

September 2, 1995

Alabama at  
Vanderbilt

Alabama (1-0) 7 3 0 23 — 33  
 Vanderbilt (0-1) 7 3 9 6 — 25

## First Quarter

VU: Johnson 75 run (Yenner kick)

UA: Burgdorf 4 run (Proctor kick)

## Second Quarter

UA: Proctor 38 field goal

VU: Yenner 43 field goal

## Third Quarter

VU: Yenner 29 field goal

VU: Baker 8 pass from Allen (kick blocked)

## Fourth Quarter

UA: Riddle 1 run (Proctor kick)

UA: Proctor 32 field goal

VU: Vance 37 fumble return (pass failed)

UA: Malone 4 pass from Burgdorf (pass failed)

UA: Ford 46 INT return (Proctor kick)

**Rushing UA:** Riddle 29-69, Burgdorf 12-26, Steeger 9-31, Hape 1-5, Turner 1-3, Malone 1-(-3), Stockton 1-(-6) **VU:** Johnson 16-114, Deese 3-0, Gordon 3-(-1), Morgan 1-(-1).

**Passing UA:** Burgdorf 17-30-198, Stockton 1-1-49 **VU:** Allen 8-23-87, Gordon 5-16-9.

**Receiving UA:** West 4-31, Brown 4-64, Malone 4-66, Riddle 2-16, Hape 2-14, Steger 1-7, Goss 1-49 **VU:** Tomichuk 5-28, Ware 3-50, Todd 2-17, Baker 1-8, Deese 1-(-3), Johnson 1-(-4).

**Attendance** 40,880

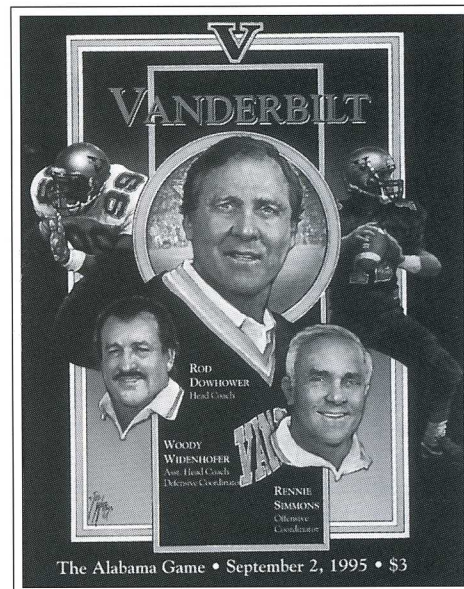
The Rod Dowhower era opened in thrilling, but disappointing fashion as the Commodores dropped a 33-25 heartbreaker to Alabama before a soldout crowd at Vanderbilt Stadium.

Vanderbilt running back Jermaine Johnson set the tone early in the see-saw affair when he broke free for a 75-yard touchdown on the game's first play from scrimmage.

The Crimson Tide, led by senior quarterback Brian Burgdorf, responded with a 14-play, 70-yard drive on their first possession to tie the game at 7-7.

The Commodores opened the second half the same way they ended the first. On the Crimson Tide's first possession of the half, linebacker Shawn Stuckey picked off a Burgdorf pass and returned it down to the Alabama seven-yard line. Four plays later, Yenner booted his second-field goal of the game to give Vanderbilt its second lead of the game, 13-10.

The Commodores increased their lead after back-up quarterback Damian Allen found Fred Baker in the corner of the end zone for an eight-yard touchdown. Vanderbilt, however, was unable to hold on to the nine-point lead. A one-yard Dennis Riddle touchdown run and a 32-yard Michael Proctor field goal gave the Tide a 20-19 lead, its first since the second



quarter.

Vanderbilt safety Eric Vance put his club back on top midway through the fourth quarter when he scooped up an Alabama fumble and raced 37 yards for the go-ahead score. The Commodore defense was unable to hold back the Tide, as Alabama scored the game's final nine points for the 33-25 win.

Johnson, on his way to a 1,000-yard season, rushed for 121 yards on 16 carries.

September 16, 1995

Vanderbilt at  
Notre Dame

Vanderbilt (0-2) 0 0 0 0 — 0  
 Notre Dame (2-1) 7 20 7 7 — 41

## First Quarter

ND: Kinder 6 run (Kopka kick) 7:51

## Second Quarter

ND: Kopka 38 field goal, 14:56

ND: Denson 5 run (Kopka kick) 6:39

ND: Edison 8 fumble return (Kopka kick) 6:27

ND: Kopka 22 field goal, 0:42

## Third Quarter

ND: Edwards 1 run (Kopka kick) 2:35

## Fourth Quarter

ND: Edwards 1 run (Kopka kick) 10:26

**Rushing ND:** Kinder 17-110, Farmer 14-58, Denson 12-38, Thorne 2-34, Edwards 7-32, Stokes 4-14, Barry 2-11, Spencer 2-6, Powlus 2-(-5), Krug -(-5) **VU:** Johnson 13-38, Deese 4-6, Marinangel 1-6, Dunnivant 2-5, Gordon 1-2, Allen 9-(-1).

