

BOWL APPEARANCES



1955 GATOR BOWL

VANDERBILT COMMODORES ★ AUBURN TIGERS

DEC. 31, 1955 • SANFORD STADIUM, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

VANDERBILT 25 • AUBURN 13

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Still hurting from a dislocated shoulder suffered in the Tennessee game, quarterback Don Orr scored two touchdowns and set up another as the Commodores defeated No. 8-ranked Auburn in the 11th Gator Bowl 25-13.

The Vanderbilt defense provided a huge lift for the Commodores, recovering five fumbles in the victory.

Vanderbilt's first score was set up when Orr recovered an Auburn fumble. Eight plays later, Joe Stephenson ran seven yards for the VU touchdown.

Auburn answered on a 38-yard TD pass from Howell Tubbs to Rob James in the second quarter, but the rest of the game belonged to the Black and Gold.

On Vanderbilt's following possession, Orr carried the ball 44 yards to the Tigers' 28. He then passed to Joe Scales, who advanced to the Auburn 4-yard line. On the next play, Orr carried the ball over the line after a fake to fullback Phil King to give Vanderbilt a 13-7 lead at the half.

At the opening of the third quarter, Vanderbilt guard Sonny Tatum recovered an Auburn fumble, and the Commodores marched quickly into scoring position as Orr crossed the goal line for his second touchdown of the day to make the score 19-7. Both teams scored once more in the fourth quarter. Vanderbilt's score came on a one-yard run off right tackle by Charley Horton.

Vanderbilt coach Art Guepe cleared his bench in the final minutes, using 38 of the 39 men dressed for the game. Capitalizing on Auburn's five fumbles and using an ailing quarterback, the Commodores overpowered the SEC's best defensive team to capture its first bowl appearance.

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
VANDERBILT	7	6	6	6	25	8-3, 4-3
AUBURN	0	7	0	6	13	8-2-1, 5-1-1

FIRST QUARTER: VU: Stephenson 7 pass from Orr (Jalufka kick).

SECOND QUARTER: AU: James 38 pass from Tubbs (Tubbs kick). VU: Orr 4 run (kick failed).

THIRD QUARTER: VU: Orr 1 run (kick failed).

FOURTH QUARTER: VU: Horton 1 run (kick failed). AUB: Phillips 7 pass from Cook (kick failed)

	VANDERBILT	AUBURN
First Downs	15	15
Rush/Pass/Penalty	11-4-0	9-6-0
Rushing Attempts	44	45
Net Rushing Yards	177	159
Passing (Att-Comp-Int)	8-5-1	13-7-0
Net Passing Yards	94	142
Offensive Plays	52	58
Total Net Yards	271	301
Fumbles (Number-Lost)	1-0	5-5
Penalties	5-54	6-59
Interceptions	0-0	1-14
Punts-Yards	4-127	3-87
Punt Average	31.8	29.0
Punt Returns	0-0	2-6
Kickoff Returns	2-36	6-121



RUSHING: VANDERBILT – King 10-33, Horton 13-57, Orr 10-43, Hunt 6-39, Scales 1-3, Morgan 1-6, Tkac 2-(-3), Jabaley 1-(-1).

AUBURN – James 9-42, Childress 15-58, Tubbs 11-15, Hoppe 6-33, Shell 2-5, Cooke 2-6.

PASSING: VANDERBILT – Orr 6-4-67-1, Sturm 2-1-27-0. AUBURN – Tubbs 9-4-101-0, Cooke 3-3-41-0, Burbank 1-0-0.

RECEIVING: VANDERBILT – Scales 2-44, Stephenson 2-23, Brown 1-27.

AUBURN – James 2-51, Childress 1-22, Elliott 2-41, Phillips 2-28.

1974 PEACH BOWL

TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS ★ VANDERBILT COMMODORES

DEC. 28, 1974 • FULTON CO. STADIUM, ATLANTA, GA.

TEXAS TECH 6 • VANDERBILT 6

ATLANTA, Ga. – The 1974 Peach Bowl was a game with no champion but two winners, the Commodores and Texas Tech Red Raiders.

Despite the effective rushing of Red Raider tailback Larry Isaac and fullback Cliff Hoskins, the Commodore defense held Texas Tech without points in the first half and entered halftime with a 3-0 lead after Mark Adams kicked a 31-yard field goal with 10 minutes remaining.

Neither team was able to muster much offense in the third quarter, though Texas Tech did tie the score at 3-3 after a drive stalled at the Vanderbilt 16-yard line.

Early in the fourth quarter, the Commodores' freshman lineman Dennis Harrison stopped a deep Texas Tech threat by blocking a Red Raider field goal attempt. The Tech drive started following one of two Vanderbilt turnovers during the game.

After the blocked field goal, the Commodores responded with a possession that ended with Adams' second field goal of the day, a 26-yarder that resulted in a 6-3 Vanderbilt margin. However, Texas Tech tied the game at the 2:00 mark on a 35-yard field goal by Brian Hall. On its final drive, Vanderbilt could not move into scoring range.

