ANDERBILT LOOKS FOR 6TH WIN IN ATHENS





5-1, 3-1

Kickoff Information

DATE: Saturday, October 18, 2008 KICKOFF: 11:30 a.m., CST STADIUM: Sanford Stadium LOCATION: Athens. Ga.

RADIO: Vanderbilt Radio Network: Flagship Station - 104.5 "The Zone"

COMMODORE RADIO CREW:

Joe Fisher, play-by-play; John Gromos, color analyst; Kevin Ingram, sidelines reporter

XM RADIO: Channel-TBA

TV: Raycom Sports (Southeast U.S.)/GamePlan

RAYCOM TV CREW:

Dave Neal, play-by-play; Dave Archer, color analyst; Dave Baker, sidelines reporter

Appearing on Raycom TV

After capturing its last three games played on the ESPN television network, the Commodores will look to break a five-game losing streak in games aired across the Southeast on Raycom Sports TV.

AHEAD ON THE SCHEDULE

The Commodores return home Saturday, Oct. 25 to host Duke of the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Blue Devils, currently 3-2 under first-year head coach and former Ole Miss mentor David Cutcliffe, will serve as Vanderbilt's homecoming foe. Reserved tickets (\$22 each) remain available.

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THE COMMODORE SEASON AT A GLANCE...(5-1, 3-1)

| DATE | OPPONENT | Notes |
|-------|---------------------|--|
| 8/28 | @ Miami of Ohio | (W, 34-13) Commodores rush for 269 yards in road win |
| 9/4 | So. Carolina, ESPN | (W, 24-17) Second straight win over ranked Gamecocks |
| 9/13 | Rice, 6 pm | (W, 38-21) Vanderbilt scores 24 unanswered points in win |
| 9/20 | @ Ole Miss, 6 pm | (W, 23-17) Defense forces six turnovers in key road victory |
| 10/4 | Auburn, ESPN | (W, 14-13) 'Dores overcome 13-0 deficit before sellout crowd |
| 10/11 | @ Miss. State, PPV | (L, 14-17) 'Dores commit turnovers, lack offense in first loss |
| 10/18 | @ Georgia, 11:30 am | 5-1 Bulldogs earn share of SEC East lead with win over UT |
| 10/25 | Duke, 2 pm | 3-2 Blue Devils are off strugging in loss to Georgia Tech |
| 11/8 | Florida, TBA | 5-1 Florida pounds LSU with first loss of season 51-21 |
| 11/15 | @ Kentucky, TBA | 4-2 Wildcats still can't beat Spurrier, lose 24-17 to Carolina |
| 11/22 | Tennessee, TBA | 2-4 Vols' offense continues struggle, lose 26-14 at Georgia |
| 11/29 | @ Wake Forest, TBA | 4-1 Deacs rally, top Clemson 12-7; now control ACC race |

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GEORGIA

Quick Facts on Vanderbilt & Georgia





Location **Founded Enrollment Conference Nickname** Colors **Home Field** Capacity **Field Surface Head Coach** Coaching Record 85-87 (.494) Website

VANDERBILT Nashville, Tenn. 1873 6,402 Southeastern Commodores Black & Gold Vanderbilt Stadium 39,773 natural grass

Athens, Ga. 1785 33,831 Southeastern **Bulldogs** Red & Black Sanford Stadium 92,746 natural grass Bobby Johnson (7th) Mark Richt (8th) 76-20 (.792) vucommodores.com georgiadogs.com





STADIUM IMPROVEMENTS * SEEKING SIXTH WIN

VANDERBILT STADIUM GETS FRESH LOOK; PHASE I CONSTRUCTION WORK COMPLETE

Enthusiastic Commodore fans attending home games this season are seeing the first substantial improvements to Dudley Field and Vanderbilt Stadium in more than a decade.

Constructions crews completed Phase 1 work on Vanderbilt Stadium in late August. The result is a clean, refurbished look for the stadium, built in 1981.

The completed construction is the first of five phases outlined in a \$60 million athletic facility enhancement plan. The project was announced last winter by Vanderbilt Vice Chancellor of University Affairs and Student Athletics David Williams II.

Among the football stadium improvements completed in the Phase I work are:

- New brick exterior renovation to south end of stadium facing McGugin Athletic Center and Jess Neely Drive. The work extends the brick facade included at the adjacent Hawkins Baseball Field.
- · Painting of stadium exterior.
- Addition of new Vanderbilt Bookstore and Commodore Grille outlets on concourse.
- New eastside concourse artwork featuring Vanderbilt Athletics "It's Good To Be Gold" theme.
 The artwork includes action images of several recent Vanderbilt standouts, such as football players Jay Cutler, Earl Bennett and Chris Williams, golfer Brandt Snedeker, hoopsters Shan Foster and Chantelle Anderson, and baseball players Pedro Alvarez and David Price.
- New exterior signage and installation of large
 "Star V" logos on the press box structure.

Bobby Johnson's football team also benefited from the addition of FieldTurf artificial surface at its practice facility this summer.

Phase I construction also is aimed at enhancing both Memorial Gym and Hawkins Field. New men's and women's player locker rooms, and post-game press conference facilities are under construction at Memorial Gym, along with the installment of a new wooden gym floor. At Hawkins Field, work is under way to expand capacity with the addition of seating areas in left field and right field.

The facility project is expected to continue for several years. Phase II, expected to get under way after the 2008 football season, calls for total renovation of both stadium gates facing Jess Neely Drive, and the continuation of the brick exterior facade down Natchez Trace. Work on the long-anticipated Vanderbilt Athletics Hall of Fame also is expected to start after the season.

The project also calls for future construction of new football player locker and meeting rooms, and expanded training and academic support facilities.

COMMODORES SEEKING SIXTH WIN

Vanderbilt looks to reach six wins in a season for the first time in more than two decades Saturday when it faces 5-1 Georgia.

The Commodores, at 5-1 and off to their best start since 1950, are looking to reach six wins for the first time since going 8-3 en route to the 1982 Hall of Fame Bowl.

Last Saturday, the Commodores were unable to reach 6-0 for the first time since 1928 when they fell at Mississippi State 17-14. Only eight teams in Vanderbilt football history have reached 6-0 to start the season: 1928, 1921, 1916, 1915, 1912, 1904, 1903 and 1897.

'Dores Looking for Fourth SEC Win

When Vanderbilt travels to face Georgia Saturday, the Commodores will be looking to capture a fourth win in Southeastern Conference play for the first time in 26 years.

The Vanderbilt record of five wins in SEC play came in the infancy of the league (5-1 in 1935). The Commodores have notched four conference wins in just five other seasons: 1982 (4-2), 1955 (4-3), 1949 (4-4), 1948 (4-2-1), 1938 (4-3) and 1937 (4-2).

The last two times Vanderbilt won four SEC games, a postseason appearance followed: the Hall of Fame Bowl in 1982 and the Gator Bowl in 1955.

The Commodores have never reached four wins in the SEC since the league went to divisional play in 1991.

Vanderbilt currently shares the SEC Eastern Division lead with Georgia after early-season victories against South Carolina (24-17, Sept. 4), Ole Miss (23-17, Sept. 20) and Auburn (14-13, Oct. 4). The three-game win streak in SEC play, broken by a loss at Mississippi State last Saturday, was the first for the Commodores since 1982.

RECENT 'DORE SUCCESS VS. RANKED TEAMS

Vanderbilt wil be seeking its third victory of the season over a ranked opponent when the Commodores travel to Athens Saturday to face the powerful Georgia Bulldogs.

On Oct. 4, the Commodores defeated No. 13 Auburn 14-13 in front of an ESPN national audience and capacity home crowd.

On Sept. 4, the 'Dores claimed a win over No. 24 South Carolina, marking the first time in team history that Vanderbilt has defeated Top 25 teams in three straight seasons.

The victory over Auburn gave Vanderbilt two wins over ranked opponents in the same season since 1955 when No. 17 Kentucky was a 34-0 regular season victim and No. 8 Auburn fell in the Gator Bowl.

Since 2006, the Commodores are 4-6 against ranked opponents. Prior to 2006, Vanderbilt lost 51 straight games against ranked foes.

The victory over USC was the 'Dores' first home win over a ranked opponent since defeating No. 25 Ole Miss 31-9 on Sept. 19, 1992.

Vanderbilt wins over Top 25 teams since 2005

| OPPONENT | Location (Date) | Score |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| No. 13 Auburn | Nashville (10/4/2008) | 14-13 |
| No. 24 South Carolina | Nashville (9/4/2008) | 24-17 |
| No. 6 South Carolina | Columbia, S.C. (10/20/2007) | 17-6 |
| No. 16 Georgia | Athens, Ga. (10/14/2006) | 24-22 |



VANDERBILT AND THE TOP 25 POLLS

DESPITE 1ST LOSS, 'DORES REMAIN IN TOP 25 RANKING

Vanderbilt dropped nearly 10 positions in the three major polls following the Commodores' 17-14 defeat at Mississippi State Saturday.

The Commodores are ranked No. 22 in the latest Associated Press and Harris Interactive polls, and No. 23 in the *USA Today* Coaches' ballot.

The Commodores entered the Mississippi State seeking ranked No. 13 by the AP and seeking their first 6-0 start since 1928.

The No. 13 ranking was Vanderbilt's highest by the AP since consecutive wins

over Chattanooga and Alabama pushed the Commodores to No. 13 during the 1956 season.

On Saturday, Vanderbilt will play its third consecutive game as an AP ranked squad. The Commodores have never played four straight games as a ranked team.

Vanderbilt remains one of five SEC teams ranked in the latest AP ballot, joining Alabama, Florida. Georgia, and LSU.

The Commodores' highest AP ranking ever – No. 7 – came on Oct. 28, 1937, days after tackle Greer Ricketson stunned No. 6 LSU on an infa-

mous 50-yard "hidden ball" play in a 7-6 win. Before this year, Vanderbilt last reached the AP Top 25 on Oct. 1, 1984, a day after toppling Alabama 30-21 to move to 4-0.

Vanderbilt's football history includes a 30-year stretch (1904-34) as the South's dominant power under Dan McGugin. The AP Poll began publishing its rankings in 1936, two years after McGugin retired from the Vanderbilt position.

Vanderbilt has been ranked by the AP in 11 different seasons: 2008, 1984, 1958, 1956, 1955, 1950, 1948, 1947, 1942, 1938 and 1937.

A FIRST SINCE 1955: TWO COMMODORE WINS VS. RANKED TEAMS

Vanderbilt's 14-13 victory over Auburn Oct. 4 was the Commodores' second win over an *Associated Press* Top 25 team this season, marking the first time in more than five decades for Vanderbilt to register at least two wins over ranked opponents in the same season.

The last time Vanderbilt managed two wins over ranked teams came in 1955 – and it also involved a game against Auburn. That year, Vanderbilt defeated No. 17 Kentucky 34-0 then closed out its finest season of the post-World War II era with a 25-13 triump over No. 8 Auburn in the Gator Bowl.

Vanderbilt has never defeated three teams ranked in the AP Top 25 in the same season.

In defeating Auburn, the Commodores also notched their first victory as a ranked AP squad since beating Alabama on Oct. 6, 1956 as the nation's No. 18 squad.

Since the poll began in 1936, Vanderbilt is 10-14-1 all-time when ranked by the AP.

HARRIS INTERACTIVE POLL

media/former coaches & players' ballot, released Oct. 12, 2008

| | released Oct. 12, 2006 | |
|------|--------------------------------|-------|
| # | School (1st) Record | Votes |
| 1. | Texas (72) 6-0 | 2804 |
| 2. | Alabama (37) 6-0 | 2752 |
| 3. | Penn State (4) 7-0 | 2602 |
| 4. | Oklahoma 5-1 | 2255 |
| 5. | USC 4-1 | 2225 |
| 6. | Florida 5-1 | 2224 |
| 7. | Texas Tech 6-0 | 2191 |
| 8. | BYU 6-0 | 2044 |
| 9. | Georgia 5-1 | 1901 |
| 10. | Oklahoma State 6-0 | 1829 |
| 11. | Missouri 5-1 | 1706 |
| 12. | LSU 4-1 | 1624 |
| 13. | Ohio State 6-1 | 1589 |
| 14. | Utah (1) 7-0 | 1489 |
| 15. | Boise State 5-0 | 1240 |
| 16. | Kansas 5-1 | 1187 |
| 17. | Virginia Tech 5-1 | 912 |
| 18. | Michigan State 6-1 | 800 |
| 19. | South Florida 5-1 | 640 |
| 20. | North Carolina 5-1 | 607 |
| 21. | Wake Forest 4-1 | 569 |
| 22. | Vanderbilt 5-1 | 454 |
| 23. | Ball State 7-0 | 226 |
| 24. | California 4-1 | 217 |
| 25. | Pittsburgh 4-1 | 164 |
| Othe | ers receiving votes: Tulsa 161 | TCU |

Others receiving votes: Tulsa 161, TCU 141, Minnesota 129, Fla. State 96, Georgia Tech 87, Northwestern 46, Boston College 39, Oregon 19, Auburn 17; Fresno State 16, So. Carolina 13, UConn 11, Cincinnati 9, Western Michigan 7, Wisconsin 6, Illinois 1, Notre Dame 1

ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

writers poll, released Oct. 12, 2008 School (1st) Record **Votes** Texas (39) 6-0 1599 1. Alabama (26) 6-0 1582 2 3. Penn State 7-0 1492 Oklahoma 5-1 1306 5. Florida 5-1 1284 USC 4-1 1247 6. Texas Tech 6-0 1210 Oklahoma State 6-0 8. 1184 Brigham Young 6-0 1131 10. Georgia 5-1 1081 Missouri 5-1 984 11. Ohio State 6-1 12. 908 13. LSU 4-1 893 Utah 7-0 15. Boise State 5-0 714 16. Kansas 5-1 620 17. Virginia Tech 5-1 540 North Carolina 5-1 416 South Florida 5-1 397 19. 20. Michigan State 6-1 371 21. Wake Forest 4-1 330

Others receiving votes: Tulsa 84, TCU 61, Minnesota 48, Florida State 38, Georgia Tech 25, South Carolina 9, Kentucky 7, Oregon 4, Northwestern 3, Notre Dame 1, Cincinnati 1

