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GAME SITE: LP Field, Nashville, Tenn.
PLAYING SURFACE: Natural grass
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Tentative Media Interview Schedule

All times subject to change; all times Central

NOTE TO GAYLORD HOTELS MUSIC CITY BOWL MEDIA: Interviews with Vanderbilt Coach Bobby Johnson and players will take place starting 20 minutes before practice. The first 30 minutes is open to photographers; afterward, only Vanderbilt beat reporters are allowed to watch.

SATURDAY, DEC. 27:
4:30 p.m. Vanderbilt Team Practice
John Rich Practice Facility, Vanderbilt campus
8:25 p.m. Team arrival at Opryland
SUNDAY, DEC. 28:
1:30 p.m. Vanderbilt Team Practice
John Rich Practice Facility, Vanderbilt campus
7:00 p.m. Welcome Party
site: General Jackson showboat
MONDAY, DEC. 29:
1:30 p.m. Vanderbilt Team Practice
John Rich Practice Facility, Vanderbilt campus
7:00 p.m. Team Construction Player Party
site: Dave & Busters at Opry Mills
TUESDAY, DEC. 30:
TBA Vanderbilt Team Walk-Thru
LP Field, Nashville
11:30 a.m. Coaches Luncheon
hosted by Franklin American at Wildhorse Saloon
2:00 p.m. Joint Press Conference
both head coaches to participate, LP Field, Room 134.06
6:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m. Music Fest/Battle of the Bands
2nd Avenue & Commerce, downtown Nashville
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31:
2:30 p.m. Gaylord Hotel Music City Bowl kickoff

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VANDERBILT COMMODORES

A Close Look at the Commodores

A Quick Look

Head Coach	Bobby Johnson (7th year)
Career Record.....	86-92
2008 Record.....	6-6
2008 SEC Record.....	4-4 (3rd in SEC East)
AP Rank.....	n/a
USA Today/Coaches' Rank	n/a
Home.....	3-3
Away	3-3
Home Attendance	230,796
Average Home Attendance	38,466
Bowls	4th
All-time Bowl Record	1-1-1
Last Bowl Appearance ...	1982 Hall of Fame
Last Bowl Result	Lost to Air Force, 28-36

Team Offense

Scoring Offense	19.4 (9/104)
Total Offense	260.9 (12/117)
Rushing Offense	138.2 (6/68)
Passing Offense.....	122.8 (12/112)
Turnover Margin	+6 (3/27)

Team Defense

Scoring Defense	20.1 (6/25)
Total Defense.....	318.7 (8/29)
Rushing Defense.....	145.0 (10/66)
Passing Defense	173.7 (3/18)

General Information

Location	Nashville, Tenn.
Enrollment.....	6,532
Founded	1873
Nickname	Commodores
Colors.....	Black and Gold
Stadium Vanderbilt Stadium (39,773), grass	
Head Coach	Bobby Johnson
Chancellor	Nicholas S. Zeppos
Vice Chancellor (athletics)	David Williams II
All-Time Record	552-548-50 (.503)
Conference	Southeastern
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Marching Band	Spirit of Gold

Vanderbilt Athletics Official Website:

www.vucommodores.com

SEC Official Website:

secsports.com

2008 Vanderbilt Schedule 6-6, 4-4; 3rd-SEC East

Date	AP/USAT	Opponent (TV)	Site	Result
Aug. 28	-/-	at Miami (ESPNU)	Oxford, Ohio	W, 34-13
Sept. 4	-/-	#24 SO. CAROLINA (ESPN)	Nashville, Tenn.	W, 24-17
Sept. 13	-/-	RICE	Nashville, Tenn.	W, 38-21
Sept. 20	-/-	at Ole Miss	Oxford, Miss.	W, 23-17
Oct. 4	19/14	#13AUBURN (ESPN)	Nashville, Tenn.	W, 14-13
Oct. 11	13/14	at Miss. State	Starkville, Miss	L, 14-17
Oct. 18	22/23	at #10 Georgia (Raycom)	Athens, Ga.	L, 14-24
Oct. 25	-/-	DUKE	Nashville, Tenn.	L, 7-10
Nov. 8	-/-	#5 FLORIDA (ESPN2)	Nashville, Tenn.	L, 14-42
Nov. 15	-/-	at Kentucky (ESPN2)	Lexington, Ky.	W, 31-24
Nov. 22	-/-	TENNESSEE (Raycom)	Nashville, Tenn.	L, 10-20
Nov. 29	-/-	at Wake Forest (ESPNU)	Winston-Salem, N.C.	L, 10-23

A Summary of Vanderbilt Individual Stats

Rushing

	G	Att.	Net.	Avg.	TD	Long	Avg./G
Jared Hawkins	11	131	580	4.4	4	40	52.7
Chris Nickson	11	120	485	4.0	6	59	44.1
Mackenzi Adams	11	62	136	2.2	0	23	12.4

Passing

	G	Effic.	Comp.-Att.-INT	Pct.	Yards	TD	Avg./G
Mackenzi Adams	11	97.2	77-156-8	49.4	882	5	80.2
Chris Nickson	11	102.6	61-124-3	49.2	545	8	49.5

Receiving

	G	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long	Avg./G
Sean Walker	12	34	452	13.3	3	79	37.7
Brandon Barden	12	27	205	7.6	4	31	17.1
Justin Wheeler	12	16	145	9.1	1	18	12.1

Defense

	UA-A-TT	TFL/Yds.	Sacks	INT	PBU	FF-FR	QBH
Patrick Benoist	46-54-100	6.5-21	2.0-14	0-0	4	0/1	3
Ryan Hamilton	48-50-98	4.6-6	1.0-1	3-103	1	1/3	2
Chris Marve	51-44-95	6.5-26	3.0-22	0-0	-	4/2	3
Myron Lewis	49-23-72	7.0-59	5.0-50	4-(-3)	5	2/0	1
Reshard Langford	43-24-67	2.5-5	0.0-0	3-75	2	1/0	-
D.J. Moore	28-26-54	4.5-23	1.0-8	6-56	6	1/1	-

2008 Southeastern Conference Standings

EASTERN DIVISION	SEC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	Bowl Game (opponent)
Florida	7-1	.875	12-1	.923	BCS Natl. Championship (Oklahoma)
Georgia	6-2	.750	9-3	.750	Capital One (Michigan State)
Vanderbilt	4-4	.500	6-6	.500	Gaylord Hotels Music City (Boston College)
South Carolina	4-4	.500	7-5	.583	Outback (Iowa)
Tennessee	3-5	.377	5-7	.417	
Kentucky	2-6	.250	6-6	.500	AutoZone Liberty (East Carolina)

WESTERN DIVISION	SEC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	Bowl Game (opponent)
Alabama	8-0	1.000	12-1	.923	Allstate Sugar (Utah)
Ole Miss	5-3	.625	8-4	.667	AT&T Cotton (Texas Tech)
LSU	3-5	.375	7-5	.583	Chick-fil-A (Georgia Tech)
Auburn	2-6	.250	5-7	.417	
Arkansas	2-6	.250	5-7	.417	
Mississippi State	2-6	.250	4-8	.333	

BOSTON COLLEGE EAGLES

2008 Boston College Schedule 9-4, 5-3; 1st-ACC Atlantic

Date	AP/USAT	Opponent (TV)	Site	Result
Aug. 30	-/-	at Kent State (ESPNU)	Cleveland, Ohio	W, 21-0
Sept. 6	-/-	Georgia Tech* (Raycom)	Chestnut Hill, Mass.	L, 16-19
Sept. 20	-/-	Central Florida (ESPNU)	Chestnut Hill, Mass.	W, 34-7
Sept. 27	-/-	Rhode Island (ESPN360)	Chestnut Hill, Mass.	W, 42-0
Oct. 4	-/-	at NC State* (Raycom)	Raleigh, N.C.	W, 38-31
Oct. 18	-/-	#18 Virginia Tech* (ESPN2)	Chestnut Hill, Mass.	W, 28-23
Oct. 25	23/-	at North Carolina* (Raycom)	Chapel Hill, N.C.	L, 24-45
Nov. 1	-/-	Clemson* (ESPNU)	Chestnut Hill, Mass.	L, 21-27
Nov. 8	-/-	Notre Dame (ESPN)	Chestnut Hill, Mass.	W, 17-0
Nov. 15	-/-	at #19 Florida State* (ABC)	Tallahassee, Fla.	W, 27-17
Nov. 22	-/25	at Wake Forest* (ABC)	Winston-Salem, N.C.	W, 24-21
Nov. 29	20/22	Maryland* (ABC)	Chestnut Hill, Mass.	W, 28-21
Dec. 6	18/20	vs. #25 Virginia Tech (ABC)	Tampa, Fla.	L, 12-30

A Summary of Boston College Individual Stats

Rushing	G	Att.	Net.	Avg.	TD	Long	Avg./G
Montel Harris	12	164	832	5.1	5	47	69.3
Josh Haden	12	103	439	4.3	1	20	36.6
Chris Crane	11	82	219	2.7	7	27	19.9

Passing	G	Effic.	Comp.-Att.-INT	Pct.	Yards	TD	Avg./G
Chris Crane	11	104.42	169-307-13	55.0	1,721	10	156.5
Dominique Davis	5	101.45	48-102-2	47.1	551	4	110.2

Receiving	G	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long	Avg./G
Rich Gunnell	13	49	551	11.2	4	45	42.4
Brandon Robinson	13	39	606	15.5	3	48	46.6
Justin Jarvis	11	24	244	10.2	3	41	22.2
Ryan Purvis	12	20	147	7.3	0	27	12.2

Defense	UA-A-TT	TFL/Yds.	Sacks	INT	PBU	FF-FR	QBH
Mark Herzlich	79-26-105	11.0/36	3.0-14	6-121	7	2-2	0
Mike McLaughlin	50-35-85	12.0/37	4.0-23	1-36	3	2-0	0
Robert Francois	43-29-72	8.0/14	2.0-8	1-36	1	0-0	0
Wes Davis	35-23-58	2.0/2	0-0	2-24	5	1-0	0
Brian Toal	27-15-42	4.0/13	2.0-10	0-0	1	0-0	0

2008 Atlantic Coast Conference Standings

Atlantic Division	ACC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	Bowl Game (Opponent)
*Boston College	5-3	.625	9-3	.750	Gaylord Hotels Music City (Vanderbilt)
Florida State	5-3	.625	8-4	.667	Champs Sports (Wisconsin)
Clemson	4-4	.500	7-5	.583	Konica Minolta Gator (Nebraska)
Maryland	4-4	.500	7-5	.583	Roady's Humanitarian (Nevada)
Wake Forest	4-4	.500	7-5	.583	EagleBank (Navy)
North Carolina State	4-4	.500	6-6	.500	Papajohns.com (Rutgers)

Coastal Division	ACC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	Bowl Game (Opponent)
*Virginia Tech	5-3	.625	8-4	.667	FedEx Orange (Cincinnati)
Georgia Tech	5-3	.625	9-3	.750	Chick-fil-A (LSU)
North Carolina	4-4	.500	8-4	.667	Meincke Car Care (West Virginia)
Miami	4-4	.500	7-5	.583	Emerald (California)
Virginia	3-5	.375	5-7	.417	
Duke	1-7	.125	4-8	.333	

*clinched division title

A Close Look at the Eagles

A Quick Look

Head Coach Jeff Jagodzinski (2nd year)
 Career Record 20-7
 2008 Record 9-4
 2008 ACC Record 5-3 (1st Atlantic)
 AP Rank Receiving Votes
 USA Today Coaches' Receiving Votes
 Home 5-2
 Away 3-1
 Neutral 1-1
 Home Attendance 287,258
 Average Home Attendance 41,037
 Bowls 20th
 Bowl Record 13-6
 Last Bowl 2007 Champs Sports
 Result Defeated Michigan State, 24-21

Team Offense

Scoring Offense 25.5 (5/61)
 Total Offense 318.5 (7/94)
 Rushing Offense 143.0 (4/63)
 Passing Offense 175.5 (10/93)
 Turnover Margin +6 (5/33)

Team Defense

Scoring Defens 18.5 (4/19)
 Total Defense 273.4 (1/6)
 Rushing Defense 92.2 (1/7)
 Passing Defense 181.2 (5/25)
 Pass Defense Efficiency 98.7 (1/7)

General Information

Location Chestnut Hill, Mass.
 Founded 1863
 Enrollment 14,500
 Stadium Alumni Stadium (44,500)
 Nickname Eagles
 Colors Maroon & Gold
 Conference Atlantic Coast
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2008



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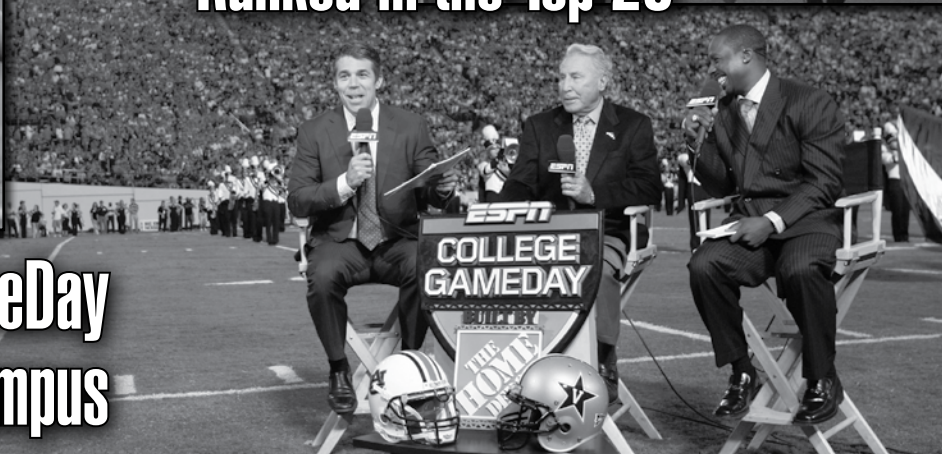
**Academic
Achievements**



Ranked in the Top 25



**College GameDay
on Campus**



A SEASON TO REMEMBER



**All-SEC
Players**



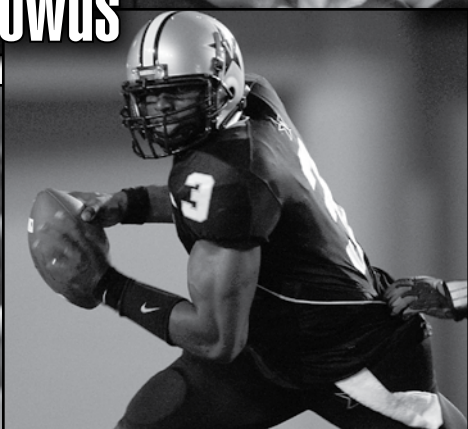
Enthusiastic Crowds



**Four Victories
in SEC Play**



**Best Record
Since 1982**



**Six National TV
Appearances**



COMMODORE NOTES

VANDERBILT'S RECORD WHEN...

