

# 1992 In Review

## Game 1

**Alabama 25, Vanderbilt 8**

Vanderbilt moved the ball steadily throughout the game, but fell victim to six turnovers and dropped a 25-8 decision at Alabama.

The Vanderbilt defense distinguished itself by limiting Alabama's potent offense to four field goals and only one touchdown. The Commodores also recovered one fumble, intercepted a pass and blocked an extra point.

The Crimson Tide scored three first quarter field goals after turnovers for a 9-0 advantage. A four-yard run by Derrick Lassic upped the lead to 16-0 at halftime.

Tony Jackson ignited a Vanderbilt touchdown drive when he returned the second half kickoff 46 yards. The Commodores then moved 53 yards on 14 plays. Freshman fullback Royce Love rumbled into the end zone from five yards out to score his first collegiate touchdown. Wingback Eric Lewis slashed for a two-point conversion to cut the Alabama lead to 16-8.

The Crimson Tide was held scoreless in the third quarter, but notched another field goal and returned an intercepted pass for a touchdown in the fourth quarter to close out the scoring.

VANDERBILT 0 0 8 0 - 8  
ALABAMA 9 7 0 9 - 25

UA—Proctor 46 FG  
UA—Proctor 43 FG  
UA—Proctor 42 FG  
UA—Lassic 4 run (Proctor kick)  
VU—Love 5 run (Lewis run)  
UA—Proctor 32 FG  
UA—Rogers 36 interception return (PAT blocked)

## Game 2

**Vanderbilt 42, Duke 37**

Eric Lewis scored on a six-yard run with 3:51 left in the game as Vanderbilt won its home opener in a wild shootout with Duke, 42-37.

Offense was definitely the order of the day as Gerry DiNardo's Commodores rolled up 451 yards as a Vanderbilt Stadium crowd of 40,031 looked on. Duke also played well offensively with 390 yards.

Commodore tailback Tony Jackson enjoyed a sensational game. He carried the ball 11 times for 125 yards, including one run of 69 yards. Jackson also returned a kickoff 97 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter. Quarterback Marcus Wilson scampered for 79 yards and three touchdowns. Freshman Cliff Deese also scored the first touchdown of his career on a five-yard run in the second quarter.

Although surrendering plenty of yardage, the ball-hawking Vanderbilt defense intercepted four passes and recovered a fumble. Aaron Smith intercepted a Duke pass late in the game and Derek Wilham recovered a fumbled Blue Devil punt with 56 seconds left to secure the victory.

DUKE 9 14 14 0 - 37  
VANDERBILT 7 14 15 6 - 42

DU—Prince 1 run (Gardner kick)  
VU—Wilson 2 run (Chura kick)  
DU—Safety  
DU—Cuthbert 1 run (Gardner kick)  
VU—Wilson 1 run (Chura kick)  
DU—Farmer recovers fumble in end zone (Gardner kick)  
VU—Deese 5 run (Chura kick)  
VU—Wilson 1 run (Love run)  
DU—Cuthbert 13 run (Gardner kick)  
VU—Jackson 97 kickoff return (Chura kick)  
DU—Clark 5 pass from Prince (Gardner kick)  
VU—Lewis 6 run (run failed)

## Game 3

**Vanderbilt 31, Mississippi 9**

Vanderbilt put together an exceptional game on both sides of the ball to spring an impressive 31-9 upset over nationally-ranked Mississippi in front of a capacity Vanderbilt Stadium crowd of 41,000.

After an early Mississippi field goal, Vanderbilt wingback Derek Wilham streaked 68 yards for a touchdown on his first collegiate carry to put the Commodores ahead.

The game's pivotal play occurred late in the second quarter. Vanderbilt co-captain Robbie Young blocked a field goal attempt and Jeff Brothers picked up the loose ball and streaked 71 yards to the Rebel nine-yard line. Three plays later, Tony Jackson somersaulted into the end zone to give the Commodores a lead they would never relinquish.