Vanderbilt 5-1

Pittsburgh 4-1

Ball State 7-0

California 4-1

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USA TODAY COACHES' POLL coaches ballot released Oct. 12, 2008

| U | Jacries Dallot, released Oct. 1 | 2, 2000 |
|-------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| # | School (1st) Record | Votes |
| 1. | Texas (44) 6-0 | 1505 |
| 2. | Alabama (14) 6-0 | 1452 |
| 3. | Penn State (3) 7-0 | 1416 |
| 4. | So. California (4-1 | 1198 |
| 5. | Texas Tech 6-0 | 1195 |
| 6. | Oklahoma 5-1 | 1147 |
| 7. | Florida 5-1 | 1145 |
| 8. | Brigham Young 6-0 | 1143 |
| 9. | Georgia 5-1 | 1010 |
| 10. | Oklahoma State 6-0 | 958 |
| 11. | Ohio State 6-1 | 920 |
| 12. | Missouri 5-1 | 886 |
| 13. | Utah 7-0 | 819 |
| 14. | LSU 4-1 | 776 |
| 15. | Kansas 5-1 | 676 |
| 16. | Boise State 5-0 | 648 |
| 17. | Michigan State 6-1 | 468 |
| 18. | Virginia Tech 5-1 | 467 |
| 19. | Wake Forest 4-1 | 376 |
| 20. | South Florida 5-1 | 334 |
| 21. | North Carolina 5-1 | 321 |
| 22. | California 4-1 | 169 |
| 2 3. | Vanderbilt 5-1 | 147 |
| 24. | TCU 6-1 | 138 |
| 25. | Ball State 7-0 | 135 |
| Otho | re receiving votes: Tules 12 | 1 |

Others receiving votes: Tulsa 121, Minnesota 55, Florida State 49, Pittsburgh 45, Georgia Tech 31, Northwestern 21, Cincinnati 18, Oregon 14; South Carolina 10, Boston College 3, UConn 3, Fresno State 2, Notre Dame 2, Kentucky 1, Miami (Fla.) 1

DID YOU KNOW? COMMODORES WERE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

With Vanderbilt entering the Associated Press Top 25 for just the second time since 1958 after topping Ole Miss on Sept. 20, even ardent fans of the team might need to be reminded that their Commodores lay claim to national champion status — at least in the eyes of one pollster.

According to the NCAA's official website, the Commodores were recognized as national champions by Billingsley after an 8-1 campaign in 1906 and 8-1 record in 1911. The 1906 squad outscored its opponents 278-16, losing only at Michigan 10-4. It also beat the great Carlisle squad 4-0. Dan McGugin's 1911 squad outscored its foes 259-9, again dropping a decision at Michigan 9-8.

McGugin's ties to Michigan were deep, having played there and graduated from its law school. McGugin also was brothers-inlaw of legendary Michigan coach Fielding Yost.

A FIRST: VANDERBILT, UGA BOTH RANKED

For the first time in a series that dates back to 1893, Georgia and Vanderbilt will play this Saturday with both teams enjoying a national ranking in the Associated Press Top 25.



258

166

115

THE GEORGIA SERIES • COMMODORE NOTES

THE VANDERBILT-GEORGIA SERIES

- ★ Meeting Between Schools: 69th
- ★ Series Record: Vanderbilt trails, 18-48-2
- ★ Last Meeting: Vanderbilt 10, Georgia 20 (2007)
- ★ First Meeting: Vanderbilt 35, Georgia 0 (1893)
- ★ Last Game in Athens: Vanderbilt 24, Georgia 22 (2006)
- ★ Last Game in Nashville: Vanderbilt 17, Georgia 20 (2007)
- ★ Vanderbilt Series Record in Nashville: 11-22-2
- ★ VU Series Record on the Road: 7-26
- ★ Bobby Johnson vs. Georgia: 1-5
- ★ Vanderbilt vs. Georgia Coach Mark Richt: 1-6
- ★ Last 10 Games in Series: Vanderbilt trails, 1-9
- ★ Last 25 Games Played in Series: Vanderbilt trails, 3-21-1

Vanderbilt-Georgia Series Notes

- ★ Vanderbilt trails in the series with Georgia 18-48-2. In the last 25 games played between the schools, the Commodores are 3-21-1.
- ★ Vanderbilt's victory in Athens snapped a 12-game 'Dore losing skid to the Bulldogs that dated to a 43-30 Vanderbilt road win in 1994.
- ★ Vanderbilt has enjoyed little success against the Bulldogs in home games. The Commodores are winless in the last eight games against Georgia in Vanderbilt Stadium. The last Commodore home victory was a 27-25 thriller in 1991.

KEY GAMES IN VANDERBILT-UGA SERIES

2007 An apparent Commodore victory went astray with 2:00 left when Vanderbilt TB Cassen Jackson-Garrison fumbled inside the UGA 10-yard line with the score tied 17-17. After QB Matt Stafford drove the Bulldogs 62 yards, Brandon Coutu's 37-yard FG as time expired sealed the Georgia comeback. win.

2006 Vanderbilt played prehaps its finest game of the year, using a late fourth quarter rally to win 24-22 in Athens. It was Vanderbilt's first victory ever against a ranked opponents in its on-campus stadium. Bryant Hahnfeldt hit the game-winning 33-yard FG with :02 left.

2000 QB Greg Zolman threw for 334 yards and a touchdown, but was unable to lead any late scoring drives in a 29-19 Vanderbilt loss.

1994 TB Jermaine Johnson and QB Ronnie Gordon topped the 100-yard rushing plateau in 43-30 win. Johnson rushed for 176 yards – sixth most ever – while Gordon produced 126 yards and three TDs.

1991 Commodore RBs Corey Harris and Sam Chalmers rushed for 169 and 111 yards, respectively, as Vanderbilt won 27-25 in Nashville. The Commodores battled back from early 14-0 and 17-7 deficits to take the lead, only to hold off a furious late Georgia rally.

1985 Alan Herline's 46-yard field goal late in the third quarter were the final points in a 17-17 tie between Vanderbilt and Georgia.

1973 Vanderbilt PK Hawkins Golden booted four field goals – still a Commodore single-game record – in Vanderbilt's stunning 18-14 win over Georgia in 1973. It represents the Commodores' only win in the series between 1962 and 1991.

1961 Commodore QB Hank Lesesne connected on nine of 11 passes – a school record 81.8% – and three TDs in a 21-0 Vanderbilt victory in Athens.

GEORGIA NATIVES ON COMMODORE ROSTER

Twenty-one players on the Commodore roster, including seven potential starters this Saturday, hail from the state of Georgia.

No other state is more represented than Georgia on the Commodore roster. Vanderbilt's home state, Tennessee, also has provided 21 players this season.

Likely Commodore starters with Georgia ties are receiver **Sean Walker** (R-Sr., Wrens), DT **Greg Billinger** (Jr., Lilburn), TE **Brandon Barden** (R-Fr., Lincolnton), DE **Broderick Stewart** (R-Jr., Newnan) and punter **Brett Upson (**Jr., Griffin).

Two other valuable Commodores, TE **Jake Bradford** (Sr., St. Simons Island) and DT **T.J. Greenstone** (R-Fr., Lawrenceville), also have earned starting assignments this season.

Other Commodores from Georgia are CB **Josh Allen** (R-Sr., Roswell), LB **Bo Baggarley** (Sr., Forsyth), PK **Tom Carroll** (R-Jr., Columbus), DT **Derrius Dowell** (R-Jr., Atlanta), WR/PR **Alex Washington** (R-Jr., Stone Mountain), LB **Austin Newton** (R-So., McDonough), TB **Kennard Reeves** (R-So., Duluth), CB **Alan Strong** (R-So., Atlanta), WR **Chris Crooks** (R-Fr., Cummings), WR **Udom Umoh** (R-Fr., Fort Valley), CB **Casey Hayward** (Fr., Elko), DL **Taylor Loftley** (Fr., Chamblee), DL **Ryan Seymour** (Fr., Kingsland) and LB **Tristan Strong** (Fr., Loganville).

PREP TEAMMATES PLENTIFUL SATURDAY

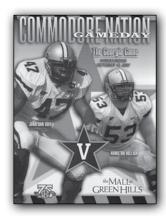
Several Commodore players will be facing close friends and former high school teammates when Vanderbilt meets Georgia this Saturday.

- Justin Wheeler (R-Jr., WR) and UGA senior safety C.J. Byrd were classmates and teammates at North Augusta (S.C.) H.S.
- Sean Walker (R-Sr., WR) and UGA freshman DL A.J. Harmon both attended Jefferson County (Ga.) H.S., though they did not play together.
- Derrius Dowell (R-Jr., DT) and Alan Strong (R-So., CB) played on the same Douglass (Ga.) H.S. defense as Bulldogs' DE Roderick Battle and LB Akeem Dent.
- Greg Billinger (Jr., DT) and UGA's Caleb King (R-Fr., TB) were teammates at powerful Parkview (Ga.) H.S.
- **Udom Umoh** (R-Fr., WR) helped guide Peach County (Ga.) H.S. to a pair of state titles. Another standout on earlier Peach County squads was Georgia's **Darius Dewberry** (Jr., LB).
- Two Commodores **Michael Garcia** (R-So., LB) and **Ryan van Rensburg** (R-Fr., TB) were high school teammates of UGA's **Shaun Chapas** (R-So., FB).
- Brandon Barden (R-Fr., TE) and UGA's Jarius Wynn (Sr., DE) both attended Lincoln County (Ga.) H.S.
- Chris Crooks (R-Fr., WR) and UGA's Clint Boling (So., RG) were classmates at Chattahoochee H.S. in Alpharetta.
- T.J. Greenstone (R-Fr., DT) and UGA's Brandon Coutu (Sr., PK) were standouts at Collins Hills (Ga.) H.S., though they never played on the same varsity squad.



Commodore Notes • 2007 Game Recap

GAME 6 OF THE 2007 SEASON
GEORGIA BULLDOGS ★ VANDERBILT COMMODORES
OCTOBER 13 • VANDERBILT STADIUM, NASHVILLE, TENN. • ATTN: 39,773



GEORGIA 20 VANDERBILT 17

NASHVILLE – Georgia and Vanderbilt are making a habit of spoiling each others' homecoming.

Brandon Coutu kicked a 37-yard field goal as time expired to help No. 24 Georgia overcome a 10-point halftime deficit and beat Vanderbilt 20-17, avenging last season's loss in Athens.

Freshman Knowshon Moreno rushed for a career-high 157 yards in his first start for Georgia. For Vanderbilt, D.J. Moore had a huge night as an offensive slotback, defen-

sive cornerback and return specialist.

Vanderbilt fumbled 7 yards short of the goal line, setting up the winning drive. Sean Walker caught a touchdown pass and ran for another for Vanderbilt. His 16-yard touchdown pass, originally ruled incomplete, gave the Commodores a 17-7 lead in the second quarter.

SCORING SUMMARY

| TEAM | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | FINAL | RECORD |
|--------------------|---|----|---|---|-------|----------|
| GEORGIA | 7 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 20 | 5-2, 3-2 |
| V ANDERBILT | 3 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 3-3, 1-3 |

First Quarter: UGA – Bailey 32-yd. pass from Stafford (Coutu kick) 8:13. VU – Hahnfeldt 21-yd. FG 1:05.

Second Quarter: VU – Walker 15-yd. run (Hahnfeldt kick) 9:09. VU – Walker 16-yd. pass from Adams (Hahnfeldt kick) 2:36.

THIRD QUARTER: UGA - Southerland 1-yd. run (Coutu kick) 10:51.

FOURTH QUARTER: UGA - Coutu 31-yd. FG 6:12.

UGA - Coutu 37-yd. FG 0:00.

| STATISTICS | GEORGIA | VANDERBILT |
|--------------------------|---------|------------|
| First Downs | 17 | 14 |
| Rushing (Net) | 35-167 | 38-179 |
| Passing Yards | 201 | 131 |
| Passes: Att-Comp-Int | 31-16-0 | 15-9-0 |
| TOTAL OFF. (PLAYS-YARDS) | 66-368 | 53-310 |
| Punt Returns-Yards | 2-8 | 3-35 |
| KO RETURNS-YARDS | 4-89 | 4-75 |
| INT RETURNS-YARDS | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Punts (#-Avg) | 7-44.1 | 6-44.2 |
| FUMBLES-LOST | 1-0 | 3-2 |
| PENALTIES-YARDS | 6-41 | 4-16 |
| Possession Time | 30:59 | 29:01 |
| THIRD-DOWNS | 7 of 16 | 5 of 13 |
| Fourth-Downs | 0 of 0 | 0 of 0 |
| RED-ZONE SUCCESS | 3-3 | 3-4 |
| SACKS BY: (#-YARDS) | 3-24 | 1-1 |

RUSHING: UGA–Moreno 28-157; Lumpkin 2-6; Stafford 4-3; Southerland 1-1. VU–Moore 2-48; Adams 14-46; Jackson-Garrison 7-20; Hawkins 2-19; Jennings 6-18; Walker 1-15; Nickson 5-10; Washington 1-3.

PASSING: UGA–Stafford 16-31-0-201. VU–Adams 7-10-0-125; Nickson 2-5-0-6. **RECEIVING:** UGA–Wilson 4-57; Bailey 2-39; Goodman 2-31; Chandler 2-24; Moreno 2-18; Durham 1-12; Southerland 1-8; Lumpkin 1-7; Massaquoi 1-5. VU–Bennett 3-31; Smith 2-58; Walker 2-23; Hawkins 1-14; Jackson-Garrison 1-5.

VANDERBILT SEEKS WIN ON REGIONAL TV

The Commodores will attempt to break a five-game losing streak on regional television when they travel to Georgia this week.

Vanderbilt's last victory on Raycom Sports (formerly Lincoln Financial Sports/Jefferson Pilot Sports) came against the Bulldogs two years ago (24-22 on Oct. 14, 2006).

Since that victory, the Commodores have lost to Florida and Tennessee in 2006, and Alabama, Auburn and Florida last year.

SUPPORTIVE CROWDS WATCH COMMODORES

An enthusiastic sellout crowd of 39,773 watched Vanderbilt defeat Auburn Oct. 4 in Nashville, continuing a strong showing by Commodore fans at the admission gates.

