

VANDERBILT GAME NOTES



0-2, 0-1 (SEC East) 0-2, 0-0 (Ohio Valley)

VANDY-AUSTIN PEAY INFO

DATE: Saturday, September 19, 2015

KICKOFF: 3:00 p.m. CT

STADIUM: Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville

TELEVISION: SEC NETWORK-ALT

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FACING OVC OPPONENTS

The Commodores are 13-0-1 all-time versus Ohio Valley Conference teams.

Vanderbilt is 10-0-1 vs. Tennessee Tech, 1-0 vs. Austin Peay, 1-0 vs. Tennessee State, and 1-0 vs. Eastern Kentucky.

I-40 CLOSURE SATURDAY

For the second consecutive week, traffic to campus and Vanderbilt Stadium will be affected by the downtown closure of Interstate 40. Fans are urged to use surface roads or I-440 as the best routes to campus.

Three traditional I-40 exits to Vanderbilt – Charlotte Ave., Church Street & West End Blvd. – will not be available to fans this Saturday.

VU-AP TICKETS REMAIN

Tickets remain available for the Austin Peay game, which serves as Parent's Weekend and Employee Celebration. Tickets are \$35 each.

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2015 SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Date	Opponent	Site	Result/TV	Notes
9/3	Western KY	Nashville	L, 12-14	'Dores hurt by turnovers, missed opportunities
9/12	GEORGIA	Nashville	L, 14-31	Late rally not enough as 'Dores fall to ranked UGA
9/19	Austin Peay	Nashville	SECN-ALT, 3 pm	Governors fall to 0-2 after loss at Southern Miss
9/26	OLE MISS	Oxford	ESPNU, 6 pm	#14 Rebels now 2-0 after trouncing Fresno State
10/3	Middle Tenn.	Murfreesboro	CBS: CSN, 6 pm	1-1 Blue Raiders fall at No. 2 Alabama 37-10
10/17	SO. CAROLINA	Columbia	TBA	Gamecocks lose QB in 26-22 home loss to Kentucky
10/24	MISSOURI	Nashville	TBA	#20 Tigers escape with 24-17 victory at Ark. State
10/31	Houston	Houston	TBA	Cougs go to 2-0 with impressive win over Louisville
11/7	FLORIDA	Gainesville	TBA	Gators now 2-0 after close win over East Carolina
11/14	KENTUCKY	Nashville	TBA	Kentucky now 2-0 after 26-22 win at South Carolina
11/21	TEXAS A&M	Nashville	TBA	#15 Aggies defeat Ball State 56-23, move to 2-0
11/28	TENNESSEE	Knoxville	TBA	1-1 Vols fall to Oklahoma at home in overtime

All kick times are CT

COMMODORES FACE AUSTIN PEAY LOOKING FOR FIRST VICTORY

Storylines for second game ever versus the Governors

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VANDERBILT, AUSTIN PEAY QUICK FACTS



	VANDERBILT	AUSTIN PEAY
Location	Nashville, Tenn.	Clarksville, Tenn.
Founded	1873	1927
Enrollment	6,850 (undergraduate)	10,597
Conference	Southeastern	Ohio Valley
Nickname	Commodores	Governors
Colors	Black & Gold	Red & White
Home Field	Vanderbilt Stadium	Governors Stadium
Capacity	40,350	7,000
Field Surface	artificial	artificial
Head Coach	Derek Mason (2nd)	Kirby Cannon (3rd)
Record at School	3-10 (.214)	1-25 (.039)
Career Record	3-10 (.214)	36-111 (.245)
Coach's Twitter	@CoachDerekMason	n/a
Official Twitter	@VandyFootball	@AustinPeayFB
Website	vucommoedores.com	letsgopeay.com

COMMODORE NOTES

THE VANDERBILT-AUSTIN PEAY SERIES

- ★ Meeting between schools: 2nd
- ★ All-time record: Vanderbilt leads 1-0
- ★ Previous meeting: Vanderbilt 38, Austin Peay 3 (2013)

MORE ON PLAYING AUSTIN PEAY

This marks the second game played between the Commodores and Governors. The first meeting, which came two years ago, resulted in a Vanderbilt victory.

Austin Peay is located in Clarksville, Tenn., about 50 miles from the Vanderbilt campus.

The Commodores and Governors

actively compete in other sports. Vanderbilt holds a 14-1 all-time advantage over the Govs in men's basketball, 12-1 in women's basketball, and 51-20-2 in baseball. Vanderbilt and Austin Peay was scheduled to open the 2015-16 men's basketball season Nov. 13.

VANDERBILT RESULTS VS. FCS TEAMS

Vanderbilt is 17-1 all-time vs. FCS (Football Championship Subdivision) opponents since the NCAA created the I-AA classification in 1978 and redefined it in the early 2000s.

In its most recent game against a FCS foe, the 'Dores defeated Charleston Southern on Oct. 11, 2014.

This marked the fourth straight year that Vanderbilt faced a FCS squad.

RECENT RESULTS VS. TEAMS FROM FCS CLASSIFICATION

Date	Opponent	Attendance
2014	Charleston Southern	W, 21-20
2013	Austin Peay	W, 38-3
2012	Presbyterian	W, 58-0
2011	Elon	W, 45-23
2009	Western Carolina	W, 45-0
2007	Richmond	W, 41-17
2006	Tennessee State	W, 38-9

VANDERBILT RESULTS IN NON-SEC PLAY

Vanderbilt enters the Austin Peay game having won 12 of its last 14 games against non-Southeastern Conference teams.

Since the 2011 opener, Vanderbilt is 14-3 against non-SEC teams in regular season action – and 16-4 overall against non-SEC foes including bowl appearances. In the last decade, the Commodores are 29-14 against all non-SEC teams.

The 'Dores opened the 2015 season with a 14-12 loss to Western Kentucky.

The Commodores have defeated UMass, Charleston Southern and Old Dominion in 2014, Austin Peay, UMass, UAB and Wake Forest in 2013, and Presbyterian, UMass and Wake Forest in 2012.

RESULTS VS. NON-SEC OPPONENTS

Year	Non-SEC Opponents (W/L)
2015	Western Kentucky (L), Austin Peay, MTSU, Houston
2014	Temple (L), UMass (W), Charleston Southern (W), Old Dominion (W)
2013	Austin Peay (W), UMass (W), UAB (W), Wake Forest (W), Houston (W)
2012	N'western (L), Presbyterian (W), UMass (W), Wake Forest (W), NC State (W)
2011	Elon (W), UConn (W), Army (W), Wake Forest (W), Cincinnati (L)
2010	Northwestern (L), UConn (L), E. Michigan (W), Wake Forest (L)
2009	Western Carolina (W), Rice (W), Army (L), Ga. Tech (L)
2008	Miami OH (W), Rice (W), Duke (L), Wake Forest (L), Boston Coll. (W)
2007	Richmond (W), E. Michigan (W), Miami OH (W) Wake Forest (L)
2006	Michigan (L), Tennessee State (W), Temple (W)
2005	Wake Forest (W), Richmond (W), Middle Tennessee (L)

LAST TIME VS. AUSTIN PEAY

COMMODORES TOP AUSTIN PEAY; SCORE 35 POINTS IN 2ND QUARTER

NASHVILLE – Like last week, Vanderbilt got off to a slow start, but this result was much different.

Austyn Carta-Samuels ran for two touchdowns and threw for another as Vanderbilt beat Austin Peay 38-3.

Leading 3-0 at the end of the first quarter, the Commodores opened the game up in the second, scoring touchdowns on four straight possessions.

GAME 2
SEPT. 7, 2013
NASHVILLE

"It is something that I have noticed this week and last week," Carta-Samuels said. "Our second quarters have been phenomenal but our first quarters have been slow. It is definitely going to be a focal point moving forward, starting really well at the beginning

of practice because that is where everything happens first, and then carrying it over into Saturdays."

Carta-Samuels, making his third career start for Vanderbilt, had a 1-yard touchdown run with 9:23 remaining in the second. Later on in the quarter he connected with receiver Jordan Matthews on a 39-yard touchdown play.

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
AUSTIN PEAY	0	0	3	0	3	0-2
VANDERBILT	3	35	0	0	38	1-1

1st: VANDY: Spear 25-yd. FG, 11-57 4:16.

2nd: VANDY: Kimbrow 6-yd. run (Spear kick), 9-76 4:12. VANDY: Carta-Samuels 1-yd. run (Spear kick), 5-69 2:43. VANDY: Seymour 1-yd. run (Spear kick), 5-49 1:43.

VANDY: Matthews 39-yd. pass from Carta-Samuels (Spear kick), 1-39 0:08.

VANDY: Carta-Samuels 8-yd. run (Spear kick), 3-18 0:22.

3rd: APSU: Spears 20-yd. FG, 8-62 4:33.

STATISTICS

	AUSTIN PEAY	VANDERBILT
FIRST DOWNS	6	21
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	34-85	35-169
PASSING YDS (NET)	54	273
PASSES ATT-COMP-INT	16-11-0	29-19-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	50-139	64-442
FUMBLE RETURNS-YARDS	0-0	1-3
PUNT RETURNS-YARDS	1-16	7-40
KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS	2-32	2-2
INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS	1-21	0-0
PUNTS (NUMBER-AVG)	10-35.9	4-48.2
FUMBLES-LOST	5-1	0-0
PENALTIES-YARDS	8-51	5-24
POSSESSION TIME	30:47	29:13
THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	3 OF 14	4 OF 11
RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES	1-1	5-5
SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS	0-0	4-31

RUSHING: AP–Phillips 9-67; Franklin 7-39; Oliver 5-9; Mitchell 3-4; Sexton 1-3; William 2-0; Team 2-(-12); Spivey 5-minus 25. VANDY–Jerron Seymour 9-41; Brian Kimbrow 8-41; Austyn Carta-Samuels 4-23; Patton Robinette 3-20; Derek King 4-19; Wesley Tate 5-17; Jonathan Krause 1-11; Josh Grady 1-(-3).

PASSING: AP–Spivey 7-11-0-37; Mitchell 4-5-0-17.

VANDY–Carta-Samuels 14-22-0-223; Robinette 4-5-0-41; Grady 1-2-1-9.

RECEIVING: AP–Chatman 3-19; Clack 3-15; Johnson 2-10; Coleman 1-9; Phillips 1-5; Embry 1-(-4).

VANDY–Jordan Cunningham 7-67; Jordan Matthews 6-111; Jonathan Krause 2-60; Latevius Rayford 1-24; Steven Scheu 1-8; D van der Wal 1-4; Trey Wilkins 1-(-1).

COMMODORE DEFENSE EXPERIENCING SUCCESS VERSUS QUALITY ATTACKS

The Vanderbilt defense has held up well against two of the nation's top offensive attacks from a year ago.

The unit ranks fourth in the Southeastern Conference in pass defense (175.0 ypg.) and third-down efficiency (25 percent), fifth in first downs allowed (15.0) and eighth in total defense (334.0 ypg).

The defense has faced strong offenses in Western Kentucky and Georgia. The Hilltoppers, led by record-breaking QB Brandon Doughty, ranked among the 2014 NCAA leaders in passing offense (2nd), total offense (4th) and scoring offense (No. 6). Georgia's offense sparked by Heisman Trophy candidate Nick Chubb ranked among 2014 NCAA leaders in scoring (No. 8), rushing (No. 11) and total offense (No. 28).

DEFENSE AT A GLANCE

CATEGORY	AVG.	NCAA	SEC
Scoring Defense	22.5	65	12
Total Defense	334.0	54	8
First Downs	15.0	T-28	T-5
Rushing Defense	159.0	74	9
Passing Defense	175.0	48	4
3rd Down Efficiency	25%	20	4

'DORE OFFENSE MUCH IMPROVED; LOOKING FOR MORE TOUCHDOWNS

The Vanderbilt offense under new coordinator **Andy Ludwig** is much improved over last year. Now, the unit looks to take greater care of the football and better advantage of red-zone opportunities.

Ludwig's offense has performed at a higher clip than the 2014 unit in total offense (392.5 ypg.), rushing yards (136.5 ypg.) and passing yards (256.0 ypg.). Those statistics have resulted in Vanderbilt topping the SEC in time of possession (34:48) through two weeks of action.

The unit has to improve in red-zone efficiency, where it has scored on just three of nine possessions.

OFFENSE AT A GLANCE

CATEGORY	'15 AVG.	'14 AVG.	+/-
Total Offense	392.5	288.7	+103.8
First Downs	20.5	16.1	+4.4
Rushing Offense	136.5	109.5	+27.0
Passing Offense	256.0	179.1	+76.9
3rd Down Efficiency	36%	30%	+6%
Time of Possession	34:48	29:30	+5:18

Note: 2014 stats are for entire year.

SCHEU NAMED AMONG 30 CANDIDATES FOR 2015 SENIOR CLASS AWARD

Steven Scheu (R-Sr., TE) has been selected as one of 30 Football Bowl Subdivision student-athletes to be tabbed as a candidate for the 2015 Senior CLASS Award.

The Award recognizes student-athletes who have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition.

Scheu, a 2014 Second Team All-SEC selection, led all SEC tight ends in catches and ranked second in yards last season. His 525 receiving yards were the most by a Vanderbilt tight end since 1983. Scheu is also a candidate for the Mackey Award, given to the nation's top tight end.

A native of Evansville, Ind., Scheu will graduate in December with a degree in medicine, health and society and plans to seek an MBA. He is a three-time selection to the SEC Academic Honor Roll and two-time member of the team's leadership council. This fall, Scheu returned to the field after a serious injury kept him out of the Black & Gold Spring Game.



Curing Kids Cancer founders Grainne and Clay Owen join Gibson Guitar officials and Vanderbilt Football Director of Player Development Al Smith to present a \$25,000 check to the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt.

VANDERBILT BRINGING AWARENESS TO 'CURING KIDS CANCER' EFFORT

When Vanderbilt takes the field against Austin Peay this Saturday, Commodore coaches and players will help kick off the Curing Kids Cancer annual awareness campaign.

Vanderbilt's players will wear Curing Kids Cancer helmet stickers with a gold ribbon while their coaches wear gold whistles and Curing Kids Cancer lanyards. Players and coaches will both wear Curing Kids Cancer glow-in-the-dark wristbands. Fans can support their teams by wearing the same stickers, wristbands and whistles, which can be purchased at curingkidscancer.org/blowthewhistle.

In honor of the support from Vanderbilt, Curing Kids Cancer recently made a \$25,000 donation to fund pediatric cancer research at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital Cancer Center at Vanderbilt.

Vanderbilt is one of nine SEC teams participating in the campaign, joining Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi State, Alabama, Ole Miss, Tennessee, Texas A&M and LSU.

The campaign supports National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in September. Cancer is the leading cause of disease-related death for children killing more children each year than AIDS, Asthma, Cystic Fibrosis, Diabetes and Muscular Dystrophy combined. Gold is the official color for childhood cancer awareness.

"As Chairman of Curing Kids Cancer, I'm very happy to see so many of these college football coaches and players stepping up to raise awareness about childhood cancer," said ESPN GameDay commentator Lee Corso. "It's fantastic that so many teams are supporting this great cause. We all want to tackle kids' cancer and kick it into the end zone, making it a thing of the past."

"These teams and coaches are under a tremendous amount of pressure to perform at the highest levels," said the charity spokesman for the campaign 'Mr. College Football' and SEC Network Commentator Tony Barnhart. Tony is also a member of the Curing Kids Cancer Executive Advisory Board. "What a wonderful testament to their desire to help eradicate these horrible diseases that they would not only join the cause, but do so in ever-increasing numbers. It's another example of how the college football community can be such a great example and a formidable force for good."

In 2014 Curing Kids Cancer provided more than \$1 million in funding for cutting-edge research projects that may eventually make traditional chemotherapy obsolete. Over the past ten years, the organization has raised more than \$7 million for pediatric cancer research.

COMMODORE NOTES

NOTES FROM GEORGIA GAME

LEADING TACKLERS ... Stephen Weatherly (R-Jr., OLB) topped the Commodore defensive effort with six unassisted tackles and eight total tackles. Weatherly also contributed tackles for loss on back-to-back plays early in the fourth quarter that resulted in a missed UGA field goal.

Weatherly now has 17.5 career tackles for loss, second to **Caleb Azubike** (20) among active Commodores.

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS ... Ralph Webb (R-So., RB) continues to show dual abilities, compiling 125 yards of total offense - 68 rushing yards and 57 receiving yards.

TURNOVERS ... For the second straight game, turnovers doomed Commodore chances for victory.

Georgia captured the critical stat category 3-0 after picking off three Vanderbilt passes, including two deep in Bulldog territory.

The Vanderbilt defense did not force a turnover.

TIME OF POSSESSION ... For the second consecutive game, the Commodores held a big advantage in time of possession. Vanderbilt owned possession for nearly 33 minutes of the clock, holding a 5:54 advantage over the Bulldogs. The 'Dores also ran 23 more offensive plays than UGA.

RECEIVING TARGETS ... Eight different Commodores were on the receiving end of passes from **Johnny McCrary** (R-So., QB).

