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EARL BENNETT

RECEIVER ★ 2006

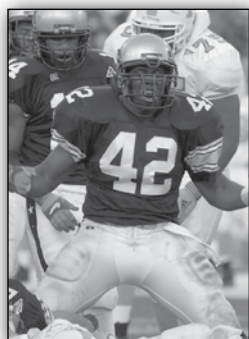
Entering his third season in a Commodore uniform, Bennett is on pace to become the all-time leading receiver in Vanderbilt and Southeastern Conference history.

The product of Birmingham, Ala., was named third-team All-America by Rivals.com in 2006 after catching 82 passes in the regular season. The catch total topped all SEC receivers.

Bennett's statistics through two years is amazing. He ranks among the all-time SEC Top 20 with 161 receptions, and needs just 48 catches to become the league's career leader. He is the only receiver in SEC history to post two seasons with at least 75 catches.

In 2006, Bennett topped 100 receiving yards in four games, including a career-high 220-yard effort at Kentucky. He also caught at least 10 passes in three games, topped by a 13-catch performance against eventual national champion Florida.

After the 2006 season, Bennett was named first team All-SEC for the second consecutive season by the coaches. He was also named All-SEC by Associated Press sports-writers.



JAMIE WINBORN

LINEBACKER ★ 1999

Winborn was named All-America by Football News following the 1999 season after leading the Commodores and the SEC with 141 tackles. It was the second straight year that Winborn led the league in tackles.

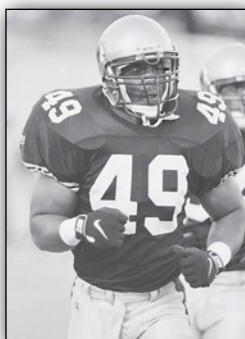
A two-time All-SEC Coaches selection, Winborn was the complete linebacker package in 1999. He was a true run stopper who delivered punishing blows, but he also had the agility to make plays from sideline to sideline and the speed to cover running backs and tight ends.

He led the Commodores with a team-record 23 tackles for loss and was third in sacks with 5.5. His performance during the 1999 season included a 20-tackle, two-sack effort against South Carolina.

Winborn finished his Commodore career with 377 total tackles, 45 tackles for loss, 16.5 quarterback sacks and six forced fumbles.

Winborn topped the squad in solo tackles for for three consecutive years.

Winborn was selected by the San Francisco 49ers in the second round of the 2001 NFL Draft. He played four years with the 49ers, before joining the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2006.



JAMIE DUNCAN

LINEBACKER ★ 1997

Duncan was a dominating linebackers and a player who always rose to the occasion.

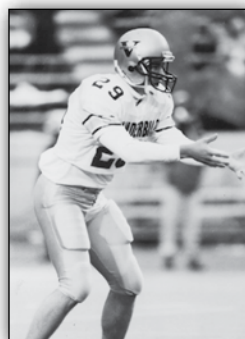
In 1997, Duncan was named First Team All-America by the Football Writers Association and American Football Coaches Association. He was also named Second Team All-America by the AP and *Football News*.

Duncan was both an outstanding run defender and pass rusher who had a knack for causing turnovers.

As a senior, he became the only Commodore player to earn Southeastern Conference Defensive Player of the Year honors from the Associated Press. He also received similar recognition from the *Mobile Press Register*.

As a junior, Duncan amassed 152 tackles, six sacks, 14 tackles for loss and five forced fumbles. He finished his career with 425 tackles. His remarkable performance against highly ranked Florida remains one of the best ever by a Commodore.

Selected by the Tampa Bay Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the third round of the 1998 NFL Draft, Duncan enjoyed a stellar professional career with Tampa Bay, St. Louis and Atlanta.



BILL MARINANGEL

PUNTER ★ 1996

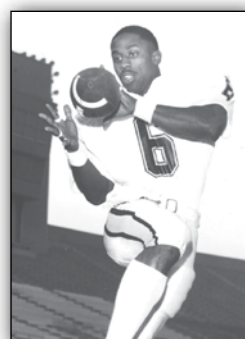
Bill Marinangel was named First Team All-America by Sporting News in 1996 after topping the NCAA with a 46.6 yard average. After the season, he played in the Blue-Gray game.

