

VANDERBILT HOSTS DUKE IN NASHVILLE



5-2, 3-2

3-3, 1-2

KICKOFF INFORMATION

DATE: Saturday, October 25, 2008

KICKOFF: 2:00 p.m., CST

STADIUM: Vanderbilt Stadium

LOCATION: Nashville, Tenn.

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 192

SIRIUS RADIO: Channel 213

DUKE TICKETS AVAILABLE

A limited number of tickets remain for the Duke-Vanderbilt game this Saturday. All tickets are \$22 each.

The Commodores are in the midst of their best year at the box office in more than a decade, having sold more than 19,000 season tickets.

Vanderbilt's final two home games – vs. Florida on Nov. 8 and Tennessee on Nov. 22 – are sold out.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

After hosting the Blue Devils this Saturday, Vanderbilt is off Nov. 1.

The Commodores return to Southeastern Conference action on Saturday, Nov. 8, when the Florida Gators visit Nashville.

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COMMODORE SEASON AT A GLANCE...(5-2, 3-2)

DATE	OPPONENT	NOTES
8/28	@ Miami of Ohio, ESPN	(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	(W, 38-21) Vanderbilt scores 24 unanswered points in win
9/20	@ Ole Miss, PPV	(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 2 turnovers, lack offense in first loss
10/18	@ Georgia, Raycom	(L, 14-24) 'Dores fall behind early, lose at Georgia 24-14
10/25	Duke , 2 pm	3-3 Blue Devils drop 49-31 home decision to Miami (Fla.)
11/8	Florida , TBA	5-1 Florida off last Saturday, host Kentucky this week
11/15	@ Kentucky, TBA	5-2 Wildcats come from behind, edge Arkansas 21-20
11/22	Tennessee , TBA	3-4 Vols prepare for Bama with 34-3 win over Miss. State
11/29	@ Wake Forest, TBA	5-2 Demon Deacons drop 26-0 decision at Maryland

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Location

Founded

Enrollment

Conference

Nickname

Colors

Home Field

Capacity

Field Surface

Head Coach

Coaching Record

Website

VANDERBILT

Nashville, Tenn.

1873

6,402

Southeastern

Commodores

Black & Gold

Vanderbilt Stadium

39,773

natural grass

Bobby Johnson (7th)

85-88 (.491)

vucommodores.com

DUKE

Durham, N.C.

1838

6,197

Atlantic Coast

Blue Devils

Royal Blue & White

Wallace Wade Stadium

33,941

natural grass

David Cutcliffe (1st)

47-32 (.792)

gduke.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.

Construction 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.

LOOKING FOR FOURTH STRAIGHT HOME WIN

The Commodores look to stay unbeaten in Vanderbilt Stadium this season when it hosts Duke Saturday.

Vanderbilt, 5-2 overall, has captured home victories over South Carolina (24-17, Sept. 4), Rice (38-21, Sept. 13) and Auburn (14-13, Oct. 4) to open the season. It marks the first time Vanderbilt has captured its first three home games since 1982 when the Commodores topped Tulane, No. 14 Florida and Ole Miss in Vanderbilt Stadium. That 1982 squad went 6-0 in Vanderbilt Stadium enroute to the Hall of Fame Bowl, becoming the first Commodore squad to enjoy an undefeated/untied home campaign since 1955.

The Commodores will attempt to win four consecutive games in Vanderbilt Stadium since a similar streak that started with a 1991 win over No. 17 Georgia and continued through a 1992 victory over Ole Miss.

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 3-3 Duke.

The Commodores, at 5-2 and off to their best start since 1956, 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 6-1 for the first time since 1950 when they fell at Georgia 24-14. Only eight teams in Vanderbilt football history have reached 6-0 to start the season: 1928, 1921, 1916, 1915, 1912, 1904, 1903 and 1897.

VANDERBILT VS. THE ACC

Vanderbilt is 65-57-5 all-time against current ACC teams.

In the last 10 years, the Commodores are 7-3 vs. ACC opponents. In the last 25 years, Vanderbilt has a 14-17 overall record against ACC members.

ACC MEMBER	VU RECORD VS.	LAST
Boston College	0-2-0	1963
Clemson	3-1-0	1960
Duke	7-3-0	2006
Georgia Tech	15-18-3	2003
Maryland	8-4-0	1987
Miami (Fla.)	4-4-0	1981
North Carolina	5-8-0	1982
North Carolina State	1-0-0	1946
Virginia	12-7-2	1975
Virginia Tech	3-6-0	1989
Wake Forest	7-4-0	2007
Vanderbilt All-time vs ACC	65-57-5	

COMMODORES WITH NORTH CAROLINA TIES

Commodore tight end **Austin Monahan** and long snapper **Nick Miller** are residents of North Carolina.

Monahan, a sophomore and starter earlier this year, attended Charlotte Country Day. He is out for the season after suffering a shoulder injury at Ole Miss. Miller, a redshirt junior from Matthews, attended East Mechenberg H.S.

OUT OF THE TOP 25 ★ HOMECOMING RESULTS

COMMODORES FALL FROM TOP 25 AFTER SECOND LOSS

After four consecutive weeks as a nationally ranked team, the Commodores fell from the Top 25 on Sunday after dropping their second straight game Saturday at Georgia.

Despite dropping a 24-14 decision to the No. 10 Bulldogs in Athens, Vanderbilt continues to earn votes in every major poll. The Commodores received 61 votes in the Associated Press poll, 28th among 37 teams getting votes. Vanderbilt also received 20 votes in the latest *USA Today* Coaches Poll, and rank 31st in that ballot. The Commodores received 70 votes in the Harris Interactive Poll, good for 30th place.

The Commodores' top ranking this season

was No. 13 by the Associated Press after defeating Auburn on Oct. 4 to go 5-0. 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. The highest Vanderbilt has ever appeared in the AP Poll is No. 7 after a Commodore win over No. 6 LSU on Oct. 28, 1937.

Vanderbilt played its third consecutive game as an AP ranked squad when it visited Georgia last Saturday. It ties the longest continuous time that a Vanderbilt squad has been ranked in the AP Poll.

Vanderbilt remains one of six SEC teams earning votes in the latest AP ballot, joining Alabama, Florida, Georgia, LSU and Kentucky.

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.

VANDERBILT HOMECOMING RESULTS SINCE WORLD WAR II

The Commodores are 25-34-3 in homecoming games on campus Since World War II.

Vanderbilt has also struggled in recent homecoming appearances. The squad has lost its last five homecoming games, including a narrow 20-17 loss to nationally ranked Georgia last year.

The Commodores last homecoming victory came against Connecticut – 28-24 – in 2002.

Since WWII, Vanderbilt is 9-3 in homecoming encounters against teams not affiliated with the Southeastern Conference. The Commodores lost 37-27 to Navy (in 2003) in their last homecoming game against a non-SEC squad.

The Commodores are 16-31-4 against SEC homecoming foes, and have lost the last six homecoming outings against SEC teams. Its last homecoming win against an SEC opponent came in 1998 - a 17-14 decision over South Carolina.

Other facts regarding Vanderbilt homecoming results include:

- In its last 10 homecoming games, the Commodores are 3-7, with victories over Connecticut (28-24 in 2002), The Citadel (58-0 in 1999) and South Carolina (17-14 in 1998).