**Passing ND:** Powlus 13-18-200, Krug 0-0-0 **VU:** Allen 3-12-38, Gordon 0-2-0.

**Receiving ND:** Mayes 3-56, Edwards 3-46, Wallace 2-41, Mosley 2-28, Chryplewicz 2-25 **VU:** Simmons 1-24, Tomichuk 1-10, Deese 1-4.

**Attendance** 59,075

The Commodores traveled to South Bend to take on the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame for the first time in their 106-year history.

The angry Irish, still smarting from a rare loss in their home-opener, used a dominating rushing attack to beat the Commodores 41-0 before a national television audience on NBC.

With the attacking Commodore defense applying pressure up the middle, the Notre Dame running backs found success on the outside.

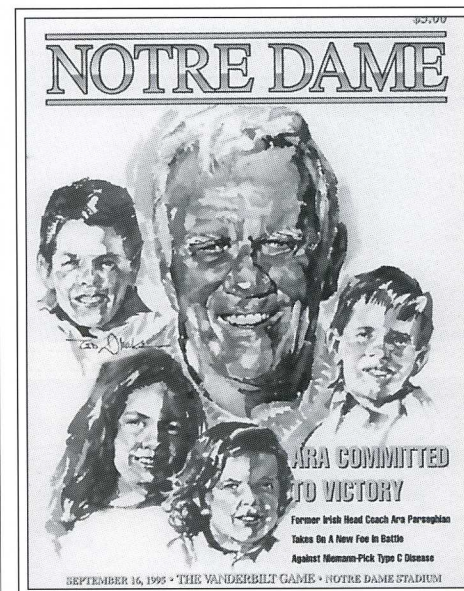
Tailback Randy Kinder carried the ball seven times for 43 yards on ND's first possession—an 8-play, 90-yard scoring drive which gave the Irish a 7-0 lead.

Notre Dame broke the game open with a 20-point second quarter. Kevin Kopka connected on kicks of 38 and 22 yards, Autry Denson rumbled in for a 5-yard touchdown, and cornerback Jarvis Denson scored on an 8-yard fumble recovery for the Notre Dame scores.

Fullback Marc Edwards scored on one-yard runs in the third and fourth quarter to produce the final 41-0 score.

Jermaine Johnson and Damian Allen provided the majority of the Commodores offense.

Johnson gained 38 yards on 13 carries, while Allen, gaining the first start of his



career, completed three passes for 38 yards and rushed for 19 yards on nine carries.

Notre Dame Ron Powlus connected on 13 of his 18 passes for 200 yards. Kinder did the damage on the ground, picking up 110 yards on 17 carries.

The two teams will meet again this season as Notre Dame travels to Nashville for a Thursday night contest on September 5. The game will be televised before a national audience on ESPN.



September 23, 1995

## Vanderbilt at Texas Christian

**TCU (2-1) 0 10 3 3 — 16**  
**Vanderbilt (0-3) 0 0 3 0 — 3**

**First Quarter**

No Scoring

**Second Quarter**

TCU: Washington 25 pass from Knake (Reeder kick)

TCU: Reeder 41 field goal

**Third Quarter**

VU: Speakman 31 field goal

TCU: Reeder 22 field goal

**Fourth Quarter**

TCU: Reeder 31 field goal

**Rushing TCU:** Davis 18-83, Woods 9-44, Moore 4-6  
**VU:** Johnson 28-117, Gordon 7-16, Vining 1-7, Deese 1-5, Allen 5-(-5).

**Passing TCU:** Knake 16-32-157 **VU:** Allen 9-19-57, Gordon 6-11-60.

**Receiving TCU:** Washington 8-121, Davis 3-1, Brasfield 2-20, Collins 2-16, Woods 1-(-1) **VU:** Todd 6-74, Simmons 2-17, Tomichek 1-12, Marinangel 1-5, Deese 1-6, Ware 1-6, M.E. Williams 1-2, Johnson 2-(-5).

**Attendance** 30,562

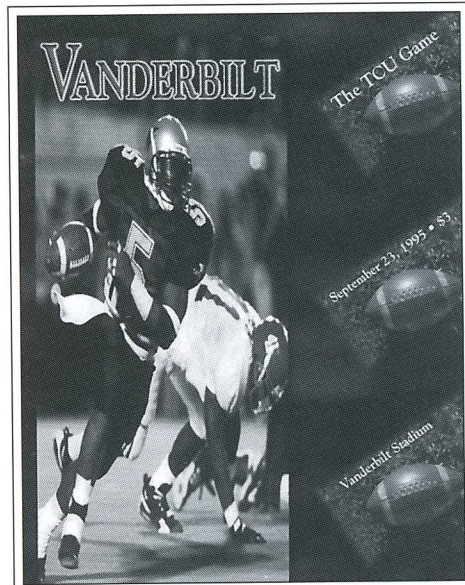
Texas Christian place kicker Michael Reeder drilled three field goals and quarterback Max Knake threw one touchdown to lead the Horned Frogs to a 16-3 victory over the Commodores at Vanderbilt Stadium.