CATEGORY	2008
Record.....	6-6
Playing SEC opponent.....	4-4
Eastern Division Foes	2-2
Western Division Foes	2-2
Facing non-conference opponent.....	2-2
Playing at home.....	3-3
Playing on the road.....	3-3
Playing on a neutral field	0-0
Playing at night.....	6-2
Playing during the day	0-4
Vanderbilt scores on first possession	1-0
Opponent scores on first possession	3-2
Vanderbilt scores first.....	1-1
Opponent scores first	5-5
Vanderbilt leads after 1st quarter.....	2-0
Opponent leads after 1st quarter	4-4
Teams are tied after 1st quarter	0-1
Vanderbilt leads at halftime	2-1
Opponent leads at halftime.....	2-5
Teams are tied at halftime	2-0
Vanderbilt leads after 3rd quarter	5-0
Opponent leads after 3rd quarter	0-6
Game goes to overtime.....	0-0
Vanderbilt has more total yards	3-1
Opponent has more total yards.....	3-5
Vanderbilt has more rushing yards	4-1
Opponent has more rushing yards.....	2-5
Vanderbilt has more passing yards	2-1
Opponent has more passing yards.....	4-5
Vanderbilt has more turnovers.....	0-2
Opponent has more turnovers.....	5-2
Teams have equal turnovers.....	1-2
Vanderbilt has more penalties.....	0-4
Opponent has more penalties	5-2
Teams have equal penalties.....	1-0
Vanderbilt has more time of possession.....	6-1
Opponent has more time of possession.....	0-5
Vanderbilt has 100-yard rusher	3-0
Opponent has 100-yard rusher.....	1-2
Vanderbilt scores at least 20 points.....	5-0
Vanderbilt scores under 20 points	1-6
Opponent scores at least 20 points.....	2-4
Opponent scores under 20 points	4-3
Vanderbilt throws for 300 yards.....	0-0
Vanderbilt throws for 200-299 yards	0-1
Opponent throws for 300 yards	0-0
Opponent throws for 200-299 yards.....	3-1
Playing on natural grass	4-5
Playing on artificial surface.....	2-1
Vanderbilt defense scores.....	1-1
Opponent defense scores	1-1
Vanderbilt returns KO or Punt for TD.....	0-0
Opponent returns KO or Punt for TD.....	1-0

Commodores Seeking Seventh Victory, Winning Record

The Commodores will be attempting to reach seven wins in a season for just the fourth time in the last 50 years when they face Boston College in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl.

The Commodores last captured seven regular season wins in 1982, going 8-3 en route to the Hall of Fame Bowl in Birmingham, Ala. Other seven-win Commodore regular seasons in the last half century came in 1975 (7-4) and 1974 (7-3-1).

Vanderbilt would also finish the season with a 7-6 record with a victory. The Commodores have not finished with a winning record since the 1982 campaign.

The eight-win regular season in 1982 is a program standard since the 1940s. Prior to World War II, the Commodores were one of the nation's winningest programs, enjoying 22 seasons of at least seven wins.

Commodores Making 7th Appearance on ESPN Network

The Commodores will make yet another appearance on the ESPN network of sports programming when it plays in Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl Dec. 31 against the Boston College Eagles.

The Music City Bowl will mark Vanderbilt's seventh game on the family of ESPN stations, the most in team history. The previous high was four appearances during 2005, the senior season for All-SEC Vanderbilt quarterback Jay Cutler.

Vanderbilt's first two victories ever on ESPN came earlier this season – home SEC wins vs. South Carolina on Sept. 4 and Auburn on Oct. 4.

Late in the season, Vanderbilt also captured its first game ever on ESPN2, winning 31-24 at Kentucky.

The Commodores are 4-2 this season on the network: 1-1 on ESPN2, 2-0 on ESPN and 1-1 on ESPNU.

The Commodores are 2-0 this season on ESPN, and 2-7 all-time on the channel.

'DORES ON ESPN STATIONS

YEAR	OPPONENT	STATION	W/L
2008	Wake Forest	ESPN2	L
2008	Kentucky	ESPN2	W
2008	Florida	ESPN2	L
2008	Auburn	ESPN	W
2008	So. Carolina	ESPN	W
2008	Miami (Ohio)	ESPN2	W
2007	Georgia	ESPN2	L
2006	Michigan	ESPN	L
2005	Wake Forest	ESPN2	W
	LSU	ESPN2	L
	Georgia	ESPN2	L
	Florida	ESPN2	L
1999	Kentucky	ESPN	L
1998	Miss. State	ESPN2	L
	Tennessee	ESPN2	L
1997	Alabama	ESPN	L
	Georgia	ESPN	L
1996	Notre Dame	ESPN	L
	Alabama	ESPN2	L
	Tennessee	ESPN	L
1984	LSU	ESPN	L

Johnson Shares SEC Coach of the Year Award

After becoming the fifth winningest coach in Vanderbilt football history earlier this season, Vanderbilt's Bobby Johnson was voted a share of the Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year on Dec. 10.

Johnson, concluding his seventh year at the helm of Vanderbilt football, shared the SEC's top coaching honor with Nick Saban of Alabama and Houston Nutt of Ole Miss after a vote of the league's 12 head coaches.

Johnson notched his 26th victory at Vanderbilt when the Commodores defeated Kentucky on Nov. 15. He passed former mentor George MacIntyre on the team list.

Four other Vanderbilt coaches have earned SEC Coach of the Year honors: George MacIntyre (1982), Art Guepe (1955), Red Sanders (1941) and Ray Morrison (1937).

All-time Wins by Vanderbilt Head Coaches

Coach	Years	Wins
1. Dan McGugin	1904-17/1919-34	197
2. Art Guepe	1953-62	39
3. Red Sanders	1940-48	36
4. Ray Morrison	1918/1935-39	29
5. Bobby Johnson	2002-	26

COMMODORE NOTES

Vanderbilt-Boston College Series Notes

- ★ Meeting Between Schools: 3rd
- ★ Series Record: Vanderbilt trails 0-2
- ★ Last Meeting: Vanderbilt 6 – Boston College 19 (1963)
- ★ First Meeting: Vanderbilt 22 – Boston College 27 (1962)
- ★ Longest Vanderbilt Win Streak: 0
- ★ Longest Vanderbilt Losing Streak: 2
- ★ Johnson vs. Boston College: 0-0
- ★ Johnson vs. ACC opponents: 2-5

SERIES NOTES Vanderbilt and Boston College have not played in more than 40 years. The Eagles took both earlier meetings, 27-22 on the Vanderbilt campus in 1962 and 19-6 in Massachusetts the following year. Toby Wilt, a current member of the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl Board of Directors, produced 52 total yards as a Vanderbilt halfback during the 1963 meeting.

Vanderbilt vs. the ACC

Vanderbilt is looking for its first victory this season against the Atlantic Coast Conference when it faces Boston College in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl.

The Commodores are 65-59-5 all-time against ACC members. They also are 6-5 vs. ACC foes in the last decade.

This season, Vanderbilt has dropped decisions to two members of the ACC: Duke (7-10, Oct. 25) and Wake Forest (10-23, Nov.29).

Vanderbilt All-time vs. ACC members

ACC TEAM	VU RECORD VS.	LAST TIME
Boston College	0-2-0	(L, 6-19) 1963
Clemson	3-1-0	(W, 22-20) 1960
Duke	7-4-0	(L, 7-10) 2008
Georgia Tech	15-18-3	(L, 17-24 OT) 2003
Maryland	8-4-0	(W, 34-24) 1987
Miami (Fla.)	4-4-0	(L, 16-48) 1981
North Carolina	5-8-0	(L, 10-34) 1982
North Carolina State	1-0-0	(W, 7-0) 1946
Virginia	12-7-2	(W, 17-14) 1975
Virginia Tech	3-6-0	(L, 0-18) 1989
Wake Forest	7-5-0	(L, 10-23) 2008
Vanderbilt All-time vs ACC	65-59-5	

Vanderbilt, BC Among Interception Leaders

The Commodore defense, led by four veterans back after starting the 2007 season, rank among the NCAA leaders in interceptions.

The Commodores' 18 interceptions is second in the SEC behind Florida's total of 24 interceptions. The unit is also tied for ninth nationally in the interception category.

The total marks the most interceptions by a Commodore defense since 1989. The team record of 24 INTs was set in 1982 and 1948.

Moore leads the team with six INTs. Langford, CB **Myron Lewis** and safety **Ryan Hamilton** have three interceptions each.

Hamilton contributed all of his interceptions in the Commodores' 23-17 win at Ole Miss Sept. 13.

The Commodore foe in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl, Boston College, tops the nation in interceptions, having picked off 26 passes.

Comparing Vanderbilt & Boston College

	VANDERBILT	BOSTON COLLEGE
TEAM RECORD	6-6/4-4	9-4/5-3
TOTAL POINTS	233	332
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	29	41
POINTS ALLOWED	241	241
TOUCHDOWNS ALLOWED	30	30
FIRST DOWNS	184	238
RUSHING	81	112
PASSING	68	106
PENALTY	25	20
RUSHING YARDAGE	1658	1859
YARDS GAINED RUSHING	2018	2162
YARDS LOST RUSHING	[360]	[303]
RUSHING ATTEMPTS	435	480
AVERAGE PER RUSH	3.8	3.9
AVERAGE PER GAME	138.2	143.0
TDs RUSHING	13	18
PASSING YARDAGE	1473	2281
ATT-COMP-INT	299-147-12	412-218-15
AVERAGE PER PASS	4.9	5.5
AVERAGE PER CATCH	10.0	10.5
AVERAGE PER GAME	122.8	175.5
TDs PASSING	14	15
TOTAL OFFENSE	3131	4140
TOTAL PLAYS	734	892
AVERAGE PER PLAY	4.3	4.6
AVERAGE PER GAME	260.9	318.5
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	47-926	48-933
AVERAGE KICK RETURN	19.7	19.4
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	29-306	17-197
AVERAGE PUNT RETURN	10.6	11.6
INTERCEPTION RETURNS: #-YARDS	18-272	26-618
AVERAGE INT. RETURN	15.1	23.8
FUMBLES/FUMBLES LOST	23-9	27-15
OPP. FUMBLES/FUMBLES RECOVERED	25-9	20-10
PENALTIES-YARDS	56-473	57-480
AVERAGE PER GAME	39.4	36.9
PUNTS-YARDS	73-2794	68-2546
AVERAGE PER PUNT	38.3	37.4
NET PUNT AVERAGE	34.7	32.4
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	29:55	30:56
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	57/169	67/189
3RD DOWN PCT.	34%	35%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	6/12	15/23
4TH DOWN PCT.	50%	65%
QB SACKS-YARDS	29-191	34-222
QB SACKS ALLOWED-YARDS	26-184	21-155
FG MADE/ATTEMPTS	10/15	14/21
OPP. FG MADE/ATTEMPTS	11/20	10/20



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Vanderbilt in 2008: Four Wins in Conference Play

The 'Dores finished the season 4-4 in Southeastern Conference play, representing the most league wins by Vanderbilt in 26 years.

Vanderbilt missed a chance against Tennessee to match its all-time high of five SEC wins, reached only once previously (5-1 in 1935). The Commodores are charter members of the SEC, founded in 1933.

It's been a difficult task for Vanderbilt to reach the four-win plateau in SEC play. This is just the Commodores' seventh season of at least four SEC victories. Previous seasons of at least four SEC wins were 1982 (4-2), 1955 (4-3), 1949 (4-4), 1948 (4-2-1), 1938 (4-3), 1937 (4-2) and 1935 (5-1).

PLAYING AT LP FIELD – Though this marks Vanderbilt's initial participation in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl, the Commodores have played previously at LP Field. Vanderbilt is 0-2 all-time in the facility, having lost to cross-state Tennessee in 2000 (26-28, Nov. 25) and 2002 (0-24, Nov. 23).

A Commodore First Since 1955: Two Victories Over Ranked Foes

Wins over Auburn and South Carolina mark the first time in team history that the 'Dores have beat two ranked squads in the same regular season.

The Commodores defeated No. 13 Auburn (14-13, Oct. 4) and No. 24 South Carolina (24-17, Sept. 4) in Vanderbilt Stadium.

Vanderbilt is 2-2 this year vs. ranked teams. The losses came at No. 13 Georgia (14-24, Oct. 18) and vs. Florida (14-42, Nov. 8).

Only once previously (1955) has Vanderbilt topped two ranked teams. That season, Vanderbilt beat No. 17 Kentucky 34-0 in the regular season, then dropped No. 8 Auburn in the Gator Bowl 25-13.

The win over South Carolina also marked the first time in team history that Vanderbilt has defeated Top 25 teams in three straight seasons.

Recent Vanderbilt wins over Top 25 teams

OPPONENT	LOCATION (DATE)	SCORE
No. 13 Auburn	Nashville (10/4/2008)	14-13
No. 24 South Carolina	Nashville (9/4/2008)	24-17
No. 6 South Carolina	Columbia, S.C. (10/20/2007)	17-6
No. 16 Georgia	Athens, Ga. (10/14/2006)	24-22

Langford: Excellent On & Off the Field

Safety **Reshard Langford** (R-Sr.) is Vanderbilt's representative to the SEC Community Service team this season.

Langford, the team's active career leader in tackles, has spent the last three summers working with young kids at the Martha O'Bryan Center, a Christian outreach ministry, serving as a mentor to inner-city youngsters in east Nashville. He has also spent time speaking to local elementary schools.

Vanderbilt Team SEC/NCAA Stat Ranking

TEAM CATEGORY	AVG.	SEC	NCAA
Scoring Offense	20.3	9	96
Scoring Defense	19.8	7	29
Total Offense	262.0	12	117
Rushing Offense	140.2	7	67
Passing Offense	121.8	12	113
Total Defense	317.6	8	29
Rushing Defense	143.8	10	63
Passing Defense	173.7	4	16
Net Punting	35.4	7	53
Punt Returns	10.9	6	35
Kickoff Returns	19.7	10	94
Turnover Margin	+7	2	24
Pass Efficiency	101.7	10	106
Defensive Pass Efficiency	109.0	6	25
Penalties (Total)	50	2	T-15
Penalty Yardage	40.4	2	T-18
Third Down Conv. %	35%	9	97
Third-Down Conv. % (opponent)	36%	7	37
Red Zone Offense Efficiency	88%	3	T-23
Red Zone Defense Efficiency	69%	T-2	T-6
Quarterback Sacks	29	1	21
Quarterback Sacks Allowed	22	8	67
Pass Interceptions	18	2	T-6
Time of Possession	30:04	9	62
First Downs	15.3	11	112
First Downs Allowed	17.8	T-10	T-44

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Hahnfeldt: New All-time Leading Vanderbilt Scorer



Bryant Hahnfeldt (Sr., PK) has become the Commodores' all-time leading scorer.