Vanderbilt homecoming results since 1946 follow:

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L, FINAL	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L, FINAL	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L, FINAL
10/13/07	Georgia	L, 17-20	10/19/85	Georgia	T, 13-13	11/9/63	Kentucky	T, 0-0
10/21/06	So. Carolina	L, 13-31	10/27/84	Ole Miss	W, 37-20	11/17/62	Tulane	W, 20-0
10/15/05	Georgia	L, 17-34	10/29/83	Memphis	L, 7-24	11/11/61	Kentucky	L, 3-16
11/6/04	Florida	L, 17-34	10/23/82	Ole Miss	W, 19-10	10/8/60	Ole Miss	L, 0-26
10/11/03	Navy	L, 27-37	10/31/81	Memphis	W, 26-0	10/17/59	Florida	W, 13-6
10/26/02	Connecticut	W, 28-24	10/25/80	Ole Miss	L, 14-27	10/25/58	Virginia	W, 39-6
10/13/01	Georgia	L, 14-30	11/3/79	Memphis	W, 13-3	11/2/57	LSU	W, 7-0
10/21/00	So. Carolina	L, 14-30	10/28/78	Ole Miss	L, 10-35	10/20/56	Florida	L, 7-21
10/9/99	The Citadel	W, 58-0	10/15/77	Georgia	L, 13-24	10/5/55	Kentucky	W, 34-0
10/24/98	So. Carolina	W, 17-14	11/13/76	Air Force	W, 34-10	10/9/54	Ole Miss	L, 7-22
10/18/97	Georgia	L, 17-34	11/1/75	Virginia	W, 17-14	10/24/53	Virginia	W, 28-13
10/26/96	So. Carolina	L, 0-27	10/26/74	Ole Miss	W, 24-14	10/11/52	Ole Miss	T, 21-21
10/14/95	Georgia	L, 6-17	10/20/73	Georgia	W, 18-14	10/27/51	Georgia Tech	L, 7-8
10/22/94	So. Carolina	L, 16-19	10/28/72	Ole Miss	L, 7-31	10/21/50	Florida	L, 27-31
10/16/93	Georgia	L, 3-41	11/6/71	Kentucky	L, 7-14	10/29/49	Auburn	W, 26-7
10/24/92	So. Carolina	L, 17-21	10/31/70	Tulane	L, 7-10	11/6/48	LSU	W, 48-7
10/19/91	Georgia	W, 27-25	11/8/69	Kentucky	W, 42-6	11/1/47	Auburn	W, 28-0
10/27/90	Ole Miss	L, 13-14	11/22/68	Davidson	W, 53-20	11/9/46	N.C. State	W, 7-0
10/21/89	Georgia	L, 16-35	11/11/67	Kentucky	L, 7-12			
10/22/88	Ole Miss	L, 28-36	11/12/66	Navy	L, 14-30			
10/31/87	Rutgers	W, 27-13	11/6/65	Kentucky	L, 0-34			
10/25/86	Ole Miss	L, 12-28	11/14/64	Tulane	L, 2-7			

Note: Homecoming records are unavailable prior to 1946 season.

BENNETT, STEWART, MORROW, KERR SERVE AS HOMECOMING PARADE GRAND MARSHALS

Four former Commodore football standouts – linebacker **Matt Stewart** and **Nate Morrow**, special teams ace **Andrew Kerr** and SEC career receptions leader **Earl Bennett** – will serve as grand marshals of the Vanderbilt homecoming parade this week.

The parade is scheduled Saturday morning. It starts at 10:30 a.m., at Kensington Place.

Stewart, a native of Columbus, Ohio, who served as team captain for the Commodores in 2000, played seven years in the National Football League, starting at linebacker for both the Atlanta Falcons and Cleveland Browns.

Bennett is a rookie for the Chicago Bears, and has played in three games this season.

Morrow was an outstanding linebacker and student during his Commodore career, which ended in 2001.

Kerr rose from the ranks of walk-on status to become a valuable special teams player.

Other former Commodore players to serve as homecoming parade grand marshal recently include:

- safety **Jonathan Shaub**, 2006
- LB **Jamie Duncan**, 2005



THE DUKE SERIES ★ COMMODORE NOTES

THE VANDERBILT-DUKE SERIES

- ★ Meeting Between Schools: 11th
- ★ Series Record: Vanderbilt leads, 7-3
- ★ Last Meeting: Vanderbilt 45, Duke 28 (2004)
- ★ First Meeting: Vanderbilt 24, Duke 18 (1986)
- ★ Last Game in Nashville: Vanderbilt 26, Duke 7 (2000)
- ★ Last Game in Durham: Vanderbilt 45, Duke 28 (2004)
- ★ Vanderbilt Series Record in Nashville: 4-1
- ★ Vanderbilt Series Record in Durham: 3-2
- ★ Bobby Johnson vs. Duke: 1-0
- ★ Vanderbilt vs. Duke Coach David Cutcliffe: 1-6
- ★ Biggest Vanderbilt Margin: (19) 26-7 (2000)
- ★ Worst Vanderbilt Defeat: (4) twice, most recently 17-13 (1991)
- ★ Longest Vanderbilt Win Streak: 6
- ★ Longest Vanderbilt Losing Streak: 3

VANDERBILT-DUKE SERIES NOTES

- ★ Dating back to 1992, Vanderbilt has captured the last six games played between the schools, including the last three played on the Nashville campus (1992, 1998 and 2000).
- ★ One of the icons of Duke football history, Wallace Wade, served as an assistant coach for powerful Vanderbilt squads in 1921-22 under Dan McGugin. Those Commodore units were two of McGugin's strongest teams, and included a halfback named Jess Neely and All-Americans Wade, McGugin, Bomar and Neely. All are now members of the College Football Hall of Fame. In 1967, Duke's football stadium was renamed Wallace Wade Stadium.

KEY GAMES IN THE DUKE SERIES

- ★ **2006** **Chris Nickson** turned together one of the finest offensive games in Vanderbilt history, passing for 250 yards and two TDs and rushing for 150 yards and three scores in the Commodore victory. Vanderbilt jumped out to a 35-7 lead before Duke rallied.
- ★ **2001** Anchored by running backs **Lew Thomas** and **Rodney Williams**, the Commodores scored three touchdowns in the third quarter to open a 35-14 margin during a 42-28 win at Duke. Thomas and Williams both rushed for more than 100 yards, becoming the first Commodore duo to do so in seven years. Thomas gained 123 yards before leaving with an injury while Williams finished with 155 yards and two scores. The Commodores also registered four interceptions.
- ★ **2000** **John Markham** matches a school-record by hitting four field goals in a 26-7 Vanderbilt win in Nashville. Markham's last field goal was a career long of 52 yards.
- ★ **1999** Vanderbilt scored 17 unanswered points to break a 14-14 third quarter tie enroute to a 31-14 victory at Duke.
- ★ **1998** Vanderbilt edged Duke 36-33 in double overtime when **Markham** nailed a 19-yard field goal. The game was a wide-open affair, featuring a 100-yard Vanderbilt rusher (**Rodney Williams**) and 100-yard receiver (**Anthony Jones**).
- ★ **1992** A late TD by **Eric Lewis** gave Vanderbilt a 42-37 win. Tony Jackson rushed for 123 yards and returned a kickoff 97 yards for a TD.
- ★ **1986** A 70-yard run by **Carl Woods** sealed the first win over Duke.

VANDERBILT VS. NON-SEC OPPONENTS

Vanderbilt has won seven of its last eight games action involving non-Southeastern Conference opponents. The lone loss in non-SEC play since the 2006 opener at Michigan was a 31-17 decision to ACC member Wake Forest in the 2007 season finale.

In the last decade, the Commodores are 20-12 in non conference games.

This season, the Commodores are 2-0 in non-conference games: victories at Miami (Ohio) and vs. Rice.

Under Bobby Johnson, the Commodores are 13-10 in non-conference action. The team is 2-1 this season in non-SEC games.

In the last decade, the Commodores are 22-14 in games against non-SEC teams. The record includes a 7-3 mark versus ACC opponents.

