

COMMODORES Host VOLS IN HOME FINALE



6-4, 4-3

3-7, 1-5

KICKOFF INFORMATION

DATE: Saturday, November 22, 2008

KICKOFF: 11:30 a.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

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Dave Baker, sidelines reporter

SIRIUS RADIO: TBA

VANDERBILT SEASON AT A GLANCE...(6-4, 4-3)

| 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 | (L, 7-10) Offense, special teams struggle in home loss |
| 11/8 | Florida , ESPN2 | (L, 14-42) Gators overpower Commodores in Nashville |
| 11/15 | @ Kentucky, ESPN2 | (W, 31-24) Vanderbilt becomes bowl eligible with win at UK |
| 11/22 | Tenn. , 11:30 am, Raycom | 3-7 Vols off last week after suffering 13-7 loss to Wyoming |
| 11/29 | @ Wake Forest, TBA | 6-4 Deacs drop 21-17 decision to North Carolina State |

VANDERBILT GAME NOTES

Commodore Storylines

Twenty-one Commodores, including captains **Reshard Langford** and **George Smith**, will participate in pregame Senior Day activities Saturday.

MOORE SWEEPS AWARDS

Junior **D.J. Moore** swept Southeastern Conference and national defensive player of the week honors for his performance at Kentucky. Moore's two interception effort earned Walter Camp Foundation National Defensive Player of the Week honors. *More on D.J.*, page 7

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★ Vanderbilt looks for rare SEC achievement: five league wins in a season.

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QUICK FACTS ON VANDERBILT & TENNESSEE



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)

86-90 (.489)

vucommodes.com

TENNESSEE

Knoxville, Tenn.

1794

26,560

Southeastern

Volunteers

Orange & White

Neyland Stadium

102,038

natural grass

Phillip Fulmer (17th)

150-52 (.743)

utsports.com

STADIUM IMPROVEMENTS ★ SEEKING SEVENTH 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.

COMMODORES SEEKING SEVENTH WIN

When Vanderbilt faces cross-state rival Tennessee Saturday, the Commodores will be attempting to reach seven wins in a season for just the fourth time in the last 50 years.

The Commodores, coming off a 31-24 win at Kentucky, last captured seven regular season wins in 1982, going 8-3 en route to the Hall of Fame Bowl in Birmingham, Ala. Other seven-win Commodore regular seasons in the last half century came in 1975 (7-4) and 1974 (7-3-1).

The eight-win regular season in 1982 is a program standard since the 1940s. Prior to World War II, the Commodores were one of the nation's winningest programs, enjoying 22 seasons of at least seven wins.

'DORES LOOKING FOR RARE FIFTH SEC WIN

The Commodores will be looking to capture a fifth win in Southeastern Conference for just the second time in program history.

With earlier wins over South Carolina, Ole Miss, Auburn and Kentucky, the Commodores face Tennessee with a fifth SEC victory at stake. The only previous five-win season in conference play for the Commodores came in 1935 – the third year of existence for the conference.

The Commodores' last four-win SEC season came in 1982.

Vanderbilt is a charter member of the SEC, founded in 1933 by several members of the former Southern Conference.

It's been a difficult task for Vanderbilt to reach the four-win plateau in SEC play. This is just the Commodores' seventh season of at least four SEC victories. Previous seasons of at least four SEC wins were 1982 (4-2), 1955 (4-3), 1949 (4-4), 1948 (4-2-1), 1938 (4-3), 1937 (4-2) and 1935 (5-1).

JOHNSON MOVES TO 5TH ALL-TIME IN WINS

Bobby Johnson moved into sole position of fifth place for wins as a Vanderbilt head coach with the 31-24 victory at Kentucky.

Johnson, in his seventh year at the helm of Commodore football, notched his 26th victory at Kentucky, passing former mentor George MacIntyre for sole position of fifth place in the historical category.

Dan McGugin, recognized as the father of Vanderbilt football and a legendary figure in the early 1900s, holds the Commodore record for wins by a head coach with 197. He continues to rank among the nation's all-time Top 25 winningest coaches.

Three of the four coaches ahead of Johnson – McGugin, Sanders and Ray Morrison – are members of the College Football Hall of Fame.

All-time Wins by Vanderbilt Coaches

| Coach | Years | Wins |
|-------------------------|-----------------|------|
| 1. Dan McGugin | 1904-17/1919-34 | 197 |
| 2. Art Guepe | 1953-62 | 39 |
| 3. Red Sanders | 1940-48 | 36 |
| 4. Ray Morrison | 1918/1935-39 | 29 |
| 5. Bobby Johnson | 2002- | 26 |
| 6. George MacIntyre | 1979-85 | 25 |

SENIOR DAY ★ THE UT SERIES ★ 2007 RECAP

21 PLAYERS TO PARTICIPATE IN SENIOR DAY

Twenty-one Commodores will be honored Saturday prior to kickoff of the season finale vs. Tennessee as part of Senior Day activities. The group includes five starters.

The full list of Senior Day participants follows:

| | | |
|---|---|--|
| JOSH ALLEN cornerback Roswell, Ga. | NICK FORTE offensive guard Brentwood, Tenn. | NICK MILLER snapper Matthews, N.C. |
| BO BAGGERLEY linebacker Forsyth, Ga. | DREW GARDNER offensive guard Hoxie, Ark. | CHRIS NICKSON quarterback Brundidge, Ala. |
| JAKE BRADFORD tight end St. Simons Island, Ga. | BRYANT HAHNFELDT kicker Nashville, Tenn. | ALEX SCHULTZ defensive back Wayland, Mass. |
| MATT BUBIS tight end/fullback Nashville, Tenn. | JEFF JENNINGS running back Jefferson City, Tenn. | LARRY SIMMONS wide receiver Austin, Texas |
| THOMAS CARROLL kicker/holder Columbus, Ga. | CHRIS JOHNSON linebacker Birmingham, Ala. | GEORGE SMITH wide receiver Pembroke Pines, Fla. |
| ANDREW DIOMANDE wide receiver Miami, Fla. | RESHARD LANGFORD safety Tanner, Ala. | RYAN VANCE offensive guard Bellaire, Texas |
| JARED FAGAN defensive back Waldorf, Md. | DAVID LEINWEBER defensive end Bloomington Hills, Mich. | SEAN WALKER wide receiver Wrens, Ga. |

VANDERBILT-TENNESSEE SERIES

- ★ Meeting Between Schools: 103rd
- ★ Series Record: Vanderbilt trails, 28-69-5
- ★ Last Meeting: Vanderbilt 24-Tennessee 25 (2007)
- ★ First Meeting: Vanderbilt 12-Tennessee 0 (1892)
- ★ Last Game in Nashville: Vanderbilt 10-Tennessee 39 (2006)
- ★ Vanderbilt Record in Nashville: 18-34-4
- ★ Vanderbilt Record on Vanderbilt Campus: 18-32-4
- ★ Vanderbilt Record in Knoxville: 10-35-1
- ★ Longest Vanderbilt Win Streak: 9
- ★ Longest Vanderbilt Losing Streak: 22
- ★ Bobby Johnson vs. Tennessee: 1-5

VANDERBILT-TENNESSEE SERIES NOTES

SERIES NOTES Vanderbilt snapped a 22-game losing streak versus Tennessee three years ago, earning a come-from-behind 28-24 victory in Knoxville. The Commodore win also ended a 14-game Vanderbilt losing streak in Neyland Stadium that dated to a 17-14 victory in 1975. Last year, the Vols rallied to win by scoring 16 fourth quarter points.

The Commodores have played Tennessee more than any other team. It is the fourth most frequently played rivalry in SEC history. The series is in dispute – Vanderbilt recognizes a 1918 win; Tennessee does not.

Vanderbilt controlled the early years between the universities, holding a 19-2-3 overall record through 1927.

GAME 11

VANDERBILT COMMODORES ★ TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS

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VANDERBILT 24 TENNESSEE 25

KNOXVILLE – Daniel Lincoln kicked a 33-yard field goal with 2:46 left to cap a 16-point fourth-quarter comeback and No. 19 Tennessee beat Vanderbilt 25-24 on Saturday.

The field goal redeemed Lincoln, who had missed an extra point and a 41-yard field goal attempt earlier.

The Vols were down 24-9 in the third quarter after Mackenzi Adams threw a 2-yard touchdown pass to George Smith.

After Tennessee scored 16 consecutive points in the fourth quarter to take a one-point lead, Vanderbilt attempted their own comeback led by a 55-yard kickoff return by D.J. Moore, but a 49-yard field goal attempt by Bryant Hahnfeldt with :33 left sailed wide left.

Adams, whose three touchdown passes were a career high, finished 14-for-26 for 139 yards, and Cassen Jackson-Garrison ran 17 times for 86 yards.