Despite the achievements, Hahnfeldt struggled in recent weeks, missing four straight until making two of his last three field goals attempts.

Hahnfeldt provided the winning points at Ole Miss, scoring the team's last nine points by hitting field goals from 34, 31 and 40 yards in the 23-17 victory. He also earned weekly recognition from the Lou Groza Award committee after the performance against Ole Miss.

Hahnfeldt has produced 245 career points, 36 more than the total accumulated by John Markham (1997-2000). Both were standout kickers at Montgomery Bell Academy, a school located 1.5 miles west of Vanderbilt.

Hahnfeldt has shared the team's Specialist of the Week honors in four of five games. He is 10-of-15 in field goals, including three beyond 40 yards. He is also 29-of-29 on extra point attempts.

Hahnfeldt holds the team record for PATs made with 116. He is four field goals shy of tying Markham's school record of 47.

Commodore Leaders – Career Points by Kicker

PLACEKICKER	FGs	PATs	POINTS
1. Bryant Hahnfeldt , 2005-08	43-69	116-120	245
2. John Markham , 1997-2000	47-68	68-77	209

Twenty-one Commodore Seniors to Play Last Game

Twenty-one Commodores, including six frequent starters, will play in their final game when Vanderbilt faces Boston College in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl on New Year's Eve.

The senior starters include co-captains Reshard Langford and George Smith, and Bryant Hahnfeldt, Jeff Jennings, Chris Nickson and Sean Walker.

JOSH ALLEN

cornerback
Roswell, Ga.

BO BAGGERLEY

linebacker
Forsyth, Ga.

JAKE BRADFORD

tight end
St. Simons Island, Ga.

MATT BUBIS

tight end/fullback
Nashville, Tenn.

THOMAS CARROLL

kicker/holder
Columbus, Ga.

ANDREW DIOMANDE

wide receiver
Miami, Fla.

JARED FAGAN

defensive back
Waldorf, Md.

NICK FORTE

offensive guard
Brentwood, Tenn.

DREW GARDNER

offensive guard
Hoxie, Ark.

BRYANT HAHNFELDT

kicker
Nashville, Tenn.

JEFF JENNINGS

running back
Jefferson City, Tenn.

CHRIS JOHNSON

linebacker
Birmingham, Ala.

RESHARD LANGFORD

safety
Tanner, Ala.

DAVID LEINWEBER

defensive end
Bloomington Hills, Mich.

NICK MILLER

snapper
Matthews, N.C.

CHRIS NICKSON

quarterback
Brundidge, Ala.

ALEX SCHULTZ

defensive back
Wayland, Mass.

LARRY SIMMONS

wide receiver
Austin, Texas

GEORGE SMITH

wide receiver
Pembroke Pines, Fla.

RYAN VANCE

offensive guard
Bellair, Texas

SEAN WALKER

wide receiver
Wrens, Ga.

Vanderbilt Active Player Participation

PLAYER	POS.	2008 GAMES PLAYED	2008 STARTS	CAREER GAMES PLAYED	CAREER STARTS	CONS. CAREER STARTS
Chris Aaron	C	2	-	2	-	-
Mackenzi Adams	QB	11	3	35	9	3
Josh Allen	CB	12	2	46	11	-
Rob Ashabranner	C/OG	2	-	2	-	-
Joey Bailey	OG/C	7	5	9	5	-
Brandon Barden	TE	12	9	12	9	9
Patrick Benoist	LB	12	12	38	17	16
Greg Billinger	DT	12	12	35	12	12
Jake Bradford	TE	12	1	36	3	1
Terrell Brannon	DE	10	-	10	-	-
Brandon Bryant (inj.)	LB	-	-	20	3	-
Matt Bubis	FB	12	-	24	-	-
Joel Caldwell	CB	12	-	34	11	-
Nate Campbell	LB	12	-	24	-	-
Thomas Carroll	H/PK	4	-	4	-	-
John Cole (inj.)	WR	1	-	1	-	-
Ryan Custer	OG	12	9	36	12	-
Jared Fagan	CB	12	1	47	3	-
Kyle Fischer	OT	12	6	12	6	6
Davis Flowers	LB	1	-	1	-	-
Nick Forte	OG	9	1	9	1	-
Tim Fugger	DE	8	-	8	-	-
Michael Garcia	LB	12	-	16	-	-
David Giller	SN	7	-	7	-	-
Drew Gardner	OL	12	-	28	-	-
Jamie Graham	WR/TB	11	8	11	8	2
Justin Green	TE	7	-	16	-	-
T.J. Greenstone	DT	12	2	12	2	-
Bryant Hahnfeldt	PK	12	12	47	47	47
Ryan Hamilton	S	12	12	36	33	31
Jared Hawkins	TB	11	10	33	10	-
Casey Hayward	DB	12	-	12	-	-
Eric Hensley	OL	12	6	29	6	6
Jeff Jennings	TB	9	2	40	15	-
Chris Johnson	LB	12	-	35	-	-
Theron Kadri	DE	10	1	22	1	1
Reshard Langford	SS	12	12	47	47	47
Reilly Lauer	OT	11	9	14	8	3
John Laughrey	PK	-	-	3	-	-
David Leinweber	DE	1	-	1	-	-
Myron Lewis	CB	12	12	34	24	24
Chris Marve	LB	12	12	12	12	12
Gaston Miller	TB	9	-	17	-	-
Nick Miller	SN	-	-	16	-	-
Austin Monahan	TE	4	3	13	3	-
D.J. Moore	CB	12	12	36	33	24
Austin Newton	LB	12	-	21	-	-
Chris Nickson	QB	11	9	38	27	3
Kennard Reeves	RB	9	-	21	-	-
Chris Reinert	WR	2	-	11	-	-
Sean Richardson	S	12	-	12	-	-
Larry Simmons	WR	4	-	8	-	-
George Smith	WR	8	7	43	33	3
Adam Smotherman	DT	11	10	20	10	8
Darlon Spead	CB	6	1	29	5	-
Broderick Stewart	DE	11	11	35	11	-
John Stokes	LB/SN	12	9	25	9	5
Steven Stone	DE	12	12	36	26	26
Alan Strong	CB	12	-	23	-	-
Rich Tompkins	DB	4	-	4	-	-
Brent Trice	LB	12	-	36	-	-
Udom Umoh	WR	12	-	12	-	-
Brett Upson	P	12	12	36	36	36
Ryan Vance	OL	-	-	3	-	-
Bradley Vierling	OG	12	12	36	12	12
Sean Walker	WR	12	11	43	32	-
Alex Washington	WR	7	-	31	-	-
Thomas Welch	OT	12	12	33	12	12
Justin Wheeler	WR	12	10	33	10	5
James Williams	OT	4	-	4	-	-
Turner Wimberly	WR	9	-	9	-	-



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2008 Offensive Line: Seven First-Time Starters

Vanderbilt has started eight different players along the offensive front this season – and seven have started for the first time ever.

Eric Nickson (R-Jr., OG) and **Kyle Fischer** (R-Fr., OT) became the sixth and seventh lineman to earn first-time starting assignments.

The 'Dores entered the season with just one O-lineman (OG **Ryan Custer**) with any starting experience. He had three previous starts.

Two of the linemen, **Bradley Vierling** (R-Jr., center) and **Thomas Welch** (R-Jr., RT), have started every game this season.

Musical Chairs at 'Dores Quarterback Position

Injuries and inconsistent play have impacted the effectiveness of Commodore quarterbacks this season.

Since Game 5, **Chris Nickson** (R-Sr.) and **Mackenzi Adams** (R-Jr.) have swapped starting roles at the key position. Nickson started as the Commodores started 5-0, but Nickson's shoulder injuries and diminished results forced the staff to insert Adams for three games. When both Nickson and Adams left the finale at Wake Forest with injuries, Larry Smith (R-Fr.) became the team's third signal caller.

Vanderbilt Home Attendance on the Rise

A crowd of 38,725 watched the Commodores host Tennessee on Nov. 22 in the season finale, enabling Vanderbilt Athletics to post its strongest football attendance figures in more than a decade.

Vanderbilt averaged 38,460 fans at its six home games this season, the team's highest season average since 1996. That year, the Commodores enjoyed average attendance surpassing 41,000 due in large part to a home schedule that opened with Notre Dame and closed with Tennessee.

The Commodores played before home sellout crowds against Auburn and Florida this season.

Average home attendance in last decade

YEAR	NO. OF HOME GAMES	AVG. ATTENDANCE
2008	(6 games)	38,460
2007	(8 games)	34,629
2006	(7 games)	34,861
2005	(6 games)	36,031
2004	(6 games)	28,472
2003	(7 games)	28,282
2002	(7 games)	32,192
2001	(6 games)	33,990
2000	(5 games)	32,821
1999	(6 games)	34,215

Vanderbilt Sack Total Ranks Fourth All-Time

The Vanderbilt defense finished the regular season fourth in the Southeastern Conference – and ranked 34th nationally – with 29 quarterback sacks.

Defensive end **Broderick Stewart** (R-Jr.), end **Steven Stone** (R-Jr.), and DB **Myron Lewis** (Jr.) lead the team with five sacks each.

The Commodore opponent in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl is one of the nation's best in the category, ranking 21st in the NCAA with 34 sacks.

The 29-sack total ranks fourth all-time in Vanderbilt record books, one shy of the 2007 figure. The record of 38 sacks was set in 1994.

Commodore yearly QB sack highs

	YEAR	TOTAL SACKS	SEASON LEADER (TOTAL)
1.	1994	38	James Manley (9)
2.	1999	31	Matt Stewart (6.5)
3.	2007	30	Broderick Stewart (6)
4.	2008	29	M. Lewis/B. Stewart/S. Stone (5)
5.	1992	28	Gary Rogers (6)

Benoist, Stokes Earn District Academic Honors

Starting linebackers **Patrick Benoist** and **John Stokes** were named to the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District IV Team as selected by the College Sports Information Directors in mid-November.

Both Benoist (Jr., Southlake, Texas) and Stokes (So., Memphis, Tenn.) advanced to the national ballot for the Academic All-America team, though neither was selected for national honors. To be nominated for the process, a student-athlete must have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.30, be a sophomore or higher in academic and athletic standing, and be a starter or key reserve.

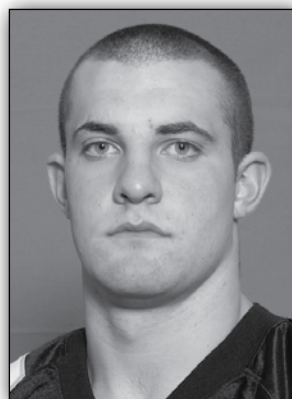
The Academic All-District IV team is comprised of players from the states of Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama.

Benoist has a 3.38 GPA with a major in economics. He has been one of the SEC's leading tacklers all season, and currently ranks among the Top 5 in the conference with 100 total tackles. He also has 46 solo tackles, 6.5 tackles for loss, two sacks, four defended passes and three quarterback hurries. He also spent much of the year playing with a fractured bone in his hand.

Stokes has a 3.73 GPA and is undeclared, though he plans to pursue postgraduate studies in medicine. Stokes has eight starts at OLB and has 30 total tackles. He also serves as the snapper on special teams.



Patrick Benoist



John Stokes



Senior safety Reshard Langford

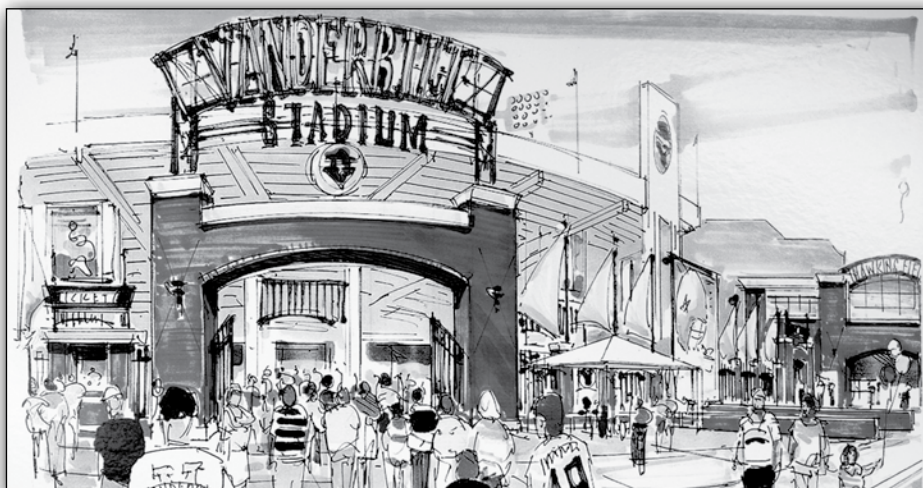
Langford's 47 Games as Starter Tops Commodores

Captain and fifth-year senior **Reshard Langford** tops all active Commodore position players with 47 consecutive starts. He has started at strong safety in every game of his career, and has more career starts than any other active SEC defensive back.

Placekicker **Bryant Hahnfeldt** is the only other Commodore senior to start every game in the last four years.

A list of active Commodores with 10 or more career starts follows:

PLAYER	CAREER STARTS
Bryant Hahnfeldt, Sr., PK	47
Reshard Langford, R-Sr., SS	47
Brett Upson, Jr., Punter	36
Ryan Hamilton, R-Jr., FS	33
D.J. Moore, Jr., DB	33
George Smith, R-Sr., WR	33
Chris Nickson, R-Sr., QB	26
Steven Stone, R-Jr., DE	26
Myron Lewis, Jr., DB	24
Patrick Benoist, Jr., LB	17
Jeff Jennings, R-Sr., TB	15
Greg Billinger, Jr., DT	12
Ryan Custer, R-Jr., OG	12
Chris Marve, R-Fr., LB	12
Bradley Vierling, R-Jr., C	12
Thomas Welch, R-Jr., RT	12
Josh Allen, R-Sr., DB	11
Joel Caldwell, R-Jr., FS	11
Broderick Stewart, R-Jr., DE	11
Jared Hawkins, R-Jr., TB	10
Justin Wheeler, R-Jr., WR	10
Adam Smotherman, R-Jr., DT	10



Crews Under Way With Vanderbilt Stadium Entrance Renovation

Commodore fans enjoyed the first enhancements to Vanderbilt Stadium in more than a decade. Construction crews completed Phase 1 work on Vanderbilt Stadium in late August. The result is a clean, refurbished look for the stadium, built in 1981.

