



# MUSIC CITY CLASSIC NOTES

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## 2008 Schedule

### FEBRUARY

22	vs. Oregon State!	W	8-1
23	at Arizona State!	L	6-18
24	vs. Miami (OH)!	W	4-3
27	EVANSVILLE	W	4-3
29	KANSAS@		4 p.m.

### MARCH

1	IOWA@		4 p.m.
2	XAVIER@		4 p.m.
4	LOUISVILLE		4 p.m.
6	ILLINOIS-CHICAGO		4 p.m.
7	ILLINOIS-CHICAGO		4 p.m.
8	ILLINOIS-CHICAGO		2 p.m.
9	ILLINOIS-CHICAGO		1 p.m.
11	WESTERN CAROLINA		4 p.m.
12	WESTERN CAROLINA		4 p.m.
14	SOUTH CAROLINA★		6 p.m.
15	SOUTH CAROLINA★		2 p.m.
16	SOUTH CAROLINA★		1 p.m.
19	LIPSCOMB		6 p.m.
21	at Alabama★		6:30 p.m.
22	at Alabama★		4 p.m.
23	at Alabama★ (CSS TV)		2 p.m.
25	BELMONT		6 p.m.
26	MIDDLE TENNESSEE		6 p.m.
28	ARKANSAS★		6 p.m.
29	ARKANSAS★ (FSN TV)		3 p.m.
30	ARKANSAS★		1 p.m.

### APRIL

2	at Middle Tennessee		6 p.m.
4	at Ole Miss★		6:30 p.m.
5	at Ole Miss★		4 p.m.
6	at Ole Miss★		1:30 p.m.
8	WESTERN KENTUCKY		6 p.m.
9	AUSTIN PEAY		6 p.m.
11	at Mississippi State★		6:30 p.m.
12	at Mississippi State★		2 p.m.
13	at Mississippi State★		1:30 p.m.
15	at Lipscomb		6 p.m.
16	at Western Kentucky		6 p.m.
18	AUBURN★		6 p.m.
19	AUBURN★ (CSS TV)		Noon
20	AUBURN★		1 p.m.
22	at Austin Peay		6 p.m.
23	at Belmont		6 p.m.
25	KENTUCKY★		6 p.m.
26	KENTUCKY★		2 p.m.
27	KENTUCKY★		1 p.m.

### MAY

2	at Tennessee★		6 p.m.
3	at Tennessee★ (FSN TV)		3 p.m.
4	at Tennessee★ (SportSouth TV)		1 p.m.
6	vs. Memphis		7:05 p.m.
7	TENNESSEE TECH		6 p.m.
9	GEORGIA★ (CSS TV)		6 p.m.
10	GEORGIA★		2 p.m.
11	GEORGIA★		1 p.m.
15	at Florida★		5:30 p.m.
16	at Florida★		5:30 p.m.
17	at Florida★ (SUN TV)		Noon
21-25	SEC Tournament		TBA
30-Jun-02	NCAA Regionals		TBA

### JUNE

9-Jun	NCAA Super Regionals		TBA
14-25	at College World Series		TBA

**Bold Caps** – Home Games ★ – SEC Game  
! – DeMarini Invitational (Tempe, Ariz.)  
@ – Music City Classic  
All games central time and are subject to change.

## No. 5 Vanderbilt hosts the Music City Classic

**vs. Kansas ★ Friday, February 29 ★ 4 p.m. CT**  
**vs. Iowa ★ Saturday, March 1 ★ 4 p.m. CT**  
**vs. Xavier ★ Sunday, March 2 ★ 4 p.m. CT**  
**Hawkins Field (2,027)**

## Setting The Scene

### Series History

**vs. Kansas:** The Jayhawks led 2-0 with both wins coming in the 2006 season (1 in LA, 1 in Nashville).  
**vs. Iowa:** The teams have split the series 1-1, with VU coming away with 2-1 win in last meeting in 2002.  
**vs. Xavier:** Vanderbilt leads 3-2 all-time with a three-game series sweep in 2007.

### Polls

Vanderbilt is ranked in all the national polls, with a high ranking of No. 5 by Rivals.com. *Baseball America* ranks the Dores No. 7 as does the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association. *Collegiate Baseball* has the team ranked No. 8, while the ESPN/Sports Weekly Coaches Poll has not changed from it preseason poll that has VU at No. 6. Kansas, Iowa and Xavier are not ranked this week. All of the National Polls can be found on page 6 of the release.

### The Coaches

VU's **Tim Corbin** is 201-109 in his sixth season as head coach.  
Kansas' **Ritch Price** is 175-146-1 in his sixth season in Lawrence and 750-570-2 in 30 seasons as a head coach.  
Iowa's **Jack Dahm** is 103-122 in his fifth season in Iowa City and 386-398 in 15 seasons overall.  
Xavier's **Scott Googins** is 49-70 in his third season in Cincinnati.

### Radio/TV/Internet

The Kansas and Iowa games will be broadcast locally in Nashville on WNSR 560 AM. Sunday's game will be an internet only broadcast. **Eric Jones** is in his second season in calling the action prior to the end of the basketball season.  
This season you can listen to all 56 games of the regular season slate and all of the postseason action on the internet through Commodore Nation All-Access on vucommmodores.com.  
This weekend's games are also going to be webcast on vucommmodores.com.  
Live stats via Gametracker can also be accessed through Vanderbilt Athletics official website.