Marinangel is perhaps best remembered for one heroic play in his senior year. In the season's second game against Alabama, Marinangel surprised the Tide special teams and 72,000 onlookers, as he took the snap from center, and then scampered 81 yards for an unbelievable and unlikely touchdown.

The run was the longest in the SEC that season and still stands as the longest in school history.

Marinangel's 46.6-yard average is the second highest single-season in team history.

His 79-yard punt versus South Carolina is also tied for the Commodores' second longest ever.



BOO MITCHELL

RECEIVER ★ 1988

In 1988, Mitchell was a Third Team All-America after compiling one of the finest seasons ever by a Commodore receiver.

Teamming with quarterback Eric Jones, the native of Valdosta, Ga., hauled in 78 catches for 1,213 yards and five touchdowns. The receiving yardage total remains a Vanderbilt team record and the SEC's seventh highest total ever. He surpassed 100 yards receiving in six games that season.

Mitchell burst onto the SEC scene as a freshman, hauling in a team-record 45 receptions. He added 31 and 34 receptions as a sophomore and junior, respectively.

Mitchell ranks among the Vanderbilt career leaders in virtually every receiving category. He tops the list, — and ranks third all-time in the SEC, with 2,964 receiving yards. He is ranks second with 188 career receptions.

ALL-AMERICA CRITERIA

To be listed as an All-American in the Vanderbilt media guide, a player must have been selected to an All-America team by a national agency as defined in the NCAA Official Football Records Book. Current agencies that meet the criteria are the Associated Press, American Football Coaches Association, Football News, Football Writers Association of America, The Sporting News, Walter Camp Foundation, and Rivals.com.

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**CHRIS
GAINES**

LINEBACKER ★ 1987

A Nashville native, Gaines was selected First Team Kodak All-America by the nation's football coaches. In 1987, he established an SEC single-season record for total tackles with 214.

Nashville Tennessean columnist Larry Woody once described Gaines as "sort of a Rambo on a leash."

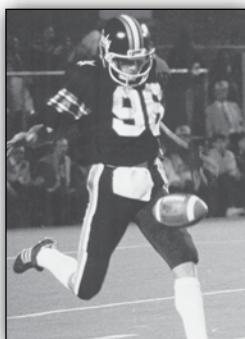
An avid weightlifter, Gaines was one of the strongest Commodores of his era, bench pressing more than 450 pounds. His play on the field reflected his love for conditioning.

Gaines achieved one of the greatest individual defensive efforts by a Commodore during his senior season, recording a school-record 37 tackles versus Tulane.

Following the season, he was named Most Valuable Player of the Blue-Gray Game after racking up 18 tackles and was named Tennessee Amateur Athlete of the Year by the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame.

Gaines played two years in the NFL and later returned to Vanderbilt as an assistant football coach from 1995-97.

He lives in the Nashville area today.



**RICKY
ANDERSON**

PUNTER ★ 1984

Anderson arrived on campus as a walk-on. Four years later, he departed as the nation's top punter-kicker in the nation and a consensus All-American.

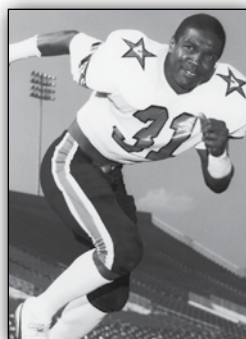
Anderson's senior season was remarkable. As a punter, he topped the nation with a 48.2-yard average. It remains as the highest yearly punting average ever in the Southeastern Conference by more than a yard.

Anderson's 1984 campaign also is tied for seventh all-time in NCAA history.

Following the 1984 season, he was named a consensus First Team All-American and All-SEC selection.

Anderson holds several Commodore kicking marks. Besides the single-season average record, his 82-yard punt against Georgia in 1984 remains the longest in team history.