The completed construction is the first of five phases outlined in a major athletic facility enhancement plan announced last winter by Vanderbilt Vice Chancellor for University Affairs and Athletics David Williams II.

Among the stadium improvements completed in Phase I are:

- New brick exterior renovation to south end of stadium facing McGugin Athletic Center and Jess Neely Drive, extending the brick facade included at the adjacent Hawkins Baseball Field.
- Painting of stadium exterior.
- Addition of Bookstore and Commodore Grill on concourse.
- New eastside concourse artwork featuring Vanderbilt Athletics "It's Good To Be Gold" theme. The artwork includes images of recent Vanderbilt standouts, such as football players Jay Cutler, Earl Bennett and Chris Williams, golfer Brandt Snedeker, hoopsters Shan Foster and Chantelle Anderson, and baseball player David Price.
- New exterior signage and installation of large "Star V" logos on the press box structure.

Bobby Johnson's football team also benefited from the addition of FieldTurf artificial surface at its practice facility this summer.

Phase I construction also is aimed at enhancing both Memorial Gym and Hawkins Field. New men's and women's player locker rooms, and post-game press conference facilities also were constructed at Memorial Gym, along with the installment of a new wooden gym floor. A major seating expansion at Hawkins Field also is close to complete.

Crews recently started the initial work toward renovation of Gates 2-3 at Vanderbilt Stadium.

Johnson's Commodores: Working to End Historical Trends

The Commodores have put to rest numerous losing streaks Vanderbilt faced when Bobby Johnson accepted the head coaching post in 2001. Vanderbilt's 31-24 victory at Kentucky on Nov. 15 was the latest skid (four games in series) to end.

Others stopped during the Johnson era include:

- **KENTUCKY** – 4 games, 31-24, 2008
- **MISSISSIPPI STATE** – 4 games, 31-13, 2004
- **ARKANSAS** – 3 games, 28-24, 2005
- **OLE MISS** – 5 games, 31-23, 2005
- **GEORGIA** – 11 games, 24-22, 2006
- **TENNESSEE** – 22 games, 28-24, 2005
- **SO. CAROLINA** – 7 games, 17-6, 2007
- **AUBURN** – 13 games, 14-13

Johnson's squad has also ended Vanderbilt losing streaks to numerous current and former prominent coaches, including Steve Spurrier (Duke/Florida/South Carolina), Phillip Fulmer (Tennessee), Mark Richt (Georgia), and Tommy Tuberville (Ole Miss/Auburn).



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DJ. Moore — All-America Cornerback

Junior **D.J. Moore** (CB/WR/KR) continues to affirm his status as one of the Commodores' most versatile and productive players ever. He also made team history after the season by becoming the first Commodore defensive back since Leonard Coleman in 1983 to receive first team All-America honors.

Moore, from Broome H.S., in Spartanburg, S.C., was named First Team All-America by Rivals.com on Dec. 9. He also swept First Team All-SEC recognition.

Moore put together another outstanding season, his third as a starter. It was also his most versatile campaign as Moore flourished as a defensive back, wide receiver, quarterback, kickoff returner and punt returner.

Moore finished the year with six interceptions — tops on the team and second in the SEC — as a defensive back. As an offensive weapon, he averaged 20.4 yards on seven receptions, including a pair for touchdowns, and ran for 73 yards on eight carries. As a punt returner, he ranked among the nation's best with a 14.4-yard average, including a season long of 91 yards.

Moore also put together one of the finest individual performances in modern Commodore history in Vanderbilt's sixth win at Kentucky. In the win at Lexington, Moore became the first player in recent NCAA history to achieve a rare 2-TD reception/2-interception double in a single game when he accomplished the feat in the Vanderbilt win over the Wildcats. Moore won National Defensive Player of the Week honors after his performance against Kentucky game.

Moore is the SEC's only athlete this year to see action at five positions (CB, WR, QB, PR and KR) and serve as a four-way contributor (defense/offense/punt returns/kickoff returns).

In the opener, Moore singlehandedly shifted the momentum in games against Miami (Ohio) and Rice that eventually became Commodore victories. In the span of two drives at Miami, Moore intercepted a pass to set up one Vanderbilt score, then sacked the Miami quarterback to force a punt that he took 91 yards to set up another touchdown. While Commodore fans thought Moore was special in the opener, he might have been more remarkable vs. Rice by accumulating 206 all-purpose yards on just seven touches.

Johnson: Eight NCAA Playoff Games; First Bowl

When Bobby Johnson leads the Commodores into LP Field for the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl, it will mark the first bowl appearance of his football career that spans 35 years.

Johnson never played in a bowl during a three-year varsity career at Clemson (1970-72). As a defensive coordinator at Clemson in 1993, Johnson helped the Tigers to a Peach Bowl appearance, but did not coach in the bowl due to accepting the Furman head coaching job.

Johnson guided four Furman teams into the NCAA I-AA playoffs, going 4-4. The Paladins advanced to the national title game in 2001.

'Dores: Four Weeks Ranked in National Polls

The Commodores were ranked for four consecutive weeks earlier this season on the strength of a 5-0 start that included a pair of victories over ranked opponents.

Vanderbilt entered the Associated Press and *USA Today*/Coaches polls at No. 19 on Sept. 21, one day after defeating Ole Miss 23-17 in Oxford, Miss. It was the first time since Oct. 1, 1984 that Vanderbilt reached the AP Top 25.

Two weeks later, after defeating another ranked opponent (Auburn) on ESPN, the Commodores jumped to No. 13 in the AP and No. 14 in the *USA Today*/Coaches.

The Commodores fell to No. 22 (AP) and No. 23 (*USAToday*/Coaches) after a loss at Mississippi State on Oct. 11, then departed both polls the following week with their second loss of the season at Georgia.

It also marked the first time in team history that Vanderbilt played four straight games as a ranked team.

The Commodores' highest AP ranking ever — No. 7 — came on Oct. 28, 1937, days after tackle Greer Ricketson stunned No. 6 LSU on an infamous 50-yard "hidden ball" play in a 7-6 win.

Vanderbilt's football history includes a 30-year stretch (1904-34) as the South's dominant power under Dan McGugin. The AP Poll began publishing its rankings, two years after McGugin retired from the Vanderbilt position.

Vanderbilt has been ranked by the AP in 11 different seasons: 2008, 1984, 1958, 1956, 1955, 1950, 1948, 1947, 1942, 1938 and 1937.

Jennings Wears Kwane Doster 'KD1' Patch

This season, tailback **Jeff Jennings** (R-Sr.) became the second Vanderbilt player to wear the "KD1" jersey patch, one of the most significant recognitions awarded by the Commodore players.

The patch honors the memory of Kwane Doster, the only Commodore ever to receive the SEC Freshman of the Year Award. Doster was shot and killed in his hometown of Tampa, Fla., on Dec. 26, 2004. It was worn for the last two seasons by linebacker Jonathan Goff.

"It is a really big honor to wear the patch," Jennings said. "For the type of person Kwane (Doster) was, it is a real big honor to go out on the field and represent him.

"It means even more that I knew him and got to play with him. I really know what type of player and person he was, the type of work ethic he had and how much he wanted to win every game," Jennings added.

The team's Leadership Council votes on the player to wear the "KD1" patch. They recognized Jennings' leadership role and willingness to return from a serious knee injury suffered late in the 2005 season.

Jennings enters his final game with 1,009 career rushing yards and 17 career touchdowns.

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Vanderbilt to Receive AFCA Academic Achievement Award

The Vanderbilt football program is expected to receive the 2008 Academic Achievement Award from the American Football Coaches Association.

Head Coach Bobby Johnson was informed by the AFCA that the Vanderbilt program will be recognized for graduating 95 percent of its 2001 freshman class. It represents the highest graduation rate among all Football Bowl Subdivision teams.

Vanderbilt, like its Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl opponent Boston College, is an annual contender for the prestigious academic award. This marks the third time that Vanderbilt has received the national recognition since the AFCA started the award in 1981. The Commodores shared the honor with Boston College and Duke in 1996 and Notre Dame in 2001.

Officials from the AFCA and Touchdown Club of Memphis will present the award to Johnson at its convention kickoff luncheon Jan. 12 at the Opryland Resort in Nashville.

The Vanderbilt football program narrowly missed sharing the honor in 2007, finishing third behind co-winners Northwestern and Notre Dame.



Two-Sport Graham Jamie Graham has been one of the Commodores' most productive offensive newcomers this year, contributing as a receiver, running back and returner. He's also the only active football player in the Southeastern Conference who played college basketball during the 2007-08 season. Graham is a defensive specialist on the hardwood.

Vanderbilt Results vs. Non-SEC Opponents

Despite dropping decisions to Duke and Wake Forest this season, Vanderbilt has won six of its last 10 games involving non-Southeastern Conference opponents.

Besides the Duke and Wake Forest games, the Commodores have posted non-SEC victories at Miami (Ohio) and against Rice.

In the last decade, the Commodores are 20-14 in non-conference games.

Vanderbilt's non-SEC results since 1999

YEAR	NON-SEC OPPONENTS (W/L)
2008	Miami Ohio (W), Rice (W), Duke (L), Wake Forest (L)
2007	Richmond (W), Eastern Michigan (W), Miami Ohio (W) Wake Forest (L)
2006	Michigan (L), Tennessee State (W), Temple (W)
2005	Wake Forest (W), Richmond (W), MTSU (L)
2004	Navy (L), Rutgers (L), Eastern Kentucky (W)
2003	Chattanooga (W), TCU (L), Georgia Tech (L), Navy (L)
2002	Georgia Tech (L), Furman (W), MTSU (L), Connecticut (W)
2001	MTSU (L), Richmond (W), Duke (W)
2000	Miami, Ohio (L), Duke (W), Wake Forest (W)
1999	Northern Illinois (W), Duke (W), The Citadel (W)

WEEKLY INDIVIDUAL HONORS: TOP COMMODORE PERFORMERS

MIAMI (OHIO)	(W) 34-13, Aug. 28
OFF. PLAYER OF WEEK:	Chris Nickson, QB
DEF. PLAYER OF WEEK:	Reshard Langford, FS
SPECIALISTS OF WEEK:	Bryant Hahnfeldt, PK Brett Upson, punter
SOUTH CAROLINA	(W) 24-17, Sept. 4
OFF. PLAYERS OF WEEK:	Jared Hawkins, TB Thomas Welch, OT
DEF. PLAYERS OF WEEK:	Patrick Benoist, LB Greg Billinger, DT
SPECIALIST OF WEEK:	Bryant Hahnfeldt, PK
RICE	(W) 38-24, Sept. 13
OFF. PLAYERS OF WEEK:	Reilly Lauer, OT Jared Hawkins, TB
DEF. PLAYERS OF WEEK:	Ryan Hamilton, SS D.J. Moore, RS
SPECIALIST OF WEEK:	Bryant Hahnfeldt, PK
OLE MISS	(W) 23-17, Sept. 20
OFF. PLAYER OF WEEK:	Austin Monahan, TE
DEF. PLAYERS OF WEEK:	Ryan Hamilton, SS Chris Marve, LB
SPECIALIST OF WEEK:	Bryant Hahnfeldt, PK Brett Upson, punter
AUBURN	(W) 14-13, Oct. 4
OFF. PLAYER OF WEEK:	Mackenzi Adams, QB
DEF. PLAYERS OF WEEK:	D.J. Moore, CB Patrick Benoist, LB
SPECIALIST OF WEEK:	Brett Upson, punter
MISSISSIPPI STATE	(L) 14-17, Oct. 11
OFF. PLAYER OF WEEK:	---
DEF. PLAYER OF WEEK:	T.J. Greenstone, DT
SPECIALIST OF WEEK:	John Stokes, SN
GEORGIA	(L) 14-24, Oct. 18
OFF. PLAYER OF WEEK:	Jamie Graham, WR
DEF. PLAYER OF WEEK:	---
SPECIALIST OF WEEK:	Brett Upson, punter
DUKE	(L) 7-10, Oct. 25
OFF. PLAYER OF WEEK:	---
DEF. PLAYER OF WEEK:	Greg Billinger, DT Chris Marve, LB, Broderick Stewart, DE
SPECIALIST OF WEEK:	Joel Caldwell, coverage
FLORIDA	(L) 14-42, Nov. 8
OFF. PLAYER OF WEEK:	Thomas Welch, OT
DEF. PLAYER OF WEEK:	Ryan Hamilton, S
SPECIALIST OF WEEK:	Sean Richardson, coverage
KENTUCKY	(W) 31-24, Nov. 15
OFF. PLAYERS OF WEEK:	Brandon Barden, TE; Jared Hawkins, TB; Chris Nickson, QB
DEF. PLAYER OF WEEK:	D.J. Moore, DB
SPECIALIST OF WEEK:	Sean Richardson, coverage
TENNESSEE	(L) 10-20, Nov. 22
OFF. PLAYER OF WEEK:	---
DEF. PLAYER OF WEEK:	Reshard Langford, safety
SPECIALIST OF WEEK:	John Stokes, SN/coverage
WAKE FOREST	(L) 10-23, Nov. 29
OFF. PLAYER OF WEEK:	Bradley Vierling, OC
DEF. PLAYER OF WEEK:	Steven Stone, DE
SPECIALIST OF WEEK:	---





Carrying the Anchor

At both home and away games, the Commodores travel with an authentic anchor as a symbol of team unity between players, coaches and staff.

On Thursday prior to each game, Coach Johnson announces which two players will carry the anchor. The players are selected by a vote of the team's Leadership Council.

Nine Student-Athletes on Team's Leadership Council

For the fourth consecutive year, the Commodore squad was served by a Leadership Council. Initiated by Coach Johnson in 2005, the player council meets periodically to address team and student-athlete issues and serves as a players' voice communicating with coaches.

The Leadership Council, elected by teammates based on position groupings, includes co-captains **Reshard Langford**, **George Smith**, **Bradley Vierling**, and **Mackenzi Adams**, **Patrick Benoist**, **Jake Bradford**, **Bryant Hahnfeldt**, **Jeff Jennings** and **Steven Stone**.

Commodores Open 2008 with 5-0 Start

Vanderbilt became one of the nation's top college football stories early in the 2008 season by opening the campaign with five consecutive victories.

It marked the first 5-0 start for the Commodores since a 1945 squad defeated Tennessee Tech twice, Milligan College, Carson-Newman College and a military team from nearby Camp Campbell, during World War II.

The Commodores' attempt to start its season with six straight victories for the first time since 1928 ended when Vanderbilt lost at Mississippi State.