SCORING SUMMARY

| TEAM | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | FINAL | RECORD |
|------------|---|----|---|----|-------|----------|
| VANDERBILT | 0 | 17 | 7 | 0 | 24 | 5-6, 2-6 |
| TENNESSEE | 6 | 3 | 0 | 16 | 25 | 8-3, 5-2 |

FIRST QUARTER: UT – Taylor 6-yd. pass from Ainge (Lincoln kick blocked) 11:37.

SECOND QUARTER: VU – Allen 5-yd. pass from Adams (Hahnfeldt kick) 8:32. UT – Lincoln 33-yd. FG 4:00. VU – Jennings 19-yd. pass from Adams (Hahnfeldt kick) :47. VU – Hahnfeldt 33-yd. FG :05.

THIRD QUARTER: VU – Smith 2-yd. pass from Adams (Hahnfeldt kick) 9:00.

FOURTH QUARTER: UT – Briscoe 7-yd. pass from Ainge (Lincoln kick) 14:45. UT – Rogers 5-yd. pass from Ainge (pass failed) 7:14. UT – Lincoln 33-yd. FG 2:46.

| STATISTICS | VANDERBILT | TENNESSEE |
|------------------------|------------|-----------|
| FIRST DOWNS | 17 | 22 |
| RUSHING (NET) | 41-131 | 28-105 |
| PASSING YARDS | 139 | 245 |
| PASSES: ATT-COMP-INT | 26-14-0 | 43-29-0 |
| TOTAL OFF: PLAYS/YARDS | 67-270 | 71-350 |
| PUNT RETURNS-YARDS | 1-5 | 3-72 |
| KO RETURNS-YARDS | 6-135 | 5-106 |
| INT RETURNS-YARDS | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| PUNTS (#-AVG) | 6-46.0 | 3-41.3 |
| FUMBLES-LOST | 0-0 | 1-1 |
| PENALTIES-YARDS | 4-34 | 6-28 |
| POSSESSION TIME | 33:42 | 26:18 |
| THIRD-DOWNS | 6 OF 14 | 2 OF 12 |
| FOURTH-DOWNS | 0 OF 0 | 2 OF 2 |
| RED-ZONE SUCCESS | 3-3 | 5-5 |
| SACKS BY: (#-YARDS) | 0-0 | 0-0 |



RUSHING: VU–Jackson-Garrison 17-83; Jennings 14-27; Adams 7-23; Walker 1-3; Washington 1-1; Bennett 1-(-6). UT–Foster 19-106; Ainge 4-3; Hardesty 2-0; Team 3-(-4).

PASSING: VU–Adams 14-26-0-139. UT–Ainge 29-43-0-245.

RECEIVING: VU–Washington 3-45; Wheeler 3-21; Bennett 2-26; Smith 2-18; Allen 2-14; Jennings 1-19; Jackson-Garrison 1-(-4). UT–Taylor 9-90; Rogers 8-60; Brown 4-9; Briscoe 3-47; Foster 3-34; Hancock 1-5; Jones 1-0.

COMMODORE NOTES

BENOIST, STOKES NAMED DISTRICT IV ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

Commodore starting linebackers **Patrick Benoist** and **John Stokes** have been named to the Academic All-District IV Team as selected by the College Sports Information Directors and sponsored by *ESPN The Magazine*.

Benoist (Jr., Southlake, Texas) and Stokes (So., Memphis, Tenn.) will advance to the national ballot for the Academic All-America team, which will be announced in December. To be nominated for the Academic All-America process, a student-athlete must have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.30, be a sophomore or higher in academic and athletic standing, and be a starter or key reserve.

The Academic All-District IV team is comprised of players from the states of Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama.

Benoist has a 3.38 GPA with a major in Economics. He has been one of the SEC's leading tacklers all season, currently ranking second in the conference with 78 total tackles. He also shares the Commodore team lead with 41 solo tackles, and has 5.5 tackles for loss, a pair sacks and three defended passes.

Stokes has a 3.73 GPA and is undeclared, though he plans to pursue postgraduate studies in medicine. Stokes has six starts at OLB and has 19 total tackles. He also serves as the snapper on special teams.

TWO 'DORE WINS VS. RANKED TEAMS

Vanderbilt's early-season victories over ranked opponents Auburn and South Carolina marks the first time in team history that the 'Dores have defeated two ranked squads in the same regular season.

The Commodores defeated No. 13 Auburn (14-13, Oct. 4) and No. 24 South Carolina (24-17, Sept. 4) in Vanderbilt Stadium.

Vanderbilt is 2-2 this year vs. ranked teams. The losses came at No. 13 Georgia (14-24, Oct. 18) and vs. Florida (14-42, Nov. 8).

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.

Only once previously (1955) has Vanderbilt topped two ranked teams. That season, Vanderbilt beat No. 17 Kentucky 34-0 in the regular season, then dropped No. 8 Auburn in the Gator Bowl 25-13.

Since 2006, the Commodores are 4-7 against ranked opponents. Before 2006, Vanderbilt lost 51 straight games to ranked foes.

The win over South Carolina marked the first time in team history that Vanderbilt has defeated Top 25 teams in three straight seasons.

Recent Vanderbilt wins over Top 25 teams

| 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 |

THORPE AWARD CONTENDERS FEATURED

The Vanderbilt-Tennessee game will feature two of the 13 semifinalists for the Jim Thorpe Award, Commodore junior DB **D.J. Moore** and Tennessee sophomore DB **Eric Berry**.

NEAR-CAPACITY CROWDS WATCHING 'DORES

A sellout crowd of 39,773 watched the Commodores host Florida on Nov. 8 in Vanderbilt Stadium, continuing a strong showing by followers of the team at admission gates.

It was the second sellout crowd of the season for the Commodores: the first came in a 14-13 Vanderbilt victory over Auburn on Oct. 4. The team's last home game, vs. Tennessee on Nov. 22, also is sold out.

Through five games, the 'Dores are averaging crowds of 38,407.

Average Home Attendance in Last Decade

| YEAR | AVG. ATTENDANCE |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| 2008 (thru 5 games) | 38,407 |
| 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 |
| 2000 (5 games) | 32,821 |
| 1999 (6 games) | 34,215 |

19 TENNESSEANS ON VANDERBILT ROSTER

The Vanderbilt roster includes 19 Tennessee residents. They include **Jeff Jennings** (R-Sr., TB, Dandridge); **Bryant Hahnfeldt** (Sr., PK, Nashville); **Matt Bubis** (Sr., FB, Nashville); **Nick Forte** (Sr., OL, Brentwood); **Eric Hensley** (R-Jr., OT, Clinton); **Thomas Welch** (R-Jr., OT, Brentwood); **John Laughrey** (R-Jr., PK, McKenzie); **Chris DeGeorge** (R-So., Portland); **Gaston Miller** (R-So., TB, Murfreesboro); **Theron Kadri** (So., DE, Brighton); **Willie Parker Roe** (R-So., DB, Humboldt); **Duane Vaughn** (R-So., DB, Goodlettsville); **Adam Smotherman** (R-So., DT, Smyrna); **John Stokes** (So., LB/SN, Memphis); **Jamie Graham** (R-Fr., WR, Nashville); **Chris Marve** (R-Fr., LB, Memphis); **James Williams** (R-Fr., OL, Smyrna) and **DeAndre Jones** (Fr., LB, Memphis).

PREP TEAMMATES FACING OFF

Several former prep teammates will square off Saturday when the Commodores and Volunteers meet.

Mackenzi Adams (R-Jr., QB) and UT's **Chase Nelson** (Jr., DT) played together on a state title squad at Tulsa (Okla.) Union H.S.

Adam Smotherman (R-So., DT) and **Jamie Williams** (R-Fr., OT) were teammates at Smyrna H.S. southeast of Nashville with UT's **Marsalous Johnson** (R-Jr., CB) and **Rodriquez Wilks** (Fr., WR).

Nick Forte (R-So. OL) played at Brentwood Academy near Nashville with Tennessee's **David Holbert** (Sr., FB).

Bryant Hahnfeldt (Sr., PK), **Matt Bubis** (R-Jr., TE) and **Rich Tompkins** (R-Fr., DB) attended Nashville's Montgomery Bell Academy with current Vols **Preston Bailey** (Fr., OL) and **Ben Bartholomew** (Fr., FB).

Nick Forte (R-Jr., OG) and UT's **David Holbert** (Sr., FB) were teammates at Brentwood Academy south of Nashville.

PLAYER PARTICIPATION ★ COMMODORE NOTES

VANDERBILT ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS

Senior **Bryant Hahnfeldt** is the only active player to hold a Commodore career record. A four-year starter as the Commodore placekicker, Hahnfeldt became the Vanderbilt all-time scoring leader earlier this season. He has 237 points.

D.J. Moore also moved into a tie for second with 13 career interceptions, just two behind the team record.