Vanderbilt enjoyed some success moving the ball on TCU as the Commodores outgained the Horned Frogs 180-137 on the ground and converted four more first downs—but only managed a 31-yard field goal by freshman Brett Speakman in the third quarter.

Jermaine Johnson picked up his second 100-yard game of the season, gaining 117 yards on 28 carries. The Commodores' two-headed quarterback of Ronnie Gordon and Damian Allen combined for 117 yards on 15 completions.

After a scoreless first quarter, Knake connected with Jon Washington for a 25-yard touchdown to give TCU the lead. The drive was 57 yards in seven plays and took 2 minutes and 58 seconds. But it was the only time the Commodore defense let the Horned Frogs into the end zone on the night.

Reeder increased the lead to 10-0 when he drilled his second field goal, a 41-yard shot, with just four seconds in the half. The score was set up by an errant punt attempt that resulted in a three-yard



loss for the Commodores. TCU took possession at the Vanderbilt 36.

Speakman put the Commodores on the board with 6:14 left in the third quarter. His kick capped an 18-play 64 yard drive which began at the Vanderbilt 17-yard line.

Knake finished the evening with 157 yards (16 of 32) and one touchdown. Washington, who scored TCU's only touchdown, caught eight passes for 121 yards.

September 30, 1995

## Arkansas at Vanderbilt

**Arkansas (4-1) 14 7 0 14 — 35**  
**Vanderbilt (0-4) 0 0 0 7 — 7**

**First Quarter**

UA: Hill 20 run (Latourette kick)

UA: Eubanks 4 pass from Lunney (Latourette kick)

**Second Quarter**

UA: Hill 12 run (Latourette kick)

**Third Quarter**

No Scoring

**Fourth Quarter**

UA: Lunney 3 run (Latourette kick)

VU: Todd 11 pass from Gordon (Speakman kick)

UA: Johnson 17 run (Latourette kick)

**Rushing UA:** Hill 29-200, M. Johnson 7-34, Nichols 4-14, Lunney 7-9, Hebert 3-4, Burks 1-(-3) **VU:** Johnson 18-93, Gordon 13-6, Deese 2-5.

**Passing UA:** Lunney 6-11-69 **VU:** Gordon 12-27-87, 0-2-0.

**Receiving UA:** Lucas 2-60, Eubanks 2-7, Meadors 1-6, Lunney 1-(-4) **VU:** Ware 5-28, Todd 3-28, Tomichek 2-8, Deese 1-17, Wood 1-6.

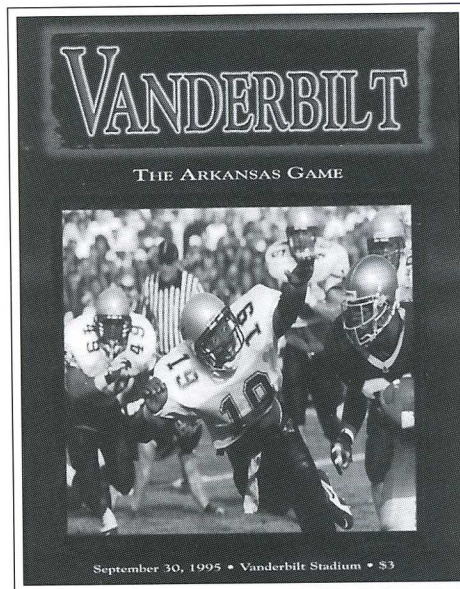
**Attendance** 25,981

Vanderbilt returned to Southeastern Conference action against Danny Ford's Arkansas Razorbacks at Vanderbilt Stadium. Led by senior quarterback Barry Lunney, Jr., and running back Madre Hill, the Hogs jumped to a 14-0 first-quarter lead and never looked back, cruising to a 35-7 win.

Arkansas took advantage of a Commodore turnover midway through the first quarter for its first score. Jesse Cornelius pounced on a fumbled VU punt return at the Commodores' 31 yard line and two plays later Hill scored on a 20-yard run. On the Razorbacks next possession, Lunney, Jr., capped off a 6-play, 41-yard drive with a four-yard strike to Anthony Eubanks for a 14-0 lead.

Offensively, Vanderbilt's struggles continued. The Commodores fell prey to an attacking, blitzing Arkansas defense which harassed quarterback Ronnie Gordon all night. Gordon, making his second start of the season, did manage 12 completions for 87 yards and one touchdown. The Commodores lone score came in the fourth quarter when Gordon hit Duane Todd for an 11-yard touchdown.

Arkansas tacked on two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter as Lunney ran one in from three yards out, and Johnson took a draw play up the



middle for a 17-yard touchdown Gallup.

Once again, Jermaine Johnson led the VU rushing attack. The 5-foot-8 junior gained 93 yards on 18 carries. Gordon, regularly forced out of the pocket by the Hog's defense, picked up 44 yards on 13 carries.

Vanderbilt's Sanford Ware led all receivers in the game with five catches for 28 yards. Duane Todd added three grabs for 28 yards.