In Vanderbilt's two earlier home wins – vs. South Carolina on Sept. 4 and vs. Rice on Sept. 13 – more than 36,500 fans were in attendance.

Through three games, the 'Dores are averaging crowds of 37,997. The current figure marks 95.5% of capacity in Vanderbilt Stadium.

The Commodores have three more home games on the schedule, two of which (Florida on Nov. 8 and Tennessee on Nov. 22) are sold out. Tickets remain for the home game vs. Duke on Oct. 25.

Capacity in Vanderbilt Stadium was reduced in 2001 when a 1,500seat bleacher section located in the north end zone was removed.

Average Vanderbilt Attendance Since 2000

| Y EAR | Avg. Attendance |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| 2008 (thru 3 games) | 37,997 |
| 2007 (8 games) | 34,629 |
| 2006 (7 games) | 34,861 |
| 2005 (6 games) | 36,031 |
| 2004 (6 games) | 28,472 |
| 2003 (7 games) | 28,282 |
| 2002 (7 games) | 32,192 |
| 2001 (6 games) | 33,990 |
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2008 SEASON TICKETS SOLD OUT FOR VANDERBILT SCHEDULE

Vanderbilt football season ticket sales were at their highest levels in more than a decade, according to Commodore athletic officials.

Season ticket sales surpassed the 19,000-mark this season as officials announced Vanderbilt home sellouts against Auburn, Florida and Tennessee.

The total of 19,175 represents the most sold by Vanderbilt Athletics since 1996 when the home schedule included Notre Dame and Tennessee.

Besides Auburn, Florida and Tennessee, the Commodore home schedule includes ACC foe Duke on Oct. 25. Tickets for the Duke game are \$22.

The 2008 sales level is well ahead of last year's final sales total of 15,191. In 2006 – the last year Vanderbilt hosted Tennessee, South Carolina and Florida on its Nashville campus – 11,367 season tickets were sold.



Positive Turnover Margin Key to Vanderbilt's Early-Season Success

When Vanderbilt holds an advantage in turnover margin, Commodore chances for victory increase significantly. Need look no further for evidence than Vanderbilt's Oct. 11 game at Mississippi State.

For the first time this season, Vanderbilt committed more turnovers than its opponent in Starkville. The turnovers played a substantial role in the team's initial loss, a 17-14 decision at Mississippi State.

In Vanderbilt's first five games – all victories – the Commodores either owned a

position advantage in turnovers or matched their opponents in the decisive category.

Vanderbilt entered the Mississippi State game tied for the NCAA lead with a +9 turnover margin. The Commodores offense departed Starkville with a pair of interceptions while the defense failed to force a turnover for the first time this season.

The Commodores dropped to a second place tie with Kentucky among the 12 SEC teams in the statistical category, trailing league leader Florida. They also fall into an

11th place tie nationally in turnover margin.

Vanderbilt's advantage in turnovers is due to 11 interceptions by the Commodore defense. The interception total is tied for the most in the SEC with Tennessee.

While the defense has posted an abundance of interceptions, it has registered just four turnovers from fumbles.

At the same time, the Commodores have committed just eight miscues: five fumbles and three interceptions.

Second Half Success Key to Vanderbilt 5-1 Start

The Commodores' 5-1 start has been keyed by scoring success halftime

Vanderbilt has outscored its first five opponents 65-24 in the second half, and 109-41 after the first quarter.

The Commodore defense has held three of its last four opponents – Rice, Ole Miss and Auburn – scoreless after intermission. Mississippi State scored two touchdowns in the second half, one that came after an interception deep in Vanderbilt territory.

The Vanderbilt defense allowed its first touchdown in the third quarter at Mississippi State. Prior to playing in Starkville, the only third-quarter points allowed by the Commodores this season was a field goal by Miami (Ohio) in the opener.

Vanderbilt also holds a 34-14 scoring advantage over its opponents in the fourth quarter.

The second half advantage continues a trend witnessed by recent Bobby Johnson squads. Twice in the last three years, 2005 and 2007, Vanderbilt has finished the season with a scoring advantage over its opponents after intermission.

Upson Continues Strong Punting Display

Despite mustering little offense and failing to force a turnover for the first time this season, Vanderbilt received another strong effort from junior punter **Brett Upson** in the loss at Mississippi State.

Named the Southeastern Conference Specialist of the Week for his performance one week earlier against Auburn, Upson was sensational against the Bulldogs.

Upson averaged 42.1 yards on eight punts at Mississippi State. His first punt was a season long (56 yards) and quickly changed field possession in favor of Vanderbilt. Midway through the second quarter, Upson had a 40-yard punt that pinned MSU at its own 2-yard line. Four plays later, a short Bulldog punt resulted in Vanderbilt's first touchdown drive.

Upson is averaging a career-high 40.0 yards. His net average of 37.6 yards ranks third in the SEC and 22nd in the nation.

COMEBACK COMMODORES: FIVE WINS AFTER FACING DEFICITS

The Commodores' path to a 5-1 record has followed a familiar trail: to various ways to overcome deficits.

Bobby Johnson's squad has faced deficits in every game this season, yet managed to find ways to register five victories and just one loss.

After capturing five straight comeback wins, the Commodores could not duplicate the feat last Saturday at Mississippi State, though he did overcome an early 3-0 deficit to lead entering half-time 7-3

In each Vanderbilt win, the Commodores have put together a string of unanswered points to prevail. In four of the five eventual wins, Vanderbilt has trailed by at least a touchdown.

 Against Auburn, the Commodores fell behind 13-0 early in the first quarter after the Tigers drove 49 yards for an early touchdown and turned Vanderbilt's only turnover of the game into a second touchdown.

After the second Auburn score, the Commodore offense came together behind reserve QB Mackenzi Adams and the defense stiffened. While Adams directed two scoring drives and accounted for more than 200 yards of total offense, the defense limited Auburn to less than 100 yards of total offense during the last three quarters.

- At Ole Miss, the Commodores twice trailed by 10 points, 10-0 and 17-7 in the first quarter before coming back to record a 23-17 victory. The Vanderbilt offense provided three possessions that resulted in Bryant Hahnfeldt field goals after the first quarter, the defense held Ole Miss without points for the final three quarters.
- On three occasions during the first half, the Rice Owls took a seven-point lead on the Commodores before Vanderbilt reeled off 24 straight points to secure a 38-21 decision.
- In its Southeastern Conference opener, Vanderbilt trailed South Carolina 10-3 at halftime, then scored 21 unanswered points to take a 24-10 margin en route to an eventual 24-17 win.
- In the opener at Miami, the Commodores trailed 3-0 early before putting together a 17-0 stretch to take the lead for good.



PLAYER PARTICIPATION 🖈 COMMODORE NOTES

VANDERBILT ACTIVE PLAYER PARTICIPATION

| | | 2008 | 2008 | | CAREER | CONSECUTIVE |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|----------|------------------|
| PLAYER | Pos. | GAMES PLAYED | STARTS | GAMES PLAYED | STARTS | CAREER STARTS |
| Chris Aaron | С | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
| Mackenzi Adams Josh Allen | QB CB | 6 6 | 2 | 30 40 | 6 11 | - |
| Rob Ashabranner | C | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
| Joey Bailey | OG/C | 5 | 5 | 8 | 5 | - |
| Brandon Barden Patrick Benoist | TE LB | 6 6 | 3 6 | 6 32 | 3 11 | 3 10 |
| Greg Billinger | DT | 6 | 6 | 29 | 6 | 6 |
| Jake Bradford | TE | 6 | - | 30 | 2 | - |
| Teriall Brannon | DE LB | 6 | - | 7 20 | 3 | - |
| Brandon Bryant Matt Bubis | FB | 6 | - | 18 | - - | - |
| Joel Caldwell | ĊB | 6 | - | 28 | 11 | - |
| Nate Campbell | LB | 8 | - | 18 | - | - |
| John Cole Ryan Custer | WR OG | 1 6 | 6 | 1 30 | 9 | 6 |
| Jared Fagan | CB | 6 | - | 41 | 2 | - |
| Kyle Fischer | OT. | 6 | - | 6 | - | - |
| Davis Flowers Nick Forte | LB OG | 2 | - 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Tim Fugger | DE | 2 | - | 2 | - | - |
| Michael Garcia | LB | 6 | - | 10 | - | - |
| David Giller Drew Gardner | SN OL | 2 6 | - | 2 22 | - | - |
| Jamie Graham | WR | 6 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 1 |
| Justin Green | TE | 4 | - | 13 | - | - |
| T.J. Greenstone | DT | 6 | 2 | 6 | 2 | - |
| Bryant Hahnfeldt Rvan Hamilton | PK S | 6 6 | 6 6 | 41 30 | 41 27 | 41 25 |
| Jared Hawkins | TB | 6 | 5 | 28 | 5 | 5 |
| Casey Hayward | DB | 6 | - | 6 | - | - |
| Eric Hensley Jeff Jennings | OL TB | 6 3 | 1 | 23 34 | 14 | - |
| Chris Johnson | LB | 6 | - | 29 | - | - |
| Theron Kadri | DE | 6 | - | 18 | - | - |
| Reshard Langford | SS DE/OT | 6 6 | 6 6 | 41 8 | 41 6 | 41 6 |
| Reilly Lauer John Laughrey | PK | - | - | 3 | - | - |
| David Leinweber | DE | 1 | - | 1 | | _ |
| Myron Lewis | CB | 6 | 6 | 28 | 18 | 18 |
| Chris Marve Gaston Miller | LB TB | 6 4 | 6 | 6 12 | 6 | 6 |
| Nick Miller | SN | - | - | 16 | - | - |
| Austin Monahan | TE | 4 | 3 | 13 | 3 | - |
| D.J. Moore Austin Newton | CB LB | 6 6 | 6 | 30 15 | 27 | 18 |
| Chris Nickson | QB | 6 | 6 | 33 | 24 | 6 |
| Kennard Reeves | RB | 3 | - | 15 | - | - |
| Chris Reinert Sean Richardson | WR S | 2 | - | 11 6 | _ | - |
| Larry Simmons | WR | 6 3 | - | 7 | _ | - |
| George Smith | WR | 2 | 2 | 37 | 28 | 2 |
| Adam Smotherman | DT | 6 | 4 | 14 | 4 4 | 2 |
| Darlron Spead Broderick Stewart | CB DE | 2 | 6 | 25 30 | 6 | 6 |
| John Stokes | LB/SN | 6 | 4 | 19 | 4 | 2 |
| Steven Stone | DE | 6 | 6 | 30 | 18 | 18 |
| Alan Strong Rich Tompkins | CB DB | 6 4 | - | 17 4 | _ | - |
| Brent Trice | LB | 6 | _ | 30 | _ | _ |
| Udom Umoh | WR | 6 | - | 6 | - | - |
| Brett Upson Ryan Vance | P OL | 6 | 6 | 30 3 | 30 | 30 |
| Bradley Vierling | OG OG | 6 | 6 | 30 | 6 | 6 |
| Sean Walker | WR | 6 | 6 | 37 | 21 | 6 |
| Alex Washington | WR | 2 | - | 26 | - | - |
| Thomas Welch Justin Wheeler | OT WR | 6 6 | 6 5 | 27 27 | 6 5 | 6 |
| Turner Wimberly | WR | 6 | - | 6 | - | - |

COMMODORE OFFENSE STRUGGLES VS. MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNTERPARTS

The Commodore offense struggled through one of its worst performances in years in the 17-14 loss at Mississippi State. Despite the results, Vanderbilt had two fourth quarter possessions with a chance to either win or tie the SEC game.

The unit left Starkville with season lows in first downs (7), rushing yards (45), passing yards (62), total yards (107) and total plays (46). It also matched a season low in points scored. The offense converted just one of 10 third down tries, resulting in a huge MSU advantage in time of possession (36:12/23:48).

The first down total, total yardage and total yards are all-time lows for the Commodore offense during the Bobby Johnson era.

It marked the fewest total yards produced by a Vanderbilt offense since 1996 (82, vs. South Carolina, Oct. 26, 1996). It also marked the team's fewest offensive plays since Vanderbilt managed 44 plays in a 1995 loss at Notre Dame.

Senior QB **Chris Nickson** never discovered a rhythm, completing just 3-of-10 passes for 15 yards before giving way to **Mackenzi Adams** early in the fourth quarter. Adams hit 5-of-9 and guided a 10-play, 57-yard TD drive to narrow the MSU lead to three (17-14), but could not lead the Commodore to another comeback win.

After scoring a touchdown just before halftime to take a 7-3 lead, the Commodore offense accomplished little in the third quarter. The unit failed to produce a first down in three possessions, managing just nine yards of offense.

Uncommon Commodore Penalities

Vanderbilt's disappointing performance at Mississippi State included an uncommon rash of penalties for the typically disciplined Commodores.

Vanderbilt was flagged for 10 infractions, resulting in 65 penalty yards. Other Commodore miscues were declined by the Bulldog coaching staff. MSU suffered just 45 penalty yards.

It was the most penalties committed this season by the Commodores, and the most by a Vanderbilt unit since getting flagged for 11 penalties in a 30-14 loss at TCU on Sept. 20, 2003.

COMMODORE RED ZONE EFFICIENCY

Despite struggling at Mississippi State, the Vanderbilt offense has taken excellent advantage of its scoring opportunities this season.

The Commodores rank second in the SEC and sixth in the NCAA in offensive red-zone efficiency, scoring at a 95% clip inside the opponent's 20-yard line.

Vanderbilt has tallied points on 19 of 20 possessions in the red zone, including 2 for 2 against Mississippi State last Saturday. The Commodores have tallied 120 total points from the 20 scores: 15 touchdowns and five field goals.

The Commodores also rank among the nation's best in defensive red zone efficiency, limiting opponents to points at a 65% clip. Vanderbilt opponents have scored just 61 points – seven TDs and four FGs – in 17 drives that reached the Commodore 20-yard line.



COMMODORE NOTES * STAT RANKINGS

'Dores - SEC Interception Leaders

The Commodore defense, led by a veteran defensive secondary, continues to share the Southeastern Conference lead in interceptions despite failing to pick off a pass at Mississippi State.