Other active players ranking among the team's all-time lists are

Chris Nickson (total offense, 6th; TD passes, 8th; pass attempts, 8th; completions, 8th; passing yards, 9th); and **Reshard Langford** (INTs, T-8th).

Active Commodore Career Leaders

| CATEGORY | TEAM LEADER/RUNNERUP | CAREER TOTALS |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Scoring | B. Hahnfeldt/J. Jennings | 237 pts./102 |
| Total Offense | C. Nickson/M. Adams | 4,791/2,305 |
| Total TDs | J. Jennings/C. Nickson | 17/16 |
| Rushing Yards | C. Nickson/J. Hawkins | 1,433/1,185 |
| Rushing Attempts | C. Nickson/J. Jennings | 323/288 |
| Rushing TDs | C. Nickson/J. Jennings | 16/15 |
| Passing Yards | C. Nickson/M. Adams | 3,343/1,786 |
| Completions | C. Nickson/M. Adams | 281/172 |
| Pass Attempts | C. Nickson/M. Adams | 525/319 |
| Passing TDs | C. Nickson/M. Adams | 23/12 |
| Receptions | G. Smith/S. Walker | 82/68 |
| Receiving Yards | G. Smith/S. Walker | 1,064/971 |
| Receiving TDs | S. Walker /G. Smith | 9/8 |
| Punt Return Yardage | D.J. Moore/A. Washington | 244/221 |
| Kickoff Return Yardage | D.J. Moore/A. Washington | 1,213/611 |
| Solo Tackles | R. Langford/R. Hamilton | 155/119 |
| Total Tackles | R. Langford/R. Hamilton | 226/179 |
| Tackles for Loss | B. Stewart/S. Stone | 21.5/20.0 |
| Quarterback Sacks | B. Stewart/S. Stone | 15.5/9.0 |
| Interceptions | D.J. Moore /R. Langford | 13/10 |
| Forced Fumbles | Stewart/Hamilton-Lewis-Langford-Marve | 4/3 |
| Fumbles Recovered | D.J. Moore/Hamilton (tie) | 4/4 |
| Defensed Passes | R. Langford/D.J. Moore (tie) | 18/18 |
| Punting | B. Upson | 38.8 |
| Career Starts (Pos.) | R. Langford/G. Smith | 45/32 |
| Consecutive Starts (Pos.) | R. Langford/R. Hamilton | 45/29 |

Note: Specialist Bryant Hahnfeldt (PK) also has 45 consecutive starts

DEFENSIVE UNIT AMONG SACK LEADERS

The Vanderbilt defense tops the SEC – and ranks 12th nationally – with 27 quarterback sacks. DB **Myron Lewis** (Jr.) leads the team with five sacks. DE **Broderick Stewart** (R-Jr.) is second with 4.5 sacks.

The 'Dore posted one sack of UK QB Randall Cobb Saturday.

Commodore Yearly QB Sack Highs

| | YEAR | TOTAL SACKS | SEASON LEADER (TOTAL) |
|------|------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | 1994 | 38 | James Manley (9) |
| 2. | 1999 | 31 | Matt Stewart (6.5) |
| 3. | 2007 | 30 | Broderick Stewart (6) |
| 4. | 1992 | 28 | Gary Rogers (6) |
| T-5. | 2008 | 27 | Myron Lewis (5) |
| | 1996 | 27 | Jamie Duncan (6) |
| | 1995 | 27 | Jay Stallworth (6) |

VANDERBILT ACTIVE PLAYER PARTICIPATION

| PLAYER | POS. | 2008 GAMES PLAYED | 2008 STARTS | CAREER GAMES PLAYED | CAREER STARTS | CONSECUTIVE CAREER STARTS |
|-------------------|-------|-------------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Chris Aaron | C | 2 | - | 2 | - | - |
| Mackenzi Adams | QB | 10 | 3 | 34 | 9 | 3 |
| Josh Allen | CB | 10 | 2 | 44 | 11 | - |
| Rob Ashabranner | C/OG | 2 | - | 2 | - | - |
| Joey Bailey | OG/C | 8 | 5 | 10 | 5 | - |
| Brandon Barden | TE | 10 | 7 | 10 | 7 | 7 |
| Patrick Benoist | LB | 10 | 10 | 36 | 15 | 14 |
| Greg Billinger | DT | 10 | 10 | 33 | 10 | 10 |
| Jake Bradford | TE | 10 | - | 34 | 2 | - |
| Terrell Brannon | DE | 9 | - | 9 | - | - |
| Brandon Bryant | LB | - | - | 20 | 3 | - |
| Matt Bubis | FB | 10 | - | 22 | - | - |
| Joel Caldwell | CB | 10 | - | 32 | 11 | - |
| Nate Campbell | LB | 10 | - | 22 | - | - |
| Thomas Carroll | H/PK | 2 | - | 2 | - | - |
| John Cole | WR | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
| Ryan Custer | OG | 10 | 9 | 34 | 12 | - |
| Jared Fagan | CB | 10 | 1 | 45 | 3 | - |
| Kyle Fischer | OT | 10 | 4 | 10 | 4 | 4 |
| Davis Flowers | LB | 2 | - | 2 | - | - |
| Nick Forte | OG | 7 | 1 | 7 | 1 | - |
| Tim Fugger | DE | 6 | - | 6 | - | - |
| Michael Garcia | LB | 10 | - | 14 | - | - |
| David Giller | SN | 5 | - | 5 | - | - |
| Drew Gardner | OL | 10 | - | 26 | - | - |
| Jamie Graham | WR | 9 | 6 | 9 | 6 | - |
| Justin Green | TE | 6 | - | 15 | - | - |
| T.J. Greenstone | DT | 10 | 2 | 10 | 2 | - |
| Bryant Hahnfeldt | PK | 10 | 10 | 45 | 45 | 45 |
| Ryan Hamilton | S | 10 | 10 | 34 | 31 | 29 |
| Jared Hawkins | TB | 10 | 9 | 32 | 9 | 9 |
| Casey Hayward | DB | 10 | - | 10 | - | - |
| Eric Hensley | OL | 10 | 4 | 27 | 4 | 4 |
| Jeff Jennings | TB | 7 | 1 | 38 | 14 | - |
| Chris Johnson | LB | 10 | - | 33 | - | - |
| Theron Kadri | DE | 8 | - | 20 | - | - |
| Reshard Langford | SS | 10 | 10 | 45 | 45 | 45 |
| Reilly Lauer | OT | 9 | 7 | 12 | 7 | 1 |
| John Laughrey | PK | - | - | 3 | - | - |
| David Leinweber | DE | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
| Myron Lewis | CB | 10 | 10 | 32 | 22 | 22 |
| Chris Marve | LB | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Gaston Miller | TB | 7 | - | 15 | - | - |
| Nick Miller | SN | - | - | 16 | - | - |
| Austin Monahan | TE | 4 | 3 | 13 | 3 | - |
| D.J. Moore | CB | 10 | 10 | 34 | 31 | 22 |
| Austin Newton | LB | 10 | - | 19 | - | - |
| Chris Nickson | QB | 9 | 7 | 36 | 25 | 1 |
| Kennard Reeves | RB | 7 | - | 19 | - | - |
| Chris Reinert | WR | 2 | - | 11 | - | - |
| Sean Richardson | S | 10 | - | 10 | - | - |
| Larry Simmons | WR | 4 | - | 8 | - | - |
| George Smith | WR | 6 | 5 | 41 | 31 | 1 |
| Adam Smotherman | DT | 9 | 8 | 18 | 8 | 6 |
| Darlon Spead | CB | 4 | 1 | 27 | 5 | - |
| Broderick Stewart | DE | 10 | 10 | 34 | 10 | 10 |
| John Stokes | LB/SN | 10 | 7 | 23 | 7 | 3 |
| Steven Stone | DE | 10 | 10 | 34 | 24 | 24 |
| Alan Strong | CB | 10 | - | 21 | - | - |
| Rich Tompkins | DB | 5 | - | 5 | - | - |
| Brent Trice | LB | 10 | - | 34 | - | - |
| Udom Umoh | WR | 10 | - | 10 | - | - |
| Brett Upson | P | 10 | 10 | 34 | 34 | 34 |
| Ryan Vance | OL | - | - | 3 | - | - |
| Bradley Vierling | OG | 10 | 10 | 34 | 10 | 10 |
| Sean Walker | WR | 10 | 10 | 41 | 31 | 10 |
| Alex Washington | WR | 5 | - | 29 | - | - |
| Thomas Welch | OT | 10 | 10 | 31 | 10 | 10 |
| Justin Wheeler | WR | 10 | 9 | 31 | 9 | 4 |
| James Williams | OT | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
| Turner Wimberly | WR | 7 | - | 7 | - | - |

COMMODORE NOTES

VANDERBILT RESULTS ON ESPN NETWORKS

Vanderbilt captured its first game ever on ESPN2 at Kentucky Saturday, and ran their record this season on ESPN programming to 4-1.