October 14, 1995

## Georgia at Vanderbilt

**Georgia (4-3) 7 3 7 0 — 17**  
**Vanderbilt (0-5) 3 0 0 3 — 6**

### First Quarter

GA: Kirtsey 1 run (Parkman kick)  
 VU: Yenner 22 field goal

### Second Quarter

GA: Parkman 27 field goal

### Third Quarter

GA: Hunter 48 pass from Smith (Parkman kick)

### Fourth Quarter

VU: Yenner 33 field goal

**Rushing GA:** Ward 14-38, Kirtsey 2-29, Arnaud 7-12, Williams 4-10, Bowie 3-7, Calloway 3-4, Collins 1-3, Hunter 1-(-8), Smith 1-(-9) **VU:** Johnson 22-83, Gordon 16-42, Ware 1-21, Morgan 1-1, Deese 1-(-2).

**Passing GA:** Smith 15-24-239 **VU:** Gordon 11-19-117.

**Receiving GA:** Hunter 8-163, Daniels 3-31, Ward 2-25, Brown 2-20 **VU:** Ware 4-49, Todd 2-39, Johnson 2-4, Tomichuk 1-8, Deese 1-6.

**Attendance** 24,986

Georgia spoiled the Commodores homecoming with a 17-6 win on the first day game of the year at Vanderbilt Stadium.

For the second consecutive week, Vanderbilt was victimized by early turnovers. On the game's third play, Georgia recovered a fumbled VU snap at the Commodores' 29 yard line.

The Bulldogs Torrin Kirtsey responded with a 28-yard run down the right sideline and then a 1-yard touchdown to put Georgia up 7-0 just two minutes into the game.

The Commodores answered with an impressive 15-play 75-yard drive to set up a Steve Yenner 22-yard field goal. Ronnie Gordon rushed for 24 yards and threw for 15 more during the scoring drive.

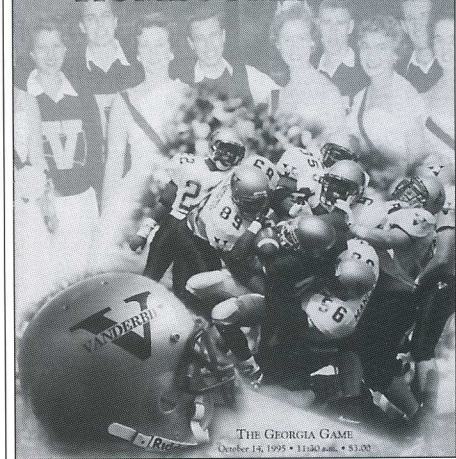
Georgia picked up three more points early in the second quarter when Kannon Parkman connected on a 27-yard field goal.

The Bulldogs big blow, and the game's decisive play, came in the third quarter. On a second and 18 near midfield, quarterback Brian Smith hit a streaking Brice Hunter over the middle for a 48-yard touchdown strike.

The score put the Bulldogs ahead 17-3 and forced the struggling Commodore offense to play catch-up.

Vanderbilt's final score, a Yenner 33-

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yard field goal, came early in the fourth quarter as the offense grinded out an 11-play, 42-yard drive.

Jermaine Johnson rushed for 83 yards on 22 carries. Gordon completed 11 of 19 attempts for 117 yards and one interception. He continued to impress on the ground, picking up 42 more yards.

Sanford Ware again led the Commodores in receiving as he came up with four catches for 49 yards.

October 21, 1995

## Vanderbilt at South Carolina

**Vanderbilt (0-6) 7 0 7 0 — 14**  
**S. Carolina (3-3-1) 21 7 14 10 — 52**

### First Quarter

SC: Pritchett 4 pass from Taneyhill (kick blocked)  
 SC: Pritchett 12 run (Nicklow pass)

VU: Johnson 1 run (Yenner kick)

SC: Bridges 24 pass from Taneyhill (Morton kick)

### Second Quarter

SC: Davis 13 pass from Taneyhill (Morton kick)

### Third Quarter

SC: Staley 13 run (Morton kick)

VU: Johnson 3 run (Yenner kick)

SC: Means 31 pass from Taneyhill (Morton kick)

### Fourth Quarter

SC: Bridges 8 pass from Taneyhill (Morton kick)

SC: Florio 45 field goal

**Rushing SC:** Staley 12-96, Pritchett 5-21, Bridges 1-4, Reddick 2-2, Taneyhill 4-(-5), Wright 3-(-2) **VU:** Johnson 17-75, Forrest 5-13, Morgan 1-2, Deese 1-(-2), Gordon 2-(-10), Allen 5-(-11).

**Passing SC:** Taneyhill 31-40-354, Wright 3-4 **VU:** Allen 7-19-82, Gordon 7-12-69.

**Receiving SC:** Pritchett 6-77, Bridges 6-80, Pritchard 5-32, Nicklow 5-45, Davis 4-54, Means 3-68, Staley 3-21, Hood 2-15 **VU:** Dunnivant 4-39, Ware 4-45, Todd 2-20, Love 1-9, M.E. Williams 1-15, Tomichuk 1-15, Johnson 1-8.

**Attendance** 68,915

South Carolina quarterback Steve Taneyhill threw for 354 yards and five touchdowns as the high-powered Gamecocks beat Vanderbilt, 52-14, before 68,915 at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia, S.C.