The Commodores' 11-interception total is tied for the SEC lead with Tennessee, and ranks third in the NCAA behind North Carolina (14) and Central Florida (13).

Five different defenders have contributed interceptions, including junior safety **Ryan Hamilton**, who had three interceptions in the Commodore 23-17 win at Ole Miss Sept. 13.

Junior DB **Myron Lewis** and senior safety **Reshard Langford** have a pair of interceptions. Lewis sealed the Vanderbilt 14-13 win over Auburn – the Commodores' first over the Tigers in 53 years – with a late interception.

Langford leads all Commodores with 10 career interceptions, one more than junior CB **D.J. Moore**.

DEFENSE EXCELLENT PLAY CONTINUES

The Vanderbilt defense continued its excellent play in the Commodores' 17-14 loss at Mississippi State.

The unit fought hard against MSU despite being on the field for more than 36 minutes of the game.

Though MSU converted on nine of 18 third downs, the Commodore defense limited their counterparts to 247 total yards, 16 first downs and 17 points. One of the two MSU touchdowns came on a 7-yard drive that followed an interception deep in Vanderbilt territory.

The defense ranks sixth in the SEC – and 22nd in the NCAA – allowing just 16.3 points a game. Only one opponent – the high-powered Rice Owls – have scored more than 17 points on the Commodores this season.

The defense ranks first in the SEC with 20 quarterback sacks. It also is tied for the conference lead with 11 interceptions.

Junior LB **Patrick Benoist**, junior safety **Ryan Hamilton**, junior CB **Myron Lewis**, CB **D.J. Moore** and freshman LB **Chris Marve** rank among the conference defensive leaders. Benoist ranks second in the SEC with 59 total tackles and fifth with 29 solo tackles. Hamilton is tied for eighth with 45 tackles and tied for second with three interceptions. Lewis is fifth with three QB sacks, eighth in interceptions and 10th in passes defensed. Moore ranks fourth with six defensed passes. Marve has been one of the league's top defensive newcomers, ranking 10th with 44 total tackles.

A Youthful Commodore Starting Squad

One year after losing six players to NFL rosters, Vanderbilt Head Coach **Bobby Johnson** is playing a squad dominated by youth this season.

In Vanderbilt's loss at Mississippi State, the Commodore 22-player starting starting lineup included three seniors, 13 juniors, two sophomores and four redshirt freshmen.

VANDERBILT 2008 STATISTICAL RANKINGS

| TEAM CATEGORY | 1 | AVG. | SEC | NCAA |
|--|---|--|--|------------|
| Scoring Offense | | 24.5 | 7 | 68 |
| Scoring Defense | | 16.3 | 6 | 22 |
| Total Offense | | 250.2 | 12 | 117 |
| Rushing Offense | | 159.8 | 5 | 52 |
| Passing Offense | | 90.3 | 12 | 116 |
| Total Defense | | 318.7 | 10 | 39 |
| Rushing Defense |) | 128.9 | 10 | 51 |
| Passing Defense | | 189.9 | 8 | 45 |
| Net Punting | | 37.6 | 3 | 22 |
| Punt Returns | | 17.1 | 4 | 10 |
| Kickoff Returns | | 20.6 | 10 | 79 |
| Turnover Margin | | +7 | 2 | T-11 |
| Pass Efficiency | | 104.7 | 10 | 106 |
| Defensive Pass E | Efficiency | 104.1 | 6 | 22 |
| Penalties (Total) | · | 26 | 1 | T-14 |
| Penalty Yardage | | 36.2 | 1 | T-13 |
| Third Down Conv | ı. % | 33.3% | 9 | T-92 |
| Third-Down Con | | 39.1% | 10 | 71 |
| Quarterback Sac | | 20 | 1 | 7 |
| Quarterback Sac | | 10 | 7 | T-52 |
| Pass Interception | | 11 | T-1 | T-3 |
| Time of Possessi | | 29:41 | 10 | 70 |
| First Downs | 011 | 14.5 | 12 | 116 |
| First Downs Allov | wed | 17.5 | 10 | T-42 |
| INDIVIDUAL CAT | | AVG. | SEC | NCAA |
| Greg Billinger | sacks | .3 | T-16 | 110/11 |
| Patrick Benoist | tackles | 9.8 | 2 | 17 |
| | tackles for loss | .9 | T-8 | • • |
| | sacks | .3 | T-16 | |
| Bryant Hahnfeldt | | 6.5 | 10 | T-99 |
| Di jane namiola | field goals made | 1.4 | 4 | T-29 |
| Ryan Hamilton | interceptions | .50 | T-2 | T-18 |
| riyan namicon | tackles | 7.5 | T-8 | 0 |
| Jared Hawkins | rushing | 55.5 | 10 | |
| Reshard Langfor | - | 6.3 | T-13 | |
| riconara Langior | interceptions | .33 | T-8 | |
| Myron Lewis | interceptions | .33 | T-8 | |
| Wyfon Lowio | sacks | .5 | T-6 | T-71 |
| | tackles | 6.0 | T-16 | |
| Chris Marve | tackles | 7.3 | T-10 | |
| D.J. Moore | passes defensed | 1.33 | T-3 | T-40 |
| D.J. WOOTC | punt returns | 22.6 | 2 | 3 |
| | all-purpose yards | 88.8 | 11 | 3 |
| Chris Nickson | ali-pui pose yai us | | | |
| CHIIS MICKSUH | ruchina | E2 0 | 11 | |
| | rushing | 52.8 | 11 | |
| | pass efficiency | 97.2 | 12 | |
| | pass efficiency total offense | 97.2 104.7 | 12 14 | |
| Adam Cmatharm | pass efficiency total offense scoring | 97.2 104.7 6.0 | 12 14 T-11 | |
| Adam Smotherm | pass efficiency total offense scoring an sacks | 97.2 104.7 6.0 .3 | 12 14 T-11 T-16 | |
| Broderick Stewa | pass efficiency total offense scoring an sacks rt sacks | 97.2 104.7 6.0 .3 | 12 14 T-11 T-16 T-16 | T 74 |
| Broderick Stewa Steven Stone | pass efficiency total offense scoring an sacks rt sacks sacks | 97.2 104.7 6.0 .3 .3 | 12 14 T-11 T-16 T-16 T-6 | T-71 |
| Broderick Stewa Steven Stone Brett Upson | pass efficiency total offense scoring an sacks rt sacks sacks punting | 97.2 104.7 6.0 .3 .3 .5 40.3 | 12 14 T-11 T-16 T-16 T-6 5 | T-71 59 |
| Broderick Stewa Steven Stone | pass efficiency total offense scoring an sacks rt sacks sacks | 97.2 104.7 6.0 .3 .3 | 12 14 T-11 T-16 T-16 T-6 | |

STAT COMPARISONS * MOORE...Mr. VERSATILITY

| STATISTICAL COMPARISON | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------------------|--|--|
| | VANDERBILT | GEORGIA | | |
| TEAM RECORD | 5-1/3-1 | 5-1/3-1 | | |
| TOTAL POINTS | 147 | 198 | | |
| TOUCHDOWNS SCORED | 18 | 24 | | |
| POINTS ALLOWED | 98 | 110 | | |
| Touchdowns Allowed | 12 | 14 | | |
| FIRST DOWNS | 87 | 133 | | |
| Rushing | 52 | 48 | | |
| Passing | 26 | 75 | | |
| PENALTY | 9 | 10 | | |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 959 | 955 | | |
| YARDS GAINED RUSHING | 1139 | 1071 | | |
| YARDS LOST RUSHING | [180] | [116] | | |
| RUSHING ATTEMPTS | 233 | 203 | | |
| AVERAGE PER RUSH | 4.1 | 4.7 | | |
| AVERAGE PER GAME | 159.8 | 159.2 | | |
| TDs Rushing | 139.0 | 139.2 | | |
| Passing Yardage | 542 | 1627 | | |
| ATT-COMP-INT | 108-57-3 | 192-120-3 | | |
| AVERAGE PER PASS | 5.0 | 8.5 | | |
| Average Per Catch | 9.5 | 13.6 | | |
| Average Per Game | 90.3 | 271.2 | | |
| TDs Passing | 90.3 5 | 9 | | |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 1501 | 2582 | | |
| TOTAL PLAYS | 341 | 395 | | |
| AVERAGE PER PLAY | 4.4 | 6.5 | | |
| Average Per Game | 250.2 | 430.3 | | |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS | 20-412 | 21-459 | | |
| AVERAGE KICK RETURN | 20-412 | 21.9 | | |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS | 7-291 | 16-335 | | |
| AVERAGE PUNT RETURN | 17.1 | 20.9 | | |
| INTERCEPTION RETURNS: #-YARDS | 11-204 | 20.9 3-78 | | |
| AVERAGE INT. RETURN | 18.5 | 26.0 | | |
| FUMBLES/FUMBLES LOST | 8-5 | 10-3 | | |
| OPP. FUMBLES/FUMBLES RECOVERED | | 7-3 | | |
| PENALTIES-YARDS | 26-217 | 64-513 | | |
| Average Per Game | 36.4 | 85.5 | | |
| PUNTS-YARDS | 37-1481 | 23-954 | | |
| Average Per Punt | 40.0 | 41.5 | | |
| NET PUNT AVERAGE | 37.6 | 37.4 | | |
| TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME | 29:41 | 32:37 | | |
| 3rd-Down Conversions | 25/75 | 37/77 | | |
| 3RD DOWN PCT. | 33% | 48% | | |
| 4TH-Down Conversions | 0/1 | 3/4 | | |
| 4TH DOWN PCT. | 0% | 75% | | |
| QB SACKS-YARDS | 19-123 | 13-89 | | |
| QB SACKS ALLOWED-YARDS | 1 0-74 | 8-58 | | |
| FG MADE/ATTEMPTS | 7/9 | 10/12 | | |
| OPP. FG MADE/ATTEMPTS | 5/8 | 4/5 | | |
| OFF. I G WINDE/ATTENIFIS | 5/0 | -1 /J | | |

D.J. MOORE: MR. VERSATILITY

D.J. Moore (Jr., CB/KR) continues to affirm his status as one of the nation's most versatile and productive players.

Named First Team All-SEC by the Associated Press last year, Moore has singlehandedly shifted the momentum in early-season games against Rice and Miami (Ohio) that eventually became Commodore victories. For most of the Vanderbilt win at Ole Miss, the Rebel offense decided to test other cornerbacks besides Moore. Against Auburn, Moore's versatility helped the Commodore defeat the Tigers for the first time in more than five decades.

Moore was held in check by Mississippi State, averaging 20.7 yards on three kickoff returns and 6.6 yards on three punt returns.

Moore's 25-yard punt return in the second quarter against Auburn led to Vanderbilt's first touchdown. Moore also shut down opposing receivers, and contributed a defensed pass and six tackles to the outstanding Commodore defensive effort.

Moore ranks as the SEC's No. 2 punt returner – and No. 3 in the NCAA – with a 22.5-yard average.

While Commodore fans thought Moore was special at Miami (Ohio), he might have been more remarkable in the win over Rice.

The only player four-way player in the SEC (WR, CB, PR, KR), Moore accumulated 206 all-purpose yards on just seven touches against the Owls. It ranks as Moore's career high for all-purpose yardage.

Moore opened against Rice with a 39-yard kickoff return, then added 17 yards on his first punt return. One play later, Moore went 24 yards on a reverse, leading to Vanderbilt's first touchdown.

Moore took over the Rice game in the fourth quarter. After the Vanderbilt defense forced a Rice possession, Moore took the ensuing punt 67 yards to the Rice 1-yard line. On Rice's next possession, Moore stopped an Owl threat with an interception deep in Vanderbilt territory, returning the pick 31 yards.

Moore's performance at Miami was just as remarkable. In the span of 5:42 on the game clock, Moore intercepted a Miami pass attempt, forced a fumble on a quarterback sack that took the RedHawks out of field goal range, then returned the Miami punt 91 yards to the 1-yard line. The plays led to 10 points.

Against Miami, Moore contributed as a CB, WR, PR and KR. The 91-yard punt return – second longest in Vanderbilt history – was the first of Moore's career.

Moore focused on defense against South Carolina, contributing four tackles, including a 2-yard loss, and deflecting a pass that resulted in Reshard Langford's ninth career interception.

In 2007, Moore was remarkable against his home-state South Carolina Gamecocks, earning National Defensive Player of the Week honors with two interceptions in 17-6 win over the Gamecocks.

An Athlons' preseason All-American, Moore has been added to several individual watchlists, including the Jim Thorpe Award, Nagurski Trophy and Bednarik Award.

Last year, Moore was one of the nation's top cornerbacks, sharing the SEC lead with six interceptions. He also put together a great year on kickoff returns, compiling a team-record 823 yards and averaging 25.7 yards per return.

HAHNFELDT: TEAM'S ALL-TIME SCORER

Kicker **Bryant Hahnfeldt** (Sr., Nashville) has become the team's all-time leading scorer, earning national attention in the process.

Hahnfeldt added a pair of extra points at Mississippi State. He did not attempt a field goal against the Bulldogs

He added a pair of PATs in the win over Auburn, but missed his only two field goal attempts, from 40 and 49 yards. Hahnfeidt's 49-yarder was blocked.

Hahnfeldt provided the winning points at Ole Miss, scoring the team's last nine points by hitting field goals from 34, 31 and 40 yards in the 23-17 victory. He was one of three kickers across the nation to earn weekly recognition from the Lou Groza Award committee after the performance against Ole Miss.

Hahnfeldt has with 225 career points, 16 more than the total accumulated by John Markham (1997-2000). Both were standout kickers at Montgomery Bell Academy, a school located 1.5 miles west of Vanderbilt.

Hahnfeldt has shared the team's Specialist of the Week honors in four of five games. He is 7-of-9 in field goals, including three beyond 40 yards. He is also 16 of 16 on extra point attempts.

Hahnfeldt holds the team record for PATs made with 105. He needs eight field goals to surpass Markham's school record of 47.

Commodore Leaders – Career Points by Kicker

| | Placekicker | FGs | <u> Pats</u> | Points Points |
|----|---------------------------|-------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. | Bryant Hahnfeldt, 2005-08 | 40-63 | 105-109 | 225 |
| 2. | John Markham, 1997-2000 | 47-68 | 68-77 | 209 |

'DORES WINNING ON ESPN

After going more than two decades without a victory on ESPN, the Commodores own a two-game win streak on the network after topping Auburn last Saturday 14-13.