The 31-24 win over Kentucky broke a seven-game losing streak on ESPN2.

This year, the Commodores are 1-1 on ESPN2, 2-0 on ESPN and 1-0 on ESPNU.

While the Commodores enjoyed their first win on ESPN2 last weekend, they also ended a similar streak on ESPN earlier this season. Before topping South Carolina, the 'Dores were winless in seven previous ESPN appearances dating back to a 1984 game against LSU.

'DORES ON ESPN STATIONS

| YEAR | OPPONENT | STATION | W/L |
|------|--------------|---------|-----|
| 2008 | Kentucky | ESPN2 | W |
| 2008 | Florida | ESPN2 | 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 |

COMMODORE SUCCESS UNDER THE LIGHTS

The Commodores are 6-1 in night games this year, including victories over SEC opponents South Carolina, Ole Miss, Auburn and Kentucky.

Vanderbilt is yet to win during the day, going 0-3 against Mississippi State, Georgia and Duke in consecutive weeks.

Since the 2005 opener, the Commodores are 14-5 while playing under the lights, including a 10-4 record in Vanderbilt Stadium. The team also has earned 10 victories in its last 12 night games.

COMMODORES SHOWING RED ZONE EFFICIENCY ON BOTH SIDES OF SCRIMMAGE

One of the keys to Vanderbilt's 6-4 record has been the Commodores' success in red zone situations on both sides of the line of scrimmage.

The 'Dores are among the national leaders in red zone categories on both sides of the ball.

The offense ranks third in the SEC converting red zone chances into points. Through 10 games, the team has converted 90% of its opportunities (27/30).

On defense, Vanderbilt ranks second in the league, limiting opponents to points at a 67% clip (22 of 33 drives).

The success also extends to producing – and limiting – touchdowns in the red zone. The offense has notched 22 touchdowns in its 30 tries. Opponents have scored TDs on just 16 of 30 red zone possessions (six rushing/eight passing).

RED ZONE SUCCESS RATE

| 'DORE UNIT | SUCCESS% | SEC/NCAA |
|------------|----------|----------|
| Offense | 90% | 3/T-15 |
| Defense | 67% | 2/T-5 |

LANGFORD – SEC COMMUNITY SERVICE TEAM

Safety **Reshard Langford** (R-Sr., Tanner, Ala.) will be featured this week as the SEC Community Service Team Player of the Week on this weekend's Raycom Sports telecast of the Tennessee-Vanderbilt contest.

Langford, the Commodores' active career leader in tackles, has spent the last three summers working with young kids at the Martha O'Bryan Center, a Christian outreach ministry, serving as a mentor to inner-city youngsters in east Nashville. He has also spent time speaking to local elementary schools. Langford has also been actively involved in campus FCA activities.

He is expected to graduate in December with a degree in sociology from the College of Arts and Science.

Langford has been a standout on the field for the last four years. He tops all SEC secondary players with 45 consecutive career starts entering the Tennessee game.

Student-Athletes earn SEC Community Service Team recognition for their community service and campus activities.

COMEBACK COMMODORES: FIVE OF SIX WINS COME AFTER FACING DEFICITS

It took three months and 10 opponents, but the Commodores finally defeated a team without having to overcome a deficit.

After trailing nine straight opponents, Vanderbilt took an early 14-0 edge at Kentucky and never trailed en route to a 31-24 win.

Bobby Johnson's squad has faced deficits in its first nine games, yet managed register five victories.

In each of Vanderbilt's first five wins, the Commodores 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 SEC 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.

STAT RANKINGS ★ MOORE...MR. VERSATILITY

VANDERBILT 2008 STATISTICAL RANKINGS

| TEAM CATEGORY | AVG. | SEC | NCAA |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------|-----------|
| Scoring Offense | 21.3 | 8 | 90 |
| Scoring Defense | 19.8 | 6 | 27 |
| Total Offense | 266.9 | 12 | 116 |
| Rushing Offense | 151.7 | 6 | 57 |
| Passing Offense | 115.2 | 12 | 114 |
| Total Defense | 325.0 | 9 | 37 |
| Rushing Defense | 136.0 | 9 | 54 |
| Passing Defense | 189.0 | 7 | 33 |
| Net Punting | 35.5 | 7 | 52 |
| Punt Returns | 11.0 | 6 | 32 |
| Kickoff Returns | 19.4 | 10 | 101 |
| Turnover Margin | +7 | 2 | 21 |
| Pass Efficiency | 108.1 | 8 | 99 |
| Defensive Pass Efficiency | 111.7 | 8 | 33 |
| Penalties (Total) | 45 | 2 | T-13 |
| Penalty Yardage | 40.2 | 2 | 18 |
| Third Down Conv. % | 36% | 8 | 83 |
| Third-Down Conv. % (opponent) | 36% | 8 | 45 |
| Red Zone Offense Efficiency | 90% | 3 | T-15 |
| Red Zone Defense Efficiency | 67% | 2 | T-5 |
| Quarterback Sacks | 27 | 1 | T-17 |
| Quarterback Sacks Allowed | 16 | 7 | T-49 |
| Pass Interceptions | 16 | 2 | T-9 |
| Time of Possession | 30:36 | 5 | 49 |
| First Downs | 15.2 | 11 | 112 |
| First Downs Allowed | 18.1 | 11 | 48 |
| INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY | AVG. | SEC | NCAA |
| Mackenzi Adams | pass efficiency | 104.2 | 10 |
| | total offense | 84.8 | 17 |
| Patrick Benoist | tackles | 8.3 | 5 T-57 |
| Bryant Hahnfeldt | scoring (kicker) | 5.1 | 13 |
| | field goals made | 8 | 9 T-78 |
| Ryan Hamilton | interceptions | 3 | T-10 T-58 |
| | tackles | 7.7 | T-8 T-88 |
| | fumble recoveries | 3 | T-1 |
| Jared Hawkins | rushing | 57.1 | 7 91 |
| Myron Lewis | passes defended | .9 | T-8 T-80 |
| | interceptions | 3 | T-10 T-58 |
| | sacks | .5 | T-6 T-72 |
| | tackles | 6.2 | 17 |
| Chris Marve | tackles | 7.9 | 6 T-73 |
| D.J. Moore | passes defended | 1.1 | 4 T-42 |
| | interceptions | 6 | T-1 T-1 |
| | punt returns | 14.4 | 4 14 |
| | all-purpose yards | 76.8 | 14 |
| Chris Nickson | rushing | 52.1 | 11 |
| | pass efficiency | 112.8 | 9 |
| | total offense | 111.3 | 13 |
| Broderick Stewart | sacks | 4.5 | T-9 |
| | tackles for loss | .8 | T-11 |
| Steven Stone | sacks | .4 | T-11 |
| Brett Upson | punting | 40.4 | 6 53 |
| Sean Walker | receptions | 27 | 17 |
| | receiving yards | 38.8 | 14 |
| | all-purpose yards | 73.0 | 17 |

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.

Moore put together one of the finest individual performances in recent Commodore history Saturday at Kentucky, contributing in virtually every phase of the game.

As a defensive back, he won Walter Camp Foundation National Player of the Week honors after posting a pair of key interceptions in Vanderbilt's important win. Moore's last pick sealed the Commodore win with 2:07 left.

In the first quarter, Moore was just as instrumental on offense, catching touchdown passes of 25 and 18 yards. The receptions was the first two of Moore's collegiate career.

He also contributed as a kickoff and punt returner.

Moore (Broome H.S., Spartanburg, S.C.) is the SEC's only athlete this year to see action at five positions (CB, WR, QB, PR and KR) and serve as a four-way contributor (Def./Off./PR/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.

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 is the SEC's No. 3 punt returner with a 16.4-yard average.

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 NAMED THORPE AWARD SEMIFINALIST NOV. 4

Moore was named as a semifinalist for the 2008 Jim Thorpe Award on Nov. 4. He is one of 13 semifinalists for the nation's top DB award.

Other semifinalists besides Moore include Asher Allen, Jr., Georgia; Eric Berry, So., Tennessee; Emanuel Cook, Jr., So. Carolina; Vontae Davis, Jr., Illinois; Trimane Goddard, Sr., North Carolina; Malcolm Jenkins, Sr., Ohio State; Trevard Lindley, Jr., Kentucky; Taylor Mays, Jr., USC; Mike Mickens, Sr., Cincinnati; William Moore, Sr., Missouri; Alphonso Smith, Sr., Wake Forest; and Otis Wiley, Sr., Michigan State.

Moore has enjoyed an excellent junior campaign, contributing six interceptions, 43 total tackles and six defended passes.