Anderson's career average of 45.6 yards also ranks first, as does his single-season scoring total of 73 points in 1982. He also ranks second on the team's all-time scoring list with 192 points.



**LEONARD
COLEMAN**

CORNERBACK ★ 1983

Coleman was named First Team All-America in 1983 by the Gannett News Service and was a Third Team All-America selection by the Associated Press.

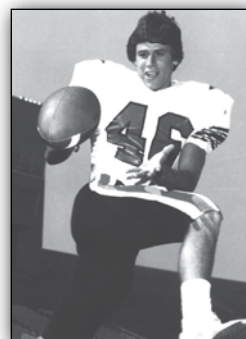
A consensus All-SEC selection as a senior, Coleman was rated as the nation's No. 1 cornerback by professional scouts.

Coleman was a four-year starter for the Commodores. As a freshman, he contributed four interceptions, including a team-record tying three picks in a victory over Chattanooga. At the time, his effort against Chattanooga also tied a Southeastern Conference mark.

Coleman's efforts as a junior was a key for Vanderbilt's Hall of Fame Bowl season in 1982, including a pair of interceptions in the season-opening win over Memphis. He finished the year by setting a team mark with eight interceptions.

He also holds the career record with 15 interceptions.

Coleman played professionally in the USFL and several seasons in the NFL with Indianapolis and San Diego.



**CHUCK
SCOTT**

TIGHT END ★ 1983

Early in his Commodore career, Scott struggled to make an impact at flanker. He just needed to switch positions.

In 1983, Scott blossomed after moving to tight end. Scott hauled in 70 receptions and nine touchdowns to tie the existing NCAA record for catches by a tight end. He was named First Team All-America by *The Sporting News*.

Scott followed up that performance by achieving 54 receptions and eight TD catches as a senior.

As a sophomore in 1982, Scott contributed 21 receptions in the Commodores' Hall of Fame Bowl campaign.

A two-time Academic All-SEC selection, Scott ranks among the team leaders in several career receiving records. His 20 career touchdowns remains the second most in school history. Scott also ranks fifth all-time with 145 catches and fourth with 2,219 receiving yards.

Scott went on to play three seasons in the NFL. In 1985 and 1986, Scott played for the Los Angeles Rams before moving to Dallas in 1987.



**JIM
ARNOLD**

PUNTER ★ 1982

Arnold became the first Vanderbilt kicking specialist to receive All-America honors, paving the way for several kicking standouts to follow in his footsteps.

A native of Dalton, Ga., Arnold quickly impacted the Commodores, breaking the team freshman mark with a 41.9-yard average. By the time he graduated, his coach, George McIntyre, was quoted as saying, "Jim's the best kicker in the country, pro or college."

As a senior in 1982, he was named to six All-America teams after averaging a then-record 45.8-yard average. He ended his career with a 43.9-yard average, and still holds the SEC mark with 277 punts.

Arnold's 45.8-yard average remains third all-time by a Commodore and fifth all-time by a SEC punter.

Two of Arnold's punts remain among the 10 longest in Commodore history, including a 79-yarder at Ole Miss.

When his Vanderbilt playing days ended, Arnold took his game to the NFL, enjoying an 11-year pro punting career.



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ALLAMA MATTHEWS

TIGHT END ★ 1982

Early in his Vanderbilt career, coaches tried the Matthews at safety and receiver. Once all parties settled on tight end, Matthews put together one of the finest receiving campaigns ever, helping spark the team's run to the Hall of Fame Bowl.

In 1982, Matthews was named First Team All-America by *Football News* after posting 61 receptions for 797 yards and 14 touchdowns, most ever by a Commodore. Later that season, Matthews was also named SEC Offensive Lineman of the Year by the Atlanta Touchdown Club.

Matthews also earned First Team All-SEC honors by the Associated Press and United Press International in 1982.

He concluded his Commodore career with 114 catches and 18 touchdowns.

Matthews ranks among the all-time Commodore receivers in several categories.

Matthews was drafted and played three seasons with the Atlanta Falcons.



