

1972 IN REVIEW

Sept. 9 Dudley Field Nashville, Tenn. (14,340) Night

The Commodores exploded for three last period touchdowns to overcome stubborn UT-Chattanooga, 24-7, in the 1972 opener. Veteran Watson Brown led the attack by scoring once and passing for one TD.

UT-Chattanooga	0	0	7	0—7
Vanderbilt	3	0	0	21—24

VU—Golden 34 Field Goal

UTC—Stafford Recovered fumble (Bell kick)

VU—Brown 1 Run (Golden kick)

VU—G. Chesley 30 Pass from Brown (Golden kick)

VU—Mahaffey 3 Pass from Lee (Golden kick)

Sept. 23 Dudley Field Nashville, Tenn. (16,894) Night

Mississippi State struck for 10 points in the second quarter and then held off a frantic Vanderbilt rally in the last period to eke out a 10-6 victory.

Mississippi State	0	10	0	0—10
Vanderbilt	0	0	0	6—6

MS—Ellis 48 Field Goal

MS—Barkum 3 Run (Ellis kick)

VU—Burger 5 Run (Pass failed)

Sept. 30 Denny Field Tuscaloosa, Ala. (53,448) Night

Alabama won the second quarter and the ball game over a determined Vandy team, 48-21. The Commodores led the heavily favored Crimson Tide 7-6 after the first period, but a 28-point outburst in the second period put the game away for Bear Bryant's team. Both teams scored twice in the last half.

Vanderbilt	7	0	7	7—21
Alabama	6	28	7	7—48

UA—Jackson 4 Run (pass failed)

VU—Overton 1 Run (Golden kick)

UA—Beck 3 Run (pass failed)

UA—Beck 16 Run (LaBue run)

UA—T. Davis 1 Run (B. Davis kick)

UA—Dean 1 Run (B. Davis kick)

UA—Rutledge 7 Run (B. Davis kick)

VU—Burger 3 Run (Golden kick)

UA—Rutledge 5 Run (B. Davis kick)

VU—Martin 52 Pass from Lainhart (Golden kick)

Oct. 7 Dudley Field Nashville, Tenn. (13,775) Night

Hawkins Golden's 28-yard field goal midway through the third period proved to be the decisive margin as the Commodores scored a narrow 10-7 win over Virginia's Cavaliers.

Virginia	0	7	0	0—7
Vanderbilt	7	0	3	0—10

VU—Overton 39 Rush (Golden kick)

UV—Sullivan 17 Pass from Allen (Maxwell kick)

VU—Golden 28 Field Goal

Oct. 14 Cary Field Williamsburg, Va. (10,114)

Freshman Fred Fisher came off the bench to take over at quarterback and sparked the Commodores from a 14-point deficit to a 21-17 victory. Fisher scored twice, the second the clincher midway through the final period, while Lonnie Sadler, another Vandy freshman, tallied the other TD.

Vanderbilt	0	7	7	7—21
William & Mary	0	14	0	3—17

WM—Deery 59 Run (Regen kick)

WM—Knight 28 Pass from Deery (Regen kick)

VU—Sadler 2 Run (Golden kick)

VU—Fisher 1 Run (Golden kick)

WM—Regen 23 Field Goal

VU—Fisher 2 Run (Golden kick)

Oct. 21 Sanford Stadium Athens, Ga. (54,078)

Once again the second period proved fatal to the Commodores. With the Commodores leading 3-0 after the first period, the Bulldogs broke loose for 21 points during the second quarter on their way to a 28-3 victory.

Vanderbilt	3	0	0	0—3
Georgia	0	21	0	7—28

VU—Golden 31 Field Goal

UG—Johnson 1 Run (Braswell kick)

UG—Poulos 3 Run (Braswell kick)

UG—Putnal 38 Pass from Johnson (Braswell kick)

UG—West 75 Interception Return (Braswell kick)

Oct. 28 Dudley Field Nashville, Tenn. (19,824)

Ole Miss jumped to a quick 14-point advantage and rolled on to an overwhelming 31-7 victory to spoil the Commodores' annual Homecoming game. The Commodores scored on a 56-yard pass from Fred Fisher to Dan Mahaffey.

Ole Miss	14	7	7	3—31
Vanderbilt	0	0	0	7—7

OM—Weese 2 Run (Lavinghouze kick)
 OM—Veasey 35 Pass from Malouf (Lavinghouze kick)
 OM—Allen 17 Run (Lavinghouze kick)
 OM—Allen 10 Run (Lavinghouze kick)
 VU—Mahaffey 56 Pass from Fisher (Golden kick)
 OM—Lavinghouze 29 Field Goal

Nov. 11 Stoll Field Lexington, Ky. (28,478)

Kentucky's Wildcats made good on their two-point conversion attempt early in the fourth period to eke out a 14-13 victory over the Commodores in the last game to be played in historic Stoll Field.

Vanderbilt	0	6	7	0—13
Kentucky	3	3	0	8—14

UK—Sexton 23 Field Goal
 VU—Overton 36 Pass from Lainhart
 UK—Sexton 28 Field Goal
 VU—Burger 2 Run (Golden kick)
 UK—Collins 4 Run (Collins run)

Nov. 18 Dudley Field Nashville, Tenn. (10,532)

Vanderbilt scored first, but sophomore quarterback Steve Foley keyed a well-rounded Tulane offense to a 21-7 victory. The Commodores tallied on a 60-yard Steve Lainhart to Walter Overton pass.

Tulane	0	7	7	7—21
Vanderbilt	0	7	0	0—7

VU—Overton 60 Pass from Lainhart (Golden kick)
 TU—Dupre 20 Pass from Foley (Gibson kick)
 TU—Foley 5 run (Gibson kick)
 TU—Ewing 30 Interception Return (Gibson kick)

Nov. 25 Tampa Stadium Tampa, Fla. (13,818)

Tampa took advantage of several early Vanderbilt mistakes and went on to score an impressive 30-7 victory in the Commodores' last road game. The lone score came on a 44-yard interception return by Tommy Tompkins.

Vanderbilt	0	0	7	0—7
Tampa	7	7	3	13—30

UT—Caldwell 55 Interception Return (Cooper kick)
 UT—DuBose 1 Run (Cooper kick)
 UT—Cooper 23 Field Goal
 VU—Tompkins 44 Interception Return (Golden kick)
 TU—Carter 1 Run (Cooper kick)
 TU—Pitts 5 Run (Cooper kick)

Dec. 2 Dudley Field Nashville, Tenn. (31,486)

The Commodores played their best football of the year against the Vols and trailed by only six points going into the final period. The final score of 30-10 does not tell the true story of the battle put up by Vandy against their cross state rivals. Hawkins Golden's Vanderbilt record setting 52-yard field goal had the Commodores ahead after the first period. The Vols then took advantage of Vanderbilt errors in the second period to score 13 points and take the lead.

Tennessee	0	13	3	14—30
Vanderbilt	3	0	7	0—10

VU—Golden 52 Field Goal
 UT—Stanback 10 Run (Townsend kick)
 UT—Stanback 12 Run (run failed)
 UT—Townsend 34 Field Goal
 VU—Dietrich 10 Pass from Burger (Golden kick)
 UT—Holloway 3 Run (Townsend kick)
 UT—Stanback 10 Run (Townsend kick)