

# Notre Dame Vanderbilt

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September 5, 1996  
Vanderbilt Stadium  
Nashville, Tenn.

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Vanderbilt opened the 1996 season in front of a record crowd of 41,523 fans against Notre Dame in a nationally televised Thursday night game.

The Commodores were hoping to avenge their loss to the Irish from 1995 with a victory on home soil, but their bid was denied as the Irish rallied in the fourth quarter to edge Vanderbilt, 14-7.

Both teams were held scoreless in the first quarter as the Vanderbilt defense was steady, allowing the Irish into Commodore territory only once. A failed field goal attempt by Notre Dame appeared to give Vandy momentum, but the Commodores were unable to capitalize.

Notre Dame took charge in the second quarter, not allowing the Vandy offense the chance to take advantage of three penalties and a strong defensive effort. The Irish took the lead with five seconds remaining in the first half with a 33-yard field goal by Jim Sanson.

The Irish kicked another field goal on their first possession of the second half to increase their lead, 6-0. Vandy was unable to score, yet its defense did not allow Notre Dame to score for the remainder of the quarter.

The Vanderbilt rally began in the fourth quarter. After a holding penalty and a loss of 24 yards, Damian Allen threw a 50-yard pass on third-and-37 to Todd Yoder in the endzone to tie the game at six. Brett Speakman kicked the extra point and gave Vandy the lead, 7-6.

The Commodores could not hold the lead, however, as Notre Dame drove the ball to the Vandy three and Marc Edwards

rushed for a three-yard touchdown. The extra point rush attempt by Edwards was successful and gave Notre Dame a 14-7 lead that would be retained until time expired.

Vanderbilt battled the heavily favored Irish toe-to-toe, but fell just shy of the upset. Quarterback Damian Allen was 10-for-17 for a total of 124 yards and Jason Dunnivant rushed for 31 yards in his first start to lead the Commodore offense.

## Scoring Summary

Notre Dame	0	3	3	8	—	14
Vanderbilt	0	0	0	7	—	7

## First Quarter

No Scoring

## Second Quarter

ND: Sanson 33 field goal

## Third Quarter

ND: Sanson 32 field goal

## Fourth Quarter

VU: Yoder 50 pass from Allen (Speakman kick)

ND: Edwards 3 run (Edwards run)

## Team Statistics

	ND	VU
First Downs	25	5
Rushing Attempts	57	23
Net Rushing Yards	218	2
Passing C-A-I	19-32-0	10-17-1
Net Passing Yards	216	124
Offensive Plays	89	40
Fumbles-Lost	7-4	2-2
Penalties-Yards	8-73	5-41
Interceptions-Yards	1-37	0-0
Punts-Yards	4-171	8-375
Average per Punt	42.8	46.9
Punt Returns-Yards	3-20	3-31
Interceptions-Yards	1-37	0-0
Fumble Returns-Yards	5-4	4-4
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-21	3-86
3rd Down Conversions	9-17	2-10
4th Down Conversions	0-1	0-0
Time of Possession	38:47	21:13

## Individual Statistics

Rushing ND: Edwards 22-84, Denson 19-59, Farmer 10-41, Powlus 5-20, Mosley 1-14 VU:

Dunnivant 15-31, MA Williams 1-3, Allen 7-(-32)

Passing ND: Powlus 19-32-216 VU: Allen 10-17-124

Receiving ND: Mosley 6-55, Johnson 4-69, Edwards 4-50, Chryplewicz 3-25, Denson 1-9, Nelson 1-8 VU: Dunnivant 2-17, Tomichek 2-34, Baker 1-11, Duke 1-0, Winkler 1-1, Yoder 1-50, Hogans 1-5, Miller 1-6

Attendance 41,523

# Vanderbilt Alabama

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September 14, 1996  
Bryant-Denny Stadium  
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

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The Commodores travelled to Tuscaloosa hungry for revenge from 1995's thrilling season opener, yet left disappointed as the game ended in Alabama's favor, 36-26.

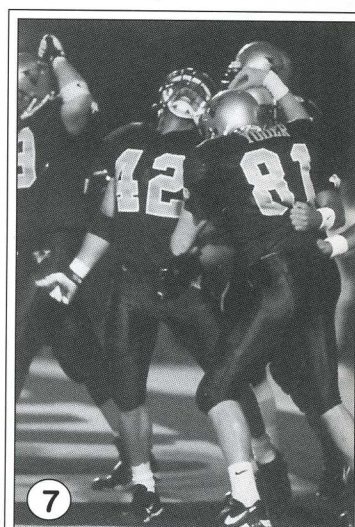
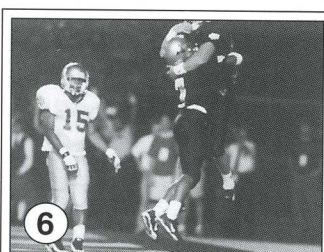
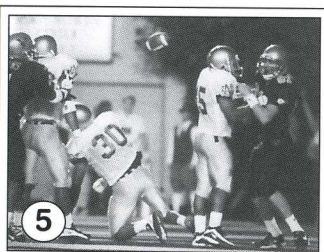
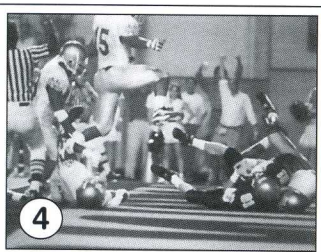
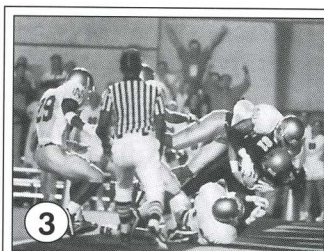
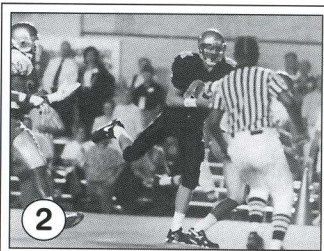
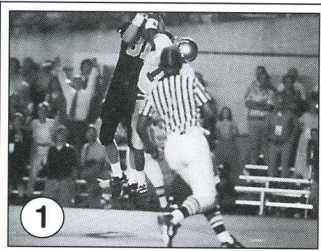
Damian Allen and Jason Dunnivant combined for 69 yards in 10 plays for a touchdown on Vanderbilt's opening possession, giving the Commodores the early lead.