YEAR	NON-SEC OPPONENTS (W/L)
2008	Miami OH (W), Rice (W)
2007	Richmond (W), Ea. Mich. (W), Miami OH (W) Wake Forest (L)
2006	Michigan (L), Tennessee State (W), Temple (W)
2005	Wake Forest (W), Richmond (W), MTSU (L)
2004	Navy (L), Rutgers (L), Eastern Kentucky (W)
2003	Chattanooga (W), TCU (L), Georgia Tech (L), Navy (L)
2002	Georgia Tech (L), Furman (W), MTSU (L), Connecticut (W)
2001	MTSU (L), Richmond (W), Duke (W)
2000	Miami, Ohio (L), Duke (W), Wake Forest (W)
1999	Northern Illinois (W), Duke (W), The Citadel (W)

VANDERBILT VS. NORTH CAROLINA TEAMS

Vanderbilt is 22-15 all-time against teams located in North Carolina:

N.C. TEAM	VU RECORD VS.	LAST GAME (RESULT)
Davidson	2-0	1969 (W, 63-8)
Duke	7-3	2006 (W, 45-28)
North Carolina	5-8	1982 (L, 10-34)
North Carolina State	1-0	1946 (W, 7-0)
Wake Forest	7-4	2007 (L, 17-31)

DUKE'S DC SON OF FORMER 'DORE COACH

Duke defensive coordinator **Mike MacIntyre** is a former Vanderbilt student and the son of a former Commodore head coach.

MacIntyre, in his first year with David Cutcliffe's Blue Devil staff, played at Vanderbilt in 1984-85 under his father, George MacIntyre, who served as the Vanderbilt head coach from 1979-85. He transferred to Georgia Tech, playing there in 1987-88.

MacIntyre's dad also served as Bobby Johnson's position coach at Clemson.

PREP TEAMMATES PLENTIFUL SATURDAY

Two Commodore players will be facing former high school teammates when Vanderbilt meets Duke this Saturday.

• **Joel Caldwell** (R-Jr., safety) and Duke center **Bryan Morgan** were teammates at Hoover (Ala.) H.S.

• **Johnell Thomas** (Fr., DE) and Duke's **Kyle Hill** (R-Fr., OT) were teammates at powerful Boone (Fla.) H.S., in Orlando.

COMMODORE NOTES

COMMODORE COACHES WITH ACC TIES

Several Commodore coaches, including Head Coach Bobby Johnson, has ties to the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Johnson faced the Blue Devils from 1970-72 as a receiver and defensive back at Clemson. Later, in 1993, he served as Clemson's defensive coordinator.

Four members of the Commodore offensive staff – assistant head coach/offensive line coach **Robbie Caldwell**, offensive coordinator **Ted Cain**, quarterbacks coach **Jimmy Kiser** and receivers coach **Charlie Fisher** – spent extended periods coaching at ACC schools near Duke.

Caldwell coached offensive lines for 11 years at North Carolina State, then left in 2000 to work two years as the offensive line coach at North Carolina. Caldwell left UNC to accept the Vanderbilt assistant head coach/offensive line position under Johnson in 2002.

Caldwell, Cain, Kiser and Fisher all spent years working at North Carolina State during the Wolfpack tenure of Dick Sheridan. Cain, Caldwell and Kiser were members of Sheridan's first N.C. State staff in 1986 – Cain as offensive coordinator, Caldwell as offensive line coach and Kiser as receivers coach. Fisher coached Wolfpack receivers a decade later (1997-98). Before coaching at N.C. State, Kiser and Fisher also coached together at Lenoir-Rhyne College in North Carolina.

One of North Carolina State's top defensive linemen during the early 1990s was **Ricky Logo**, the Commodores' defensive line mentor.

Vanderbilt linebacker coach **Warren Belin** was a defensive standout at Wake Forest, starting three years at linebacker. An ACC All-Academic student, Belin graduated in 1990.

Secondary coach **Jamie Bryant** served one year on the defensive staff at North Carolina before accepting the job at Vanderbilt.

Conditioning director **John Sisk** also worked several years on the Clemson strength staff.

NEW STARTERS HELP OFFENSE LINE

The pair of first-time starters inserted into the Commodore lineup at Georgia appeared to give the Vanderbilt offense a lift in Athens.

Eric Hensley (R-Jr., OG) and **Kyle Fischer** (R-Fr., OT) earned their first career starts against a Georgia defense that ranks among the NCAA's best in numerous statistical categories, including total defense and rushing defense.

The insertion of Hensley at right guard and Fischer at left tackle helped spark a Commodore offense that struggled mightily in a 17-14 loss at Mississippi State one week earlier.

While Vanderbilt managed just 245 total yards against the Bulldogs, the Commodores did feature one of their most balanced attacks of the season, producing 114 rushing yards and 131 passing yards. The 114-yard rushing total represents the second most allowed by the Georgia defense this season. The passing total is the second most produced by Vanderbilt this season.

The new Commodore offensive line also refused to allow a Georgia sack of QB **Mackenzi Adams**, who also started his first game of the 2008 season.

COMMODORE RED ZONE EFFICIENCY

One of the keys to Vanderbilt's 5-2 record is the Commodores continuing success in the red zone.

Despite ranking 10th and 12th in the Southeastern Conference in total defense and total offense, the Commodores are among the national leaders in red zone categories on both sides of the ball.

The Commodore offense is tied for the conference lead with Florida in converting red zone opportunities. Through seven games, Vanderbilt has converted red zone changes at a 96 percent clip (22 of 23). The lone drive inside an opponent's 20-yard line that did not result in Commodore points came as Vanderbilt took a knee to conclude a victory over Rice.

On defense, the Commodores rank second behind Kentucky in red zone efficiency, limiting opponents to points at a 67% clip (14 of 21 possessions).

On Saturday, the Commodore offense scored on both of its drives inside the Georgia 20-yard line (Mackenzi Adams' TD passes of 17 and 18 yards to WR Jamie Graham). On defense, Vanderbilt held Georgia without points on one of four red zone opportunities.

The Commodore success also extends to producing – and limiting – touchdowns in the red zone.

The Vanderbilt offense tops the SEC – and ranks among the national leaders – with producing 17 touchdowns in its 23 red zone tries. The 74% touchdown success rate including 11 rushing scores and six TD passes. Only one other conference team, LSU, has an offensive success rate over 65%.

The Vanderbilt defense also ranks in the top third of the SEC in limiting red zone touchdowns. Commodore opponents have scored TDs on just 10 of 21 red zone possessions (four rushing/six passing). The 48% success by opponents is tied with South Carolina for fourth in the conference.

The Commodores struggled in both categories one year ago, producing points at a 70% rate, while allowing opponents to score on 83% of red zone opportunities.

'DORES – SEC INTERCEPTION LEADERS

The Commodore defense, led by a veteran defensive secondary, continues to rank among the SEC leaders in interceptions after picking off two passes by Georgia's standout QB Matt Stafford.

The Commodores' 13-interception total trails Tennessee's league leading total of 14, and is tied for fourth in the NCAA behind the Volunteers, North Carolina and Iowa.

Junior CBs **Myron Lewis** and **D.J. Moore** connected interceptions against Georgia.

Lewis and Moore share the team lead with junior safety **Ryan Hamilton**. The trio have three interceptions each.

Hamilton contributed all of his interceptions in the Commodores' 23-17 win at Ole Miss Sept. 13. Lewis sealed the Vanderbilt 14-13 win over Auburn with a late interception.

Senior safety **Reshard Langford** have a pair of interceptions.

Langford and Moore leads all Commodores with 10 career interceptions each. They are tied for second in the SEC among active players behind the 11-INT total of Derek Pegue of Mississippi State.

COMMODORE NOTES

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 only at the last two games – both losses – to see the impact of turnovers.

Last Saturday, Vanderbilt and Georgia each committed two turnovers. The Bulldogs scored touchdowns following both Commodore miscues.

Two weeks ago in Starkville, Vanderbilt was edged by Mississippi State after committing more turnovers than an opponent for the first

time this season.

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 enters the Duke game with a +7 turnover margin, ranking second in the SEC and 12th in the NCAA. game tied for the NCAA lead with a +9 turnover margin.

The Commodores will face a Blue Devil team also succeeding in the turnover margin category in David Cutcliffe's first year. Duke is

third in the ACC – and 8th in the NCAA – with a +8 turnover margin.

Vanderbilt's advantage in turnovers is due to 13 interceptions by the Commodore defense. The interception total is second most in the SEC.

