



MASON'S SQUAD LOOKS FOR FURTHER PROGRESS

Coming off the program's eighth all-time postseason appearance, head coach **Derek Mason** will welcome his most experienced Vanderbilt squad when he starts his fourth season on campus.

Eighteen players who started at least five games in 2016 - and six more who started multiple games - are among 43 returning letterwinners expected to greet Mason when preseason camp opens July 31. The returnees include nine position starters and 21 letterwinners on offense, seven starters and 19 letterwinners on defense and two starting specialists.

Vanderbilt looks to improve off a 2016 campaign where it concluded the regular season with a 4-2 run, highlighted by victories over SEC rivals Georgia, Ole Miss and Tennessee. Mason, who has produced more wins in each of his three years at Vanderbilt, believes his program is on the right path.

"This is our most experienced team and I believe experience is important to winning in this conference," Mason said. "Our guys have given tremendous effort and energy this offseason working to get better. All of them tasted success last year but they want more. We all want more."

Commodore fans have reason for optimism. Continuity has become the norm in Mason's program. The team enters its third year with head strength coach **James Dobson**, whose impact has dramatically improved fitness and conditioning throughout the roster. It also marks the third year that **Andy Ludwig** will guide the Commodore offense, which improved vastly in 2016. It's the third year that Mason - one of the nation's top defensive minds - will coordinate an increasingly efficient Vanderbilt defense.

The offense features 11 multi-game starters from last year, including

quarterback Kyle Shurmur, running back Ralph Webb, wide receivers Trent Sherfield, C.J. Duncan, Caleb Scott and Kalija Lipscomb, tight ends Nathan Marcus and Jared Pinkney and linemen Ean Pfeifer, Bruno Reagan and Justin Skule.

The defense returns six of its top tacklers and 11 players who earned multiple starts last year. Key returnees include linemen Nifae Lealao and Jonathan Wynn, linebacker Oren Burks, cornerback Tre Herndon and safeties Ryan White, LaDarius

Wiley and Arnold Tarpley III.

Vanderbilt kicks off the season at Middle Tennessee on Sept. 2. The 2017 slate features seven games on campus: Alabama A&M on Sept. 9, Kansas State on Sept. 16, Alabama on Sept. 23, Georgia on Oct. 7, Western Kentucky on Nov. 4, Kentucky on Nov. 11 and Missouri on Nov. 18.

COMMODORE KEYS

PLAYMAKERS RETURN ON OFFENSE

The offense returns virtually all of its production from a year ago, including RB **Ralph Webb**, QB **Kyle Shurmur** and eight top receivers.

RED ZONE, 3RD DOWNS & TURNOVERS

In 2016, the Dores ranked Top 10 nationally in offensive and defensive red-zone efficiency, improved on thirddown efficiency and concluded with a positive turnover margin. More success is needed in these areas for team success.

KEY SPECIALISTS BACK

Three quality starters - PK **Tommy Openshaw**, punter **Sam Loy** and PR **Kalija Lipscomb** - are back after starting last year.

OUTLOOK: BACKFIELD



KYLE SHURMUR Shurmur set a sophomore mark for passing yards last year.



RALPH WEBB The senior is coming off arguably the finest season ever by a Commodore back.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD

STARTERS BACK: 2 LETTERWINNERS: 6

Paced by a record-breaking running back, quality depth and a quarterback who seems to improve with each start, the assembly of backfield talent matches any in recent Commodore history.

The backfield, directed by third-year coordinator Andy Ludwig, guar-



KHARI BLASINGAME Registered 10 rushing touchdowns in 2016.

terbacks mentor Gerry Gdowski and running backs coach Jeff Genyk, looks to build on its 2016 production, creating more explosive plays while continuing to limit turnovers.

Gdowski expects more improvement from Kyle Shurmur (Jr.), who comes off one of the finest seasons ever by a Commodore sophomore quarterback. Shurmur threw for 2,409 yards and finished the regular season in outstanding fashion, averaging 290.5 passing yards during the team's last four SEC games.

Shawn Stankavage (R-Jr.) and Deuce Wallace (R-Fr.) will compete for the top reserve role. Signee Jacob Free also joins the quarterback corps.

The strength of the backfield could be in the running back corps where all-time rushing leader Ralph Webb (Sr.) tops a strong contingent.

Webb is likely to go down as the greatest back in team history. Through three years, Webb's been a record-smashing, durable force for the Commodores. The three-year starter enters his last season with 3,342 yards, ranking No. 20 in SEC history and 22 rushing touchdowns.

The corps behind Webb is solid. Punishing Khari Blasingame (R-Jr.) was a huge factor in Vanderbilt's red-zone success, rushing for 10 touchdowns and 449 yards. Dallas Rivers (Sr.) enters his final season just shy of 500 career rushing yards and Josh Crawford (Jr.) brings two years of experience to the position. Jamauri Wakefield (R-Fr.) was one of the team's most impressive players in Spring Ball.

Bailey McElwain (So.) returns as the team's top fullback after a strong freshman year. Rivers and Jaire George (R-Fr.) also play the position.

Ke'Shawn Vaughn (Jr.) is another talented tailback. He will sit out the 2017 season after transferring from Illinois.

OUARTERBACKS

Shawn Stankavage	eR-Jr	. SQ
Kyle Shurmur	Jr	2L
Deuce Wallace	R-Fr	RS
Jacob Free	Fr	. HS

BACKS

Dallas RiversSr3 Khari BlasingameR-Jr2 Josh CrawfordJr2 Jaire GeorgeSoSo Bailey McElwainSo1 Baffour OseiSoSo Jamauri WakefieldR-FrRS	L L L
Jamauri Wakefield R-FrR Ke'Shawn Vaughn Jr Tl	

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Topped Dores in receptions and yards last year.



TRENT SHERFIELD Closed 2016 regular season with 184 yards vs UT.



CALEB SCOTT Averaged 19.4 yards per catch as a junior.

RECEIVING CORPS

STARTERS BACK: 6 LETTERWINNERS: 10

Six starters and 10 letterwinners return in a receiving corps that looks to be a potential strength of the Commodore offense.