Alabama moved the ball on its first possession but had to settle for a Brian Cunningham 28-yard field goal.

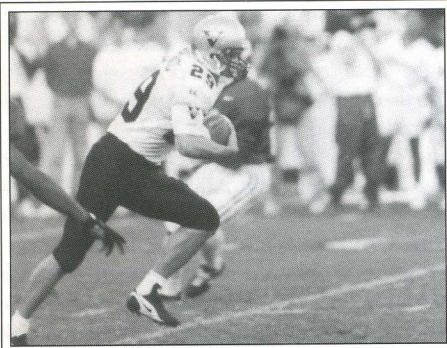
Alabama opened the second quarter with another field goal by Cunningham, then held Vanderbilt scoreless on its first possession. The Crimson Tide answered with Cunningham's third field goal of the night to take the lead, 9-7.

Vanderbilt responded with perhaps the most unique play of the college football season. With the ball on the Vandy 16, Bill Marinangel was brought in to punt. Instead of punting, Marinangel faked and sprinted untouched 81 yards for the TD to recapture the Vanderbilt lead.

Two possessions later, Alabama scored a touchdown in only three plays. The point-after touchdown attempt was blocked by Jamie Duncan, breaking Alabama's 135 con-







secutive PAT streak, dating back to the Vandy game of 1992. The first half ended in a 15-15 tie.

On Vanderbilt's first possession of the second half, Brett Speakman kicked a 38-yard field goal to give the Commodores the lead. A Freddie Kitchens 15-yard run for the Alabama touchdown gave the Crimson Tide the lead that would be maintained for the remainder of the game. Capitalizing on Kevin Jackson's interception and touchdown return of a Damian Allen pass and a Curtis Alexander one-yard touchdown run gave Alabama a 36-26 lead at the end of the third quarter.

An 88-yard punt return by Alvin Duke for the touchdown and a two-point conversion pass from Allen to Marcus Williams rounded out the Vandy scoring.

Neither team added to its score in the fourth quarter. Vanderbilt was unsuccessful offensively despite driving the ball to the Alabama six, before an interception ended the series. Alabama could not profit from two interceptions, but won the ballgame 36-26.

Jamie Duncan had 17 total tackles in the game, including two behind the line for a loss of three yards. Quarterback Damian Allen was 11 of 21 for a total of 139 yards.

#### Scoring Summary

Vanderbilt	7	8	11	0	—	26
Alabama	3	12	21	0	—	36

#### First Quarter

VU: Dunnivant 7 run (Speakman kick)

UA: Cunningham 28 field goal

#### Second Quarter

UA: Cunningham 26 field goal

UA: West 6 pass from Kitchens (kick failed)

UA: Cunningham 22 field goal

VU: Marinangel 81 run (Allen pass)

#### Third Quarter

VU: Speakman 38 field goal

UA: Kitchens 15 run (Cunningham kick)

UA: Jackson 34 run (Cunningham kick)

UA: Alexander 1 run (Cunningham kick)

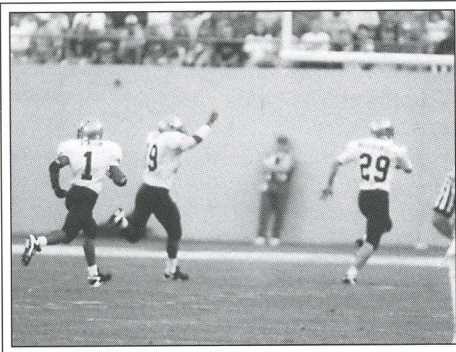
VU: Duke 88 run (Allen pass)

#### Fourth Quarter

No Scoring

#### Team Statistics

	VU	UA
First Downs	23	11
Rushing Attempts	3	0
Net Rushing Yards	160	116



Passing C-A-I	17-30-3	11-21-2
Net Passing Yards	207	139
Offensive Plays	78	51
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	10-70	7-75
Interceptions-Yards	3-49	3-56
Punts-Yards	4-85	5-227
Average per Punt	46.3	45.4
Punt Returns-Yards	3-19	2-93
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-58	6-132
3rd Down Conversions	6-16	3-11
4th Down Conversions	2-2	1-1
Time of Possession	36:13	23:47

#### Individual Statistics

Rushing UA: C. Alexander 19-83, Scisum 3-8, Riddle 10-20, Kitchens 7-32, S.

Alexander 5-13, Faust 3-7, Phillips 1-3 VU:

Dunnivant 17-40, MA. Williams 4-0, Allen

7-6, Marinangel 1-81, Winkler 1-1

Passing UA: Kitchens 16-27-3, Faust 1-3-0

VU: Allen 11-21-3

Receiving UA: C. Alexander 2-13, Hape 3-

27, Rutledge 2-24, Scisum 1-27, Vaughn 2-

20, Riddle 2-4, West 3-43, Hall 2-39 VU:

Winkler 1-4, Duke 1-14, M.E. Williams 2-27,

Dunnivant 2-18, Yoder 2-33, Hogans 1-2,

Baker 1-3, Miller 1-38

Attendance 70,123

## Mississippi Vanderbilt

September 21, 1996  
Vanderbilt Stadium  
Nashville, Tenn.