PRESTON BROWN

RECEIVER ★ 1979

Brown, a product of Nashville, was named Third Team All-America as a senior after posting career receiving marks in 1979. He topped all league receivers with 52 catches, good for 786 yards and three touchdowns during the season.

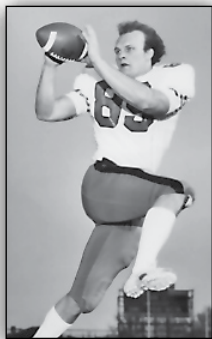
Brown's season was topped by three 100-yard receiving games, including a 175-yard output versus Ole Miss.

Brown also was a dynamic returner for the Commodores. He remains sixth on team's all-time leaders for kickoff returns and fifth in punt returns.

Brown also is tied for second all-time with three returns for touchdowns. His 100-yard kickoff return against Ole Miss in 1977 remains the longest in Commodore history.

After finishing his senior season, Brown played in the Blue-Gray Classic and Senior Bowl.

He played three seasons for the New England Patriots and one year each for the New York Jets and Cleveland Browns.



BARRY BURTON

TIGHT END ★ 1974

As a junior in 1974, the Nashville native and Hillsboro High graduate helped the Commodores to a 7-4 regular season record and berth in the 1974 Peach Bowl.

Following the season, he was named First Team All-America by *Football News*. He was also a First Team All-SEC pick that year.

Burton was a genuine triple-threat. In addition to receiving, he also ran the end-around, and handled punting duties. In 1974, Burton caught 22 passes for 378 yards and three touchdowns; ran 31 times for 307 yards and a score; and punted 54 times for a 40.2-yard average.

As a senior, Burton came back to catch a career-high 31 passes and two touchdowns. He topped the Commodores in receptions as a senior.

As a punter, Burton has two of the longest efforts in team: a 79-yarder versus Georgia in 1973 and a 78-yarder versus Kentucky in 1975.



BOB ASHER

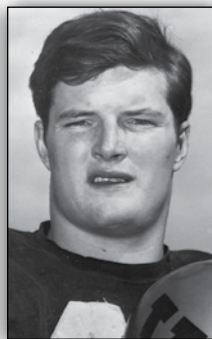
TACKLE ★ 1969

Virginia native Asher started every game of his three-year varsity Vanderbilt career, concluding with the Associated Press and NEA naming him to the First Team All-American squad at tackle.

Asher was known as an impenetrable pass blocker, regarded by observers as one of the top blocking tackles in school history. He also earned First Team All-SEC and All-South honors as a junior.

Following his college career, Asher played in the College All-Star Game, the Senior Bowl, the North-South Shrine Game and the Canadian American Bowl.

In 1970, he was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys. One of his teammates with the Cowboys was a former Vanderbilt teammate, defensive lineman Pat Toomay. Together, they played key roles in the Cowboy's 1971 squad that eventually won the Super Bowl.



CHIP HEALY

**LINEBACKER ★
1968**

A linebacker from Chattanooga, Healy's All-America recognition as a defensive standout set the stage for numerous linebackers to follow in later years.

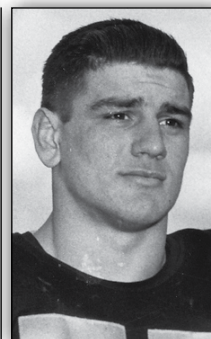
In 1968, Healy was named First Team All-American by the Central Press and Second Team All-American by *The Sporting News*.

Healy was also selected as a First Team All-SEC player as a sophomore.

Healy played superb defense as a junior after hurting his knee the previous spring. As a senior, Healy topped the team in tackles. He also posted six interceptions in his career.

Healy played in the East-West Shrine Game and Senior Bowl.

Selected by the St. Louis Cardinals in the 1968 draft, Healy played two seasons in the NFL.



GEORGE DEIDERICH

GUARD ★ 1958

Known to his teammates as "LuLu", Deiderich was a two-way line standout for the Commodores, culminating a Vanderbilt career by earning First Team All-America honors by Associated Press, the nation's coaches, *Look Magazine*, and the Football Writers Association of America.