National and SEC Weekly Honors Awarded to 2008 Commodores

The Commodores received plenty of weekly recognition this season.

Vanderbilt earned Tostitos Fiesta Bowl National Team of the Week honors after a 14-13 win over Auburn on Oct. 4.

Three different defensive players – safety **Ryan Hamilton**, LB **Patrick Benoist** and cornerback **D.J. Moore** – earned National Defensive Player of the Week honors during the season from the Walter Camp Football Foundation.

A full list of national and SEC individual awards follows:

- ★ **D.J. Moore** Walter Camp Football Foundation National Defensive Player of the Week
SEC Defensive Player of the Week
at Kentucky, Nov. 15
- ★ **Brett Upson** SEC Specialist of the Week
vs. Georgia, Oct. 18
- ★ **Patrick Benoist** SEC Defensive Player of the Week
vs. Auburn, Oct. 4
- ★ **Brett Upson** SEC Specialist of the Week
vs. Auburn, Oct. 4
- ★ **Ryan Hamilton** FWA Bronko Nagurski National Defensive Player of the Week
Walter Camp Football Foundation National Defensive Player of the Week
SEC Defensive Player of the Week
at Ole Miss, Sept. 20
- ★ **Bryant Hahnfeldt** Lou Groza Specialist of the Week (1 of 3 honored)
at Ole Miss, Sept. 20
- ★ **Patrick Benoist** FWA Bronko Nagurski National Defensive Player of the Week
SEC Defensive Player of the Week
vs. South Carolina, Sept. 4
- ★ **Chris Nickson** SEC Offensive Player of the Week
at Miami (Ohio), Aug. 28

Eighteen Newcomers in 2008 Commodore Starting Lineup

Sophomore defensive end **Theron Kadri** became the 18th Commodore to earn his first career start this season when he was in the defensive lineup for the finale at Wake Forest.

The youthful Commodores have witnessed 11 first-time starters on offense and seven on the defensive unit this season.

Besides Kadri, other first-time starting assignments on offense are **Joey Bailey** (R-So., off. guard), **Brandon Barden** (R-Fr., tight end), **Kyle Fischer** (R-Fr., off. guard/tackle), **Nick Forte** (OG, R-Jr.), **Eric Hensley** (R-Jr., off. guard), **Reilly Lauer** (R-So., off. tackle), **Bradley Vierling** (R-Jr., center), **Thomas Welch** (R.-Jr., off. tackle), **Jared Hawkins** (R-Jr., tailback), **Jamie Graham** (R-Fr., receiver/running back) and **Austin Monahan** (So., tight end). On defense, first-time starters are **Greg Billinger** (Jr., def. tackle), **Adam Smotherman** (R-So., def. tackle), **Broderick Stewart** (R-Jr., def. end) and **T.J. Greenstone** (R-Fr., def. tackle), **John Stokes** (So., linebacker), and **Chris Marve** (R-Fr., linebacker).

Helmet Anchors



Bobby Johnson's staff awards black anchor decals to recognize individual achievements by Commodores. The decals are added to helmets by equipment staffers following each game. Each position coach uses his own criteria for distributing the decals.

COMMODORE NOTES

Moore, Benoist Named to All-SEC Teams by Both Coaches & Sportswriters



Patrick Benoist

Cornerback **D.J. Moore** and linebacker **Patrick Benoist** were named to All-Southeastern Conference teams released by the league's 12 coaches and by a panel of Associated Press sportswriters in early December.

Moore, a junior from Broome H.S. in Spartanburg, S.C., was unanimously selected to the first

team defense. Benoist, a junior from Southlake Carroll Senior H.S., in Southlake, Texas, was honored with second team recognition in both ballots.

Moore becomes the first Commodore defensive back ever honored with consecutive first team All-SEC recognition by the sportswriters. In 2007, he was also recognized by the coaches, but was named to their second team unit.



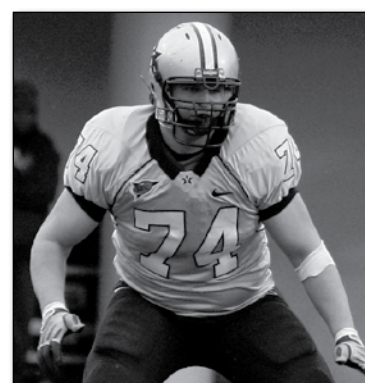
Chris Marve



Brandon Barden



Kyle Fischer



T.J. Greenstone

Commodore Freshmen Trio Earn Frosh All-America Recognition

In addition to receiving all-conference freshman honors, linebacker **Chris Marve** (Memphis, Tenn.) has been named to three of the nation's most influential Freshman All-America teams.

Two other Commodore newcomers, tight end **Brandon Barden** and **T.J. Greenstone**, also were Freshman All-America recognition.

Marve, who posted a team-high 51 unassisted tackles for the Commodores, was named First Team Freshman All-America by *Sporting News* and two respected college football websites, Rivals.com and CollegeFootballNews.com.

Barden, who topped all freshmen tight ends with 27 catches, was named to the second team offense by CollegeFootballNews.com. Greenstone was recognized on the second team defense by the same website.

Prep Teammates Face Off

Vanderbilt offensive tackle **Reilly Lauer** could line up across from Boston College defensive end **Jim Ramella**, a former classmate at St. Ignatius H.S., in Cleveland.

Vanderbilt, BC — Top Young Pro QBs

Two of the NFL's top young QBs, **Jay Cutler** and **Matt Ryan**, are grads of the Music City Bowl teams: Denver's Cutler starred at Vanderbilt, while Atlanta's Ryan is a former BC standout.

Marve, Barden, Greenstone, Fischer Earn SEC Coaches' All-Freshman Team Honor

Linebacker **Chris Marve** (Memphis, Tenn.) was one of four Commodores named to the Southeastern Conference Coaches' All-Freshman Team on Dec. 11.

Other Commodore newcomers named to the team are **Brandon Barden**, a tight end from Lincolnton, Ga.; **T.J. Greenstone**, a defensive tackle from Lawrenceville, Ga.; and **Kyle Fischer**, an offensive guard/tackle from Columbia, S.C.

Marve is the Commodores' first unanimous pick to the team since **Kwane Doster** earned SEC Freshman of the Year honors in 2002.

Marve was the nation's third leading freshman tackler with 95 total stops. Marve also topped the SEC with four forced fumbles, and added three sacks. Marve had numerous outstanding games, including performances at Ole Miss and against Duke. He had career-high 16 total tackles, sack and forced fumble against Duke and 11 tackles at Ole Miss. Marve also provided a game-saving play against the Rebels, ripping the ball from a ballcarrier at the Vanderbilt 2-yard line with time running out.

Barden did not reach the Commodore starting until until game three, but quickly established himself as a top receiving target. He finished the year with 27 catches, good for 205 yards and a team-high four touchdowns. He also had big catches all season, including the go-ahead score in a victory over Auburn.

Greenstone started only two games at defensive tackle, but played a valuable role in all 12 games. He finished the year with 29 total tackles, including five tackles for loss, and a fumble recovery.

Fischer started the season on the sidelines, but quickly became a key performer on the offensive line. After earning his first career start in the sixth game, Fischer never left the lineup. seeing action at right guard and right tackle.



COMMODORE NOTES

The Comeback Commodores

It took three months and 10 opponents, but the Commodores finally defeated a team without having to overcome a deficit.

After trailing nine straight opponents, Vanderbilt took an early 14-0 edge at Kentucky and never trailed en route to a 31-24 win that served as the Commodores' sixth victory and eligibility into bowl play.

The Commodores faced deficits in its first nine games, yet managed to register five victories. In each of those victories, the Commodores also put together a string of unanswered points to prevail.

In four of the eventual wins, Vanderbilt trailed by at least a touchdown.

- Against Auburn, the Commodores fell behind 13-0 early. After the second Tiger score, the Vanderbilt offense came together behind reserve QB Mackenzi Adams while the defense stiffened. While Adams directed two scoring drives and accounted for more than 200 yards of total offense, the defense limited Auburn to less than 100 yards of total offense during the last three quarters.

- At Ole Miss, the Commodores twice trailed by 10 points in the first quarter, 10-0 and 17-7, before coming back to record a 23-17 victory. The Vanderbilt offense provided three possessions that resulted in Bryant Hahnfeldt field goals after the first quarter, the defense held Ole Miss without points for the final three quarters.

- On three occasions during the first half, the Rice Owls took a seven-point lead on the Commodores before Vanderbilt reeled off 24 straight points to secure a 38-21 decision.

- In its SEC opener, Vanderbilt trailed South Carolina 10-3 at halftime, then scored 21 unanswered points to take a 24-10 margin en route to an eventual 24-17 win.

- In the opener at Miami, the Commodores also trailed 3-0 early before putting together a 17-0 stretch to take the lead for good.

Looking For a Win Under the Sun

The Commodores are looking for their first daytime victory this season when they face Boston College at LP Field.

Vanderbilt is winless in four day games, having dropped games against Mississippi State, Georgia, Duke and Tennessee.

Conversely, the Commodores are 6-2 in night appearances this season.

Vanderbilt vs. Other Private Institutions

With Vanderbilt and Boston College as its participants, the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl is the only postseason affair this year that features a pairing of private schools.

The Commodores are 42-55-4 all-time against other private institutions. This year, Vanderbilt has played three private schools: defeating Rice (38-21) and losing to Duke and Wake Forest of the ACC.

Besides Vanderbilt and Boston College, only seven other private institutions (excluding the service academics) will be represented in bowls: Miami (Fla.), Northwestern, Notre Dame, Rice, TCU, Tulsa and Wake Forest.

Vanderbilt All-time vs. FBS Private Schools

PRIVATE SCHOOLS	VU RECORD Vs.	LAST TIME
Baylor	0-2	(L, 19-25) 1954
Boston College	0-2	(L, 6-19) 1963
Duke	7-4	(L, 7-10) 2008
Miami (Fla.)	4-4	(L, 16-48) 1981
Northwestern	1-0-1	(T, 20-20) 1952
Notre Dame	0-2	(L, 7-14) 1996
Rice	3-1	(W, 38-21) 2008
SMU	2-2	(W, 14-11) 1991
Syracuse	0-2	(L, 10-37) 1991
TCU	1-3	(L, 14-30) 2003
Tulane	17-28-3	(L, 13-37) 1989
Wake Forest	7-5-0	(L, 10-23) 2008

All-time Record vs. teams: 42-55-4

Products of PowerHour

Many of Vanderbilt's top players are products of PowerHour, a conditioning program Commodore staff coordinates for its true freshmen prospects.

Each Friday morning during the season, head strength coach John Sisk and his conditioning staff directs PowerHour in an effort to enhance individual conditioning, create team building and develop team leaders among freshmen not traveling to games. It features an hour of weightlifting, conditioning and competitive activities.

Fourteen Former Vanderbilt Standouts Contributing on NFL Rosters

FORMER COMMODORE	NFL TEAM	SEASON NOTES
Earl Bennett, WR	Chicago Bears	Third round draft pick has progressively enjoyed more playing time on special teams for Bears
Marcus Buggs, LB	Buffalo Bills	Made Bills roster as free agent rookie; contributed on special teams early in season
Corey Chavous, Safety	St. Louis Rams	Concluding his 11th NFL season, Chavous has started much of the season at safety for the Rams
Jay Cutler, QB	Denver Broncos	Having MVP caliber year in third season as starter; ranks among AFC's most productive passers
Curtis Gatewood, LB	Kansas City Chiefs	Rookie free agent who signed Nov. 19 to Chiefs' active roster; signed preseason deal with Redskins
Justin Geisinger, OG/C	Washington Redskins	Has played as reserve center/guard on offensive front and on conversion units for Washington
Jonathan Goff, LB	New York Giants	Rookie campaign with reigning champion New York Giants has been short-circuited by injuries
Theo Horrocks, DT	Jacksonville Jaguars	Suffered season-ended foot injury in preseason; added to Jaguars' injured reserve list
Jovan Haye, DT	Tampa Bay	Second year as defensive tackle starter on one of NFL's strongest defensive teams
Hunter Hillenmeyer, LB	Chicago Bears	Third year as starting outside linebacker; missed multiple games with thumb injury
Chris Williams, OT	Chicago Bears	First-round pick missed first eight games with back injury; now getting limited action on line
Jimmy Williams, DB	Houston Texans	Seven-year pro is currently on injured reserve with Texans
Jamie Winborn, LB	Denver Broncos	Putting together perhaps best NFL year; team's top tackler and defensive leader at linebacker
Todd Yoder, TE	Washington Redskins	Veteran continues to contribute for Redskins as reserve tight end and on special teams

INAUGURAL ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

On Sept. 12, 2008, Vanderbilt Student Athletics administrators, loyal supporters and longtime friends of the program welcomed the inaugural Vanderbilt Athletics Hall of Fame.

The distinguished 12-person class,

introduced during halftime of the Rice-Vanderbilt game on Sept. 13, was determined by a panel of Student Athletics administrators with input from various outside sources.

This winter, plans call for construction to

begin on Phase II of the Vanderbilt Athletic Facility Project, work that includes more enhancements to Vanderbilt Stadium and a Vanderbilt Athletics Hall of Fame addition to McGugin Athletic Center.

Chantelle Anderson

Women's Basketball, 1999-2003

Chantelle Anderson is the most decorated women's basketball player in Vanderbilt history. The 6-6 Vancouver, Wash., native is the Commodores' only two-time Kodak All-American, the all-time leading scorer and was voted the school's Female Athlete of the Year three times. Anderson was a dominant inside force for the Commodores, concluding her career as the program's all-time leader scorer with 2,604 points.

Peggy Harmon Brady

Women's Golf, 1968-1972

She came to Vanderbilt after graduating from Central H.S. in Shelbyville, in an era when there was no varsity athletics for women. Out of the blue her sophomore year, Director of Athletics Jess Neely called to invite Harmon to represent Vanderbilt in the Intercollegiate. Perhaps Neely noticed she had won the USGA Junior Championship. While her pioneer story is inspiring, little did she realize that she was blazing a trail that her daughter, Chris, would follow decades later. They are the only mother-daughter All-Americans in school history.

John Hall

Football, 1951-1954

John Hall describes himself as an overachiever on and off the football field. The native of Knoxville was an under-sized defensive lineman who became Vanderbilt's first academic All-America in 1954, then enjoyed an enormously successful career that culminated as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Ashland, Inc., and president of the Vanderbilt Board of Trust.

Ryan Tolbert Jackson

Women's Track and Field, 1994-1998

A life-size photo of Ryan Tolbert Jackson dominates an entire wall of McGugin Center in recognition of her outstanding achievement as a track and field student-athlete. She is the only Commodore to ever win an individual NCAA championship., capturing the 400-meter hurdles with a meet-record 54.54 effort in 1997. She is a seven-time All-America recipient.

