, with their three daughters: Mahiah, Atiana and Alei'a.



Gerry Gdowski enters his third season on Derek Mason's staff. After serving as tight ends coach in 2014-15, Gdowski becomes quarterbacks coach this year.

In 2015, Gdowski's pupil Steven Scheu topped the tight end corps with 26 catches. Scheu is now in camp with the New England Patriots.

Gdowski's tight end roster lost promising sophomore DeAndre Woods and freshman Jared Pinkney to injury early in the 2015 campaign.

Gdowski came to Vanderbilt after spending nine years at Ohio where he mentored quarterbacks. Gdowski also had titles of assistant head coach and co-offensive coordinator.

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 TDs, 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, are the parents of three sons: Isaac, Luke, and Tommy.

Coach Gdowski and his wife, Sam, with their three sons: Issac, 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:

2016 Vanderbilt - QB Coach

2014-15 Vanderbilt - Recruiting Coordinator/TE Coach

2008-13 Ohio - Assistant Head Coach/co-Off. Coordinator/QB Coach

2005-07 Ohio - QB Coach

2003-04 New Mexico State - Assistant Head Coach/Off. Coordinator

1998-2002 New Mexico State - QB Coach/Recruiting Coordinator

1996-97 South Dakota State - Off. Coordinator 1994-95 South Dakota State - QB/WR Coach

1991-93 Nebraska - Graduate Assistant (Offense)





Cortez Hankton enters his second year as an offensive assistant coach. He coaches Commodore wide receivers.

Hankton, a former National Football League wide receiver who has enjoyed recent success mentoring receivers in the Ivy League, joined Derek's Mason staff in January 2015.

A pair of sophomores wideouts, Trent Sherfield and Caleb Scott, stepped forward as solid receiving threats in Hankton's first year on campus. Sherfield finished the year with 51 catches, good for 659 yards and three touchdowns. Sherfield's reception total ranks third all-time by a Commodore sophomore. Scott finished the year with new career highs of 24 catches and 339 receiving yards.

Hankton, a former six-year NFL veteran out of Texas Southern University, spent the last three years mentoring wide receivers at Dartmouth University, helping the Big Green to a 20-10 overall record, including an 8-2 mark in 2014.

In 2014, Hankton's receivers helped the Dartmouth offense average 31.3 points and 248.1

passing yards. His top receiver, Ryan McManus, earned All-lvy League honors after catching 68 passes for 879 yards and eight touchdowns.

Hankton produced All-Ivy caliber receivers all three years at Dartmouth. In 2012, senior Michael Reilly earned first-team recognition with McManus receiving honorable mention. In 2013, Big Green receiver

More on Coach Hankton...

HOMETOWN: New Orleans, La.

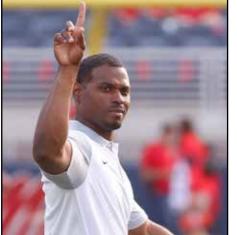
EDUCATION: Bachelor's: Business Administration,

Texas Southern, 2002 COLLEGIATE COACHING CAREER: 2015-16 Vanderbilt - WRs Coach 2012-14 Dartmouth - WRs Coach Bo Patterson was an lvy League honorable mention recipient.

Signed as an undrafted rookie free agent in April of 2003 by the Jacksonville Jaguars, Hankton proceeded to play in all 16 games as a rookie, catching 17 passes for 166 yards. In his four years with

the Jaguars, he caught 34 passes for 310 yards and a pair of touchdowns, both of which came in his sophomore campaign in 2004. Hankton signed with the Minnesota Vikings in 2007 and spent the entire 2008 season on the injured reserve with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

After being released at the conclusion of training camp in 2009, Hankton signed with the New York Sentinels of the UFL. The following year he played for the Florida Tuskers and head coach Jay Gruden, earning a nomination for the league's Offensive Player of the Year. The Tuskers



then moved to Virginia for the 2011 season. There, Hankton was a part of a squad that won the league championship.

Hankton joined Dartmouth in 2012 by way of University of Central Florida, where he spent three months working as a volunteer assistant of player personnel. In that role, he helped formulate recruiting priorities and travel plans, plus evaluated prospective student-athletes and broke down film of recruits. From 2008-10, Hankton also has spent time training draft-eligible athletes for the NFL combines with Tom Shaw Performance Training Camps. In early 2010, he also served as non-paid receiver coach at Dr. Phillips High School in Orlando.

Hankton received his bachelor's in business administration from Texas Southern in 2002, where he set school season and career records for receiving yards. A four-year letterwinner and two-year starter, Hankton culminated his collegiate career by being named as a Division I-AA third-team All-America by the Associated Press.

A native of New Orleans, Hankton is the son of

Cortez Sr. and Sherome Hankton, both officers in the New Orleans Police Department. Hankton was a standout athlete and multi-year starter at St. Augustine High School in New Orleans.

Hankton and his wife, the former Shon Holder, were married in July 2014. They are the parents of an infant son, Cortez III.



Coach Hankton and his wife, Shon, with their young son, Cortez III.



Osia Lewis, a 26-year veteran of the collegiate coaching ranks, enters his first year on Derek Mason's staff. He will mentor outside linebackers and serve as the team's senior defensive assistant.