Latevius Rayford (Jr., WR) and Webb topped the team with seven receptions each. Both Webb and Rayford totalled 57 receiving yards, as did **DeAndre Woods** (R-So., TE) on three catches.

Webb set a single-game career in receptions and receiving yards in the game. Webb also has matched his 2014 reception total through two games.

KICKING & PUNTING ... Tommy Openshaw (So., PK/P) continued to show excellent versatility as the team's primary punter and placekicker.

Openshaw averaged 45.0 yards on six punts, including two of more than 50 yards. He also converting on 2-of-3 field goals, hitting attempts from 47 and 41 yards and missing from 43 yards.

Through two games, Openshaw's four field goal conversions is tied with four others for the SEC lead.

TURNOVERS FACTOR AGAIN ... Turnovers deep in opponent territory doomed Commodore chances for victory for the second straight year.

On two occasions late in the game trailing 24-14, the Commodores could not score on possessions deep in UGA territory. After closing the margin to 24-14, Vanderbilt recovered a perfectly executed pooch kick by Openshaw at the Bulldog 18-yard line. Two plays later, the drive ended with an interception.

The Commodores' last chance to close the margin to one score ended with an interception at the UGA 12-yard line that was returned for the final Bulldog touchdown.

NEW PASSING CAREER HIGHS ... Johnny McCrary (R-So., QB) set new single-game career highs with 24 completions and 295 passing yards. It was the highest passing total by a Commodore since **Austyn Carta-Samuels** threw for 338 yards against Missouri on Sept. 5, 2013.

IMPROVEMENT ON THIRD DOWNS ... Through two games, the Commodores have been much improved on third-down efficiency from a year ago.

The Commodore defense is limiting opponents to a 25% conversion rate on third downs (6 of 24), a vast improvement over 2014 when foes were successful at a 42% rate.

On offense, Vanderbilt has converted 36 percent of its third downs (14 of 39). In 2014, the unit converted just 30% of its third downs.

The 'Dore offense was 7-of-21 in third downs against Georgia. The defense limited UGA to four conversions on 13 total third downs.

PASS DEFENSE ... The VU defense limited UGA to 141 passing yards.

RECORDS OF SECOND-YEAR COACHES

Head Coach **Derek Mason** greets a more experienced team in 2015 than his initial unit, and one seeking more success than a year ago.

The roster features 52 letter-winners, 10 more than in 2014. It also features seven offensive starters, 11 defensive starters and both starting specialists.

Mason also made two key staff changes, adding Andy Ludwig at offensive coordinator and James Dobson as head strength coach.

RECORDS OF RECENT 2ND-YEAR COACHES

Coach	Year	Record
Derek Mason	2015	0-2
James Franklin	2012	9-4
Bobby Johnson	2003	2-10
Woody Widenhofer	1998	2-9
Rod Dowhower	1996	2-9
Gerry DiNardo	1992	4-7
Watson Brown	1988	3-8
George MacIntyre	1980	2-9
Fred Pancoast	1976	2-9
Steve Sloan	1974	7-3-2

VANDERBILT'S 2015 SEC/NCAA RANK

Team Category	Avg.	SEC	NCAA	
Scoring Offense	13.0	14	T-120	
Total Offense	392.5	12	81	
Rushing Offense	136.5	12	93	
Pass Offense	256.0	6	51	
Scoring Defense	22.5	12	65	
Total Defense	334.0	8	54	
Rushing Defense	159.0	9	74	
Pass Defense	175.0	4	48	
Pass Efficiency	97.5	14	120	
Defensive Pass Efficiency	117.6	9	56	
Net Punting	34.6	13	95	
Kickoff Returns	21.7	9	T-67	
Punt Returns	3.6	12	T-95	
First Downs	20.5	10	T-76	
First Downs Allowed	15.0	T-5	T-28	
Time of Possession	34:48	1	8	
3rd Down Conv. %	36% (14-39)	10	84	
3rd Down Conv. % (Defense)	25% (6-24)	4	T-24	
Red Zone Offense	33% (3-9)	14	127	
Red Zone Defense	67% (4-6)	5	20	
Turnover Margin	-3.0 (-6)	14	127	
Penalties	4.5 (9)	2	T-20	
Penalty Yards	30.0	1	T-11	
QB Sacks	1.5 (3)	T-10	T-75	
QB Sacks Allowed	2.0 (4)	T-9	T-71	
Tackles for Loss	4.0 (8)	12	108	
Tackles for Loss Allowed	7.0 (14)	11	99	
Interceptions	0	T-13	T-74	
Interceptions Thrown	2.5 (5)	T-13	123	
Active Individuals				
Avg. SEC NCAA				
Ralph Webb	Rushing yards per game	69.0	11	92
	Rush attempts	21.5	3	-
	All-purpose yards	111.0	11	94
	Receptions	5.0 (10)	6	69
Johnny McCrary	Passing yards	256.0	4	35
	Completions	21.0	3	35
	Pass efficiency	97.2	12	-
	Total offense	293.5	4	28
Trent Sherfield	Receiving yards	53.5	17	-
Latevius Rayford	Receptions	4.0 (8)	15	-
Oren Burks	Defensed passes	2.0 (4)	3	T-9
Tommy Openshaw	Punting	44.5	3	21
	Field goals made	2.0 (4)	1	T-10
	Scoring	6.0 (12)	18	-
Darrius Sims	Kick returns	21.7	5	51
Trey Ellis	Punt returns	5.5	9	64

LUDWIG BRINGS HISTORY OF SUCCESS TO VANDERBILT OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR ROLE

Andy Ludwig joins Vanderbilt as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach with a proven history of creating productive offensive attacks and winning football games.

Ludwig has worked more than two decades as an offensive coordinator at the collegiate level, including at the FCS level every year since 2001. In that 14-year span, Ludwig has been involved with 10 teams that have won

8+ games, six teams that have won 9+ games and three teams with 10+ win seasons. His offenses have averaged 31 points since 2001.

Most recently, Ludwig directed the Wisconsin Badgers' 2013-14 offenses to record-book production in Madison.

While helping the Badgers to the program's fifth 11-win season in 2014 and a 20-7 overall record, Ludwig's offense was regarded among the most powerful in Big Ten and team history. In 2014, Wisconsin's 4,482 rushing yards established a new Big Ten record and the unit's 320.1 rushing yards per game as the conference's highest average since 1976.

Ludwig's Wisconsin offense also featured Melvin Gordon, who ended his career as one of the most productive runners in NCAA history. As a senior in 2014, Gordon finished second in the Heisman Trophy voting, won the Doak Walker Award and consensus All-America recognition, and was a finalist for the Maxwell and Walter Camp Player of the Year awards after rushing for 2,587 yards, the second highest single season total in FBS history, and 29 touchdowns. Gordon briefly held the FBS record for single-game rushing yards after amassing 408 yards in three quarters of action vs. Nebraska. Gordon also posted a remarkable average of 206.0 rushing yards in Big Ten Conference action, and ended his career with an amazing 251-yard performance against Auburn in the Outback Bowl.

Ludwig's production at Wisconsin came after similar successes at San Diego State (2011-12), California (2009-10), Utah (2005-08), Oregon (2002-04) and Fresno State 1998-2001.

LUDWIG AT WISCONSIN

SCORING OFFENSE

- 2013 (34.8 ppg) and 2014 (34.6 ppg) rank No. 3 and No. 4 in school history

TOTAL OFFENSE

- Ranked No. 1 and No. 3 in school history: 480.8 yds (2013) and 468.9 yds (2014).

RUSHING OFFENSE

- Ranked No. 1 and No. 3 in school history in rushing yards: 320.1 (2014) and 233.8 (2013).
- Ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in school history in yards per carry: 6.91 (2014) and 6.62 (2013).

TWO-YEAR NCAA RANKINGS (FBS)

- Averaged 302.6 rushing yards per game - 5th in FBS (1st among non-triple option teams)
- Scored 81 rushing touchdowns - T-5th in FBS (T-3rd among non-triple option teams)
- Averaged 6.78 yards per rush - 1st in FBS
- Averaged 474.6 total yards per game - 8th among Power Five teams (2nd in Big Ten)
- 6.81 yards per play - 9th in FBS
- 33:36 time of possession - 4th in FBS
- Made 25 of 38 4th downs (65.8%) - 7th in FBS
- Allowed 29 sacks in 27 games (fifth-fewest among Power Five teams)

FORMER NEBRASKA STRENGTH COORDINATOR LEADING 'DORES CONDITIONING EFFORT

James Dobson, long-time conditioning coordinator at the University of Nebraska, has been guiding the Commodores' strength program since January.

Dobson spent the last seven years guiding Nebraska's conditioning programs under former Cornhusker football head coach Bo Pelini. In Dobson's tenure, Nebraska joined Alabama and Oregon as the only three teams nationally to post at least nine wins every year.

In Dobson's last game with Nebraska, the Cornhuskers faced Southern California in the Holiday Bowl – the Huskers seventh straight postseason appearance.

Under Dobson, the Huskers were regarded among the nation's most outstanding fourth quarter teams. In 2014, the Huskers outscored opponents by a remarkable 119-62 margin. Nebraska also scored more fourth-quarter points than its foes in 2008 (155-52), 2009 (96-32), 2010 (64-53) and 2012 (101-82).

Dobson's conditioning program helped the 2014 Nebraska offense average 37.4 points, 248.2 rushing yards and 446.2 total yards. Dobson's efforts also produced a tenacious Nebraska squad. The Huskers were known for producing remarkable comeback victories in recent years, including four such wins during the 2012 season and a thrilling 37-34 overtime victory over Iowa in the 2014 regular season finale.

Prior to Nebraska, Dobson spent nine years with the University of Iowa program, helping the Hawkeyes to one of the most successful periods in school history.

Dobson also brought his top two Nebraska assistants – **Tyler Clarke** and **Ben Schumacher** – to Vanderbilt.

DOBSON PUPILS

- Ndamukong Suh, DT, Neb.
- Prince Amukamara, CB, Neb.
- Ameer Abdullah, RB, Neb.
- Lavonte David, LB, Neb.
- Robert Gallery, OT, Iowa
- Chad Greenway, LB, Iowa
- Bob Sanders, Safety, Iowa

VANDERBILT FACING RANKED FOES

The Commodores are looking for their first victory over a Top 25 ranked squad in nearly two years.

The team's last win over a team ranked in the Associated Press Top 25 came on Oct. 5, 2013 – a 31-27 victory over Georgia. Since then, the Commodores have fallen to six consecutive ranked teams.

FACING RANKED TEAMS

Year	Opponent	W/L	Score
9/12/2015	No. 10 Georgia	L	14-31
11/22/2014	@ No. 4 Miss. State	L	0-51
10/4/2014	@ No. 13 Georgia	L	17-44
9/20/2014	No. 14 South Carolina	L	34-48
9/6/2014	No. 15 Ole Miss	L	3-41
10/26/2013	@ No. 16 Texas A&M	L	24-56
10/5/2013	No. 19 Georgia	W	31-27

ranking based to Associated Press Poll

VANDERBILT RESULTS IN SEC OPENERS

Vanderbilt could not capture its first SEC opener in four years when it faced Georgia Sept. 12.

The Commodores are 2-8 in their team's last 10 SEC openers after the 31-14 loss to Georgia.

The team's last win to open league play came in 2011 – a 30-7 victory over Ole Miss.

LAST 10 SEC OPENERS

Year	Opponent	W/L	Score
2015	Georgia	L	14-31
2014	Ole Miss (Nissan Stadium)	L	3-41
2013	Ole Miss	L	35-39
2012	South Carolina	L	13-17
2011	Ole Miss	W	30-7
2010	LSU	L	27-3
2009	@ LSU	L	23-9
2008	South Carolina	W	24-17
2007	Alabama	L	24-10
2006	@ Alabama	L	13-10

COMMODORE NOTES

2015 STATISTICAL RETURNERS

Rushing	G	Att.	Net.	Avg.	TD	Long	Avg./G	
Ralph Webb	2	43	138	3.2	0	19	69.0	
Johnny McCrary	2	19	75	4.7	0	24	37.5	
Dallas Rivers	2	15	33	2.2	0	6	16.5	
Passing	G	Effic.	Comp.-Att.-INT	Pct.	Yards	TD	Avg./G	
Johnny McCrary	2	97.2	42-84-5	50.0	512	2	256.0	
Receiving	G	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long	Avg./G	
Ralph Webb (RB)	2	10	84	8.4	0	18	42.0	
Latevius Rayford (WR)	2	8	59	7.4	1	13	29.5	
Trent Sherfield (WR)	2	5	107	21.4	1	44	52.5	
DeAndre Woods (TE)	2	5	77	15.4	0	24	38.5	
Defense	G	UA-A-TT	TFL/Yds.	Sacks	INT	PBU	FF/FR	QH
Stephen Weatherly (OLB)	2	6-5-11	2.0-7	0.0-0	0	0	0/0	1
Oren Burks (SAF)	2	5-6-11	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	4	0/0	0
Darreon Herring (ILB)	2	4-7-11	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0/0	0
Andrew Williamson (SAF)	2	5-5-10	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0/0	0
Torren McGaster (CB)	2	8-0-8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1	0/0	0
Nehemiah Mitchell (OLB)	2	1-7-8	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0	0/0	0
Jay Woods (DT)	2	1-6-7	1.0-5	1.0-5	0	0	1/0	0

SEC NETWORK PREMIERE OF 'SEC INSIDE' SHOW FEATURES COMMODORES DURING WKU WEEK

The Vanderbilt football program was featured in early September in the premiere of 'SEC Inside,' the SEC Network's new all-access presentation.

The in-depth look at Vanderbilt's preparations for the Western Kentucky opener aired Sept. 8, along with a similar feature on the Florida Gators.

A 10-person film crew spent two days on the Vanderbilt campus prior to the game gathering material for the show. The crew chronicled team and position meetings, two practices, team travel, and pregame activities including the team's Dore Alley walk through Vandyville and Star Walk entrance into Vanderbilt Stadium.

Mason also granted the crew pregame and postgame access to the team's locker room.

Show producers also had access to video captured by four crew shooters during the Vanderbilt-Western Kentucky game, ranging from Commodore coach and student-athlete reaction on the sidelines to crowd interaction.

Each of the conference's 14 teams are scheduled to be featured on 'SEC Inside' during the 2015 regular season.

DEFENSIVE COACHES THOMPSON, MAXIE HAVE NEW RESPONSIBILITIES IN 2014

Coaching responsibilities have changed for second-year defensive mentors, Kenwick Thompson and Brett Maxie.

Thompson took over both inside and outside linebackers during spring drills after mentoring outside 'backers in 2014. He also gains more responsibility with defensive meetings and operations with Mason assuming the defensive coordinator post.

Maxie will mentor Vanderbilt cornerbacks this season, after coaching the entire secondary in 2014.

