

1969 VARSITY STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

Vanderbilt

Opponents

242....Points Scored	264
115....First Downs Rushing	112
69....First Downs Passing	70
11....FIRST DOWNS PENALTIES	6
195....TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	188
471....No. Rushing Attempts	480
2112....Yds. Gained Rushing	2325
423....Yds. Lost Rushing	201
1689....NET YARDS RUSHING	2124
3.6....Avg. Gain Per Rush	4.4
267....No. Passes Attempted	267
139....No. Passes Completed	129
22....No. Passes Had Intercepted	23
1702....YDS. GAINED PASSING	1637
12.3....Avg. Gain Per Completion	12.6
738....Total Offensive Plays	747
3401....TOTAL OFFENSIVE YARDAGE	3761
4.6....Avg. Gain Per Play	5.0
340.1....AVERAGE OFFENSIVE YARDAGE	376.1
56....No. of Punts	52
1....Punts Had Blocked	0
2214....Yds. Punted	1997
39.5....Punting Avg.	38.4
26....Punts Returned	30
173....Yds. Punts Returned	381
6.7....Avg. Punts Returned	12.7
42....Kickoffs Returned	43
884....Yds. Kickoffs Returned	709
21.0....Avg. Kickoffs Returned	16.4
60-472....No. Penalties - Yds.	49-500
34-12....Fumbles - Lost	24-13

SCORING

	TD	PAT	EP	FG	TP
Watson Brown, QB	9	0-0	2-3	0	58
Dave Strong, WB	8	0-0	1-3	0	50
Doug Mathews, TB	6	0-0	0	0	36
Curt Chesley, SE	5	0-0	1-1	0	32
John Valput, TB	2	0-0	0-1	0	12
Ernie Perez, K	0	9-12	0	1-5	12
Jay Wolins, K	0	7-10	0	0-4	7
Jim Cunningham, TE	1	0-0	0	0	6
Allan Spear, FB	1	0-0	0	0	6
Christie Hauck, MM	1	0-0	0	0	6
Bill Young, FB	1	0-0	0	0	6
Karl Weiss, TE	1	0-0	0	0	6
John Miller, QB	0	1-3	1-2	0	3
John Lyon, TE	0	0-0	1-1	0	2

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RUSHING

	No.	YG	YL	Net	Avg.	TD
Doug Mathews, TB	167	898	49	849	5.1	4
Watson Brown, QB	121	492	197	295	2.4	7
Dan Lipperman, FB	41	192	2	190	4.6	0
John Valput, TB	40	188	10	178	4.5	2
Allan Spear, FB	30	158	0	158	5.3	1
Jack Jakobik, TB	9	38	0	38	4.2	0
Bill Young, FB	8	35	0	35	4.4	0
Dave Strong, WB	4	23	0	23	5.8	2
John Miller, QB	35	78	93	-15	—	0
Denny Painter, QB	16	10	72	-62	—	0

PASSING

	No.	Comp.	Yds.	Int.	Pct.	TD
Denny Painter, QB	90	41	611	9	45.5	5
Watson Brown, QB	111	69	696	8	62.2	6
John Miller, QB	56	24	310	4	42.9	1
Doug Mathews, TB	10	5	83	1	50.0	4

RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Curt Chesley, SE	44	516	11.7	5
Dave Strong, WB	22	301	13.7	6
Karl Weiss, TE	24	279	11.6	1
Doug Mathews, TB	15	218	14.4	2
John Ingram, TE	8	143	17.9	0
Jim Cunningham, E	10	76	7.6	1
John Valput, TB	4	59	14.7	0
John Miller, QB	1	23	23.0	0
Allan Spear, FB	2	20	10.0	0
John Lyon, TE	2	18	9.0	0
Watson Brown, QB	2	15	7.5	1
Bill Young, FB	1	13	13.0	0
Jack Jakobik, TB	1	12	12.0	0
Dan Lipperman, FB	2	9	4.5	0