For the last five years, Lewis has worked as defensive line coach at San Diego State with head coach and defensive innovator Rocky Long.

Lewis brings extensive experience to Vanderbilt, having served as a defensive coordinator at the collegiate and professional levels. He has coached in 10 bowl games with teams from the Pac-12, Big Ten, Conference USA and Mountain West.

In 2015, San Diego State enjoyed a banner year on the strength of a top-ranked defense. The Aztecs finished 11-3 overall, captured the MWC championship and earned a 42-7 win over Cincinnati in the Hawai'i Bowl.

The Aztecs were sparked by an outstanding defense that ranked among the NCAA Top Ten in several defensive categories. The team finished the year fifth nationally in total defense

(287.3 ypg), seventh in scoring defense (16.4 ppg), seventh in rushing defense (108.7 ypg), and 10th in pass efficiency.

The defense also helped SDSU lead the nation in turnover margin. The

More on Coach Lewis...

HOMETOWN: Tucson, Ariz.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's: Social Science Education,

Oregon State, 1988

COLLEGIATE/NFL COACHING CAREER:

2016 Vanderbilt - Senior Def. Assistant/OLB Coach

2011-2015 San Diego State - DL Coach 2008-09 UTEP - Defensive Coordinator

2006-07 New Mexico - Defensive Coordinator/LB Coach

2003-05 New Mexico - Defensive Coordinator/DL Coach

1997-2002 Illinois – Linebackers/DL Coach

1991-96 Oregon State - Special Teams/LB Coach

1989-90 Western Oregon - Secondary/LB Coach

Aztecs' interior pressure forced opponents into 34 turnovers, en route to a remarkable plus-19 turnover margin by season's end.

One of Lewis' top pupils in 2015 was junior Alex Barrett, who produced 13 tackles for loss and 5.5 QB sacks while earning first team All-Mountain West honors. Barrett also was the fourth Atzec lineman to receive

All-Mountain West recognition during Lewis' tenure at the school.

In 2014, the SDSU defense finished among the NCAA Top 20 in nearly every defensive category, including scoring defense (13th) and total defense (16th).

Before San Diego State, Lewis worked as a coordinator in the United Football League in 2010, and as defensive coordinator at UTEP in 2008-09.



From 2003-07, Lewis served as defensive coordinator at the University of New Mexico. He also had stints coaching the Lobos' defensive line and linebackers.

In his tenure at New Mexico, the Lobos went to four bowl games and its defensive unit ranked fifth nationally in rushing defense in 2003.

In 2008-09, Lewis served as defensive coordinator at Texas-El Paso, then spent 2010 coaching in the United Football League.

From 1997-2002, Lewis guided linebackers and the defensive line at the University of Illinois. In his final year, the Illini played in the 2002 Nokia Sugar Bowl and posted a final No. 12 national ranking.

Lewis' first full-time coaching position at the NCAA FBS level came at his alma mater, Oregon State. He served as a linebackers coach and special teams coach with the Beavers from 1991-96.

Lewis' initial entry into the collegiate coaching ranks came as an assistant at

Western Oregon in 1989-90.

A native of Tucson, Ariz., Lewis was a team captain and honorable mention All-America at Oregon State. Lewis was All-Pac 10 and named the Beavers' most inspirational player. He continued his playing career professionally in the Canadian Football League and in the Arena Football League.

Lewis earned a bachelor's in social science education from Oregon State in 1986. He also completed a master's in education from Oregon State in 1989.

Lewis and his wife, Darlene, are the parents of son Marvin and daughter, Kiana.







Chris Marve, a former two-time Commodore defensive co-captain who ranks among the program's all-time leading tacklers, enters his first year as a position coach. He will direct the team's inside linebackers.

In 2014-15, Marve served as a Commodore defensive assistant under Head Coach Derek Mason. In 2015, he worked as a graduate assistant focusing on linebackers. In 2014, he contributed as a quality control assistant.

Mason, who mentored Marve last year as the team's defensive coordinator, described the former four-year Vanderbilt starting linebacker as "one of the top young defensive minds" in college football.

Marve became one of the most decorated players in Vanderbilt modern history by garnering All-Southeastern Conference accolades in each of his four years. He was a three-time team leader for tackles, and was an instrumental leader that pushed the Commodores to postseason appearances in the 2008 Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl and the 2011 AutoZone Liberty Bowl.

Marve's value to the Commodore defense and its linebackers has been evident since joining the staff. In 2015, the unit ranked among the nation's most improved, finishing fourth in first downs allowed, sixth in red-zone defense and third down efficiency, 22nd in scoring defense and 28th in

total defense.

Marve also helped develop Zach Cunningham into an All-SEC linebacker in his first year as a starter in 2015. Cunningham registered 103 total tackles, 16.5 tackles for loss, four forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries en route to earning



HOMETOWN: Memphis, Tenn.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's: Sociology, Human &

Organizational Development, Vanderbilt, 2011

COLLEGIATE/NFL COACHING CAREER:

2016 Vanderbilt - ILB Coach

2015 Vanderbilt - Defensive Graduate Assistant 2014 Vanderbilt - Defensive Quality Control

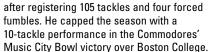
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America honors from Phil Steele.