The Vanderbilt defensive unit held Mississippi scoreless in the second half while the Commodore offense continued to click. In the third quarter, Clarence Sevellian scored on a 39-yard pass from Marcus Wilson and Robbie Chura added a field goal. Wilson wrapped up the scoring with a three-yard run in the final stanza.

MISSISSIPPI 3 6 0 0 - 9  
VANDERBILT 7 7 11 6 - 31

UM—Lee 50 FG  
VU—Wilham 68 run (Chura kick)  
UM—Lee 32 FG  
VU—Jackson 11 run (Chura kick)  
UM—Lee 43 FG  
VU—Sevellian 39 pass from Wilson (Deese run)  
VU—Chura 29 FG  
VU—Wilson 3 run (run failed)



## Game 4 Auburn 31, Vanderbilt 7

In a game played under a steady rain that made the field a quagmire, Auburn scored twice in the final seven minutes of the game to turn a relatively close contest into a 31-7 victory in front of 58,229 fans at Jordan-Hare Stadium.

Auburn played a superb defensive game, limiting Vanderbilt to a season-low 67 yards rushing and 139 yards total offense.

The Tigers seized the lead early, moving 80 yards on their opening drive. Orlando Parker hauled in a 19-yard pass from Stan White for the touchdown. Scott Etheridge's field goal made it 10-0 at half.

White sneaked in from one yard out to give Auburn a 17-0 lead in the third quarter. The Commodores refused to buckle, however, and moved 61 yards to close within 10 points of Auburn early in the fourth quarter. Tony Jackson got the TD on a one-yard run.

White completed 10 of 17 passes for 128 yards and a touchdown. Auburn ground out 232 yards rushing. Punter David Lawrence excelled for the Commodores, punting for a 44.5 yard average.

VANDERBILT 0 0 0 7 - 7  
AUBURN 10 0 7 14 - 31

AU—Parker 19 pass from White (Etheridge kick)  
AU—Etheridge 35 FG  
AU—White 1 run (Etheridge kick)  
VU—Jackson 1 run (Chura kick)  
AU—Bostic 49 run (Etheridge kick)  
AU—Richardson 34 run (Etheridge kick)

## Game 5 Wake Forest 40, Vanderbilt 6

Wake Forest seized the momentum early and never relinquished it in cruising to a 40-6 victory over Vanderbilt on rain-soaked Dudley Field in Nashville.

The Demon Deacons combined a balanced offense and a big-play defense to secure the victory. Cornerback George Coghill made the two biggest defensive plays with a 60-yard interception return for a touchdown and an 83-yard fumble return for a second TD.

The Commodores rushed for 244 yards and passed for an additional 68, but were plagued by four fumbles and an interception.

Vanderbilt freshman quarterback Kenny Simon sparkled in the latter stages of the game, scampering 12 times for 41 yards and a touchdown. Simon also completed two passes for 19 yards. Freshman tailback Cliff Deese led the Commodores in rushing with 68 yards.

WAKE FOREST 12 15 7 6 - 40  
VANDERBILT 0 0 0 6 - 6

WF—Moultrie 16 run (kick failed)  
WF—Moultrie 21 run (kick failed)  
WF—Leach 2 run (Leach pass from West).  
WF—Coghill 60 interception return (Green kick)  
WF—Coghill 83 fumble return (Green kick)  
VU—Simon 9 run (run failed)  
WF—Moultrie 1 run (kick failed)

## Game 6 Georgia 30, Vanderbilt 20

Georgia snapped a 20-20 halftime tie with 10 third quarter points and relied on its defense to make some big plays to preserve a 30-20 victory over Vanderbilt at Sanford Stadium in Athens.

The Bulldogs jumped off to an early 13-0 first quarter lead. Vanderbilt caught fire in the second quarter to score on a one-yard run by fullback Royce Love and a Robbie Chura field goal.

The Commodores fought back after a 71-yard touchdown run by All-American Garrison Hearst, who ended the day with 246 yards rushing and two long TD runs. Vanderbilt scored 10 points in the final 2:25 of the first half on a Chura field goal and a four-yard run by Marcus Wilson to knot the score.