A three-year starter in the Commodore secondary, Moore has shown the versatility to play CB, WR and QB – and as serve the team's top returner.



COMMODORE NOTES

NICKSON DIRECTS EFFECTIVE OFFENSE

The return of **Chris Nickson** (R-Sr., QB) to the starting lineup at Kentucky was a huge success.

After missing two of the Commodores' last three games, Nickson guided the Commodores to a 31-24 victory in Lexington.

Nickson, a product of Pike County H.S. in Brundidge, Ala., produced season highs in total offense (273 yards), pass completions (15), passing yards (155) and touchdown passes (3) while confidently directing the Commodore offense.

Just as importantly, Nickson protected the football. The Commodore offense did not register a turnover in the cold, damp conditions.

Nickson finished the night completing 15 of 27 passes for 155 yards passing and three touchdowns, all season highs. He also added 118 rushing yards rushing on 20 carries, the Commodores' second highest rushing total of the season this year behind Nickson's 166-yard output in the season opener at Miami (Ohio).

Commonwealth Stadium in Kentucky will always hold good memories for Nickson. In his only previous action in Lexington, Nickson produced one of the greatest individual offensive efforts in Vanderbilt history, throwing for 446 yards and accumulating 517 yards of total offense in a 38-26 loss.

Nickson ranks second all-time among Vanderbilt QBs with 1,390 rushing yards. He is 78 yards behind team record holder Damian Allen (1,458 yards, 1994-97).

Nickson also is currently ninth all-time among Commodore quarterbacks in passing yardage (3,394), but appears within reach of three others: Bill Wade (8th, 3,397), John Gromos (7th, 3,514) and Damian Allen (3,704).

Nickson also has accounted for 46 touchdowns – 29 passing and 16 rushing – during his Commodore career.

HAWKINS SOLID IN RUN GAME AT KENTUCKY

One year after suffering a serious injury against Kentucky, **Jared Hawkins** (R-Jr., TB) came through with arguably his finest career outing in the Commodores' 31-24 road win over the Wildcats.

Hawkins produced 133 yards of total offense – 84 rushing and 49 receiving – to help the Commodore offense to its best production this year against an SEC opponent. He also produced the winning margin on a 4-yard rush early in the fourth quarter.

The 84 rushing yards ties for the second most ever by Hawkins, behind only a 107-yard output earlier this year against Rice.

Hawkins also enjoyed an excellent effort as a receiving target out of the backfield, setting career highs in receptions (4) and receiving yards (49). His first catch from Chris Nickson went 39 yards, another career high.

Hawkins has 571 rushing yards this season, tops on the team. He can join the team's all-time Top Ten junior rushing charts with 39 more yards. He also ranks third on the team with 16 receptions.

Hawkins is the active career leader among Commodore running backs with 1,136 rushing yards. He ranks seventh in the SEC this season with a 57.1-yard average.

NOTES FROM WIN AT KENTUCKY

- The 31-point output was the most points scored by Vanderbilt on the road against an SEC opponent since the Commodores produced 42 points in a double-overtime loss at Florida on Nov. 5, 2005.

- The Commodore defense held Kentucky without a first down until the third quarter. The Wildcats went into intermission with just 40 total yards. Kentucky's lone first down in the opening half came on a fake punt.

- Vanderbilt owned an impressive 39:18-20:42 advantage in time of possession, running 20 more plays (70-50) than Kentucky. The time of possession comparison was even more slanted toward Vanderbilt at halftime (24:50-5:10).

- The Commodore offense produced a season high of 368 total yards, including 213 rushing yards. The rushing total was the most against an SEC opponent since the Commodores' 239-yard total vs. Kentucky last year.

- In a year where the Commodore offense is finding production from many directions, the leading rusher against Kentucky was a quarterback (**Chris Nickson**, 118 yards) and the top receiver was a running back (**Jared Hawkins**, 49 yards).

- TE **Brandon Barden** continues to show development in his first varsity season. A redshirt freshman, Barden had four receptions for 20 yards, including a one-handed grab and dive into the end zone for his third career touchdown reception.

Barden ranks second on the team with 22 receptions. The Commodore leader is WR **Sean Walker** (27 catches).

- Despite an earlier block, PK **Bryant Hahnfeldt** posted his first field goal conversion in nearly two months. The conversion from 39 yards snapped an 0-5 streak for the team's all-time leading scorer.

- While **D.J. Moore** stole the spotlight with two interceptions, CB **Myron Lewis** and LBs **Chris Marve** and **Patrick Benoist** continued to play effectively for the Commodore defense.

Lewis topped the Commodores with seven total tackles, frequently stopping scrambling UK QB Randall Cobb for short gains. Marve and Benoist, both among the SEC's Top Ten tacklers, each contributed five stops to the Commodore cause.

- Brett Upson's punting statistics didn't dazzle, but his ability to function under fire sure came through.

Three personal fouls against Kentucky for roughing Upson were called during the game. Minutes after the third penalty was negated due to a Vanderbilt infraction, Upson came through with his best effort of the game – a 50-yarder. Upson averaged 42.0 yards per punt.

- The Vanderbilt defense held Kentucky to just one third down conversion in 10 attempts. The Vanderbilt offense was 7 of 15 on third downs.

- Vanderbilt's lone fourth down attempt, 4th & 4 from the UK 25-yard line, resulted in the Commodores' first touchdown – a Nickson-to-Moore connection.

- The Vanderbilt defense held Kentucky to 241 total yards. It was the fourth time this season that a Commodore opponent was limited to 250 total yards or less.

STAT COMPARISONS ★ VANDERBILT NOTES

STATISTICAL COMPARISON

| | <u>VANDERBILT</u> | <u>TENNESSEE</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| TEAM RECORD | 6-4/4-3 | 3-7/1-5 |
| TOTAL POINTS | 213 | 160 |
| TOUCHDOWNS SCORED | 27 | 20 |
| POINTS ALLOWED | 198 | 181 |
| TOUCHDOWNS ALLOWED | 25 | 18 |
| FIRST DOWNS | 152 | 141 |
| RUSHING | 81 | 61 |
| PASSING | 50 | 67 |
| PENALTY | 21 | 13 |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 1793 | 1043 |
| YARDS GAINED RUSHING | 1517 | 1259 |
| YARDS LOST RUSHING | [276] | [216] |
| RUSHING ATTEMPTS | 373 | 205 |
| AVERAGE PER RUSH | 4.01 | 3.4 |
| AVERAGE PER GAME | 151.7 | 104.3 |
| TDs RUSHING | 13 | 10 |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 1152 | 1628 |
| ATT-COMP-INT | 220-114-8 | 292-143-7 |
| AVERAGE PER PASS | 5.2 | 5.6 |
| AVERAGE PER CATCH | 10.1 | 11.4 |
| AVERAGE PER GAME | 115.2 | 162.8 |
| TDs PASSING | 13 | 7 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 2669 | 2671 |
| TOTAL PLAYS | 593 | 597 |
| AVERAGE PER PLAY | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| AVERAGE PER GAME | 266.9 | 267.1 |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS | 39-757 | 38-892 |
| AVERAGE KICK RETURN | 19.4 | 23.5 |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS | 27-298 | 25-109 |
| AVERAGE PUNT RETURN | 11.0 | 7.8 |
| INTERCEPTION RETURNS: #-YARDS | 16-229 | 15-364 |
| AVERAGE INT. RETURN | 14.3 | 24.3 |
| FUMBLES/FUMBLES LOST | 19-7 | 11-8 |
| OPP. FUMBLES/FUMBLES RECOVERED | 21-6 | 7-2 |
| PENALTIES-YARDS | 45-402 | 58-490 |
| AVERAGE PER GAME | 40.2 | 49.0 |
| PUNTS-YARDS | 59-2289 | 59-2415 |
| AVERAGE PER PUNT | 38.8 | 40.9 |
| NET PUNT AVERAGE | 35.5 | 34.6 |
| TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME | 30:36 | 27:18 |
| 3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS | 49/135 | 48/140 |
| 3RD DOWN PCT. | 36% | 34% |
| 4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS | 2/6 | 3/12 |
| 4TH DOWN PCT. | 33% | 25% |
| QB SACKS-YARDS | 26-176 | 15-74 |
| QB SACKS ALLOWED-YARDS | 16-115 | 21-151 |
| FG MADE/ATTEMPTS | 8/13 | 8/15 |
| OPP. FG MADE/ATTEMPTS | 8/15 | 19/23 |

CONTENDING ON THE ROAD

Vanderbilt's 31-24 victory over Kentucky continues a vast improvement for the Commodores in road results.

Vanderbilt is now 9-11 overall in road games since the 2005 season, when the Jay Cutler-directed Commodores opened with road victories at Wake Forest and Arkansas.

This year, the Commodores are 3-2 on the road, with wins coming at Miami (Ohio), Ole Miss and Kentucky. The team's two road losses came by narrow margins – three points at Mississippi State and 10 points at ranked Georgia.