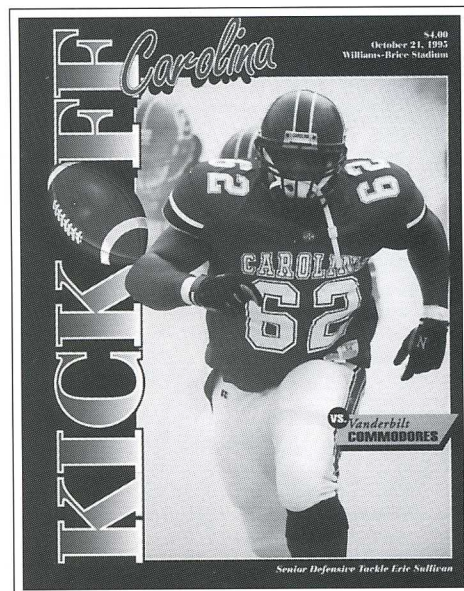
Versatile running back Stanley Pritchett helped the Gamecocks jump to an early 14-0 lead. After a Ronnie Gordon interception gave USC the ball deep in Vanderbilt territory, Pritchett scored on a four-yard toss from Taneyhill. On the Gamecocks next possession, Pritchett took a hand-off at the 12-yard line in the shotgun formation and raced through the VU defense for a touchdown.

The Commodores answered with their most impressive drive of the day. Gordon completed 5 of 6 passes for 63 yards as Vanderbilt marched from its own 22 to the USC one-yard line in just over three minutes.

Jermaine Johnson capped off the eight-play drive with a one-yard touchdown run to bring the Commodores within seven points.

Vanderbilt's defense, however, could not slow down Taneyhill. The senior threw for two more touchdowns in the first half to give South Carolina a 28-7 halftime lead.

Rod Dowhower switched to sophomore quarterback Damian Allen in



the second half. Allen did lead the Commodores to one third-quarter score, a three-yard touchdown run by Johnson, but it proved to be too little to late.

Allen ended the day 7 of 19 for 82 yards. Gordon was 7 of 12 for 69 yards and two interceptions.

Jason Dunnivant and Sanford Ware both enjoyed fine days. Dunnivant caught four passes for 39 yards, while Ware, a senior end, caught four passes for 45 yards.



October 28, 1995

## Vanderbilt at Mississippi

**Vanderbilt (0-7) 0 0 3 7 — 10**  
**Mississippi (4-4) 0 7 7 7 — 21**

### First Quarter

No Scoring

### Second Quarter

UM: Fisher 20 pass from Head (Montz kick)

### Third Quarter

VU: Yenner 24 field goal

UM: Fisher 40 pass from Head (Montz kick)

### Fourth Quarter

UM: Thomas 64 pass from Head (Montz kick)

VU: Simon 2 pass from Gordon (Yenner kick)

**Rushing VU:** Johnson 30-133, Marinangel 1-28, Deese 2-0, Jefcoat 1-2, Gordon 9-(-2) **UM:** Innocent 21-50, Bonds 1-1, Smith 2-0, Head 4-(-7), Nelson 2-(-25)

**Passing VU:** Gordon 11-30-134 **UM:** Head 19-26-252, Nelson 7-10-40.

**Receiving VU:** Simon 4-51, Todd 2-39, Ware 3-21, Forrest 1-15, Dunnavant 1-8 **UM:** Thomas 10-130, Fisher 8-109, Innocent 3-13, Mangum 1-16, Bouthwell 1-11, Nicholson 1-4, Smith 1-4, Brown 1-5.

**Attendance** 30,317

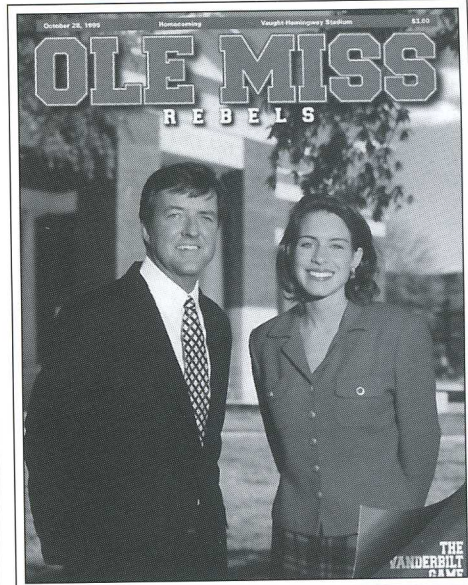
Vanderbilt outgained Ole Miss 161-19 on the ground and VU quarterback Ronnie Gordon enjoyed one of his finest passing days of the season, but the Commodores were unable to put enough points on the board in falling to the Rebels 21-10 in Oxford.

Jermaine Johnson carried 30 times for 133 yards, both season-highs at the time, while Gordon completed 11 of 30 passes for 134 yards and a touchdown. With Johnson churning out the yards on the ground, Vanderbilt was able to control the time of possession, besting the Rebels by more than 10 minutes. VU was just 2-17 on third-down conversions, however, and Ole Miss backup quarterback Paul Head was nearly unstoppable, completing 19 of 26 passes for 252 yards and three TDs.