Roy Kramer

Director of Athletics, 1978-1990

A national champion football coach at Central Michigan, Roy Kramer arrived in Nashville in 1978. In a dozen years he energized Vanderbilt's athletic department with new facilities and popular coaches. By the time Kramer retired as SEC Conference Commissioner, many regarded him as the most powerful man in college athletics.

Clyde Lee

Basketball, 1963-1966

A tall and unpolished freshman from nearby Lipscomb High School enrolled in 1963 to play basketball for Coach Roy Skinner and Vanderbilt basketball was never the same again. Attendance boomed as fans flocked to watch "Colossal" Clyde Lee lead his team to 65 victories over three unforgettable seasons and establish himself as the standard by which all future Commodore stars would be measured. Old-timers call Memorial Gym's second and third tiers "the balconies that Clyde built."

Dan McGugin

Head Football Coach, 1904-1934

The winningest football coach in Vanderbilt history and one of college football's greatest innovators, Dan McGugin remains a legend more than seven decades after his death. When he finished his third decade as head coach of the Commodores, McGugin left behind a remarkable overall record of 197-55-10.

John Rich

Football-Baseball, 1945-1951

John Rich remembers being on the verge of expulsion from Vanderbilt University in the late 1940's and being given an unexpected second chance by the Dean of Students. He never forgot that golden opportunity and through the years as his coal business grew, he says he has tried to repay his beloved University with his time, by sharing his resources and lending his expertise. Rich also served the university for many years as a valuable member of the Vanderbilt Board of Trust.

Fred Russell

Baseball, 1925-1926; Nashville Banner Sports Editor, 1929-1998

Fred Russell was one of the great sports journalists of the 20th Century. Many admiring readers knew that. Fewer realized that he had played baseball at Vanderbilt. Mr. Russell covered and rubbed elbows with the legendary athletes of his day: his 25th anniversary at the paper was celebrated with appearances by Jack Dempsey, Bobby Jones and Red Grange. The press boxes of Vanderbilt Stadium (1982) and Hawkins Field (2002) are named in his honor.

June Stewart

Athletics Administration, 1973-1991

June Stewart joined the Vanderbilt athletic department in 1973 as a secretary in the sports information and National Commodore Club offices. By the time she retired 28 years later she was one of the most influential women in the Southeastern Conference. She also became the first female president of the College Sports Information Director of America (CoSIDA) organization.

Bill Wade

Football, 1949-1951

Bill Wade was Nashville's All-American boy. He was a prep legend, president of his Vanderbilt freshman class, a whiz on the gridiron where he became the No. 1 pick in the NFL Draft, a *Look Magazine* coverboy while a Commodore, and later quarterback of the world champion Chicago Bears. He was honored many times by many organizations, including the NCAA with its prestigious Silver Anniversary Award in 1976. Five decades after blazing a legacy on campus, Wade remains one of the school's most treasured student-athletes.

Perry Wallace

Men's Basketball, 1966-1970

Perry Wallace would have become a premiere Hall of Fame candidate even if he didn't make Southeastern Conference history by becoming the SEC's first African-American basketball player. Wallace was a star student-athlete, and left Vanderbilt as one of the greatest rebounders in team history, who went on to an outstanding career in law and education.



COMMODORE STORYLINES

GEORGE SMITH, sixth-year senior receiver/team captain

Four years ago, Smith lay comatose and paralyzed in a Florida hospital. Five weeks in ICU ensued. Treated with a blood-cleansing procedure, Smith slowly improved. Within four months, he returned to classes and started the slow process of rejoining the Commodores. Eighteen months later, team doctors gave Smith the okay for full contact. The ordeal earned Smith a proper label from espn.com – 'Captain Courageous.'

Smith also is one of three sixth-year captains in the nation

BRETT UPSON, junior punter

A standout golfer, Upson played No. 1 on his varsity team at Spalding H.S., and finished among the leaders at the state tournament. Upson's career ambition is a life in law enforcement.

RESHARD LANGFORD, redshirt senior safety/captain

A product of a one-stoplight town in north Alabama (Tanner), Langford is an enthusiastic role model for youngsters. For the last three summers, Langford has mentored kids at the Martha O'Bryan Center, a Christian outreach ministry in East Nashville. Others who have assisted are George Smith and cornerback Myron Lewis.

RYAN HAMILTON, redshirt junior safety

Against Ole Miss, Hamilton enjoyed the game of a career with three interceptions. But how did Hamilton get started in organized football? *Only after he was banned from youth soccer.* As a third grader, soccer league organizers told Hamilton's parents he was banned from future activities due to rough play. He started playing football the next year.

BRADLEY VIERLING, redshirt junior center/captain

Vierling strides in the middle of the interior. But there's another side of the Commodore center – a musical side. A drummer in high school, he also won All-County honors as a tenor in choir... Vierling also dabbles on the guitar and piano.

STEVEN STONE, redshirt junior defensive end

Stone didn't give much thought to a college football career until midway through his final year at Conway (Ark.) High School. Until then, he expected to play college basketball, having earned All-State hoop honors as a junior.

SEAN WALKER, redshirt senior receiver

Walker pays tribute to his late father, John, by writing "Dad" on his cleats. He also wears a "RIP Daddy" heart necklace. Sean's dad passed away two years ago. Nickname of "Wrens" stems from name of small Georgia hometown.

ALAN STRONG, redshirt sophomore cornerback

Strong's paternal grandfather, Larry Shreve, is better known to pro wrestling fans worldwide as Abdullah the Butcher.

LARRY SMITH, redshirt freshman quarterback

As prep senior, Smith guided powerful Prattville to state title with MVP performance over Hoover High of "Two-A-Days" fame. Smith and senior Commodore quarterback Chris Nickson are former Alabama Mr. Football recipients on the current Vanderbilt roster.

THOMAS WELCH, redshirt junior offensive tackle

Vanderbilt's biggest offensive lineman (6-7, 310) played quarterback in high school just south of Nashville.

MYRON LEWIS, fourth-year junior

Two of Lewis' brothers, Hanik and Hamin Milligan, have played in the National Football League. Currently a free agent, Hanik was an All-Pro special teams player at San Diego and also played for Arizona.

GREG BILLINGER, junior defensive tackle

As a prep senior, Billinger and his father were seriously injured in a car accident going home to Atlanta after watching a Vanderbilt football game. Billinger suffered back and shoulder injuries after being thrown from the family vehicle after it left an interstate and overturned.

CHRIS NICKSON, redshirt senior quarterback

Nickson is an Alabama prep legend, having guided Pike County to the 3A state title in 2003 by accounting for 67 scores, including 42 touchdown passes. He was the state's all-classification Player of the Year in 2003. As a junior, Nickson helped an undermanned Pike County squad of less than 25 total players advance deep in the state playoffs.

ADAM SMOTHERMAN, redshirt sophomore defensive tackle

Raised among older brothers who enjoyed weightlifting, Smotherman hopes to become a strength coach after earning his degree. He is one of the strongest Commodores, and earned Ironman status last year from off-season competition.

JARED HAWKINS, redshirt junior tailback

This Texan is a standout in the weight room, ranking among the team's top skill athletes, with career bests including 400-lb. bench press and 565-lb. squat. Away from the weightroom and practice field, Hawkins is a Fellowship of Christian Athletics leader on campus.

D.J. MOORE, junior cornerback/receiver/returner

As a prep senior in 2005, Moore was one of South Carolina's most celebrated athletes. The versatile Moore won the state's Prep Athlete of the Year Award in 2005 as a standout in football, basketball and track. A two-time All-State player in football, Moore was regarded as an elite point guard in basketball. In track & field, he captured the AA high jump state title with a leap of 6'6". Moore's athletic exploits on the basketball courts at Vanderbilt Recreation Center are well-known to teammates.

BRENT TRICE, redshirt junior linebacker/safety

Needing to get stronger and mature coming out of high school, Trice drove down Virginia Highway 15 from his home and enrolled at Fork Union Military Academy. One year ago, he was the Fork Union's Defensive MVP and one of 38 team members to sign college football scholarships.

T.J. GREENSTONE, redshirt freshman defensive tackle

Greenstone lost his best friend and classmate Jarrett Boston to cancer as a high school senior. To this day, he plays to honor Jarrett.

JOHN STOKES, sophomore linebacker/snapper

A standout student, Stokes' mom (Carol) and dad (Jack) both graduated from Vanderbilt.

PATRICK BENOIST, junior linebacker

Undersized yet one of the SEC's most productive and knowledgeable players, Benoist also has great football pedigree. He starred at one of the nation's elite prep programs, Southlake Carroll Senior High near Dallas and Fort Worth. Several of his prep teammates are starring at the college level, including Missouri quarterback Chase Daniel.



DEPTH CHART

EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 18

OFFENSE

Z WR	88	George Smith	(6-3, 202, R-Sr.)
	4	Alex Washington	(5-10, 182, R-Jr.)
X WR	7	Sean Walker	(6-0, 178, R-Sr.)
	23	Udom Umoh	(5-11, 172, R-Fr.)
S WR	80	Justin Wheeler	(6-1, 178, R-Jr.)
-or-	25	Jamie Graham	(6-0, 190, R-Fr.)
QB	3	Chris Nickson	(6-1, 212, R-Sr.)
	9	Mackenzi Adams	(6-3, 215, R-Jr.)
TB	31	Jared Hawkins	(5-10, 202, R-Jr.)
	21	Jeff Jennings	(6-1, 215, R-Jr.)
	28	Kennard Reeves	(6-0, 202, R-So.)
TE	87	Brandon Barden	(6-5, 245, R-Fr.)
	85	Jake Bradford	(6-6, 270, Sr.)
LT	68	Reilly Lauer	(6-6, 275, R-So.)
	72	Kyle Fischer	(6-6, 300, R-Fr.)
LG	72	Kyle Fischer	(6-6, 300, R-Fr.)
	73	Ryan Custer	(6-3, 295, R-Jr.)
C	60	Bradley Vierling	(6-3, 292, R-Jr.)
	63	Chris Aaron	(6-3, 290, R-So.)
RG	66	Eric Hensley	(6-6, 312, R-Jr.)
	71	Joey Bailey	(6-4, 280, R-So.)
RT	76	Thomas Welch	(6-7, 305, R-Jr.)
	77	James Williams	(6-6, 305, R-Fr.)

MULTI-PURPOSE COMMODORES

- Jamie Graham (No. 25) also plays running back
- D.J. Moore (No. 17) also plays receiver

DEFENSE

DE	96	Steven Stone	(6-5, 272, R-Jr.)
	89	Teriell Brannon	(6-3, 245, R-So.)
DT	56	Greg Billinger	(6-4, 290, Jr.)
	84	Rob Lohr	(6-4, 272, Fr.)
DT	59	Adam Smotherman	(6-4, 285, R-So.)
	74	T.J. Greenstone	(6-3, 278, R-Fr.)
DE	91	Theron Kadri	(6-4, 270, So.)
	42	Tim Fugger	(6-3, 250, R-Fr.)
SLB	49	John Stokes	(6-5, 228, So.)
	11	Brent Trice	(6-3, 218, Jr.)
	46	Austin Newton	(6-3, 218, R-So.)
MLB	13	Chris Marve	(6-0, 225, R-Fr.)
	45	Chris Johnson	(6-1, 228, R-Jr.)
WLB	30	Patrick Benoist	(6-0, 220, Jr.)
	52	Nate Campbell	(6-3, 228, R-So.)
CB	17	D.J. Moore	(5-10, 182, Jr.)
	14	Josh Allen	(5-9, 184, R-Sr.)
SS	33	Reshard Langford	(6-2, 212, R-Sr.)
	38	Sean Richardson	(6-2, 190, Fr.)
FS	2	Ryan Hamilton	(6-2, 210, R-Jr.)
	29	Joel Caldwell	(6-1, 195, R-Jr.)
CB	5	Myron Lewis	(6-3, 202, Jr.)
	20	Jared Fagan	(5-10, 180, R-Sr.)
	16	Alan Strong	(5-10, 175, R-So.)
NB	6	Darlron Spead	(5-10, 184, Sr.)
	19	Casey Hayward	(5-11, 178, Fr.)

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	8	Bryant Hahnfeldt	(5-11, 185, Sr.)
H	50	Thomas Carroll	(5-9, 165, R-Jr.)
	9	Mackenzi Adams	(6-3, 215, R-Jr.)
SN	49	John Stokes	(6-5, 228, So.)
-or-	69	David Giller	(6-1, 240, So.)
P	39	Brett Upson	(5-11, 185, Jr.)
KO	8	Bryant Hahnfeldt	(5-11, 185, Sr.)
KR	14	Josh Allen	(5-10, 182, R-Sr.)
	27	Gaston Miller	(5-7, 180, R-So.)
PR	17	D.J. Moore	(5-10, 182, Jr.)
	4	Alex Washington	(5-10, 182, R-Jr.)



Bruce Fowler
Def. Coordinator (field)



Warren Belin
Linebackers (press box)



Jamie Bryant
Secondary (press box)



Rick Logo
Secondary (field)



Ted Cain
Off. Coord. (press box)



Robbie Caldwell
Off. Line (field)



Charlie Fisher
Receivers (field)



Jimmy Kiser
Quarterbacks (press box)



Des Kitchings
Running Backs (field)



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Offense by Position

QUARTERBACKS

3	Chris Nickson	R-Sr.
9	Mackenzi Adams	R-Jr.
10	Larry Smith	R-Fr.
12	Jared Funk	R-So.

RUNNING BACKS

21	Jeff Jennings	R-Sr.
27	Gaston Miller	R-So.
28	Kennard Reeves	R-So.
31	Jared Hawkins	R-Jr.
34	Ryan van Rensburg	R-Fr.
41	Jermaine Doster	R-Fr.
45	Chavez Scott	Fr.

WIDE RECEIVERS

4	Alex Washington	R-Jr.
7	Sean Walker	R-Sr.
18	Larry Simmons	Sr.
22	Akeem Dunham	Fr.
23	Udom Umoh	R-Fr.
25	Jamie Graham	R-Fr.
26	Andrew Diomande	Sr.
36	Chris Reinert	R-Jr.
80	Justin Wheeler	R-Jr.
81	Turner Wimberly	R-So.
81*	Jameson Sackey	Fr.
83	John Cole	Fr.
88	George Smith	R-Sr.