In Marve's first year on staff, inside linebacker Nigel Bowden produced a banner 2014 campaign, achieving Freshman All-SEC recognition after leading all SEC freshmen with 78 tackles.

Marve quickly established himself as a Vanderbilt student-athlete, earning Freshman All-America and Freshman All-SEC honors in 2008

consensus first team all-conference recognition and third team All-



As a sophomore, Marve earned second team All-SEC recognition from league coaches after posting career highs with 121 total tackles and 57 solo stops. He also averaged 10.1 tackles in conference play.

In 2010, Marve again earned coaches' All-SEC honors as a junior defensive co-captain. That year, he finished with 80 tackles and eight tackles for loss.

As a senior captain, Marve contributed 91 tackles, earned All-SEC recognition from coaches and the Associated Press, and was instrumental in leading the Commodores back to postseason play. Marve's final appearance came in his hometown at the AutoZone Liberty Bowl.

Marve ranks eighth on the team's career defensive charts with 397 total tackles. His career total of 28 tackles for loss ranks ninth all-time among Commodores.

Marve completed bachelor's degrees in sociology and human & organizational development in December 2011. He earned a master's of education in higher education administration from Vanderbilt in 2015.

Marve is married to the former Lauren Dillard, a fellow Vanderbilt graduate.





Former Stanford assistant Marc Mattioli enters his second year on the defensive staff. After focusing on Commodore safeties in 2015, Mattioli widens his interests in 2016 as defensive secondary coach.

Mattioli, a former four-year letterwinner at Rhodes College in Memphis, did an excellent job with Vanderbilt's safeties in 2015, mentoring senior Andrew Williamson and sophomore Oren Burks to campaigns that garnered All-Southeastern Conference consideration. Williamson posted 41 tackles, provided veteran leadership and capped the season by making an appearance in the East-West Shrine Game. He signed with the Indianapolis Colts as a rookie free

agent. Burks also became an important leader in the secondary, topped the Commodores with three interceptions, and ranked third with 59 total tackles.

Mattioli joined Vanderbilt after serving three years at Stanford, including two seasons with Mason as a defensive graduate assistant.

Mattioli was a defensive quality control assistant for the Cardinal secondary in 2014, focusing his efforts on the Stanford secondary. In 2012-13, he served as a defensive graduate assistant, helping Mason as a

defensive backs and safeties mentor.

In 2014, Stanford finished second nationally in scoring defense, third in total defense, and eighth in passing defense. The Cardinal did not allow a touchdown pass in five games, and permitted just

2014 Stanford - Quality Control (Defense)
2012-13 Stanford - Graduate Assistant (Defense)
2010-11 LaGrange (Ga.) College - DL Coach

Vanderbilt - Secondary Coach

Vanderbilt - Safeties Coach

More on Coach Mattioli...

EDUCATION: Bachelor's: Political Science, Rhodes College, 2009

HOMETOWN: Roswell, Ga.

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COLLEGIATE COACHING CAREER:

one score via the pass in four other games. The team also produced as many interceptions (12) as touchdown passes allowed.

The 2014 Cardinal secondary was led by strong safety Jordan Richards with three interceptions and three forced fumbles. A first team All-Pac 12 selection as a senior, Richards also was awarded the 2014 National Football Foundation's Scholar-Athlete Award. Mattioli also worked with highly ranked Stanford defenses as a graduate assistant in 2012 and 2013.



The Cardinal ranked 10th nationally in scoring defense during a run to the Rose Bowl in 2013, and led the Pac-12 in scoring defense and total defense in the 2012 campaign that included another Rose Bowl appearance and conference title.

Mattioli has strong ties to the South. Prior to joining the Stanford staff, Mattioli served two seasons as the defensive line coach for LaGrange (Ga) College.

Mattioli played tight end as a freshman at Rhodes College before transitioning to the defensive line for his final three campaigns. He served as team captain as a senior in 2008, and was part of the 2006 Rhodes

defense that ranked fifth nationally.

He earned Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference All-Academic honors four times. Mattioli was the National Foundation and College Hall of Fame Outstanding Student-Athlete Award recipient for Rhodes and was an all-SCAC choice in 2006 and 2008.

Mattioli was a standout athlete at Roswell (Ga.) H.S., starting at tight end and linebacker.

Mattioli graduated from Rhodes with a bachelor's in political science. He earned a master's from LaGrange College and worked toward a postgraduate degree in liberal arts from Stanford.







Former Fresno State assistant coach Cameron Norcross enters his first year with the Commodores, guiding the offensive line.

Norcross comes to the Southeastern Conference after serving four years at Fresno State and an 11-year stint at his alma mater, the University of Nevada.

As a Fresno State staffer, Norcross helped the Bulldogs to a 29-23 overall record and three bowl appearances. Norcross' tenure at Fresno State featured an 11-2 campaign in 2013 that ended with the No. 21 Bulldogs facing Southern California in the Las Vegas

Norcross' lines were the backbone of a potent offensive attack at Fresno State. From 2012-14, the unit helped Fresno to put up 500 or more yards of offense 18 times. The offense also tallied at least 40 points in 18 games.

The line led Fresno State in 2013 to one of its best seasons in program history, as the Bulldogs tied the school record for wins

and captured the Mountain West championship. With Norcross' aid, the Bulldog offense established nearly 20 school records during the season, including new marks for total offense and points. The Fresno State line

More on Coach Norcross...