2015 VANDERBILT ROSTER

LETTERWINNERS RETURNING: 52

OFFENSE (23) Jake Bernstein, Delando Crooks, Chandler Dorrell, Sean Dowling, C.J. Duncan, Wade Freebeck, Blake Fromang, Barrett Gouger, Will Holden, Andrew Jelks, Kris Kentera, Nathan Marcus, Kevin McCoy, Johnny McCrary, Spencer Pulley, Latevius Rayford, Dallas Rivers, Steven Scheu, Caleb Scott, Trent Sherfield, Darrius Sims, Ralph Webb, DeAndre Woods

DEFENSE (25) Torey Agee, Caleb Azubike, Jalen Banks, Tre Bell, Nigel Bowden, Oren Burks, Adam Butler, Zach Cunningham, Taurean Ferguson, Harding Harper, Tre Herndon, Darreon Herring, Nifae Lealao, Torren McGaster, Jahmel McIntosh, Jake Sealand, Emmanuel Smith, Landon Stokes, Tre Tarpley, Ja'kari Thomas, Stephen Weatherly, Ryan White, Andrew Williamson, Jay Woods, Jonathan Wynn

SPECIALISTS (4) Colby Cooke, Trey Ellis, Hayden Lekacz, Tommy Openshaw

COMMODORES BY CLASS

SENIORS (9) Caleb Azubike, Jake Bernstein, Darreon Herring, Kris Kentera, Chris Martin, Jahmel McIntosh, Spencer Pulley, Steven Scheu, Andrew Williamson

JUNIORS (20) Torey Agee, Adam Butler, Colby Cooke, Chandler Dorrell, Blake Fromang, Curtis Graves, Barrett Gouger, Harding Harper, Will Holden, Bradyn Jasper, Andrew Jelks, Wilson Johnson, Kevin McCoy, Torren McGaster, Nehemiah Mitchell, Latevius Rayford, Jacob Schultz, Darrius Sims, Ja'kari Thomas, Stephen Weatherly

SOPHOMORES (33) Jalen Banks, Ladarius Banks, Tre Bell, Nigel Bowden, Oren Burks, Delando Crooks, Zach Cunningham, Egidio DellaRippa, Brian Doney, Sean Dowling, C.J. Duncan, Trey Ellis, Taurean Ferguson, Wade Freebeck, Tre Herndon, Nifae Lealao, Hayden Lekacz, Nathan Marcus, Johnny McCrary, Reid Nelson, Tommy Openshaw, Dallas Rivers, Caleb Scott, Trent Sherfield, Emmanuel Smith, Landon Stokes, Arnold Tarpley, John Webb, Ralph Webb, Ryan White, DeAndre Woods, Jay Woods, Jonathan Wynn

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (14) Khari Blasingame, Rashad Canty, Sekou Clark, Bailey Granier, Cole Hardin, Bryce Lewis, Ronald Monroe, Bruno Reagan, Shawn Stankavage, Riley Tindol, Ladarius Wiley, Davis Winkie, Charles Wright

FRESHMEN (20) Kyle Anderton, Josh Crawford, Darion DeBrossard, Sam Dobbs, Jaire George, Jordan Griffin, Winston Guillory, Jay Hockaday, Kade Mayle, Dare Odeyingbo, Caleb Peart, Ean Pfeifer, Jared Pinkney, Andrew Rector, Donovan Sheffield, Kyle Shurmur, Justin Skule, Josh Smith, Jared Southers

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ACTIVE CAREER STATISTICAL LEADERS

Category	Team Leaders	Career Totals
Total Offense	J. McCrary/R. Webb	1,619/1,129
Total TDs	S. Scheu/CJ Duncan-R. Webb-K. Kentera (tie)	6/4 ea.
Rushing Yards	R. Webb/D. Rivers	1,045/251
Rushing Attempts	R. Webb/D. Rivers	255/83
Rushing TDs	R. Webb/D. Rivers	4/2
Passing Yards	J. McCrary/W. Freebeck	1,497/376
Pass Attempts	J. McCrary/W. Freebeck	236/72
Completions	J. McCrary/W. Freebeck	120/34
Passing TDs	J. McCrary/W. Freebeck	11/1
Receiving Yards	S. Scheu/C.J. Duncan	748/441
Receptions	S. Scheu/L. Rayford	60/46
Receiving TDs	S. Scheu/K. Kentera-CJ Duncan (tie)	6/4 ea.
Punt Return Yards	T. Ellis/D. Sims	67/33
Kick Return Yards	D. Sims/Dallas Rivers	1,414/151
Total Tackles	D. Herring/A. Williamson	173/104
Solo Tackles	D. Herring/T. McGaster	93/64
Tackles for Loss	C. Azubike/S. Weatherly	20.5/17.5
Quarterback Sacks	C. Azubike/S. Weatherly	13.0/7.0
INTs	Ferguson-Herring-McGaster-McIntosh-Williamson	2 ea.
Forced Fumbles	Williamson-Tarpley (tie)	2 ea.
Fumble Recoveries	Azubike-Williamson-Butler (tie)	2 ea.
Passes Defended	D. Herring/O. Burks	12/9
Career Starts	J. Bernstein-S. Pulley (tie)	31 ea.
Consec. Starts	S. Pulley/J. Bernstein	27/16

SENIOR LINEMEN BERNSTEIN, PULLEY ACTIVE LEADERS IN CAREER STARTS

Senior offensive linemen **Jake Bernstein** and **Spencer Pulley** share the team lead for active career starts.

Bernstein and Pulley enter their final season with 31 career starts on the O-line – all from the guard position.

Steven Scheu (Sr., TE) and **Darreon Herring** (Sr., LB) are the closest to Bernstein and Pulley with 28 and 25 career starts, respectively.

Seven other Commodores have at least 13 career starts: **Nigel Bowden** (R-So., ILB), **Adam Butler** (Jr., DL), **Will Holden** (R-Jr., OL), **Andrew Jelks** (Jr., OT), **Torren McGaster** (Jr., CB), **Tommy Openshaw** (R-So., P/PK) and **Ralph Webb** (So., RB).

ACTIVE STARTS

Player	Career Starts
Jake Bernstein, Sr., OG	31
Spencer Pulley, Sr., C/OG	31
Steven Scheu, Sr., TE	28
Darreon Herring, Sr., LB	25
Andrew Jelks, R-Jr., OT	21
Adam Butler, R-Jr., DL	17
Torren McGaster, R-Jr., CB	14
Ralph Webb, R-So., RB	14
Nigel Bowden, R-So., LB	13
Will Holden, R-Jr., OT	13
Tommy Openshaw, R-So., PK	13
Colby Cooke, R-Jr., punter	12
Latevius Rayford, Jr., WR	12

FORMER STANDOUT MARVE JOINS STAFF

Chris Marve, the No. 8 tackler in Commodore history, has joined the Vanderbilt staff as a defensive graduate assistant. As a three-time All-SEC linebacker and two-time captain, Marve produced 393 tackles from 2008-11.

VANDERBILT PLAYER PARTICIPATION

Player	Pos.	2015		Career		Consec. Career Starts
		Games Played	2015 Starts	Games Played	Career Starts	
Torey Agee	DT	2	-	17	-	-
Kyle Anderton	FB	2	-	2	-	-
Caleb Azubike	DE	2	1	36	10	-
Jalen Banks	DB	2	-	13	-	-
Ladarius Banks	FB	2	-	2	-	-
Tre Bell	CB	2	-	11	4	-
Jake Bernstein	OL	2	2	38	31	16
Nigel Bowden	LB	2	2	13	13	3
Oren Burks	S	2	2	10	9	6
Adam Butler	DT	2	2	26	17	5
Colby Cooke	PK	-	-	15	12	-
Delando Crooks	OG	1	-	13	-	-
Zach Cunningham	LB	2	-	13	5	-
Chandler Dorrell	WR	-	-	11	-	-
Sean Dowling	TE	2	-	14	-	-
C.J. Duncan	WR	-	-	11	9	-
Trey Ellis	PR	2	-	13	-	-
Taurean Ferguson	CB	2	-	14	6	-
Wade Freebeck	QB	1	-	5	4	-
Blake Fromang	OL	2	2	23	2	2
Barrett Gouger	OL	2	2	25	3	2
Curtis Graves	WR	-	-	2	-	-
Jordan Griffin	LB	1	-	1	-	-
Harding Harper	LB	2	-	17	-	-
Tre Herndon	CB	2	2	14	2	2
Darreon Herring	LB	2	2	40	25	4
Will Holden	OL	2	2	26	13	13
Andrew Jelks	OL	-	-	24	21	-
Wilson Johnson	SN	2	-	2	-	-
Kris Kentera	TE	2	-	39	3	-
Nifae Lealao	DT	2	-	11	-	-
Hayden Lekacz	PK	2	-	7	1	-
Bryce Lewis	CB	2	-	2	-	-
Nathan Marcus	TE	2	1	14	4	1
Kevin McCoy	OL	-	-	3	-	-
Torren McGaster	CB	2	2	27	14	12
Jahmel McIntosh	S	2	-	39	10	-
Johnny McCrary	QB	2	2	9	7	7
Nehemiah Mitchell	OLB	2	2	2	2	2
Tommy Openshaw	PK	2	2	13	13	13
Spencer Pulley	OL	2	2	39	31	27
Latevius Rayford	WR	2	1	20	11	-
Bruno Reagan	OL	2	-	2	-	-
Dallas Rivers	RB	2	-	14	-	-
Steven Scheu	TE	2	2	38	28	15
Jacob Schultz	SN	2	-	2	-	-
Caleb Scott	WR	2	-	13	1	-
Darrius Sims	CB	2	2	27	2	2
Justin Skule	OL	2	-	2	-	-
Emmanuel Smith	SAF	1	-	11	-	-
Josh Smith	OLB	2	-	2	-	-
Landon Stokes	OLB	2	-	12	-	-
Ja'karri Thomas	LB	2	-	27	1	-
Arnold Tarpley	SAF	2	-	13	-	-
Stephen Weatherly	LB	2	2	26	11	7
Ralph Webb	RB	2	2	14	14	14
Ryan White	CB	2	-	11	1	-
Ladarius Wiley	CB	2	-	3	-	-
Andrew Williamson	SAF	2	2	41	11	2
DeAndre Woods	WR	2	-	5	-	-
Jay Woods	DT	2	2	14	7	2
Charles Wright	OLB	2	-	2	-	-
Jonathan Wynn	LB	2	1	13	3	1

DADS OF FIVE COMMODORES PLAYED IN THE NFL

Five Vanderbilt student-athletes possess NFL bloodlines as the sons of former pro players.

- **Johnny McCrary** (R-So., QB) is the son of Greg McCrary, who played tight end for seven years with the Atlanta Falcons, Washington Redskins and San Diego Chargers.
- **Caleb Scott** (So., WR) is the son of former Vanderbilt All-America tight end Chuck Scott, who played one season with both the Los Angeles Rams and Dallas Cowboys.
- **Torey Agee** (R-Jr., DT) is the son of former fullback Tommie Agee, who enjoyed a seven-year career with the Seattle Seahawks, Kansas City Chiefs and Dallas Cowboys.
- **Landon Stokes** (R-So., OLB) is the son of Fred Stokes, a 10-year defensive end with the Los Angeles and St. Louis Rams, Washington Redskins and New Orleans Saints.
- **Jaire George** (Fr., RB) is the son of 1995 Heisman Trophy winner and Houston Oilers-Tennessee Titan running back Eddie George.



The 1955 team, shown celebrating a 34-0 shutout of No. 17 Kentucky, went on to register a victory over No. 8 Auburn in the 1955 Gator Bowl.

VANDERBILT TEAMS OF 1915 AND 1955 SHARE HISTORIC ANNIVERSARIES

Two of the most accomplished teams in Vanderbilt gridiron history, the 1915 and 1955 squads, are enjoying signature anniversaries this year.

One hundred years ago, 1915 squad coached by **Dan McGugin** was a dominant power in the South, becoming just the second of four Commodore units to reach nine wins. The World War I era team went 9-1 overall, winning its first seven games by a combined 459-0 margin. The Commodores' only loss in 1915 came at Virginia.

Known as the "Point-A-Minute" Commodores, the 1915 unit was anchored by tackle **Josh Cody**, the only three-time All-America in team history, and a small back named **Irby "Rabbit" Curry**, who would die three years later when his plane was shot down over France.

The 1955 team, celebrating a 60th anniversary this year, will always be remembered by fans as the first Commodore squad to make a post-season appearance. The unit, led by running back **Charley Horton**, receiver **Joe Stephenson** and quarterback **Don Orr** among others, started the season 1-2 before going on a six-game win streak.

Finishing the regular season at 7-3, Commodores under **Art Guepe** accepted an invitation to play No. 8 Auburn in the Gator Bowl. Vanderbilt forced five fumbles and scored 12 unanswered points in the second half to claim a 25-13 victory.



Commodore starting running back Ralph Webb shown boating off the Gold Coast of Australia. He studied biodiversity Down Under along with a dozen other Vanderbilt students.

RALPH WEBB'S MAY 2015 SCHEDULE: STUDYING ABROAD IN AUSTRALIA

It was quite an interesting summer for **Ralph Webb**. Vanderbilt's leading RB spent much of May studying in Australia.

Webb and teammate **Chris Martin** (Sr., FB) joined a dozen other Vanderbilt students to study biodiversity along Australia's Gold Coast. Among the class activities over a two-week span included snorkeling in the Great Barrier Reef, kayaking through mangroves, night-hiking in dense rainforests, taking a helicopter ride along the Australian coast, and zip-lining in tropical rainforests on Fraser Island.

It also marked Webb's first trip off the United States mainland, made more interesting by the cancellation of an initial flight on the journey to Australia.

The trip left quite an impression on the sociology major, who described the Down Under class as an "life-saving opportunity."

Webb's Maymester in Australia also was featured in *"Beyond the Field: Stories of The SEC"* during SEC Media Days in late July.

LEGACY 'DORES: SCOTT, SHEFFIELD FOLLOWING DADS TO VANDERBILT

Caleb Scott (So., WR) and **Donovan Sheffield** (Fr., CB) are second-generation Commodores. Both are following their dad's collegiate path.

Scott is the son of former Commodore TE **Chuck Scott** (1981-84). Scott's dad was a 1983 All-America and two-time All-SEC pick who still ranks T-3rd all-time among Commodores with 20 TD catches, sixth in receiving yards (2,219), and seventh in receptions (145).

Sheffield is the son of DB **Robert Sheffield** (1993-95). Sheffield's dad was a three-year letterwinner at cornerback from 1993-95.



OLD GOLD No design change to helmet that was introduced in 2002



BLACK MATTE Introduced in 2011; Matte finish in 2014; enlarged "Star V" decal added this year



WHITE MATTE Introduced in 2012; matte finish & enlarged "Star V" decal added this year



DEEP WATER Ocean-inspired HGI alternate design introduced Aug. 16; anchor decal also new



HELMET DECAL New Anchor & Ship chain design to be featured on white & black helmets

'Dores wear 'Deep Water' gray uniforms vs. Georgia; Fourth uniform design also features new helmet look

The Commodores worn their Deep Water gray uniforms – the team’s fourth option for NIKE apparel –against Georgia on Sept. 12.

The "Deep Water" unveiling uniform came in mid-August at Dore Jam, the team’s annual fan event to kick off the season.

The gray cloth alternate supplements Vanderbilt’s three primary options of black, gold and white uniforms.

The uniform design, which features black lettering and gold-trimmed jersey numbers, also comes with a black chromed finish helmet that features textured water and a large anchor decal on the side matching the "Deep Water" theme. The helmet facemask is a gleaming gold.

The gray design also features "Anchor Down" in black lettering on the right pants.



SEC NETWORK'S SATURDAY PRE-GAME SHOW 'SEC NATION' AIRED FROM THE COMMONS SEPT. 12

SEC Nation, the SEC Network's traveling pregame show, aired Sept. 12 from the Vanderbilt campus, in advance of the Commodores' game versus Georgia.

SEC Nation aired live from 9-11 a.m. from The Commons, home to Vanderbilt's entire first-year student population and site of the ESPN's ESPN College GameDay Show on Oct. 4, 2008.

SEC Nation, which airs every Saturday during the season from a campus site, is expected to host Joe Tessitore, analysts Tim Tebow, Greg McElroy and Marcus Spears, media personality Paul Finebaum and reporter Kaylee Hartung with the morning headlines, along with matchup previews and an inside look at each school's tailgating scene.



Special guests also are featured on the show.

Last year, SEC Nation visited Vanderbilt for its Ole Miss game at LP Field, now known as Nissan Stadium.

Vanderbilt, Arkansas (Sept. 5) and LSU (Sept. 19) will be the show's first three stops of the 2015 season.

VANDERBILT, SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE JOIN IN EFFORT TO RAISE AWARENESS OF PROSTATE CANCER

The Vanderbilt football program, in conjunction with the Southeastern Conference, kicked off a campaign to highlight prostate cancer prevention and awareness on Sept. 3 vs. Western Kentucky.

Helmets worn by all Commodore student-athletes featured a commemorative sticker when Vanderbilt faced Western Kentucky in the opener.

Shirts worn by the entire Vanderbilt coaching staff also featured a similar prostate cancer awareness patch.

The Southeastern Conference launched the campaign to honor former commissioner Mike Slive, who coped with the disease during his administrative career. The league's 14 athletics directors voted unanimously in May to recognize Slive by dedicating games in his honor. The Prostate Cancer Awareness Games are scheduled on each of the 14 league campuses during the month of September.

Slive and his family were honored by Vanderbilt Athletics at halftime of the WKU game.

Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among American men. Although the disease is serious, most men diagnosed with prostate cancer can successfully fight the disease with early detection. Men over the age of 50 are encouraged to talk with their physicians about their risk for the disease and their options for screening.

Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center experts are also onboard for this important awareness and prevention campaign. VICC provides multidisciplinary care for men seeking information, screening options and leading-edge treatment for prostate cancer. Men who want to know more about their risks for prostate cancer or who are seeking care may schedule an appointment at VICC by calling toll free 1-877-936-8422.



Each Vanderbilt player helmet will feature this decal in effort to raise prostate cancer prevention awareness.