A combination of Vanderbilt's inconsistent offense and Mississippi's strong defense spelled trouble for the Commodores as the Rebels of Ole Miss beat Vanderbilt before a near sell-out crowd of 40,820 in Nashville.

Ole Miss scored on its second possession of the evening. Quarterback Paul Head completed three passes and rushed for six yards to set up the Tim Montz 31-yard field goal for the only score of the quarter.

Vanderbilt answered in the second quarter with a 31-yard field goal by Brett Speakman, despite one defensive and two offensive penalties on the drive. The Commodores were then held scoreless until late

in the fourth quarter.

Ole Miss was not to be silenced. Two possessions later, the Rebels regained their lead. Paul Head and John Avery were instrumental in setting up the Artie Moore two-yard run for the touchdown to give Ole Miss a 10-3 lead going into the half.

Mississippi took advantage of a Vanderbilt fumble at the start of the third quarter to score their second touchdown of the game, and Tim Montz kicked a 54-yard field goal to further the Rebels' lead.

The Commodore defense held the Rebels scoreless in the fourth quarter, but the offense was unable to capitalize until their final possession of the game. Damian Allen completed passes to Marcus E. Williams, Fred Baker, and Todd Yoder before Alvin Duke drove up the middle eight yards for the Vandy touchdown with 44 seconds remaining in the game.

#### Scoring Summary

Mississippi	3	7	10	0	—	20
Vanderbilt	0	3	0	6	—	9

#### First Quarter

UM: Montz 31 field goal

#### Second Quarter

VU: Speakman 31 field goal

UM: Moore 2 run (Montz kick)

#### Third Quarter

UM: Moore 2 run (Montz kick)

UM: Montz 54 field goal

#### Fourth Quarter

VU: Duke 8 run (pass failed)

#### Team Statistics

	UM	VU
First Downs	16	14
Rushing Attempts	44	39
Net Rushing Yards	153	78
Passing C-A-I	22-36-0	9-20-0
Net Passing Yards	134	193
Offensive Plays	80	59
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	5-2
Penalties-Yards	9-85	7-60
Interception-Yards	0/0	0-0
Punts-Yards	9-344	7-332
Average per Punt	38.2	47.4
Punt Returns-Yards	4-10	5-19
Fumble Returns-Yards	2-0	3-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-35	1-16
3rd Down Conversions	9-20	1-10
4th Down Conversions	1-1	0-2
Time of Possession	32:49	27:11

#### Individual Statistics

Rushing UM: Avery 18-98, Moore 20-49, Cannon 2-15, Head 4-(-9) VU: Duke 11-58, MA Williams 12-52, Dunnivant 4-27, Carter 1-(-6), Allen 11-(-53)

Passing UM: Head 22-35-134, Patridge 0-1-0 VU: Allen 9-20-193, Carter 0-0-0

Receiving UM: Adams 6-53, Mangum 4-16, Avery 3-1, Moore 3-20, Rone 3-25, Grant Heard 2-18, Anding 1-1 VU: Yoder 3-122, Hogans 2-12, Baker 1-15, ME Williams 1-11, Fleming 1-25, Winkler 1-8  
Attendance 40,820





# Vanderbilt LSU

October 5, 1996  
Tiger Stadium  
Baton Rouge, La.



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Vanderbilt traveled to Baton Rouge, La., to face former Vanderbilt head coach Gerry DiNardo and his LSU Tigers for the first time since DiNardo's departure. The Commodores were unable to defeat their former coach as the Tiger attack never let down, and LSU beat Vanderbilt 35-0.

The Tigers scored on their second possession of the game, with Kevin Faulk rushing a total of 62 yards and scoring the touchdown to give LSU the early lead, 7-0. LSU would add to its advantage by scoring another touchdown with 20 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

LSU's defense would not allow Vandy into its territory in the second quarter. The Commodores had to punt on all five of their first half possessions, going into half-time trailing the Tigers 21-0.

Eager to put points on the board, Vanderbilt's third quarter attempts were squelched as the Tiger defense remained invincible. LSU was able to penetrate the Commodore defensive line and score twice in the third quarter. Herb Tyler's one-yard pass to Rondell Mealey and the Wade Richey follow-up kick gave the Tigers a 28-point lead. LSU's next possession of the quarter produced another touchdown, orchestrated by Herb Tyler with a five-yard pass into the endzone to David LaFleur to give the Tigers their final score of the evening.

## Scoring Summary

Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0	—	0
LSU	14	7	14	0	—	35

## First Quarter

LSU: Faulk 20 run (Richey kick)

LSU: Mealey 20 run (Richey kick)

## Second Quarter

LSU: Faulk 1 run (Richey kick)

## Third Quarter

LSU: Mealey 1 pass from Tyler (Richey kick)

LSU: LaFleur 5 pass from Tyler (Richey kick)

## Fourth Quarter

No Scoring

## Team Statistics

	VU	LSU
First Downs	11	22
Rushing Attempts	33	47
Net Rushing Yards	85	266
Offensive Plays	62	66
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	5-45	8-63
Interceptions-Yards	0-0	2-0
Punts-Yards	6-276	6-201

Average per Punt	46.0	33.5
Punt Returns-Yards	1-2	1-13
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-7
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-65	1-20
3rd Down Conversions	3-15	5-11
4th Down Conversions	1-3	0-0
Time of Possession	27:24	32:36

## Individual Statistics

Rushing VU: M.A. Williams 14-45, Duke 12-27, Dunnivant 5-16, Allen 2-(-3) LSU:

Faulk 19-114, Tyler 9-76, Mealey 14-69, Cleveland 2-8, Foster 1-7, Sparacino 2-(-8)

