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FULL MEDIA RESOURCE FOR VANDERBILT FOOTBALL

Game materials for the working media are updated regularly on the Vanderbilt Athletics website, vucommadores.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. A live stats program will be provided in the press box.

Game books, final statistics, and player/coach quotes will be provided via email.



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KEY PRESEASON DATES

TEAM REPORTS	July 30
FIRST PRACTICE	July 31
FIRST DAY IN FULL GEAR	Aug. 3
DORE JAM (Fan Day)	Aug. 5 (4-6 pm CT)

REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE

The Commodores will have no availability on Sundays and Mondays.

Each Tuesday, starting at 12:15 pm CT, Vanderbilt hosts an on-campus press conference with Coach Mason and select players.

After Wednesday practices, select players & coaches will be available starting at about 8:45 am CT. Coach Mason's segment of SEC Head Coaches Teleconference starts Wednesday, Aug. 30, at 10:30 am.

PRESEASON COVERAGE

The first week of preseason camp will be open to local media outlets. The Commodores will conduct morning practices for the third consecutive year. Typical practices conclude about 9 a.m.

ONLINE CREDENTIALING

The online resource to submit credential requests to Vanderbilt home games follows: www.SportsSystems/Vanderbilt

All applications will be notified of their status at least one week before gameday. Approvals will not be granted without acceptance of SEC credential and media policies.

When possible, credentials will be mailed one week in advance. However, credentials can be picked up on Fridays before games at the VU Communications 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 & IN-GAME FIELD 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.

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

PRESS BOX WIRELESS & PHOTO TRANSMISSION

The press box is equipped with wireless internet access for the working press. Visiting photographers should plan to transmit from the press box.

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 credentialed media will be allowed into the conference.**

Writers can access the field level for the final 5:00 of the fourth quarter. The best option for Dudley Field access is the Press Box northside elevator.

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 press 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.

The visiting team interview room can also be accessed from the south end zone tunnel. It is directly across from Vanderbilt's interview room.



RADIO NETWORK, POLICIES



The Vanderbilt Radio Network features Voice of the Commodores Joe Fisher (center), sideline reporter Mitch Light (left) and analyst Norman Jordan.

FISHER ANCHORS RADIO NETWORK

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

A Nashville native, Fisher enters his 20th season as the team's play-by-play 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 third year at analyst. He works as a stock broker in Nashville.

Light enters his fifth 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.

Middle Tennessee fans can also listen to Vanderbilt games on Nashville station WNRQ 98.3 FM.

It marks the fifth year that NewsRadio 1510 WLAC serves as flagship for the VU radio network.

NewsRadio 1510 WLAC features a nightly signal can be heard across more than 30 states on the AM dial.

Mason's weekly call-in show hosted by Joe Fisher is heard Wednesdays at 7 p.m. CT on 1510 WLAC.

VANDY RADIO NETWORK



NewsRadio AM-1510 WLAC*	Nashville
WNRQ 98.3 FM	Nashville
WALV 105.1 FM	Chattanooga
WEKR AM-1240	Fayetteville
WJMM AM-1490	Lewisburg
WMSR AM-1320	Manchester
WMSR 107.9 FM	Manchester
WMPS AM-1210	Memphis
WMPS 103.1 FM	Memphis
WDUC 93.9 FM	Tallahoma

*Vanderbilt Radio Network flagship

MASON'S MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

• WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE ON TUESDAYS

Coach Mason meets with local media each Tuesday of game week, starting at 12:15 p.m. CT. It will be held in the team's Press Conference Room in Vanderbilt Stadium. Select student-athletes are available following Mason.

• SEC HEAD COACHES TELECONFERENCE

Each Wednesday of the season, Mason is available to out-of-town media via the SEC Coaches' Teleconference at 10:30 a.m., CT. Call 205-458-3010 for info.

GAME WEEK INTERVIEW POLICIES

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

For the third straight year, the Commodores will stage morning practices. Starting in preseason camp and through the season, offensive coordinator Andy Ludwig will be available at the conclusion of each Wednesday practice. Upon request, select Vanderbilt student-athletes and position coaches will also be available.

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

NASHVILLE MEDIA OUTLETS

WIRE SERVICE

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Teresa Walker, beat writer, Nashville bureau • 615-373-9988

NEWSPAPERS

THE TENNESSEAN (AM daily)

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

VANDERBILT HUSTLER (student publication)

Box 1504, Station B, Nashville • 615-322-2424 • insidervandy.com

RADIO STATIONS

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

NEWSRADIO 1510 WLAC

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

TELEVISION STATIONS

WKRN, ABC-2

Nashville • 615-369-7240

WSMV, NBC-4

Nashville • 615-353-2407

WTVF, CBS-5

Nashville • 615-248-5285

WZTV, FOX-17

Nashville • 615-369-5562

VANDERBILT STADIUM



GAMEDAY ON CAMPUS

MEDIA PARKING..... Kensington Garage
..... (garage on 25th Avenue South next to Memorial Gym)
MEDIA WILL CALL..... Vanderbilt Stadium Gate 1
..... (stadium entrance closest to Vanderbilt Marriott)
PRESS BOX..... Third floor, west side of stadium
..... (press box typically 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.