Vanderbilt appeared to be headed for paydirt on the opening possession, advancing 57 yards on eight plays before Johnson fumbled on a first down play at the Rebel 22-yard line.

Neither team could muster much offense until late the in the first half, when Head led the Rebels on an eight play, 86 yard drive that culminated with a 20-yard TD pass on third down to Ta'boris Fisher with no time remaining in the half.

The Commodores got on the board on their first drive of the second half when



Steve Yenner connected on a 24-yard field goal.

Head connected with Fisher again on a 40-yard TD strike late in the quarter to put the Rebels up 14-3 and hooked up with LeMay Thomas on a 64-yard TD pass with 2:28 remaining to put UM up 21-3.

Vanderbilt closed out the scoring when Gordon found Kenny Simon in the endzone for a two-yard scoring pass with 57 seconds to go in the game.

November 4, 1995

## Kentucky at Vanderbilt

**Kentucky (3-6) 0 7 3 0 — 10**  
**Vanderbilt (1-7) 7 0 0 7 — 14**

### First Quarter

VU: Johnson 1 run (Yenner kick)

### Second Quarter

UK: Yeast 14 pass from Speedy (Sivinski kick)

### Third Quarter

UK: Sivinski 40 field goal

### Fourth Quarter

VU: Simon 27 pass from Allen (Yenner kick)

**Rushing UK:** Williams 18-54, Speedy 4-21, Haskins 10-(-10), Yeast 2-(-14) **VU:** Johnson 35-137, Gordon 6-20, Allen 5-15, Forrest 3-4.

**Passing UK:** Haskins 6-7-69, Speedy 5-10-26 **VU:** Gordon 5-8-54, Allen 3-3-53.

**Receiving UK:** Yeast 5-55, Simms 3-25, Williams 2-7, Cross 1-8 **VU:** Simon 2-33, Todd 2-36, Ware 2-20, Baker 1-2, Love 1-16.

**Attendance** 26,053

Vanderbilt continued its string of victories against the Kentucky Wildcats, coming from behind to nip UK 14-10 at Vanderbilt Stadium.

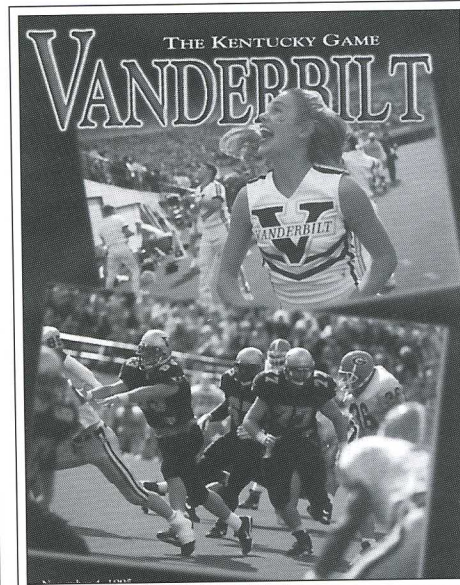
The victory was Vanderbilt's first of the season and fifth straight over Kentucky.

Woody Widenhofer's defense came up big yet again, limiting UK to less than 150 yards of total offense and an average of just 2.9 yards per play. Most impressive was the job the VU defense did on Kentucky tailback Moe Williams, who entered the game as the SEC's leading rusher (fifth in the nation) with an average of 140 yards per game. In the previous week's game vs. Miss. State, Williams had run for 238 yards on 35 carries, his fifth 100-yard rushing game of the season, but Vanderbilt held Williams to 54 yards on 18 carries.

Vanderbilt tailback Jermaine Johnson picked up where he left off the week before, establishing season-highs with 35 carries for 137 yards.

VU moved the ball at will on the first drive of the game, churning out 70 yards on 10 plays in 5:43. Key plays included 19- and 17-yard passes from Gordon to Duane Todd, with Johnson capping the drive with a one-yard TD run.

Kentucky tied the game at 7-7 when Jeff Speedy connected with Craig Yeast on



a 14-yard TD pass in the second quarter and went ahead 10-7 in the third quarter after recovering a fumble deep in VU territory and coming away with a 40-yard field goal by Brian Sivinski.

The Commodores took the lead for good early in the fourth quarter when Allen hit Kenny Simon with a 27-yard touchdown pass two plays after the freshman QB had scrambled for 23 yards on a 3rd and 17 play.



November 11, 1995

## Louisiana Tech at Vanderbilt

**La. Tech (4-6) 0 0 0 6 — 6**  
**Vanderbilt (2-7) 7 9 13 0 — 29**

**First Quarter**

VU: Allen 2 run (Yenner kick)

**Second Quarter**

VU: Yenner 25 field goal

VU: Yenner 52 field goal

VU: Yenner 55 field goal

**Third Quarter**

VU: Allen 7 run (kick blocked)

VU: Ware 9 run (Hale kick)

**Fourth Quarter**

LT: Ragsdale 11 pass from Martin (pass failed)

**Rushing LT:** Armstrong 6-58, Ragsdale 8-27, Thomas 4-13, Burks 2-12, Martin 4-(-15) **VU:** Johnson 24-82, Allen 8-31, Deese 11-33, Ware 2-17, Love 1-4, Forrest 2-2.