HOMETOWN: Ely, Nevada

EDUCATION: Bachelor's: Management, Univ. of Nevada, 1999 COLLEGIATE/NFL COACHING CAREER:

Vanderbilt - OL Coach 2016 2012-15 Fresno State - OL Coach

Nevada - Run Game Coordinator/OL Coach 2010-11

Nevada - TEs/Co-OL Coach 2003-09

2001-02 Nevada - Offensive Graduate Assistant

also allowed just 11 sacks in 13 games, ranking No. 7 in the NCAA. Remarkably, the **Bulldogs threw** 675 passes in 2013, nearly 250 more attempts than any of the six teams ranked ahead of the 'Dogs.

Norcross has mentored

All-America and all-conference linemen at Fresno State. In 2014, senior Alex Fifita earned second team All-Mountain West honors. Another pupil, senior tackle Justin Northern, became the sixth Academic All-America in Fresno State history.

Before joining the Fresno State staff, Norcross served at Nevada, helping his alma mater to seven consecutive bowl appearances from 2005-11. A three-year letterman on the Wolf Pack offensive line (1997-99), Norcross was an All-Big West selection in 1998.

Norcross started at Nevada as a graduate assistant under coach Chris Tormey in 2001-02. In 2003, he was hired on full time as the tight ends



and co-offensive line coach. Wolf Pack Hall of Fame Head Coach Ault returned to the program as head coach in 2004, keeping Norcross on his staff in the same role all the way up until 2010 when he was promoted to the run-game coordinator and offensive line coach. Norcross played an important role in the development of Ault's innovative "Pistol" offense since its inception in 2005.

Nevada led the nation in rushing in 2009, a year in which the Wolf Pack became the first team in NCAA history to have three 1,000-yard rushers in the same season. In nine seasons coaching offensive linemen at Nevada, Norcross mentored eight players to first-team all-conference honors and another eight to second-team accolades.

Prior to joining Tim DeRuyter's staff at Fresno State in 2012, the two had previously worked together at Nevada in 2005 and 2006 when DeRuyter was the co-defensive coordinator for the Wolf Pack. Over those two seasons, DeRuyter and Norcross helped

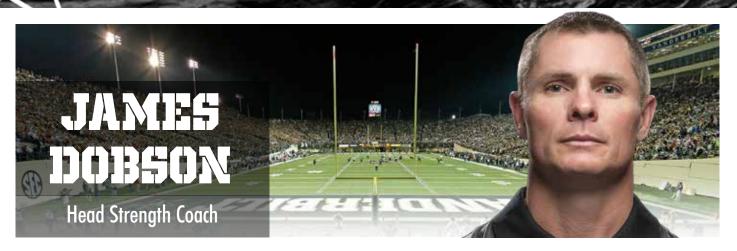
lead Nevada to a 17-8 record, a share of the 2005 WAC Championship and two bowl appearances.

A native of Ely, Nev., Norcross earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Nevada in management.

He and his wife, Jennifer, are the parents of a son, Jacob, and two daughters, Kylie and Madison.



STRENGTH STAFF



Former University of Nebraska conditioning coordinator James Dobson enters his second year as head strength coach of the Vanderbilt football team.

Dobson oversees all aspects of the Vanderbilt strength program for football, which includes winter conditioning, summer workouts and in-season training.

Dobson put his stamp on the Commodore program in 2015, developing a roster that played with energy and enthusiasm to the last snap. The Commodores' overall fitness was on display in the fourth quarter when they outscored opponents 58-47.

Dobson, a native of Mt. Horeb, Wis., spent the last seven years guiding Nebraska's conditioning programs under former Cornhusker football head coach Bo Pelini. In Dobson's tenure, Nebraska was one of three teams nationally, joining Alabama and Oregon, to post at least nine wins every year.

The 2014 Nebraska squad, ranked No. 22 in the Coaches Poll, faced Southern California in the Holiday Bowl. The Huskers made a post-season bowl appearance every year in Dobson's tenure. Utilizing Dobson's

strength program, the Huskers were regarded among the nation's most outstanding fourth-quarter teams. In 2014, the Huskers outscored opponents by a remarkable 119-62 margin. Nebraska also scored more fourth-quarter points by its foes in 2008 (155-52), 2009 (96-32), 2010 (64-53) and 2012 (101-82).

In 2014, Dobson's conditioning program helped the Nebraska offense

Coach Dobson and his wife, Rebecca, with their daughter, Elise, and son, Colton.



average 37.4 points, 248.2 rushing yards and 446.2 total yards. Dobson's efforts also produced a tenacious Nebraska squad. The Huskers were known for producing remarkable comeback victories in recent years, including four such wins during the 2012 season and a thrilling 37-34 overtime victory over lowa in the 2014 regular season finale.

Prior to Nebraska, Dobson spent nine years with the Iowa Hawkeye football program. He was in Iowa City during one of the most successful periods in school history. Iowa appeared in bowl games in six seasons and won 38 games from 2002 to 2005.