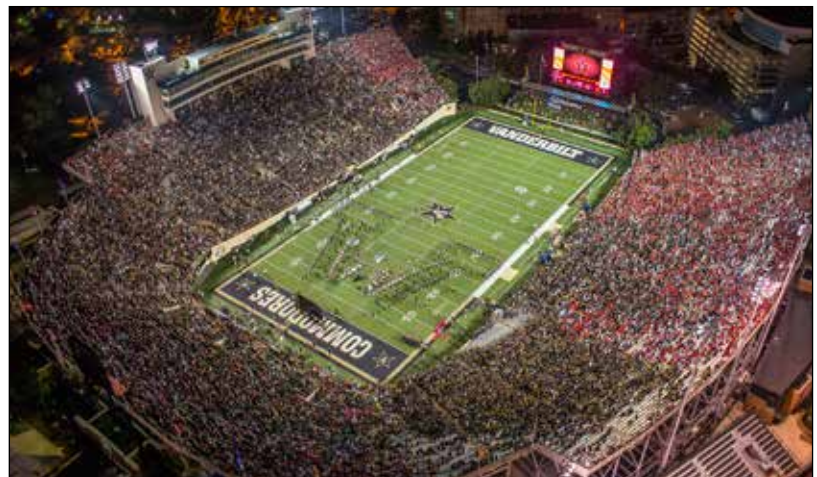
VANDERBILT STADIUM: COMMODORE HOME SINCE 1981

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 a 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 2010, including new plazas and entrances at Gates 2 & 3 and an exterior effort to unify Vanderbilt Stadium, Hawkins Field and Memorial Gym.



2017 OPPONENTS

Middle Tennessee

Floyd Stadium, Murfreesboro
Sept. 2; Kickoff: 7 pm; TV: CBS Sports Network

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Founded 1911
Undergraduate Enrollment 20,140
Nickname Blue Raiders
Conference Conference USA
All-time Record 564-418-28 (.572)
2016 Record/CUSA mark 8-5/5-3 (3rd)
Stadium Floyd (32,000)
Official Website GoBlueRaiders.com

HEAD COACH

Rick Stockstill Florida State, 1982
Record at Middle Tennessee 72-67 (12th 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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Alabama A&M

Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville
Sept. 9; Kickoff: TBA; TV: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Normal, Ala.
Founded 1890
Undergraduate Enrollment 5,024
Nickname Bulldogs
Conference SWAC
All-time Record 405-377-25 (.517)
2016 Record/SWAC mark 4-7/4-5
Stadium Crews Stadium (21,000)
Official Website AAMUsports.com

HEAD COACH

James Spady UTEP, 1995
Record at Alabama A&M 11-23 (4th year)
Career Head Coaching Record same

VS. ALABAMA A&M

Overall Series: First game in series

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Kansas State

Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville
Sept. 16; 6:30 pm CT; TV: ESPNU

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Manhattan, Kansas
Founded 1858
Undergraduate Enrollment 19,859
Nickname Wildcats
Conference Big 12
All-time Record 518-635-41 (.451)
2016 Record/Big12 mark 9-4/6-3 (3rd)
Stadium Bill Snyder Family Stadium (50,000)
Official Website KStatesports.com

HEAD COACH

Bill Snyder William Jewell College, 1962
Record at Kansas State 202-105-1 (26th year)
Career Head Coaching Record 202-105-1 (26th year)

VS. KANSAS STATE

Overall Series: Vanderbilt leads 1-0
VU-KState @ Vanderbilt 1-0
VU-KState @ Manhattan 0-0

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Alabama

Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville
Sept. 23; Kickoff: TBA; TV: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Founded 1831
Undergraduate Enrollment 31,958
Nickname Crimson Tide
Conference Southeastern
All-time Record 878-326-43 (.721)
2016 Record/SEC mark 14-1, 8-0 (1st/West)
Stadium Bryant-Denny Stadium (101,821)
Official Website RollTide.com

HEAD COACH

Nick Saban Kent State, 1973
Record at Alabama 119-19 (11th year)
Career Head Coaching Record 210-61-1 (22nd year)

VS. ALABAMA

Overall Series: Vanderbilt trails 19-61-4
VU-Bama @ Vanderbilt 13-28-2
VU-Bama @ Tuscaloosa/B'ham/Mobile 6-31-2

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Florida

Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, Gainesville, Fla.
Sept. 30; Kickoff: TBA; TV: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Gainesville, Fla.
Founded 1853
Undergraduate Enrollment 35,043
Nickname Gators
Conference Southeastern
All-time Record 710-402-40 (.633)
2016 Record/SEC mark 9-4, 6-2 (1st/East)
Stadium Ben Hill Griffin/Florida Field (88,548)
Official Website Gatorzone.com

HEAD COACH

Jim McElwain Eastern Washington, 1984
Record at Florida 19-8 (3rd year)
Career Head Coaching Record 41-24 (6th 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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Georgia

Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville
Oct. 7; Kickoff: TBA; TV: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Athens, Ga.
Founded 1785
Undergraduate Enrollment 27,547
Nickname Bulldogs
Conference Southeastern
All-time Record 794-418-54 (.649)
2016 Record/SEC mark 8-5, 4-4 (T-2nd/East)
Stadium Sanford (92,746)
Official Website GeorgiaDogs.com

HEAD COACH

Kirby Smart Georgia, 1999
Record at Georgia 8-5 (2nd year)
Career Head Coaching Record same

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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2017 OPPONENTS



Ole Miss

Vaught-Hemingway Stadium, Oxford, Miss.
Oct. 14; Kickoff: TBA; TV: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Oxford, Miss.
Founded 1848
Undergraduate Enrollment 18,785
Nickname Rebels
Conference Southeastern
All-time Record 660-511-35 (.562)
2016 Record/SEC mark 5-7/2-6 (7th/West)
Stadium Vaught-Hemingway (64,038)
Official Website OleMissSports.com

HEAD COACH

Hugh Freeze Southern Miss, 1992
Record at Ole Miss 39-25 (6th year)
Career Head Coaching Record 69-32 (8th 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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South Carolina

Williams-Brice Stadium, Columbia, S.C.
Oct. 28; Kickoff: TBA; TV: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Columbia, S.C.
Founded 1801
Undergraduate Enrollment 25,243
Nickname Gamecocks
Conference Southeastern
All-time Record 593-568-44 (.510)
2016 Record/SEC mark 6-7/3-5 (T-5th/East)
Stadium Williams-Brice (80,250)
Official Website Gamecocksonline.com

HEAD COACH

Will Muschamp Georgia, 1994
Record at South Carolina 6-7 (2nd year)
Career Head Coaching Record 34-28 (6th year)

VS. SOUTH CAROLINA

Overall Series: Vanderbilt trails 4-22
VU-South Carolina @ Vanderbilt 2-11
VU-South Carolina @ Columbia 2-11

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Western Kentucky

Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville
Nov. 4; Kickoff: TBA; TV: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Bowling Green, Ky.
Founded 1906
Undergraduate Enrollment 17,495
Nickname Hilltoppers
Conference Conference USA
All-time Record 565-384-31 (.592)
2016 Record/CUSA mark 11-3/7-1 (1st)
Stadium Houchens Industries-Smith (22,000)
Official Website WKUsports.com

HEAD COACH

Mike Sanford Boise State, 2005
Record at Western Kentucky 1st year
Career Head Coaching Record same

VS. WESTERN KENTUCKY

Overall Series: Vanderbilt leads 4-1
VU-Western Kentucky @ Vanderbilt 3-1
VU-Western Kentucky @ Bowling Green 1-0

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Kentucky

Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville
Nov. 11; Kickoff: TBA; TV: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Lexington, Ky.
Founded 1865
Undergraduate Enrollment 22,705
Nickname Wildcats
Conference Southeastern
All-time Record 598-612-44 (.494)
2016 Record/SEC mark 7-6/4-4 (T-2nd/East)
Stadium Kroger Field (67,942)
Official Website UKathletics.com

HEAD COACH

Mark Stoops Iowa, 1988
Record at Kentucky 19-30 (5th year)
Career Head Coaching Record same

VS. KENTUCKY

Overall Series: VU trails 42-43-4
VU-Kentucky @ Vanderbilt 27-19-2
VU-Kentucky @ Lexington 15-24-2

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Missouri

Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville
Nov. 18; Kickoff: TBA; TV: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Columbia, Mo.
Founded 1839
Undergraduate Enrollment 27,812
Nickname Tigers
Conference Southeastern
All-time Record 664-550-52 (.545)
2016 Record/SEC mark 4-8/2-6 (7th/East)
Stadium Memorial/Faurot Field (71,000)
Official Website MUTigers.com

HEAD COACH

Barry Odom Missouri, 1999
Record at Missouri 4-8 (2nd year)
Career Head Coaching Record same

VS. MISSOURI

Overall Series: VU trails 3-5-1
VU-Missouri @ Vanderbilt 1-1-1
VU-Missouri @ Columbia/St. Louis 2-4-0

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Tennessee

Neyland Stadium, Knoxville, Tenn.
Nov. 25; Kickoff: TBA; TV: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Knoxville, Tenn.
Founded 1794
Undergraduate Enrollment 21,863
Nickname Volunteers
Conference Southeastern
All-time Record 828-376-53 (.680)
2016 Record/SEC mark 9-4/4-4 (T-2nd/East)
Stadium Neyland (102,455)
Official Website UTsports.com

HEAD COACH

Butch Jones Ferris (Mich.) State, 1989
Record at Tennessee 30-21 (5th year)
Career Head Coaching Record 80-48 (11th year)

VS. TENNESSEE

Overall Series: Vanderbilt trails 31-75-5
VU-Tennessee @ Vanderbilt 20-36-4
VU-Tennessee @ Knoxville 11-39-1

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