**Passing LT:** Martin 18-34-140, Burks 2-7-18, Armstrong 0-1 **VU:** Allen 11-21-149, Forrest 0-1

**Receiving LT:** Bradley 7-56, Mackey 6-45, Armstrong 3-27, Ragsdale 2-20, Heard 1-8, Jackson 1-2 **VU:** Ware 5-101, Dunnivant 3-30, Deese 1-8, M.E. Williams 1-6, Morgan 1-4.

**Attendance** 16,101

Vanderbilt won its second straight game of the season with a 29-6 drubbing of Louisiana Tech on a bitterly cold afternoon at Vanderbilt Stadium.

In the first-ever meeting between the Commodores and the Bulldogs and the 1,000th football game in Commodore history, the Vanderbilt defense held La. Tech scoreless until the 3:02 mark of the fourth quarter and the offense racked up a season-high 318 yards.

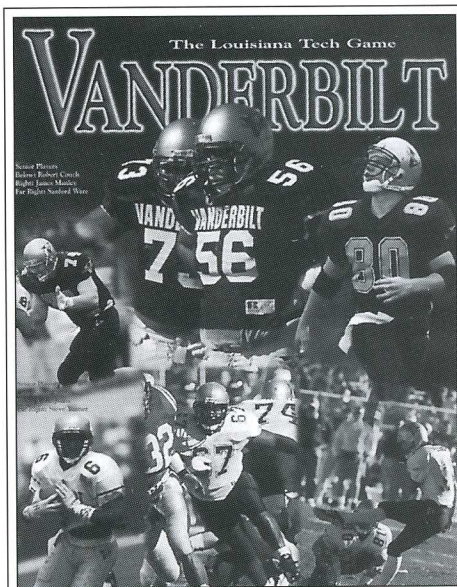
Damian Allen earned the start at quarterback and sparked the Commodore offense with 149 yards passing and 31 yards and two touchdowns rushing.

Jermaine Johnson carried 24 times for 82 yards and Cliff Deese added 33 yards on the ground. Senior Sanford Ware was Allen's favorite receiver, catching five passes for 101 yards, the most receiving yards for a Commodore wide out all season.

After Allen opened the scoring with a two-yard TD run in the first quarter, Commodore kicker Steve Yenner booted field goals of 25, 52, and 55 yards in the second quarter to put Vanderbilt up 16-0 at halftime.

Yenner became the first Commodore kicker ever to make two field goals of 50+ yards in the same game.

Allen scored again in the third quarter



on a seven-yard run and Ware rushed for a nine-yard score to push the VU lead to 29-0 before Tech's 11-yard TD pass play late in the fourth quarter spoiled the shutout attempt.

The VU defense allowed less than 100 yards rushing for the third consecutive game and moved into 41st place in the nation in total defense.

The victory gave the Commodores some confidence heading to Florida.

November 18, 1995

## Vanderbilt at Florida

**Vanderbilt (2-8) 0 0 0 0 — 7**  
**Florida (10-0) 7 10 14 7 — 38**

**First Quarter**

UF: Jackson 9 run (Edmiston kick)

**Second Quarter**

UF: Doering 19 pass from Wuerffel (Edmiston kick)

UF: Edmiston 25 field goal

**Third Quarter**

UF: Williams 70 run

UF: Green 76 pass from Wuerffel

**Fourth Quarter**

UF: Doering 17 pass from Kresser

VU: Ware 18 pass from Allen

**Rushing VU:** Johnson 35-90, Forrest 3-9, Deese 1-2, Allen 12-(-17) **UF:** Williams 9-128, Jackson 9-51, Mobley 4-4, Kresser 1-3, Hilliard 1-3, DuBose 2-3.

**Passing VU:** Allen 8-12-132 **UF:** Wuerffel 17-35-299, Kresser 8-13-104.

**Receiving VU:** Ware 4-50, Simon 2-68, Morgan 1-7, Dunnivant 1-7 **UF:** Green 5-155, Hilliard 3-19, Karim 2-27, Williams 2-15, Nunn 1-4, Allen 1-14

**Attendance** 85,248

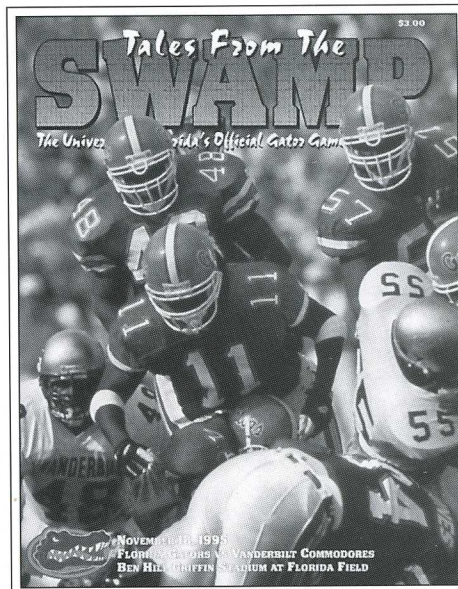
The Commodores held Florida to 17 first-half points, the third-ranked Gators' lowest first half point production of the regular season, but surrendered 21 points in the second half to fall to Florida 38-7 at the "Swamp" in Gainesville.