TEAM INFORMATION

COACHING STAFF

Derek Mason	Head Coach
Andy Ludwig	Offensive Coordinator/QBs
Kenwick Thompson	Associate Head Coach/LBs
Charles Bankins	Special Teams Coordinator/RBs
Gerry Gdowski	Recruiting Coordinator/TEs
Cortez Hankton	Wide Receivers
Keven Lightner	Offensive Line
Marc Mattioli	Safeties
Frank Maile	Defensive Line
Brett Maxie	Defensive Backs
Kevin Abrams	Graduate Assistant (Off.)
Tate Benton	Graduate Assistant (Def.)
Ryan Anderson	Graduate Assistant (Def.)
Chris Marve	Graduate Assistant (Def.)
James Dobson	Head Strength Coach
Tyler Clarke	Assistant Director, Strength
Cedric Calhoun	Assistant, Strength
Ben Schumacher	Assistant, Strength

A QUICK LOOK

Head Coach	Derek Mason (2nd year)
Career Record	3-11
2015 Team Record	0-2 (0-1 in SEC East)
Associated Press Rank	n/a
USA Today/Coaches' Rank	n/a
Home	0-2
Away	0-0
Home Attendance	270,063 (8 games)
Average Home Attendance	34,258
Number of Bowl Appearances	r7
All-Time Bowl Record	4-2-1
Last Bowl	2014 BBVA Compass
Last Bowl (W/L)	Houston (W, 41-24)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	Nashville, Tenn.
Founded	1873
Undergraduate Enrollment	6,850
Nickname	Commodores
Colors	Black and Gold
Conference	Southeastern
Stadium	Vanderbilt Stadium (40,350)
Surface	Synthetic (Shaw Sportex)
All-Time Record	584-594-50 (.495)
Chancellor	Nicholas S. Zeppos
Athletics Director	David Williams II
Assistant AD/Director, FB Operations	Jason Grooms
Assistant Director/FB Operations	Matt Britain
Director, Player Personnel	Tyler Barnes
Director, Player Development	Al Smith
Director, High School Relations	Rayna Stewart
Head Athletic Trainer	Tom Bossung
Head Equipment Manager	Chris Singleton
Assistant Quality Control (Off.)	Ryan Blakney
Assistant Quality Control (Def.)	Rod Chance
Assistant Quality Control (Off.)	Mike Morita
Analytics Assistant	Jarren Horton

HEAD COACH DEREK MASON

AGE: 46

CAREER RECORD: 3-10 (2nd season)

ALMA MATER: Northern Arizona University; Playing career – 1989-92

DEGREES: Bachelor's, Criminal Justice, Northern Arizona, 1993

FAMILY: Wife, LeighAnne; two daughters: Makenzie and Sydney

MASON ON TWITTER: @CoachDerekMason

MASON'S CAREER AT A GLANCE

VANDERBILT – 2014-15 (Head Coach)

Introduced Jan. 17, 2014 as the 28th head coach in Commodore history... Notched first career victory as head coach in dramatic style, guiding team to 34-31 win over UMass on Sept. 13... Directing one of nation's youngest teams, with 31 true or redshirt freshmen seeing action... At conclusion of 2014 season, took over Vanderbilt defensive coordinator responsibilities.

STANFORD – 2013 (Willie Shaw Director of Defense)

Promoted to position of Willie Shaw Director of Defense, Mason guides one of the nation's top defenses as The Cardinal goes 10-3 overall, wins Pac-12 crown and plays in second straight Rose Bowl... Stanford finishes year ranked No. 10 on strength of four victories over ranked opponents... The defense ranks third in NCAA in rushing defense, 10th in scoring defense and 16th in total defense... Unit again ranks among Pac-12's best in numerous defensive categories... For second straight year, Mason's defense limits powerful Oregon spread offense, holding Ducks scoreless for first three quarters in eventual 26-20 Stanford victory... Three of Mason's standouts – LB Trent Murphy, LB Shayne Shov and DB Ed Reynolds – garner postseason All-America recognition.

STANFORD – 2011-12 (associate head coach/defensive coordinator)

Finalist for 2012 Broyles Award as nation's outstanding assistant coach... Stanford goes 23-4 overall in Mason's first two years as coordinator, wins 2012 Pac-12 title, captures 2012 Rose Bowl over Wisconsin, and plays in the 2011 BCS Fiesta Bowl... Mason's 3-4 attacking defense ranked among the NCAA leaders in both seasons... In 2012, the Cardinal defense topped the nation with 57 quarterback sacks, ranked second in tackles for loss, fifth in rushing defense and 11th in scoring defense... Stanford also paced the Pac-12 in scoring defense, total defense, rushing defense and sacks... The 2012 defense also held eight opponents under 100 rushing yards and limited high-powered Oregon to just 14 points in an overtime win... In 2011 the Cardinal was third in the NCAA in rushing defense, sixth in 3rd-down efficiency and 11th in quarterback sacks, and finished among the Pac-12 leaders in scoring defense, total defense, rushing defense, sacks and opponent first downs.

STANFORD – 2010 (defensive backs coach)

Hired by Cardinal Head Coach Jim Harbaugh... Helped change Stanford into a tough-minded, attacking defense... Unit was key to arguably Stanford's best year of modern era – a 12-1 overall record capped by 40-12 victory over Virginia Tech in the Orange Bowl... The 2010 Cardinal secondary was one of the great turnaround stories in college football as Stanford ranked high nationally in interceptions and pass defense... That unit included three eventual NFL players, including All-Pro cornerback Richard Sherman from the World Champion Seahawks.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS/NFL – 2007-09 (assistant defensive backs coach)

Served as an assistant defensive backs coach for the Minnesota Vikings from 2007 to 2009, playing a vital role in the team ranking sixth in total defense in 2008 and 2009 as the Vikings won NFC North titles each season.

OHIO UNIVERSITY – 2005-06 (wide receivers)

Hired by former Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich, Mason coached Ohio U. receivers for two years, helping the Bobcats improve from 4-7 in 2005 to a 9-5 campaign in 2006 that ended with a GMAC Bowl appearance.

NEW MEXICO STATE – 2004 (wide receivers)

In lone season at New Mexico State, the Aggie offense with Mason mentoring wide receivers corps topped the Sun Belt Conference in numerous passing categories.

SAINT MARY'S – 2003 (co-defensive coordinator/assistant head coach)

First coordinator responsibilities came in only season at St. Mary's, member of NCAA I-AA Independent League.

UTAH – 2002 (wide receivers/special teams assistant coach)

Hired by Ron McBride, Mason tutored WR Paris Warren, an eventual 7th round draft pick, in his only year at Utah. The 2002 Utes offense featured young QB Alex Smith, the eventual 2005 No. 1 NFL draft pick.

BUCKNELL – 1999-2001 (defensive backs)

Secondary coach for three straight winning Bison squads... Coached two Bucknell defensive backs to All-Patriot League recognition... Bison defensive staff was directed by current Vanderbilt coordinator David Kotulski.

IDAHO STATE – 1997-98 (running backs)

Mason coached Idaho State running backs for two years under Head Coach Tom Walsh.

WEBER STATE – 1995-96 (wide receivers)

Mason worked with Weber State receivers, including Pokey Eckford, who earned All-America honors in 1995 after catching 77 passes for 1,074 yards and six TDs.

MESA (ARIZ.) COMMUNITY COLLEGE – 1994 (wide receivers)

Mason entered collegiate coaching as a receivers coach with community college located in San Diego.

NFL MINORITY COACHING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Mason spent time with the St. Louis Rams in 1996, New York Giants and Oakland Raiders through the Minority Coaching Fellowship Program. Philadelphia in 1999 and Minnesota in 2008.

MASON'S STAFF

ANDY LUDWIG Offensive Coordinator/QBs

In his first year at Vanderbilt... Comes to Nashville regarded among the nation's top collegiate OCs, with successful tenures at Wisconsin (2013-14), San Diego State (2011-12), California (2009-10), Utah (2005-08) and Oregon (2002-04) among other schools... Guided a Badger offense featuring All-America RB Melvin Gordon that averaged 34.6 points and 468.9 total yards in 2014.

CHARLES BANKINS Special Teams Coord./RBs

Lone coach on current staff hired off former Vanderbilt staff... Has directed solid special teams during five-year tenure at Vanderbilt... Switching coaching positions (from TEs to RBs)... In 2012, both Commodore specialists earned All-SEC honors for first time in team history: PK Carey Spear made school-record 20 FGs; punter Richard Kent set career high with 44.8-yard avg... First-year PK Tommy Openshaw made 8-of-11 FGs in 2014.

GERRY GDOWSKI Recruiting Coordinator/TEs

One of two offensive assistants from Ohio University staff to join Mason in 2014... Was assistant HC/co-OC/QB Coach at Ohio for last six years, helping Bobcats to finest seasons in recent team history... Worked with Mason twice previously: New Mexico State (2004) and Ohio U (2005-06).

CORTEZ HANKTON Wide Receivers

In first year at Vanderbilt... Came to Nashville after serving three years as WR coach in Ivy League (Dartmouth University)... Mentored WR Ryan McManus to All-Ivy League recognition in 2014.

KEVEN LIGHTNER Offensive Line

One of two offensive assistants from Ohio University staff to join Mason two years ago... Worked with Mason twice previously: New Mexico State (2004) and Ohio (2005)... Won I-AA national title as OL coach under Western KY coach Jack Harbaugh.

FRANK MAILE Defensive Line

Joined Vanderbilt staff in 2014 from Utah State... Known for developing physical DL at Utah State, helping Aggies to 28-13 overall record and three straight bowls in last three years... Spent six years at his alma mater.

MARC MATTIOLI Safeties

Mattioli is new to the staff, joining the Commodores prior to spring practice... Mattioli worked closely with Mason at Stanford previously, serving as a defensive graduate assistant in 2012-13, Mason's last two years on the Cardinal staff... Has deep ties to South – attended high school near Atlanta and college in Memphis.

BRETT MAXIE Cornerbacks

After 16 years in the NFL, Maxie took his first collegiate coaching role at Vanderbilt in 2014... This year mentors Commodore CBs. Comes to Vanderbilt after two years as DBs coach with cross-town Tennessee Titans... Has two sons in college football: Brett Jr. (a former QB at Bethune-Cookman) and Adam (current CB at Kent State).

KENWICK THOMPSON

Assoc. Head Coach/Linebackers

Joined Mason in 2014 after a year as DC/LBs Coach at San Jose State... Opposed Mason for three years in the Pac-12 as key defensive assistant under Jeff Tedford (2010-12) at University of California... Served as associate HC/recruiting coordinator at Cal in 2012... Worked on college staffs in the Bay Area (California & San Jose State) for the last 13 years.

COMMODORE NOTES

ROSTER INCLUDES SMALL SENIOR CLASS; TEAM HAS EIGHT SCHOLARSHIP SENIORS

For the second straight year, Vanderbilt features one of the smallest senior classes in the nation.

The 2015 'Dore senior class includes nine players, including eight on athletic scholarship. Only Wake Forest (6) and Wyoming (8) has fewer players in their final year of eligibility.

The class includes **Caleb Azubike** (DE), **Jake Bernstein** (OL), **Darreon Herring** (ILB), **Kris Kentera** (WR), **Chris Martin** (FB), **Jahmel McIntosh** (SAF), **Spencer Pulley** (OL), **Steven Scheu** (TE) and **Andrew Williamson** (SAF).

FEWEST SENIORS	
Team	Total Seniors
Wake Forest	6
Wyoming	8
Vanderbilt	9
Central Florida	9
Old Dominion	10
Pitt	10
Eastern Michigan	11
Colorado	11
NC State	11

21 STATES REPRESENTED BY ROSTER; MOST COME FROM GEORGIA, TENNESSEE

Vanderbilt's emphasis on recruiting across the nation has resulted in 21 states being represented on the 2015 roster.

More Commodore hail from Georgia (18) than any other state. Tennessee, with 17 student-athletes coming from each state. Other states that have produced numerous current Vanderbilt players include Alabama (11), Florida (9), Texas (7), California (6) and Illinois (5).

GEORGIA (18)

Alpharetta – Curtis Graves
Atlanta – Delando Crooks
Cumming – Davis Winkie
Dallas – Ladarius Banks
Decatur – Johnny McCrary
Douglasville – Sam Dobbs
Jackson – Jay Woods
Jonesboro – Taurean Ferguson
Lilburn – Bryce Lewis
Macon – Nigel Bowden
Norcross – Jared Pinkney
Riverdale – Rashad Canty
Snellville – Darion DeBrossard, Stephen Weatherly
Stone Mtn. – Darreon Herring, Dallas Rivers, Jonathan Wynn
Suwanee – Caleb Scott

FLORIDA (9)

Davie – Wade Freebeck
Gainesville – Ralph Webb
Green Cove Sprgs. – Will Holden
Jacksonville – Tommy Openshaw
Orlando – Blake Fromang, Landon Stokes
Tallahassee – Ja'karri Thomas
Tampa – Jordan Griffin, Kevin McCoy

TEXAS (7)

Dallas – Winston Guillory, John Webb
Denton – Sekou Clark
Duncanville – Adam Butler
Houston – Ronald Monroe
Irving – Dare Odeyingbo
San Antonio – Andrew Williamson

CALIFORNIA (6)

Cascaic – Egidio DellaRipa
Fallbrook – Sean Dowling
Hayward – Nehemiah Mitchell
Irvine – Charles Wright
Los Angeles – LaDarius Wiley
Sacramento – Nifae Lealao

ILLINOIS (5)

Danville – Trent Sherfield
Glen Ellyn – Hayden Lekacz, Nathan Marcus
Markham – Jalen Banks
Lake in the Hills – Jake Bernstein

NEW JERSEY (3)

Princeton – Chris Martin
South Orange – Jared Southers
Union – Tre Bell

VIRGINIA (3)

Clifton – Justin Skule
Fairfax Station – Oren Burks
Goochland – Colby Cooke

NORTH CAROLINA (2)

Charlotte – Trey Ellis
Durham – Shawn Stankavage

OHIO (2)

McConnelsville – Kade Mayle
Westerfield – Brian Doney

PENNSYLVANIA (2)

Philadelphia – Kyle Shurmur
Pittsburgh – Arnold Tarpley

ARKANSAS (1)

Bentonville – Ean Pfeifer

ARIZONA (1)

Gilbert – Caleb Peart

COLORADO (1)

Colorado Springs – Kris Kentera

INDIANA (1)

Evansville – Steven Scheu

KENTUCKY (1)

Louisville – Ryan White

LOUISIANA (1)

Galliano – Bailey Granier

MARYLAND (1)

Hyattsville – Jaire George

MISSISSIPPI (1)

Cleveland – Jahmel McIntosh

MISSOURI (1)

Washington – Bradyn Jasper

YOUTHFUL 'DORES HAVE EXPERIENCE; 31 FRESHMEN PLAYED LAST YEAR

The Commodores remain one of the nation's youngest squads, but several first-and second-year members of the team experienced their first collegiate action in 2014.

Derek Mason played 31 freshmen last year, including 12 true freshman. Vanderbilt's total of participating freshmen topped the nation, just ahead of LSU (27), Tennessee (25), Oregon (22) and Florida (22).

Vanderbilt's 12 true freshmen seeing action also ranked among the NCAA leaders, trailing only Tennessee (22), LSU (17) and NC State (13).

VU FRESHMEN PARTICIPANTS: 2014

OFFENSE:

Delando Crooks (OG, R-Fr.)
Chandler Dorrell (WR, R-Fr.)
Sean Dowling (OT, R-Fr.)
C.J. Duncan (WR, R-Fr.)
Wade Freebeck (QB, Fr.)
Nathan Marcus (TE, R-Fr.)
Johnny McCrary (QB, R-Fr.)
Dallas Rivers (RB, Fr.)
Caleb Scott (WR, Fr.)
Trent Sherfield (WR, Fr.)
Ralph Webb (RB, R-Fr.)
Ryan White (DB, R-Fr.)
DeAndre Woods (WR, R-Fr.)

DEFENSE

Jalen Banks (CB, R-Fr.)
Tre Bell (CB, R-Fr.)
Nigel Bowden (LB, R-Fr.)
Oren Burks (SAF, R-Fr.)
Zach Cunningham (LB, R-Fr.)
Taurean Ferguson (CB, R-Fr.)
Tre Herndon (CB, Fr.)
Nifae Lealao (DT, Fr.)
Hawkins Mann (ILB, Fr.)
Emmanuel Smith (SAF, Fr.)
Arnold Tarpley (SAF, Fr.)
Ladarius Wiley (CB, Fr.)
Ryan White (CB, R-Fr.)
Jay Woods (DL, R-Fr.)
Jonathan Wynn (LB, R-Fr.)

SPECIALISTS

Trey Ellis (PR, Fr.)
Hayden Lekacz (PK, Fr.)
Tommy Openshaw (PK, R-Fr.)

VANDERBILT-GEORGIA GAME MARKED COMMODORES' 9TH CBS APPEARANCE

The Commodores are now 3-6 all-time on CBS after the team's 31-14 loss Sept. 12 to nationally ranked Georgia.

The Georgia game was marked Vanderbilt's first appearance on CBS since the Commodores defeated the Bulldogs 31-27 on Oct. 19, 2013.

Five of Vanderbilt's last six CBS encounters also have featured SEC opponents ranked in the



Associated Press Top Ten.

Vanderbilt and CBS Sports hold historical ties in football. The first college football game ever aired coast-to-coast was CBS's broadcast of the 1955 Gator Bowl involved unranked Vanderbilt and No. 8 Auburn. It also marked the first bowl appearance for Vanderbilt, who upset the Tigers 25-13. The famed announcer Russ Hodges, who called Bobby Thomson's "Shot Heard 'Round the World" when the Giants defeated the Brooklyn Dodgers for the National League pennant one year earlier, had play-by-play duties at the Gator Bowl.

ALL-TIME RESULTS ON CBS

Date	Opponent	Location	W/L (Score)
9/12/2015	Georgia	Nashville	L, 14-31
10/19/2013	Georgia	Nashville	W, 31-27
11/24/2001	Tennessee	Knoxville	L, 0-38
11/27/1999	Tennessee	Knoxville	L, 10-38
11/6/1999	Florida	Gainesville	L, 6-13
11/29/1997	Tennessee	Knoxville	L, 10-17
11/26/1983	Tennessee	Knoxville	L, 24-34
10/23/1982	Ole Miss	Nashville	W, 19-10
12/31/1955	Auburn	Jacksonville	W, 25-13

SOPHOMORE WEBB REMAINS TEAM'S TOP RUSHING THREAT

Second-year starting running back **Ralph Webb** continues to be the most productive performer from Vanderbilt's offensive backfield.