Vanderbilt opened the season on ESPN, defeating South Carolina 24-17 on Sept. 4.

Before topping South Carolina, the 'Dores were winless in seven previous ESPN appearances dating back to a 1984 game against LSU.

Vanderbilt's win over Auburn allowed the Commodores to move to 3-0 this season in games aired by the family of ESPN stations. Vanderbilt defeated Miami (Ohio) 34-13 on ESPNU In its season opener on August 28.

| 'Dores on ESPN Stations | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----|--|--|--|
| YEAR | OPPONENT | STATION | W/L | | | |
| 2008 | Auburn | ESPN | W | | | |
| 2008 | So. Carolina | ESPN | W | | | |
| 2008 | Miami (Ohio) | ESPNU | W | | | |
| 2007 | Georgia | ESPN2 | L | | | |
| 2006 | Michigan | ESPN | L | | | |
| 2005 | Wake Forest | ESPNU | W | | | |
| | LSU | ESPN2 | L | | | |
| | Georgia | ESPN2 | L | | | |
| | Florida | ESPN2 | L | | | |
| 1999 | Kentucky | ESPN | L | | | |
| 1998 | Miss. State | ESPN2 | L | | | |
| | Tennessee | ESPN2 | L | | | |
| 1997 | Alabama | ESPN | L | | | |
| | Georgia | ESPN | L | | | |
| 1996 | Notre Dame | ESPN | L | | | |
| | Alabama | ESPN2 | L | | | |
| | Tennessee | ESPN | L | | | |
| 1984 | LSU | ESPN | L | | | |

More Notes from MSU Game

• Young defensive tackles **Adam Smotherman** (R-So., Smyrna, Tenn.) and **T.J. Greenstone** (R-Fr., Lawrenceville, Ga.) played excellent games in the Commodore defensive interior.

Smotherman, earning the fourth start of his career, posted four solo tackles, including a pair of QB sacks. .

Greenstone also posted four tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss. He ranks second on the team behind LB **Patrick Benoist** (Jr., Southlake, Texas) with 4.5 tackles for loss.

- The Vanderbilt offense did not register a first down in either the first or third quarters. Mississippi State owned a 21:37-8:23 advantage in time of possession in the two quarters.
- The Vanderbilt defense failed to force a turnover for the first time this season.
- Linebackers Benoist and **Chris Marve** (R-Fr., Memphis) posted nine and eight total tackles, respectively. Safety **Reshard Langford** (R-Sr., Tanner, Ala.) topped the Commodores with 10 total tackles.
- Vanderbilt allowed a RB to rush for more than 100 yards for the second straight game. MSU TB Anthony Dixon produced 107 rushing yards on 27 carries. One week earlier, Auburn's Ben Tate rushed for 108 yards on 27 carries.
- The Commodores are getting outscored by a 19-point margin in the first quarter (57-38), and has faced a deficit in all six games this season. After the opening stanza, Vanderbilt holds a 109-41 scoring advantage.
- Vanderbilt has passed for more than 100 yards just once this season after being held under 100 yards only once in 2007.

The Commodores had 62 net passing yards – 15 by **Chris Nickson** (R-Sr., Brundidge, Ala.) and 45 by **Mackenzi Adams** (R-Jr., Tulsa, Okla.) – in the loss to Mississippi State. The duo combined to complete eight of 20 passes at MSU.

The Commodores' only outing with more than 100 passing yards came against Auburn (157), including 153 by Adams.

Vanderbilt's passing offense (90.3 ypg) ranks 116th in the NCAA.

 TB Jared Hawkins (R-Jr., Spring, Texas) is Vanderbilt's leading rusher on the season (341 yards), but he has struggled in recent games.

In the last two outings, Hawkins has rushed for 19 total yards on 12 carries

Hawkins needs 44 yards to surpass 1,000 yards for his career. Reserve TB **Jeff Jennings** (R-Sr., Jefferson City, Tenn.) needs 68 yards to reach 1,000 career rushing yards. Jennings added his first rushing TD of the season at Mississippi State, giving him 15 for his career.

- Midway through the 2008 season, the Commodores' leading receiver (**Sean Walker,** R-Sr., Wrens, Ga.) has 15 catches. In each of the last three seasons, All-SEC performer Earl Bennett posted at least 75 receptions.
- OG **Nick Forte** (R-Jr., Brentwood, Tenn.) made his first career start for the Commodore offense. Forte started at right guard for injured starter **Joey Bailey** (R-So., Trussville, Ala.).
- The Vanderbilt defense has allowed just three touchdowns in the second half this year.



Hamilton Has Career Game at Ole Miss; Sweeps National Weekly Defensive Honors

Safety **Ryan Hamilton** (R-Jr., Wycombe, Pa.) swept national defensive player of the week honors following a remarkable performance in the Commodores' 23-17 win at Ole Miss on Sept. 20.

Quite simply, Hamilton enjoyed a career of highlights in a single game, significant enough to earn him the Football Writers Association of America Bronko Nagurski and Walter Camp Foundation National Defensive Player of the Week honors. He was also named the Southeastern Conference's top defensive player, and earned similar recognition from *USA Today*.

Hamilton's performance included tying a school record with three interceptions. Hamilton was responsible for totally changing momentum in the game in the first quarter, taking his first pick 79 yards for a Commodore touchdown. It was the fourth longest interception return in team history, and the first returned for a touchdown since **D.J. Moore** accomplished the feat against Eastern Michigan in 2007.

Hamilton's third interception came as time expired and sealed Vanderbilt's first victory in Oxford, Miss., since 1999.

Hamilton's three interceptions might not be his top highlight from the outstanding performance. Early in the third quarter, Hamilton made a huge defensive play, stopping a Rebel runner inside the Vanderbilt 1-yard line on 4th and goal. Four plays later, Hamilton recovered an Ole Miss fumble near midfield following a Vanderbilt punt.

Hamilton, who became the second Vanderbilt defender to win the FWAA's weekly award this season, added a fumble recovery and had six tackles (four unassisted), including a goal-line stop that prevented a Rebel score.

Hamilton will be added to the 2008 Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List. The Bronko Nagurski Trophy will be presented to the best defensive player in college football on Dec. 7 by the FWAA and the Charlotte Touchdown Club at the Westin Hotel in Charlotte.

OTHER INDIVIDUAL HONORS

Other Commodores also have earned individual recognition: Chris Nickson, at Miami, Aug. 28

• SEC Offensive Player of the Week

Patrick Benoist, vs. South Carolina, Sept. 4

- FWAA National Defensive Player of the Week;
- · SEC Defensive Player of the Week

Bryant Hahnfeldt, at Ole Miss, Sept. 20

SEC Specialist of the Week

Patrick Benoist, vs. Auburn, Oct. 4

• SEC Defensive Player of the Week

Brett Upson, vs. Auburn, Oct. 4

• SEC Specialist of the Week

The Commodores also received Tostitos Fiesta Bowl National Team of the Week honors after their win over Auburn Oct. 4.

COMMODORES 13-13 IN LAST 26 GAMES

After years of disappointment, Vanderbilt is starting to enjoy more success.

The Commodores are 13-13 in games dating back to a 43-14 victory over Temple on Sept. 30, 2006.

Since the 2005 season opener, Vanderbilt enters the Georgia game owning a 19-22 record.

Vanderbilt • Toast of Tostitos

Vanderbilt was selected as the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl National Team of the Week by the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA) on Oct. 6 after their 14-13 win over No. 13 Auburn.

It marked the second straight year that the organization has picked the Commodores as its top team of the week. In 2007, Vanderbilt was recognized after topping No. 6 South Carolina 17-6 in Columbia.

WIN VS. AUBURN ENDS 13-GAME STREAK

Vanderbilt's 14-13 victory over No. 13 Auburn on Oct. 4 broke a 13-game Commodore losing streak to the Tigers dating back to Vanderbilt's win in the 1955 Gator Bowl.

It's just one of many losing streaks the Commodores have stopped during the Bobby Johnson Era, including:

MISSISSIPPI STATE – 4 games, 31-13, 2004

ARKANSAS – 3 games, 28-24, 2005

OLE MISS – 5 games, 31-23, 2005

TENNESSEE - 22 games, 28-24 in Knoxville, 2005

GEORGIA - 11 games, 24-22, 2006

SOUTH CAROLINA - 7 games, 17-6, 2007

AUBURN – 13 games, 14-13.

Johnson's Commodores have also ended Vanderbilt losing streaks to numerous established coaches, including Steve Spurrier of Duke/Florida/South Carolina, Phillip Fulmer of Tennessee, Mark Richt of Georgia, and Tommy Tuberville of Ole Miss/Auburn.

ENJOYING SUCCESS UNDER THE LIGHTS

Vanderbilt's 14-13 victory over Auburn continued a recent trend of Commodore success in night games.

Since the 2005 opener, the Commodores are 13-4 while playing under the lights, including a 10-3 record in Vanderbilt Stadium. The team has also earned nine victories in its last 10 night games.

Vanderbilt has won all four night games this season, including the SEC victories over South Carolina, Ole Miss and Auburn.

Other top Vanderbilt performances at night include road victories at Wake Forest and Arkansas in 2005, and a win over Ole Miss in 2007.



WEEKLY INDIVIDUAL HONORS: TOP COMMODORE PERFORMERS

MIAMI (OHIO)

OFF. PLAYER OF WEEK: DEF. PLAYER OF WEEK: SPECIALISTS OF WEEK: (W) 34-13, Aug. 28 Chris Nickson, QB Reshard Langford, FS Bryant Hahnfeldt, PK Brett Upson, Punter

(W) 24-17, Sept. 4

Jared Hawkins, TB

Thomas Welch, OT

Patrick Benoist, LB

SOUTH CAROLINA

OFF. PLAYERS OF WEEK:

DEF. PLAYERS OF WEEK:

Greg Billinger, DT **SPECIALIST OF WEEK:** Bryant Hahnfeldt, PK

RICE

OFF. PLAYERS OF WEEK:

DEF. PLAYERS OF WEEK: SPECIALIST OF WEEK:

Reilly Lauer, OT Jared Hawkins, TB Ryan Hamilton, SS D.J. Moore, RS

Bryant Hahnfeldt, PK

(W) 38-24, Sept. 13

OLE MISS

OFF. PLAYERS OF WEEK: DEF. PLAYERS OF WEEK:

SPECIALIST OF WEEK:

(W) 23-17, Sept. 20 Austin Monahan, TE Ryan Hamilton, SS Chris Marve, LB Bryant Hahnfeldt, PK Brett Upson, Punter

AUBURN

OFF. PLAYERS OF WEEK: DEF. PLAYERS OF WEEK:

SPECIALIST OF WEEK:

MISSISSIPPI STATE

OFF. PLAYERS OF WEEK: DEF. PLAYERS OF WEEK: SPECIALIST OF WEEK: (W) 14-13, Oct. 4 Mackenzi Adams, QB D.J. Moore, CB Patrick Benoist, LB Brett Upson, Punter

(L) 14-17, Oct. 11

T.J. Greenstone, DT John Stokes, SN

JENNINGS WEARS KWANE DOSTER 'KD1' PATCH

This season, tailback **Jeff Jennings** (R-Sr.) became the second Vanderbilt player to wear the "KD1" jersey patch, one of the most significant recognitions awarded by the Commodore players.

The patch honors the memory of Kwane Doster, the only Commodore ever to receive the SEC Freshman of the Year Award. Doster was shot and killed in his hometown of Tampa, Fla., on Dec. 26, 2004. It was worn for the last two seasons by linebacker Jonathan Goff.

"It is a really big honor to wear the patch," Jennings said. "For the type of person Kwane (Doster) was, it is a real big honor to go out on the field and represent him.

"It means even more that I knew him and got to play with him. I really know what type of player and person he was, the type of work ethic he had and how much he wanted to win every game," Jennings added.

The team's Leadership Council votes on the player to wear the "KD1" patch. They recognized Jennings' leadership role and willingness to return from a serious knee injury suffered late in the 2005 season.

Jennings returned to action in the victory over Auburn after missing three games with an injury. He needs 70 yards to surpass 1,000 rushing years for his career.

Prep Teammates on Vanderbilt Roster

The Commodore roster features several players who competed on the same high school team, then followed each other to Nashville.

- **Derrius Dowell** (R-Jr., DT) and **Alan Strong** (R-So., CB) were standouts at Douglass H.S. in Atlanta.
- D.J. Moore (Jr., CB/WR/KR) and Teriall Brannon (R-So., DE) were classmates at Broome H.S. in Spartanburg, S.C.
- Senior PK **Bryant Hahnfeldt** (Sr., PK), **Matt Bubis** (R-Jr., H-Back) and **Rich Tompkins** (R-Fr., DB) attended at Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville.
- **DarIron Spead** (R-Jr., CB) and **Ryan Seymour** (Fr., DT) graduated from southern Georgia prep power Camden County H.S.
- Michael Garcia (R-So., LB) and Ryan van Rensburg (R-Fr., TB) were teammates at The Bolles School in Jacksonville, Fla.
- Adam Smotherman (R-So., DT) and James Williams (R-Fr., OT) helped Smyrna H.S. near Nashville to a state title.
- Linebackers **John Stokes** (So.) and **DeAndre Jones** (Fr.) were star performers at University School in Memphis.

MONAHAN OUT OF ACTION

Sophomore starting TE **Austin Monahan** became the second Commodore receiver likely out for the season when he suffered a shoulder fracture in Vanderbilt's 23-17 win at Ole Miss.

Two weeks earlier, **Chris Reinert** (R-Jr.) was lost for the season after suffering a broken left leg in the Commodores' victory over South Carolina.

Injured after catching a first-down pass at Ole Miss, Monahan was developing into a key contributor in his first year as a starter. He has four receptions for 45 yards.

The 'Dores also played without the services of senior receiver and co-captain **George Smith** for the first four games.

The Commodores will also be without freshman receiver **John Cole** for the rest of 2008. Cole suffered a knee injury at Miami and underwent surgery Sept. 10. He returned two punts for 23 yards against the RedHawks.