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

At the same time, the Commodores have committed 10 turnovers: five fumbles and five interceptions.

UPSON CONTINUES STRONG PUNTING DISPLAY

Junior **Brett Upson** continues to perform like an All-Southeastern Conference punter.

Upson has been on a roll in recent weeks. He was named SEC Specialist of the Week for the second time this year after his performance at Georgia. Upson averaged 44.6 yards on seven punts against Georgia. None of his punts were returned by the Bulldogs.

He also continued to pin opponents deep in their territory. Georgia started three drives inside their 20-yard line, including twice at the 5-yard line, due to Upson's accurate punts.

Two weeks ago, Upson was SEC Specialist of the Week for a superb outing against Auburn.

Upson is averaging a career-high 40.8 yards on 44 punts. His net average of 38.3 yards leads the SEC and ranks 13th in the NCAA. He has seven punts of 50 yards or more, and has succeeded in pinning opponents inside their 20-yard line at an amazing 38.6 percent rate.

SECOND HALF SUCCESS KEY TO VANDERBILT 5-2 START

The Commodores' 5-2 start has been keyed by scoring success after intermission.

Vanderbilt has outscored its first five opponents 72-34 in the second half, and 123-58 after the first quarter.

The Commodore defense has held three of its last five opponents – Rice, Ole Miss and Auburn – scoreless after intermission. Georgia scored 10 second half points while Mississippi State notched two TDs after halftime.

The Vanderbilt defense didn't allow a third quarter touchdown until the Mississippi State game. Prior to playing in Starkville, the only third-quarter points allowed this season was a field goal by Miami (Ohio) in the opener.

Vanderbilt also holds a 34-17 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.

COMEBACK COMMODORES: FIVE WINS AFTER FACING DEFICITS

The Commodores' path to a 5-2 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 at Mississippi State or at Georgia where it fell behind by 14 points, the team's highest deficit of the year.

In each of Vanderbilt's five wins, the Commodores have put together a string of unanswered points to prevail. In four of the five eventual wins, Vanderbilt 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

PLAYER	Pos.	2008 GAMES PLAYED	2008 STARTS	CAREER GAMES PLAYED	CAREER STARTS	CONSECUTIVE CAREER STARTS
Chris Aaron	C	1	-	1	-	-
Mackenzi Adams	QB	7	1	31	7	1
Josh Allen	CB	7	2	41	11	-
Rob Ashabranner	C	1	-	1	-	-
Joey Bailey	OG/C	5	5	8	5	-
Brandon Barden	TE	7	4	7	4	4
Patrick Benoist	LB	7	7	33	12	11
Greg Billinger	DT	7	7	30	7	7
Jake Bradford	TE	7	-	31	2	-
Terrell Brannon	DE	7	-	8	-	-
Brandon Bryant	LB	-	-	20	3	-
Matt Bubis	FB	7	-	19	-	-
Joel Caldwell	CB	7	-	29	11	-
Nate Campbell	LB	7	-	19	-	-
John Cole	WR	1	-	1	-	-
Ryan Custer	OG	7	7	31	10	7
Jared Fagan	CB	7	1	42	3	1
Kyle Fischer	OT	7	1	7	1	1
Davis Flowers	LB	2	-	2	-	-
Nick Forte	OG	4	1	4	1	-
Tim Fugger	DE	3	-	3	-	-
Michael Garcia	LB	7	-	11	-	-
David Giller	SN	2	-	2	-	-
Drew Gardner	OL	7	-	23	-	-
Jamie Graham	WR	7	5	7	5	-
Justin Green	TE	4	-	13	-	-
T.J. Greenstone	DT	7	2	7	2	-
Bryant Hahnfeldt	PK	7	7	42	42	42
Ryan Hamilton	S	7	7	31	28	26
Jared Hawkins	TB	7	6	29	6	6
Casey Hayward	DB	7	-	7	-	-
Eric Hensley	OL	7	1	24	1	1
Jeff Jennings	TB	4	1	35	14	-
Chris Johnson	LB	7	-	30	-	-
Theron Kadri	DE	7	-	19	-	-
Reshard Langford	SS	7	7	42	42	42
Reilly Lauer	DE/OT	6	6	8	6	-
John Laughrey	PK	-	-	3	-	-
David Leinweber	DE	1	-	1	-	-
Myron Lewis	CB	7	7	29	19	19
Chris Marve	LB	7	7	7	7	7
Gaston Miller	TB	5	-	13	-	-
Nick Miller	SN	-	-	16	-	-
Austin Monahan	TE	4	3	13	3	-
D.J. Moore	CB	7	7	31	28	19
Austin Newton	LB	7	-	16	-	-
Chris Nickson	QB	7	6	34	24	-
Kennard Reeves	RB	4	-	16	-	-
Chris Reinert	WR	2	-	11	-	-
Sean Richardson	S	7	-	7	-	-
Larry Simmons	WR	3	-	7	-	-
George Smith	WR	3	3	38	29	3
Adam Smotherman	DT	6	5	15	5	3
Darlon Spead	CB	2	-	25	4	-
Broderick Stewart	DE	7	7	31	7	7
John Stokes	LB/SN	7	4	20	4	-
Steven Stone	DE	7	7	31	19	19
Alan Strong	CB	7	-	18	-	-
Rich Tompkins	DB	4	-	4	-	-
Brent Trice	LB	7	-	31	-	-
Udom Umoh	WR	7	-	7	-	-
Brett Upson	P	7	7	31	31	31
Ryan Vance	OL	-	-	3	-	-
Bradley Vierling	OG	7	7	31	7	7
Sean Walker	WR	7	7	38	22	7
Alex Washington	WR	3	-	27	-	-
Thomas Welch	OT	7	7	28	7	7
Justin Wheeler	WR	7	6	28	6	1
Turner Wimberly	WR	6	-	6	-	-

'DORES LIMIT INFRACTIONS AT GEORGIA

Vanderbilt returned to its discipline approach at Georgia, committing just three penalties against the Bulldogs after getting flagged for a rash of infractions at Mississippi State.

The Commodores top the SEC – and rank among the NCAA leaders – in both fewest penalties (4.1 per game) and fewest penalty yardage (35.4 per game). They concluded the Georgia game with three infractions for 31 yards, after getting called for a season-high 10 flags at Miss. State.

Duke also does a great job limiting infractions. They enter the Vanderbilt game as Atlantic Coast Conference leader in both categories.

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.

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

Average Vanderbilt Attendance Since 2000

YEAR	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

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.

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.



COMMODORE NOTES ★ STAT RANKINGS

GRAHAM NOTCHES FIRST CAREER TD CATCHES

Jamie Graham (R-Fr., WR) made a name for himself in Memorial Gym last winter. This fall, he's quickly becoming a key Commodore on the gridiron.

Graham made two circus catches for touchdowns in Vanderbilt's 24-14 loss at Georgia Saturday. The receptions, both from QB Mackenzi Adams, were the first touchdown catches for the versatile product of Whites Creek H.S. in Nashville.

Graham topped the team with four receptions and 46 receiving yards (36). He added an 8-yard rush and two punt returns for 15 yards.

'08 OFFENSIVE LINE: 7 FIRST-TIME STARTERS

Vanderbilt has started eight different players along the offensive front this season – and seven have started for the first time ever.

The trend continued at Georgia when **Eric Hensley** (R-Jr., OG) and **Kyle Fischer** (R-Fr., OT) earned starting assignments.

The 'Dores entered the season with just one O-lineman (OG **Ryan Custer**) with any starting experience. He had three previous starts.

TWO 'DORE WINS VS. RANKED TEAMS

Vanderbilt failed at Georgia last Saturday to defeat a third ranked opponent in the same season for the first time in team history.

Earlier this year, the Commodores have topped ranked Auburn and South Carolina in Vanderbilt Stadium.

On Oct. 4, the Commodores defeated No. 13 Auburn 14-13 in front of an ESPN national audience and capacity crowd. On Sept. 4, the 'Dores claimed a win over No. 24 South Carolina.