## Probable Starter Notes

### Position Players

No.	Pos.	Player	GP-GS	Avg.	HR	RBI	Notes
17	C	Shea Robin	4-4	.200	0	1	Runners are 0-for-3 in stolen base attempts.
5	1B	Andrew Giobbi	4-3	.455	2	2	Leads team in hitting.
28	2B	Brad French	4-3	.231	0	1	Moved to second from first against Evansville.
22	SS	Ryan Flaherty	4-4	.267	0	4	38-game hit streak snapped against Evansville.
8	3B	Alex Feinberg	4-4	.333	0	2	Moved back to third for first time since 2005.
9	LF	Parker Hanks	4-4	.357	1	1	Has hit safely in all four games this year.
1	CF	David Macias	4-4	.313	0	3	Scored game-winning run against Evansville.
3	RF	Dominic de la Osa	4-4	.250	0	1	First RBI of year against Evansville.
40	DH	Jonathan White	4-4	.333	0	2	Had game-winning hit against Evansville.

### Starting Pitchers

No.	R/L	Player	W-L	ERA	Last Appearance	W-L	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
12	L	Mike Minor	1-0	1.50	vs. Oregon State (2/22)	W	6.0	5	1	1	0	8
21	R	Brett Jacobson	0-1	18.00	vs. Arizona State (2/23)	L	3.0	4	6	6	4	5
11	R	Nick Christiani	0-0	1.80	vs. Miami (OH) (2/24)	ND	5.0	7	3	1	3	5



## SEC Baseball Standings

	SEC East			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Florida	0	0	0	5	0	0
Kentucky	0	0	0	4	0	0
South Carolina	0	0	0	3	1	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	3	1	0
Vanderbilt	0	0	0	3	1	0
Georgia	0	0	0	1	2	0

	SEC West			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Ole Miss	0	0	0	5	0	0
Arkansas	0	0	0	4	0	0
Auburn	0	0	0	4	0	0
LSU	0	0	0	4	1	0
Mississippi State	0	0	0	2	2	0
Alabama	0	0	0	1	2	0

## Weekend Schedule

## Friday, February 29

Alabama at Frisco Tournament  
 1-Arkansas vs. Louisiana Tech  
 Florida State at Auburn  
 Florida at Miami  
 Georgia at Oregon State  
 Butler at Kentucky (DH)  
 Duquesne at LSU  
 Indiana State at Ole Miss  
 Air Force at Mississippi State  
 3-Tennessee vs. Texas  
 Kansas at Vanderbilt

## Saturday, March 1

Alabama at Frisco Tournament  
 1-Arkansas at Texas A&M  
 Auburn at Florida State  
 Florida at Miami  
 Georgia at Oregon State  
 Butler at Kentucky  
 Duquesne at LSU  
 Indiana State at Ole Miss  
 Air Force at Mississippi State  
 Clemson at South Carolina  
 3-Tennessee vs. Texas Tech  
 Iowa at Vanderbilt

## Sunday, March 2

Alabama at UT Arlington  
 1-Arkansas vs. Ohio State  
 Auburn at Florida State  
 Florida at Miami  
 Georgia at Oregon State  
 Butler at Kentucky  
 Duquesne at LSU  
 Indiana State at Ole Miss  
 Air Force at Mississippi State  
 South Carolina at Clemson  
 3-Tennessee vs. Oklahoma  
 Xavier at Vanderbilt

## What's On Tap

Vanderbilt hosts the seventh annual Music City Classic this weekend at Hawkins Field. This year the event takes on a new format with all six games to be played on the Vanderbilt campus. The Commodores will play at 4 p.m. the next three days against Kansas, Iowa and Xavier. The complete tournament schedule is below.

## 2008 Music City Classic Schedule

## February 29

Xavier vs Iowa  
 Kansas at Vanderbilt

Noon  
 4 p.m.

## March 1

Kansas vs Xavier  
 Iowa at Vanderbilt

Noon  
 4 p.m.

## March 2

Iowa vs Kansas  
 Xavier at Vanderbilt

Noon  
 4 p.m.

## Scouting Kansas

Kansas is 2-4 on the year after losing a 2-1 contest to Arkansas on Wednesday night. The Jayhawks opened the season with five games against Hawaii-Hilo, going 2-3 in the Aloha State.

Junior outfielder Nick Faunce leads the team in hitting with a .462 average (6-for-13) in four starts. As a team, the KU is hitting .245 with two homers and 26 RBI.

Junior southpaw Nick Czyz (0-1, 11.57 ERA) will get the call against the Commodores. He gave up six runs on eight hits in 4.2 innings in his start against Hawaii-Hilo on Feb. 23. The Jayhawks sport a 3.54 team ERA with 31 strikeouts and 20 walks in 48.1 innings on the year.

## Scouting Iowa

Iowa is 1-2 overall after opening the year at Notre Dame's tournament in Clearwater, Fla. The Hawkeyes opened the season with an 8-3 win over Albany, before falling to the Irish 14-13 in 10 innings last Saturday. Iowa closed out the trip with a 3-1 loss to Liberty.

Senior Caleb Curry, a second-team All-Big Ten selection a year ago, went 9-for-13 (.692) at the tournament and leads the team with three doubles and five RBI. As a unit, the Hawkeyes are hitting .278 with nine doubles, a homer and 20 RBI.

Sophomore lefty Michael Jacobs (0-1, 3.00 ERA) will get the start against Vanderbilt. He gave up two runs on four hits in six innings of work in the loss to Liberty. Iowa has a 4.55 ERA through three games with 22 strikeouts and 13 walks in 27.2 innings.