Under Bobby Johnson's direction, the Commodores have posted some impressive road accomplishments:

- Winning for the first time at Arkansas (28-24, 2005);
- Winning in Knoxville for the first time since 1975 (28-24, 2005);
- Defeating nationally ranked opponents Georgia (24-22, 2006) and South Carolina (17-6, 2007).

Johnson's Commodores have now captured wins on five of the six campuses of SEC Eastern Division rivals. The only SEC East campus where Johnson's squad hasn't won is Florida.

RETURNING TO WINNING FORMULA

After suffering four straight losses, the Commodores returned to their winning formula at Kentucky: posting a positive turnover margin to compliment a solid defense and opportunistic offense.

The Commodores used the formula to open the season with five consecutive wins. The formula was missing in at recent four-game losing streak.

Turnover margin demonstrates the Commodores' tale of two seasons. Vanderbilt topped the nation in turnover margin in going 5-0. In the four losses, the 'Dores committed three more turnovers than they have forced.

In the victory at Kentucky, the Commodores owned an advantage in turnovers, posting two interceptions while allowing a lone fumble. The Commodores turned their first interception into seven points, then sealed the victory with the second interception.

The Commodores continue to rank high nationally in the key statistic. Vanderbilt's +7 turnover margin ranks second in the SEC behind NCAA leader Florida and 15th nationally.

'DORES LIMITING PENALTIES

The Commodores continue to rank among the least penalized teams in the nation.

Vanderbilt is second in the SEC – and among the NCAA's Top 20 – in fewest penalties and penalty yardage. The Commodores have averaging 4.5 infractions and 40.2 penalty yards per game, slightly trailing SEC leader Alabama in both categories.

The 'Dores were called for four flags totalling 41 yards at Kentucky, one week after having single highs in both categories vs. Florida.

Vanderbilt is ranked 13th in total penalties and 18th in penalty yardage in the latest NCAA statistics.



COMMODORE NOTES

HAHNFELDT: TEAM'S ALL-TIME SCORER

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

Despite the achievements, Hahnfeldt has struggled in recent weeks, missing his last four field goal attempts.

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 237 career points, 28 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 8-of-13 in field goals, including three beyond 40 yards. He is also 27 of 27 on extra point attempts.

Hahnfeldt holds the team record for PATs made with 114. He needs six field goals to tie Markham's school record of 47.

Commodore Leaders – Career Points by Kicker

| | PLACEKICKER | FGs | PATs | POINTS |
|----|-----------------------------------|-------|---------|--------|
| 1. | Bryant Hahnfeldt , 2005-08 | 41-67 | 114-117 | 237 |
| 2. | John Markham, 1997-2000 | 47-68 | 68-77 | 209 |

SECOND HALF SUCCESS KEY TO 6-4 RECORD

The 'Dores' 6-4 record has been keyed by scoring success after intermission.

Vanderbilt has outscored its opponents 100-61 in the second half, including a 55-24 margin in the fourth quarter.

The Commodore defense has held three opponents – Rice, Ole Miss and Auburn – scoreless after intermission. Florida registered a lone third quarter touchdown against the Commodores.

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 STOPPING LOSING STREAKS TO RIVALS

Vanderbilt's 31-24 victory at Kentucky stopped a four-game Commodore losing streak to the Wildcats. It's one of many losing streaks the 'Dores have stopped under Bobby Johnson:

KENTUCKY – 4 games, 31-24, 2008

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 squad has 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.

VANDERBILT'S RECORD WHEN...

| | |
|---|-----|
| Playing at home..... | 3-2 |
| Playing on the road..... | 3-2 |
| Playing on a neutral field | 0-0 |
| Playing at night..... | 5-1 |
| Playing during the day | 1-3 |
| Vanderbilt scores on first possession | 1-0 |
| Opponent scores on first possession | 3-2 |
| Vanderbilt scores first | 1-0 |
| Opponent scores first | 5-4 |
| Vanderbilt leads after 1st quarter | 2-0 |
| Opponent leads after 1st quarter | 4-3 |
| Teams are tied after 1st quarter | 0-0 |
| Vanderbilt leads at halftime | 2-1 |
| Opponent leads at halftime..... | 2-3 |
| Teams are tied at halftime | 2-0 |
| Vanderbilt leads after 3rd quarter | 5-0 |
| Opponent leads after 3rd quarter | 0-4 |
| Game goes to overtime..... | 0-0 |
| Vanderbilt has more total yards | 3-1 |
| Opponent has more total yards | 3-3 |
| Vanderbilt has more rushing yards | 4-1 |
| Opponent has more rushing yards | 2-3 |
| Vanderbilt has more passing yards | 2-0 |
| Opponent has more passing yards..... | 4-4 |
| Vanderbilt has more turnovers | 0-2 |
| Opponent has more turnovers..... | 5-1 |
| Teams have equal turnovers | 1-1 |
| Vanderbilt has more penalties..... | 0-2 |
| Opponent has more penalties | 5-2 |
| Teams have equal penalties..... | 1-0 |
| Vanderbilt has more time of possession..... | 6-1 |
| Opponent has more time of possession | 0-3 |
| Vanderbilt has 100-yard rusher | 3-0 |
| Opponent has 100-yard rusher | 1-2 |
| Vanderbilt scores at least 20 points | 5-0 |
| Vanderbilt scores under 20 points | 1-4 |
| Opponent scores at least 20 points | 2-2 |
| Opponent scores under 20 points | 4-2 |
| Vanderbilt throws for 300 yards..... | 0-0 |
| Vanderbilt throws for 200-299 yards | 0-1 |
| Opponent throws for 300 yards | 0-0 |
| Opponent throws for 200-299 yards..... | 3-1 |
| Playing on natural grass | 4-4 |
| Playing on artificial surface..... | 2-0 |
| Vanderbilt defense scores..... | 1-0 |
| Opponent defense scores | 1-0 |
| Vanderbilt returns KO or Punt for TD | 0-0 |
| Opponent returns KO or Punt for TD | 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 'Dores' 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 also had 13 total tackles and a recovered fumble last Saturday against Florida.

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.

OTHER INDIVIDUAL/ TEAM 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

D.J. Moore, at Kentucky, Nov. 15

- FWAA National Defensive Player of the Week

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

2008 SEASON TICKETS SOLD OUT

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.

'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.

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 vs. Florida on Nov. 8, the Commodore 22-player starting starting lineup included three seniors, 15 juniors, a sophomore and three redshirt freshmen.

VANDERBILT • TOAST OF TOSTITOS OCT. 4

Vanderbilt was selected as the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl National Team of the Week by the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA) on Oct. 4 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.

FORMER 'DORE DEMMAS TO BE HONORED

Former Commodore co-captain **Art Demmas** (Class of 1956) has been selected as one of four individuals nationwide for the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame's prestigious Chapter Leadership Awards next month in New York.

A 1956 co-captain, Demmas was a starting tackle for the 'Dores' 1955 Gator Bowl squad. After his college career, Demmas became a high school football official and eventually advanced to the NFL where he worked 28 seasons, including four Super Bowls.

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

Brett Upson, punter

DUKE

OFF. PLAYERS OF WEEK:

DEF. PLAYERS OF WEEK:

SPECIALIST OF WEEK:

(L) 7-10, Oct. 25

Greg Billinger, DT

Chris Marve, LB, Broderick Stewart, DE

Joel Caldwell, coverage

FLORIDA

OFF. PLAYERS OF WEEK:

DEF. PLAYERS OF WEEK:

SPECIALIST OF WEEK: Sean Richardson, coverage

(L) 14-42, Nov. 8

Thomas Welch, OT

Ryan Hamilton, S

KENTUCKY

OFF. PLAYERS OF WEEK:

DEF. PLAYERS OF WEEK:

SPECIALIST OF WEEK:

(W) 31-24, Nov. 15

Brandon Barden, TE;

Jared Hawkins, TB; Chris Nickson, QB

D.J. Moore, DB

Sean Richardson, coverage

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 12 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 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.

SPREAD BACK IN ACTION

Junior DB **Darlon Spead** returned to action against Florida after missing six games with a lower leg injury suffered on an interception return against South Carolina.

Jamie Graham (R-Fr., WR) is expected to return to practice this week after missing the Kentucky game with an ankle injury.

Graham's absence last week continues the injury woes at receiver. The 'Dores played without senior WR and co-captain **George Smith** for the first four games. They also lost the services of promising freshman WR **John Cole** in the season opener to a knee injury. **Austin Monahan** (So., TE) was just developing into a reliable starter when he was suffered a season-ending shoulder fracture in Vanderbilt's 23-17 win at Ole Miss. 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.

Earlier this year, a fifth receiver, **Chris Reinert** (R-Jr.), was lost for the season to a broken left leg in the Commodores' victory over South Carolina.