The win over South Carolina marked 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 4-7 against ranked opponents. Prior to 2006, Vanderbilt lost 51 straight games against ranked foes.

The victory over South Carolina was the Commodores' 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

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 Georgia, the Commodore 22-player starting lineup included three seniors, 14 juniors, a sophomore and four redshirt freshmen.

VANDERBILT 2008 STATISTICAL RANKINGS

TEAM CATEGORY	AVG.	SEC	NCAA
Scoring Offense	23.0	7	78
Scoring Defense	17.4	7	24
Total Offense	249.4	12	118
Rushing Offense	153.3	6	57
Passing Offense	96.1	12	116
Total Defense	333.9	10	45
Rushing Defense	143.4	10	66
Passing Defense	190.4	8	41
Net Punting	38.3	1	13
Punt Returns	14.4	5	30
Kickoff Returns	20.0	11	89
Turnover Margin	+7	2	T-12
Pass Efficiency	101.8	10	110
Defensive Pass Efficiency	107.8	8	26
Penalties (Total)	29	1	T-10
Penalty Yardage	35.4	1	10
Third Down Conv. %	33.7%	10	95
Third-Down Conv. % (opponent)	37%	10	T-55
Red Zone Offense Efficiency	96%	T-1	T-3
Red Zone Defense Efficiency	67%	2	T-11
Quarterback Sacks	20	T-1	T-15
Quarterback Sacks Allowed	10	T-5	T-39
Pass Interceptions	13	2	T-4
Time of Possession	29:23	10	72
First Downs	14.4	12	T-115
First Downs Allowed	18.6	11	T-53
INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY	AVG.	SEC	NCAA
Patrick Benoist tackles	9.3	2	T-25
Bryant Hahnfeldt scoring (kicker)	5.9	8	
field goals made	7	T-8	T-53
Ryan Hamilton interceptions	3	T-4	T-18
tackles	7.3	T-10	
fumble recoveries	2	T-1	
Jared Hawkins rushing	56.6	8	
Reshard Langford tackles	5.9	T-17	
Myron Lewis passes defended	.9	T-8	T-80
interceptions	3	T-4	
sacks	.43	T-9	
Chris Marve tackles	7.4	9	
D.J. Moore passes defended	1.0	T-5	T-44
interceptions	3	T-4	
punt returns	18.9	4	7
all-purpose yards	81.3	17	
Chris Nickson rushing	44.6	14	
pass efficiency	97.2	11	
total offense	89.0	15	
scoring	6.0	T-15	
Broderick Stewart tackles for loss	.8	T-17	
Steven Stone sacks	.43	T-9	
Brett Upson punting	40.8	5	50
Sean Walker all-purpose yards	81.0	18	
kickoff returns	23.7	7	49

STAT COMPARISONS ★ MOORE...MR. VERSATILITY

STATISTICAL COMPARISON

	<u>VANDERBILT</u>	<u>DUKE</u>
TEAM RECORD	5-2/3-2	3-3/1-2
TOTAL POINTS	161	154
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	20	18
POINTS ALLOWED	122	141
TOUCHDOWNS ALLOWED	15	18
FIRST DOWNS	101	117
RUSHING	56	46
PASSING	32	64
PENALTY	13	7
RUSHING YARDAGE	1073	736
YARDS GAINED RUSHING	1259	846
YARDS LOST RUSHING	[186]	[110]
RUSHING ATTEMPTS	259	227
AVERAGE PER RUSH	4.1	3.2
AVERAGE PER GAME	153.3	122.7
TDs RUSHING	12	8
PASSING YARDAGE	673	1219
ATT-COMP-INT	140-73-5	210-122-3
AVERAGE PER PASS	4.8	5.8
AVERAGE PER CATCH	9.2	10.0
AVERAGE PER GAME	96.1	203.0
TDs PASSING	7	9
TOTAL OFFENSE	1746	1955
TOTAL PLAYS	399	437
AVERAGE PER PLAY	4.4	4.5
AVERAGE PER GAME	249.4	325.8
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	25-499	20-413
AVERAGE KICK RETURN	20.0	20.6
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	21-203	12-53
AVERAGE PUNT RETURN	14.4	4.4
INTERCEPTION RETURNS: #-YARDS	13-205	9-141
AVERAGE INT. RETURN	15.8	15.7
FUMBLES/FUMBLES LOST	10-5	9-5
OPP. FUMBLES/FUMBLES RECOVERED	13-4	11-6
PENALTIES-YARDS	29-248	25-224
AVERAGE PER GAME	35.4	37.3
PUNTS-YARDS	44-1793	36-1448
AVERAGE PER PUNT	40.8	40.2
NET PUNT AVERAGE	38.2	36.6
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	29:23	32:10
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	30/89	40/96
3RD DOWN PCT.	34%	42%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	0/2	6/12
4TH DOWN PCT.	0%	50%
QB SACKS-YARDS	20-127	9-50
QB SACKS ALLOWED-YARDS	10-74	11-57
FG MADE/ATTEMPTS	7/9	7-8
OPP. FG MADE/ATTEMPTS	6/11	5-5

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 was all over the field at Georgia. On defense, he topped the team in tackles and intercepted a pass. On offense, Moore saw action as a wide receiver on more than a dozen plays, rushing twice for 14 yards. He also added a 25-yard kickoff return and two punt returns.

Moore, a product of Broome H.S., in Spartanburg, S.C., is the SEC's only four-way player, contributing as a CB, WR, PR and KR.

Earlier this season, Moore singlehandedly shifted the momentum in 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's activity on offense against Georgia was the most of his Commodore career. He was used as a rushing threat on rocket sweeps and as a receiving target, though he did not register a catch. One year ago, Moore was nearly a difference maker against Georgia, rushing twice for 48 yards, including one run for 39 yards.

Moore ranks as the SEC's No. 3 punt returner with a 18.8-yard average.

While Commodore fans thought Moore was special in the season opener, he might have been more remarkable in the win over Rice. He 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 a 91-yard punt return – second longest in Vanderbilt history.

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 the Gamecocks, earning National Defensive Player of the Week honors with two interceptions in a 'Dore 17-6 win.

Moore is under consideration for numerous honors, including the Jim Thorpe Award, Nagurski Trophy and Bednarik Award.

In 2007, Moore was one of the nation's top CBs, sharing the SEC lead with six INTs. He also was superb on kickoff returns, compiling a team-record 823 yards and averaging 25.7 yards a return.

COMMODORE NOTES

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 Georgia. For the second straight week, he did not attempt a field goal.

He added a pair of PATs in the win over Auburn, but missed his only two field goal attempts, from 40 and 49 yards. Hahnfeldt'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 20 of 20 on extra point attempts.

Hahnfeldt holds the team record for PATs made with 107. He needs eight field goals to surpass Markham's school record of 47.

Commodore Leaders – Career Points by Kicker

	PLACEKICKER	FGs	PATs	POINTS
1.	Bryant Hahnfeldt , 2005-08	40-63	107-111	227
2.	John Markham, 1997-2000	47-68	68-77	209

RESULTS 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

VANDERBILT • TOAST OF TOSTITOS OCT. 6

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.

VANDERBILT'S RECORD WHEN...