Junior DB **Darlron Spead** also is expected to miss extended playing time after sustaining a lower leg injury at the conclusion of an interception return against South Carolina.

Linebacker **Brandon Bryant** (R-Jr.) will not return this season after undergoing recent surgery to correct a leg fracture that occurred during the offseason.



COMMODORE NOTES * FORMER 'DORES IN THE NFL

STATISTICS DON'T ALWAYS TELL THE FULL STORY

Statistics don't always tell the full truth about a football team. The 2008 edition of the Commodores is a classic example.

Vanderbilt ranks at or near the bottom of the SEC in several key stat categories, including total defense (318.7 yards), total offense (250.2 yards), passing offense (90.3 yards) and rushing defense (128.8 yards).

Yet, the Commodores are 5-1 overall, 3-1 in SEC play, and outscoring their first six opponents by a 8.2-point margin.

On defense, the Commodores have been a bend-but-don't break unit. The unit also stiffens at the right time: opponents are scored just seven touchdowns in 17 red-zone opportunities against the Commodores. The unit ranks second in the SEC behind Kentucky in the key red-zone statistic.

The defense also is one of the SEC's most aggressive. Vanderbilt tops the conference with 20 quarterback sacks, including four at Mississippi State and five against Auburn. The unit also has as many interceptions (11) than any other team in the conference, and is a big reason why the Commodores rank second in the league behind Florida in turnover margin (+7).

While the Commodore offense is producing fewer passing yards, its also gaining yards on the ground (159.8 ypg, 5th in SEC) and has limited costly turnovers (8 total).

FIRST-TIME COMMODORE STARTERS

Nick Forte (OG, R-Jr.) became the 14th Commodore this season to earn his first career starting assignment when he was in opening lineup at Mississippi State Saturday.

There have been eight first-time starters on offense and six on the Commodore defensive unit this season.

Besides Forte, other first-time starting assignments on offense are **Joey Bailey** (R-So., RG), **Brandon Barden** (R-Fr., TE), **Reilly Lauer** (R-So., LT), **Bradley Vierling** (R-Jr., C), **Thomas Welch** (R.-Jr., RT), **Jared Hawkins** (TB, R-Jr.), **Jamie Graham** (R-Fr., WR) and **Austin Monahan** (So., TE). On defense, the first-time starters include four linemen — **Greg Billinger** (Jr., DT), **Adam Smotherman** (R-So., DT), **Broderick Stewart** (R-Jr., DE) and **T.J. Greenstone** (DT, R-Fr.), and a pair of linebackers from Memphis, **John Stokes** (So., SLB), and **Chris Marve** (R-Fr., MLB).

COMMODORES SEEING INITIAL ACTION

Eighteen Commodores, including a trio of true freshmen, have enjoyed their initial collegiate action in the first five games of this season.

True freshmen seeing action in the opener were WR **John Cole**, CB **Casey Hayward** and safety **Sean Richardson**. Cole is out for the season with a leg injury suffered in the opener.

Four first-time players – **Jamie Graham** (WR), **Brandon Barden** (TE), **Chris Marve** (MLB) and **T.J. Greenstone** (DT) – have started this season for the Commodores.

Other Commodores getting into their first game are **Tim Fugger** (DE, R-Fr.), **Kyle Fischer** (OT, R-Fr.), **Udom Umoh** (WR, R-Fr.), **Brandon Barden** (TE, R-Fr.), **Rich Tompkins** (DB, Fr.), **Davis Flowers** (LB, R-Fr.), **Turner Wimberly** (WR, R-So.), **David Giller** (LS, So.), **Chris Aaron** (OC, R-So.), **Rob Ashabranner** (OC, R-Fr.) and **David Leinweber** (DE, R-Jr.).

COMMODORES WIN TWICE IN OXFORD THIS YEAR

In an oddity resulting from the 2008 schedule, the Commodores captured their second victory of the season in a town named Oxford when they defeated Ole Miss 23-17 two weeks ago in Mississippi.

In the season opener, Vanderbilt's paid a visit to Oxford, Ohio to face Miami University, leaving the scenic Ohio university community with a 34-13 victory over Miami.

FORMER VANDERBILT PLAYERS IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

| Former Commodore | NFL Team | Notes |
|------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Earl Bennett, WR | Chicago Bears | Third round pick; Saw action on special teams in Chicago's 22-20 loss at Atlanta |
| Marcus Buggs, LB | Buffalo Bills | Added to Bills' practice squad after getting released from active roster on Aug. 30 |
| Corey Chavous, Safety | St. Louis Rams | Contributes three tackles as starting safety, helping Rams to 19-17 win at Washington |
| Jay Cutler, QB | Denver Broncos | Completed 21 of 37 passes for 192 yards and 2 TDs in Broncos' 24-17 loss to Jaguars |
| Curtis Gatewood, LB | Washington Redskins | After getting released two weeks ago, added to Redskins' practice squad Oct. 9 |
| Justin Geisinger, OG/C | Washington Redskins | Sees action in reserve OG position as Washington drops 19-17 decision to St. Louis |
| Jonathan Goff, LB | New York Giants | Rookie LB impressed in preseason camp; currently inactive due to back injury |
| Theo Horrocks, DT | Jacksonville Jaguars | Suffered foot injury in preseason; added to Jaguars' injured reserve list in late August |
| Jovan Haye, DT | Tampa Bay | Registered three solo tackles and an assisted tackle in Bucs' 27-3 win over Carolina |
| Hunter Hillenmeyer, LB | Chicago Bears | Did not register a tackle in starting SLB role as Bears' suffer 22-20 loss to Falcons |
| Chris Williams, OT | Chicago Bears | First round pick is sidelined with back injury; return to full-pad practices two weeks ago |
| Jamie Winborn, LB | Denver Broncos | Posted one tackle in reserve LB role as Broncos drop 24-17 decision to Jacksonville |
| Todd Yoder, TE | Washington Redskins | Played in blocking TE and special teams role as Washington loses 19-17 to Rams |

More About the Commodores

SMITH - BEATING THE ODDS

George Smith continues to beat the odds. Vanderbilt's offensive co-captain and starting receiver was featured on ESPN.com this summer for his remarkable attitude and amazing recovery from a near-death experience in 2004.

In the last three years, the sixth-year senior from Pembroke Pines, Fla., has survived a serious ailment and gunshot attack to become a valuable starting receiver for the Black & Gold.

The fact that Smith is in uniform is remarkable. In April 2004, Smith was diagnosed with acute transverse myelitis, an illness that causing swelling of the spinal cord. For the next six weeks, Smith fought the illness in intensive care and eventually extensive rehabilitation. Smith returned to Vanderbilt the following semester, sat out the 2004 season, and finally received medical clearance during the 2005 preseason camp.

One of only three sixth-year players in the SEC this year, Smith has 77 career receptions, 1,018 career receiving yards and eight TDs.

After missing four games, Smith returned against Auburn, catching two passes for 21 yards.

Jamie Graham: Two-Sport Student-Athlete

When **Jamie Graham** (R-Fr., Nashville) made his first appearance in a Commodore uniform as a WR starter against Miami, he earned the distinction of being the only SEC student-athlete who played basketball in 2007-08 to participate in football this year.

Graham continues to develop as an offensive weapon. He posted his first career touchdown against Rice with a 27-yard rush. For the season, Graham has seven rushes for 51 yards and six receptions for 40 yards and a score. He also averages 5.1 yards on punt returns.

Graham redshirted on the football team in 2007, but became an intregal part of the Commodore men's basketball success last winter. After joining the hoops team after football ended, Graham became a fan favorite and defensive specialist in 15 appearances on the basketball court. He played important minutes down the stretch, helping the squad to a berth in the NCAA tournament.

Graham became the first Commodore to play both basketball and football since wide receiver Fred Baker did both in 1994-95.

SQUAD SERVED BY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Nine Commodores participate in the Leadership Council, serving as an entity that addresses team and student-athlete issues while acting as their teammates' voice in communicating with coaches.

Co-captains **Reshard Langford, George Smith** and **Bradley Vierling** are members of the Leadership Council.

Others voted by teammates to represent other various position groups include Mackenzi Adams, quarterbacks; Steven Stone, defensive line; Jeff Jennings, offensive backfield; Jake Bradford, receivers/tight ends; Bryant Hahnfeldt, specialists; and Patrick Benoist, linebackers.

KITCHINGS JUST THIRD CHANGE TO JOHNSON STAFF

First-year Commodore running backs mentor **Des Kitchings** represents just the third change to Coach Johnson's Vanderbilt staff in his tenure.

Kitchings, a former Furman offensive coach, replaces Kenny Carter, who joined the Florida staff.

Johnson arrived at Vanderbilt with the belief that consistency on the coaching staff would lead to greater stability in the program and better chances for team success. He has taken the principle to heart: under Johnson, Vanderbilt has experienced the fewest coaching changes in the SEC. Both coordinators — Bruce Fowler (defense) and Ted Cain (offense) — also have the conference's longest tentures.

The coaching staff has multiple links dating back three decades to Johnson's initial year in collegiate coaching when he served as a defensive ends assistant at Furman. Johnson is just the fourth head coach in Vanderbilt football history to reach seven years of service.

COMMODORES CONTINUE ANCHOR 'UNITY' TRADITION

For the fourth straight year, Vanderbilt is traveling with an authentic anchor as a symbol of team unity. Prior to each game, two players are selected to carry the anchor to and from the Vanderbilt locker room on gameday, either at Vanderbilt Stadium or to the opponent's home stadium.

Originally, the anchor was developed by the team's Leadership Council as a way of demonstrating team unity among the squad.

Media Information

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Patrick Benoist (Ben-WAH)
Teriall (Ter-RELL) Brannon
Matt Bubis (BOO-bus)
Nick Forte (FORT)
Tim Fugger (FEW-ger)
Theron (THER-in) Kadri (COD-ree)
Reshard (Rah-SHARD) Langford
Chris Marve (MARV)
Chris Reinert (RINE-ert)
Darlron (Dah-RON) Spead (SPEED)
Udom (OOD-um) Umoh (OO-mah)
Bradley Vierling (VEER-ling)

JOHNSON, STUDENT-ATHLETE POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

Following the Georgia game, Coach Johnson will meet with media representatives at the Commodores' postgame press conference facilities in Sanford Stadium. The location in Sanford Stadium is behind Vanderbilt's locker room facilities.

The Vanderbilt Player Locker Room is closed to the media. The Vanderbilt SID staff will take requests for student-athlete interviews. Interviews with 4-5 student-athletes will be conducted as soon as Coach Johnson concludes his remarks.

PRACTICE WEEK INTERVIEW POLICIES

Media wishing to interview players during the week should contact the Vanderbilt Media Relations staff in advance. Selected players will be available Monday

immediately after Coach Johnson ends his weekly press conference in McGugin Center.

Selected Vanderbilt players will be available for interviews with opponent beat reporters on Wednesday following practice.

Commodore players will be available upon request either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday at the conclusion of practice.

Coach Johnson is available briefly to reporters at the conclusion of practice.

Media photographers are permitted to shoot the first 30 minutes of practice.

INAUGURAL VANDERBILT ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME CLASS

On Sept. 12, 2008, Vanderbilt Student Athletics administrators, loyal supporters and longtime friends of the program welcomed the inaugural Vanderbilt Athletics Hall of Fame. The distinguished 12-person class, introduced during halftime of the Rice-Vanderbilt game on Sept. 13, was determined by a panel of Student Athletics administrators with input from various outside sources. This winter, plans call for construction to begin on Phase II of the Vanderbilt Athletic Facility Project, work that includes more enhancements to Vanderbilt Stadium and a Vanderbilt Athletics Hall of Fame addition to McGugin Athletic Center.

Chantelle Anderson

Women's Basketball, 1999-2003

Chantelle Anderson is the most decorated women's basketball player in Vanderbilt history. The 6-6 Vancouver, Wash., native is the Commodores' only two-time Kodak All-American, the all-time leading scorer and was voted the school's Female Athlete of the Year three times. Anderson was a dominant inside force for the Commodores, concluding her career as the program's all-time leader scorer with 2,604 points.

Peggy Harmon Brady

Women's Golf, 1968-1972

She came to Vanderbilt after graduating from Central H.S.igh School in Shelbyville, in an era when there was no varsity athletics for women. Out of the blue her sophomore year, Director of Athletics Jess Neely called to invite Harmon to represent Vanderbilt in the Intercollegiate. Perhaps Neely noticed she had won the USGA Junior Championship. While her pioneer story is inspiring, little did she realize that she was blazing a trail that her daughter, Chris, would follow decades later. They are the only mother-daughter All-Americans in school history.

John Hall

Football, 1951-1954

John Hall describes himself as an overachiever on and off the football field. The native of Knoxville was an under-sized defensive lineman who became Vanderbilt's first academic All-America in 1954, then enjoyed an enormously successful career that culminated as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Ashland, Inc., and president of the Vanderbilt Board of Trust.

Ryan Tolbert Jackson

Women's Track and Field, 1994-1998

A life-size photo of Ryan Tolbert Jackson dominates an entire wall of McGugin Center in recognition of her outstanding achievement as a track and field student-athlete. She is the only Commodore to ever win an individual NCAA championship., capturing the 400-meter hurdles with a meet-record 54.54 effort in 1997. She is a seven-time All-America recipient.

Roy Kramer

Director of Athletics, 1978-1990

A national champion football coach at Central Michigan, Roy Kramer arrived in Nashville in 1978. In a dozen years he energized Vanderbilt's athletic department with new facilities and popular coaches. By the time Kramer retired as SEC Conference Commissioner, many regarded him as the most powerful man in college athletics.

Clyde Lee

Basketball, 1963-1966

A tall and unpolished freshman from nearby Lipscomb High School enrolled in 1963 to play basketball for Coach Roy Skinner and Vanderbilt basketball was never the same again. Attendance boomed as fans flocked to watch "Colossal" Clyde Lee lead his team to 65 victories over three unforget-table seasons and establish himself as the standard by which all future Commodore stars would be measured. Old-timers call Memorial Gym's second and third tiers "the balconies that Clyde built."