On the defense, **Brandon Bryant** (R-Jr., LB) 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

DEFENSE RANKS AMONG INTERCEPTION LEADERS

The Commodore defense, led by a veteran defensive secondary, continues to rank among the SEC leaders in interceptions.

The Commodores' 16-interception is tied with Florida for third best in the SEC behind Alabama and Tennessee.

The defense posted two interceptions – both by All-America candidate D.J. Moore – in its sixth win last Saturday at Kentucky.

Moore has the team lead with six interceptions. CB **Myron Lewis** and safety **Ryan Hamilton** 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** also has a pair of interceptions.

Junior nickelback **Darlon Speed** also returned against Florida after missing six games with a lower leg injury. Speed was hurt returning an interception against South Carolina.

CONSISTENCY ON DEFENSE

While the Commodore offense has struggled with presistent injuries, the Vanderbilt defense have not faced personnel depletions.

The defensive starting lineup against Kentucky matched the season opener at Miami (Ohio).

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 on Oct. 18.

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 were WR **John Cole**, CB **Casey Hayward** and safety **Sean Richardson**. Cole is out for the season suffering a leg injury 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 | After four weeks as special teams player, was inactive for Chicago's loss at Green Bay |
| Marcus Buggs, LB | Buffalo Bills | Expected to dress as reserve linebacker when Bills play Browns on Monday Night Football |
| Corey Chavous, Safety | St. Louis Rams | As starting safety, registers four total tackles in St. Louis' loss at San Francisco |
| Jay Cutler, QB | Denver Broncos | Hit 19 of 27 for 216 yards and a deciding TD pass as Broncos earn 24-20 win in Atlanta |
| Curtis Gatewood, LB | Washington Redskins | Re-signed to Washington's practice squad on Oct. 7 |
| Justin Geisinger, OG/C | Washington Redskins | Saw limited action as reserve offensive lineman in Washington's 14-10 loss to Dallas |
| Jonathan Goff, LB | New York Giants | Was inactive in Giants' win over Ravens due to concussion suffered in previous game |
| Theo Horrocks, DT | Jacksonville Jaguars | Suffered foot injury in preseason; added to Jaguars' injured reserve list in late August |
| Jovan Haye, DT | Tampa Bay | Back in starting lineup at DT, registers four tackles in Tampa Bay's 19-13 win over Vikings |
| Hunter Hillenmeyer, LB | Chicago Bears | Did not register tackle coming back from thumb injury as Bears drop decision at Packers |
| Chris Williams, OT | Chicago Bears | Played on conversion units for third straight week in Chicago's loss at Green Bay |
| Jimmy Williams, DB | Houston Texans | Seven-year pro is currently on injured reserve with Texans |
| Jamie Winborn, LB | Denver Broncos | Tops Denver defensive effort with 10 total tackles in Broncos' 24-20 win over Falcons |
| Todd Yoder, TE | Washington Redskins | Served on special teams and as blocking TE in Washington's 14-10 loss to the Cowboys |

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 82 career receptions, 1,064 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 a TD pass against Florida, his third of the season. He also has a TD rush for the Commodores. For the season, Graham has eight rushes for 59 yards and 13 receptions for 98 yards. He also averages 4.9 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.

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)
Terrial (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) Speed (SPEED)
Udom (OOD-um) Umoh (OO-mah)
Bradley Vierling (VEER-ling)

JOHNSON, STUDENT-ATHLETE

POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

Following the Tennessee game, Coach Johnson will meet with media representatives at the Commodores' postgame press conference facilities in McGugin Center, located across Jess Neely Drive from Vanderbilt Stadium. It can be accessed through the stadium tunnel, across the street and into the former Sports Medicine entrance of McGugin Center.

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 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

- 86-90 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
- 226-146-8 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 | 6-4 |
| 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 | 6-4 (4-3) | First time bowl eligible in 26 years |
| 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. 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 |
| 1989 | Furman | Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator | 12-2 | I-AA Playoffs; Conference Champions |
| 1988 | Furman | Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator | 13-2 | I-AA National Champions; Conference Champions |
| 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 | Conference Champion |
| 1982 | Furman | Defensive Backs Coach | 9-3 | Conference Champion |
| 1981 | Furman | Defensive Backs Coach | 8-3 | Conference Champion |
| 1980 | Clemson | Athletic Academic Counselor | | |
| 1979 | Furman | Defensive Backs Coach | 5-6 | |
| 1978 | Furman | Defensive Backs Coach | 8-3 | Conference Champion |
| 1977 | Furman | Defensive Backs Coach | 4-5-2 | |
| 1976 | Furman | Defensive Ends Coach | 6-4-1 | |

JOHNSON INTERVIEWS

Coach Johnson conducts a weekly press conference for local media Mondays at 12:00 noon CT. It is held in the McGugin Center. A live feed of the conference is planned at vucommodores.com. A transcript is provided no more than three hours later. A satellite feed of Johnson's Monday press conference is not available.

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 NOVEMBER 16

| 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 | Teriall 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 | 3 | Chris Nickson | (6-1, 212, R-Sr.) | DE | 90 | Broderick Stewart | (6-5, 230, R-Jr.) |
| | 9 | Mackenzi Adams | (6-3, 215, R-Jr.) | | 42 | Tim Fugger | (6-3, 250, R-Fr.) |
| TB | 31 | Jared Hawkins | (5-10, 202, R-Jr.) | SLB | 49 | John Stokes | (6-5, 228, So.) |
| | 21 | Jeff Jennings | (6-1, 215, R-Jr.) | | 11 | Brent Trice | (6-3, 218, Jr.) |
| | 27 | Gaston Miller | (5-7, 175, R-So.) | MLB | 13 | Chris Marve | (6-0, 225, R-Fr.) |
| TE | 87 | Brandon Barden | (6-5, 245, R-Fr.) | | 45 | Chris Johnson | (6-1, 228, R-Jr.) |
| | 85 | Jake Bradford | (6-6, 270, Sr.) | WLB | 30 | Patrick Benoist | (6-0, 220, Jr.) |
| LT | 68 | Reilly Lauer | (6-6, 275, R-So.) | | 52 | Nathan Campbell | 6-3, 228, R-So.) |
| | 72 | Kyle Fischer | (6-6, 300, R-Fr.) | CB | 17 | D.J. Moore | (5-10, 182, Jr.) |
| LG | 72 | Kyle Fischer | (6-6, 300, R-Fr.) | | 14 | Josh Allen | (5-9, 184, R-Sr.) |
| | 73 | Ryan Custer | (6-3, 295, 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.) |
| | 71 | Joey Bailey | (6-4, 280, R-So.) | 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 | 6 | Darlron Spead | (5-10, 184, R-Jr.) |
| | | | | | 19 | Casey Hayward | (5-11, 178, Fr.) |

SPECIALISTS

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|----|----|------------------|-------------------|----|----|------------------|-------------------|
| PK | 8 | Bryant Hahnfeldt | (5-11, 185, Sr.) | KO | 8 | Bryant Hahnfeldt | (5-11, 185, Sr.) |
| | 94 | Ryan Fowler | (5-10, 160, Fr.) | | 94 | Ryan Fowler | (5-10, 160, Fr.) |
| H | 50 | Thomas Carroll | (5-9, 165, R-Jr.) | KR | 17 | D.J. Moore | (5-10, 182, Jr.) |
| | 9 | Mackenzi Adams | (6-3, 215, R-Jr.) | | 27 | Gaston Miller | (5-7, 180, R-So.) |
| SN | 49 | John Stokes | (6-5, 228, So.) | PR | 17 | D.J. Moore | (5-10, 182, Jr.) |
| | 69 | David Giller | (6-1, 240, So.) | | 25 | Jamie Graham | (6-0, 190, R-Fr.) |
| P | 39 | Brett Upson | (5-11, 185, Jr.) | | | | |