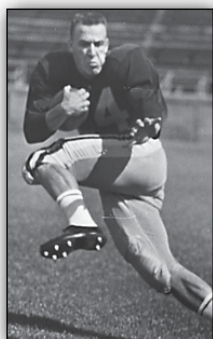
He was also named First Team All-SEC in 1957 and 1958.

Deiderich played both offensive and defensive guard, though he specialized as a defensive lineman.

Deiderich was also an outstanding track athlete, setting a then-Vanderbilt record in the 120-yard high hurdles.

After his senior season, Deiderich represented the Commodores at the Senior Bowl. Drafted in the 23th round of the NFL Draft by the Rams, Deiderich decided to take his football talents north of the border. He played two seasons for the CFL's Montreal Alouettes.

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**CHARLEY
HORTON**
BACK ★ 1955

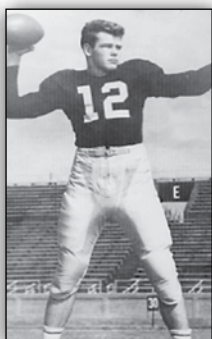
Horton was named Third Team All-America by INS following a superb 1955 season in which he established a then-school mark of 12 touchdowns.

Horton's outstanding play at halfback propelled the Commodores to an 8-3 season and their first ever bowl game – a 25-13 win over No. 8 Auburn in the Gator Bowl.

Horton had a knack for getting the Commodores on the scoreboard, as he scored the first touchdown in seven of the 10 regular season contests in the 1955 season.

Horton was an outstanding returner for the Commodores. He ranks second all-time with a 14.4-yard punt return average.

Though selected 11th overall by the Rams in the 1956 draft, Horton joined the military. After completing his service, Horton played in 1959 season with the CFL's Toronto Argonauts.



**BILL
WADE**
QUARTERBACK ★
1951

A Nashville native and prep legend, Wade was the SEC Player of the Year in 1951 and a Second Team All-America by the Associated Press.

A *Look Magazine* coverboy, Wade completed 111 passes for 1,609 yards and 13 touchdowns in 1951. Wade established numerous team passing records.

Wade remains one of the Commodores' most celebrated players. He has the distinction of being the lone Vanderbilt player selected first overall in the NFL Draft – by the Los Angeles Rams. Wade enjoyed a 14-year pro career with the Rams and Chicago Bears, and led the Bears to the 1963 NFL Championship, rushing for both scores in a 14-10 win over New York.

Upon retirement from football, Wade returned to Nashville, where he worked for Third National Bank, until his retirement. He still resides in the area.



**BOB
WERCKLE**
TACKLE ★ 1951

A native of New Jersey, Werckle overcame injuries to become one of the team's finest line-men. In 1951, he was named as a Second Team All-America by INS and the Associated Press.

By 1949, Werckle was given little chance to succeed after twice breaking a leg in practice. By 1950, the injury jinx was beaten, with Werckle playing more minutes than any Commodore. Across the South, Werckle was known for his blocking and tackling abilities.

In 1951, Werckle earned First Team All-SEC recognition from the Associated Press after serving as a team captain.

Upon graduation, Werckle played in the North-South Shrine Game and Senior Bowl. He was selected in the NFL Draft by the Detroit Lions.

Later, he earned distinction as a Marine Corps officer in the Korean War.



**BUCKY
CURTIS**
RECEIVER ★ 1950

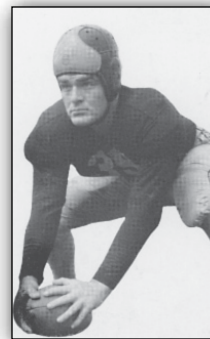
One of the Commodores' first downfield receiving threats, Curtis was selected First Team All-American by the Football Writers Association, INS and *Look Magazine* in 1950.

He topped the nation in receiving yardage for most of the season. As a senior, Curtis led the team to a 7-4 record, catching 27 passes and setting a SEC mark of 791 receiving yards.

Curtis ranks fourth all-time on the team with 17 touchdown catches.