Playing at home.....	3-0
Playing on the road.....	2-2
Playing on a neutral field	0-0
Playing at night.....	4-0
Playing during the day.....	1-2
Vanderbilt scores on first possession	0-0
Opponent scores on first possession	3-1
Vanderbilt scores first.....	0-0
Opponent scores first	5-2
Vanderbilt leads after 1st quarter.....	1-0
Opponent leads after 1st quarter	4-2
Teams are tied after 1st quarter	0-0
Vanderbilt leads at halftime	1-1
Opponent leads at halftime.....	2-1
Teams are tied at halftime	2-0
Vanderbilt leads after 3rd quarter	4-0
Opponent leads after 3rd quarter	0-2
Game goes to overtime.....	0-0
Vanderbilt has more total yards	2-0
Opponent has more total yards.....	3-2
Vanderbilt has more rushing yards	3-0
Opponent has more rushing yards	2-2
Vanderbilt has more passing yards	1-0
Opponent has more passing yards.....	4-2
Vanderbilt has more turnovers.....	0-1
Opponent has more turnovers.....	4-0
Teams have equal turnovers.....	1-1
Vanderbilt has more penalties.....	0-1
Opponent has more penalties	4-1
Teams have equal penalties.....	1-0
Vanderbilt has more time of possession.....	5-0
Opponent has more time of possession	0-2
Vanderbilt has 100-yard rusher	4-0
Opponent has 100-yard rusher	1-2
Vanderbilt scores at least 20 points	4-0
Opponent scores at least 20 points	1-1
Vanderbilt throws for 300 yards.....	0-0
Opponent throws for 300 yards	0-0
Playing on natural grass	3-2
Playing on artificial surface.....	2-0
Vanderbilt defense scores.....	1-0
Opponent defense scores	1-0
Vanderbilt returns KO/Punt for touchdown	0-0
Opponent returns KO/Punt for touchdown.....	1-0

COMMODORE NOTES

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

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

- Lou Groza Specialist of the Week (1 of 3 selected)

Patrick Benoist, vs. Auburn, Oct. 4

- SEC Defensive Player of the Week

Brett Upson, vs. Auburn, Oct. 4

- SEC Specialist of the Week

Brett Upson, vs. Georgia, Oct. 18

- 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.

MORE NOTES FOLLOWING GEORGIA GAME

- Vanderbilt continues to fall behind after the initial stanza. The Commodores have trailed in their last six games after the first quarter.
- The Commodore defense limited Georgia's experienced offense to just one of eight third-down conversions. The Bulldogs entered the game making 48 percent of third downs, best in the SEC.
- Of Vanderbilt seven top rushers, just one (**Jared Hawkins**) is a running back.
- **Bryant Hahnfeldt**, successful on seven of nine FGs this season, hasn't tried a FG in the last two games.
- **Reshard Langford** and **D.J. Moore** are tied for second place behind Derek Pegues of Mississippi State among active SEC players with 10 career interceptions.
- Vanderbilt has failed to convert on either of its two fourth down tries this season. Opponents are 5-of-9.
- **Mackenzi Adams** set team season highs in completions (16) and pass attempts (32) at Georgia.
- An opposing back rushed for more than 100 yards against Vanderbilt for the third consecutive week when UGA's Knowshon Moreno posted 172 yards.
- **Chris Marve** (R-Fr., LB) had a team-high eight total tackles at Georgia. He has at least eight tackles in his last four appearances.
- **Reshard Langford** started his 42nd consecutive game at safety.

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.

COMMODORE 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.



COMMODORE NOTES

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

SOUTH CAROLINA

OFF. PLAYERS OF WEEK:

DEF. PLAYERS OF WEEK:

SPECIALIST OF WEEK:

(W) 24-17, Sept. 4

Jared Hawkins, TB

Thomas Welch, OT

Patrick Benoist, LB

Greg Billinger, DT

Bryant Hahnfeldt, PK

RICE

OFF. PLAYERS OF WEEK:

DEF. PLAYERS OF WEEK:

SPECIALIST OF WEEK:

(W) 38-24, Sept. 13

Reilly Lauer, OT

Jared Hawkins, TB

Ryan Hamilton, SS

D.J. Moore, RS

Bryant Hahnfeldt, PK

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:

(W) 14-13, Oct. 4

Mackenzi Adams, QB

D.J. Moore, CB

Patrick Benoist, LB

Brett Upson, punter

MISSISSIPPI STATE

OFF. PLAYERS OF WEEK:

DEF. PLAYERS OF WEEK:

SPECIALIST OF WEEK:

(L) 14-17, Oct. 11

T.J. Greenstone, DT

John Stokes, SN

GEORGIA

OFF. PLAYERS OF WEEK:

DEF. PLAYERS OF WEEK:

SPECIALIST OF WEEK:

(L) 14-24, Oct. 18

Jamie Graham, WR

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Brett Upson, punter

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 67 yards to surpass 1,000 rushing yards 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 **Terrell 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.

- **Darlon Speed** (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 **Darlon Speed** 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 (333.9 yards), total offense (249.4 yards), passing offense (96.1 yards) and rushing defense (143.3 yards).

Yet, the Commodores are 5-2 overall, 3-2 in SEC play, and outscoring their first six opponents by a 5.6-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 10 touchdowns in 21 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 (13) than all but one 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 (153.3 ypg, 6th in SEC) and has limited costly turnovers (10 total).

FIRST-TIME COMMODORE STARTERS

Eric Hensley (OG, R-Jr.) and **Kyle Fischer** (OT, R-Fr.) became the 15th and 16th Commodore this season to earn his first career start when they were in the opening lineup at Georgia Saturday.

There have been 10 first-time starters on offense and six on the Commodore defensive unit this season.

Besides Hensley and Fischer, other first-time starting assignments on offense are **Joey Bailey** (R-So., RG), **Brandon Barden** (R-Fr., TE), **Nick Forte** (OG, R-Jr.), **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, first-time starters are **Greg Billinger** (Jr., DT), **Adam Smotherman** (R-So., DT), **Broderick Stewart** (R-Jr., DE) and **T.J. Greenstone** (DT, R-Fr.), **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	Active for third straight week; Played special teams in Chicago's 48-41 win over Vikings
Marcus Buggs, LB	Buffalo Bills	Member of Buffalo practice squad; has not been active this season for 4-1 Bills
Corey Chavous, Safety	St. Louis Rams	Contributed three tackles and fumble recovery in Rams' 34-14 home win over Cowboys
Jay Cutler, QB	Denver Broncos	Among the top rated NFL QBs, will lead Broncos against New England Monday night
Justin Geisinger, OG/C	Washington Redskins	Active, but did not see action in 4-2 Washington's 14-11 victory over Cleveland
Jonathan Goff, LB	New York Giants	Posted two tackles on special teams in first NFL action as Giants defeat 49ers 29-17
Theo Horrocks, DT	Jacksonville Jaguars	Suffered foot injury in preseason; added to Jaguars' injured reserve list in late August
Jovan Haye, DT	Tampa Bay	As starting DT, had solo tackle and assist as Bucs go to 5-2 with 20-10 win over Seattle
Hunter Hillenmeyer, LB	Chicago Bears	Posted six tackles and overcame thumb injury in Chicago's 48-41 win against Vikings
Chris Williams, OT	Chicago Bears	First round pick is sidelined with back injury; returned to full pads three weeks ago
Jamie Winborn, LB	Denver Broncos	Key LB/special teams contributor for Broncos to play Patriots on Monday night
Todd Yoder, TE	Washington Redskins	Played as reserve TE and special teamer (1 tackle) in Redskins' 14-11 win over Browns

On Monday, Oct. 13, rookie LB Curtis Gatewood was deleted from Washington Redskins' practice squad



MORE ABOUT THE COMMODORES

SMITH – BEATING THE ODDS

WR **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 81 career receptions, 1,045 career receiving yards and eight TDs.

After missing four games, Smith returned against Auburn, catching four passes for 48 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 caught two TD passes at Georgia after posting his first career TD against Rice with a 27-yard rush. For the season, Graham has eight rushes for 59 yards and 10 receptions for 76 yards. He also averages 6.0 yards on punt returns.

Graham redshirted on the football team in 2007, but became an integral 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 tenures.

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)
Terrell (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)
Darlon (Dah-RON) Speed (SPEED)
Udom (OOD-um) Umoh (OO-mah)
Bradley Vierling (VEER-ling)

JOHNSON, STUDENT-ATHLETE

POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

Following the Duke game, Coach Johnson will meet with media representatives at the Commodores' postgame press conference facilities in McGugin Athletic Center (two-story brick building across Jess Neely Drive from stadium).