The top seven receiving targets from a year ago - four wideouts and three tight ends - will showcase their talents in preseason camp to wide receivers coach **Cortez Hankton** and coordinator **Andy Ludwig**.



JARED PINKNEY Tight end posted 22 catches as redshirt freshman.

The wide receiver corps is a veteran unit, led by seniors **Trent Sherfield, C.J. Duncan** and **Caleb Scott**. They are supported by **Kalija Lipscomb**, who put together a solid freshman campaign last year. Together, the four wideouts combined for 129 catches and 1,751 receiving yards in 2016.

Sherfield is a twoyear starter and has 86 career receptions. After catching 51 passes in 2015, Sherfield had 34 receptions and 472 yards last year finishing the regular season with a 184-yard effort vs. Tennessee.

TIGHT ENDS

Duncan came back from injury in 2016 to top the corps with 44 catches and 494 yards.

Scott was one of the SEC's top deep threats, averaging 19.4 yards on 24 catches. Lipscomb was a pleasant surprise as a true freshman, ranking

(So.) and Jackson Winrow (R-Fr.).

third on the team with 27 receptions, good for 319 yards and two scores. The roster of wide receivers includes **Trey Ellis** (Sr.), **Donaven Tennyson**

The Commodores also added physical receivers **James Bostic** and **Chris Pierce** in their most recent signing class. Ohio State transfer **Alex Stump** will sit out the '17 season.

The Commodores welcome back their top three tight ends from a year ago in **Nathan Marcus** (Sr.), **Jared Pinkney** (R-So.) and **Sam Dobbs** (Jr.). While Marcus is the team's most versatile tight end blending solid blocking and receiving talents, Pinkney became one of the team's top aerial targets in his first year, registering 22 catches for 274 yards. Dobbs is another passing target from the position.

The tight end corps also includes a pair of redshirt freshmen in **Turner Cockrell** and **Cody Markel**.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Trey Ellis		
Caleb Scott	Sr	3L
Trent Sherfield	Sr	3L
C.J. Duncan	Sr	2L
Kalija Lipscomb	So	1L
Donaven Tennyson .	So	1L
Jackson Winrow	R-Fr	RS
James Bostic	Fr	HS
Chris Pierce	Fr	HS
Alex Stump	R-So	TR

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OUTLOOK: OFFENSIVE LINE



BRUNO REAGAN Reagan has 15 career starts at right guard entering junior season.



JUSTIN SKULE Skule started every game at right tackle as a sophomore last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE

STARTERS BACK: 3 LETTERWINNERS: 6

The offensive line corps returns three starters, six letterwinners and several talented newcomers looking to break into the Dores' rotation.

While several key performers are back for second-year coach **Cameron Norcross**, the unit lacks senior leadership. Additionally, Norcross will look to replace the production lost from the graduation of center **Barrett Gouger** and tackle **Will Holden**, who became a fifth-round draft pick of the Arizona Cardinals.

After focusing on fundamentals and chemistry in spring drills, Norcross expects more development from a unit that features three returning starters.



EAN PFEIFER The sophomore provided a phyiscal presence as a first-year starter in 2016.

Justin Skule (Jr.) is the team's top returning tackle. After seeing limited action as a true freshman, Skule developed into a dependable performer in 2016. He brings the ability to play either right or left tackle.

Bailey Granier (R-Jr.) is the team's most experienced tackle besides Skule. He was a four-game starter in 2015 and enjoyed numerous snaps last year.

Devin Cochran (R-Fr.) will enter camp after impressing during spring drills. The lengthy Cochran could compete for a starting role at tackle. Egidio DellaRipa (OG/OT)....R-Jr....1L Justin Skule (OT)......Jr.....2L Darion DeBrossard (OT).....R-So....1L Ean Pfeifer (C/OG)......R-So....1L Jared Southers (OG/OT).....R-So....1L Saige Young......So....TR Devin Cochran (OT)......R-Fr....RS David FloydR-Fr....RS Sean Auwae-McMoore (C)...R-Fr....RS Braden Kopp (OT)......R-Fr...RS Bryce Bailey......Fr....RS Grant Miller......Fr....HS Jonathan Stewart.....Fr....HS

OFFENSIVE LINE

Bailey Granier (OG/OT)......R-Jr.....2L

Bruno Reagan (OG)R-Jr2L

At guard, the Commodores enter 2017 with both starters

back: **Bruno Reagan** (R-Jr.) at right guard and **Ean Pfeifer** (R-So.) at left guard. Both bring a nasty streak to the Commodores' improved rushing attack.

Egidio DellaRipa (R-Sr.), **Darion DeBrossard** (R-So.), **Jared Southers** (R-So.), **David Floyd** (R-Fr.) and **Braden Kopp** (R-Fr.) are potential swing players with the ability to contribute at tackle or guard.

Transfer guard **Saige Young** (So.) could be an interesting player to watch during preseason camp.

Sean Auwae-McMoore (R-Fr.) is expected to be among the candidates to replace Gouger at center. Auwae-McMoore took the majority of snaps during spring drills. Pfeifer and Reagan also could see preseason repetitions.

Other new arrivals on the offensive line include signees **Bryce Bailey**, **Cole Clemens**, **Grant Miller** and **Jonathan Stewart**.





NIFAE LEALAO Nose tackle contributed 2.5 sacks, four tackles for loss among 22 tackles in 2016.



JONATHAN WYNN Senior tops defensive line corps with 12 career starts entering this season.

DEFENSIVE LINE

STARTERS BACK: 3 LETTERWINNERS: 4

The Commodore defensive line corps features four proven veterans and a bevy of promising newcomers ready to move into more important roles.

Second-year defensive line coach C.J. Ah You will welcome a unit highlighted by Nifae Lealao (Sr.), Jay Woods (Sr.), Jonathan Wynn (Sr.)

and **Dare Odeyingbo** (Jr.). All four upperclassmen have started in the trenches over the last two years.