Passing VU: Allen 12-28-122, Lewis 0-1-0

LSU: Tyler 11-17-165, Sparacino 0-2-0

Receiving VU: Dunnivant 5-74, Winkler 3-22, Hogans 1-9, Fleming 1-8, M.A. Williams 1-5, Miller 1-4 LSU: Foster 4-89, Frazier 2-25, Mealey 2-20, LaFleur 2-19, Cleveland 1-12

Attendance 80,142

# Vanderbilt North Texas

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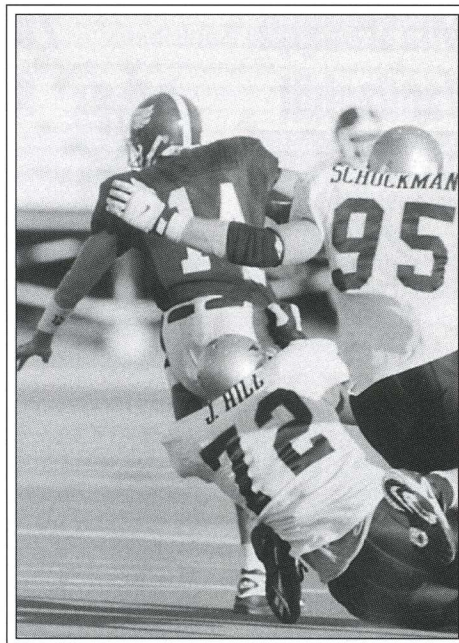


October 12, 1996  
Fouts Field  
Denton, Tex.

In this non-conference matchup between the SEC and Big West, the Commodores got on the scoreboard first when Jason Dunnivant galloped five yards for a TD early in the second quarter.

Vanderbilt's defense played strong all afternoon, only allowing North Texas into its territory once.

Meanwhile, Commodore quarterback Damian Allen completed nine and 10-yard passes to Tavarus Hogans and Jason Tomichuk, respectively, to set up a Brett Speakman 43-yard field goal that gave Vanderbilt a 10-0 halftime lead.



The Commodores added to their lead with Speakman kicking another 43-yard field goal on the first possession of the third quarter. Complete passes to Zach Winkler, Jason Tomichuk and O.J. Fleming, and six carries by Jason Dunnivant set up the 12-yard Damian Allen touchdown pass to Todd Yoder in the corner of the end zone to further Vandy's lead, 19-0.

North Texas did not pose a threat to the Commodores until the third play of the fourth quarter. Hut Allred carried the ball four yards for a score, denying the Commodores their first shutout in 11 seasons.

Vanderbilt freshman Ainsley Battles blocked a pass that would have given North Texas their second touchdown of the afternoon, and thus secured the Commodore victory, 19-7. Damian Allen played the best game of his career, completing 20 of 34 passes for 251 yards.

## Scoring Summary

Vanderbilt	0	10	9	0	-	19
North Texas	0	0	0	7	-	7

## First Quarter

No Scoring

## Second Quarter

VU: Dunnivant 5 run (Speakman kick)

VU: Speakman 43 field goal

## Third Quarter

VU: Yoder 12 pass from Allen

## Fourth Quarter

UNT: Allred 4 run (Graham kick)

## Team Statistics

	VU	NT
First Downs	19	11
Rushing Attempts	1	0
Net Rushing Yards	133	39
Passing C-A-I	20-34-0	19-38-2
Net Passing Yards	251	151
Offensive Plays	84	62
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	10-70	12-86
Interceptions-Yards	2-26	0-0
Punts-Yards	5-236	8-389
Average per Punt	47.2	48.63
Punt Returns-Yards	3-25	2-27
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-17	4-60
3rd Down Conversions	4-17	3-16
4th Down Conversions	1-4	1-2
Time of Possession	37:44	22:16

## Individual Statistics

Rushing VU: Dunnivant 26-84, Duke 17-56, Allen 4-(-8), M.A. Williams 3-1 UNT:

Allred 10-26, Cromer 3-5, Mills 8-10, Boone 3-(-2)

Passing VU: Allen 20-34-251 UNT: Mills 19-38-151

Receiving VU: Fleming 3-57, Winkler 2-10, Duke 2-8, Yoder 6-106, Miller 2-20, Hogans 2-18, Tomichuk 3-32 UNT: Waters 4-30, Hollie 4-23, Boone 4-2, Coleman 1-23, Harrison 5-63, Jones 1-10

Attendance 16,227



# Vanderbilt Georgia

October 19, 1996  
Sanford Stadium  
Athens, Ga.



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Vanderbilt returned to Southeastern Conference action trying to stretch its winning streak to two games against the Georgia Bulldogs. The Commodores' attempt to spoil the Bulldogs' Homecoming was unsuccessful due to 12 penalties and two lost fumbles.

Georgia struck first, but not until the second quarter. Quarterback Mike Bobo drove the ball to the Vandy 24 but was halted by the Commodores' defense. Hap Hines kicked a 41-yard field goal to give the Bulldogs the lead, 3-0.

Vanderbilt's defense accounted for the only points the Commodores scored in the game. With one minute remaining in the second quarter, defensive tackle Matt Schuckman pushed tailback Robert Edwards into the Georgia endzone for the safety and brought the score to 3-2 going into the half.

Wasting no time, the Bulldogs recovered a Vandy fumble and scored just two minutes into the second half. Robert Edwards drove the ball 19 yards in five plays for the touchdown. Two possessions later, Georgia scored again, this time on a Hap Hines 40-yard field goal, to produce the final 13-2 score.