After his senior season, Curtis was named MVP of the Senior Bowl, and played in the East-West Shrine Game and College All-Star Game. He was selected in the second round of the 1951 NFL Draft by Cleveland.

He went on to serve four years in the U.S. Navy. Eventually, he played with Toronto of the CFL in 1955-56. In 1975, he received a Silver Anniversary Award by the NCAA.



**BOB
GUDE**
CENTER ★ 1941

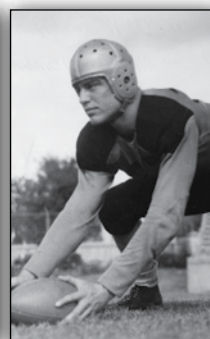
Gude played three years of outstanding football for the Commodores before going into military service during World War II.

In 1941, Gude was named to the Fox-Movietone All-America team. He also garnered First Team All-SEC honors in 1940 and 1941.

During his playing days, Gude was frequently compared to other great Commodore centers of the past, specifically recent All-Americans Carl Hinkle and Pete Gracey.

After his senior season, Gude played in the Blue-Gray Classic and was selected by the Chicago Bears in the 14th round of the 1942 NFL Draft.

Gude played two seasons of professional football, starting with the Bears in 1942, then returning with the Philadelphia Eagles in 1946.



**CARL
HINKLE**
CENTER ★ 1937

Following in Pete Gracey's footsteps, Hinkle continued the Commodore tradition of quality centers.

Captain of the 1937 squad, Hinkle was named First Team All-America by the Associated Press, Grantland Rice, and Liberty.

Hinkle was an ironman, playing all 60 minutes in seven of the Commodores' games in 1937. Named the SEC's Most Valuable Player, Hinkle guided the squad within inches of a Rose Bowl berth.

Though selected by the Philadelphia Eagles in the 11th round of the 1938 NFL Draft, Hinkle decided on another career path. After graduating from Vanderbilt, he entered West Point and earned the highest cadet honor. He then served his country with distinction in World War II.

Hinkle was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1959.



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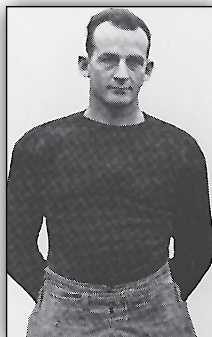
PETE GRACEY
CENTER ★ 1932

A native of nearby Franklin, Clarence "Pete" Gracey anchored the Commodore offensive and defensive fronts for squads that went 19-7-2 during his tenure.

In 1932, he became the last of 13 Commodore All-America players mentored by legendary Head Coach Dan McGugin. While the last of McGugin's prize pupils, Gracey also ushered a decade of superb Vanderbilt centers, including Carl Hinkle and Bob Gude.

In Gracey's final Commodore season, he was superb on both sides of the line of scrimmage. As a center, he opened holes for such backs as Dixie Roberts and Larry Burton. A possible undefeated season ended in the finale as Alabama topped the 'Dores.

A versatile athlete, he also lettered in baseball and basketball at Vanderbilt.



JOHN BROWN
GUARD ★ 1929

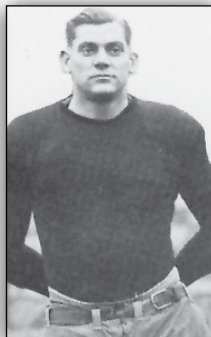
A senior captain, John Neil Brown was named First Team All-America by a vote of the nation's coaches. He also was a three-time All-Southern Conference recipient.

A fierce competitor, Brown helped anchor both sides of the line of scrimmage, guiding the squad to a 23-5-2 overall record during his career.

Known to teammates as "Bull", Brown was a key contributor on the line for the 1926 Commodores. He missed the 1927 campaign, only to return as a standout in 1928-29. One of his best defensive games came in a tough loss to Minnesota and their legendary back Bronko Nagurski.

Brown also played with a pair of players who earned All-America honors, end Dick Abernathy and center Pete Gracey.