Lealao is developing into one of the Southeastern Conference's top defensive tackles. He brings a combination of size, strength and agility that has eluded Vanderbilt's previous interior line personnel.

Lealao is also coming off his best year. While clogging the middle of Vanderbilt's defense, he registered 22 tackles, including 2.5 quarterback sacks, and frequently applied pressure in the opponent backfield.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Jay Woods	
Jalen PinkneyFr	

Ah You expects a healthy Woods to have a strong campaign, and offset the graduation loss of Adam Butler, a current member of the New England Patriots. Woods was limited last year but has renewed confidence and drive entering his fifth year in the program. As a sophomore in 2015, Woods was one of the team's most productive linemen, registering 24 tackles while earning five starting assignments.

The staff will look for greater production and more pressure on quarterbacks from the end position where Wynn and Odeyingbo are the top returnees. Both are coming off their best seasons in Black and Gold: Wynn contributing a pair of quarterback sacks among 28 tackles and Odeyingbo registering four tackles for loss among 21 stops.

Redshirt freshmen Josiah Sa'o, Cameron Tidd and Drew Birchmeier all showed



DARE ODEYINGBO Junior plays with tremendous effort from line role.

development during spring drills and could push for playing time during camp.

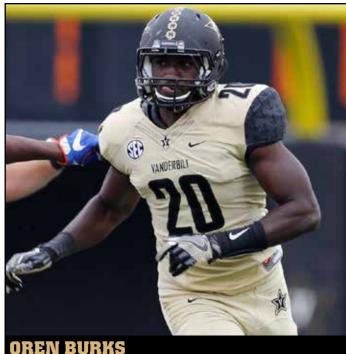
The Commodores also added four defensive line prospects in the 2017 signing class: Jonah Buchanan, Stone Edwards, Dayo Odeyingbo and Jalen Pinkney.

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OUTLOOK: LINEBACKERS



CHARLES WRIGHT A standout in spring drills, Wright posted 3.5 tackles for loss last year.



UREN BURNS Burks ranked second among Commodores last year with 3.5 quarterback sacks.

LINEBACKERS

STARTERS BACK: 2 LETTERWINNERS: 6

The linebacking corps will feature several rising prospects ready to make their mark on the defense following the loss of three players who made multiple starts a year ago, including a consensus All-American.



JOSH SMITH A year ago, junior played his best football late in the season at outside linebacker.

Outside linebackers coach **Warren Belin** returns to Vanderbilt with second-year inside linebacker mentor **Chris Marve** to guide a unit that features two starters and six contributors from a year ago.

The corps is missing plenty of production from 2016, namely inside linebacker Zach Cunningham, who became a second-round NFL draft selection of the Houston Texans after earning consensus All-American honors.

Oren Burks (Sr.) will likely fill the vacancy left by Cunningham's departure. The versatile Burks has evolved from a physical safety in 2015 and hybrid linebacker last year to the inside linebacker slot this year. In 2016, Burks registered 3.5 sacks among 59 tackles.

Emmanuel Smith (Sr.) and Jordan Griffin (Jr.), who combined for 30 tackles in 2016, are expected to compete with Burks for the starting inside linebacker roles. Smith, another former safety, has added bulk during the offseason in anticipation of moving inside.

Jay Hockaday (R-So.) is a fourth returnee at inside linebacker. He is back at full health after missing the 2016 season.

Outside linebacker prospects **Charles Wright** (R-Jr.) and **Josh Smith** (Jr.) were two of the most improved Commodores during the spring, both bringing the ability to bring pressure off the edges. As a sophomore Wright responded with 3.5 tackles for loss when inserted into the lineup.

Caleb Peart (R-So.) will get plenty of preseason reps at outside linebacker after playing in 10 games last year.

Promising redshirt freshmen Kenny Hebert and Andre Mintze also return at outside linebacker.

The Commodores also added five linebacker prospects in its 2017 signing class: early-enrollee Dimitri Moore, Feleti Afemui, Colin Anderson, Brayden DeVault-Smith and Michael Owusu.

LINEBACKERS

Oren Burks	Sr	3L
Emmanuel Smith	Sr	3L
Charles Wright	. R-Jr	2L
Jordan Griffin	Jr	2L
Josh Smith	Jr	2L
Jay Hockaday	R-So	1L
Caleb Peart	.R-So.	1L
Kenny Hebert	.R-Fr	RS
Andre Mintze		
Feleti Afemui	Fr	HS
Colin Anderson	Fr	HS
Brayden DeVault-Smith	Fr	HS
Dimitri Moore	Fr	HS
Michael Owusu	Fr	HS







RYAN WHITE Ranked third on team in tackles last year.

Topped secondary in interceptions as junior.

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD

STARTERS BACK: 5 LETTERWINNERS: 9

Sporting five returning starters, the secondary should be a strength for the Commodore defense.

The secondary includes three proven performers at safety, a two-year starter at cornerback and the team's top nickel back from a year ago, along with several young prospects ready to show they can continue in



LADARIUS WILEY Safety was team's second leading tackler in 2016.

bigger roles this season.

The unit, directed by head coach **Derek Mason** and **Marc Mattioli**, will look to create more turnovers this year after registering five interceptions and eight fumble recoveries a year ago.

All-SEC candidate **Tre Herndon** (Sr.) is the team's most experienced cover cornerback. A two-year starter, Herndon came into his own in 2016, contributing two interceptions, eight defensed passes and 30 solo tackles.

Joejuan Williams (So.), Bryce Lewis (R-Jr.) and Elijah Hamilton (R-Fr.) appear to be the top candidates to fill the open cornerback role across from Herndon. In 2016, Williams showed impressive skills late as a true freshman and Lewis earned multiple starts and was a top reserve. After impressing last spring, Hamilton looks ready to compete for playing time.

Taurean Ferguson (R-Sr.) has been the team's leading nickel back for two years, entering his final season with 15 career starts. He contributed 52 total tackles as a junior. **Donovan Sheffield** (Jr.) is likely to push for a greater role in camp.