Dan McGugin

Head Football Coach, 1904-1934

The winningest football coach in Vanderbilt history and one of college football's greatest innovators, Dan McGugin remains a legend more than seven decades after his death. When he finished his third decade as head coach of the Commodores, McGugin left behind a remarkable overall record of 197-55-10.

John Rich

Football-Baseball, 1945-1951

John Rich remembers being on the verge of expulsion from Vanderbilt University in the late 1940's and being given an unexpected second chance by the Dean of Students. He never forgot that golden opportunity and through the years as his coal business grew, he says he has tried to repay his beloved University with his time, by sharing his resources and lending his expertise. Rich also served the university for many years as a valuable member of the Vanderbilt Board of Trust.

Fred Russell

Baseball, 1925-1926; Nashville Banner Sports Editor, 1929-1998

Fred Russell was one of the great sports journalists of the 20th Century. Many admiring readers knew that. Fewer realized that he had played baseball at Vanderbilt. Mr. Russell covered and rubbed elbows with the legendary athletes of his day: his 25th anniversary at the paper was celebrated with appearances by Jack Dempsey, Bobby Jones and Red Grange. The press boxes of Vanderbilt Stadium (1982) and Hawkins Field (2002) are named in his honor.

June Stewart

Athletics Administration, 1973-1991

June Stewart joined the Vanderbilt athletic department in 1973 as a secretary in the sports information and National Commodore Club offices. By the time she retired 28 years later she was one of the most influential women in the Southeastern Conference. She also became the first female president of the College Sports Information Director of America (CoSIDA) organization.

Bill Wade

Football, 1949-1951

Bill Wade was Nashville's All-American boy. He was a prep legend, president of his Vanderbilt freshman class, a whiz on the gridiron where he became the No. 1 pick in the NFL Draft, a *Look Magazine* coverboy while a Commodore, and later quarterback of the world champion Chicago Bears. He was honored many times by many organizations, including the NCAA with its prestigious Silver Anniversary Award in 1976. Five decades after blazing a legacy on campus, Wade remains one of the school's most treasured student-athletes.

Perry Wallace

Men's Basketball, 1966-1970

Perry Wallace would have become a premiere Hall of Fame candidate even if he didn't make Southeastern Conference history by becoming the SEC's first African-American basketball player. Wallace was a star student-athlete, and left Vanderbilt as one of the greatest rebounders in team history. who went on to an outstanding career in law and education.

HEAD COACH BOBBY JOHNSON

Personal Data

AGE: 56

ALMA MATER: Clemson

HIGH SCHOOL: Eau Claire (S.C.) 1969 **DEGREES:** Bachelor's in Management,

1973, Clemson;

Master's in Education, 1979, Furman

FAMILY: Wife, Catherine

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 85-87 overall record as head coach;
 4-4 record in NCAA postseason play
- During Vanderbilt tenure, has coached the first Commodore named unanimous SEC Offensive Player of the Year (Jay Cutler, 2005), the team's only SEC Freshman of the Year (Kwane Doster, 2002), the nation's top tackler (Hunter Hillenmeyer, 2002) and the first Vanderbilt All-America (Earl Bennett, 2006), in seven years.
- I-AA National Coach of the Year in 2001.
- Three Southern Conference titles
- 225-143-8 Combined Record (32 years of collegiate coaching)

SEVENTH YEAR RECORD OF 'DORE HEAD COACHES

Johnson is just the fourth head coach in team history to reach seven years of service with the university. Here's the seventh year record of that group:

| COACH | YEARS | RECORD |
|------------------|-------|--------|
| Bobby Johnson | 2008 | 5-1 |
| George MacIntyre | 1985 | 3-7-1 |
| Art Guepe | 1959 | 5-3-2 |
| Dan McGugin | 1910 | 8-0-1 |

| YEAR | SCHOOL | Position | Record | Ніднціднтѕ |
|------|------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2008 | Vanderbilt | Head Coach | 5-1 (3-1) | First 3-0 SEC start since 1950 |
| 2007 | Vanderbilt | Head Coach | 5-7 (2-8) | road win over No. 6 So. Carolina |
| 2006 | Vanderbilt | Head Coach | 4-8 (1-7) | win over No. 22 Georgia in Athens |
| 2005 | Vanderbilt | Head Coach | 5-6 (3-5) | VU's Most SEC wins since '91 |
| 2004 | Vanderbilt | Head Coach | 2-9 (1-7) | |
| 2003 | Vanderbilt | Head Coach | 2-10 (1-7) | |
| 2002 | Vanderbilt | Head Coach | 2-10 (0-8) | |
| 2001 | Furman | Head Coach | 12-3 | I-AA Finals; |
| | | | | Conference Co-Champion; |
| | | | | I-AA Coach of the Year; |
| | | | | I-AA Region II Coach of Year |
| 2000 | Furman | Head Coach | 9-3 | I-AA Playoffs; |
| | | | | Conference Co-Champion |
| 1999 | Furman | Head Coach | 9-3 | I-AA Playoffs; |
| | | | | Conference Champions; |
| | | | | I-AA Region II Coach of Year |
| 1998 | Furman | Head Coach | 5-6 | |
| 1997 | Furman | Head Coach | 7-4 | |
| 1996 | Furman | Head Coach | 9-4 | I-AA Playoffs; |
| | | | | I-AA Region II Coach of Year |
| 1995 | Furman | Head Coach | 6-5 | |
| 1994 | Furman | Head Coach | 3-8 | |
| 1993 | Clemson | Defensive Coordinator | 8-3 | |
| 1992 | Furman | Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coording | | |
| 1991 | Furman | Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordin | nator 7-4 | |
| 1990 | Furman | Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordin | nator 9-4 | I-AA Playoffs; |
| | | | | Conference Champions |
| 1989 | Furman | Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordin | nator 12-2 | I-AA Playoffs; |
| | | | | Conference Champions |
| 1988 | Furman | Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordin | nator 13-2 | I-AA National Champions; |
| | | | | Conference Champions |
| 1987 | Furman | Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordin | nator 7-4 | |
| 1986 | Furman | Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordin | nator 7-3-2 | |
| 1985 | Furman | Defensive Coordinator | 12-2 | I-AA Finals; |
| | | | | Conference Champion |
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SUMMARY OF JOHNSON'S COACHING CAREER

JOHNSON'S WEEKLY INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES TV HIGHLIGHTS SHOW

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Coach Johnson conducts a weekly press conference for local media each Monday at 12:00 noon CT. It is held in the McCall Room, at the McGugin Athletic Center. It is not available via satellite. A live video feed of the conference is planned at www. vucommodores.com. A transcript is provided no more than three hours later.

Johnson participates in the weekly SEC Head Coaches' Teleconference at 10:21 a.m. (CT) on Wednesdays. Johnson is also available after regular Commodore practices Tuesday-Thursday.

The Commodore Connection – a weekly Vanderbilt highlights show featuring Coach Johnson and Voice of the Commodores Joe Fisher – that airs across Middle Tennessee cable systems, will be broadcast each Tuesday of the season.

Defensive Coordinator

Defensive Coordinator

Defensive Backs Coach

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Defensive Ends Coach

Athletic Academic Counselor

In Nashville cable homes, the replay show will air Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., on Comcast channel 49.

Regionally, the show airs twice weekly on CSS at Comcast channel 27): Tuesday, 6:30 a.m., and Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

JOHNSON'S RADIO SHOW

Conference Champion

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The Commodore Call-In Show with Bobby Johnson can be heard each Monday on Vanderbilt Athletics' flagship station WGFX FM-104.5 at a new time this season.

The show will air weekly at 6:30 p.m., 30 minutes earlier than in past years.

The show is hosted by Commodore playby-play announcer Joe Fisher. The show, open to the public, will be held at the refurbished Commodore Bar & Grille in Holiday Inn Select, located on West End Avenue.

The show features Johnson's game recap, a look at the next opponent and questions from callers across Middle Tennessee.

COMMODORE DEPTH CHART

EFFECTIVE OCT. 12

| | | Offense | | | | Defense | |
|------|----|-------------------------|--------------------|-----|----|-------------------|--------------------|
| Z WR | 7 | Sean Walker | (6-0, 178, R-Sr.) | DE | 96 | Steven Stone | (6-5, 272, R-Jr.) |
| | 26 | Andrew Diomande | (6-2, 204, Sr.) | | 89 | Teriall Brannon | (6-3, 245, R-So.) |
| X WR | 80 | Justin Wheeler | (6-1, 178, R-Jr.) | DT | 56 | Greg Billinger | (6-4, 290, Jr.) |
| -or- | 25 | Jamie Graham | (6-0, 190, R-Fr.) | | 84 | Rob Lohr | (6-4, 272, Fr.) |
| S WR | 88 | George Smith | (6-3, 202, R-Sr.) | DT | 59 | Adam Smotherman | (6-4, 285, R-So.) |
| | 23 | Udom Umoh | (5-11, 172, R-Fr.) | | 74 | T.J. Greenstone | (6-3, 278, R-Fr.) |
| QB | 9 | Mackenzi Adams | (6-3, 215, R-Jr.) | DE | 90 | Broderick Stewart | (6-5, 230, R-Jr.) |
| | 3 | Chris Nickson | (6-1, 212, R-Sr.) | | 91 | Theron Kadri | (6-4, 272, So.) |
| TB | 31 | Jared Hawkins | (5-10, 202, R-Jr.) | SLB | 49 | John Stokes | (6-5, 228, So.) |
| | 27 | Gaston Miller | (5-7, 180, R-So.) | | 11 | Brent Trice | (6-3, 218, Jr.) |
| TE | 87 | Brandon Barden | (6-5, 245, R-Fr.) | MLB | 13 | Chris Marve | (6-0, 225, R-Fr.) |
| | 85 | Jake Bradford | (6-6, 270, Sr.) | 4 | | Chris Johnson | (6-1, 228, R-Jr.) |
| LT | 68 | Reilly Lauer | (6-6, 275, R-So.) | WLB | 30 | Patrick Benoist | (6-0, 220, Jr.) |
| | 66 | Eric Hensley | (6-6, 312, R-Jr.) | | 52 | Nathan Campbell | 6-3, 228, R-So.) |
| LG | 73 | Ryan Custer | (6-3, 295, R-Jr.) | CB | 17 | D.J. Moore | (5-10, 182, Jr.) |
| | 70 | Drew Gardner | (6-6, 305, R-Jr.) | | 14 | Josh Allen | (5-9, 184, R-Sr.) |
| С | 60 | Bradley Vierling | (6-3, 292, R-Jr.) | SS | 33 | Reshard Langford | (6-2, 212, R-Sr.) |
| | 71 | Joey Bailey | (6-4, 280, R-So.) | | 38 | Sean Richardson | (6-2, 190, Fr.) |
| RG | 61 | Nick Forte | (6-2, 290, R-Jr.) | FS | 2 | Ryan Hamilton | (6-2, 210, R-Jr.) |
| -or- | 71 | Joey Bailey | (6-4, 280, R-So.) | | 29 | Joel Caldwell | (6-1, 195, R-Jr.) |
| RT | 76 | Thomas Welch | (6-7, 305, R-Jr.) | CB | 5 | Myron Lewis | (6-3, 202, Jr.) |
| | 72 | Kyle Fischer | (6-6, 300, R-Fr.) | | 16 | Alan Strong | (5-10, 175, R-So.) |
| | 77 | James Williams | (6-6, 305, R-Fr.) | NB | 17 | D.J. Moore | (5-10, 182, Jr.) |
| | | | | • | 20 | Jared Fagan | (5-9, 182, R-Sr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| PK | 8 | Bryant Hahnfeldt | (5-11, 185, Sr.) | KR | 17 | D.J. Moore | (5-10, 182, Jr.) |
|----|----|------------------|-------------------|----|----|------------------|-------------------|
| | 94 | Ryan Fowler | (5-10, 160, Fr.) | | 7 | Sean Walker | (6-0, 178, R-Sr.) |
| Н | 9 | Mackenzi Adams | (6-3, 215, R-Jr.) | PR | 17 | D.J. Moore | (5-10, 182, Jr.) |
| SN | 49 | John Stokes | (6-5, 228, So.) | | 25 | Jamie Graham | (6-0, 190, R-Fr.) |
| | 69 | David Giller | (6-1, 240, So.) | Р | 39 | Brett Upson | (5-11, 185, Jr.) |
| K0 | 8 | Bryant Hahnfeldt | (5-11, 185, Sr.) | | 8 | Bryant Hahnfeldt | (5-11, 185, Sr.) |
| | 94 | Ryan Fowler | (5-10, 160, Fr.) | | | - | , |