## Scouting Xavier

Xavier is 1-2 after opening the year at South Alabama's Coca-Cola Classic in Mobile over the weekend. The Muskeeters opened with a 10-1 loss to Kentucky last Friday and then rebounded for a 12-7 win over Fairfield the next day. XU then lost a 6-5 decision to host South Alabama on Sunday.

Leftfielder Robbie Kelley leads the team with a .500 average with two doubles, a homer and two RBI. Xavier is batting .271 with four, two homers and 13 RBI as a team.

Sophomore southpaw Danny Rosenbaum (0-1, 4.50 ERA) will start against the Commodores. He gave up five runs, two earned, on three hits in four innings with two strikeouts and four walks against South Alabama. As a unit, Xavier has a 5.88 ERA as a team with 23 strikeouts, 20 walks in 26 innings.



**Commodores in 2008**

In Day Games	3-1
In Night Games	0-0
On Artificial Turf	0-0
On Natural Grass	3-1
In Extra Innings	0-0
vs. Lefthanders	1-0
vs. Righthanders	2-1
When Scoring First	2-0
When Opponents Score First	1-1
When Ahead After 5 Innings	2-0
When Trailing After 5 Innings	1-1
When Tied After 5 Innings	0-0
When Ahead After 8 Innings	2-0
When Trailing After 8 Innings	1-1
When Tied After 8 Innings	0-0
vs. Top 5 Teams	0-1
vs. Top 10 Teams	1-1
vs. Top 25 Teams	1-1
In One-Run Games	2-0
In Two-Run Games	0-0
In Three+Run Games	1-1
When Scoring 0-5 Runs	2-0
When Scoring 6-10 Runs	1-1
When Scoring 11-20 Runs	0-0
When Scoring 20+ Runs	0-0
On Weekdays	2-0
On Weekends	1-1
On Mondays	0-0
On Tuesdays	0-0
On Wednesdays	1-0
On Thursdays	0-0
On Fridays	1-0
On Saturdays	0-1
On Sundays	1-0
In Five-Game Series	0-0
In Four-Game Series	0-0
In Three-Game Series	0-0
In Two-Game Series	0-0
In Single-Game Series	3-1
In February	3-1
In March	0-0
In April	0-0
In May	0-0
In June	0-0
In the State of Tennessee	1-0
vs. Out-of-State Opponents	3-1
vs. Atlantic Sun	0-0
vs. Atlantic 10	0-0
vs. Big 10	0-0
vs. Big 12	0-0
vs. Big East	0-0
vs. Conference USA	0-0
vs. Mid American	1-0
vs. Missouri Valley	1-0
vs. Ohio Valley	0-0
vs. Pac 10	1-1
vs. Southern	0-0
vs. Sun Belt	0-0

**Pedro Alvarez Out For Six Weeks**

Junior third baseman Pedro Alvarez will be sidelined indefinitely with a hand injury. The National Player of the Year candidate and two-time first-team All-American has a broken bone in his hand that will force him out of action for a minimum of six weeks.

Alvarez suffered the injury in his first at-bat against Oregon State in the season opener and was held out of the following two games against Arizona State and Miami (Ohio).

The New York City native is considered the top junior professional prospect by Baseball America and is on the initial Golden Spikes and Brooks Wallace Award Watch Lists. He has led the USA Baseball National Team in hitting over the last two summers.

Alvarez entered the year with a career .359 batting average to go with 40 homers, 36 doubles and 132 RBI. His 40 homers is sixth all-time in school history and nine away from tying Scotti Madison's mark of 49 set in four seasons from 1977-80.

**White Leads Does Past Evansville**

Jonathan White's RBI single in the bottom of the ninth broke a 3-3 tie in Vanderbilt's 4-3 win over Evansville Wednesday afternoon at Hawkins Field.

David Macias doubled past the diving Nate Smith in centerfield with one out in the ninth and then scored on White's drive into the gap in right-center to win the game.

The Commodores took a 3-0 lead into the ninth, but the Aces rallied for three runs off of reliever Drew Hayes to tie the game.

Three Vanderbilt pitchers held the Purple Aces scoreless on nine hits for eight innings before running into trouble in the ninth. Starter Caleb Cotham allowed five hits while striking out three and walking two, while Taylor Hill followed with three innings of four-hit relief in his first collegiate outing. Sean Bierman followed his fellow freshman by striking out the side in his only inning of work in the eighth.

Hayes walked the first two batters he faced in the ninth, then gave up a RBI single to Brian Robinson to put Evansville on the board at 3-1. Andy Smith then reached safely on Hayes' fielding error of his sacrifice bunt to load the bases. Freshman reliever Russell Brewer came in and induced a RBI force at second and recorded a strikeout before giving up an infield single to Greg Wallace to tie the game.

Brewer (1-0) picked up his first collegiate win in his first appearance after redshirting a year ago. He allowed a hit with a strikeout in an inning of action.

Vanderbilt struck in the first inning when Dominic de la Osa and Ryan Flaherty walked with two outs. Andrew Giobbi then hit a fly ball to right that Ryan Fleming lost in the falling snow, allowing it to drop in for a two-run double.

VU added another run in the seventh on a RBI single by de la Osa to make it 3-0.

Giobbi led the Commodores with three hits on the day, while fellow Maine product Ryan Flaherty saw his 38-game hitting streak end with an 0-for-3 day at the plate.