Dobson has had a history of working with some of the top college football players in the country over the past decade. Top pupils Dobson has worked with include running back Ameer Abdullah, defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh, cornerback Prince Amukamara and linebacker Lavonte David at Nebraska along with safety Bob Sanders, tight end Dallas Clark, offensive tackle Robert Gallery and linebacker Chad Greenway at Iowa.

In addition to his experience at lowa,

Dobson worked for two years as an assistant
strength and conditioning coach at Southern Methodist.

Dobson attended the University of Wisconsin, where he earned a bachelor's in kinesiology in 1996. He earned a master's of science and administration degree from Central Michigan in 2004.

In 2012, Dobson was one of 15 strength and conditioning coaches certified as a Master Strength and Conditioning Coach by the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association.

Dobson and his wife, Rebecca, have a son, Colton, and a daughter, Elise.

More on Coach Dobson...

HOMETOWN: Mt. Horeb. Wisc.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's: Kinesiology, Wisconsin, 1996

Master's: Science & Adminstration, Central Michigan, 2004

COLLEGIATE/NFL COACHING CAREER:

2015-16 Vanderbilt - Head Strength Coach 2008-14 Nebraska - Head Strength Coach 1999-2007 Iowa - Assistant Strength Coach 1997-98 SMU - Assistant Strength Coach

STRENGTH STAFF





CLARKE
Role: Assistant Director
Strength Staff
Year on Staff: 2nd
Alma Mater: Iowa, 2005

Tyler Clarke enters his second year with the Vanderbilt strength staff. He serves as assistant director of the strength staff, assisting Head Strength Coach James Dobson with all aspects of the football conditioning, including winter and summer workouts, and in-season preparation.

Tyler

Clarke came to Vanderbilt after serving seven seasons as an assistant strength coach for the University of Nebraska football program. Prior to joining Nebraska, Clarke spent three seasons as an assistant strength and coach at the University of Iowa. Previously, Clarke served as a student assistant with the Hawkeye conditioning staff while working toward his degree.

He earned his bachelor's degre in health and sports studies from lowa in 2005 and his master's in administration from Central Michigan in 2008. He is a certified strength and conditioning specialist through the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association.

Clarke and his wife, Oxana, are the parents of a 2-year-old boy, Aleksandr, and an infant daughter, Vera.



Role: Assistant,
Strength Staff
Year on Staff: 2nd
Alma Mater: Minnesota, 2013

Aaron Hill enters his second year as an assistant under Head Strength Coach James Dobson.

A native of St. Charles, Mo., Hill assists Dobson and his staff with all aspects of the Vanderbilt football program, including in-season and off-season training.

Hill joins Vanderbilt after serving a three-month strength and conditioning internship with the Carolina Panthers of the National Football League. Previously, he worked in a similar internship for the University of Minnesota football program during the 2014 regular season.

Hill was a linebacker and team captain at Minnesota, contributing 192 career tackles, five forced fumbles and four interceptions during a 47-game career. He was a two-time recipient of Minnesota's Butch Nash Award for competitive spirit on and off the field.

Hill completed a bachelor's degree in kinesiology-sports science from Minnesota in 2013. He earned a master's in education from Minnesota the following year.



SCHUMACHER

Role: Assistant Coach,
Strength Staff
Year on Staff: 2nd
Alma Mater: Concordia, 2008

Ben Schumacher is in his second year at Vanderbilt, serving as an assistant to Head Strength Coach James Dobson. Schumacher assists Dobson with all aspects of the Vanderbilt football program, including workouts through the year. He also oversees uses of hi-tech training aides.

Schumacher joined Vanderbilt after spending 2014 season with Dobson working as an assistant strength coach with the University of Nebraska football program. Schumacher came to Lincoln after working with the University of Minnesota football team in 2013.

Previously, Schumacher spent two seasons at Harvard where he aided the Crimson to an Ivy League football title as well as an Ivy League Player of the Year in women's lacrosse. Schumacher also served as the head strength coach for nine Division I sports in Cambridge.

Schumacher earned his bachelor's degree in kinesiology at Concordia-St. Paul in 2008 and completed his master's in applied health science from Northwest Missouri State.

Schumacher is married to the former Kayla Reding.



MANNINGER

Role: Assistant, Strength Staff Year on Staff: 2nd Alma Mater: Nebraska. 2013

Matt Manninger enters his second season as a member of the Vanderbilt coaching staff. He serves as an assistant to Head Strength Coach James Dobson.

A graduate of the University of Nebraska, Manninger has worked at Vanderbilt with Dobson's staff since June 2015.

Before joining the Commodore program, Manninger worked as a strength intern at the University of Maryland during the 2014 football season. He also served as a strength intern with University of Idaho student-athletes during the summer of 2014.

As a undergraduate student in Lincoln, Manninger earned a letter in 2012 as a linebacker with the Cornhusker football team.

He earned a bachelor's degree in dietetics and nutrition/exercise and health sciences from Nebraska. He later completed a master's in human nutrition from Eastern Michigan University.

Professionally, Manninger is SCCC and CSCS certified.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTS



Kevin ABRAMS

Role: Grad. Asst. - Specialists/Offense Year on Staff: 2nd Alma Mater: Illinois, 2013

Abrams enters his second year at Vanderbilt. He contributes as a graduate assistant for special teams and offense.

A native of St. Louis, Abrams joined the Commodores after working the 2014 season as a graduate assistant on offense and defense at the University of Buffalo.