## Scoring Summary

Vanderbilt	0	2	0	0	-	2
Georgia	0	3	10	0	-	13

## First Quarter

No Scoring

## Second Quarter

UG: Hines 41 field goal

VU: Safety (tackle by Matt Schuckman)

## Third Quarter

UG: Edwards 9 run (Hines kick)

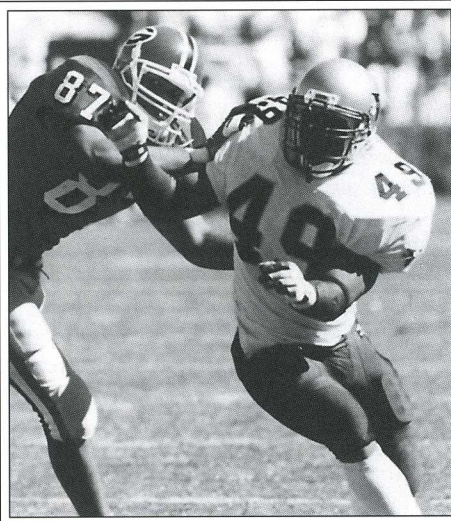
UG: Hines 40 field goal

## Fourth Quarter

No Scoring

## Team Statistics

	VU	UG
First Downs	9	18
Rushing Attempts	0	2
Net Rushing Yards	63	171
Passing C-A-I	10-33-0	16-29-2
Net Passing Yards	121	169
Offensive Plays	62	77
Fumbles-Lost	5/2	3-2
Penalties-Yards	12-128	7-53
Interceptions-Yards	2-11	0-0
Punts-Yards	12-560	6-227
Average per Punt	46.7	37.8
Punt Returns-Yards	3-10	5-10
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-12	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-43	1-23
3rd Down Conversions	4-15	7-18
4th Down Conversions	0-0	0-1
Time of Possession	26:37	33:23



## Individual Statistics

Rushing VU: Dunnavant 11-49, Duke 6-25, M.A. Williams 5-12, Allen 7-(-23) UG:

Edwards 29-130, Pass 12-56, B.Smith 1-2, Ward 1-1, Kirtsey 1-(-1), Bobo 3-0

Passing VU: Allen 10-33-121 UG: Bobo 16-28-169, Pass 0-1-0

Receiving VU: Yoder 3-28, Winkler 2-15, M.A. Williams 1-22, Jackson 1-20, Duke 1-18, Fleming 1-15, Tomichuk 1-3 UG: Ward 8-74, Allen 2-34, Daniels 2-32, Edwards 2-21, Pass 2-8

Attendance 80,757

# South Carolina Vanderbilt

October 26, 1996  
Vanderbilt Stadium  
Nashville, Tenn.



South Carolina running back Jason Williams came off the bench to rush for 110 yards and Scott Moritz scored two touchdowns as the Gamecocks defeated the Commodores, 27-0, in front of 36,583 water-logged fans at Vanderbilt Stadium.

The Vanderbilt offensive line struggled as the South Carolina defense forced four turnovers, three of which were recovered by the Gamecocks and two were turned into eventual touchdowns. The Commodore defense played well, yet could not make up for the offense's mistakes.

South Carolina's Courtney Leavitt kicked a 47-yard field goal to open the game and give the Gamecocks the lead that they would keep for the entire game. A field goal attempt by Vanderbilt's Brett Speakman was wide to the left, stopping the only scoring drive Vandy would make all afternoon.

The Gamecocks went on a scoring tirade in the second quarter, capitalizing on fumbles and putting the game out of

reach. Their first points came on a Reed Morton 40-yard field goal. Benji Young intercepted a Damian Allen pass on Vandy's first possession of the second quarter. Two plays later, Scott Moritz scored the first of his two touchdowns on a two-yard rush.

Vandy's Alvin Duke fumbled on the Commodore seven and the ball was recovered by Corey Atkins. Moritz scored his second touchdown of the afternoon and gave South Carolina a 20-0 lead. South Carolina's next possession led to their fourth scoring drive of the quarter as Jason Williams and Troy Hambrick combined for 14 yards to give the Gamecocks their final score, 27-0.

Both teams were held scoreless in the second half. For the second straight game, Vanderbilt failed to cross the 50-yard line in either the third or fourth quarters.

## Scoring Summary

South Carolina	3	24	0	0	-	27
Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0	-	0

## First Quarter

USC: Leavitt 47 field goal

## Second Quarter

USC: Morton 40 field goal

USC: Moritz 2 run (Leavitt kick)

USC: Moritz 7 run (Leavitt kick)

USC: T. Hambrick 2 run (Leavitt kick)

## Third Quarter

No Scoring

## Fourth Quarter

No Scoring

## Team Statistics

	USC	VU
First Downs	17	9
Rushing Attempts	55	27
Net Rushing Yards	191	27
Passing C-A-I	2-9-1	9-27-1
Net Passing Yards	28	55
Offensive Plays	64	54
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	4-3
Penalties-Yards	6-66	9-96
Interceptions-Yards	1-5	1-0
Punts-Yards	6-247	8-392
Average per Punt	41.2	49.0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-3	2-(-4)
Fumble Returns-Yards	3-0	3-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	3-59
3rd Down Conversions	4-13	3-15
4th Down Conversions	0-0	0-1
Time of Possession	33:59	26:01

## Individual Statistics

Rushing USC: Williams 19-110, Moritz 18-44, Bush 1-27, Staley 6-30, Mixon 6-8, T. Hambrick 2-5, Wright 3-(-19) VU: M.A. Williams 8-28, Duke 8-10, Allen 3-(-2), Carter 7-(-4)

Passing USC: Wright 2-8-28, Barnhardt 0-1-0 VU: Allen 6-16-39, Carter 3-11-16

Receiving USC: Williams 1-3, Bridges 1-25 VU: Winkler 3-14, Duke 3-24, M.A.

Williams 1-5, Fleming 1-1, Miller 1-11

Attendance 36,583



# UAB Vanderbilt

November 2, 1996  
Vanderbilt Stadium  
Nashville, Tenn.