One year after setting new team rushing records for a freshman, Webb ranks as the team's top rusher and among its leading receivers after two early-season games.

Webb, a sophomore from Gainesville (Fla.) H.S., has 138 rushing yards on 43 carries and has 84 receiving yards on 10 catches. He topped the 1,000-yard plateau for career rushing yards in the UGA game.

Webb produced 907 rushing yards in 2014, surpassing the former 'Dore freshman record of 798 yards set by **Kwane Doster** in 2002. He established four freshman rushing marks for the Commodores: single-season rushing yards (907), single-season rush attempts (212), rushing yards in a game (166, vs. Old Dominion), and carries in a game (31, vs. Old Dominion).

Webb's 2014 rushing total ranks seventh on Vanderbilt's all-time Top Ten single-season charts.

Webb has also been a workhorse in the Commodore backfield. His 212 rush attempts in 2014 ranks as the third most in the SEC last year. Webb's total attempts ranks as the third highest single-season total by a Commodore, topped only by **Jermaine Johnson** (267, 1995) and **Corey Harris** (229, 1991).

WEATHERLY, AZUBIKE LEADERS APPLY PRESSURE ON QBS

Vanderbilt's three leading quarterback sack specialists are among the leading defensive returnees this season.

After moving to a new position before the 2014 season, **Stephen Weatherly** (R-Jr., OLB) has become arguably the unit's most productive player. In his last seven appearances, Weatherly has 41 tackles, 12.5 tackles for loss, and four QB sacks.

Caleb Azubike (Sr., DE) was another defender facing the transition of playing a new role last year. After starting out outside linebacker, Azubike moved to defensive end, concluding the year with four sacks.

Adam Butler (R-Jr.) and **Jay Woods** (R-So.) have the versatility to play tackle or outside as an end. Woods had his first career sack vs. Georgia on Sept. 12.

CAREER SACK LEADERS

Player	QB Sacks
• Caleb Azubike, Sr., DE	13.0
• Stephen Weatherly, R-Jr., OLB	7.0

ACTIVE VANDERBILT STUDENT-ATHLETES WHO HAVE EARNED SEC WEEKLY PLAYER RECOGNITION

JOHNNY MCCRARY FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK – OLD DOMINION, Nov. 1, 2014

McCrory set a Vanderbilt freshman record and matched a passing record previously set by former standout quarterback Jay Cutler by tossing five touchdowns in a 42-28 victory over Old Dominion.

DARRIUS SIMS SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK – SOUTH CAROLINA, Sept. 20, 2014

Sims was recognized after setting a Southeastern Conference record by returning two kicks for touchdowns against the Gamecocks. He became just the 18th player in NCAA history to accomplish the return feat.

CALEB AZUBIKE DEFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE WEEK – FLORIDA, Nov. 9, 2013

Azubike earned SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week honors after registering two QB sacks, four tackles and a pair of hurries in Vandy's 34-17 win over Florida. It was Azubike's first SEC weekly recognition.

VANDERBILT RESULTS WHEN...

Playing at home	0-2
Playing on the road	0-0
Playing at night	0-1
Playing during the day	0-1
VU scores on first possession	0-0
Opp scores on first possession	0-0
VU scores first	0-1
Opp scores first	0-1
VU leads after 1st quarter	0-0
Opp leads after 1st quarter	0-1
Teams are tied after 1st quarter	0-1
VU leads at halftime	0-1
Opp leads at halftime	0-2
Teams are tied at halftime	0-0
VU leads after 3rd quarter	0-0
Opp leads after 3rd quarter	0-2
Teams are tied after 3rd quarter	0-0
VU has more total yards	0-1
Opp has more total yards	0-1
VU has more rushing yards	0-1
VU has more passing yards	0-2
Opp has more passing yards	0-0
VU has more turnovers	0-2
Opp has more turnovers	0-0
Teams have equal turnovers	0-0
VU has more penalties	0-0
Opp has more penalties	0-2
Teams have equal penalties	0-0
VU has more time of possession	0-2
Opp has more time of possession	0-0
VU has 100-yard rusher	0-0
Opp has 100-yard rusher	0-1
VU has 250-yard passer	0-1
Opp has 250-yard passer	0-0
VU has 100-yard receiver	0-0
Opp has 100-yard receiver	0-1
VU scores at least 20 points	0-0
Opp scores at least 20 points	0-1
Playing on natural grass	0-0
Playing on artificial surface	0-2
Vanderbilt defense scores	0-0
Opponent defense scores	0-1
Vanderbilt special teams score TD	0-0
Vs. ranked opponents	0-1

STATUS OF FORMER COMMODORES IN THE NFL

Player	Position	NFL Team	Years	Notes
Jay Cutler	QB	Chicago	10th	Cutler was 18-of-36 for 225 yards and a TD as the Bears suffered a 31-23 loss to the rival Packers.
Andre Hal	SAF	Houston	2nd	Hal contributed one tackle while playing strong safety for first time in Texans' home loss to Chiefs.
Casey Hayward	CB	Green Bay	4th	Hayward contributed three solo tackles as nickel back in Packers' 31-23 road win over Bears.
Wesley Johnson	OL	New York Jets	2nd	Johnson was added to the Jets' practice squad on Sept. 2.
Jordan Matthews	WR	Philadelphia	2nd	Starting slot receiver has 10 catches for 102 yards but Philadelphia takes 26-24 loss to Atlanta.
Sean Richardson	SAF	Green Bay	4th	As starting safety, Richardson had three tackles in Green Bay's 31-23 opening win at Chicago.
Zac Stacy	RB	New York Jets	3rd	Stacy was on the inactive list as the Jets notched an impressive 31-10 home win over Cleveland.

The following former Commodores were released by NFL clubs just preseason camps closed: **Brandon Barden**, TE, Dallas; **Andrew East**, SN, Kansas City; **Jonathan Krause**, WR, New England; **Kenny Ladler**, SAF, Buffalo; **Ryan Seymour**, OL, Cleveland; **Carey Spear**, PK, Cleveland; and **Kyle Woestmann**, OLB, Chicago.

COMMODORE NOTES

VU-AP STATISTICAL COMPARISON

	VANDERBILT	A. PEAY
2015 RECORD	0-2	0-2
SCORING	26	13
Points Per Game	13.0	6.5
FIRST DOWNS	41	28
Rushing	15	8
Passing	21	14
Penalty	5	6
RUSHING YARDAGE	273	152
Yards gained rushing	315	214
Yards lost rushing	42	62
Rushing Attempts	81	81
Average Per Rush	3.4	1.9
Average Per Game	136.5	76.0
TDs Rushing	0	0
PASSING YARDAGE	512	281
Comp.-Att.-INT	42-84-5	31-51-2
Average Per Pass	6.1	5.5
Average Per Catch	12.2	9.1
Average Per Game	256.0	216.5
TDs Passing	2	2
TOTAL OFFENSE	785	433
Total Plays	165	132
Average Per Play	4.8	3.3
Average Per Game	392.5	216.5
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	6-130	10-172
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	5-18	2-5
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	0-0	1-32
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	21.7	17.2
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	3.6	2.5
INT RETURN AVERAGE	-	32.0
FUMBLES LOST	3-1	1-0
FUMBLES RECOVERED	3-0	3-2
PENALTIES-Yards	9-60	9-79
Average Per Game	30.0	39.5
PUNTS-Yards	11-490	17-582
Average Per Punt	44.5	34.2
Net punt average	34.6	31.9
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	34:48	32:36
3RD-DOWN Conversions	14/39	9/31
3rd-Down Pct.	36%	29%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	5/7	2/4
4th-Down Pct.	71%	50%
SACKS BY-Yards	3-18	0-0
SACKS ALLOWED-Yards	4-26	4-28
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	2	2
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	(4-6) 67%	(0-1) 0%
RED-ZONE SCORES	(3-9) 33%	(0-1) 0%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(2-9) 22%	(0-1) 0%

THIRTEEN FIRST-TIME CONTRIBUTORS IN COMMODORES' EARLY SEASON GAMES

Vanderbilt used 13 newcomers, including 11 freshmen, against Western Kentucky and Georgia.

The only newcomer to see action Sept. 12 against Georgia was **Jordan Griffin** (Fr., LB).

Twelve players, including one starter (**Nehemiah Mitchell, Jr.**), saw their initial collegiate action in the opener vs. WKU. Mitchell, a junior college transfer, contributed three tackles, including for resulting in a loss of yardage, from his OLB position.

Josh Smith (Fr.) also impressed at OLB vs. WKU, registering a pair of tackles and sharing a tackle for loss.

Other first-time contributors on defense were **Khari Blasingame** (R-Fr., ILB), **Bryce Lewis** (R-Fr., ILB) and **Charles Wright** (R-Fr., ILB).

Offensive first-time players were **Ladarius Banks** (Jr., FB), **Bruno Reagan** (R-Fr., OL), **Jared Pinkney** (Fr., TE), **Justin Skule** (Fr., OL) and **Kyle Anderton** (Fr., FB).

Two snap specialists – **Wilson Johnson** (Jr.) and **Jacob Schultz** (Jr.) – saw their first collegiate action vs. Western Kentucky.

The Commodores have played four true freshmen this year Anderton, Griffin, Pinkney, Skule and Smith.

FOUR FIRST-TIME VANDERBILT STARTERS

The Commodores have employed four first-time starters, including three on offense, against Western Kentucky and Georgia.

Getting their first career starts in the WKU game were **Blake Fromang** (R-Jr., OT), **Tre Herndon** (So., CB), **Trent Sheffield** (So., WR) and **Darrius Sims** (Jr., WR).

HANKTON, MATTIOLI ADDITIONS TO COMMODORE COACHING STAFF

Besides attracting **Andy Ludwig** as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, Head Coach **Derek Mason** attracted a pair of talented young coaches to the Commodore staff in **Cortez Hankton** and **Marc Mattioli**.

Mason hired Hankton as wide receivers coach and picked Mattioli to mentor Commodore safeties. Hankton, a former six-year NFL receiver, joined the staff just before National Signing Day. He did a superb job at Dartmouth University during the last three years, helping the Big Green witness a reversal of their gridiron fortunes. Dartmouth went 20-10 overall, and 8-2 in 2014, during Hankton's tenure. Mattioli, a former coach at LaGrange (Ga.) College, worked with Mason for two years as a defensive graduate assistant at Stanford.

PREP TEAMMATES NOW 'DORE TEAMMATES

Ten Commodores are playing college football with prep teammates.

- Brothers **Emmanuel Smith** (So., SAF) and **Josh Smith** (Fr., OLB) were elite performers on powerful Oakland H.S. in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

- **Darreon Herring** (Sr., ILB) and **Jonathan Wynn** (R-So., DE) were teammates for one year at Stephenson H.S. just east of Atlanta.

- **Nathan Marcus** (R-So., TE) and **Hayden Lekacz** (So., PK) were teammates at Glenbard West H.S. near Chicago.

- **Kevin McCoy** (R-Jr., OL) and **Jordan Griffin** (Fr., ILB) were teammates for one season at Armwood H.S. near Tampa.

- **Blake Fromang** (R-Jr., OT) and **Landon Stokes** (R-So., OLB) were teammates at Orlando's Lake Highland Prep.



Get to know your Vanderbilt Radio Network personalities: from left, sideline reporter Mitch Light, Voice of the Commodores Joe Fisher and new analyst Norman Jordan.

NORMAN JORDAN RE-JOINS FISHER, LIGHT ON VANDERBILT RADIO NETWORK

Veteran play-by-play announcer **Joe Fisher** and sideline reporter **Mitch Light** are joined by former Commodore running back **Norman Jordan** this season on the Vanderbilt Radio Network.

Jordan, a 1983 Vanderbilt graduate who helped the Commodores to the 1982 Hall of Fame Bowl in Birmingham, Ala., rejoins the network as color analyst, replacing former Vanderbilt quarterback John Gromos. Jordan served as the network as its sideline reporter during the late 1990s to early 2000s,

Fisher enters his 18th season as the team's play-by-play announcer. He handles similar duties for Vanderbilt men's basketball and baseball. Fisher also serves as Vanderbilt Athletics' Director of Broadcasting.

Prior to joining Vanderbilt, Fisher was a television sports anchor in the Nashville market from 1987-96, with stints at WSMV-4 and WKRN-2. He also worked in public relations.

Light, entering his third season providing sideline commentary, is a Vanderbilt graduate and editor of Athlon sports publications.

MORE ON THE COMMODORE RADIO NETWORK

Vanderbilt football games are carried on **NewsRadio WLAC AM-1510**, the Nashville station that owns one of the nation's strongest signals.

The Vanderbilt Radio Network also includes two other Nashville stations: **WSNR AM-560** and **WSNR 95.9-FM**.

The Vanderbilt Radio Network will also provide a live broadcast. In past years, a slight delay in the broadcast impacted the ability to merge play-by-play announcer Joe Fisher's call to the TV broadcast.

RADIO NETWORK

NewsRadio 1510 WLAC *	Nashville
WNSR AM-560	Nashville
WNSR 95.9 FM	Nashville
ALT 983	Nashville
WPLZ 106.9 FM	Chattanooga
WEKR AM-1240	Fayetteville
WMSR AM-1320	Manchester
WMPS AM-1210	Memphis
WMPS 103.1 FM	Memphis
WDUC 93.3 FM	Tulahoma

*Vanderbilt Radio Network flagship

VANDERBILT VS. 2015 FOES

Opponent	Date	Series Record	Last Game (Result)
Western Kentucky	Sept. 3	VU leads, 3-1	L, 12-14 (2015)
Georgia	Sept. 12	VU trails, 19-55-2	L, 14-31 (2015)
Austin Peay	Sept. 19	VU leads, 1-0	W, 38-3 (2013)
Ole Miss	Sept. 26	VU trails, 38-49-2	L, 3-41 (2014)
Middle Tennessee	Oct. 3	VU leads, 12-3	L, 15-17 (2005)
South Carolina	Oct. 17	VU trails, 4-20	L, 34-48 (2014)
Missouri	Oct. 24	VU trails, 2-4-1	L, 14-24 (2014)
Houston	Oct. 31	VU leads, 1-0	W, 41-24 (2014)
Kentucky	Nov. 7	VU trails, 41-42-4	L, 7-17 (2014)
Florida	Nov. 14	VU trails, 10-36-2	L, 10-34 (2014)
Texas A&M	Nov. 21	VU trails, 1-0	L, 24-56 (2013)
Tennessee	Nov. 28	VU trails, 30-73-5	L, 17-24 (2014)

MEDIA INFORMATION

VANDERBILT POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

Coach Mason's post-game press conference after the Austin Peay game will be held after he addresses the team. Only properly credentialed media will be allowed into the press conference room.

Mason's remarks will be held in the Vanderbilt Press Conference area, which is located next to the Commodore player locker room in Vanderbilt Stadium.

The Vanderbilt Locker Room is closed. Up to five players will be made available for post-game interviews. These interviews will be conducted in the same press conference room as Coach Mason's remarks. The players will enter at the conclusion of Mason's conference.

GAME WEEK INTERVIEW POLICY

All interview requests for Coach Mason and Vanderbilt student-athletes MUST go through the Vanderbilt Athletic Communications staff.

Mason will be available to media members at the conclusion of practice on Wednesday morning. Student-athletes and assistant coaches will also be available to media after the Wednesday sessions.

Practice sessions are closed to the media.

WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE ON TUESDAYS

Coach Mason will conduct a weekly press conference for local media on Tuesdays at 12 noon CT. It is held in the McGugin Center. Interviews with selected student-athletes will follow Mason's remarks.

The conference is archived and available at vucommodes.com, each Tuesday by 2:30 p.m., CT. A transcript is provided usually by 3 p.m.

SEC COACHES TELECONFERENCE: WED., 10:30 AM

Coach Mason is available each Wednesday morning to media outlets as part of the Southeastern Conference Coaches' Teleconference.

Mason's 10-minute segment starts at 10:30 a.m., CT.

To participate, call the SEC SID Office at (205) 458-3010.

COACH'S RADIO SHOW ON THURSDAYS, 7 PM

The Commodore Call-In Show with Coach Mason, a regular weekly feature of Nashville radio flagship NewsRadio 1510 WLAC, is scheduled each Thursday after a Vanderbilt game. It starts at 7 p.m., in the Holiday Inn's Commodore Grille on West End Avenue. The one-hour show is hosted by Vanderbilt announcer Joe Fisher.

COACH'S TV SHOW ON SUNDAYS, NASHVILLE'S FOX-17

The Vanderbilt Coach's Show is returning to Nashville television each Sunday evening of the season.

The show, featuring Coach Mason and Vandy play-by-play announcer Joe Fisher as the co-host, airs on each Sunday after a game at 10:30 p.m. CT on Nashville's FOX-17.