The Commodore offense struggled much of the day, with quarterback David Lee hitting just five of 14 attempts. Running back Jamie O'Rourke had 76 rushing yards.

The limited offensive production from both teams resulted in numerous defensive and scoring records being set in the game.

Within hours of the conclusion, Vanderbilt Head Coach Steve Sloan announced he was leaving his position to accept the head coaching job at Texas Tech.

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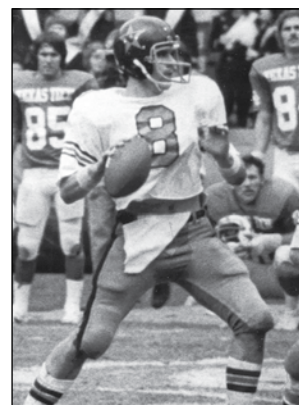
TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
TEXAS TECH	0	0	3	3	6	6-4-2, 3-4
VANDERBILT	0	3	0	3	6	7-3-2, 2-3-1

SECOND QUARTER: Vanderbilt - Adams 31-field goal.

THIRD QUARTER: Texas Tech - Hall 26-field goal.

FOURTH QUARTER: Vanderbilt - Adams 26-field goal. Texas Tech - Hall 35-field goal.

	TEXAS TECH	VANDERBILT
First Downs	19	10
Rush/Pass/Penalty	17-2-0	7-3-0
Rushing Attempts	65	41
Net Rushing Yards	306	140
Net Passing Yards	10-3-1	17-5-1
Total Offensive Plays	75	58
Total Net Yards	341	200
Fumbles (Number-Lost)	3-2	1-1
Penalties	1-14	1-5
Interceptions	1-0	1-41
Punts-Yards	6-215	8-321
Punt Average	35.8	40.1
Punt Returns	0-0	1-26
Kickoff Returns	3-88	3-63



RUSHING: TEXAS TECH – Hoskins 13-116, Isaac 20-101, Garner 9-38, Taylor 8-34, Williams 3-27, Duniven 12-(-10). VANDERBILT – O'Rourke 17-76, Sadler 8-31, Garcia 4-21, Groves 2-14, Mathers 1-0, Lee 9-(-2).

PASSING: TEXAS TECH – Duniven 8-3-0, 35 yards. Williams 1-0-0, 0 yards. Roberts 1-0-1, 0 yards. VANDERBILT – Lee 14-5-1, 60 yds. Fisher 3-0-0.

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1982 HALL OF FAME BOWL

VANDERBILT COMMODORES ★ AIR FORCE FALCONS

DEC. 31, 1982 • LEGION FIELD, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

VANDERBILT 28 • AIR FORCE 36

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Without question, the Hall of Fame Bowl was one of college football's most exciting 1982 postseason games.

The game matched one of the nation's most potent aerial attacks featuring Vanderbilt All-SEC quarterback Whit Taylor and one of America's most devastating rushing attacks in the Falcons' vaunted option attack.

Offensively, this game lived up to the hype as 33 Hall of Fame records were broken and another eight were tied in Legion Field. Unfortunately for the Commodores, Air Force walked away the winner 36-28 after a remarkable fourth quarter comeback.

For three quarters, Whit Taylor was unstoppable. Connecting with a variety of wide receivers and running backs, Taylor's fourth touchdown pass of the game, a four-yarder to Norman Jordan, gave the Commodores a 28-17 margin entering the fourth quarter. Down by double digits, the Air Force Academy scored rushing touchdowns on three consecutive possessions to take the victory.

Taylor was named the Most Valuable Player, after completing a team-record 38 passes of 51 attempts for 452 yards, which remains as the second highest single-game passing yardage total in Vanderbilt history. Jordan's performance arguably was more remarkable. Though rushing for just four yards, Jordan hauled in 20 receptions for 173 yards and three touchdowns, breaking five Hall of Fame Bowl records.

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
VANDERBILT	7	14	7	0	28	8-4, 4-2
AIR FORCE	7	7	3	19	36	8-5, 4-3

FIRST QUARTER: VANDERBILT — Jordan 28-yard pass from Taylor (Anderson kick). AF — Louthan 1-yard run (Pavlich kick)

SECOND QUARTER: AF — Brown 19-yard run (Pavlich kick). VANDERBILT — Roach 15-pass from Taylor (Anderson kick). VANDERBILT — Jordan 4-yard pass from Taylor (Anderson kick)

THIRD QUARTER: AF — Pavlick 21-yard field goal. VANDERBILT — Jordan 4-yard pass from Taylor (Anderson kick)

FOURTH QUARTER: AF — Sundquist 3-yard run (failed). AF — Kershner 3-yard run (failed). AF — Louthan 46-yard run (Pavlich kick)