The team also has several young cornerback prospects, including **Gil Barksdale** (So.) and 2017 signees **Allan George** and **Randall Haynie**.

At safety, the Commodores return three veterans who combined for 26 starts a year ago. **Ryan White** (Grad.) brings a physical presence

and leadership to the strong safety position. He's also coming off his best year - 49 solo stops, 75 total tackles and two forced fumbles.

Arnold Tarpley III (Sr.) and LaDarius Wiley (R-Jr.), both productive starters at free safety, are back. They combined for 79 solo tackles, four forced fumbles and four fumble recoveries last year.

Andrew Rector (Jr.), Zaire Jones (R-Fr.), Frank Coppet (R-Fr.), Austin Quillen (R-Fr.) and early-enrollee Tae Daley (Fr.) will get plenty of opportunities in preseason camp to break into the rotation.



ARNOLD TARPLEY III Contributed 29 solo stops, 40 total tackles in 2016.

CORNERBACKS

Taurean Ferguson	Sr	3L
Tre Herndon	Sr	3L
Bryce Lewis	R-Jr	2L
Donovan Sheffield	Jr	2L
Gil Barksdale	So	1L
Joejuan Williams	So	1L
Elijah Hamilton	R-Fr	RS
Allan George	Fr	HS
Randall Haynie	Fr	HS

SAFETIES

OUTLOOK: SPECIALISTS



TOMMY OPENSHAW Openshaw returns after making 15 of 19 field goal attempts last year.



As a true freshman in 2016, Loy averaged 41.6 yards.

SPECIAL TEAMS

STARTERS BACK: 3 LETTERWINNERS: 6

Derek Mason will look for continued progress on Commodore special teams after first-year special teams coordinator **Jeff Genyk** ushered in

substantial upgrades in 2016. With Genyk's guidance, the Commodores showed nearly acrossthe-board improvement and fewer

special teams miscues last year. The returning specialists are paced by All-SEC kicking prospect **Tommy Openshaw** (Sr.). Coming off

Tommy Openshaw (Sr.). Coming off his best year, Openshaw enters the 2017 season within range of virtually every team career mark for kickers. Openshaw enjoyed a superb

2016 campaign. He made 15 of 19 field goals, the fourth most conversions ever by a Commodore kicker in a season. Openshaw showed accuracy by making 11 of 12 attempts inside 40 yards, and length with a pair of 52 yarders.

Openshaw needs to make 13 field goals to break the team's existing record.

Ryley Guay (So.) is the team's

top reserve kicker after seeing limited duty as a kickoff specialist last year. Sam Loy (So.) is back to handle the team's punt chores. Loy's

KICKERS Tommy Openshaw...... Grad... 3L Ryley Guay So..... 1L Sr.... SQ Reid Nelson. Sam Lov. So. 11 SNAPP Scott Sypniewski..... Grad ... TR Tommy Schiager..... R-FrRS RENURNERS Rvan White (PR) Grad 3 C.J. Duncan (KR)..... Sr..... 2L Dallas Rivers (KR) Sr.... 3L

Kalija Lipscomb (PR)......So 1L

41.6-yard average last year ranked sixth nationally among true freshmen. Nearly a third of Loy's punts also landed inside the opponent's 20-yard line. Loy is backed up by **Openshaw** and **Reid Nelson** (Sr.).

The Commodores will feature a new snap specialist. **Scott Sypniewski**, a graduate transfer from Michigan, and **Tommy Schiager** (R-Fr.) should compete for the snap duties. Sypniewski is a proven performer, having been the primary snapper at Michigan for three years.

Kalija Lipscomb (So.) returns as the likely punt returner after averaging 14.9 yards last year. Other poten-



KALIJA LIPSCOMB Averaged 14.9 yards as punt returner in '16.

tial punt returners are **C.J. Duncan** (Sr.) and **Ryan White** (Grad.).

The Commodores must fill a void left by the graduation of kick returner Darrius Sims, who departs campus ranked among the best in program history. Likely candidates to replace Sims are **Lipscomb**, **Tennyson**, **Duncan**, **Dallas Rivers** (Sr.) and **Josh Crawford** (Jr.).