NUMERICAL ROSTER

ROSTER A-Z

NO.	NAME	POS.
94	Torey Agee	DE
88	Kyle Anderton	FB
55	Caleb Azubike	DE
24	Jalen Banks	SAF
42	Ladarius Banks	FB
4	Tre Bell	CB
53	Jake Bernstein	OL
23	Khari Blasingame	ILB
52	Nigel Bowden	ILB
20	Oren Burks	SAF
69	Adam Butler	DL
11	Rashad Canty	WR
90	Sekou Clark	DE
16	Colby Cooke	P
22	Josh Crawford	RB
64	Delando Crooks	OL
41	Zach Cunningham	ILB
70	Darion DeBrossard	DL
76	Egidio DellaRipa	OL
84	Sam Dobbs	TE
39	Brian Doney	WR
18	Chandler Dorrell	WR
89	Sean Dowling	TE
19	C.J. Duncan	WR
36	Trey Ellis	WR/PR
3	Taurean Ferguson	CB
12	Wade Freebeck	QB
66	Blake Fromang	OL
27	Jaire George	RB
56	Barrett Gouger	OL
75	Bailey Granier	OL
85	Curtis Graves	WR
43	Jordan Griffin	ILB
87	Winston Guillory	WR
60	Cole Hardin	OL
11	Harding Harper	ILB
31	Tre Herndon	CB
35	Darreon Herring	ILB
33	Jay Hockaday	LB
74	Will Holden	OL
56	Bradyn Jasper	LB
50	Andrew Jelks	OL
37	Wilson Johnson	SN
82	Kris Kentera	WR
77	Nifae Lealao	DT
93	Hayden Lekacz	PK
30	Bryce Lewis	CB
83	Nathan Marcus	TE
41	Chris Martin	FB
54	Kade Mayle	DL
78	Kevin McCoy	OL
2	Johnny McCrary	QB
5	Torren McGaster	CB
27	Jahmel McIntosh	SAF
44	Nehemiah Mitchell	OLB
8	Ronald Monroe	WR
97	Reid Nelson	P
34	Dare Odeyingbo	DE

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT	WT	YEAR	CL	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL (OTHER)
2	Johnny McCrary	QB	6-4	220	So.	1L	Decatur, Ga./Cedar Grove
2	Arnold Tarpley	SAF	6-0	202	So.	1L	Pittsburgh, Pa./Central Catholic
3	Taurean Ferguson	CB	5-9	185	So.	1L	Jonesboro, Ga./Jonesboro
4	Tre Bell	CB	5-11	178	So.	1L	Union, N.J./St. Peter's Prep
4	John Webb	QB	6-0	200	So.	HS	Dallas, Texas/St. Mark's
5	Torren McGaster	CB	6-0	200	Jr.	2L	Daphne, Ala./Daphne
6	Darrius Sims	WR	5-9	188	Jr.	2L	Memphis, Tenn./Whitehaven
7	Emmanuel Smith	SAF	6-2	218	So.	1L	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Oakland
7	Ralph Webb	RB	5-10	202	So.	1L	Gainesville, Fla./Gainesville
8	Ronald Monroe	WR	6-3	200	R-Fr.	RS	Houston, Texas/Fort Bend Bush
9	Caleb Peart	OLB	6-1	230	Fr.	HS	Gilbert, Ariz./Hamilton
9	Caleb Scott	WR	6-1	195	So.	1L	Suwanee, Ga./North Gwinnett
10	Trent Sherfield	WR	6-1	200	So.	1L	Danville, Ill./Danville
10	Shawn Stankavage	QB	6-2	196	R-Fr.	RS	Durham, N.C./Cardinal Gibbons
11	Rashad Canty	WR	6-3	205	R-Fr.	RS	Riverdale, Ga./Riverdale
11	Harding Harper	ILB	6-2	240	Jr.	2L	Montgomery, Ala./Carver
12	Wade Freebeck	QB	6-5	226	So.	1L	Davie, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas
13	LaDarius Wiley	CB	6-1	205	R-Fr.	RS	Los Angeles, Calif./Cathedral
14	Kyle Shurmur	QB	6-4	226	Fr.	HS	Philadelphia, Pa./LaSalle College
14	Ryan White	SAF	5-9	190	So.	1L	Louisville, Ky./Trinity
15	DeAndre Woods	TE	6-3	238	So.	1L	Clay, Ala./Clay-Chalkville
16	Colby Cooke	P	6-3	215	Jr.	2L	Goochland, Va./Goochland
17	Tommy Openshaw	PK/P	6-2	185	So.	1L	Jacksonville, Fla./Creekside
18	Chandler Dorrell	WR	5-11	185	So.	1L	Nashville, Tenn./St. Thomas Aquinas
19	C.J. Duncan	WR	5-11	200	So.	1L	Montgomery, Ala./St. James School
20	Oren Burks	SAF	6-3	215	So.	1L	Fairfax Station, Va./South Co.
21	Donovan Sheffield	CB	5-11	182	Fr.	HS	Nashville, Tenn./Ensworth
22	Josh Crawford	RB	5-10	200	Fr.	HS	Wetumpka, Ala./Edgewood Acad.
23	Khari Blasingame	ILB	6-1	228	R-Fr.	RS	New Market, Ala./Buckhorn
24	Jalen Banks	SAF	5-11	195	So.	1L	Markham, Ill./Thornton Township
25	Josh Smith	OLB	6-3	236	Fr.	HS	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Oakland
26	Andrew Rector	SAF	6-0	205	Fr.	HS	Nashville, Tenn./Father Ryan
27	Jaire George	RB	6-1	218	Fr.	HS	Hyattville, Md./DeMatha Catholic
27	Jahmel McIntosh	SAF	6-1	202	Sr.	3L	Cleveland, Miss./Cleveland
28	Dallas Rivers	RB	6-1	224	So.	1L	Stone Mtn., Ga./Stephenson
30	Bryce Lewis	CB	6-0	182	R-Fr.	RS	Lilburn, Ga./Parkview
31	Tre Herndon	CB	6-0	185	So.	1L	Chattanooga, Tenn./East Hamilton
32	Andrew Williamson	SAF	6-1	212	Sr.	3L	San Antonio, Texas/Stevens
33	Jay Hockaday	ILB	6-3	215	Fr.	HS	Nashville, Tenn./Christ Presbyterian
34	Dare Odeyingbo	DE	6-2	252	Fr.	HS	Irving, Texas/Cistercian Prep
35	Darreon Herring	ILB	6-1	230	Sr.	3L	Stone Mountain, Ga./Stephenson
36	Trey Ellis	WR/PR	5-9	168	So.	1L	Charlotte, N.C./Ardrey Kell
37	Wilson Johnson	SN	6-0	210	Jr.	SQ	Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell
39	Brian Doney	WR	5-10	184	So.	SQ	Westerville, Ohio/St. Charles Prep
40	Ja'karri Thomas	ILB	6-1	230	Jr.	2L	Tallahassee, Fla./Godby
41	Zach Cunningham	ILB	6-4	230	So.	1L	Pinson, Ala./Pinson Valley
41	Chris Martin	FB	5-10	240	Sr.	SQ	Princeton, N.J./Don Bosco Prep

NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YEAR	CL.	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL (OTHER)
42	Ladarius Banks	FB	6-2	255	So.	RS	Dallas, Ga./East Paulding
43	Jordan Griffin	ILB	6-1	215	Fr.	HS	Tampa, Fla./Armwood
44	Nehemiah Mitchell	OLB	6-4	262	Jr.	TR	Hayward, Calif./CC-San Francisco
45	Stephen Weatherly	OLB	6-5	250	Jr.	2L	Snellville, Ga./Shiloh
47	Charles Wright	OLB	6-3	236	R-Fr.	RS	Irvine, Calif./Beckman
48	Jacob Schultz	SN	6-4	235	Jr.	SQ	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Siegel
49	Jonathan Wynn	DE	6-4	255	So.	1L	Stone Mtn., Ga./Stephenson
50	Andrew Jelks	OL	6-6	307	Jr.	2L	Paris, Tenn./Henry Co.
51	Davis Winkie	SN	6-4	248	R-Fr.	RS	Cumming, Ga./South Forsyth
52	Nigel Bowden	ILB	6-1	240	So.	1L	Macon, Ga./Central
53	Jake Bernstein	OL	6-4	310	Sr.	3L	Lake in the Hills, Ill./Crystal Lake South
54	Kade Mayle	DL	6-3	275	Fr.	HS	McConnelsville, Ohio/Morgan
55	Caleb Azubike	DE	6-4	265	Sr.	3L	Nashville, Tenn./McGavock
56	Barrett Gouger	OL	6-4	308	Jr.	2L	Soddy Daisy, Tenn./Baylor
56	Bradyn Jasper	LB	6-1	238	So.	SQ	Washington, Mo./St. Francis Borgia
57	Ean Pfeifer	OL	6-4	285	Fr.	HS	Bentonville, Ark./Bentonville
58	Justin Skule	OL	6-6	305	Fr.	HS	Clifton, Va./Centreville
60	Cole Hardin	OL	6-4	300	R-Fr.	RS	Florence, Ala./Florence
61	Bruno Reagan	OL	6-3	315	R-Fr.	RS	Clarksville, Tenn./Clarksville
64	Delando Crooks	OL	6-5	315	So.	1L	Atlanta, Ga./Carver
66	Blake Fromang	OL	6-7	305	Jr.	2L	Orlando, Fla./Lake Highland Prep
69	Adam Butler	DL	6-4	305	Jr.	2L	Duncanville, Texas/Duncanville
70	Darion DeBrossard	DL	6-4	340	Fr.	HS	Snellville, Ga./Shiloh
71	Jared Southers	OL	6-4	315	Fr.	HS	South Orange, N.J./Seton Hall Prep
74	Will Holden	OL	6-6	312	Jr.	2L	Green Cove Springs, Fla./Clay
74	Jay Woods	DL	6-3	280	So.	1L	Jackson, Ga./Jackson
75	Bailey Granier	OL	6-6	315	R-Fr.	RS	Galliano, La./South Lafourche
76	Egidio DellaRipa	OL	6-4	300	So.	TR	Castaic, Calif./College of the Canyons
77	Nifae Lealao	DT	6-5	315	So.	1L	Sacramento, Calif./Capital Christian
77	Spencer Pulley	OL	6-4	300	Sr.	3L	Memphis, Tenn./Evangelical
78	Kevin McCoy	OL	6-5	305	Jr.	1L	Tampa, Fla./Armwood
80	Jared Pinkney	TE	6-4	250	Fr.	HS	Norcross, Ga./Norcross
81	Steven Scheu	TE	6-5	245	Sr.	3L	Evansville, Ind./Reitz Memorial
82	Kris Kentera	WR	6-4	218	Sr.	3L	Colorado Springs, Colo./Pine Creek
83	Nathan Marcus	TE	6-5	240	So.	1L	Glen Ellyn, Ill./Glenbard West
84	Sam Dobbs	TE	6-4	220	Fr.	HS	Douglasville, Ga./Landmark Christian
85	Curtis Graves	WR	6-1	198	Jr.	1L	Alpharetta, Ga./Alpharetta
86	Latevius Rayford	WR	6-1	198	Jr.	1L	Memphis, Tenn./Central
87	Winston Guillory	WR	5-11	185	Fr.	HS	Dallas, Texas/Episcopal
88	Kyle Anderton	FB	6-4	255	Fr.	HS	Hendersonville, Tenn./Station Camp
89	Sean Dowling	TE	6-5	270	So.	1L	Fallbrook, Calif./Fallsbrook Union
90	Sekou Clark	DE	6-3	264	R-Fr.	RS	Denton, Texas/Ryan
93	Hayden Lekacz	PK	6-0	195	So.	1L	Glen Ellyn, Ill./Glenbard West
94	Torey Agee	DE	6-4	282	Jr.	2L	Opelika, Ala./Opelika
95	Riley Tindol	DE	6-5	262	R-Fr.	RS	Billingsley, Ala./Autauga Academy
97	Reid Nelson	P	6-2	215	R-Fr.	RS	Hueytown, Ala./Hueytown
99	Landon Stokes	OLB	6-4	240	R-So.	1L	Orlando, Fla./Lake Highland Prep

ROSTER A-Z

NO.	NAME	POS.
17	Tommy Openshaw	PK/P
9	Caleb Peart	OLB
57	Ean Pfeifer	OL
80	Jared Pinkney	WR
77	Spencer Pulley	OL
86	Latevius Rayford	WR
61	Bruno Reagan	OL
26	Andrew Rector	SAF
28	Dallas Rivers	RB
81	Steven Scheu	TE
48	Jacob Schultz	SN
9	Caleb Scott	WR
21	Donovan Sheffield	CB
10	Trent Sherfield	WR
14	Kyle Shurmur	QB
6	Darrius Sims	WR
58	Justin Skule	OL
7	Emmanuel Smith	SAF
25	Josh Smith	LB
71	Jared Southers	OL
10	Shawn Stankavage	QB
99	Landon Stokes	OLB
2	Arnold Tarpley	SAF
40	Ja'karri Thomas	ILB
95	Riley Tindol	DE
45	Stephen Weatherly	OLB
4	John Webb	QB
7	Ralph Webb	RB
14	Ryan White	SAF
32	Andrew Williamson	SAF
13	LaDarius Wiley	CB
51	Davis Winkie	SN
15	DeAndre Woods	TE
74	Jay Woods	DL
47	Charles Wright	OLB
49	Jonathan Wynn	DE

PRONUNCIATIONS

PLAYERS

Caleb Azubike (**ah-ZOO-bah-KAY**)
 Khari (**car-EE**) Blasingame
 Sekou (**SAY-koo**) Clark
 Jaire (**JIE-air**) George
 Bailey Granier (**graun-yae**)
 Barrett Gouger (**Gow-gurr**)
 Nifae (**Knee-FY**) Lealao (**Lee-AL-oh**)
 Hayden Lekacz (**la-koch**)
 Dare (**dar-ee**) Odeyingbo (**O-duh-yeng-BO**)
 Caleb Peart (**peert**)
 Latevius (**la-tay-vee-us**) Rayford
 Steven Scheu (**SHOV**) *rhymes with boy*
 Darrius (**Dare-ee-us**) Sims
 Ja'karri (**jah-CAR-ee**) Thomas
 Riley Tindol (**ten-doll**)

COACHES

Gerry (**Jerry**) Gdowski (**Guh-DOW-ski**)
 Frank Maile (**My-leh**)

DEPTH CHART: SEPT. 14

OFFENSE

OT	74	Will Holden	6-7, 312, R-Jr.
	75	Bailey Granier	6-6, 315, R-Fr.
OG	53	Jake Bernstein	6-4, 310, Sr.
	61	Bruno Reagan	6-3, 315, R-Fr.
C	77	Spencer Pulley	6-4, 300, Sr.
	60	Cole Hardin	6-4, 300, R-Fr.
OG	56	Barrett Gouger	6-4, 308, R-Jr.
	-or- 64	Delando Crooks	6-5, 315, So.
OT	58	Justin Skule	6-6, 305, Fr.
	66	Blake Fromang	6-7, 305, R-Jr.
WR	10	Trent Sherfield	6-0, 200, So.
	6	Darrius Sims	5-9, 188, Jr.
	9	Caleb Scott	6-1, 195, So.
WR	82	Kris Kentera	6-4, 218, Sr.
	-or- 86	Latevius Rayford	6-1, 198, Jr.
QB	36	Trey Ellis	5-9, 168, So.
	2	Johnny McCrary	6-4, 220, R-So.
	12	Wade Freebeck	6-5, 226, So.
RB	7	Ralph Webb	5-10, 202, R-So.
	28	Dallas Rivers	6-1, 224, So.
	22	Josh Crawford	5-10, 200, Fr.
FB	42	Ladarius Banks	6-2, 255, R-Jr.
	88	Kyle Anderton	6-4, 255, Fr.
TE	81	Steven Scheu	6-5, 245, Sr.
	83	Nathan Marcus	6-5, 240, R-So.
	89	Sean Dowling	6-5, 270, R-So.
	15	DeAndre Woods	6-3, 238, R-So.

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	17	Tommy Openshaw	6-2, 185, R-So.
	16	Colby Cooke	6-3, 220, R-Jr.
PK	17	Tommy Openshaw	6-2, 185, R-So.
	93	Hayden Lekacz	6-0, 192, So.
SN	48	Jacob Schultz	6-4, 235, Jr.
HOLD	82	Kris Kentera	6-4, 218, Sr.
KOR	6	Darrius Sims	5-9, 188, Jr.
	31	Ty Herndon	6-0, 185, R-So.
PR	36	Trey Ellis	5-9, 168, So.
	6	Darrius Sims	5-9, 188, Jr.
KO	93	Hayden Lekacz	6-0, 192, So.

