Quick Facts
Location.................................................Nashville, Tenn.
Founded......................................................1873
Conference........................................Southeastern (East)
Enrollment..................................................6,883
Nickname..................................................Commodores
Colors......................................................Black and Gold
Home Arena..............................................Memorial Gymnasium (14,316)
Chancellor...................................................Nicholas Zeppos
Vice Chancellor.................................David Williams II
Faculty Rep.................................................Susan Wente

Basketball Staff
Head Coach..............................................Bryce Drew
Record Overall........................................155-85 (7)
Record at Vanderbilt..............31-36 (2)
Associate Head Coach....................Roger Powell, Jr.
Assistant Coaches..............................Jake Diebler, Casey Shaw
Director of Operations......................Matt Olinger
Director of Scouting.........................Luke Simons
Athletic Trainer.................................Brandon Wells
Academic Counselor.........................Max Maurice Martin
Administrative Assistant................Debbie Green
Strength and Conditioning Coach........Jeremy Anderson
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Twitter Feed..............................@VandyMBB

History
Overall record...............................1,602-1,142
NCAA Tournament Appearances...........15
Tournament Record................................10-16 (.385)
Total Tournament Games.......................26
Last Appearance.........................2017; Lost to Northwestern in 1st Round
Best Finishes at NCAA's................Elite 8 (1965: field of 23)
NIT Record......................................20-12 (.625)
Total NIT Games..............................32
Last Appearance.........................2015; Lost at Stanford in Quarterfinals
Best Finishes at NIT...............Champion (1990); Runner-Up (1994)

Team Information
2017-18 Record.................................12-20
SEC Record/Finish......6-12/13th
Home Record........................................11-7
Away Record........................................1-10
Neutral Record......................................0-3
Postseason........................................NA
Final AP Ranking.................................NA
Starters Returning/Lost...................2/3
Letterwinners Returning/Lost...........8/6
Newcomers..........................................4

Returning Players (2017-18 averages)
Name | P | Ht | Wt | CL | Pts | Rebs | A/B/S
--- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---
Saben Lee | G | 6’2 | 183 | So. | 10.6 | 3.0 | 3.1a
Joe Toye | G/F | 6’7 | 210 | Sr. | 5.7 | 2.0 | 0.8a
Maxwell Evans | G | 6’2 | 192 | Fr. | 3.9 | 1.9 | 0.5a
Clevon Brown | F | 6’8 | 240 | Jr. | 3.9 | 3.1 | 1.3b
Ejike Obinna | C | 6’10 | 240 | Sr. | 2.7 | 2.1 | 0.1b
Matt Ryan | F | 6’8 | 215 | Jr. | 0.5 | 0.0 | -
Yanni Wetzell | C | 6’10 | 240 | Jr. | 5.1 | 1.9 | 1.4a

Letterwinners Lost
Name | P | Ht | Wt | CL | Pts | Rebs | A/B/S
--- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---
Larry Austin, Jr. | G | 6’2 | 182 | Jr. | 2.5 | 1.4 | 1.1a
Djery Baptiste | C | 6’10 | 235 | So. | 3.1 | 3.6 | 1.1b
Matthew Fisher-Davis | G | 6’5 | 186 | Sr. | 11.2 | 4.8 | 1.2a
Riley LaChance | G | 6’2 | 185 | Sr. | 14.1 | 3.2 | 3.2a
Jeff Roberson | F | 6’6 | 220 | Sr. | 16.9 | 7.1 | 1.5a
Payton Willis | G | 6’4 | 182 | So. | 5.1 | 1.9 | 1.4a

Newcomers
Name | Ht | Wt | Hometown | Previous School
--- | --- | --- | --- | ---
Darius Garland | 6’2 | 175 | Nashville, Tenn. | Brentwood Academy
Mac Hunt | 6’6 | 182 | Chattanooga, Tenn. | McCallie HS
Aaron Nesmith | 6’6 | 213 | Charleston, S.C. | Porter Gaud HS
Simisola Shittu | 6’10 | 240 | Burlington, Ont. | Vermont Academy
## 2018-19 Roster

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### Coaching Staff
- **Head Coach** ........................................... Bryce Drew (Valparaiso, 1998) - 3rd
- **Associate Head Coach** ........................... Roger Powell (Illinois, 2005) - 3rd
- **Assistant Coach** ....................................... Jake Diebler (Valparaiso, 2009) - 3rd
- **Assistant Coach** ....................................... Casey Shaw (Toledo, 1998) - 3rd
- **Director of Scouting** ............................... Luke Simons (Purdue, 2005) - 3rd
- **Director of Operations** ......................... Matt Olinger (Liberty, 2007) - 3rd

### Support Staff
- **Athletic Communications Dir.** .... Andy Boggs (Florida State, 1998)
- **Academic Support...** Max Maurice Martin (South Carolina St., 1991)
- **Athletic Trainer** ................................. Brandon Wells (UW-Stevens Point, 2007)
- **Strength and Conditioning** ............... Jeremy Anderson (Liberty, 2011)

### Pronunciation Guide
- Clevon Brown .......................................... CLEE-von
- Jake Diebler ......................................... DEEB-ler
- Aaron Nesmith ........................................ NEE-smith
- Ejike Obinna ........................................... EH-Je-KAY Oh-Bean-a
- Simisola Shittu ....................................... SIMI-sola SHITT-u
- Joe Toye .................................................. TOY