TIGHT ENDS

32	Matt Bubis	Sr.
82	Justin Green	R-So.
84	Chris DeGeorge	R-Jr.
85	Jake Bradford	Sr.
86	Austin Monahan	So.

CENTERS

55	Rob Ashabranner	R-Fr.
60	Bradley Vierling	R-Jr.
63	Chris Aaron	R-So.

OFFENSIVE GUARDS

61	Nick Forte	Jr.
65	Richard Cagle	Fr.
66	Eric Hensley	R-Jr.
70	Drew Gardner	Sr.
71	Joey Bailey	R-So.
73	Ryan Custer	R-Jr.
79	Ryan Vance	Sr.

OFFENSIVE TACKLES

67	Michael Bryant	Fr.
68	Reilly Lauer	R-So.
72	Kyle Fischer	R-Fr.
76	Thomas Welch	R-Jr.
77	James Williams	R-Fr.
78	Caleb Welchans	Fr.

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YEAR	CL	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL (OTHER)
2	Ryan Hamilton	FS	6-2	210	R-Jr.	2L	Wycombe, Pa./Council Rock North
3	Chris Nickson	QB	6-1	212	R-Sr.	3L	Brundidge, Ala./Pike Co.
4	Alex Washington	WR	5-10	182	R-Jr.	2L	Stone Mtn., Ga./Stephenson
5	Myron Lewis	CB	6-3	202	Jr.	2L	Pompano Beach, Fla./Pompano Beach
6	Darlon Spead	NB	5-10	186	Sr.	2L	Kingsland, Ga./Camden Co.
7	Sean Walker	WR	6-0	178	R-Sr.	3L	Wrens, Ga./Jefferson Co.
8	Bryant Hahnfeldt	P/PK	5-11	185	Sr.	3L	Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell Academy
9	Mackenzi Adams	QB	6-3	215	R-Jr.	2L	Tulsa, Okla./Union
10	Larry Smith	QB	6-2	215	R-Fr.	RS	Prattville, Ala./Prattville
11	Brent Trice	LB/S	6-3	214	Jr.	2L	Orange, Va./Fort Union Military
12	Jared Funk	QB	6-2	202	R-So.	SQ	Long Grove, Ill./St. Viator
13	Chris Marve	LB	6-0	225	R-Fr.	RS	Memphis, Tenn./White Station
14	Josh Allen	CB	5-9	184	R-Sr.	3L	Roswell, Ga./Roswell
15	Archie Barnes	ATH	6-4	200	Fr.	HS	Tampa, Fla./Berkeley Prep
15*	Will Parker Roe	S	5-10	175	R-Fr.	RS	Humboldt, Tenn./Humboldt
16	Alan Strong	CB	5-10	180	R-So.	1L	Atlanta, Ga./Douglass
17	D.J. Moore	CB/WR	5-10	182	Jr.	2L	Spartanburg, S.C./Broome
18	Larry Simmons	WR	5-10	168	Sr.	SQ	Austin, Texas/Anderson
19	Casey Hayward	DB	6-0	178	Fr.	HS	Elko, Ga./Perry
20	Jared Fagan	CB	5-9	182	R-Sr.	3L	Waldorf, Md./Westlake
21	Jeff Jennings	TB	6-1	214	R-Sr.	3L	Dandridge, Tenn./Jefferson Co.
22	Akeem Dunham	WR	6-3	185	Fr.	HS	Eustis, Fla./Eustis
23	Udom Umoh	WR	6-0	172	R-Fr.	RS	Fort Valley, Ga./Peach Co.
24	Tristan Strong	LB	6-1	220	Fr.	HS	Loganville, Ga./Grayson
24*	Rich Tompkins	DB	5-11	185	R-Fr.	SQ	Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell Academy
25	Jamie Graham	WR/RB	6-0	190	R-Fr.	RS	Nashville, Tenn./Whites Creek
26	Andrew Diomande	WR	6-2	204	Sr.	TR	Miami, Fla./Columbus HS/(Clemson)
27	Gaston Miller	TB	5-7	180	R-So.	1L	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Riverdale
28	Kennard Reeves	TB	6-0	202	R-So.	1K	Duluth, Ga./Duluth
28*	Alex Schultz	DB	6-0	192	Sr.	SQ	Wayland, Mass./Wayland
29	Joel Caldwell	S	6-1	195	R-Jr.	2L	Hoover, Ala./Hoover
30	Patrick Benoist	LB	6-0	222	Jr.	2L	Southlake, Texas/Carroll Senior
31	Jared Hawkins	TB	5-10	202	R-Jr.	2L	Spring, Texas/Klein
32	Matt Bubis	TE	5-10	230	Sr.	1L	Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell Academy
33	Reshard Langford	SS	6-2	212	R-Sr.	3L	Tanner, Ala./Tanner
34	Ryan van Rensburg	TB	6-1	215	R-Fr.	RS	Jacksonville, Fla./The Bolles School
35	Brandon Bryant	LB	6-1	228	R-Jr.	2L	Cincinnati, Ohio/St. Xavier
36	Chris Reinert	WR	5-9	175	R-Jr.	1L	Santa Ana, Calif./Servite
37	Al Owens	S	6-2	178	Fr.	HS	Springtown, Texas/Springtown
37*	Elvio Tropeano	S	5-9	200	R-Fr.	RS	Pomfret, Conn./Middlesex School
38	Sean Richardson	S	6-2	190	Fr.	HS	Linden, Ala./Linden
39	Brett Upson	P	5-11	185	Jr.	2L	Griffin, Ga./Spalding
40	Bo Baggerley	LB	6-0	210	Sr.	SQ	Forsyth, Ga./Stratford Academy
41	Jermaine Doster	TB	5-10	205	R-Fr.	RS	Tampa, Fla./Robinson
42	Tim Fugger	DE	6-4	255	R-Fr.	RS	Oak Brook, Ill./Montini Catholic
43	Micah Powell	S	6-0	192	Fr.	HS	Tarpon Springs, Fla./East Lake
44	Michael Garcia	LB	6-0	235	R-So.	1L	Jacksonville, Fla./The Bolles School
45	Chris Johnson	LB	6-1	228	Sr.	2L	Birmingham, Ala./Oak Mountain
45*	Chavez Scott	TB	5-7	185	Fr.	HS	Memphis, Tenn./Whitehaven
46	Austin Newton	LB	6-3	218	R-So.	1L	McDonough, Ga./Union Grove
46*	Duane Vaughn	S	6-1	195	R-Fr.	RS	Goodlettsville, Tenn./Davidson Academy
47	DeAndre Jones	LB	6-0	220	Fr.	HS	Memphis, Tenn./University School
48	Dexter Daniels	LB	6-1	210	Fr.	HS	Brantley, Ala./Brantley

Kicking Specialists

PLACEKICKERS

8	Bryant Hahnfeldt	Sr.
94	Ryan Fowler	Fr.
97	John Laughrey	R-So.

PUNTERS

8	Bryant Hahnfeldt	Sr.
39	Brett Upson	Jr.
84	Richard Kent	Fr.

COACHING STAFF

Bobby Johnson	Head Coach
Robbie Caldwell	Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Line
Ted Cain	Offensive Coordinator/Tight Ends
Bruce Fowler	Defensive Coordinator
Warren Belin	Linebackers/Recruiting Coordinator
Jamie Bryant	Secondary/Special Teams Coordinator
Charlie Fisher	Wide Receivers/Co-Passing Game Coordinator
Jimmy Kiser	Quarterback Co-Passing Game Coordinator
Rick Logo	Defensive Line
Des Kitchings	Running Backs

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YEAR	CL	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL (OTHER)
49	John Stokes	LB/SN	6-5	228	So.	1L	Memphis, Tenn./University School
50	Thomas Carroll	PK	5-9	165	Sr.	SQ	Columbus, Ga./Brookstone
51	Davis Flowers	LB	6-0	215	R-Fr.	RS	Dothan, Ala./Houston Academy
52	Nate Campbell	LB	6-3	228	R-So.	1L	Hazen, Ark./Hazen
54	Taylor Loftley	DL	6-2	250	Fr.	HS	Chamblee, Ga./Chamblee
55	Rob Ashabranner	OG/C	6-2	275	R-Fr.	RS	Beaumont, Texas/Cathedral Christian
56	Greg Billinger	DT	6-3	290	Jr.	2L	Lilburn, Ga./Parkview
57	John Burrow	LB	6-4	230	Fr.	HS	Morris, Ala./Mortimer Jordan
58	Colt Nichter	DT	6-2	285	Fr.	HS	Park City, Utah/Park City
59	Adam Smotherman	DT	6-4	285	R-So.	1L	Smyrna, Tenn./Smyrna
60	Bradley Vierling	C	6-3	292	R-Jr.	2L	Warminster, Pa./Central Bucks East
61	Nick Forte	OG	6-2	290	Sr.	SQ	Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood Academy
62	Ryan Seymour	DT	6-4	255	Fr.	HS	Kingsland, Ga./Camden Co.
63	Chris Aaron	OG	6-3	290	R-So.	SQ	Palos Verdes, Calif./Palos Verdes/(Lehigh Univ.)
65	Richard Cagle	OT	6-4	285	Fr.	HS	Houston, Texas/St. Pius X
66	Eric Hensley	OG	6-6	312	R-Jr.	1L	Clinton, Tenn./Clinton
67	Michael Bryant	OL	6-4	290	Fr.	HS	La Vergne, Tenn./La Vergne
68	Reilly Lauer	OT	6-6	275	R-So.	SQ	Gates Mill, Ohio/St. Ignatius
69	David Giller	SN	6-1	240	So.	TR	Swampscott, Mass./Swampscott/Trinity College
70	Drew Gardner	OG	6-6	305	Sr.	1L	Hoxie, Ark./Hoxie
71	Joey Bailey	OG/C	6-4	280	R-So.	1L	Trussville, Ala./Hewitt-Trussville
72	Kyle Fischer	OT/OG	6-6	300	R-Fr.	RS	Columbia, S.C./Spring Valley
73	Ryan Custer	OG	6-3	295	R-Jr.	2L	Troy, Ohio/Troy
74	T.J. Greenstone	DT	6-3	282	R-Fr.	RS	Lawrenceville, Ga./Collins Hill
75	Nick Miller	SN	6-3	250	Sr.	2L	Matthews, N.C./East Mecklenburg
76	Thomas Welch	OT	6-7	305	R-Jr.	2L	Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood
77	James Williams	OT	6-6	305	R-Fr.	RS	Smyrna, Tenn./Smyrna
78	Caleb Welchans	OL	6-5	285	Fr.	HS	Wildwood, Mo./Lafayette
79	Ryan Vance	OG	6-3	290	Sr.	1L	Bellaire, Texas/Episcopal
80	Justin Wheeler	WR	6-1	178	R-Jr.	2L	North Augusta, S.C./North Augusta
81	Turner Wimberly	WR	6-1	195	R-So.	SQ	Austin, Texas/Westlake/The Hun School (NJ)
81*	Jameson Sackey	WR	6-0	180	Fr.	HS	Smyrna, Ga./Lovett School
82	Justin Green	TE	6-6	235	R-So.	1L	Troy, Ala./Henderson
83	John Cole	WR	5-11	170	Fr.	HS	Somerset, Ky./Somerset
84	Rob Lohr	DL	6-4	260	Fr.	HS	Phoenixville, Pa./Phoenixville
84	Chris DeGeorge	HB	6-2	225	R-Jr.	SQ	Portland, Tenn./Portland
84*	Richard Kent	P	6-1	190	Fr.	HS	Marietta, Ga./Walton
85	Jake Bradford	TE	6-6	270	Sr.	2L	St. Simons Island, Ga./Glynn Academy
86	Austin Monahan	TE	6-7	255	So.	1L	Charlotte, N.C./Country Day/Philips Academy (MA)
87	Brandon Barden	TE	6-5	245	R-Fr.	RS	Lincolnton, Ga./Lincoln Co.
88	George Smith	WR	6-3	202	R-Sr.	3L	Pembroke Pines, Fla./Hollywood Hills
89	Terrell Brannon	DE	6-3	235	R-So.	SQ	Spartanburg, S.C./Broome
90	Broderick Stewart	DE	6-5	230	R-Jr.	2L	Newnan, Ga./Riverside Military
91	Theron Kadri	DE	6-4	270	So.	1L	Brighton, Tenn./Brighton
93	Josh Jelesky	DE	6-5	234	Fr.	HS	Naperville, Ill./Naperville
93*	David Leinweber	DE	6-5	245	R-Jr.	SQ	Bloomfield Hills, Mich./Cranbrook
94	Ryan Fowler	PK	5-10	160	Fr.	HS	Taylor, S.C./Eastside
96	Steven Stone	DE	6-5	268	R-Jr.	2L	Conway, Ark./Conway
97	John Laughrey	PK	5-11	180	R-So.	SQ	McKenzie, Tenn./McKenzie
98	Johnell Thomas	DE	6-1	240	Fr.	HS	Orlando, Fla./Boone
99	Derrius Dowell	DT	6-3	285	R-Jr.	2L	Atlanta, Ga./Douglass

* Duplicate jerseys

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Patrick Benoist (Ben-WAH)	Reshard (Rah-SHARD) Langford
Terrell (Ter-RELL) Brannon	Chris Marve (MARV)
Matt Bubis (BEW-bus)	Chris Reinert (RINE-ert)
Nick Forte (FORT)	Darlon (Dah-RON) Spead (SPEED)
Tim Fugger (FEW-ger)	Udom (OOD-um) Umoh (OO-mah)
Theron (THER-in) Kadri (COD-ree)	Bradley Vierling (VEER-ling)

Special Team Returners

KICKOFF RETURNERS

14	Josh Allen	R-Sr.
17	D.J. Moore	Jr.
27	Gaston Miller	R-So.

PUNT RETURNERS

4	Alex Washington	R-Jr.
17	D.J. Moore	Jr.
25	Jamie Graham	R-Fr.

Defense by Position

DEFENSIVE TACKLES

54	Taylor Loftley	Fr.
56	Greg Billinger	Jr.
58	Colt Nichter	Fr.
59	Adam Smotherman	R-So.
62	Ryan Seymour	Fr.
74	T.J. Greenstone	R-Fr.
84	Rob Lohr	Fr.
99	Derrius Dowell	R-Jr.

DEFENSIVE ENDS

42	Tim Fugger	R-Fr.
89	Terrell Brannon	R-So.
90	Broderick Stewart	R-Jr.
91	Theron Kadri	So.
93	Josh Jelesky	Fr.
93*	David Leinweber	Sr.
96	Steven Stone	R-Jr.
98	Johnell Thomas	Fr.