DEFENSE

DE	69	Adam Butler	6-5, 305, R-Jr.
	94	Torey Agee	6-4, 284, R-Jr.
DT	74	Jay Woods	6-3, 285, R-So.
	77	Nifae Lealao	6-5, 315, So.
DE	55	Caleb Azubike	6-4, 265, Sr.
	49	Jonathan Wynn	6-5, 255, R-So.
OLB	44	Nehemiah Mitchell	6-4, 260, Jr.
	99	Landon Stokes	6-4, 240, R-So.
ILB	35	Darreon Herring	6-2, 230, Sr.
	41	Zach Cunningham	6-4, 230, R-So.
ILB	52	Nigel Bowden	6-1, 240, R-So.
	40	Ja'karri Thomas	6-1, 230, R-Jr.
-or-	23	Khari Blasingame	6-1, 228, R-Fr.
OLB	45	Stephen Weatherly	6-5, 250, R-Jr.
	25	Josh Smith	6-3, 236, Fr.
CB	5	Torren McGaster	6-1, 200, R-Jr.
	4	Tre Bell	5-11, 178, R-So.
SS	32	Andrew Williamson	6-1, 212, Sr.
	14	Ryan White	5-9, 190, R-So.
-or-	7	Emmanuel Smith	6-2, 218, So.
FS	20	Oren Burks	6-3, 215, R-So.
	27	Jahmel McIntosh	6-1, 202, Sr.
CB	2	Arnold Tarpley	6-0, 202, So.
	31	Tre Herndon	6-0, 185, So.
CB	3	Taurean Ferguson	5-9, 185, R-So.
	30	Bryce Lewis	6-0, 180, R-Fr.
NICK	7	Emmanuel Smith	6-2, 218, So.
	-or- 2	Arnold Tarpley	6-0, 202, So.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

STUDENT-ATHLETES:

Caleb Azubike (ah-ZOO-bah-KAY)	Latevius (la-tay-vee-us) Rayford
Khari (car-EE) Blasingame	Steven Scheu (SHOY) <i>rhymes with boy</i>
Sekou (SAY-koo) Clark	Darrius (Dare-ee-us) Sims
Jaire (JIE-air) George	Ja'karri (jah-CAR-ee) Thomas
Bailey Granier (graun-yae)	Riley Tindol (ten-doll)
Barrett Gouger (Gow-gurr)	
Nifae (Knee-FY) Lealao (Lee-AL-oh)	COACHES:
Hayden Lekacz (la-koch)	Gerry (Jerry) Gdowski (Guh-DOW-ski)
Dare (dar-ee) Odeyingbo (O-duh-yeng-BO)	Frank Maile (My-leh)
Caleb Peart (peert)	

2015 STATISTICS

TOTAL POINTS BY QUARTER

SCORE (QUARTER)	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	OT	TOTAL
VANDERBILT	0	9	0	17	0	26
OPPONENTS	7	7	17	14	0	45

TEAM STATISTICS

	VANDERBILT	OPPONENTS
SCORING	26	45
Points Per Game	13.0	22.5
FIRST DOWNS	41	30
Rushing	15	13
Passing	21	16
Penalty	5	1
RUSHING YARDAGE	273	318
Yards gained rushing	315	370
Yards lost rushing	42	52
Rushing Attempts	81	64
Average Per Rush	3.4	5.0
Average Per Game	136.5	159.0
TDs Rushing	0	3
PASSING YARDAGE	512	350
Att-Comp-Int	84-42-5	55-32-0
Average Per Pass	6.1	6.4
Average Per Catch	12.2	10.9
Average Per Game	256.0	175.0
TDs Passing	2	1
TOTAL OFFENSE	785	668
Total Plays	165	119
Average Per Play	4.8	5.6
Average Per Game	392.5	334.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	6-130	4-72
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	5-18	3-89
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	0-0	5-88
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	21.7	18.0
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	3.6	29.7
INT RETURN AVERAGE	0.0	17.6
FUMBLES-LOST	3-1	3-0
PENALTIES-Yards	9-60	19-162
Average Per Game	30.0	81.0
PUNTS-Yards	11-490	16-620
Average Per Punt	44.5	38.8
Net punt average	34.6	35.1
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	34:48	25:12
3RD-DOWN Conversions	14/39	6/24
3rd-Down Pct	36%	25%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	5/7	0/0
4th-Down Pct	71%	0%
SACKS BY-Yards	3-18	4-26
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	2	6
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	4-6	1-3
ON-SIDE KICKS	1-2	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	3-9 33%	4-6 67%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	2-9 22%	3-6 50%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	0-0 0%	6-6 100%
ATTENDANCE	67492	0
Games/Avg Per Game	2/33746	0/0

2015 GAME RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L SCORE	OVERALL	CONF.	TIME	ATTN.
9/3	Western Kentucky	L, 14-12	0-1	0-0	3:24	30,307
9/12	Georgia	L, 31-14	0-2	0-1	3:42	37,185
9/19	Austin Peay					
9/26	at Ole Miss					
10/3	at MTSU					
10/17	at South Carolina					
10/24	Missouri					
10/31	at Houston					
11/7	at Florida					
11/14	Kentucky					
11/21	Texas A&M					
11/28	at Tennessee					

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

PASSING	GP	EFF.	ATT-COMP-INT	PCT	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/G
Johnny McCrary	2	97.15	42-84-5	50.0	512	2	44	256.0
Total	2	97.15	42-84-5	50.0	512	2	44	256.0
Opponents	2	117.64	32-55-0	58.2	350	1	65	175.0

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG	TD	LONG	AVG/G
Ralph Webb	2	43	152	14	138	3.2	0	19	69.0
Johnny McCrary	2	16	101	26	75	4.7	0	24	37.5
Dallas Rivers	2	15	33	0	33	2.2	0	6	16.5
Darrius Sims	2	5	16	1	15	3.0	0	9	7.5
Tommy Openshaw	2	1	13	0	13	13.0	0	13	6.5
TEAM	2	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.5
Total	2	81	315	42	273	3.4	0	24	136.5
Opponents	2	64	370	52	318	5.0	3	68	159.0

RECEIVING	GP	No.	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG	AVG/G
Ralph Webb	2	10	84	8.4	0	18	42.0
L. Rayford	2	8	59	7.4	1	13	29.5
Trent Sherfield	2	5	107	21.4	1	44	53.5
DeAndre Woods	2	5	77	15.4	0	24	38.5
Steven Scheu	2	4	55	13.8	0	24	27.5
Kris Kentera	2	3	57	19.0	0	28	28.5
Caleb Scott	2	3	45	15.0	0	23	22.5
Dallas Rivers	2	2	18	9.0	0	12	9.0
Darrius Sims	2	2	10	5.0	0	8	5.0
Total	2	42	512	12.2	2	44	256.0
Opponents	2	32	350	10.9	1	65	175.0

2015 STATISTICS

TOTAL OFFENSE

	GP	PLAYS	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	AVG/G
Johnny McCrary	2	100	75	512	587	293.5
Ralph Webb	2	43	138	0	138	69.0
Dallas Rivers	2	15	33	0	33	16.5
Darrius Sims	2	5	15	0	15	7.5
Tommy Openshaw	2	1	13	0	13	6.5
TEAM	2	1	-1	0	-1	-0.5
Total	2	165	273	512	785	392.5
Opponents	2	119	318	350	668	334.0

ALL-PURPOSE

	GP	RUSH	REC	PR	KOR	RET	TOTAL	AVG
Ralph Webb	2	138	84	0	0	0	222	111.0
Darrius Sims	2	15	10	0	130	0	155	77.5
Trent Sherfield	2	0	107	0	0	0	107	53.5
DeAndre Woods	2	0	77	0	0	0	77	38.5
Johnny McCrary	2	75	0	0	0	0	75	37.5
L. Rayford	2	0	59	0	0	0	59	29.5
Kris Kentera	2	0	57	0	0	0	57	28.5
Steven Scheu	2	0	55	0	0	0	55	27.5
Dallas Rivers	2	33	18	0	0	0	51	25.5
Caleb Scott	2	0	45	0	0	0	45	22.5
Trey Ellis	2	0	0	22	0	0	22	11.0
Tommy Openshaw	2	13	0	0	0	0	13	6.5
TEAM	2	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	-0.5
Tre Herndon	2	0	0	-4	0	0	-4	-2.0
Total	2	273	512	18	130	0	933	466.5
Opponents	2	318	350	89	72	88	917	458.5

SCORING

	TDs	FGs	PATs					SAF	Pts
			KICK	RUSH	REC	PASS	DXP		
Tommy Openshaw	0	4-6	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Trent Sherfield	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
L. Rayford	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Johnny McCrary	0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0-1	0	0	2
Total	2	4-6	0-0	1-1	0	0-1	0	0	26
Opponents	6	1-3	6-6	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	45

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Darrius Sims	6	130	21.7	0	27
Total	6	130	21.7	0	27
Opponents	4	72	18.0	0	27

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Trey Ellis	4	22	5.5	0	10
Tre Herndon	1	-4	-4.0	0	0
Total	5	18	3.6	0	10
Opponents	3	89	29.7	1	77

VANDERBILT SCORING DRIVES

Opponent	Plays	Yards	Time	Culminating Play
WKU	7	29	2:58	Openshaw 49-yd FG
WKU	9	52	3:19	Openshaw 26-yd FG
WKU	12	77	2:05	Sherfield 2-yd pass from McCrary
UGA	11	38	5:13	Openshaw 47-yd FG
UGA	12	55	5:24	Openshaw 41-yd FG
UGA	5	42	0:46	Rayford 7-yard pass from McCrary

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FIELD GOALS

	<u>FGM-FGA</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>1-29</u>	<u>30-39</u>	<u>40-49</u>	<u>50+</u>	<u>Lg</u>	<u>Blk</u>
Tommy Openshaw	4-6	66.7	1-2	0-0	3-4	0-0	49	0

PUNTING

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>Long</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>FC</u>	<u>I-20Blk</u>
Tommy Openshaw	11	490	44.5	64	1	4	4 0
Total	11	490	44.5	64	1	4	4 0
Opponents	16	620	38.8	49	2	2	4 0

FIELD GOAL SEQUENCE

Western Kentucky
 Georgia
 Austin Peay
 at Ole Miss
 at MTSU
 at South Carolina
 Missouri
 at Houston
 at Florida
 Kentucky
 Texas A&M
 at Tennessee

VANDERBILT

28,(49),(26)
 (47),(41),43

OPPONENT

-
 37,(20),43

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate successful field goals.

INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

#	Name	GP	Tackles			Sacks	Pass Def			Fumbles			Blocked	
			Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yards	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf
20	Oren Burks	2-2	5	6	11	0.5-1	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.
35	Darreon Herring	2-2	4	7	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	S. Weatherly	2-2	6	5	11	2.0-7	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
32	A. Williamson	2-2	5	5	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	N. Mitchell	2-2	1	7	8	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Torren McGaster	2-2	8	.	8	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
74	Jay Woods	2-2	1	6	7	1.0-5	1.0-5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
31	Tre Herndon	2-2	5	2	7	1.0-6	1.0-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Tre Bell	2-0	1	5	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	Zach Cunningham	2-0	3	3	6	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
55	Caleb Azubike	2-1	1	5	6	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2T	Arnold Tarpley	2-0	3	3	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49	Jonathan Wynn	2-1	1	4	5	1.0-7	1.0-7	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
69	Adam Butler	2-2	.	4	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Nigel Bowden	2-2	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
77	Nifae Lealao	2-0	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Landon Stokes	2-0	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Ryan White	2-0	.	2	2	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Emmanuel Smith	1-0	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	Ja'karri Thomas	2-0	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	Josh Smith	2-0	1	1	2	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Torey Agee	2-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	T. Ferguson	2-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
27	Jahmel McIntosh	2-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	K. Blasingame	2-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Hayden Lekacz	2-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	Jordan Griffin	1-0	1	.	1
Total		2-0	53	78	131	8-31	3-18	.	8	1	.	1	.	.
Opponents		2-0	85	74	159	14.0-41	4-26	5-88	6	4	1-0	1	.	.

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PASSING

	Com-Att-Yds-TD-Int	
	J. McCrary	W. Freebeck
WKU	18-34-217-1-2	DNP
Georgia	24-50-295-1-3	DNP
Austin Peay		
at Ole Miss		
at MTSU		
at S. Carolina		
Missouri		
at Houston		
at Florida		
Kentucky		
Texas A&M		
at Tennessee		
TOTALS	42-84-512-2-5	0-0-0-0-0

TOP INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES OF 2015

Category	Player, Opponent
RUSHING YARDS	70, Ralph Webb (Western Kentucky)
RUSH ATTEMPTS	25, Ralph Webb (Georgia)
PASSING YARDS	295, Johnny McCrary (Georgia)
PASS COMPLETIONS	24, Johnny McCrary (Georgia)
RECEPTIONS	7 (2x), R. Webb, L. Rayford (Georgia)
RECEIVING YARDS	63, Trent Sherfield (Western Kentucky)
TDS SCORED	1, Latevious Rayford (Georgia)
TOTAL TACKLES	6 (3x), Three Players (Western Kentucky)
SOLO TACKLES	6, (2x), Stephen Weatherly (Georgia)
QB SACKS	1.0 (3x), Jay Woods (Georgia)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	2.0, Stephen Weatherly (Georgia)
LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN	27, Darrius Sims (Georgia)
INTERCEPTIONS	

RUSHING

	#-Yds/TD	WKU	UGA	AP	MISS	MTSU	SC	MIZZ	HOU	FLA	UK	TAMU	UT
Ralph Webb	43-138/0	18-70/0	25-68/0										
Johnny McCrary	16-75/0	8-58/0	8-17/0										
Dallas Rivers	15-33/0	11-26/0	4-7/0										
Darrius Sims	5-15/0	4-15/0	1-0/0										
Tommy Openshaw	1-13/0	-	1-13/0										
TEAM	1-(-1)/0	1-(-1)/0	-										

RECEIVING

	#-Yds/TD	WKU	UGA	AP	MISS	MTSU	SC	MIZZ	HOU	FLA	UK	TAMU	UT
Trent Sherfield	5-107/1	4-63/1	1-44/0										
Ralph Webb	10-84/0	3-27/0	7-57/0										
DeAndre Woods	5-77/0	2-20/0	3-57/0										
L. Rayford	8-59/1	1-2/0	7-57/1										
Kris Kentera	3-57/0	2-48/0	1-9/0										
Steven Scheu	4-55/0	2-12/0	2-43/0										
Caleb Scott	3-45/0	1-23/0	2-22/0										
Dallas Rivers	2-18/0	1-12/0	1-6/0										
Darrius Sims	2-10/0	2-10/0	-										

PUNT RETURNS

	#-Yds	WKU	UGA	AP	MISS	MTSU	SC	MIZZ	HOU	FLA	UK	TAMU	UT
Trey Ellis	4-22	2-16	2-6										
Tre Herndon	1-(-4)	1-(-4)	-										

KICK RETURNS

	#-Yds	WKU	UGA	AP	MISS	MTSU	SC	MIZZ	HOU	FLA	UK	TAMU	UT
Darrius Sims	6-130	3-61	3-69										

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TACKLES

	<u>SOLO-ASSISTED-TOTAL</u>	<u>WKU</u>	<u>UGA</u>	<u>AP</u>	<u>MISS</u>	<u>MTSU</u>	<u>SC</u>	<u>MIZZ</u>	<u>HOU</u>	<u>FLA</u>	<u>UK</u>	<u>TAMU</u>	<u>UT</u>
S. Weatherly	6-5-11	0-3	6-2										
Oren Burks	5-6-11	2-2	3-4										
Darreon Herring	4-7-11	2-4	2-3										
A. Williamson	5-5-10	1-5	4-0										
N. Mitchell	1-7-8	1-2	0-5										
Torren McGaster	8-0-8	6-0	2-0										
Jay Woods	1-6-7	0-1	1-5										
Tre Herndon	5-2-7	2-1	3-1										
Arnold Tarpley	3-3-6	1-2	2-1										
Tre Bell	1-5-6	0-4	1-1										
Caleb Azubike	1-5-6	1-2	0-3										
Zach Cunningham	3-3-6	1-0	2-3										
Jonathan Wynn	1-4-5	1-1	0-3										
Nifae Lealao	1-3-4	-	1-3										
Adam Butler	0-4-4	0-1	0-3										
Nigel Bowden	2-2-4	-	2-2										
Landon Stokes	0-3-3	0-2	0-1										
Ja'karrri Thomas	1-1-2	-	1-1										
Josh Smith	1-1-2	1-1	-										
Emmanuel Smith	0-2-2	0-2	DNP										
Ryan White	0-2-2	0-2	-										
K. Blasingame	1-0-1	-	1-0										
T. Ferguson	1-0-1	-	1-0										
Hayden Lekacz	1-0-1	1-0	-										
Jahmel McIntosh	0-1-1	0-1	-										
Jordan Griffin	1-0-1	DNP	1-0										
Torey Agee	0-1-1	-	0-1										

FUMBLES

	<u>FF/FR</u>	<u>WKU</u>	<u>UGA</u>	<u>AP</u>	<u>MISS</u>	<u>MTSU</u>	<u>SC</u>	<u>MIZZ</u>	<u>HOU</u>	<u>FLA</u>	<u>UK</u>	<u>TAMU</u>	<u>UT</u>
Jay Woods	1/-	-/-	1/-										

INTERCEPTIONS/RET.