Hearst's 55-yard touchdown dash early in the third quarter broke the tie. Todd Peterson added a 35-yard field goal to give the Bulldogs a 10-point lead late in the third period. In the fourth quarter Vanderbilt barely missed on a pair of Chura field goal attempts and was stopped by a Georgia goal line stand as the Bulldogs narrowly avoided an upset.

VANDERBILT 0 20 0 0 - 20  
GEORGIA 13 7 10 0 - 30

UG—Thornton 4 run (Peterson kick)  
UG—Peterson 47 FG  
UG—Peterson 37 FG  
VU—Love 1 run (Chura kick)  
VU—Chura 22 FG  
UG—Hearst 71 run (Peterson kick)  
VU—Chura 10 FG  
VU—Wilson 4 run (Chura kick)  
UG—Hearst 55 run (Peterson kick)  
UG—Peterson 35 FG



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## Game 7

### S. Carolina 21, Vanderbilt 17

Backup quarterback Blake Williamson scampered six yards for a touchdown late in the game to give South Carolina a 21-17 victory over Vanderbilt in front of 40,900 Homecoming fans at Dudley Field in Nashville.

The Commodores jumped out to a 14-0 first quarter lead, running the I-Bone to near perfection. Backup split end Gabe Banks streaked 56-yard for a touchdown on the end-around play to get things going. Marcus Wilson added a four-yard TD run late in the opening stanza.

Don Chaney got South Carolina on the scoreboard in the second quarter when he caught a 55-yard pass from fiery freshman quarterback Steve Taneyhill. Robbie Chura's field goal with two seconds left in the half gave Vanderbilt a 17-7 lead.

South Carolina scored a touchdown in the third quarter to cut the Vanderbilt lead to 17-14. Williamson scored the go-ahead TD while subbing for Taneyhill. Vanderbilt drove to the Gamecock 12-yard line before Wilson's fumble short-circuited a potential game-winning drive.

S. CAROLINA 0 7 7 7 - 21  
VANDERBILT 14 3 0 0 - 17

VU—Banks 56 run (Chura kick)  
VU—Wilson 4 run (Chura kick)  
SC—Chaney 55 pass from Taneyhill (Simpson kick)  
VU—Chura 37 FG  
SC—Bennett 2 run (Simpson kick)  
SC—Williamson 6 run (Simpson kick)

## Game 8

### Vanderbilt 20, Kentucky 7

Vanderbilt played its finest defensive game of the season in holding Kentucky to just 123 yards of total offense in a 20-7 Commodore victory at Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington.

Marcus Wilson got Vanderbilt off to a good start in the first quarter with a 57-yard run that carried to the Wildcat nine-yard line and set up fullback Royce Love's one-yard TD plunge.

Wildcat safety Brad Armstead tied the game when he grabbed a Commodore fumble in mid-air and returned it 70 yards for a touchdown. Vanderbilt regained the lead on a Robbie Chura field goal late in the second quarter.

Kentucky native Brad Brown, playing in front of a large contingent of family and friends, made the biggest play of the game. With Vanderbilt clinging to a 10-7 fourth quarter lead, Brown stepped in front of a Kentucky pass and returned it 13 yards for the icing touchdown. Chura added an insurance field goal with 6:01 left in the game. Vanderbilt's defense held Kentucky to just 48 yards rushing on 30 carries.

VANDERBILT 7 3 0 10 - 20  
KENTUCKY 7 0 0 0 - 7

VU—Love 2 run (Chura kick)  
UK—Armstead 70 fumble return (Pelfrey kick)  
VU—Chura 37 FG  
VU—Brown 13 interception return (Chura kick)  
VU—Chura 37 FG

## Game 9

### Vanderbilt 27, Navy 7

Vanderbilt won its second straight game and fourth of the season by rolling up 352 yards on the ground and making some big defensive plays en route to a 27-7 decision over Navy in Annapolis.