VANDERBILT AIR FORCE

First Downs	26	23
Rush/Pass/Penalty	2-20-4	16-6
Rushing Attempts	12	69
Net Rushing Yards	35	331
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	51-38-3	17-11-0
Net Passing Yards	452	136
Total Offensive Plays	63	86
Total Net Yards	495	451
Fumbles (Number-Lost)	2-2	1-0
Penalties	4-39	8-75
Interceptions	0-0	3-19
Punts-Yards	2-65	5-180
Punt Average	32.5	36.0
Kickoff Returns	6-102	4-84
Possession Time	20:42	39:18



RUSHING: VANDERBILT — Taylor 4-(-6), Edwards 5-21, Matthews 1-13, Jordan 1-4, Scott 3. AF — Kershner 32-132, Greenwood 4-11, Louthan 16-74, Sundquist 13-64, Brown 4-34.

PASSING: VANDERBILT — Taylor 51-38-3, 452 yards. AF — Louthan 17-11-0, 136 yards.

RECEIVING: VANDERBILT — Perry 3-52, Jordan 20-173, Matthews 2-21, Roach 4-76, Edwards 4-37, Scott 5-93. AF — Greenwood 6-77, Simmons 1-7, Kirby 2-30, Moore 1-16, Brown 1-6

2008 GAYLORD HOTELS MUSIC CITY BOWL

VANDERBILT COMMODORES ★ BOSTON COLLEGE EAGLES

DEC. 31, 2008 • LP FIELD, NASHVILLE, TENN.

BOSTON COLLEGE 14 • VANDERBILT 16

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Vanderbilt won a bowl game for the first time in exactly 53 years, with Bryant Hahnfeldt kicking a 45-yard field goal with 3:26 left Wednesday for a 16-14 win over #24 Boston College in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl held on New Year's Eve in Nashville's LP Field.

The Commodores hadn't played in a bowl since 1982 — the SEC's longest drought. The victory gave Vanderbilt (7-6) its first winning season since that season. This is just the fourth time in the past 50 years that Vanderbilt has won seven games in a season.

The Eagles got the ball twice after Hahnfeldt's third field goal. They had to punt the first time, then Vanderbilt DB Myron Lewis picked off a pass with 1:36 left.

Vanderbilt scored its lone touchdown when freshman safety Sean Richardson fell on a Commodore punt that bounced off the knee of BC's Paul Anderson with 10:35 left in the third quarter.

The Commodores played musical chairs at quarterback, giving redshirt freshman Larry Smith his first career start.

Hahnfeldt, a Nashville product playing his final game as a Commodore, matched a single-game career high with the three field goals. The Commodores also forced two interceptions while allowing none.

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
BOSTON COLLEGE	0	7	0	7	14	9-5, 5-3
VANDERBILT	6	0	7	3	16	7-6, 4-4

FIRST QUARTER: VANDERBILT—Hahnfeldt 42-yd FG, 11:02; VANDERBILT—Hahnfeldt 26-yd FG, 6:31. **SECOND QUARTER:** BOSTON COLLEGE—Harris 4-yd pass from Davis (Aponavicius PAT), 1:27. **THIRD QUARTER:** VANDERBILT—Richardson 0-yd fumble recovery (Hahnfeldt PAT), 10:35. **FOURTH QUARTER:** BOSTON COLLEGE—Larmond 55-yd pass from Davis (Aponavicius PAT), 6:38; VANDERBILT—Hahnfeldt 45-yd FG, 3:26.

BC VANDERBILT

First Downs	17	8
Net Rushing Yards	38-141	36-79
Net Passing Yards	190	121
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	36-15-2	20-10-0
Total Offense: #-Yards	74-331	56-200
Fumble Returns	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns	5-(-14)	3-14
Kickoff Returns	4-76	2-35
Interceptions	0-0	2-0
Punts (#-Avg)	8-39.8	9-42.6
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	3-34	0-0
Possession Time	31:08	28:52
3rd Down Conversions	7 of 17	1 of 15
4th Down Conversions	1 of 2	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	1-1
Sacks By: #-Yards	1-3	0-0



RUSHING: BOSTON COLLEGE—Harris 15-68; Haden 17-40; Davis 6-33. VANDERBILT—Chris Nickson 8-57; Larry Smith 10-25; Jared Hawkins 8-13; DJ Moore 1-3; Kennard Reeves 2-2; Jamie Graham 2-minus 6; TEAM 4-(-7); Sean Walker 1-(-8).

PASSING: BOSTON COLLEGE—Davis 15-36-2-190.

VANDERBILT—Larry Smith 10-17-0-121; Chris Nickson 0-3-0-0.

RECEIVING: BOSTON COLLEGE—Harris 5-25; Purvis 4-29; Robinson 3-40; Larmond 1-55; Jarvis 1-30; Momah 1-11. VANDERBILT—Udom Umoh 3-29; Sean Walker 2-68; Jamie Graham 2-7; George Smith 1-15; Brandon Barden 1-4; Alex Washington 1-(-2).