### Roster by Class
- **Seniors (1)** .................................. Joe Toye ................................. Chicago, Ill.
- **Juniors (3)** ....................................
  - Clevon Brown ..................................... San Antonio, Texas
  - Matt Ryan .......................................... Cortlandt Manor, N.Y.
  - Yanni Wetzell ...................................... Auckland, N.Z.
- **Sophomores (5)** ..............................
  - Maxwell Evans ...................................... Houston, Texas
  - Saben Lee .......................................... Phoenix, Ariz.
  - Matthew Moyer .................................... Gahanna, Ohio
  - Ejike Obinna ...................................... Enugu, Nigeria
  - Isaiah Rice ........................................ Indianapolis, Ind.
- **Freshman (4)** ..................................
  - Darius Garland ................................... Nashville, Tenn.
  - Mac Hunt .......................................... Chattanooga, Tenn.
  - Aaron Nesmith ..................................... Charleston, S.C.
  - Simisola Shittu ..................................... Burlington, Ont.
Vanderbilt welcomes best recruiting class

Vanderbilt head coach Bryce Drew and his staff will welcome the highest decorated recruiting class in the program's history this fall in point guard Darius Garland, forward Aaron Nesmith, and forward/center Simisola Shittu. Garland and Shittu were consensus five-star prospects, and Nesmith was a four-star recruit who won the Gatorade South Carolina Player of the Year award, beating out highly touted center Zion Williamson, who eventually signed with Duke.

Commodores lose three 1,000 point scorers

Seniors Matthew Fisher-Davis, Riley LaChance and Jeff Roberson each depart Vanderbilt as 1,000-point scorers. Each were four-year players for the Commodores who advanced to the postseason on three different occasions (2015 NIT, 2016 and 2017 NCAA Tournaments). LaChance finished 15th on Vanderbilt's all-time scoring list with 1,476 points, Roberson 20th with 1,373 points, and Fisher-Davis 31st with 1,219 points. There has been only one other class of Vanderbilt players to have three 1,000-point scorers - the vaunted "F Troop" - Butch Feher, Joe Ford and Jeff Fosnes in 1976.

Other departures from 2017-18

Besides Fisher-Davis, LaChance and Roberson’s departures, junior guard Larry Austin, Jr. graduated with a Vanderbilt degree in May and transferred to Central Michigan as a graduate transfer and will be eligible immediately for the Chippewas. Sophomore guard Payton Willis transferred to Minnesota and will sit a year for the Golden Gophers, while redshirt sophomore big man Djery Baptiste left the team to concentrate on his studies at Vanderbilt, where he will graduate with an undergraduate degree in December.

In all, eight letterwinners return from 2017-18 with six lettermen lost.

Commodores faced tough slate in 2017-18

Like in 2016-17 when Vanderbilt faced the number one strength of schedule in the nation, 2017-18 was no different, as the Commodores finished the season with third toughest strength of schedule. In all, Vanderbilt faced an astounding 19 teams who advanced to either the NIT or NCAA Tournaments a year ago.

Returning for the Commodores

Vanderbilt returns eight letterwinners and two starters from a year ago, with rising sophomore guard Saben Lee leading the way after averaging 10.6 points per game in 2017-18. Senior Joe Toye, who has played significant minutes in his first three years with the Commodores, averaged 5.7 points per game. Other returnees include sophomore Maxwell Evans, junior Clevon Brown, sophomore Ejiwe Obinna, and sophomore walk-on Isaiah Rice.

Junior transfers Matt Ryan and Yanni Wetzell will also suit up for the black and gold after sitting out last season. Ryan is a 6’8 forward who transferred from Notre Dame and Wetzell is a 6’10 center who last played at St. Mary’s College in Texas.

Vanderbilt and ranked opponents

The Commodores played nine games in 2017-18 against a ranked opponent - USC (#10/#10), Virginia (RV/#25), Seton Hall (#20/#20), Arizona State (#5/#6), Tennessee (#24/#23; #22/#21), Kentucky (#21/#20; #21/#22) and Auburn (#11/#13). The four ranked non-conference opponents were the most by a Commodore team since 1988, when Vanderbilt also played four (11/22 - #2 Michigan, L, 66-91; 11/27 - #16 Ohio State, L, 62-97; 11/30 - #13 Louisville, W, 65-62; 12/7 - #8 North Carolina, L, 77-89).

Roberson had stellar 2017-18

Roberson was named to the All-SEC Second Team by the league’s coaches. He finished the regular season fifth in the league in scoring (17.0), fifth in rebounding (7.2), second in free throw percentage (.852), fourth in field goal percentage (.484), fourth in defensive rebounds (5.3), and second in the SEC in 20-point games in SEC games only with nine. Roberson’s scoring average is the highest by a Commodore player since John Jenkins averaged 19.9 points per game in 2012. Roberson also finished seventh on Vanderbilt’s all-time total rebounding list with 755.

Vanderbilt has made a 3-pointer in 1,031 consecutive games, a streak which began at the inception of the 3-point line in 1986-87. The Commodores rank second only to UNLV for the longest streak in Division I basketball. Vanderbilt, UNLV and Princeton are the only three schools in college basketball to have made at least one 3-pointer in every game played since the 3-point line was implemented.