



DEFENSIVE BACK 2008

Moore became the first Commodore defensive back to earn All-America honors in 25 years.

He earned second team recognition from the Associated Press, Sporting News, Sl.com and Rivals.com after a sensational junior season.

Moore registered six interceptions and 58 total tackles, contributing to the Commodores' 7-6 campaign that ended with a 16-14 victory over Boston College at the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl.

He ended his career tied for second among Commodores with a13 career interceptions.

In 2008, he was the SEC's most versatile player, also seeing action as a running back, wide receiver and return specialist.

Moore's talents were apparent in several Commodore wins. In a late-season win at Kentucky, he achieved a truly rare feat with a two-interception, two-touchdown catch effort.

After three years, Moore entered the NFL Draft. He was selected in the fourth round by the Chicago Bears.



EARL BENNETT

RECEIVER 2006

Bennett concluded his career as the SEC's all-time leading receiver.

As a sophomore in 2006, 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.

When he announced intentions to enter the NFL Draft, Bennett departed with 236 career receptions, 28 more than any other SEC receiver.

Besides the receptions record, Bennett ranks among the team leaders in virtually every receiving category. In 2007, Bennett

In 2007, Bennett caught 75 passes, becoming the only receiver in SEC history to post three straight seasons with at least 75 catches.

Bennett was a threetime All-SEC recipient. Many fans remember Bennett and Jay Cutler connecting on many memorable plays in the 2005 season, including the game-winning touchdown to defeat

Tennessee in Knoxville.

Bennett was selected by Chicago in the third round of the 2008 draft.



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 run stopper who delivered punishing blows, but he also had the agility to make plays sideline to sideline.

He led the squad 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 QB sacks and six forced fumbles.

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

Winborn was selected by San Francisco in the second round of the 2001 NFL Draft. He has played with the 49ers, Bucs and Broncos.



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. He was also named Second Team All-America by the Associated Press and Football News.

In 1997, he became the only Commodore player to ean SEC 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 performance against top ranked Florida remains one of the best ever by a Commodore.

Duncan's career included stops with Bucs, Rams and Falcons.



BILL MARINANGEL

PUNTER 1996

Marinangel was named First Team All-America by the Sporting News in 1996 after topping the NCAA with a 46.6-yard average.

Marinangel is perhaps best remembered for one heroic play in his senior year. In the 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 46.6yard average is the second highest singleseason 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 sseventh 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 team leaders in virtually every career receiving category. He tops the list, – and ranks third all-time in the SEC, with 2,964 receiving yards.

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, Sporting News, Walter Camp Foundation, Sl.com and Rivals.com.





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.

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, then returned to Vanderbilt as an assistant football coach from 1995-97.



RICKY ANDERSON

PUNTER 1984

Anderson arrived on campus as a walkon. Four years later, he departed as the nation's top punterkicker 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 SEC 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 team 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 third on the team's all-time scoring list with 192 points.



LEONARD COLEMAN

DEFENSIVE BACK 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, Coleman left Vanderbilt rated as the nation's No. 1 cornerback by NFL scouts.

Coleman was a four-year starter. 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 SEC 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 holds the team record with 15 career 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 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 in '84.

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 touchdown receptions remains the second most in school history. Scott also ranks sixth all-time with 145 catches and fifth with 2,219 receiving yards.

Scott played three seasons in the NFL – with the Rams in 1985 and 1986, and 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 squad, breaking the 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 senior average remains third all-time by a 'Dore 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.

After Vanderbilt, Arnold took his game to the NFL, enjoying an 11-year pro punting career.



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 100yard 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 Bown.

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.

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BOB ASHER

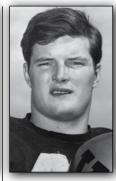
OFF. TACKLE 1969

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.

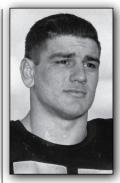
In 1968, Healy was named First Team All-American by the Central Press and Second Team All-American by *The* Sporting News.

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 season for the CFL's Montreal Alouettes.



CHARLEY HORTON

RUNNING 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 legend, Wade was the 1951 SEC Player of the Year and a Second Team All-America by the Associated Press, after completing 111 passes for 1,609 yards and 13 TDs.

A *Look Magazine* coverboy, Wade set many team passing records in his career.

He remains one of the team's most celebrated players. He remains the lone Vanderbilt player selected No. 1 overall in the NFL Draft – by the Los Angeles in 1952. He had a 14-year career with the Rams and Chicago, and led the Bears to the 1963 NFL title, rushing for two scores in a win over New York.

Upon retirement from football, Wade returned to Nashville, retiring from Third National Bank.



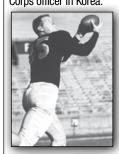
BOB WERCKLE TACKLE, 1951

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

By 1949, he 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 teammate. Across the South, Werckle was known for his blocking and tackling abilities.

In 1951, Werckle earned First Team All-SEC recognition after serving as a captain.

Upon graduation, Werckle was selected in the NFL Draft by Detroit. Later, he earned distinction as a Marine Corps officer in Korea.



BUCKY CURTIS RECEIVER, 1950

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

He ranked among the nation's best receiving yardage in 1950. As a senior, Curtis led the team to a 7-4 record, and set a SEC mark with 791 receiving yards.