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Vanderbilt alum, former offensive coordinator and head coach Watson Brown returned to Dudley Field with his UAB Blazers in front of 30,453 wind-chilled fans to take on the Commodores in VU's third break from SEC action.

The Blazers struck first in the game. Their defense forced a fumble on Vanderbilt's second possession, setting up a 42-yard field goal by Jake Arians.

The Commodores did not remain quiet as Damian Allen found Jason Tomichuk in the end zone for a touchdown to respond to the Blazers' score, giving Vandy the lead, 7-3.

The Commodores put the game out of reach in the second quarter, scoring two touchdowns in six minutes. Antony Jordan intercepted UAB quarterback Rodney Hudson's pass and ran 41 yards for a touchdown three minutes into the quarter. Marcus A. Williams rushed the ball 17 yards to set up a Damian Allen pass to Paul Morgan to give Vandy their third TD of the afternoon. The Commodores carried a 21-3 lead into halftime.

Vanderbilt scored two more times in the third quarter to further their lead.

Damian Allen ended a 78-yard, 10-play drive with a one-yard touchdown run to increase Vandy's lead to 25 points. Brett Speakman added a 39-yard field goal with eight minutes remaining in the quarter.

The Blazers were not finished as they amassed 12 points in the fourth quarter, attempting to make a comeback. Kenny Causey scored both touchdowns of the afternoon for UAB.

Vanderbilt's Marcus A. Williams made his first start at tailback and rushed for 111 yards, becoming the first Commodore to break 100 yards on the season.

## Scoring Summary

UAB	3	0	0	12	-	15
Vanderbilt	7	14	10	0	-	31

## First Quarter

UAB: Arians 42 field goal

VU: Tomichuk 5 pass from Allen (Speakman kick)

## Second Quarter

VU: Jordan 41 interception return

(Speakman kick)

VU: Morgan 1 pass from Allen (Speakman kick)

## Third Quarter

VU: Allen 1 run (Speakman kick)

VU: Speakman 39 field goal

## Fourth Quarter

UAB: Causey 17 pass from Hudson (kick failed)

UAB: Causey 9 pass from Hudson (pass failed)

## Team Statistics

	UAB	VU
First Downs	12	21
Rushing Attempts	36	51
Net Rushing Yards	103	163
Passing C-A-I	8-26-1	12-24-1
Net Passing Yards	101	104
Offensive Plays	62	75
Fumbles-Lost	5-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards	12-102	8-65
Interceptions-Yards	1-10	1-41
Punts-Yards	9-366	5-181
Average per Punt	40.7	36.2
Punt Returns-Yards	3-32	3-58
Fumble Returns-Yards	4-0	2-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-60	3-61
3rd Down Conversions	4-16	3-14
4th Down Conversions	1-0	1-2
Time of Possession	22:35	37:25

## Individual Statistics

**Rushing** UAB: Sanders 11-21, Roland 4-14, Hudson 8-20, Davis 10-49, Lynch 1-0, Causey 1-2, Daniels 1-(-3) VU: Allen 6-(-9), Duke 11-42, Dunnivant 9-18, M.A. Williams 24-111

**Passing** UAB: Hudson 8-26-101 VU: Allen 11-23-110, Carter 1-1-(-6)

**Receiving** UAB: Causey 4-64, R. Davis 3-29, Lynch 1-8 VU: Miller 5-52, M.A. Williams 2-19, Morgan 1-1, Dunnivant 1-(-6), Tomichuk 1-5, Fleming 1-23, Duke 1-10

**Attendance** 30,153

# Florida Vanderbilt

November 9, 1996  
Vanderbilt Stadium  
Nashville, Tenn.

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The No. 1 team in the nation had its biggest scare of the season as 40,249 fans witnessed the Vanderbilt Commodores rally but fall just short in their bid to defeat the top-ranked Florida Gators.

In the end, Vanderbilt raised eyebrows across the nation, but could not pull off the upset as the Gators held off the Commodores, 28-21.

Vanderbilt scored first after blocking a Florida punt and knocking it out of bounds to set up a 27-yard Brett Speakman field goal, giving the Commodores the early lead, 3-0.

Florida answered by driving the ball 69 yards down the field for the touchdown. Gator quarterback and eventual Heisman Trophy winner Danny Wuerffel completed a 22-yard pass to Ike Hilliard and a 14-yard touchdown pass to Reidel Anthony to allow Florida to regain the lead, 7-3.

The Gators scored on their first possession to open the second quarter. Wuerffel masterminded the drive, needing only four plays to convert the touchdown. Florida was not finished scoring in the quarter, as they added another seven points to their already comfortable lead to take a 21-3 half-time lead.

After the half, Vandy returned anxious to cut into the Florida advantage. Responding to the Gators' fourth touchdown, Brett Speakman kicked his second 27-yard field goal of the game.

Then the fireworks started. Jamie Duncan sacked Wuerffel at the Florida 31, recovered the ball, and returned it for Vandy's first touchdown of the afternoon. Damian Allen passed to Todd Yoder for the successful two-point conversion.

Going into the fourth quarter, Vandy scored on its first possession. Jason Dunnivant broke tackles at the line of scrimmage and sprinted 34 yards down the left sideline for the touchdown. A Brett Speakman extra point brought the Commodores to within one touchdown of the Gators, 28-21.

On VU's final possession, however, a fourth-and-10 pass attempt fell incomplete, and the Commodores' ended their miracle run on the short end of a 28-21 final score.