Though Vanderbilt received solid production from quarterback Damian Allen (8-12, 132 yards, 1 TD) and tailback Jermaine Johnson (90 yards rushing), it wasn't enough to counter the Gators' offense attack. Florida quarterback Danny Wuerffel completed 17 of 35 passes for 299 yards and two TDs, while Elijah Williams ran for 128 yards and Chris Doering and Green each had over 150 yards receiving.

A Damian Allen fumble inside Florida territory set up the Gators' opening touchdown in the first quarter. Taking over at his own 49, Weurffel led Florida on a six play, 51 yard drive in 1:35, culminating in a nine-yard TD run by Jackson.

Florida made it 14-0 when Weurffel hit Doering for a 19-yard TD completion midway through the second quarter and upped its lead to 17-0 on a 25-yard field goal by Edmiston.

The second half began on a high note when DeReal Finklin sacked Weurffel for a seven-yard loss on the first play of the half, but Williams countered on the second snap with a 70-yard touchdown run to put the



Gators up 24-0.

A 76-yard TD pass from Weurffel to Green provided the Gators with a quick touchdown later in the quarter, and an Eric Kresser to Doering TD hookup early in the fourth put Florida on top 38-0.

Vanderbilt mounted its lone scoring drive of the game with 6:20 remaining when the Commodores took possession in Florida territory and scored on an 18-yard pass from Allen to Ware.



November 25, 1995

## Vanderbilt at Tennessee

**Vanderbilt (2-9) 7 0 0 0 — 7**  
**Tennessee (10-1) 0 6 0 6 — 12**

**First Quarter**

VU: Baker 12 pass from Allen (Yenner kick)

**Second Quarter**

UT: Ford 1 run (kick blocked)

**Third Quarter**

No Scoring

**Fourth Quarter**

UT: Graham 1 run (pass failed)

**Rushing VU:** Johnson 29-110, Morgan 2-6, Dunnivant 1-0, Allen 11-(-1) **UT:** Graham 39-211, Ford 1-1, Manning 4-(-17), Copeland 1-(-5).

**Passing VU:** 10-19-77 **UF:** Manning 26-42-265.

**Receiving VU:** Dunnivant 4-28, Baker 4-27, Ware 1-12, M.E. Williams 1-10 **UF:** Kent 9-80, Pfeiffer 6-36, Graham 3-33, Kyler 2-35, Levine 1-14, Lane 1-20, Staley 1-14, Moore 1-12, Nash 1-21.

**Attendance** 92,274

On the season's final weekend, Vanderbilt trailed Tennessee for just two minutes and 59 seconds, but that was enough for the Volunteers to pull out a 12-7 win over the visiting Commodores.

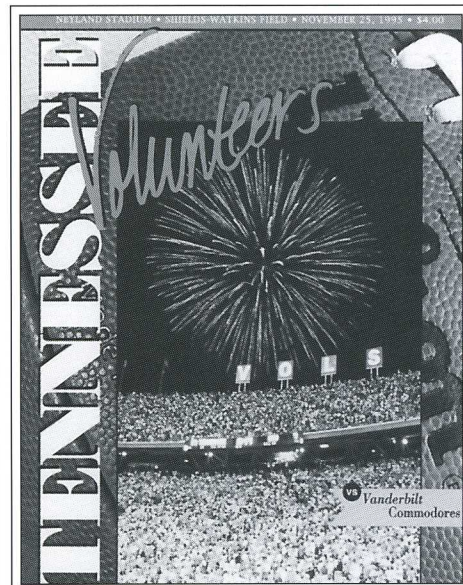
VU's defense harrassed Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning all afternoon, holding the sophomore sensation without a touchdown pass and dropping him four times for 17 yards in losses.

On the opening series of the game, Commodore quarterback Damian Allen engineered one of Vanderbilt's most impressive drives of the season. Allen converted drive-prolonging passes on 3rd-and-9 (14-yard pass to Sanford Ware) and 4th-and-4 (14-yard pass to Jason Dunnivant) and capped the series with a 12-yard TD pass to Fred Baker on a 3rd-and-3 play. In all, the drive consumed 80 yards on 11 plays over 6:18.

For more than three quarters, that lone touchdown was enough to stay on top of the Volunteers.

Unfortunately, those were the only seven points the Volunteer defense would surrender all afternoon.

Tennessee got on the scoreboard midway through the second quarter when Chester Ford capped a seven-play, 80-yard drive with a one-yard touchdown run on his only carry of the day. Jeff Hall's extra



point attempt was blocked and Vanderbilt led 7-6 at halftime and also at the end of three quarters.

In the fourth quarter, the Commodore defense snuffed out two Volunteer drives in Commodore territory, forcing a punt and causing a fumble. But with 6:23 remaining, Manning led Tennessee 69 yards on 10 plays, and Jay Graham scored the winning touchdown on a one-yard run with 2:59 left.



Jay Stallworth hits Wuerffel low, while Brian Boykin aims high.