Brown also was a standout rightfielder for the Commodore baseball team.



DICK ABERNATHY
OFF./DEF. END ★ 1928

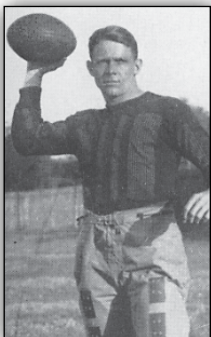
A three-year letter-winner, Abernathy earned All-America honors as an end in 1928, helping the Commodores to an 8-2 record.

Abernathy was a mainstay in the team's 24-4-2 record during his career.

Highlights for Abernathy included two touchdown catches in the season-opening win over Chattanooga and a key 38-yard touchdown reception that enabled the Commodores to defeat visiting Colgate, 12-7.

A week later at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Abernathy blocked a punt that was recovered in the end zone which would stand up to be the winning score in the Commodores' 13-12 win over the Texas Longhorns.

As a senior, Abernathy moved inside to tackle, starring for the Commodores' 7-2 squad.



BILL SPEARS
QUARTERBACK ★ 1927

One of the top offensive players in team history, Spears was a three-year starter at quarterback for some of Dan McGugin's greatest Vanderbilt teams.

In 1927, he was selected First Team All-America by NEA and Associated Press.

In 1927, he guided the Commodores to an 8-1-2 record, including a win over Tulane when he ran for two long touchdowns. Noted writer Blinkey Horn described Spears as "All-World" after the Tulane effort.

Spears concluded his career by out-gaining the entire Alabama squad in a season-ending 14-7 Commodore victory.

One of McGugin's most beloved players, Spears went on to become chairman of his own law firm.

He was a significant contributor to the University and served on the Board of Trust from 1954 until his death in 1992.



HENRY WAKEFIELD
OFF./DEF. END ★ 1924

Known as "Hek" to teammates and Commodore faithful, Wakefield was a two-way standout for Dan McGugin's Vanderbilt squads.

In 1922 was named First Team All-America by INS, Lawrence Perry, Outing and Billy Evans publications following the 1924 season.

As a sophomore, Wakefield helped the 'Dores to a 8-0-1 campaign. He was a starter in the inaugural 0-0 game in Dudley Field against Michigan.

Wakefield starred on teams that went 26-5-4 during his career.

As injuries mounted in 1924, Wakefield was named captain.

He quickly proved worthy of the honor, scoring twice in a win over Auburn, then defeating Georgia Tech with a 37-yard drop-kick field goal.

In the finale, he played every minute in a thrilling 16-0 win over Minnesota.



LYNN BOMAR
OFF./DEF. END ★ 1923

A devastating blocker and outstanding runner, Bomar was the first great end produced by Dan McGugin at Vanderbilt.

Bomar was named All-America by Walter Camp.

During Bomar's varsity career, the Commodores went 26-5-4. In his last two years, the 'Dores dominated their opponents by 314-49 margin.

Known to fans as the "Blonde Bear," Bomar helped Vanderbilt to "the championship of the South."

His athletic career ended in the 1924 season when he suffered a brain hemorrhage following a blow to the chin. Though temporarily in danger, he fully recovered and went on to a distinguished law enforcement career.

Bomar was elected to the National College Football Hall of Fame in 1956.

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**JOSH
CODY**

**TACKLE ★
1915-16, 1919**

Cody is arguably the most decorated player in Vanderbilt history.

Known as a devastating blocker and one of the South's greatest linemen, Cody is the only Commodore ever to earn All-America honors in three different seasons. The Football Writers Association honored Cody after the 1915, 1916 and 1919 seasons by the Football Writers Association.

Cody was the main ingredient of a powerful offensive line that propelled Vanderbilt to 23 wins in 25 games. He sparked the McGugin's famous "point-a-minute" offense of 1915.

After graduating, Cody began a successful coaching career, serving as head coach at both Clemson and Temple.

Cody was inducted into the National College Football Hall of Fame in 1970.



**IRBY "RABBIT"
CURRY**

BACK ★ 1916

One of the most legendary players in Vanderbilt history, Irby "Rabbit" Curry was superb on and off the field.