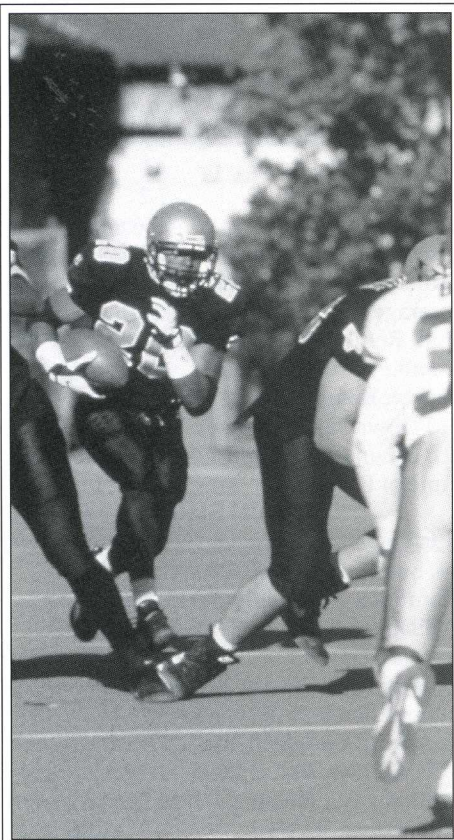
## Scoring Summary

Florida	7	14	7	0	-	28
Vanderbilt	3	0	11	7	-	21

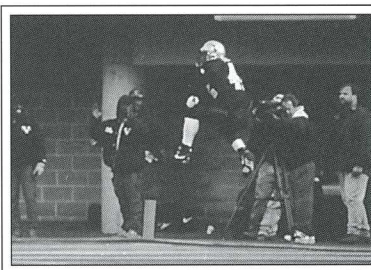
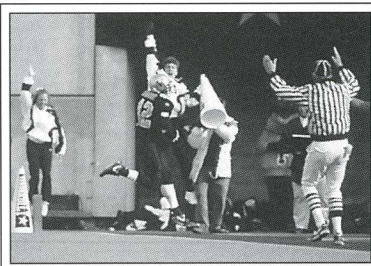
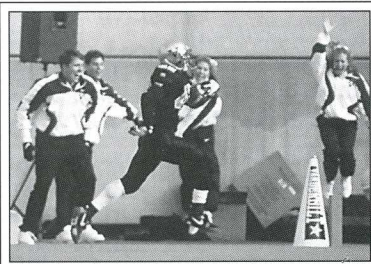
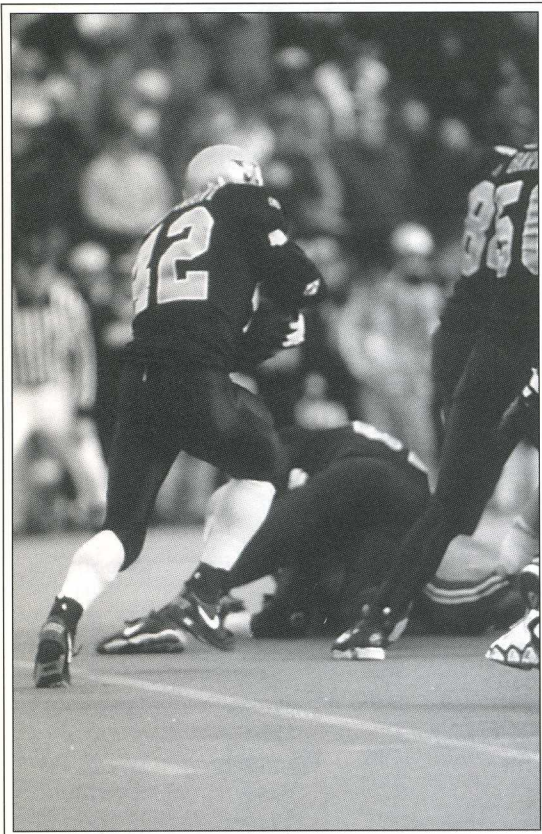
## First Quarter

VU: Speakman 27 field goal

UF: Anthony 14 pass from Wuerffel







Vanderbilt's offense never got untracked in the second half as the Commodores could push the ball no further than the Wildcat 39 in the third quarter. To make a tough day even worse, quarterback Damian Allen was sacked in the endzone for a safety, adding to the Kentucky lead.

The Wildcats scored two more times in the fourth quarter, on a touchdown by Isaac Curtis, followed by a field goal by Brian Johnson, ending the winning streak at five games and giving Kentucky the victory, 25-0.

Damian Allen completed 10 of 33 passes and had two interceptions. Jason Dunnivant rushed for 15 of the 29 net rushing yards for the Commodores on the afternoon.

### Scoring Summary

Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0	-	0
Kentucky	7	7	2	10	-	25

### First Quarter

UK: Yeast 57 pass from Haskins (Johnson kick)

### Second Quarter

UK: Wesley 1 run (Johnson kick)

### Third Quarter

UK: Safety (sack by Chris Ward)

### Fourth Quarter

UK: Curtis 3 pass from Haskins (Pass failed)

UK: Johnson 37 field goal

### Team Statistics

	VU	UK
First Downs	8	13
Rushing Attempts	23	37
Net Rushing Yards	29	122
Passing C-A-I	10-33-2	17-30-0
Net Passing Yards	120	217
Offensive Plays	56	67
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-66	12-77
Interceptions-Yards	0-0	2-21
Punts-Yards	8-391	9-336
Average per Punt	48.8	37.3
Punt Returns-Yards	3-14	2-20
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-114	2-27
3rd Down Conversions	4-15	7-18
4th Down Conversions	0-2	1-1
Time of Possession	24:48	35:12

### Individual Statistics

**Rushing** VU: Dunnivant 9-15, Allen 7-54, Duke 5-4, Winkler 1-7, Hogans 1-1 UK: Logan 26-132, Haskins 8-15, Woodfork 2-4, Wesley 1-1

**Passing** VU: Allen 10-33-120 UK: Haskins 17-30-217

**Receiving** VU: Fleming 2-16, Hogans 2-15, Dunnivant 4-65, Yoder 1-11, Tomichuk 1-13 UK: Yeast 3-81, Dennis 3-17, Spencer 2-30, Logan 1-4, Curtis 4-34, Mason 3-42, Simms 1-9