Abrams participated as a student assistant for the University of Illinois football program all four years as an undergraduate. He assisted Illini special team coaches from 2009-12, then worked in special teams quality control at Illinois during the 2013 season.

As a prep athlete, Abrams earned varsity letters in football and track at John Burroughs School in St. Louis.

Abrams earned a bachelor's in finance from Illinois in 2013 and is working toward a master's in higher education administration at Vanderbilt.



BENTON

Role: Grad. Asst. - Defense Year on Staff: 2nd Alma Mater: Mississippi State, 2014

Benton enters his second year with the Vanderbilt program. After serving as an offensive graduate assistant in 2015, Benton moves across the line of scrimmage to assist Commodore defensive coaches in 2016.

Benton joined the Commodores after serving two seasons as an undergraduate assistant at Mississippi State under Head Coach Dan Mullen. Working as a secondary aide with coordinator Geoff Collins, helping the Bulldogs to a 17-9 overall record and 10-3 campaign in 2014.

A native of Searcy, Ark., Benton played wide receiver at Harding Academy before moving to Jackson, Tenn., where he graduated from Jackson Christian School.

Benton attended Union (Tenn.) University for two years before transferring to Mississippi State. He completed a bachelor's degree in history from Mississippi State in 2014.

Benton is working toward a Vanderbilt postgraduate degree.



Javon MARSHALL

Role: Grad. Asst. - Defense Year on Staff: 1st Alma Mater: Vanderbilt, 2013

Former Vanderbilt standout Javon Marshall enters his first year as a defensive graduate assistant.

Marshall, from Huber Heights, Ohio, earned four letters as a Commodore safety from 2010-13, and served as a defensive co-captain during the 2013 season. Marshall helped Vanderbilt to three consecutive postseason bowl appearances, including wins in the Franklin-American Mortgage Music City Bowl and BBVA Compass Bowl. With Marshall in the starting lineup, the Commodores registered a 24-15 overall record, including back-to-back nine win campaigns in 2012-13.

Marshall contributed 144 solo stops, 209 total tackles, eight tackles for loss and three interceptions during his Commodore career.

Marshall was a two-time SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient at Vanderbilt. He earned a bachelor's degree in human & organizational development from Vanderbilt in December 2013.

Marshall is working toward a postgraduate degree at Vanderbilt.



Quinshon ODOM

Role: Grad. Asst. - Offense Year on Staff: 1st Alma Mater: Shaw (NC) Univ., 2014

Odom enters his first year as a Commodore offensive graduate assistant.
Odom joins Vanderbilt after serving as an intern with the Eastern
Kentucky football team during the 2015 season. He assisted the EKU
offensive staff with an array of responsibilities, including preparing game
plans, and generating weekly opponent scouting reports.

A native of Lakeland, Fla., Odom played quarterback at Shaw (N.C.) University, helping the Bears to a Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association title during a four-year career from 2010-13. A team captain, Odom also earned academic honors off the field, and served as president of Shaw's Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) as a senior.

Odom earned a bachelor's in communications and journalism from Shaw in 2014 and a master's in sport management from Florida State in 2015.

Odom is working toward a postgraduate degree at Vanderbilt.







Ryan **BLAKNEY**

Role: Quality Control - Offense Year on Staff: 2nd

Alma Mater: San Diego State. 2013

Blakney enters his second season on staff. He assists offensive coordinator Andy Ludwig as a quality control assistant.

The native of San Diego came to Vanderbilt from the University of Wisconsin where he assisted Ludwig. At Wisconsin, Blakney contributed to one of the NCAA's top offenses. In 2014, the Badgers paced by running back Melvin Gordon averaged 34.6 points and 320.1 rushing yards.

In 2013, Blakney worked in offensive quality control at San Diego State. He also served as a student assistant at the school from 2011-12.

Blakney graduated from SDSU in 2013 with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology.



CALHOUN

Role: Quality Control - Defense Year on Staff: 3rd

Alma Mater: Morehouse, 1995

Calhoun enters his third year on staff. He has a new role as defensive quality control. Calhoun is a former defensive coach at Florida International (2010-12), Dartmouth (2006-09), Alabama A&M (2002-05) and Morehouse (Ga.) College (1998-2001). He began his coaching career at Idaho State in 1997.

Calhoun played collegiately at Grossmont (Calif.) C.C. He received his bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Morehouse College in 1995.

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



Mike MORITA

Role: Quality Control - Offense Year on Staff: 3rd

Alma Mater: Idaho State. 1998

Morita enters his third year at Vanderbilt as an offensive quality control.

Morita, who played running back at Idaho State, worked eight years at the
University of Albany (N.Y.): seven as OL coach and one as TE/OT coach.

Morita also has college experience as an offensive coordinator at Shaw (N.C.) 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 degree in elementary education from Idaho State and master's in education from Bucknell.



Corey GUYMON

Role: Quality Control - Analytics Year on Staff: 1st

Alma Mater: Mississippi, 2015

Guymon enters his first year as an analytics quality control for the defense. Guymon joins the Commodores after serving as a student assistant at the University of Mississippi.

Guymon assisted receivers coach Grant Heard at Ole Miss, aiding an offense that ranked as the SEC's highest scoring units in 2015.