As in past seasons, the post-game conference area is housed in the team's wide receiver meeting room. Access is gained through the stadium tunnel, across Jess Neely Drive, and into the McGugin Center entrance directly in front of Gate 3.

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. 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 unforgettable 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: 57

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

- 85-88 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
- 225-144-8 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	5-2
George MacIntyre	1985	3-7-1
Art Guepe	1959	5-3-2
Dan McGugin	1910	8-0-1

SUMMARY OF JOHNSON'S COACHING CAREER

YEAR	SCHOOL	POSITION	RECORD	HIGHLIGHTS
2008	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	5-2 (3-2)	First 3-0 SEC start since 1950 road win over No. 6 So. Carolina win over No. 22 Georgia in Athens VU's Most SEC wins since '91
2007	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	5-7 (2-8)	
2006	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	4-8 (1-7)	
2005	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	5-6 (3-5)	
2004	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	2-9 (1-7)	
2003	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	2-10 (1-7)	
2002	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	2-10 (0-8)	I-AA Finals; Conference Co-Champion; I-AA Coach of the Year; I-AA Region II Coach of Year I-AA Playoffs; Conference Co-Champion I-AA Playoffs; Conference Champions; I-AA Region II Coach of Year
2001	Furman	Head Coach	12-3	
2000	Furman	Head Coach	9-3	
1999	Furman	Head Coach	9-3	
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. Coordinator	6-5	
1991	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	7-4	
1990	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	9-4	I-AA Playoffs; Conference Champions I-AA Playoffs; Conference Champions I-AA National Champions; Conference Champions
1989	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	12-2	
1988	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	13-2	
1987	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	7-4	
1986	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	7-3-2	
1985	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	12-2	I-AA Finals; Conference Champion
1984	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	8-3	
1983	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	10-2-1	
1982	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	9-3	
1981	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	8-3	
1980	Clemson	Athletic Academic Counselor		Conference Champion
1979	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	5-6	
1978	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	8-3	
1977	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	4-5-2	
1976	Furman	Defensive Ends Coach	6-4-1	

JOHNSON'S WEEKLY INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES

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.

TV HIGHLIGHTS SHOW

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.

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

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 play-by-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. 19

OFFENSE				DEFENSE			
Z WR	88	George Smith	(6-3, 202, R-Sr.)	DE	96	Steven Stone	(6-5, 272, R-Jr.)
	4	Alex Washington	(5-10, 182, R-Jr.)		89	Terrell Brannon	(6-3, 245, R-So.)
X WR	7	Sean Walker	(6-0, 178, R-Sr.)	DT	56	Greg Billinger	(6-4, 290, Jr.)
	23	Udom Umoh	(5-11, 172, R-Fr.)		84	Rob Lohr	(6-4, 272, Fr.)
S WR	80	Justin Wheeler	(6-1, 178, R-Jr.)	DT	59	Adam Smotherman	(6-4, 285, R-So.)
-or-	25	Jamie Graham	(6-0, 190, 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.)		45	Chris Johnson	(6-1, 228, R-Jr.)
LT	72	Kyle Fischer	(6-6, 300, R-Fr.)	WLB	30	Patrick Benoist	(6-0, 220, Jr.)
	68	Reilly Lauer	(6-6, 275, R-So.)		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.)
	71	Joey Bailey	(6-4, 280, R-So.)		14	Josh Allen	(5-9, 184, R-Sr.)
	70	Drew Gardner	(6-6, 305, R-Jr.)	SS	33	Reshard Langford	(6-2, 212, R-Sr.)
C	60	Bradley Vierling	(6-3, 292, R-Jr.)		38	Sean Richardson	(6-2, 190, Fr.)
	63	Chris Aaron	(6-3, 290, R-So.)	FS	2	Ryan Hamilton	(6-2, 210, R-Jr.)
RG	66	Eric Hensley	(6-6, 312, R-Jr.)		29	Joel Caldwell	(6-1, 195, R-Jr.)
	61	Nick Forte	(6-2, 290, R-Jr.)	CB	5	Myron Lewis	(6-3, 202, Jr.)
RT	76	Thomas Welch	(6-7, 305, R-Jr.)		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.)
H	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.)	P	39	Brett Upson	(5-11, 185, Jr.)
KO	8	Bryant Hahnfeldt	(5-11, 185, Sr.)		8	Bryant Hahnfeldt	(5-11, 185, Sr.)
	94	Ryan Fowler	(5-10, 160, Fr.)				