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h	OSTER A-Z		2	Arnold Tarpley III	S	6-1	203	Sr.	3L	Pittsburgh, Pa./Central Catholic
<u>NO.</u>	NAME F	<u>205.</u>	2	Deuce Wallace	QB	6-2	210	R-Fr.	RS	Sevierville, Tenn./Sevier Co.
17	Feleti Afemui	LB	3	Taurean Ferguson	CB	5-9	190	R-Sr.	3L	Jonesboro, Ga./Jonesboro
18	Colin Anderson	LB	3	Shawn Stankavage	QB	6-2	205	R-Jr.	RS	Durham, N.C./Cardinal Gibbons
53 78	Sean Auwae-McMoore Bryce Bailey	OL OL	4	Emmanuel Smith	LB	6-2	205	Sr.	3L	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Oakland
38	Gil Barksdale	DB	-							
91	Drew Birchmeier	DL	4	Donaven Tennyson	WR		170	So.	1L	Richmond, Va./Benedictine Prep
23	Khari Blasingame	RB	5	Ke'Shawn Vaughn	RB	5-10		Jr.	TR	Nashville, Tenn./Pearl-Cohn/(Illinois)
81		WR	5	LaDarius Wiley	S	6-1	210	R-Jr.	2L	Los Angeles, Calif./Cathedral
92 20	Jonah Buchanan Oren Burks	DL	6	Zaire Jones	S	6-0	200	R-Fr.	RS	Meridian, Miss./Meridian
74	Cole Clemens	LB OL	7	Dimitri Moore	LB	6-3	215	Fr.	HS	Cedar Hill, Texas/Cedar Hill
77	Devin Cochran	OL	7	Ralph Webb	RB	5-10	202	Sr.	3L	Gainesville, Fla./Gainesville
82	Turner Cockrell	TE	8	Joejuan Williams	СВ	6-3	208	So.	1L	Nashville, Tenn./Father Ryan
35	Frank Coppet	СВ	9	Caleb Peart	LB	6-1	235	R-So.	1L	Chandler, Ariz./Hamilton
22	Josh Crawford	RB	9	Caleb Scott	WR	6-2	202	Sr.	3L	Suwanee, Ga./North Gwinnett
12 70	Tae Daley Darion DeBrossard	DB OL	10	Dayo Odeyingbo	DL	6-6	250	Fr.	HS	Irving, Texas/Ranchview
76	Egidio DellaRipa	OL OL	10	Trent Sherfield	WR	6-1	205	Sr.	3L	Danville, III./Danville
52	Brayden DeVault-Smith	LB								
84	Sam Dobbs	TE	11	Charles Wright	LB	6-3	240	R-Jr.	2L	Irvine, Calif./Beckman
19		WR	12	Tae Daley	DB	6-0	185	Fr.	HS	Warner Robins, Ga./Northside
99	Stone Edwards	DL	12	Jacob Free	QB	6-4	215	Fr.	HS	Brantley, Ala./Brantley
36		WR CB	13	Jackson Winrow	WR	6-1	195	R-Fr.	RS	Shawnee, Okla./Shawnee
3	Taurean Ferguson Jacob Free		14	Kyle Shurmur	QB	6-4	227	Jr.	2L	Philadelphia, Pa./La Salle College
55	David Floyd	OL	14	Ryan White	S	5-10	190	Sr.	3L	Louisville, Ky./Trinity
28	Allan George	DB	15	Elijah Hamilton	СВ	6-2	200	R-Fr.	RS	Roswell, Ga./Blessed Trinity
27	Jaire George	RB	15	Alex Stump	WR	6-3	210	R-So.	TR	Cleveland, Ohio/St. Edward/(Ohio State)
75	Bailey Granier	OL	16	Kalija Lipscomb	WR	6-1	200	So.	1L	New Orleans, La./Jesuit
40 98	Jordan Griffin Ryley Guay	LB K	17	Feleti Afemui	LB	6-3	235	Fr.	HS	Kahului, Hawaii/Maui
15	Elijah Hamilton	CB	17	Tommy Openshaw	PK	6-2	200	Sr.	3L	Jacksonville, Fla./Creekside
24	Randall Haynie	DB	18	Colin Anderson	LB	6-2	200	Fr.	HS	Florence, Ala./Brooks
42	Kenny Hebert	LB		C.J. Duncan						
31	Tre Herndon	CB	19		WR	5-11		Sr.	2L	Montgomery, Ala./St. James
33	Jay Hockaday	LB	19	Sam Loy	P	6-1	190	So.	1L	San Clemente, Calif./Catholic
6 65	Zaire Jones Braden Kopp	S OL	20	Oren Burks	LB	6-3	230	R-Sr.	3L	Fairfax Station, Va./South Co.
77	Nifae Lealao	DL	21	Donovan Sheffield	СВ	5-11	190	Jr.	2L	Nashville, Tenn./Ensworth
30	Bryce Lewis	СВ	22	Josh Crawford	RB	5-10	198	Jr.	2L	Montgomery, Ala./Edgewood Acad.
16		WR	23	Khari Blasingame	RB	6-1	235	R-Jr.	2L	Huntsville, Ala./Buckhorn
19	Sam Loy	P	24	Randall Haynie	DB	6-0	185	Fr.	HS	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./Cardinal Gibbons
83	Nathan Marcus	TE TE	25	Josh Smith	LB	6-3	240	Jr.	2L	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Oakland
45 54	Cody Markel Kade Mayle		26	Andrew Rector	S	6-0	205	Jr.	2L	Nashville, Tenn./Father Ryan
39	Bailey McElwain	FB	27	Jaire George	RB	6-1	230	R-So.		Hyattville, Md./DeMatha Catholic
63	Grant Miller	OL	28	Allan George	DB	6-1	185	Fr.	HS	Andalusia, Ala./Andalusia
48	Andre Mintze	LB	28	Dallas Rivers	RB	6-1	225	Sr.	3L	Stone Mountain, Ga./Stephenson
7	Dimitri Moore	LB								-
97	Reid Nelson	P DE	29	Austin Quillen	S		190	R-Fr.	RS	Jenks, Okla./Jenks
34	Dare Odeyingbo Dayo Odeyingbo	DL	30	Bryce Lewis	CB	6-0	185	R-Jr.	2L	Lilburn, Ga./Parkview
17	Tommy Openshaw	PK	31	Tre Herndon	СВ	6-1	188	Sr.	3L	Chattanooga, Tenn./East Hamilton
40	Baffour Osei	RB	32	Jamauri Wakefield	RB	6-1	220	R-Fr.	RS	Jacksonville, Fla./Providence
88	Michael Owusu	LB	33	Jay Hockaday	LB	6-3	230	R-So.	1L	Nashville, Tenn./Christ Presbyterian
9	Caleb Peart	LB	34	Dare Odeyingbo	DE	6-2	272	Jr.	2L	Irving, Texas/Cistercian Prep
57	Ean Pfeifer	OL	35	Frank Coppet	S	5-11	185	R-Fr.	RS	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas

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#	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YEAR	CL	HOMETOWN/HS/OTHER			
36	Trey Ellis	WR	5-9	170	Sr.	2L	Charlotte, N.C./Ardrey Kell		DSTER A-Z	
38	, Gil Barksdale	СВ	5-10		So.	1L	Solon, Ohio/Solon	<u>NO.</u>	NAME Obvia Diawaa	POS.
39	Bailey McElwain	FB	6-0	238	So.	1L	Trussville, Ala./Hewitt-Trussville	85 44	Chris Pierce Jalen Pinkney	WR DL
40	, Jordan Griffin	LB	6-0	223	Jr.	2L	Tampa, Fla./Armwood	80	Jared Pinkney	TE
40	Baffour Osei	RB	5-8	180	Jr.	SQ	Oxnard, Calif/Oaks Christian	29	Austin Quillen	S
42	Kenny Hebert	LB	6-4	228	R-Fr.	RS	New Orleans, La./Holy Cross	61 29	Bruno Reagan Andrew Rector	OL S
44	Jalen Pinkney	DL	6-4	230	Fr.	HS	Norcross, Ga./Norcross	29	Dallas Rivers	RB
45	Cody Markel	TE	6-5	245	R-Fr.	RS	Middleton, Wisc./Middleton	57	Josiah Sa'o	DL
47	Tommy Schiager	FB	6-0	220	R-Fr.	RS	Portland, Ore./Sunset	47	Tommy Schiager	FB
48	Andre Mintze	LB	6-3	235	R-Fr.	RS	Philadelphia, Pa./Imhotep Institute	9 21	Caleb Scott Donovan Sheffield	WR CB
49	Jonathan Wynn	DL	6-4	265	Sr.	3L	Stone Mountain, Ga./Stephenson	10	Trent Sherfield	WR
51	Scott Sypniewski	SN	6-1	220	Grad.	TR	Ottawa, III./Marquette/(Michigan)	14	Kyle Shurmur	QB
52	Brayden DeVault-Smith	LB	6-3	205	Fr.	HS	Nashville, Tenn./Pearl-Cohn	58	Justin Skule	OL
53	Sean Auwae-McMoore	OL	6-4	305	R-Fr.	RS	Kapolei, Hawaii/Kapolei	4 25	Emmanuel Smith Josh Smith	LB LB
54	Kade Mayle	DL	6-2	255	Sr.	SQ	McConnelsville, Ohio/Morgan	71	Jared Southers	OL
55	David Floyd	OL	6-5	300	R-Fr.	RS	Nashville, Tenn./Lipscomb Acad.	51	Scott Sypniewski	SN
56	Saige Young	OL	6-4	315	So.	TR	Versailles, Ky./Woodford Co./(Dodge City)	3	Shawn Stankavage	QB
57	Ean Pfeifer	OL	0-4 6-4	300	80. R-So.	1L	Bentonville, Ark./Bentonville	73 15	Jonathan Stewart Alex Stump	OL WR
57	Josiah Sa'o	DL	0-4 6-2	295	R-Fr.	RS	San Diego, Calif./Kearney	2	Arnold Tarpley III	S
58	Justin Skule	OL	6-6	315	Jr.	2L	Clifton, Va./Centreville	4	Donaven Tennyson	WR
58 61	Bruno Reagan	0L	6-3	315	JI. R-Jr.	2L 2L	Clarksville, Tenn./Clarksville	90	Cameron Tidd	DL
63	Grant Miller	0L	0-3 6-4	260	Fr.	HS	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas	5 32	Ke'Shawn Vaughn Jamauri Wakefield	RB RB
65	Braden Kopp	OL	0-4 6-5	280	R-Fr.	RS	Houston, Texas/Houston Christian	2	Deuce Wallace	QB
05 70	Darion DeBrossard	OL	0-5 6-4	200 295	R-So.	ns 1L	Snellville, Ga./Shiloh	7	Ralph Webb	RB
70	Jared Southers	OL OL	0-4 6-4	295 310	R-So.	1L 1L	South Orange, N.J./Seton Hall Prep	14	Ryan White	S
73	Jonathan Stewart	OL OL	0-4 6-8	305	n-30. Fr.	HS	Lawrenceville, Ga./Mountain View	5	LaDarius Wiley Joejuan Williams	S CB
73	Cole Clemens	OL OL	0-0 6-6	305 305	Fr.	HS		13	Jackson Winrow	WR
	Jay Woods	DL	0-0 6-3	305 285	гі. Sr.	по 3L	So. Jordan, Utah/Bingham Jackson, Ga./Jackson	74	Jay Woods	DL
74	•			205 316	Jr.	3L 2L	Galliano, La./South Lafourche	11	Charles Wright	LB
75 76	Bailey Granier	OL OL	6-6 6-4	300	Jr. R-Jr.			49 56	Jonathan Wynn Saige Young	DE OL
76 77	Egidio DellaRipa	OL OL				RS	Castaic, Calif./W. Ranch/(College of Canyons)	50	buige roung	0L
77	Devin Cochran	0L	6-7	315	R-Fr.	RS	Norcross, Ga./Greater Atl. Christian			
77 70	Nifae Lealao Bruco Boilou	DL	6-5 6 5	315 205	Sr.	3L HS	Sacramento, Calif./Capital Christian	PF	RONUNCIATIO	DNS
78	Bryce Bailey	OL TE		305	Fr. R-So.		Newburgh, Ind./Castle	PLA	YERS	
80	Jared Pinkney	TE	6-4	255			Norcross, Ga./Norcross		ti Afumei (fay-lay-tee ah-fa	
81 82	James Bostic	WR TC	6-3	208	Fr.	HS	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./Cardinal Gibbons		n Auwae (ah-way)-McMo ri (car-EE) Blasingame	oore
82	Turner Cockrell	TE		230	R-Fr.	RS	Acworth, Ga./Allatonna		e (JIE-air) George	
83	Nathan Marcus	TE	6-5	242	Sr.	3L	Glen Ellyn, Ill./Glenbard West		ey Granier (graun-yae)	
84 05	Sam Dobbs	TE	6-4	230	Jr.	2L	Douglasville, Ga./Landmark Christian		e Lealao (Knee-FY Lee-A re Mintze (mence)	L-ON)
85	Chris Pierce	WR		208	Fr.	HS	Smithfield, Va./Smithfield	Dare	Odeyingbo (dar-ee oh-DAN	
88	Michael Owusu	LB		228	Fr.	HS	Oxnard, Calif./Oaks Christian		o Odeyingbo (day-oh oh-DAl nael Owusu (oh-OO-zoo)	NG-bow)
90 01	Cameron Tidd	DL	6-3	290	R-Fr.	RS	Greenwood, Ind./Center Grove		b Peart (peert)	
91	Drew Birchmeier	DL	6-4	295	R-Fr.	RS	Midlothian, Va./Cosby	Josi	ah Sa'o (sah-O)	
92	Jonah Buchanan	DL	6-4	270	Fr.	HS	Honolulu, Hawaii/Iolani	Scot	t Sypniewski (sip-NEW-ske	e)
97	Reid Nelson	P		215	Sr.	1L	Hueytown, Ala./Hueytown	STA		
98	Ryley Guay	PK	5-10		So.	1L	Naperville, III./Benet Academy		y (Jerry) Gdowski (Guh-DC)W-ski)
99	Stone Edwards	DL	6-5	248	Fr.	HS	Hillsborough, N.C./Orange		Ah You (ah U) (Oh-say) Lewis	

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POSITION DEPTH

Note: The listing below is not a preseason depth chart. It is intended to show position depth. Vanderbilt coaches will release an updated depth chart in late August. Players in **bold** started at least four games in 2016.