PUNTING

	No.	Yds.	Blkd	Avg.
Steve Smith, P	56	2214	1	39.5

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Watson Brown, QB	5	79	15.8	1
Doug Mathews, TB	13	70	5.4	0
Dave Strong, WB	1	18	18.0	0
Neal Smith, S	6	6	1.0	0
Mal Wall, DB	1	0	0.0	0

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KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Doug Mathews, TB	26	607	23.3	0
Watson Brown, QB	5	129	25.8	0
John Valput, TB	6	80	13.3	0
John Ingram, SE	1	35	35.0	0
Curt Chesley, SE	1	20	20.0	0
Dave Strong, WB	1	7	7.0	0
Jim Cunningham, TE	1	6	6.0	0
Jeff Gibson, OT	1	0	0.0	0

INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	TD
Christie Hauck, MM	5	38	1
Mal Wall, DB	3	45	0
Neal Smith, S	3	15	0
Gary Chesley, DB	2	0	0
Greg O'Neal, DB	2	0	0
Danny Miller, MM	1	34	0
John Carney, LB	1	22	0
John Robinson, DT	1	1	0
Steve Fritts, LB	1	1	0
Bill McDonald, LB	1	0	0
Buzz Hamilton, DE	1	0	0
Mike Hammerschmidt, DE	1	0	0
Sam Kiser, MM	1	0	0

OPPONENTS FUMBLES RECOVERED (13)

Jeff Gibson (1), Curt Chesley (1), Pat Toomay (1), Christie Hauck (3), Buzz Hamilton (1), Noel Stahl (2), Terry Rettig (1), Jim Combs (1), Bill McDonald (1), John Robinson (1).

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
OPPONENTS	51	60	63	91.....	264
VANDERBILT	39	65	70	68.....	242

1969 IN REVIEW

When you have a 4-6 record there is a tendency to try to forget the season and hope the next one is better. But Vanderbilt's 1969 campaign wasn't as bad as the record indicates, as the old saying goes.

As coach Bill Pace has indicated, Vanderbilt is in the rebuilding stages and last year's team possibly was the foundation for future success.

First of all, quarterback Watson Brown gained valuable experience as a sophomore who started eight games. Then too there were other sophomores who logged considerable of playing time. So maybe things will turn for Vanderbilt now.

The 1969 season had many highlights. The Commodores had an All-America tackle in 6-6, 225 pound Bob Asher, who was a second round draft choice by the Dallas Cowboys. Also the 1969 season produced the first SEC rushing champion for Vanderbilt. Little Doug Mathews won the title with 849 yards. And Vandy's seventh place finish was its highest in the SEC since 1959.

Each of Vanderbilt's four wins had some exciting moments and significant value, besides just being a win. The 14-10 upset over Alabama came the week after Bama beat Ole Miss and Archie Manning, 33-32, in that TV spectacular. It was the first time Vandy had beaten Bama with Bear Bryant as coach.

The next win was against Tulane, 26-23. Those who saw it still don't believe it. New Orleans papers called it a "freak win" for Vandy. A Tulane assistant coach said it was "An Act of God." Picture this situation: With less than 2 minutes remaining and Vandy trailing 21-20, the ball on its 21 and with fourth down and 15 yards to go, Denny Painter uncorked a prodigious pass to the Tulane 30. The ball was batted into the air by two Tulane defenders into the arms of Vandy's Dave Strong who raced to the end zone.

Then Vandy annihilated Kentucky, 42-6, after running up a 35-0 halftime lead, the biggest margin ever for the first two quarters by a Vanderbilt team.

The 63-8 thumping of Davidson produced one NCAA record and 13 Vanderbilt records, the most ever by a Vanderbilt team in its history. The NCAA record was for the most first downs in a game . . . 40 (27 by rushing and 13 by passing).

So it wasn't such a dismal season.