Curtis ranks fourth alltime on the team with 17 touchdown catches.

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

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



BOB GUDE CENTER, 1941

Gude played three years of tremendous football before entering the military service during World War II.

Gude was named to the Fox-Movietone All-America team in 1941.

As a center, Gude was frequently compared to other Commodore greats of the past, specifically All-Americans Carl Hinkle and Pete Gracey.

After his senior season, Gude was selected by the Chicago in the 1942 NFL Draft.

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



CARL HINKLE
CENTER, 1937

Following Pete Gracey, Hinkle continued the Commodore tradition of quality centers. The 1937 captain was named First Team All-America by the Associated Press, Grantland Rice, and Liberty.

He was an ironman, playing every minute in seven games in 1937. Named the SEC's Most Valuable Player, Hinkle guided the squad within inches of the Rose Bowl.

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

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



PETE GRACEY
CENTER, 1932

A native of nearby Franklin, Clarence "Pete" Gracey was an anchor on both the offense and and defense fronts. In 1932, he became the last of 13 All-America players mentored by legendary 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 season, he opened holes for such backs as Dixie Roberts and Larry Burton as a center. A possible undefeated season ended in the finale when the 'Dores fell to Alabama. A versatile athlete, he also lettered in baseball



JOHN BROWN
GUARD, 1929

A senior captain, John Neil Brown was named First Team All-America by the nation's coaches. He also was a three-time All-Conference recipient. Known as "Bull," Brown helped anchor both sides

helped anchor both sides of the line of scrimmage. Brown was a key contributor on the line for the 1926 Commodores. He missed 1927, only to return as a standout in 1928-29. One of his best defensive games came against Minnesota and legend Bronko Nagurski. Brown also was a standout rightfielder on the baseball team.



DICK ABERNATHY END, 1928

Abernathy earned All-America honors as an end in 1928, helping the 'Dores to an 8-2 record. Abernathy had a key 38-yard touchdown catch that enabled the Commodores to defeat visiting Colgate, 12-7. A week later 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 Texas.



BILL SPEARS QUARTERBACK, 1927

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

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

In 1927, he guided the squad to an 8-1-2 record, including a win over Tulane when noted writer Blinkey Horn described Spears as "All-World" after a twotouchdown effort.

Spears concluded his career by outgaining the entire Alabama squad in a 14-7 Vanderbilt win.

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

He was a significant contributor to Vanderbilt, serving on the Board of Trust from 1954 until his death in 1992.





HENRY WAKEFIELD END, 1924

Known as "Hek," Wakefield was a two-way standout for McGugin's Commodores.

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

In 1922, 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.

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 16-0 win over Minnesota.



LYNN BOMAR END, 1923

A devastating blocker and outstanding runner, Bomar was the first great end of the Dan McGugin Era.

Bomar was named All-America by Walter Camp. Known to fans as the "Blonde Bear," Bomar helped Vanderbilt to "the Championship of the South."

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

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



JOSH GODY **TACKLE, 1915-16, 1919**

Cody is arguably the most decorated player in Vanderbilt history.

Known as a punishing blocker, 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 power-ful offensive line that propelled Vanderbilt to 23 wins in 25 games. He sparked the McGugin's famous "point-a-minute" offense of 1915.

Cody became a successful head coach, serving in that role at Clemson and Temple. Cody was inducted into the National College Football Hall of Fame in 1970.



IRBY 'RABBIT' CURRY BACK. 1916

A legend in Vanderbilt history, 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 Texan guided the team to a 7-1-1 record in 1916 and directed the famous "Point-A-Minute" squad of 1915.

He was a gentleman and scholar athlete.
Junior class president,
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, Curry died when his plane was shot down over France in WWI.



LEWIS HARDAGE BACK, 1912

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

Hardage starred on tremendous squads. As captain in 1911-12, he helped Vanderbilt go 16-2-1 overall, and their opponents 578-27.

Hardage earned Third Team All-America and All-Southern Conference recognition as a senior.

Hardage dominated several games in 1912, scoring 95 points for the squad that was the nation's top 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 career in 1911, Coach McGugin called him "the best I ever saw."

More than two decades later, a panel of local sportswriters tabbed Morrison as the 'Dores' top QB through its first 50 years.

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

He later became a great coach, serving 34

seasons at the collegiate level.

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

He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1954.



W.E. METZGER GUARD, 1910

Nicknamed "Frog," Metzger was Dan McGugin's first great lineman, earning Third Team All-America recognition in 1910.

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

In 1910, he moved to the line, anchoring a unit that helped produce a 8-0-1 record. On defense, he assisted a unit that allowed only eight points.

Metzger shared the spotlight with QB Ray Morrison in 1911. He played brilliantly, helping the Commodores to a 8-1 record.



OWSLEY MANIER
BACK, 1906

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

As the team's top fullback, Manier was All-Southern and a Third Team All-America in 1906, becoming the first Commodore so honored. He was an offensive machine for McGugin's 1906 squad, scoring three times against Kentucky and on five occasions in 78-0 victory over Alabama.

Manier was a key factor in the the Commodores' 24-1 overall record.

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