OF		NS	1
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WR	9	Caleb Scott	6-2, 202, Sr.
	10	Trent Sherfield	6-1, 205, Sr.
	36	Trey Ellis	5-9, 170, Sr.
	19	C.J. Duncan	5-11, 203, Sr.
	16	Kalija Lipscomb	6-1, 200, So.
	4	Donaven Tennyson	5-10, 170, So.
	13	Jackson Winrow	6-1, 195, R-Fr.
	81	James Bostic	6-3, 208, Fr.
	85	Chris Pierce	6-4, 208, Fr.
QB	3	Shawn Stankavage	6-2, 205, R-Jr.
	14	Kyle Shurmur	6-4, 227, Jr.
	2	Deuce Wallace	6-2, 210, R-Fr.
	12	Jacob Free	6-4, 215, Fr.
RB	7	Ralph Webb	5-10, 202, Sr.
	28	Dallas Rivers	6-1, 225, Sr.
	23	Khari Blasingame	6-1, 235, R-Jr.
	22	Josh Crawford	5-9, 198, Jr.
	27	Jaire George (FB)	6-1, 230, R-So.
	39	Bailey McElwain (FB)	6-0, 238, So.
	47	Tommy Schiager (FB)	6-0, 220, R-Fr.
	32	Jamauri Wakefield	6-1, 220, R-Fr.
TE	83	Nathan Marcus	6-5, 242, Sr.
	84	Sam Dobbs	6-4, 230, Jr.
	80	Jared Pinkney	6-4, 255, R-Sr.
	82	Turner Cockrell	6-5, 230, R-Fr.
	45	Cody Markel	6-5, 245, R-Fr.
OL	76	Egidio DellaRipa	6-4, 300, R-Jr.
	75	Bailey Granier	6-6, 316, R-Jr.
	61	Bruno Reagan	6-3, 315, R-Jr.
	58	Justin Skule	6-6, 315, Jr.
	70	Darion DeBrossard	6-4, 295, R-So.
	57	Ean Pfeifer	6-4, 300, R-So.
	71	Jared Southers	6-5, 310, R-So.
	56	Saige Young	6-4, 315, So.
	53	Sean Auwae-McMoore	6-4, 305, R-Fr.
	77	Devin Cochran	6-7, 315, R-Fr.
	55	David Floyd	6-5, 300, R-Fr.
	65	Braden Kopp	6-5, 280, R-Fr.
	78	Bryce Bailey	6-5, 305, Fr.
	74	Cole Clemens	6-6, 305, Fr.
	63	Grant Miller	6-4, 260, Fr.
	73	Jonathan Stewart	6-8, 305, Fr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

РК	17	Tommy Openshaw	6-2, 200, Grad.
	98	Ryley Guay	5-10, 190, So.
HOLD	97	Reid Nelson	6-2, 215, Sr.
	14	Kyle Shurmur	6-4, 227, Jr.
Р	97	Reid Nelson	6-2, 215, Sr.
	19	Sam Loy	6-1, 190, So.

DEFENSE

DL	74	Jay Woods	6-3, 285, Sr.
	77	Nifae Lealao	6-5, 315, Sr.
	49	Jonathan Wynn	6-4, 265, Sr.
	34	Dare Odeyingbo	6-2, 272, Jr.
	91	Drew Birchmeier	6-4, 295, R-Fr.
	57	Josiah Sa'o	6-2, 295, R-Fr.
	90	Cameron Tidd	6-3, 290, R-Fr.
	92	Jonah Buchanan	6-4, 270, Fr.
	99	Stone Edwards	6-5, 248, Fr.
	10	Dayo Odeyingbo	6-6, 250, Fr.
	44	Jalen Pinkney	6-4, 230, Fr.
LB	20	Oren Burks	6-3, 230, Sr.
	4	Emmanuel Smith	6-2, 235, Sr.
	11	Charles Wright	6-3, 240, R-Jr.
	40	Jordan Griffin	6-0, 223, Jr.
	33	Jay Hockaday	6-3, 230, R-So.
	9	Caleb Peart	6-1, 235, R-So.
	25	Josh Smith	6-4, 240, Jr.
	42	Kenny Hebert	6-4, 228, R-Fr.
	48	Andre Mintze	6-3, 235, R-Fr.
	17	Feleti Afemui	6-3, 235, Fr.
	18	Colin Anderson	6-2, 215, Fr.
	52	Brayden DeVault-Smith	6-3, 208, Fr.
	7	Dimitri Moore	6-3, 215, Fr.
	88	Michael Owusu	6-5, 228, Fr.
CB	3	Taurean Ferguson	5-9, 190, Sr.
	31	Tre Herndon	6-1, 188, Sr.
	30	Bryce Lewis	6-0, 185, Jr.
	21	Donovan Sheffield	5-11, 190, Jr.
	38	Gil Barksdale	5-10, 182, So.
	8	Joejuan Williams	6-3, 208, So.
	15	Elijah Hamilton	6-2, 200, R-Fr.
	27	Allan George	6-1, 185, Fr.
	24	Randall Haynie	6-0, 185, Fr.
SAFETY	14	Ryan White	5-9, 190, Grad.
	2	Arnold Tarpley III	6-1, 203, Sr.
	5	LaDarius Wiley	6-1, 210, R-Jr.
	26	Andrew Rector	6-0, 205, Jr.
	35	Frank Coppet	5-11, 185, R-Fr.
	6	Zaire Jones	6-0, 200, R-Fr.
	29	Austin Quillen	5-11, 190, R-Fr.
	12	Tae Daley	6-0, 185, Fr.