ALPHABETICAL TEAM ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YEAR.	ELIG.	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL	NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YEAR.	ELIG.	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
63	Chris Aaron	OG	6-3	290	R-So.	SQ	Palos Verdes, Calif./Palos Verdes	68	Reilly Lauer	OT	6-6	275	R-So.	SQ	Gates Mill, Ohio/St. Ignatius
9	Mackenzi Adams	QB	6-3	215	R-Jr.	2L	Tulsa, Okla./Union	93*	David Leinweber	DE	6-5	245	R-Jr.	SQ	Bloomfield Hills, Mich./Cranbrook
14	Josh Allen	CB	5-9	184	R-Sr.	3L	Roswell, Ga./Roswell	5	Myron Lewis	CB	6-3	202	Jr.	2L	Pompano Beach, Fla./Pompano Beach
55	Rob Ashabranner	C	6-2	275	R-Fr.	RS	Beaumont, Texas/Cathedral Christian	54	Taylor Loftley	DL	6-2	250	Fr.	HS	Chamblee, Ga./Chamblee
40	Bo Baggerley	LB	6-0	210	Sr.	SQ	Forsyth, Ga./Stratford Academy	84	Rob Lohr	DL	6-4	270	Fr.	HS	Phoenixville, Pa./Phoenixville
71	Joey Bailey	OG/C	6-4	280	R-So.	1L	Trussville, Ala./Hewitt-Trussville	13	Chris Marve	LB	6-0	225	R-Fr.	RS	Memphis, Tenn./White Station
87	Brandon Barden	TE	6-5	245	R-Fr.	RS	Lincolnton, Ga./Lincoln Co.	17	D.J. Moore	CB	5-10	182	Jr.	2L	Spartanburg, S.C./Broome
15	Archie Barnes	LB	6-4	200	Fr.	HS	Tampa, Fla./Berkeley Prep	27	Gaston Miller	TB	5-7	180	R-So.	1L	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Riverdale
30	Patrick Benoist	LB	6-0	222	Jr.	2L	Southlake, Texas/Carroll Senior	75	Nick Miller	SN	6-3	250	R-Jr.	2L	Matthews, N.C./East Mecklenburg
56	Greg Billinger	DT	6-3	290	Jr.	2L	Lilburn, Ga./Parkview	86	Austin Monahan	TE	6-7	255	So.	1L	Charlotte, N.C./Country Day
85	Jake Bradford	TE	6-6	270	Sr.	2L	St. Simons Island, Ga./Glynn Acad.	46	Austin Newton	LB	6-3	218	R-So.	1L	McDonough, Ga./Union Grove
89	Terrial Brannon	DE	6-3	235	R-So.	SQ	Spartanburg, S.C./Broome	3	Chris Nickson	QB	6-1	212	R-Sr.	3L	Brundidge, Ala./Pike Co.
32	Matt Bubis	HB	5-10	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	230	Fr.	HS	Morris, Ala./Mortimer Jordan	15*	Will Parker Roe	S	5-10	175	R-Fr.	RS	Humboldt, Tenn./Humboldt
67	Michael Bryant	OL	6-4	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	OL	6-4	285	Fr.	HS	Houston, Texas/St. Pius X	58	Colt Nichter	DT	6-2	285	Fr.	HS	Park City, Utah/Park City
29	Joel Caldwell	S	6-1	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	228	R-So.	1L	Hazen, Ark./Hazen	34	Ryan van Rensburg	TB	6-1	215	R-Fr.	RS	Jacksonville, Fla./The Bolles School
50	Thomas Carroll	PK	5-9	165	R-Jr.	SQ	Columbus, Ga./Brookstone	36	Chris Reinert	WR	5-9	175	R-Jr.	1L	Santa Ana, Calif./Servite
83	John Cole	WR	5-11	170	Fr.	HS	Somerset, Ky./Somerset	38	Sean Richardson	DB	6-2	190	Fr.	HS	Linden, Ala./Linden
89*	Chris Crooks	WR	6-3	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	295	R-Jr.	2L	Troy, Ohio/Troy	45*	Chavez Scott	TB	5-7	185	Fr.	HS	Memphis, Tenn./Whitehaven
48	Dexter Daniels	LB	6-1	210	Fr.	HS	Brantley, Ala./Brantley	62	Ryan Seymour	DL	6-4	255	Fr.	HS	Kingsland, Ga./Camden Co.
84	Chris DeGeorge	HB	6-2	225	R-Jr.	SQ	Portland, Tenn./Portland	18	Larry Simmons	WR	5-10	168	R-Jr.	SQ	Austin, Texas/Anderson
26	Andrew Diomande	WR	6-2	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	205	R-Fr.	RS	Tampa, Fla./Robinson	10	Larry Smith	QB	6-2	215	R-Fr.	RS	Prattville, Ala./Prattville
22	Akeem Dunham	WR	6-3	185	Fr.	HS	Eustis, Fla./Eustis	59	Adam Smotherman	DT	6-4	285	R-So.	1L	Smyrna, Tenn./Smyrna
20	Jared Fagan	CB	5-9	182	R-Sr.	3L	Waldorf, Md./Westlake	6	Darlon Spead	NB	5-10	186	R-Jr.	2L	Kingsland, Ga./Camden Co.
72	Kyle Fischer	OT	6-6	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	215	R-Fr.	RS	Dothan, Ala./Houston Academy	49	John Stokes	LB/SN	6-5	228	So.	1L	Memphis, Tenn./University School
61	Nick Forte	OG	6-2	290	R-Jr.	SQ	Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood Academy	96	Steven Stone	DE	6-5	268	R-Jr.	2L	Conway, Ark./Conway
94	Ryan Fowler	PK	5-10	160	Fr.	HS	Taylors, S.C./Eastside	16	Alan Strong	CB	5-10	180	R-So.	1L	Atlanta, Ga./Douglass
42	Tim Fugger	DE	6-4	255	R-Fr.	RS	Oak Brook, Ill./Montini Catholic	24	Tristan Strong	LB	6-1	220	Fr.	HS	Loganville, Ga./Grayson
12	Jared Funk	QB	6-2	202	R-So.	SQ	Long Grove, Ill./St. Viator	24*	Rich Tompkins	DB	5-11	185	R-Fr.	SQ	Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell
44	Michael Garcia	LB	6-0	235	R-So.	1L	Jacksonville, Fla./The Bolles School	11	Brent Trice	S/LB	6-3	214	Jr.	2L	Orange, Va./Fort Union Military
70	Drew Gardner	OG	6-6	305	R-Jr.	1L	Hoxie, Ark./Hoxie	37*	Elvio Tropeano	S	5-9	200	R-Fr.	RS	Pomfret, Conn./Middlesex School
69	David Giller	SN	6-1	240	So.	TR	Swampscott, Mass./Swampscott/	23	Udom Umoh	WR	6-0	172	R-Fr.	RS	Fort Valley, Ga./Peach Co.
25	Jamie Graham	WR	6-0	190	R-Fr.	RS	Nashville, Tenn./Whites Creek	39	Brett Upson	P	5-11	185	Jr.	2L	Griffin, Ga./Spalding
82	Justin Green	TE	6-6	235	R-So.	1L	Troy, Ala./Henderson	79	Ryan Vance	OG	6-3	290	R-Jr.	1L	Bellaire, Texas/Episcopal
74	T.J. Greenstone	DT	6-3	282	R-Fr.	RS	Lawrenceville, Ga./Collins Hill	46*	Duane Vaughn	S	6-1	195	R-Fr.	RS	Goodlettsville, Tenn./Davidson Academy
8	Bryant Hahnfeldt	P/PK	5-11	185	Sr.	3L	Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell	60	Bradley Vierling	C	6-3	292	R-Jr.	2L	Warminster, Pa./Central Bucks East
31	Jared Hamilton	FS	6-2	210	R-Jr.	2L	Wycombe, Pa./Council Rock North	7	Sean Walker	WR	6-0	178	R-Sr.	3L	Wrens, Ga./Jefferson Co.
19	Casey Hayward	DB	6-0	178	Fr.	HS	Spring, Texas/Klein	4	Alex Washington	WR	5-10	182	R-Jr.	2L	Stone Mtn., Ga./Stephenson
66	Eric Hensley	OT	6-6	312	R-Jr.	1L	Elko, Ga./Perry	76	Thomas Welch	OT	6-7	305	R-Jr.	2L	Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood
93	Josh Jelesky	DE	6-5	234	Fr.	HS	Clinton, Tenn./Clinton	78	Caleb Welchans	OL	6-5	285	Fr.	HS	Wildwood, Mo./Lafayette
21	Jeff Jennings	TB	6-1	214	R-Sr.	3L	Naperville, Ill./Naperville	80	Justin Wheeler	WR	6-1	178	R-Jr.	2L	North Augusta, S.C./North Augusta
45	Chris Johnson	LB	6-1	228	R-Jr.	2L	Dandridge, Tenn./Jefferson Co.	77	James Williams	OL	6-6	305	R-Fr.	RS	Smyrna, Tenn./Smyrna
47	DeAndre Jones	LB	6-0	220	Fr.	HS	Birmingham, Ala./Oak Mountain	81	Turner Wimberly	WR	6-1	195	R-So.	SQ	Austin, Texas/Westlake/
91	Theron Kadri	DE	6-4	270	So.	1L	Memphis, Tenn./University School	97	John Laughrey	PK	5-11	180	R-So.	SQ	McKenzie, Tenn./McKenzie
84*	Richard Kent	P	6-1	190	Fr.	HS	Brighton, Tenn./Brighton	98	Johnell Thomas	DL	6-1	240	Fr.	HS	Orlando, Fla./Boone
33	Reshard Langford	S	6-2	212	R-Sr.	3L	Marietta, Ga./Walton	99	Derrius Dowell	DT	6-3	285	R-Jr.	2L	Atlanta, Ga./Douglass
							Tanner, Ala./Tanner								

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NO.	NAME	POS.	NO.	NAME	POS.	NO.	NAME	POS.	NO.	NAME	POS.	NO.	NAME	POS.
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	P	63	Chris Aaron	OG	84	Rob Lohr	DL
4	Alex Washington	WR	23	Udom Umoh	WR	40	Bo Baggerley	LB	65	Richard Cagle	OL	84	Chris DeGeorge	HB
5	Myron Lewis	CB	24	Tristan Strong	LB	41	Jermaine Doster	TB	66	Eric Hensley	OT	84*	Richard Kent	P
6	Darlon Spead	NB	24*	Rich Tompkins	DB	42	Tim Fugger	DE	67	Michael Bryant	OL	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	Terrial Brannon	DE
11	Brent Trice	S	28*	Alex Schultz	DB	46	Austin Newton	LB	72	Kyle Fischer	OL	89*	Chris Crooks	WR
12	Jared Funk	QB	29	Joel Caldwell	S	51	Davis Flowers	LB	73	Ryan Custer	OG	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	C	76	Thomas Welch	OT	93*	David Leinweber	DE
15*	Will Parker Roe	S	33	Reshard Langford	S	56	Greg Billinger	DT	77	James Williams	OL	94	Ryan Fowler	PK
16	Alan Strong	CB	34	Ryan van Rensburg	TB	57	John Burrow	LB	78	Caleb Welchans	OL	96	Steven Stone	DE
17	D.J. Moore	CB	35	Brandon Bryant	LB	58	Colt Nichter	DT	79	Ryan Vance	OG	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			

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