**Commodore Tidbits**

Vanderbilt opened the 2008 campaign with a convincing 8-1 win over two-time defending champion Oregon State at the DeMarini Invitational in Tempe, Ariz. The Commodores fell to Arizona State, 18-6, on Saturday and rallied for three runs in the ninth in a 4-3 win over Miami (Ohio) on Sunday ... Sophomore lefthander Mike Minor held the Beavers to just one run on five hits in six innings of work on Friday. He struck out six and didn't walk a batter ... Redshirt freshman Caleb Cotham finished out the game against OSU and threw three scoreless inning to pick up the save. He struck out three with two walks ... True freshman Chase Reid threw four innings of scoreless relief against Miami (Ohio) on Sunday to pick up his first collegiate win. He struck out five and walked two and stabilized a game that the Commodores trailed 3-0 when he entered ... VU moved to 55-42-2 all-time in season openers and 4-2 in openers under Tim Corbin ... Junior outfielder Jonathan White went 4-for-11 (.364) with three runs scored to lead the team through the first three games ... Junior shortstop Ryan Flaherty was 4-for-12 with four RBI on the weekend ... Parker Hanks went 4-for-12 (.333) with a homer, double and RBI in the three





**Drafted Commodores**

	Rd	Yr.	Team
Pedro Alvarez	14th	2005	Boston
Dominic de la Osa	49th	2004	Detroit
Brett Jacobson	11th	2005	Arizona
Mike Minor	13th	2006	Tampa Bay

**Commodores In The Pros\***

Majors		Years at VU
Matt Kata	Texas/Philadelphia	1997-99
Josh Paul	Tampa Bay	1994-96
Jensen Lewis	Cleveland	2003-05
Jeremy Sowers	Cleveland	2002-04

<b>AAA</b>		
David Wallace	Buffalo (CLE)	1999-01

<b>AA</b>		
Ryan Klosterman	New Hampshire (TOR)	2003-04
Robert Ransom	Springfield (STL)	2001-03

<b>A</b>		
Mike Baxter	Fort Wayne (SD)	2004-05
Matt Buschmann	Lake Elsinore (SD)	2003-06
Tony Mansolino	Hickory (PIT)	2002-05
Ryan Mullins	Beloit (Min.)	2003-05
Cesar Nicolas	Visalia (ARZ)	2001-04
Antoan Richardson	Augusta (SF)	2004-05

<b>Rookie</b>		
Ryan Rote	Great Falls (CHI-A)	2004-05

\* - As of the end of the 2007 season.

**National Award Watch Lists**

Player (Pos.)	Award
Pedro Alvarez (3B)	Brooks Wallace Award Golden Spikes Award
Ryan Flaherty (SS)	Golden Spikes Award
Mike Minor (LHP)	Brooks Wallace Award

**Commodore Weekly Winners**

Player (Pos.)	Honor	Date
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CB- Collegiate Baseball

NCBWA- National Collegiate Baseball Writers Assoc.

games ... David Macias had three hits against Miami (Ohio) including the game-winning two-run single in the bottom of the ninth on Sunday ... True freshmen Curt Casali, Aaron Westlake and Joey Manning each saw their first action of the year offensively. True freshmen pitchers Kellen St. Luce and Sean Bierman joined Reid in seeing action this weekend along with redshirts Mark Lamm, Steven Liddle, Jordan Wormsley and Alex Hilliard.

**Players Pick Up Preseason Recognition**

The preseason honors roll in for Vanderbilt baseball as three players were named to *Baseball America's* and *Rivals.com* All-American teams.

Junior third baseman Pedro Alvarez headlined the group as he was named Preseason Player of the Year by *Rivals.com*. Joining Alvarez in the publication's first-team All-America list is senior outfielder Dominic de la Osa and junior shortstop Ryan Flaherty.

*Baseball America* had Alvarez on its first-team, de la Osa on the second-team and Flaherty on its third-team.

Alvarez led the Commodores with a .386 batting average to go along with 18 homers and 68 RBI en route to unanimous All-American honors a year ago. He led the USA Baseball National Team in hitting for the second straight summer and is listed by *Baseball America* as the No. 1 college prospect entering the 2008 season.

De la Osa led the Commodores with 20 homers in the 2007 season and also batted .378 with 20 stolen bases and 62 RBIs. He was one of only three players in the country to have 20 homers and 20 stolen bases and was also a unanimous All-American selection. The Florida native was drafted in the 10th round by the Detroit Tigers, but returned to Vanderbilt for his senior year after playing the Cape Cod League over the summer.

Flaherty finished the spring with a .381 batting average to go with four homers, 23 doubles (tied for team high) and 57 RBI. He carries a school record 35-game hitting streak into the 2008 campaign. The Maine native was a second-team All-American by the American Baseball Coaches Association and *Rivals.com* and started at second base for the USA Baseball National Team over the summer, garnering first-team plaudits.

The threesome were recently named to the Golden Spikes Award Watch List by USA Baseball.

Mike Minor joins the trio on the initial Brooks Wallace Award Watch List as well. Minor went 9-1 with a 3.09 ERA with 88 strikeouts and 19 walks in 90.1 innings en route to Freshman All-American honors. He was named the SEC Freshman of the Year by *sebaseball.com* and also played on Team USA, finishing with a team best five wins and 1.64 ERA.

**Alvarez and de la Osa Approaching School Homer Record**

With 18 homers in 2007, Pedro Alvarez moved into sixth place on the school's career list with 40 total jacks. Also in the Top 10 after a stellar junior campaign is Dominic de la Osa with 36. Alvarez needs nine more round-trippers and de la Osa needs 13 to tie Scotty Madison's mark of 49 set from 1977-80.