Small in stature, Curry's display of talent, heart and leadership and heart was cherished by Vanderbilt followers.

Selected as a Third Team All-America and All-Southern Conference pick in 1916, Curry was a field general at quarterback who displayed a knack for brilliant runs. The Texas native guided the team to a 7-1-1 record in 1916 and directed the famous Vanderbilt "Point-A-Minute" squad of 1915.

Off the field, he was a gentleman and scholar athlete. Class president as a junior, Curry was elected as the school's prestigious Bachelor of Ugliness by the student body.

Unfortunately, Curry's life was cut short. Just two years after graduating from Vanderbilt, Curry died when his plane was shot down over France in WWI.



**LEWIS
HARDAGE**

**OFF./DEF. BACK ★
1912**

Hardage, who transferred from Auburn to enter the Vanderbilt Dental School, was part of what observers called the Commodores' "fastest backfield."

Hardage starred on tremendous Commodore squads. As captain and top back in 1911-12, he helped Vanderbilt go 16-2-1 overall. During the two-year span, the Commodores outscored its opponents 578-27.

Hardage earned Third Team All-America and All-Southern Conference recognition after his senior season.

Hardage dominated several games in 1912, scoring 95 points for the squad that was the nation's leading scoring team.

He also was a chief factor in a pair of early season blowouts, 105-0 over Bethel and 100-0 against Maryville. The total against Bethel remains a team record.



**RAY
MORRISON**

**QUARTERBACK ★
1911**

When Ray Morrison ended his Commodore career in 1911, Vanderbilt Coach Dan McGugin called him "the best I ever saw."

More than two decades later, a panel of local sportswriters tabbed Morrison as the Commodores' top quarterback through its first half century.

An All-America in 1911, the slightly-built Morrison was a talented player and leader. In two years as a starter, Morrison guided the Commodores to a 16-1-1. The lone loss was a 9-8 decision at powerful Michigan.

Later, he would become a great coach, serving 34 seasons at the collegiate level.

While McGugin served in the military during 1918, Morrison was the team's interim coach. When McGugin retired in 1934, Morrison was his handpicked successor.

In 1954, he was inducted into the National College Football Hall of Fame.



**W.E.
METZGER**

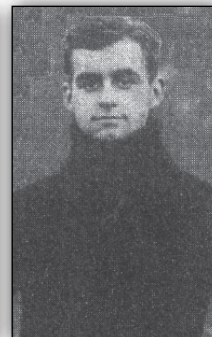
GUARD ★ 1910

Nicknamed "Frog" by Dan McGugin, Metzger was the team's first great lineman, earning national acclaim in 1910 when he received Third Team All-America recognition.

In 1909, Metzger was a sensation in the Commodore backfield, rushing for four scores to single-handedly beat Mercer 28-0, before suffering a leg fracture late in the year.

In 1910, Metzger moved to the line, anchoring a unit that helped produce 166 points and a 8-0-1 record. His defensive play was just as special, contributing to a unit that allowed only eight points.

In 1911, Metzger returned, sharing the spotlight with All-America quarterback Ray Morrison. Metzger as brilliantly, helping the Commodores to a 8-1 record. The 1911 squad outscored its nine opponents 259-9.



**OWSLEY
MANIER**

**OFF./DEF. BACK ★
1906**

Joining the team in Dan McGugin's first year on campus, Manier was a three-year starter and one of the chief reasons why Vanderbilt became an instant Southern power under McGugin's leadership.

As the team's top fullback, Manier was All-Southern and a Third Team All-America in 1906, becoming the first Commodore to earn the honor.

Manier was an offensive machine for McGugin's 1906 squad. In the opener vs. Kentucky, he ran for three scores. Later, Manier scored five times in a 78-0 victory over Alabama.

In his three-year varsity career, Manier was a key factor in the Commodores' 24-1 overall record.

Eventually, Manier returned to academia. He became professor emeritus of clinical medicine at the Vanderbilt School of Medicine.