Tailback Tony Jackson jetted 53 yards for a touchdown on Vanderbilt's second offensive play for an early 7-0 lead. Robbie Chura added field goals of 44 and 51 yards to up the advantage to 13-0. Freshman fullback Royce Love stormed 14 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter. Vanderbilt's defensive unit preserved the 19-0 lead with a valiant goal line stand just as the first half ended.

After a scoreless third quarter, freshman Cliff Deese slashed six yards for Vanderbilt's final touchdown with 10:23 remaining. Navy scored its only touchdown a few minutes later. Coach Gerry DiNardo substituted liberally in the final minutes.

VANDERBILT 13 6 0 8 - 27  
NAVY 0 0 0 7 - 7

VU—Jackson 53 run (Chura kick)  
VU—Chura 44 FG  
VU—Chura 51 FG  
VU—Love 14 run (Chura kick)  
VU—Deese 6 run (Sevillian pass from Wilson)  
N—Smith 6 run (Rogers kick)



## Game 10 Florida 41, Vanderbilt 21

Florida quarterback Shane Matthews, seemingly oblivious to a wet field, passed the Gators to the SEC Eastern Division title with a 41-21 victory over Vanderbilt in Nashville.

Matthews completed 28 of 43 passes for 343 yards and three touchdowns. He was intercepted twice by Commodore defensive players. Tailback Errict Rhett augmented the passing game by rushing for 104 yards and one touchdown.

Coach Gerry DiNardo's Commodores rolled up 433 yards of total offense and trailed only 21-14 midway through the third quarter. Vanderbilt used the passing game early and often, with Marcus Wilson connecting on 18 of 34 passes for 232 yards and one touchdown.

Commodore runners added an additional 201 yards on the ground. Freshman tailback Cliff Deese scampered for 80 yards and a touchdown. Wilson added 70 yards and a TD. Tony Jackson led all receivers with nine catches for 85 yards.

FLORIDA           14 7 10 10 - 41  
VANDERBILT      0 7 7 7 - 21

UF—Houston 16 pass from Matthews (Davis kick)

UF—Hill 13 pass from Matthews (Davis kick)

VU—Sevillian 31 pass from Wilson (Chura kick)

UF—Frazier 25 run (Chura kick)

VU—Wilson 4 run (Chura kick)

UF—Jackson 38 pass from Matthews (Davis kick)

UF—Davis 46 FG

VU—Deese 15 run (Chura kick)

UF—Davis 31 FG

UF—Rhett 2 run (Davis kick)

## Game 11 Tennessee 29, Vanderbilt 25

Vanderbilt split end Clarence Sevillian set three Vanderbilt receiving records in the season finale with Tennessee, but the Volunteers came from behind to pull out a 29-25 victory before a capacity crowd of 41,000 in Nashville.

Coach Gerry DiNardo demonstrated for the second straight week that the I-Bone could produce major results through the air in addition to its obvious ground strengths.

Sevillian was simply unstoppable. He set Vanderbilt records for most receiving yardage in a game (222), highest average per catch in a game (37.0) and for the longest reception (88 yards) in Commodore history.

Vanderbilt quarterback Marcus Wilson closed his career by connecting on 10 of 14 passes for 248 yards and three touchdowns. Punter David Lawrence averaged 47.4 yards per kick despite the 34 degree temperature. Kicker Robbie Chura toed field goals of 47 and 34 yards to aid the Vanderbilt cause.

Tennessee quarterback Heath Shuler rallied his team to 22 fourth quarter points to claim the victory. Shuler completed 23 of 38 passes for 283 yards and one touchdown.

TENNESSEE      7 0 0 22 - 29

VANDERBILT     0 10 3 12 - 25

UT—Faulkner 57 pass from Shuler (Becksvoort kick)

VU—Chura 47 FG

VU—Sevillian 88 pass from Wilson (Chura kick)

VU—Chura 34 FG.

UT—Stewart 13 run (Becksvoort kick)

VU—Sevillian 43 pass from Wilson (run failed)

UT—Stewart 1 run (Faulkner pass from Stewart)

UT—Garner 8 run (Becksvoort kick)

VU—Sevillian 3 pass from Wilson (pass failed)