De la Osa has a couple of other school records within reach as well in career at-bats and doubles. He has 692 at-bats, trailing Boomer Whipple's mark of 809 set from 1992-95. De la Osa also has 49 career doubles, just 12 off the school mark of 61 set by Sean Luellwitz from 1999-2002.

**Commodores Picked To Finish First in SEC (East) By Coaches**

Vanderbilt is predicted to repeat as the 2008 Southeastern Conference baseball champions, as voted by the league's 12 baseball coaches in the 17th annual preseason SEC poll.

The Commodores, ranked as high as No. 3 nationally in the preseason polls, seek to capture their fifth SEC Championship, having also won titles in 1973, 1974, 1980 and 2007. Vanderbilt returns eight position starters and four pitchers from their 2007 squad which also won the SEC Tournament and earned the National No. 1 Seed in the NCAA Tournament.

Since 1996, the SEC has named a regular season champion as well as a tournament champion. Prior to 1996, the tournament champion was considered the SEC Champion.





# HEAD COACH TIM CORBIN



In five seasons at Vanderbilt, Tim Corbin has turned Vanderbilt into one of the national powers of college baseball. In 2007, Corbin guided the Commodores to their best season ever, finishing with a school record 54 wins. The team also achieved a No. 1 national ranking for the first time in school history and held that honor for 13 of 15 weeks during the regular season.

The Vanderbilt baseball team also swept through the Southeastern Conference, winning both the regular season and tournament crown for the first time ever, and it marked the first time an SEC team had done it since 1996. The team lost only one conference series the entire season against SEC West Division winner Arkansas in Fayetteville and avenged the

series loss by defeating the Razorbacks in the SEC tournament title game.

The conference recognized Corbin for the work he had done, naming him SEC Coach of the Year. Corbin also picked up Co-National Coach of the Year by College Baseball Insider and regional coach of the year honors by the American Baseball Coaches Association.

The Commodores hosted their first ever NCAA regional as the No. 1 National Seed and arrived as a power in college baseball.

Corbin's success and methods of running the Vanderbilt program has earned him respect among the college and international baseball communities.

In the summer of 2006 he managed the USA Baseball National Team to a 28-2-1 record that culminated with a gold medal finish at the FISU (International University Sports Federation) World University Championship in Havana, Cuba. The .919 winning percentage was the highest ever for a national team and it garnered special recognition by the United States Olympic Committee.

His overall record of 198-108 (.647) is third best in terms of wins, and first in terms of win percentage for coaches with 100 games or more.

In 2006 he guided a youthful Commodore squad to a 38-27 record and sixth place finish in the rugged Southeastern Conference. The team was the youngest team in the league, with seven everyday starters either freshmen or sophomores. For the second time in three seasons, Corbin guided the team to the SEC Tournament Championship game and the young squad also gained valuable NCAA experience after advancing to the championship round of the Atlanta Regional.

The 2006 team posted impressive series wins over College World Series participant Georgia, Super Regional participants South Carolina and Ole Miss, and took series on the road against Florida and LSU. The team handed LSU its worst conference loss at home in school history in the process.

In addition to on the field successes, the baseball program itself has had significant upgrades to the facilities with a brand new fieldhouse, complete with new locker rooms for players, coaches and Commodore alums playing professional baseball. Also included are coach's offices, a classroom that overlooks Hawkins Field and a new weight room. These recent upgrades reinforce the excitement and commitment made to the baseball program due to the successes Tim Corbin has achieved as well as those he will strive to accomplish in the future.

He has already pushed the program to its most successful season, rewritten a significant portion of its record book, and ascended to the ranks of Southeastern Conference and national powers. For him, such excellence has been a constant in a career that covers two decades in both the collegiate and international baseball ranks.

Corbin, along with his coaching staff, are a tireless group that saw their recruiting efforts pay off last fall as the 2005 recruiting class was labeled the nation's best by Baseball America.

Professional baseball has also taken notice of the program as 20 VU players have been drafted over the last three years including eight in 2007.

In 2005, Corbin directed the squad to its second consecutive 30-win season, an achievement that had not been done in over 15 years. The campaign was highlighted with series wins over Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina and College World Series participant Tennessee.

In 2004, Corbin not only directed the Commodores to their first NCAA Tournament appearance in 24 years, he guided them to their first-ever Super Regional as they swept through the Charlottesville Regional with victories over George Mason, Princeton and host Virginia. In the Super Regional they fell to the eventual national runner-up, Texas, but still carved out a piece of history as the first team in NCAA baseball history to make it that far one year after having finished with a sub-.500 record.

Along the way Vanderbilt racked up 45 wins, was the only team to rank among the SEC's top five in earned run average (first), batting average (fourth) and fielding percentage (first), and finished with a .703 winning percentage, which was third-best in the highly competitive conference, which sent nine schools to the NCAA Tournament. The Commodores' school-record .978 fielding percentage was second in the nation, and their 30 error-free games were 11 more than the previous season.

Before Corbin was hired as the 21st coach in program history, Vanderbilt had not earned a spot in the conference tournament in a decade. Not only has he led his team there twice, the Commodores made it to the 2004 championship game.

During the 2004 regular season, Vanderbilt swept a series against Mississippi State for the first time. It was one of three conference whitewashes and one of five series' wins in all.

His efforts earned him the 2004 Vanderbilt Coach of the Year award and a nomination for the Nashville Sports Council's Sports Person of the Year. Plus, a school-record five players were named to the SEC All-Tournament team, five players were drafted on the first day and seven VU players in all were chosen in the Major League Baseball Draft, topped by No. 6 overall pick pitcher Jeremy Sowers.