Guymon earned a bachelor's degree in history from Ole Mis in 2015. A native of Searcy, Ark., Guymon was a prep standout at Harding (Ark.) Academy.

Athletic Training/Medical Staff



Tom BOSSUNG

Role: Asst. A.D., Sports Medicine; Head Athletic Trainer; Year on Staff: 17th

Alma Mater: Indiana State, 1990

Tom Bossung enters his 17th year as head athletic trainer for the team and director of the department's athletic training program. In 2014, he was promoted to Assistant A.D.-Sports Medicine.

Bossung enters his 21st year assisting Vanderbilt athletes. He came to campus as a graduate assistant in 1990, earning a master's degree 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 degree from Indiana State, is certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association, and licensed by the Tennessee 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, 22; and Sarah, 19.



WARNE FITCH, MD Head Team Physician



CHARLIE COX, MD Team Orthopaedic Surgeon



HARRISON SHULL, MD Team Physician



ADAM CLEMENS
Assistant Athletic Trainer



MIYA SULLIVAN Assistant Athletic Trainer



JUSTIN WENZEL
Assistant Athletic Trainer



KERRY WILBAR
Assistant Athletic Trainer



JOE WISNIEWSKI Assistant Athletic Trainer



GROOMS

Role: Assistant Athletics Director/ Director of Football Operations Year on Staff: 3rd Alma Mater: Ohio. 2001

Jason Grooms enters his third season as a Vanderbilt football administrator. Grooms is serving his second season at Assistant Athletics Director for Football after being hired by Head Coach Derek Mason in 2014 as director of football operations.

Grooms continues a working relationship with Mason that dates back a decade. When Grooms became Ohio University's first director of football operations in 2005, Mason was the Bobcats' receivers coach.

Grooms oversees all facets of the Vanderbilt Football operations program, from the day-to-day operations to responsibilities including budget control, team travel, player development/unity council, office organization including staff and personnel coordination and the Gridiron Club.

Grooms has managed Vanderbilt's future scheduling under Mason. During the last two years, the Commodores have announced upcoming series with Stanford from the Pac 12, Kansas State of the Big 12, Purdue from the Big Ten, and Wake Forest from the ACC. Several agreements with Football Championship Series (FCS)

teams also have been finalized.

Grooms has been active with several football projects at Vanderbilt. He oversaw a complete remodel of the football facilities with the additions of all new graphics in every area of the football complex, helped with the redesign of the John Rich Practice Complex synthetic turf and weight room, developed the player' lounge and recruiting display room, and helped produce a stadium facelift consisting of graphics and bowl recognitions. He has also helped create a player development department, aided with a summer internship program that now includes student-athletes from other Vanderbilt sports, and introduced several new technologies such as iPad playbooks, Catapult testing and the Teamworks communication network.

Grooms has been an active member of the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) since 2001. He serves on the College Football Playoff National

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

Championship Advisory Group and will serve as President of the AFCA National Committee for Directors of Football Operations in 2017. In 2013, Grooms was named FootballScoop.com's Director of Football Operations of the Year for his contributions at Ohio University.

Grooms was promoted to Ohio's assistant athletic director for football operations prior to the 2011 season after serving six years as the Bobcats' director of operations. During his time at Ohio, Grooms oversaw six major facility renovation projects. He also established a fundraising plan and designed the extensive locker room renovation at Ohio completed in 2015.

During Grooms' tenure, Ohio played in six bowl games and three Mid-American Conference championship games under Frank Solich.

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.

Grooms began his career at Ohio as a student assistant from 1997-2001. After earning his degree, Grooms joined Ohio coach Jim Grobe at Wake Forest as a graduate assistant, working with WFU safeties in 2001 and linebackers in 2002.

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

A native of Frankfort, Ohio, Grooms and his wife, Emily, are the parents of two sons, Jackson and Hayden, and a daughter, Scarlett Josephine.



Rayna **STEWART**

Role: Dir., Player Development Year on Staff: 2nd Alma Mater: Northern Ariz., 1996

Former National Football League player and high school coach Rayna Stewart enters his second year as Vanderbilt's Director of Player Development.

Stewart serves as a liaison between Vanderbilt student-athletes and the coaching staff and other departments in the athletic department. He also oversee team participation in community service, guides the innovative summer internship program for football student-athletes, and serves as a liaison between the coaching staff and high school coaches.

Stewart joined Vanderbilt after two years as a teacher and head coach at Nashville's Whites Creek H.S. in Nashville. He also served as a teacher-coach at Battle Ground Academy in nearby Franklin two years previously.

Stewart enjoyed a five-year NFL career. He was a defensive back and on special teams for Houston-Tennessee (1996-97), Miami (1998) and Jacksonville (1999-2000). He finished his pro career with two interceptions, 84 total tackles and three fumble recoveries.

Stewart has coached in the collegiate and professional ranks. He served as a graduate assistant at Northwestern University under Pat Fitzgerald from 2007-09, and as a defensive quality control coach with the Tennessee Titans under Jeff Fisher from 2009-11. He also has football-related experience as an athletic director-head coach at Chicago (III.) Hope Academy (2005-06) and as assistant coach at Centennial (Tenn.) H.S. (2001-04).