	SP	ECIAL TEAM	5
SN	51	Scott Sypniewski	6-0, 220, Grad.
	47	Tommy Schiager	6-1, 220, R-Fr.
KR	19	C.J. Duncan	5-11, 203, Sr.
	28	Dallas Rivers	6-1, 225, Sr.
PR	14	Ryan White	5-9, 190, Grad.
	16	Kalija Lipscomb	6-1, 200, So.

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ALABAMA (8)		GEORGIA (14)		LOUISIANA (3)		TENNESSEE (12)	
Colin Anderson	Florence	Devin Cochran	Norcross	Bailey Granier	Galliano	Brayden DeVault-S	mith Nashville
Khari Blasingame	Huntsville	Turner Cockrell	Acworth	Kenny Hebert	New Orleans	David Floyd	Nashville
Josh Crawford	Montgomery	Tae Daley	Warner Robins	Kalija Lipscomb	New Orleans	Tre Herndon	Chattanooga
C.J. Duncan	Montgomery	Darion DeBrossard	Snellville			Jay Hockaday	Nashville
Jacob Free	Brantley	Sam Dobbs	Douglasville	MARYLAND (1)		Bruno Reagan	Clarksville
Allan George	Andalusia	Taurean Ferguson	Jonesboro	Jaire George	Hyattsville	Andrew Rector	Nashville
Bailey McElwain	Trussville	Bryce Lewis	Lilburn			Donovan Sheffield	Nashville
Reid Nelson	Hueytown	Jalen Pinkney	Norcross	MISSISSIPPI (1)		Emmanuel Smith	Murfreesboro
		Jared Pinkney	Norcross	Zaire Jones	Meridian	Josh Smith	Murfreesboro
ARKANSAS (1)	D ()	Dallas Rivers	Stone Mountain			Ke'Shawn Vaughn	Nashville
Ean Pfeifer	Bentonville	Caleb Scott	Suwanee	NEW JERSEY (1)		Deuce Wallace	Sevierville
ARIZONA (1)		Jonathan Stewart	Lawrenceville	Jared Southers	South Orange	Joejuan Williams	Nashville
Caleb Peart	Gilbert	Jay Woods	Jackson				
oulob i oult	Gibert	Jonathan Wynn	Stone Mountain	NORTH CAROLIN	A (3)	TEXAS (4)	
CALIFORNIA (8)				Stone Edwards	Hillsborough	Braden Kopp	Houston
Egidio DellaRipa	Cascaic	HAWAII (3)		Trey Ellis	Charlotte	Dimitri Moore	Cedar Hill
Nifae Lealao	Sacramento	Feleti Afemui	Kahului	Shawn Stankavag	je Durham	Dare Odeyingbo	Irving
Sam Loy	San Clemente	Sean Auwae-McM				Dayo Odeyingbo	Irving
Baffour Osei	Oxnard	Jonah Buchanan	Honolulu	OHIO (3)			
Michael Owusu	Oxnard			Gil Barksdale	Solon	UTAH (1)	
Josiah Sa'o	San Diego	INDIANA (2)		Kade Mayle	McConnelsville	Cole Clemens	South Jordan
LaDarius Wiley	Los Angeles	Bryce Bailey	Newburgh	Alex Stump	Lakewood		
Charles Wright	Irvine	Cameron Tidd	Greenwood			VIRGINIA (5)	
				OKLAHOMA (2)		Drew Birchmeier	Midlothian
FLORIDA (9)		ILLINOIS (4)		Austin Quillen	Jenks	Oren Burks	Fairfax Station
James Bostic	Fort Lauderdale	Ryley Guay	Naperville	Jackson Winrow	Shawnee	Chris Pierce	Smithfield
Frank Coppet	Fort Lauderdale	Nathan Marcus	Glen Ellyn			Justin Skule	Clifton
Jordan Griffin	Tampa	Trent Sherfield	Danville	OREGON (1)		Donaven Tennyson	Richmond
Elijah Hamilton	Roswell	Scott Sypniewski	Ottawa	Tommy Schiager	Portland		
Randall Haynie	Fort Lauderdale					WISCONSIN (1)	
Grant Miller	Fort Lauderdale	KENTUCKY (2)		PENNSYLVANIA (-	Cody Markel	Middleton
Tommy Openshaw		Ryan White	Louisville	Andre Mintze	Philadelphia		
Jamauri Wakefiel	d Jacksonville	Saige Young	Versailles	Kyle Shurmur	Philadelphia		

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Arnold Tarpley III

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Gainesville

Ralph Webb

SENIORS (17) Oren Burks, C.J. Duncan, Trey Ellis, Taurean Ferguson, Tre Herndon, Nifae Lealao, Nathan Marcus, Kade Mayle, Reid Nelson, Dallas Rivers, Caleb Scott, Trent Sherfield, Emmanuel Smith, Arnold Tarpley III, Ralph Webb, Jay Woods, Jonathan Wynn

JUNIORS (20) Gil Barksdale, Khari Blasingame, Josh Crawford, Egidio DellaRipa, Sam Dobbs, Bailey Granier, Jordan Griffin, Bryce Lewis, Reid Nelson, Dare Odeyingbo, Bruno Reagan, Andrew Rector, Donovan Sheffield, Kyle Shurmur, Justin Skule, Josh Smith, Shawn Stankavage, Ke'Shawn Vaughn, LaDarius Wiley, Charles Wright

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FRESHMEN (17) Feleti Afemui, Colin Anderson, Bryce Bailey, James Bostic, Jonah Buchanan, Cole Clemens, Brayden DeVault-Smith, Stone Edwards, Jacob Free, Allan George, Randall Haynie, Grant Miller, Dayo Odeyingbo, Michael Owusu, Chris Pierce, Jalen Pinkney, Jonathan Stewart

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