His first Vanderbilt team finished 27-28 overall and 14-16 in the SEC, good enough for second in the Eastern Division. It earned a conference tournament berth with a season-ending sweep of Tennessee capped by a dramatic ninth-inning rally in the finale. The overall and conference victory totals were the most by a first-year Vanderbilt coach and were made more impressive by the fact that the Commodores were 12-5 in one-run games.

That squad set then school records for fielding percentage (.972), fewest errors in a season (60), most saves in a season (15) and fewest walks allowed in a season (168) — all of which were bettered in 2004. The team notched series victories over nationally-ranked conference foes LSU, Auburn and Florida, each of which was ranked among the top 15 at the time.

## The Tim Corbin File

### Personal:

Full Name: Timothy Carter Corbin  
 Born: August 5, 1961 in Wolfeboro, N.H.  
 Hometown: Wolfeboro, N.H.  
 Family: Wife: Maggie (two-time tennis all-american at College of Charleston)  
 Daughters, Molly (23) who is in her first year working in operations at Arizona State and Hannah (20), a sophomore tennis player at Vanderbilt

### Education:

College: Ohio Wesleyan  
 Degrees: Master of Arts in Athletic Administration, 1986  
 Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education, 1984  
 High School: Kimball Union Academy, 1980  
 Kingswood Regional High School, 1979

### Playing Experience:

1981-84 Ohio Wesleyan  
 Four-year letterman as an infielder/catcher

### Coaching Experience:

2003-Present Vanderbilt Head Coach  
 2001-02 Clemson Associate Head Coach  
 1998-2001 Clemson Assistant Head Coach  
 1994-98 Clemson Assistant Coach  
 1988-93 Presbyterian College Head Coach  
 1987 Wofford Assistant Coach

Baseball America (2/25)		Collegiate Baseball (2/25)		USA Today/ESPN (Preseason)		NCBWA (2/25)		Rivals.com (2/25)	
1. Arizona	2-1	1. Arizona State	3-0	1. Arizona State	49-15	1 Arizona State	3-0	1. Arizona State	
2. Mississippi	3-0	2. Arizona	2-1	2. North Carolina	57-16	2 North Carolina	3-0	2. Miami	
3. UCLA	1-1	3. South Carolina	2-1	3. South Carolina	46-20	3 Texas	3-0	3. UCLA	
4. North Carolina	3-0	4. Mississippi	3-0	4. Rice	56-14	4 Mississippi	3-0	4. Texas	
5. Missouri	3-0	5. North Carolina	3-0	5. Arizona	42-17	5 South Carolina	2-1	5. Vanderbilt	
6. Arizona State	3-0	6. Texas	3-0	6. Vanderbilt	54-13	6 Arizona	2-1	6. Rice	
7. Vanderbilt	2-1	7. Wichita State	1-0	7. Texas	46-17	7 Vanderbilt	2-1	7. Arizona	
8. Michigan	3-0	8. Michigan	3-0	8. Mississippi	40-25	8 Miami (Fla.)	3-0	8. North Carolina	
9. Miami	3-0	9. Vanderbilt	2-1	9. San Diego	43-18	9 Rice	1-2	9. South Carolina	
10. South Carolina	2-1	10. Long Beach St.	2-1	10. Wichita State	53-22	10 Wichita State	1-0	10. Mississippi	
11. Long Beach State	2-1	11. Rice	1-2	11. Oregon State	49-18	11 Florida State	3-0	11. Missouri	
12. Oregon State	1-2	12. Florida State	3-0	12. Florida State	49-13	12 Long Beach State	2-1	12. San Diego	
13. Baylor	3-0	13. Clemson	3-0	13. Missouri	42-18	13 Clemson	3-0	13. Michigan	
14. Texas	3-0	14. Miami, Fla.	3-0	14. Miami	37-24	14 Michigan	3-0	14. Virginia	
15. Rice	1-2	15. Missouri	3-0	15. CS Fullerton	38-25	15 Cal State Fullerton	2-1	15. Cal State Fullerton	
16. Virginia	4-0	16. Cal. St. Fullerton	2-1	16. Clemson	41-23	16 Missouri	3-0	16. Long Beach State	
17. San Diego	1-2	17. Kentucky	3-0	17. UC LA	33-28	17 Oregon State	1-2	17. Oregon State	
18. Tulane	3-0	18. San Diego	1-2	18. Michigan	42-19	18 San Diego	1-2	18. Wichita State	
19. Clemson	3-0	19. UCLA	1-1	19. Long Beach State	39-20	19 Virginia	4-0	19. Baylor	
20. Wichita State	1-0	20. Oregon St.	1-2	20. Virginia	45-16	20 UC Irvine	2-0	20. Florida State	
21. Oklahoma State	4-0	21. Virginia	4-0	21. Texas A&M	48-19	21 UCLA	1-1	21. UC Irvine	
22. San Diego State	2-1	22. Georgia Tech	3-0	22. UC Irvine	47-17-1	22 Baylor	3-0	22. Louisville	
23. Cal State Fullerton	2-1	23. UC Irvine	2-0	23. Mississippi State	38-22	23 Kentucky	3-0	23. Clemson	
24. Fresno State	2-2	24. Baylor	3-0	24. Baylor	35-27	24 Oklahoma State	4-0	24. St. John's	
25. Louisiana-Lafayette	2-2	25. Oklahoma State	4-0	25. Louisville	47-24	25 Louisville	2-1	25. Pepperdine	
		26. San Diego State	2-1			26 Coastal Carolina	3-0		
		27. Louisville	2-1			27 Texas A&M	2-2		
		28. Texas A&M	2-2			28 Georgia Tech	3-0		
		29. Pepperdine	2-1			29 Southern Miss	3-0		
		30. Arkansas	3-0			30 Pepperdine	2-1		