LINEBACKERS

11	Brent Trice	Jr.
13	Chris Marve	R-Fr.
24	Tristan Strong	Fr.
30	Patrick Benoist	Jr.
35	Brandon Bryant	R-Jr.
40	Bo Baggerley	R-Jr.
44	Michael Garcia	R-So.
45	Chris Johnson	Sr.
46	Austin Newton	R-So.
47	DeAndre Jones	Fr.
48	Dexter Daniels	Fr.
49	John Stokes	So.
51	Davis Flowers	R-Fr.
52	Nate Campbell	R-So.
57	John Burrow	Fr.

CORNERBACKS

5	Myron Lewis	Jr.
14	Josh Allen	R-Sr.
6	Darlon Spead	Sr.
16	Alan Strong	R-So.
17	D.J. Moore	Jr.
19	Casey Hayward	Fr.
20	Jared Fagan	R-Fr.
24	Rich Tompkins	R-Fr.
28	Alex Schultz	Sr.

SAFETIES

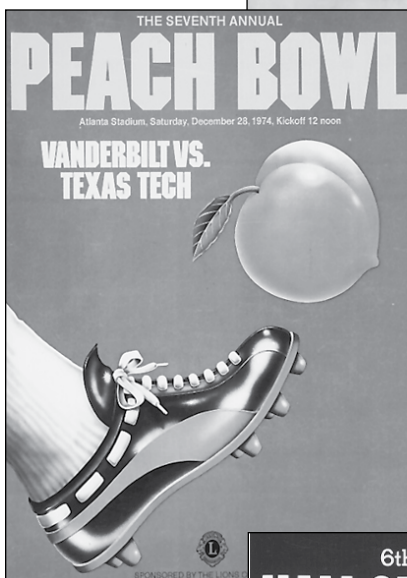
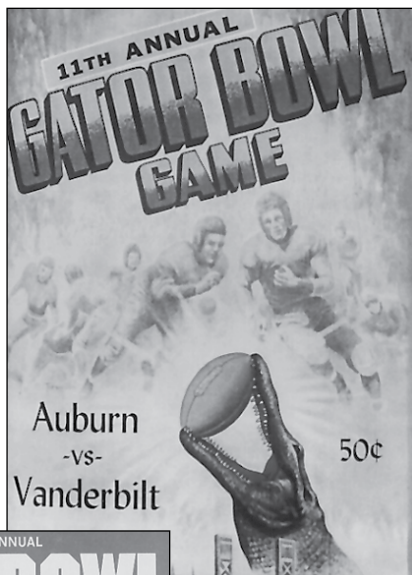
2	Ryan Hamilton	R-Jr.
15	Willie Parker Roe	R-Fr.
29	Joel Caldwell	R-Jr.
33	Reshard Langford	R-Sr.
38	Sean Richardson	Fr.
37	Al Owens	Fr.
37*	Elvio Tropeano	R-Fr.
43	Micah Powell	Fr.
46	Duane Vaughn	R-Fr.



COMMODORE BOWL HISTORY

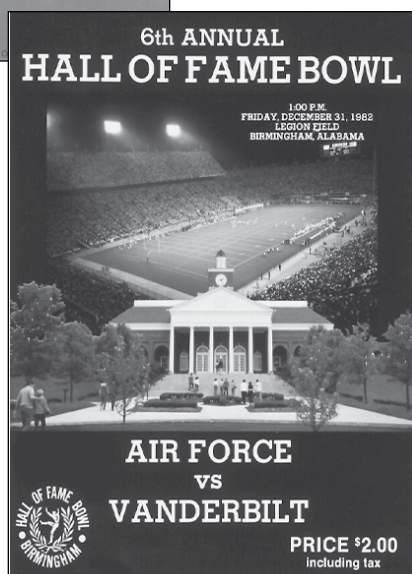
The Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl will be Vanderbilt's fourth bowl appearance – and its first since 1982. The Commodores are 1-1-1 all-time in postseason games: a win in the 1955 Gator Bowl, tie in the 1974 Peach Bowl and loss in the 1982 Hall of Fame Bowl.

In its first postseason appearance, the Commodores edge No. 8 Auburn 25-13 on the strength of five fumble recoveries. Vanderbilt also received an inspirational performance by injured quarterback Don Orr.



Defense was the main attraction at the 1974 Peach Bowl, as neither the Commodores nor Texas Tech are able to secure a touchdown in 6-6 tie.

Quarterback Whit Taylor earns MVP honors at the 1982 Hall of Fame Bowl by passing for 452 yards. Norman Jordan caught 20 of Taylor's throws.



1955 GATOR BOWL

VANDERBILT COMMODORES ★ AUBURN TIGERS

DEC. 31, 1955 • SANFORD STADIUM, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

VANDERBILT 25 • AUBURN 13

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Still hurting from a dislocated shoulder suffered in the Tennessee game, quarterback Don Orr scored two touchdowns and set up another as the Commodores defeated No. 8-ranked Auburn in the 11th Gator Bowl 25-13.

The Vanderbilt defense provided a huge lift for the Commodores, recovering five fumbles in the victory.

Vanderbilt's first score was set up when Orr recovered an Auburn fumble. Eight plays later, Joe Stephenson ran seven yards for the VU touchdown.

Auburn answered on a 38-yard TD pass from Howell Tubbs to Rob James in the second quarter, but the rest of the game belonged to the Black and Gold.

On Vanderbilt's following possession, Orr carried the ball 44 yards to the Tigers' 28. He then passed to Joe Scales, who advanced to the Auburn 4-yard line. On the next play, Orr carried the ball over the line after a fake to fullback Phil King to give Vanderbilt a 13-7 lead at the half.

At the opening of the third quarter, Vanderbilt guard Sonny Tatum recovered an Auburn fumble, and the Commodores marched quickly into scoring position as Orr crossed the goal line for his second touchdown of the day to make the score 19-7. Both teams scored once more in the fourth quarter. Vanderbilt's score came on a one-yard run off right tackle by Charley Horton.

Vanderbilt coach Art Guepe cleared his bench in the final minutes, using 38 of the 39 men dressed for the game. Capitalizing on Auburn's five fumbles and using an ailing quarterback, the Commodores overpowered the SEC's best defensive team to capture its first bowl appearance.

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
VANDERBILT	7	6	6	6	25	8-3, 4-3
AUBURN	0	7	0	6	13	8-2-1, 5-1-1

FIRST QUARTER: VU: Stephenson 7 pass from Orr (Jalufka kick).

SECOND QUARTER: AU: James 38 pass from Tubbs (Tubbs kick). VU: Orr 4 run (kick failed).

THIRD QUARTER: VU: Orr 1 run (kick failed).

FOURTH QUARTER: VU: Horton 1 run (kick failed). AUB: Phillips 7 pass from Cook (kick failed)

	VANDERBILT	AUBURN
First Downs	15	15
Rush/Pass/Penalty	11-4-0	9-6-0
Rushing Attempts	44	45
Net Rushing Yards	177	159
Passing (Att-Comp-Int)	8-5-1	13-7-0
Net Passing Yards	94	142
Offensive Plays	52	58
Total Net Yards	271	301
Fumbles (Number-Lost)	1-0	5-5
Penalties	5-54	6-59
Interceptions	0-0	1-14
Punts-Yards	4-127	3-87
Punt Average	31.8	29.0
Punt Returns	0-0	2-6
Kickoff Returns	2-36	6-121



RUSHING: VANDERBILT – King 10-33, Horton 13-57, Orr 10-43, Hunt 6-39, Scales 1-3, Morgan 1-6, Tkac 2-(-3), Jabaley 1-(-1).

AUBURN – James 9-42, Childress 15-58, Tubbs 11-15, Hoppe 6-33, Shell 2-5, Cooke 2-6.

PASSING: VANDERBILT – Orr 6-4-67-1, Sturm 2-1-27-0. AUBURN – Tubbs 9-4-101-0, Cooke 3-3-41-0, Burbank 1-0-0.

RECEIVING: VANDERBILT – Scales 2-44, Stephenson 2-23, Brown 1-27.

AUBURN – James 2-51, Childress 1-22, Elliott 2-41, Philips 2-28.

COMMODORE BOWL HISTORY

1974 PEACH BOWL

TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS ★ VANDERBILT COMMODORES

DEC. 28, 1974 • FULTON CO. STADIUM, ATLANTA, GA.

TEXAS TECH 6 • VANDERBILT 6

ATLANTA, Ga. — The 1974 Peach Bowl was a game with no champion but two winners, the Commodores and Texas Tech Red Raiders.

Despite the effective rushing of Red Raider tailback Larry Isaac and fullback Cliff Hoskins, the Commodore defense held Texas Tech without points in the first half and entered halftime with a 3-0 lead after Mark Adams kicked a 31-yard field goal with 10 minutes remaining.

Neither team was able to muster much offense in the third quarter, though Texas Tech did tie the score at 3-3 after a drive stalled at the Vanderbilt 16-yard line.

Early in the fourth quarter, the Commodores' freshman lineman Dennis Harrison stopped a deep Texas Tech threat by blocking a Red Raider field goal attempt. The Tech drive started following one of two Vanderbilt turnovers during the game.

After the blocked field goal, the Commodores responded with a possession that ended with Adams' second field goal of the day, a 26-yarder that resulted in a 6-3 Vanderbilt margin. However, Texas Tech tied the game at the 2:00 mark on a 35-yard field goal by Brian Hall. On its final drive, Vanderbilt could not move into scoring range.

The Commodore offense struggled much of the day, with quarterback David Lee hitting just five of 14 attempts. Running back Jamie O'Rourke had 76 rushing yards.

The limited offensive production from both teams resulted in numerous defensive and scoring records being set in the game.

Within hours of the conclusion, Vanderbilt Head Coach Steve Sloan announced he was leaving his position to accept the head coaching job at Texas Tech.

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
TEXAS TECH	0	0	3	3	6	6-4-2, 3-4
VANDERBILT	0	3	0	3	6	7-3-2, 2-3-1

SECOND QUARTER: Vanderbilt - Adams 31-field goal.

THIRD QUARTER: Texas Tech - Hall 26-field goal.

FOURTH QUARTER: Vanderbilt - Adams 26-field goal. Texas Tech - Hall 35-field goal.

	TEXAS TECH	VANDERBILT
First Downs	19	10
Rush/Pass/Penalty	17-2-0	7-3-0
Rushing Attempts	65	41
Net Rushing Yards	306	140
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	10-3-1	17-5-1
Net Passing Yards	35	60
Total Offensive Plays	75	58
Total Net Yards	341	200
Fumbles (Number-Lost)	3-2	1-1
Penalties	1-14	1-5
Interceptions	1-0	1-41
Punts-Yards	6-215	8-321
Punt Average	35.8	40.1
Punt Returns	0-0	1-26
Kickoff Returns	3-88	3-63



RUSHING: TEXAS TECH — Hoskins 13-116, Isaac 20-101, Garner 9-38, Taylor 8-34, Williams 3-27, Duniven 12-(-10). VANDERBILT — O'Rourke 17-76, Sadler 8-31, Garcia 4-21, Groves 2-14, Mathers 1-0, Lee 9-(-2).

PASSING: TEXAS TECH — Duniven 8-3-0, 35 yards. Williams 1-0-0, 0 yards. Roberts 1-0-1, 0 yards. VANDERBILT — Lee 14-5-1, 60 yds. Fisher 3-0-0.

1982 HALL OF FAME BOWL

VANDERBILT COMMODORES ★ AIR FORCE FALCONS

DEC. 31, 1982 • LEGION FIELD, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

VANDERBILT 28 • AIR FORCE 36

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Without question, the Hall of Fame Bowl was one of college football's most exciting 1982 postseason games.

The game matched one of the nation's most potent aerial attacks featuring Vanderbilt All-SEC quarterback Whit Taylor and one of America's most devastating rushing attacks in the Falcons' vaunted option attack.

Offensively, this game lived up to the hype as 33 Hall of Fame records were broken and another eight were tied in Legion Field. Unfortunately for the Commodores, Air Force walked away the winner 36-28 after a remarkable fourth quarter comeback.

For three quarters, Whit Taylor was unstoppable. Connecting with a variety of wide receivers and running backs, Taylor's fourth touchdown pass of the game, a four-yarder to Norman Jordan, gave the Commodores a 28-17 margin entering the fourth quarter. Down by double digits, the Air Force Academy scored rushing touchdowns on three consecutive possessions to take the victory.

Taylor was named the Most Valuable Player, after completing a team-record 38 passes of 51 attempts for 452 yards, which remains as the second highest single-game passing yardage total in Vanderbilt history. Jordan's performance arguably was more remarkable. Though rushing for just four yards, Jordan hauled in 20 receptions for 173 yards and three touchdowns, breaking five Hall of Fame Bowl records.

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
VANDERBILT	7	14	7	0	28	8-4, 4-2
AIR FORCE	7	7	3	19	36	8-5, 4-3

FIRST QUARTER: VANDERBILT — Jordan 28-yard pass from Taylor (Anderson kick).

AF — Louthan 1-yard run (Pavlich kick)

SECOND QUARTER: AF - Brown 19-yard run (Pavlich kick). VANDERBILT — Roach 15-pass from Taylor (Anderson kick). VANDERBILT — Jordan 4-yard pass from Taylor (Anderson kick)

THIRD QUARTER: AF — Pavlick 21-yard field goal. VANDERBILT — Jordan 4-yard pass from Taylor (Anderson kick)

FOURTH QUARTER: AF — Sundquist 3-yard run (failed). AF — Kershner 3-yard run (failed). AF — Louthan 46-yard run (Pavlich kick)

STATISTICS

	VANDERBILT	AIR FORCE
First Downs	26	23
Rush/Pass/Penalty	2-20-4	16-6
Rushing Attempts	12	69
Net Rushing Yards	35	331
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	51-38-3	17-11-0
Net Passing Yards	452	136
Total Offensive Plays	63	86
Total Net Yards	495	451
Fumbles (Number-Lost)	2-2	1-0
Penalties	4-39	8-75
Interceptions	0-0	3-19
Punts-Yards	2-65	5-180
Punt Average	32.5	36.0
Kickoff Returns	6-102	4-84
Possession Time	20:42	39:18



RUSHING: VANDERBILT — Taylor 4-(-6), Edwards 5-21, Matthews 1-13, Jordan 1-4, Scott 3. AIR FORCE — Kershner 32-132, Greenwood 4-11, Louthan 16-74, Sundquist 13-64, Brown 4-34.

PASSING: VANDERBILT — Taylor 51-38-3, 452 yards. AIR FORCE — Louthan 17-11-0, 136 yards.

RECEIVING: VANDERBILT — Perry 3-52, Jordan 20-173, Matthews 2-21, Roach 4-76, Edwards 4-37, Scott 5-93. AIR FORCE — Greenwood 6-77, Simmons 1-7, Kirby 2-30, Moore 1-16, Brown 1-6