ALPHABETICAL TEAM ROSTER

| | NAME | Pos. H | | WT. | YEAR. | | HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL | | NAME | Pos. H | | | | HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL |
|-----|------------------|---------|------|-------|--------|----|--------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|---------|--------|----------|----|--|
| 63 | Chris Aaron | OG 6- | | 290 | R-So. | | Palos Verdes, Calif./Palos Verdes | 68 | Reilly Lauer | OT 6- | | | | Gates Mill, Ohio/St. Ignatius |
| 9 | Mackenzi Adams | QB 6- | | 215 | R-Jr. | | Tulsa, Okla./Union | 93* | David Leinweber | DE 6- | | | | Bloomfield Hills, Mich./Cranbrook |
| 14 | Josh Allen | CB 5- | | 184 | R-Sr. | | Roswell, Ga./Roswell | _5 | Myron Lewis | CB 6- | | | 2L | Pompano Beach, Fla./Pompano Beach |
| 55 | Rob Ashabranner | C 6- | | 275 | | RS | Beaumont, Texas/Cathedral Christian | 54 | Taylor Loftley | DL 6- | | | HS | Chamblee, Ga./Chamblee |
| 40 | Bo Baggerley | LB 6- | | 210 | Sr. | SQ | Forsyth, Ga./Stratford Academy | 84 | Rob Lohr | DL 6- | | | HS | Phoenixville, Pa./Phoenixville |
| 71 | Joey Bailey | OG/C 6- | | 280 | R-So. | | Trussville, Ala./Hewitt-Trussville | 13 | Chris Marve | LB 6- | | | RS | Memphis, Tenn./White Station |
| 87 | Brandon Barden | TE 6- | | 245 | | | Lincolnton, Ga./Lincoln Co. | 17 | D.J. Moore | CB 5- | | | 2L | Spartanburg, S.C./Broome |
| 15 | Archie Barnes | LB 6- | | 200 | Fr. | HS | Tampa, Fla./Berkeley Prep | 27 | Gaston Miller | TB 5- | | | | Murfreesboro, Tenn./Riverdale |
| 30 | Patrick Benoist | LB 6- | | 222 | Jr. | 2L | Southlake, Texas/Carroll Senior | 75 | Nick Miller | SN 6- | | | | Matthews, N.C./East Mecklenburg |
| 56 | Greg Billinger | DT 6- | | 290 | Jr. | 2L | Lilburn, Ga./Parkview | 86 | Austin Monahan | TE 6- | | | 1L | Charlotte, N.C./Country Day |
| 85 | Jake Bradford | TE 6- | 6 2 | 270 | Sr. | 2L | St. Simons Island, Ga./Glynn Acad. | 46 | Austin Newton | LB 6- | 3 218 | R-So. | | McDonough, Ga./Union Grove |
| 89 | Teriall Brannon | DE 6- | | 235 | R-So. | | Spartanburg, S.C./Broome | 3 | Chris Nickson | QB 6- | | | | Brundidge, Ala./Pike Co. |
| 32 | Matt Bubis | HB 5- | 10 2 | 230 | R-Jr. | 1L | Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell | 37 | Al Owens | DB 6- | 2 178 | Fr. | HS | Springtown, Texas/Springtown |
| 57 | John Burrow | LB 6- | 4 2 | 230 | Fr. | HS | Morris, Ala./Mortimer Jordan | 15* | Will Parker Roe | S 5- | 10 17 | R-Fr. | RS | Humboldt, Tenn./Humboldt |
| 67 | Michael Bryant | 0L 6- | 4 2 | 290 | Fr. | HS | La Vergne, Tenn./La Vergne | 43 | Micah Powell | DB 6- | 0 192 | ? Fr. | HS | Tarpon Springs, Fla./East Lake |
| 65 | Richard Cagle | 0L 6- | 4 2 | 285 | Fr. | HS | Houston, Texas/St. Pius X | 58 | Colt Nichter | DT 6- | 2 28 | Fr. | HS | Park City, Utah/Park City |
| 29 | Joel Caldwell | S 6- | 1 1 | 195 | R-Jr. | 2L | Hoover, Ala./Hoover | 28 | Kennard Reeves | TB 6- | 0 202 | R-So. | 1L | Duluth, Ga./Duluth |
| 52 | Nate Campbell | LB 6- | 3 2 | 228 | R-So. | 1L | Hazen, Ark./Hazen | 34 | Ryan van Rensburg | TB 6- | 1 21 | R-Fr. | RS | Jacksonville, Fla./The Bolles School |
| 50 | Thomas Carroll | PK 5- | 9 1 | 165 | R-Jr. | SQ | Columbus, Ga./Brookstone | 36 | Chris Reinert | WR 5- | 9 17 | R-Jr. | 1L | Santa Ana, Calif./Servite |
| 83 | John Cole | WR 5- | 11 1 | 170 | Fr. | HS | Somerset, Ky./Somerset | 38 | Sean Richardson | DB 6- | 2 190 |) Fr. | HS | Linden, Ala./Linden |
| 89* | Chris Crooks | WR 6- | 3 2 | 208 | R-Fr. | SQ | Chattahoochee, Ga./Chattahoochee | 28* | Alex Schultz | DB 6- | 0 192 | R-Jr. | SQ | Wayland, Mass./Wayland |
| 73 | Ryan Custer | OG 6- | 3 2 | 295 | R-Jr. | 2L | Troy, Ohio/Troy | 45* | Chavez Scott | TB 5- | 7 18 | Fr. | HS | Memphis, Tenn./Whitehaven |
| 48 | Dexter Daniels | LB 6- | 1 2 | 210 | Fr. | HS | Brantley, Ala./Brantley | 62 | Ryan Seymour | DL 6- | 4 25 | Fr. | HS | Kingsland, Ga./Camden Co. |
| 84 | Chris DeGeorge | HB 6- | 2 2 | 225 | R-Jr. | SQ | Portland, Tenn./Portland | 18 | Larry Simmons | WR 5- | 10 168 | R-Jr. | SQ | Austin, Texas/Anderson |
| 26 | Andrew Diomande | WR 6- | | 204 | Sr. | TR | Miami, Fla./Columbus HS/(Clemson) | 88 | George Smith | WR 6- | 3 202 | R-Sr. | 3L | Pembroke Pines, Fla./Hollywood Hills |
| 41 | Jermaine Doster | TB 5- | 10 2 | 205 | R-Fr. | RS | Tampa, Fla./Robinson | 10 | Larry Smith | QB 6- | 2 21 | R-Fr. | RS | Prattville, Ala./Prattville |
| 22 | Akeem Dunham | WR 6- | 3 1 | 185 | Fr. | HS | Eustis, Fla./Eustis | 59 | Adam Smotherman | DT 6- | 4 28 | R-So. | 1L | Smyrna, Tenn./Smyrna |
| 20 | Jared Fagan | CB 5- | | 182 | R-Sr. | 3L | Waldorf, Md./Westlake | 6 | Darlron Spead | NB 5- | | R-Jr. | 2L | Kingsland, Ga./Camden Co. |
| 72 | Kyle Fischer | OT 6- | 6 3 | 300 | R-Fr. | RS | Columbia, S.C./Spring Valley | 90 | Broderick Stewart | DE 6- | 5 230 | R-Jr. | 2L | Newnan, Ga./Riverside Military |
| 51 | Davis Flowers | LB 6- | 0 2 | 215 | R-Fr. | RS | Dothan, Ala./Houston Academy | 49 | John Stokes | LB/SN 6 | -5 22 | So. | 1L | Memphis, Tenn./University School |
| 61 | Nick Forte | OG 6- | | 290 | | SQ | Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood Academy | 96 | Steven Stone | DE 6- | | | | Conway, Ark./Conway |
| 94 | Ryan Fowler | PK 5- | | | Fr. | HS | Taylors, S.C./Eastside | 16 | Alan Strong | CB 5- | | | | Atlanta, Ga./Douglass |
| 42 | Tim Fugger | DE 6- | | 255 | R-Fr. | | Oak Brook, III./Montini Catholic | 24 | Tristan Strong | LB 6- | | | HS | Loganville, Ga./Grayson |
| 12 | Jared Funk | QB 6- | | 202 | R-So. | | Long Grove, III./St. Viator | 24* | Rich Tompkins | DB 5- | | | | Nashville.Tenn./Montgomery Bell |
| 44 | Michael Garcia | LB 6- | | 235 | R-So. | | Jacksonville, Fla./The Bolles School | 11 | Brent Trice | S/LB 6- | | | 2L | Orange, Va./Fort Union Military |
| 70 | Drew Gardner | OG 6- | | 305 | R-Jr. | | Hoxie. Ark./Hoxie | 37* | Elvio Tropeano | S 5- | | | | Pomfret, Conn./Middlesex School |
| 69 | David Giller | SN 6- | | 240 | | TR | Swampscott, Mass./Swampscott/ | 23 | Udom Umoh | WR 6- | | | | Fort Valley, Ga./Peach Co. |
| 25 | Jamie Graham | WR 6- | | 190 | R-Fr. | | Nashville, Tenn./Whites Creek | 39 | Brett Upson | P 5- | | | 2L | Griffin, Ga./Spalding |
| 82 | Justin Green | TE 6- | | 235 | R-So. | | Troy, Ala./Henderson | 79 | Ryan Vance | OG 6- | | | 1L | Bellaire, Texas/Episcopal |
| 74 | T.J. Greenstone | DT 6- | | 282 | R-Fr. | | Lawrenceville, Ga./Collins Hill | 46* | Duane Vaughn | S 6- | | | | Goodlettsville, Tenn./Davidson Academy |
| 8 | Bryant Hahnfeldt | P/PK 5- | | | Sr. | 3L | Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell | 60 | Bradley Vierling | C 6- | | | | Warminster. Pa./Central Bucks East |
| 2 | Rvan Hamilton | FS 6- | | 210 | R-Jr. | 2L | Wycombe, Pa./Council Rock North | 7 | Sean Walker | WR 6- | | | | Wrens. Ga./Jefferson Co. |
| 31 | Jared Hawkins | | 10 2 | | R-Jr. | 2L | Spring, Texas/Klein | 4 | Alex Washington | WR 5-1 | | R-Jr. | | Stone Mtn., Ga./Stephenson |
| 19 | Casev Havward | DB 6- | | 178 | Fr. | HS | Elko, Ga./Perry | 76 | Thomas Welch | OT 6- | | | | Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood |
| 66 | Eric Hensley | OT 6- | | 312 | | 1L | Clinton, Tenn./Clinton | 78 | Caleb Welchans | OL 6- | | | HS | Wildwood, Mo./Lafayette |
| 93 | Josh Jelesky | DE 6- | | 234 | Fr. | HS | Naperville, III./Naperville | 80 | Justin Wheeler | WR 6 | | | 2L | North Augusta, S.C./North Augusta |
| 21 | Jeff Jennings | TB 6- | | 214 | R-Sr. | 3L | Dandridge, Tenn./Jefferson Co. | 77 | James Williams | OL 6- | | | | Smyrna, Tenn./Smyrna |
| 45 | Chris Johnson | LB 6- | | 228 | | | Birmingham, Ala./Oak Mountain | 81 | Turner Wimberly | WR 6 | | | | Austin, Texas/Westlake/ |
| 47 | DeAndre Jones | LB 6- | | 220 | Fr. | HS | Memphis, Tenn./University School | 97 | John Laughrey | PK 5-1 | | R-So. | | McKenzie. Tenn./McKenzie |
| 91 | Theron Kadri | DE 6- | | 270 | So. | 1L | Brighton, Tenn./Brighton | 98 | Johnell Thomas | DL 6- | | | HS | Orlando, Fla./Boone |
| 84* | | P 6- | | 190 | Fr. | HS | Marietta, Ga./Walton | 99 | Derrius Dowell | DT 6- | | | | Atlanta, Ga./Douglass |
| 33 | Reshard Langford | | 2 2 | | R-Sr. | | Tanner, Ala./Tanner | | Demus Dowell Duplicate jerseys | טוט. | U 20 | , IN-JI. | 4L | Aliania, Ga./Douglass |
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COMMODORE NUMERICAL ROSTER

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| 2 | Ryan Hamilton | FS | 21 | Jeff Jennings | TB | 38 | Sean Richardson | DB | 62 | Ryan Seymour | DL | 83 | John Cole | WR |
| 3 | Chris Nickson | QB | 22 | Akeem Dunham | WR | 39 | Brett Upson | Р | 63 | Chris Aaron | OG | 84 | Rob Lohr | DL |
| 4 | Alex Washington | WR | 23 | Udom Umoh | WR | 40 | Bo Baggerley | LB | 65 | Richard Cagle | 0L | 84 | Chris DeGeorge | HB |
| 5 | Myron Lewis | CB | 24 | Tristan Strong | LB | 41 | Jermaine Doster | TB | 66 | Eric Hensley | OT | 84* | Richard Kent | Р |
| 6 | Darlron Spead | NB | 24* | Rich Tompkins | DB | 42 | Tim Fugger | DE | 67 | Michael Bryant | 0L | 85 | Jake Bradford | TE |
| 7 | Sean Walker | WR | 25 | Jamie Graham | WR | 43 | Micah Powell | DB | 68 | Reilly Lauer | OT | 86 | Austin Monahan | TE |
| 8 | Bryant Hahnfeldt | P/PK | 26 | Andrew Diomande | WR | 44 | Michael Garcia | LB | 69 | David Giller | SN | 87 | Brandon Barden | TE |
| 9 | Mackenzi Adams | QB | 27 | Gaston Miller | TB | 45 | Chris Johnson | LB | 70 | Drew Gardner | OG | 88 | George Smith | WR |
| 10 | Larry Smith | QB | 28 | Kennard Reeves | TB | 45* | Chavez Scott | TB | 71 | Joey Bailey | C/OG | 89 | Teriall Brannon | DE |
| 11 | Brent Trice | S | 28* | Alex Schultz | DB | 46 | Austin Newton | LB | 72 | Kyle Fischer | 0L | 89* | Chris Crooks | WR |
| 12 | Jared Funk | QB | 29 | Joel Caldwell | S | 51 | Davis Flowers | LB | 73 | Ryan Custer | 0G | 90 | Broderick Stewart | DE |
| 13 | Chris Marve | LB | 30 | Patrick Benoist | LB | 52 | Nate Campbell | LB | 74 | T.J. Greenstone | DT | 91 | Theron Kadri | DE |
| 14 | Josh Allen | CB | 31 | Jared Hawkins | TB | 54 | Taylor Loftley | DL | 75 | Nick Miller | SN | 93 | Josh Jelesky | DE |
| 15 | Archie Barnes | LB | 32 | Matt Bubis | HB | 55 | Rob Ashabranner | С | 76 | Thomas Welch | OT | 93* | David Leinweber | DE |
| 15* | Will Parker Roe | S | 33 | Reshard Langford | S | 56 | Greg Billinger | DT | 77 | James Williams | 0L | 94 | Ryan Fowler | PK |
| 16 | Alan Strong | CB | 34 | Ryan van Rensburg | TB | 57 | John Burrow | LB | 78 | Caleb Welchans | 0L | 96 | Steven Stone | DE |
| 17 | D.J. Moore | CB | 35 | Brandon Bryant | LB | 58 | Colt Nichter | DT | 79 | Ryan Vance | 0G | 97 | John Laughrey | PK |
| 18 | Larry Simmons | WR | 36 | Chris Reinert | WR | 59 | Adam Smotherman | DT | 80 | Justin Wheeler | WR | 98 | Johnell Thomas | DL |
| 19 | Casey Hayward | DB | 37 | Al Owens | DB | 60 | Bradley Vierling | C/OG | 81 | Turner Wimberly | WR | 99 | Derrius Dowell | DT |
| 20 | Jared Fagan | CB | 37* | Elvio Tropeano | S | 61 | Nick Forte | OG | 82 | Justin Green | TE | | * Duplicate jerseys | |