## Commodores Week-By-Week in the Polls

	Collegiate Baseball	ESPN/USA Today	Baseball America	NCBWA	Rivals.com
Preseason	11	6	3	8	7
2/26	9	6*	7	7	5

\*Preseason Poll



No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	HT	WT	CL/EXP.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
1	David Macias	OF	S/R	5-9	175	Sr./3L	The Woodlands, Texas (The Woodlands)
2	Jason Cunningham	LHP	L/L	6-2	200	So./1L	Decatur, Ga. (Greater Atlanta Christian)
3	Dominic de la Osa	OF	R/R	6-0	205	Sr./3L	Miami, Fla. (Archbishop Carroll)
5	Andrew Giobbi	C/INF	R/R	6-2	205	So./1L	Portland, Maine (Deering)
6	Brian Harris	INF	R/R	5-9	180	So./1L	Nashville, Tenn. (Montgomery Bell Academy)
7	Parker Hanks	OF	R/R	6-2	210	Sr./2L	Alamo, Calif. (De La Salle/UCLA)
8	Alex Feinberg	INF	R/R	5-11	185	Sr./3L	Orinda, Calif. (Miramonte)
9	Curt Casali	C	R/R	6-2	215	Fr./HS	New Canaan, Conn. (New Canaan)
11	Nick Christiani	RHP	R/R	6-0	195	Jr./2L	Linden, N.J. (Seton Hall Prep)
12	Mike Minor	LHP	L/L	6-4	210	So./1L	Lewisburg, Tenn. (Forrest)
15	Richie Goodenow	LHP	L/L	6-2	200	Fr./RS	Nashville, Tenn. (Overton)
17	Shea Robin	C	R/R	5-11	185	Sr./3L	The Woodlands, Texas (The Woodlands)
18	Sean Bierman	LHP	L/L	6-0	200	Fr./HS	Kinnelon, N.J. (Kinnelon)
19	Ben Blanton	LHP	L/L	6-1	208	Fr./HS	Alpharetta, Ga. (Chattahoochee)
20	Kellen St. Luce	LHP	L/L	6-4	225	Fr./HS	St. Thomas, Virgin Islands (All Saints Cathedral School)
21	Brett Jacobson	RHP	R/R	6-6	205	Jr./2L	Carefree, Ariz. (Cactus Shadows)
22	Ryan Flaherty	INF	L/R	6-3	210	Jr./2L	Portland, Maine (Deering)
24	Pedro Alvarez	INF	L/R	6-2	225	Jr./2L	New York, N.Y. (Horace Mann)
25	Steven Liddle	OF	L/L	6-1	200	Fr./RS	Brentwood, Tenn. (Franklin)
26	Jordan Wormsley	OF	L/L	6-1	195	Fr./RS	Knoxville, Tenn. (Webb School)
27	Caleb Cotham	RHP	R/R	6-3	210	Fr./RS	Mt. Juliet, Tenn. (Mt. Juliet)
28	Brad French	INF	R/R	6-2	205	Sr./3L	Brentwood, Tenn. (Montgomery Bell Academy)
31	Russell Brewer	RHP	R/R	6-0	190	Fr./RS	Norwood, N.C. (South Stanly)
32	Gabe Ortiz	SS	R/R	6-3	186	Fr./HS	Panama, Panama (Notre Dame Academy-Virginia)
33	Drew Hayes	RHP	R/R	6-1	195	So./TR	McKenzie, Tenn. (McKenzie/Bethel College)
34	Taylor Hill	RHP	R/R	6-3	200	Fr./HS	Mt. Juliet, Tenn. (Mt. Juliet)
36	Aaron Westlake	INF	L/R	6-4	220	Fr./HS	Redding, Calif. (Shasta)
39	Jared Cohen	RHP	R/R	5-11	188	Fr./HS	Phoenixville, Pa. (The Haverford School)
40	Jonathan White	OF	L/L	6-2	205	Jr./2L	Shelbyville, Tenn. (Shelbyville)
42	Chase Reid	RHP	L/R	6-3	210	Fr./HS	Nashville, Tenn. (Southlake Carroll- Texas)
43	Steven Schwartz	RHP	L/R	6-2	200	Jr./RS	Great Neck, N.Y. (Great Neck North/Penn.)
44	Mark Lamm	RHP	R/R	6-4	215	Fr./RS	Loretto, Tenn. (Loretto)
45	Drew Fann	C	R/R	6-4	190	Fr./HS	Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Oakland)
46	Adam Cronk	1B	R/R	6-4	275	Sr./3L	Athens, Ga. (Athens Academy)
51	Alex Hilliard	OF	R/R	6-1	190	Fr./RS	Lafayette, La. (Lafayette)
55	Joey Manning	OF	R/R	6-5	235	Fr./HS	Bartow, Fla. (Bartow)

Head Coach: 4 Tim Corbin (Ohio Wesleyan, 1984) - Sixth Season at Vanderbilt and overall

Assistant Coaches: 16 Derek Johnson (Eastern Illinois, 1993); 23 Erik Bakich (East Carolina, 2000)

Volunteer Coach: 30 Blake Allen (Blackburn College, 2001)

Trainer: Chris Ham (Illinois, 2005)