**Attendance** 33,000

Fleming 1-39, DeGraffenreid 0-8, Duke 6-1, Allen 6-(-14)

**Passing** UF: Wuerffel 18-29-283 VU: Allen 10-27-113

**Receiving** UF: Green 5-75, Hilliard 4-81, Anthony 4-70, T. Jackson 3-36, Allen 1-15, Williams 1-6 VU: Yoder 3-32, Fleming 2-0, Tomichuk 2-30, Miller 2-24, Winkler 1-27  
**Attendance** 40,249

**Vanderbilt  
Kentucky**



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**November 16, 1996  
Commonwealth Stadium  
Lexington, Ky.**

Vanderbilt traveled north to battle the Kentucky Wildcats, eager to defeat UK for the sixth year in a row, but was defeated at Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington in front of 33,000 fans.

The Wildcats were eager to end Vanderbilt's streak and scored six minutes into the first quarter. Sophomore wide receiver Craig Yeast scored the first touchdown of the afternoon on a 57-yard pass from quarterback Billy Jack Haskins. Brian Johnson kicked the point after to give Kentucky the early lead, 7-0.

Kentucky opened the second quarter with another touchdown by Lee Wesley, completing an 80-yard scoring drive. Brian Johnson kicked his second successful point after to increase the Wildcats' score, 14-0.

(Edmiston kick)

### Second Quarter

UF: Green 28 pass from Wuerffel

(Edmiston kick)

UF: Hilliard 31 pass from Wuerffel

(Edmiston kick)

### Third Quarter

VU: Speakman 27 field goal

UF: Green 9 pass from Wuerffel (Edmiston kick)

VU: Duncan 31 fumble return (Yoder pass reception)

### Fourth Quarter

VU: Dunnivant 34 run (Speakman kick)

### Team Statistics

	UF	VU
First Downs	19	16
Rushing Attempts	37	36
Net Rushing Yards	105	122
Passing C-A-I	18-29-1	10-27-0
Offensive Plays	66	63
Fumbles - Lost	1-1	5-2
Penalties - Lost	17-147	6-35
Interceptions - Yards	0-0	1-0
Punts - Yards	5-191	4-139
Average per Punt	38.2	34.8
Punt Returns - Yards	3-56	3-27
Fumble Returns - Yards	2-(-1)	4-31
Kickoff Returns - Yards	4-53	4-96
3rd Down Conversions	6-13	3-13
4th Down Conversions	1-1	0-1
Time of Possession	30:13	29:47

### Individual Statistics

**Rushing** UF: Taylor 9-57, Williams 11-49, T. Jackson 5-24, Green 2-3, Anthony 1-2, Wuerffel 9-(-30) VU: Dunnivant 23-88,



# Tennessee Vanderbilt



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November 30, 1996  
Vanderbilt Stadium  
Nashville, Tenn.

The traditional in-state battle between Vanderbilt and conference rival Tennessee proved once again to be a war of wills, but the visiting Volunteers scored early and held their lead, despite a late Commodore surge, to win 14-7.

Neither team scored in the first quarter, but Tennessee scored on their first possession of the second quarter with a four-yard Jay Graham rush for the touchdown. Jeff Hall kicked the extra point, giving the Vols the early lead, 7-0. Tennessee added to its lead with another touchdown, capitalizing on a recovered Vanderbilt fumble and a 61-yard return for the score. Jeff Hall kicked his second extra point, and the Volunteers took a 14-point lead into halftime.

Neither team was successful in the third quarter in their scoring attempts. Hall's 48 yard field goal attempt was wide to the left, and Tennessee did not allow Vandy into their territory.

Vanderbilt would not be shut out in this annual clash. The Commodores only needed one play to drive 82 yards as Damian Allen hooked up with Todd Yoder for the touchdown. Brett Speakman kicked the extra point to give the Commodores their only score of the afternoon. Tennessee was held scoreless for the remainder of the game, but had done enough damage in the first half to defeat VU, 14-7.

Todd Yoder had a big game for the Commodores, catching two passes for 89 total yards, further solidifying his place on the Freshman all-SEC squad.

## Scoring Summary

Tennessee	0	14	0	0	-	14
Vanderbilt	0	0	0	7	-	7

## Second Quarter

UT: Graham 4 run (Hall kick)

UT: Hines 61 fumble return (Hall kick)

## Fourth Quarter

VU: Yoder 82 pass from Allen (Speakman kick)

## Team Statistics

	UT	VU
First Downs	17	4
Rushing Attempts	40	30
Net Rushing Yards	137	-1
Passing C-A-I	17-35-1	9-27-2
Net Passing Yards	163	140
Offensive Plays	75	57
Fumbles-Lost	5-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-35	4-20
Interceptions-Yards	2-15	1-0
Punts-Yards	11-423	11-516
Average per Punt	38.5	46.9
Punt Returns-Yards	7-40	6-57
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-61	1-7
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-20	3-48
3rd Down Conversions	5-18	1-17
4rth Down Conversions	0-0	1-2
Time of Possession	33:11	26:49

## Individual Statistics

Rushing UT: Graham 22-99, Lane 3-18, Ford 7-16, Levine 4-14, Manning 4-(-10) VU: M.A. Williams 11-16, Dunnivant 12-7, Allen 7-(-24)

Passing UT: Manning 17-35-163 VU: Allen 9-27-140

Receiving UT: Nash 5-48, Kent 4-46, Moore 3-44, P. Price 2-8, Graham 2-11, McCullough 1-6 VU: Dunnivant 2-14, Yoder 2-89, Tomichek 2-21, Fleming 2-11, M.A. Williams 1-5

Attendance 40,289