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 | Terrell 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 |
| 73 | Ryan Custer | OG | 6-3 | 295 | R-Jr. | 2L | Troy, Ohio/Troy | 28* | Alex Schultz | DB | 6-0 | 192 | R-Jr. | SQ | Wayland, Mass./Wayland |
| 48 | Dexter Daniels | LB | 6-1 | 210 | Fr. | HS | Brantley, Ala./Brantley | 45* | Chavez Scott | TB | 5-7 | 185 | Fr. | HS | Memphis, Tenn./Whitehaven |
| 84 | Chris DeGeorge | HB | 6-2 | 225 | R-Jr. | SQ | Portland, Tenn./Portland | 62 | Ryan Seymour | DL | 6-4 | 255 | Fr. | HS | Kingsland, Ga./Camden Co. |
| 26 | Andrew Diomande | WR | 6-2 | 204 | Sr. | TR | Miami, Fla./Columbus HS/(Clemson) | 18 | Larry Simmons | WR | 5-10 | 168 | R-Jr. | SQ | Austin, Texas/Anderson |
| 41 | Jermaine Doster | TB | 5-10 | 205 | R-Fr. | RS | Tampa, Fla./Robinson | 88 | George Smith | WR | 6-3 | 202 | R-Sr. | 3L | Pembroke Pines, Fla./Hollywood Hills |
| 22 | Akeem Dunham | WR | 6-3 | 185 | Fr. | HS | Eustis, Fla./Eustis | 10 | Larry Smith | QB | 6-2 | 215 | R-Fr. | RS | Prattville, Ala./Prattville |
| 20 | Jared Fagan | CB | 5-9 | 182 | R-Sr. | 3L | Waldorf, Md./Westlake | 59 | Adam Smotherman | DT | 6-4 | 285 | R-So. | 1L | Smyrna, Tenn./Smyrna |
| 72 | Kyle Fischer | OT | 6-6 | 300 | R-Fr. | RS | Columbia, S.C./Spring Valley | 6 | Darlon Spead | NB | 5-10 | 186 | R-Jr. | 2L | Kingsland, Ga./Camden Co. |
| 51 | Davis Flowers | LB | 6-0 | 215 | R-Fr. | RS | Dothan, Ala./Houston Academy | 90 | Broderick Stewart | DE | 6-5 | 230 | R-Jr. | 2L | Newnan, Ga./Riverside Military |
| 61 | Nick Forte | OG | 6-2 | 290 | R-Jr. | SQ | Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood Academy | 49 | John Stokes | LB/SN | 6-5 | 228 | So. | 1L | Memphis, Tenn./University School |
| 94 | Ryan Fowler | PK | 5-10 | 160 | Fr. | HS | Taylor, S.C./Eastside | 96 | Steven Stone | DE | 6-5 | 268 | R-Jr. | 2L | Conway, Ark./Conway |
| 42 | Tim Fugger | DE | 6-4 | 255 | R-Fr. | RS | Oak Brook, Ill./Montini Catholic | 16 | Alan Strong | CB | 5-10 | 180 | R-So. | 1L | Atlanta, Ga./Douglass |
| 12 | Jared Funk | QB | 6-2 | 202 | R-So. | SQ | Long Grove, Ill./St. Viator | 24 | Tristan Strong | LB | 6-1 | 220 | Fr. | HS | Loganville, Ga./Grayson |
| 44 | Michael Garcia | LB | 6-0 | 235 | R-So. | 1L | Jacksonville, Fla./The Bolles School | 24* | Rich Tompkins | DB | 5-11 | 185 | R-Fr. | SQ | Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell |
| 70 | Drew Gardner | OG | 6-6 | 305 | R-Jr. | 1L | Hoxie, Ark./Hoxie | 11 | Brent Trice | S/LB | 6-3 | 214 | Jr. | 2L | Orange, Va./Fort Union Military |
| 69 | David Giller | SN | 6-1 | 240 | So. | TR | Swampscott, Mass./Swampscott | 37* | Elvio Tropeano | S | 5-9 | 200 | R-Fr. | RS | Pomfret, Conn./Middlesex School |
| 25 | Jamie Graham | WR | 6-0 | 190 | R-Fr. | RS | Nashville, Tenn./Whites Creek | 23 | Udom Umoh | WR | 6-0 | 172 | R-Fr. | RS | Fort Valley, Ga./Peach Co. |
| 82 | Justin Green | TE | 6-6 | 235 | R-So. | 1L | Troy, Ala./Henderson | 39 | Brett Upson | P | 5-11 | 185 | Jr. | 2L | Griffin, Ga./Spalding |
| 74 | T.J. Greenstone | DT | 6-3 | 282 | R-Fr. | RS | Lawrenceville, Ga./Collins Hill | 79 | Ryan Vance | OG | 6-3 | 290 | R-Jr. | 1L | Bellaire, Texas/Episcopal |
| 8 | Bryant Hahnfeldt | P/PK | 5-11 | 185 | Sr. | 3L | Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell | 46* | Duane Vaughn | S | 6-1 | 195 | R-Fr. | RS | Goodlettsville, Tenn./Davidson Academy |
| 2 | Ryan Hamilton | FS | 6-2 | 210 | R-Jr. | 2L | Wycombe, Pa./Council Rock North | 60 | Bradley Vierling | C | 6-3 | 292 | R-Jr. | 2L | Warminster, Pa./Central Bucks East |
| 31 | Jared Hawkins | TB | 5-10 | 202 | R-Jr. | 2L | Spring, Texas/Klein | 7 | Sean Walker | WR | 6-0 | 178 | R-Sr. | 3L | Wrens, Ga./Jefferson Co. |
| 19 | Casey Hayward | DB | 6-0 | 178 | Fr. | HS | Elko, Ga./Perry | 4 | Alex Washington | WR | 5-10 | 182 | R-Jr. | 2L | Stone Mtn., Ga./Stephenson |
| 66 | Eric Hensley | OT | 6-6 | 312 | R-Jr. | 1L | Clinton, Tenn./Clinton | 76 | Thomas Welch | OT | 6-7 | 305 | R-Jr. | 2L | Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood |
| 93 | Josh Jelesky | DE | 6-5 | 234 | Fr. | HS | Naperville, Ill./Naperville | 78 | Caleb Welchans | OL | 6-5 | 285 | Fr. | HS | Wildwood, Mo./Lafayette |
| 21 | Jeff Jennings | TB | 6-1 | 214 | R-Sr. | 3L | Dandridge, Tenn./Jefferson Co. | 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 | Birmingham, Ala./Oak Mountain | 77 | James Williams | OL | 6-6 | 305 | R-Fr. | RS | Smyrna, Tenn./Smyrna |
| 47 | DeAndre Jones | LB | 6-0 | 220 | Fr. | HS | Memphis, Tenn./University School | 81 | Turner Wimberly | WR | 6-1 | 195 | R-So. | SQ | Austin, Texas/Westlake |
| 91 | Theron Kadri | DE | 6-4 | 270 | So. | 1L | Brighton, Tenn./Brighton | 97 | John Laughrey | PK | 5-11 | 180 | R-So. | SQ | McKenzie, Tenn./McKenzie |
| 84* | Richard Kent | P | 6-1 | 190 | Fr. | HS | Marietta, Ga./Walton | 98 | Johnell Thomas | DL | 6-1 | 240 | Fr. | HS | Orlando, Fla./Boone |
| 33 | Reshard Langford | S | 6-2 | 212 | R-Sr. | 3L | Tanner, Ala./Tanner | 99 | Derrius Dowell | DT | 6-3 | 285 | R-Jr. | 2L | Atlanta, Ga./Douglass |

* Duplicate jerseys

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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 | 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 | Terrell Brannon | DE |
| 11 | Brent Trice | S | 28* | Alex Schultz | DB | 46 | Austin Newton | LB | 72 | Kyle Fischer | OL | 90 | Broderick Stewart | DE |
| 12 | Jared Funk | QB | 29 | Joel Caldwell | S | 51 | Davis Flowers | LB | 73 | Ryan Custer | OG | 91 | Theron Kadri | DE |
| 13 | Chris Marve | LB | 30 | Patrick Benoist | LB | 52 | Nate Campbell | LB | 74 | T.J. Greenstone | DT | 93 | Josh Jelesky | DE |
| 14 | Josh Allen | CB | 31 | Jared Hawkins | TB | 54 | Taylor Loftley | DL | 75 | Nick Miller | SN | 93* | David Leinweber | DE |
| 15 | Archie Barnes | LB | 32 | Matt Bubis | HB | 55 | Rob Ashabranner | C | 76 | Thomas Welch | OT | 94 | Ryan Fowler | PK |
| 15* | Will Parker Roe | S | 33 | Reshard Langford | S | 56 | Greg Billinger | DT | 77 | James Williams | OL | 96 | Steven Stone | DE |
| 16 | Alan Strong | CB | 34 | Ryan van Rensburg | TB | 57 | John Burrow | LB | 78 | Caleb Welchans | OL | 97 | John Laughrey | DE |
| 17 | D.J. Moore | CB | 35 | Brandon Bryant | LB | 58 | Colt Nichter | DT | 79 | Ryan Vance | OG | 98 | Johnell Thomas | DL |
| 18 | Larry Simmons | WR | 36 | Chris Reinert | WR | 59 | Adam Smotherman | DT | 80 | Justin Wheeler | WR | 99 | Derrius Dowell | DT |
| 19 | Casey Hayward | DB | 37 | Al Owens | DB | 60 | Bradley Vierling | C/OG | 81 | Turner Wimberly | WR | | | |
| 20 | Jared Fagan | CB | 37* | Elvio Tropeano | S | 61 | Nick Forte | OG | 82 | Justin Green | TE | | | |

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