Baseball Operations: Mike Calitri (Clemson, 2004), Jens Herman (Assistant Director)

## Alphabetical Roster

24	Pedro Alvarez	28	Brad French	32	Gabe Ortiz
18	Sean Bierman	5	Andrew Giobbi	42	Chase Reid
19	Ben Blanton	15	Richie Goodenow	17	Shea Robin
31	Russell Brewer	7	Parker Hanks	43	Steven Schwartz
9	Curt Casali	6	Brian Harris	20	Kellen St. Luce
11	Nick Christiani	33	Drew Hayes	36	Aaron Westlake
39	Jared Cohen	34	Taylor Hill	40	Jonathan White
27	Caleb Cotham	51	Alex Hilliard	26	Jordan Wormsley
46	Adam Cronk	21	Brett Jacobson	43	Steven Schwartz
2	Jason Cunningham	44	Mark Lamm	18	Casey Weathers
3	Dominic de la Osa	25	Steven Liddle	40	Jonathan White
45	Drew Fann	1	David Macias	26	Jordan Wormsley
8	Alex Feinberg	55	Joey Manning		
22	Ryan Flaherty	12	Mike Minor		

## Pronunciation Chart

Erik Bakich	<b>BACK</b> ich
Sean Bierman	<b>BEER</b> min
Curt Casali	Ca <b>SALLY</b>
Adam Cronk	<b>CRAHNK</b>
Dominic de la Osa	<b>DOM</b> a nick day la <b>OHSA</b>
Alex Feinberg	<b>FINE</b> burg
Ryan Flaherty	<b>FLAIR</b> ety
Andrew Giobbi	<b>GEO</b> bi
Richie Goodenow	good a <b>NOW</b>
Steven Liddle	Rhymes with Little
David Macias	Ma <b>SEE</b> us
Shea Robin	<b>SHAY</b>
Kellen St. Luce	St. <b>LOOSE</b>



**A Vanderbilt Team...**

Won 10 or more consecutive games	2/9/07-3/16/07 (20)
Lost five or more consecutive games	3/22/03-4/1/03 (six games)
Scored 20 or more runs in a game	22 vs. Yale, 3/14/00
Scored 10+ Runs in an Inning	11, vs. Butler (4th Inning), 3/14/06
Did Not Strikeout	vs. Tennessee-Martin, 2/23/05
Hit consecutive home runs	Dominic de la Osa, Pedro Alvarez vs. Tennessee Tech, 4/26/07
Shut out consecutive opponents	vs. Ole Miss (5-0), 3/18/06
	vs. Belmont (7-0), 3/22/06
	vs. Auburn (2-0), 3/24/06
Shut out the opponent	vs. Alabama (3-0), 4/6/07
Was shut out by the opponent	vs. Georgia (0-7), 5/5/07
Was shut out in two consecutive games	vs. Kentucky (0-14), (0-4), 4/23/76
Swept a conference doubleheader	vs. Georgia, 5/15/94
Was swept in a conference doubleheader	at Alabama, 4/22/06
Swept a conference series at home	vs. LSU, 5/17/07-5/19/07
Was swept in a conference series at home	vs. Florida, 5/20/05-5/22/05
Swept a conference series on the road	at Georgia, 4/15-16/93
Was swept in a conference series on the road	at Alabama, 4/22/06-4/23/06

**A Vanderbilt Player...**

Hit two home runs in a game	Pedro Alvarez vs. Ohio (Game 1), 2/18/07
Hit three home runs in a game	Jeff Martin vs. Valparaiso, 3/13/91
Hit a grand slam home run	Dominic de la Osa vs. Georgia, 4/16/06
Walk-Off Home Run	Ryan Flaherty vs. Boston College, 2/26/07
Hit for the cycle	Clinton Johnston vs. Kentucky, 4/28/96
Had seven or more RBI in a game	Dominic de la Osa (7) vs. Georgia, 4/16/06
	Karl Nonemaker (7) vs. Kentucky, 5/12/02
Had five or more hits in a game	Alex Feinberg vs. Georgia, 5/6/07
Two hits in an Inning	Pedro Alvarez at Lipscomb, 4/12/06
Had 10 or more total bases in a game	John Prothro (10) vs. Lipscomb, 2/20/02
	Aaron Fausett (10) vs. Ole Miss, 4/4/99
Stole three or more bases in a game	Antoan Richardson (3) vs. Jacksonville State, 3/29/05
	Warner Jones (3) vs. Oakland, 3/7/05
	Antoan Richardson (3) vs. Arkansas State, 2/28/04
	Antoan Richardson (3) vs. Lipscomb, 2/24/04
	Ryan Klosterman (3); 2x vs. Kent State, 3/1/03 and at MSU, 3/16/03
Had 10 or more strikeouts in a game	David Price (11) vs. Mississippi State, 5/24/07
Had 15 or more strikeouts in a game	David Price (15) vs. LSU, 5/17/07
Pitched a complete game	David Price vs. Mississippi State, 5/24/07
Pitched a nine-inning, complete game shutout	David Price vs. Alabama, 4/6/07
Pitched a combined shutout	Nick Christiani (7.1), Stephen Shao (0.2), Casey Weathers (1.0) vs. Illinois-Chicago, 3/10/07
Pitched a no-hitter	Jensen Lewis, Nick Pilkington, John Scott, Matt Buschmann at Western Ky., 5/6/03
Pitched a perfect game	Jensen Lewis, Nick Pilkington, John Scott, Matt Buschmann at Western Ky., 5/6/03