Stewart was a two-time All-America cornerback at Northern Arizona. He was selected by Houston in the fifth round of the 1996 NFL draft.

Stewart earned a bachelor's in advertising from Northern Arizona, and master's in education administration from Tennessee State.

Stewart and his wife, Sonia, have four children: ShaRae, Tre, Mycah and Jadyn. His wife is an executive principal in the Nashville school system, and earned her doctorate of education at Vanderbilt.



MIKE KROEGER

Role: Asst. Dir., Player Development Year on Staff: 2nd Alma Mater: Illinois State. 2014

Mike Kroeger is in his second year assisting the Vanderbilt football program, serving as a player development and operations assistant

Kroeger works with Vanderbilt's Player Development Director Rayna Stewart and the program's football operations staff. He assists with student-athletes' community service projects and helps coordinate summer internships.

A native of Wheaton, III., Kroeger graduated from Illinois State University where he competed as a thrower in track & field.

After earning a degree in integrated marketing communications from Illinois State, Kroeger has contributed his skills to Vanderbilt Athletics' marketing effort and managed marketing and communications for "Lacrosse Talk," North America's first talk show dedicated to the sport.





Austen **EVERSON**

Role: Director of Player Personnel Year on Staff: 1st Alma Mater: Ohio. 2007

Austen Everson, a Middle Tennessee native who spent several years with the Nebraska Cornhuskers football program, enters his first year on Derek Mason's Vanderbilt staff. Everson serves as director of player personnel, directing a staff that includes assistant director Eric Lammers, first-year staffers Corey Phillips and Donielle White, and assistant Andrea Cain.

Everson and the player personnel office oversee organizing unofficial and official recruiting visits, planning recruiting-related travel for position coaches, directing gameday recruiting events, coordinating summer camps for high school prospects, and acting as a staff liaison with NFL personnel.

A native of Brentwood, Tenn., Everson spent the last year in Nashville, working as team operations coordinator for the NFL's Tennessee Titans.

From 2009-2015, Everson served at Nebraska under Head Coach Bo Pelini. He started with the Cornhuskers serving four years as director of high school relations before being promoted to assistant director of football operations.

Everson was a two-time team captain at Ohio University for Head Coach Frank Solich. He earned four letters playing quarterback, starting 27 career games for the Bobcats. As a senior in 2006, Everson guided Ohio to a 9-5 regular and postseason appearance in the GMAC Bowl. That year, working under current Vanderbilt quarterback coach Gerry Gdowski, Everson threw for 1,356 yards and seven touchdowns.

During his undergraduate career at Ohio, Everson was a two-time academic All-Mid-America Conference (MAC) selection, a National Football Foundation National Honor Society inductee and a Draddy Trophy semifinalist while also earning accolades in the weight room as the All-American Strength and Conditioning Athlete of the Year.

Everson completed multiple degrees from Ohio University. He earned a bachelor's degree in 2007 in management, and later completed master's degrees in business administration in 2008 and sports administration in 2009.

Everson was a prep standout at Brentwood High School just south of Nashville. As a senior, he was named All-Midstate Player of the Year by the Tennessean and was a finalist for Tennessee's Mr. Football Award.

Everson is married to the former Leah Luther.



LAMMERS

Role: Director of Recruiting Year on Staff: 3rd Alma Mater: Bowling Green State, 2009

Eric Lammers returns to the Vanderbilt football staff as director of recruiting. Lammers is back with the program after working in the private sector one year. From 2012-14, he assisted in the Commodores' player personnel office.

Lammers' responsibilities include organizing unofficial and official recruiting visits, directing the Commodores' gameday recruiting events, coordinating summer camps for high school prospects, and acting as a staff liaison with NFL personnel.

Prior to joining the Vanderbilt program in 2012, Lammers coached varsity football and taught in the Urbana (Ohio) School District.

A native of Ottawa, Ohio, Lammers earned a bachelor's in business education from Bowling Green (Ohio) State in 2009.

Lammers is married to the former Stacy Young.



Matt BRITAIN

Role: Assistant Director of Football Operations Year on Staff: 3rd Alma Mater: Ohio, 2012

Matt Britain enters his third year at Vanderbilt, serving as assistant director of football operations.

Britain assists Assistant A.D./Director of Football Operations Jason Grooms with the daily management of the Vanderbilt football program, including team travel, scheduling and special activities.

A native of Kennesaw, Ga., Britain was a student-athlete on the Ohio University football squad, playing offensive line for the Bobcats from 2008-10.

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

At Ohio, 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 played in four consecutive bowl games and earned back-to-back postseason wins in 2011-12.

Britain earned a bachelor's in sports management from Ohio in 2012.



LEATHERS

Role: Director of Football Communications Year on Staff: 16th

Larry Leathers enters his 16th year as Vanderbilt's Director of Football Communications.

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 media opportunities with Commodore coaches and student-athletes, serves as lead writer for annual guides, coordinates weekly interviews with Coach Mason and student-athletes, and directs the program's gameday media relations responsibilities.



HIGGINS

Role: Asst. Athletics Director/ Facilities & Game Operations Year on Staff: 3rd

Ed Higgins serves as Director of Facilities and Game Operations. In his third year, 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 came to Vanderbilt Athletics after a decade as Vanderbilt Medical Center'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.



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