<u>No.-Yds</u>	<u>WKU</u>	<u>UGA</u>	<u>AP</u>	<u>MISS</u>	<u>MTSU</u>	<u>SC</u>	<u>MIZZ</u>	<u>HOU</u>	<u>FLA</u>	<u>UK</u>	<u>TAMU</u>	<u>UT</u>

QB SACKS

	<u>UA-A-TOTAL</u>	<u>WKU</u>	<u>UGA</u>	<u>AP</u>	<u>MISS</u>	<u>MTSU</u>	<u>SC</u>	<u>MIZZ</u>	<u>HOU</u>	<u>FLA</u>	<u>UK</u>	<u>TAMU</u>	<u>UT</u>
Jonathan Wynn	1-0-1.0	1.0-7	-										
Jay Woods	1-0-1.0	-	1.0-5										
Tre Herndon	1-0-1.0	1.0-6	-										

2015 STATISTICS

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

STARTERS (OFF.)

	WR	WR	WR/TE/FB	TE	QB	RB	LT	LG	C	RG	RT
Western Kentucky	Sherfield	Rayford	Sims (WR)	Scheu	McCrary	Webb	Holden	Bernstein	Pulley	Gouger	Fromang
Georgia	Sherfield	Sims	Marcus (TE)	Scheu	McCrary	Webb	Holden	Bernstein	Pulley	Gouger	Fromang
Austin Peay											
at Ole Miss											
at MTSU											
at South Carolina											
Missouri											
at Houston											
at Florida											
Kentucky											
Texas A&M											
at Tennessee											

STARTERS (DEF.)

	OLB	DE	NT	DE	ILB	ILB	OLB	CB	SS	FS	CB
Western Kentucky	Mitchell	Butler	J. Woods	Azubike	Herring	Bowden	Weatherly	McGaster	Williamson	Burks	Herndon
Georgia	Mitchell	Butler	J. Woods	Wynn	Herring	Bowden	Weatherly	McGaster	Williamson	Burks	Herndon
Austin Peay											
at Ole Miss											
at MTSU											
at South Carolina											
Missouri											
at Houston											
at Florida											
Kentucky											
Texas A&M											
at Tennessee											

TEAM STATISTICAL COMPARISONS

GAME-BY-GAME TEAM COMPARISONS

(NOTE: GAME TOTALS ARE DISPLAYED IN THE FORMAT TEAM/OPPONENT FOR EACH CATEGORY)

	SCORE	1ST DOWNS	RUSHING	PASSING	RUSH YDS	PASS YDS	PLAYS-TOTAL YDS	RET. YDS	TURNOVERS
Western Kentucky	L, 14-12	20/11	9/4	9/7	42-176/22-38	217/209	76-393/52-247	73/45	3/0
Georgia	L, 31-14	21/19	6/9	12/9	39-105/41-281	295/141	89-400/66-422	75/204	3/0
Austin Peay									
at Ole Miss									
at MTSU									
at South Carolina									
Missouri									
at Houston									
at Florida									
Kentucky									
Texas A&M									
at Tennessee									
Totals	26-45	41/30	15/13	21/16	81-273/64-318	512/350	165-785/119-668	148/249	6/0

GAME-BY-GAME TEAM COMPARISONS

(NOTE: GAME TOTALS ARE DISPLAYED IN THE FORMAT TEAM/OPPONENT FOR EACH CATEGORY)

	3RD DOWN	4TH DOWN	TIME POSS	MARGIN	YDS/RUSH	YDS/PASS	YDS/PLAY	PUNTING	PENALTY YDS
Western Kentucky	7-18/2-11	2-3/0-0	36:39/23:21	13:18	4.2/1.7	6.4/7.0	5.2/4.8	5-44.0/10-37.7	48/70
Georgia	7-21/4-13	3-4/0-0	32:57/27:03	5:54	2.7/6.9	5.9/5.6	4.5/6.4	6-45.0/6-40.5	20/92
Austin Peay									
at Ole Miss									
at MTSU									
at South Carolina									
Missouri									
at Houston									
at Florida									
Kentucky									
Texas A&M									
at Tennessee									
Totals	14-39/6-24	5-7/0-0	69:36/50:24	19:12	3.4/5.0	6.1/6.4	4.8/5.6	11-44.5/16-38.8	60/162

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3RD DOWNS

	SCORE	OVERALL	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR
Western Kentucky	L, 14-12	7-18 (38.9%)	1-3 (33.3%)	2-5 (40.0%)	1-4 (25.0%)	3-6 (50.0%)
Georgia	L, 31-14	7-21 (33.3%)	1-6 (16.7%)	4-8 (50.0%)	0-3 (0.0%)	2-4 (50.0%)
Austin Peay						
at Ole Miss						
at MTSU						
at South Carolina						
Missouri						
at Houston						
at Florida						
Kentucky						
Texas A&M						
at Tennessee						
Vanderbilt		14-39 (35.9%)	2-9 (22.2%)	6-13 (46.2%)	1-7 (14.3%)	5-10 (50.0%)
Opponents		6-24 (25.0%)	1-6 (16.7%)	0-5 (0.0%)	3-7 (42.9%)	2-6 (33.3%)

4TH DOWNS

	SCORE	OVERALL	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR
Western Kentucky	L, 14-12	2-3 (66.7%)	0-0 (0.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)	0-1 (0.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)
Georgia	L, 31-14	3-4 (75.0%)	2-2 (100.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	1-2 (50.0%)
Austin Peay						
at Ole Miss						
at MTSU						
at South Carolina						
Missouri						
at Houston						
at Florida						
Kentucky						
Texas A&M						
at Tennessee						
Vanderbilt		5-7 (71.4%)	2-2 (100.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)	0-1 (0.0%)	2-3 (66.7%)
Opponents		0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)

VANDERBILT-INSIDE OPPONENT 20-YARD LINE

OPPONENT	SCORE	Times in RZ	Times SCORED	TOTAL PTS	RUSH TDs	PASS TDs	TDs	FG MADE	-----FAILED IN RED ZONE-----					
									FGA	DOWNS	INT	FUMB	HALF	GM
Western Kentucky	L, 14-12	5	2	9	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	0
Georgia	L, 31-14	4	1	8	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
Austin Peay														
at Ole Miss														
at MTSU														
at South Carolina														
Missouri														
at Houston														
at Florida														
Kentucky														
at Texas A&M														
at Tennessee														
Totals		9	3	17	2	0	2	1	1	1	3	0	1	0

VU Season Totals: 3 of 9 (33.3%)

OPPONENTS-INSIDE VANDERBILT 20-YARD LINE

OPPONENT	SCORE	Times in RZ	Times SCORED	TOTAL PTS	RUSH TDs	PASS TDs	TDs	FG MADE	-----FAILED IN RED ZONE-----					
									FGA	DOWNS	INT	FUMB	HALF	GM
Western Kentucky	L, 14-12	3	2	14	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Georgia	L, 31-14	3	2	10	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Austin Peay														
at Ole Miss														
at MTSU														
at South Carolina														
Missouri														
at Houston														
at Florida														
Kentucky														
Texas A&M														
at Tennessee														
Opponent Totals		6	4	24	3	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0

Opponent Season Totals: 4 of 6 (66.7%)

THE LAST TIME...

VANDERBILT

VANDERBILT – INDIVIDUALS

<u>The Last Time...</u>	<u>Player, Date</u>
Player scored 3 TDs.....	Jerron Seymour, at Florida (3, 11/9/2013)
Player scored 4 TDs or more.....	Earl Bennett, vs. Kentucky (5, 11/12/2005)
QB passes for 3 TDs.....	Chris Nickson, vs. Kentucky (3, 11/15/2008)
QB passes for 4 & more TDs.....	Johnny McCrary, vs. Old Dominion (5, 11/1/2014)
QB passed for 200+ yards.....	Johnny McCrary, vs. Georgia (295 yds., 9/12/2015)
QB passed for 300+ yards...	Austyn Carta-Samuels, vs. Missouri (338 yds., 10/5/2013)
QB passed for 400+ yards.....	Chris Nickson, at Kentucky (446 yds., 11/11/2006)
70-yard (+) reception	Rodgers-Matthews, vs. Tennessee (71 yds., 11/17/2012)
Rushed for 100+ yards.....	Ralph Webb, vs. Old Dominion (166 yds., 11/1/2014)
Rushed for 200+ yards.....	Frank Mordica, vs. Air Force (321 yds., 11/18/1978)
Rushed for 300+ yards.....	Frank Mordica, vs. Air Force (321 yds., 11/18/1978)
70-yard (+) rush.....	Zac Stacy, at Wake Forest (90 yds., 11/24/2012)
Rushed for 3 (+) TD.....	Jerron Seymour, at Florida (3, 11/9/2013)
Receiver had 100+ yards.....	C.J. Duncan, vs. Charleston So. (119, 10/11/2014)
Receiver had 200+ yards.....	Earl Bennett, vs. Richmond (223 yds., 9/1/2007)
Had three (+) TD receptions.....	Earl Bennett, vs. Richmond (3, 9/1/2007)
Kick return for TD.....	Darrius Sims, vs. South Carolina (100 yds., 9/12/2014)
Punt return for TD.....	Jonathan Krause, at Wake Forest (83 yds., 11/24/2012)
INT returned for TD.....	Darrius Sims, at Kentucky (13 yds., 10/27/2014)
Fumble return for TD.....	Adam Butler, vs. UMass (0 yds., 9/13/2014)
Kicked three or more FGs.....	Carey Spear, vs. Wake Forest (3, 11/30/2013)
Kicked 50-yard (+) FG.....	Carey Spear, at South Carolina (54, 9/14/2013)
Posted 60-yard (+) punt.....	Tommy Openshaw vs. Western Ky. (64 yds., 9/3/2015)
Posted 70-yard (+) punt.....	Taylor Hudson, at South Carolina (75 yds., 9/14/2013)
Posted at least 10 solo tackles.....	Kenny Ladler, at So. Carolina (10, 9/14/2013)
Posted at least 10 total tackles.....	Zach Cunningham, at Miss. St. (13, 11/22/2014)
Posted 3+ tackles for loss.....	Stephen Weatherly, vs. Tennessee (5.0, 11/29/2014)
Posted 2+ interceptions.....	Torren McGaster, vs. Tennessee (2, 11/29/2014)
Posted 3+ passes defended.....	Andre Hal, vs. Houston (4, 1/4/2014)
Blocked opponent punt	Stephen Weatherly, vs. UMass (9/13/2014)
Returned blocked punt for TD.....	Stephen Weatherly, vs. UMass (11, 9/13/2014)
Blocked opponent FG.....	Adam Butler, at Tennessee (11/23/2013)
Blocked a PAT attempt	Adam Butler, at Georgia (10/4/2014)
Scored on safety	Team, at Missouri (10/6/2012)
Posted 2-pt. conversion.....	Hudson-to-East pass, vs. Charleston So. (10/11/2014)

VANDERBILT – TEAM

<u>The Last Time...</u>	<u>Opponent, Date</u>
Achieved 30 (+) first downs.....	vs. Old Dominion (33, 11/1/2014)
Topped 500+ Yards in Total Offense.....	vs. Old Dominion (524, 11/1/2014)
300 or more passing yards.....	vs. Missouri (338, 10/5/2013)
400 or more passing yards.....	vs. Kentucky (446, 11/11/2006)
Rushed for 200+ yards.....	vs. Old Dominion (243, 11/1/2014)
Rushed for 300+ yards.....	vs. Presbyterian (410, 9/15/2012)
Rushed for 400+ yards.....	vs. Presbyterian (410, 9/15/2012)
Scored 40 points or more.....	vs. Old Dominion (42, 11/1/2014)
Scored 21+ points in quarter.....	vs. Old Dominion (21, 2nd qtr., 11/1/2014)
Held foe under 100 total yards.....	vs. Chattanooga (93, 9/6/2003)
Held foe between 100-200 total yards.....	vs. Austin Peay (139, 9/7/2013)
Held foe under 100 rushing yards.....	vs. Western Ky. (38, 9/3/2015)
Held foe under 100 passing yards.....	Tennessee (92, 11/29/2014)
Held foe scoreless.....	at Kentucky (40-0, 11/3/2012)

OPPONENTS

OPPONENT – INDIVIDUALS

<u>The Last Time a VU Opponent...</u>	<u>Player (Team) Date</u>
Player scored three TDs.....	Jeff Driskel, Florida (3, 10/13/2012)
Player scored four TDs or more.....	Justin Boyles, Duke (4, 10/28/2006)
QB passes for three TDs.....	Dak Prescott, Miss. State (3, 11/22/2014)
QB passes for four TDs	Johnny Manziel, Texas A&M (4, 10/26/2013)
QB passed for 200+ yards	Brandon Doughty, Western Ky. (209 yds., 9/3/2015)
QB passed for 300+ yards.....	Bo Wallace, Ole Miss (320 yds., 9/6/2014)
QB passed for 400+ yards	Bo Wallace, Ole Miss (403 yds., 11/10/2012)
70-yard (+) reception.....	Berkstresser-Sasser, Missouri (85 yds., 10/6/2012)
Rushed for 100+ yards	Nick Chubb (189 yds., 9/12/2015)
Rushed for 200+ yards	Arian Foster, Tennessee (223 yds., 11/19/2005)
Rushed for 3 (+) TDs	Jeff Driskel, Florida (3, 10/13/2012)
70-yard (+) rush.....	Pharoh Cooper, So. Carolina (70 yds., 9/20/2014)
Receiver had 100+ yards	Tyler Higbee, Western Ky (102 yds., 9/3/2015)
Receiver had 200+ yards.....	Craig Yeast, Kentucky (269 yds., 11/13/1998)
Had three (+) TD receptions.....	Sidney Rice, South Carolina (3, 10/22/2005)
Kick return for TD.....	Mike Wallace, Ole Miss (98 yds., 9/20/2008)
Punt return for TD.....	Cameron Sutton, Tennessee (76 yds., 11/29/2014)
INT return for TD.....	Dominick Sanders, Georgia (88 yds., 9/12/2015)
Fumble return for TD	Christian Holmes, Miss. State (51 yds., 11/22/2014)
Blocked punt return for TD.....	Lorenzo Mathis, Charleston So. (17 yds., 10/11/2014)
Kicked three or more FGs.....	Bryson Rose, Ole Miss (4, 11/3/2012)
Kicked 50-yard (+) FG.....	Bryson Rose, Ole Miss (4, 11/3/2012)
Posted punt of 70+ yards.....	Ryan Janvion, Wake Forest (11, 11/30/2013)
Posted at least 10 total tackles.....	Jordan Jenkins, Georgia (11, 9/12/2015)
Posted 3+ tackles for loss.....	Jordan Jenkins, Georgia (5.5, 9/12/2015)
Posted 2+ interceptions.....	Jacob Martin, Temple (2, 8/28/2014)
Blocked VU punt.....	Lorenzo Mathis, Charleston So. (10/11/2014)
Blocked VU FG.....	Sharrif Floyd, Florida (11/5/2011)
Scored on VU safety.....	Team, Arkansas (10/30/2010)

OPPONENT – TEAM

<u>The Last Time a VU Opponent...</u>	<u>Team, Date</u>
Achieved 30 (+) first downs in game	Miss. State (32, 11/22/2014)
Topped 500 Yards in Total Offense	Miss. State (502, 11/22/2014)
Rushed for more than 200 yards	Georgia (281, 9/12/2015)
Rushed for more than 300 yards	Florida (326, 10/13/2012)
Rushed for more than 400 yards	Georgia Tech (404, 10/31/2009)
300 or more passing yards.....	Florida (305, 11/9/2013)
Scored 40 points or more	Miss. State (51, 11/22/2014)
Scored 21+ points in quarter.....	Miss. State (21, 2nd qtr.), 11/12/2014)
Held Vanderbilt under 100 rushing yards	Miss. State (49, 11/22/2014)
Held Vanderbilt under 100 passing yards.....	Kentucky (85, 9/27/2014)
Held Vanderbilt under 200 total yards	Kentucky (139, 9/27/2014)
Held Vanderbilt scoreless.....	Miss. State (51-0, 11/22/2014)

COMMODORES' LATE RALLY FALLS SHORT IN OPENER VS. WKU

NASHVILLE – Perhaps it's only fitting that Vanderbilt's comeback hopes Thursday died with a failed two-point conversion attempt.

All night long, the Commodores stumbled whenever they got near the end zone.

Joe Brown stopped Nathan Marcus a yard shy of the goal line on a two-point conversion attempt with 33 seconds left to preserve Western

GAME 1
SEPT. 3, 2015
NASHVILLE

Kentucky's 14-12 victory over Vanderbilt on Thursday night. Earlier in the game, Vanderbilt had failed to score on three separate trips inside Western Kentucky's 10-yard line.

"I thought all the way to the end we were going to win this game," Vanderbilt coach

Derek Mason said. "I came into this game that way, and I felt that way all the way through. I'm confident about what this football team can accomplish."

Vanderbilt's comeback hopes instead fell a yard short.

The Commodores had cut the lead to 14-12 when Johnny McCrary threw a 2-yard touchdown pass to Trent Sherfield on 4th-and-goal. Brown made an open-field tackle after Marcus caught Johnny McCrary's pass on a potential game-tying conversion attempt.

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
WKU	0	0	7	7	14	1-0
VANDERBILT	0	3	0	9	12	0-1

2nd: VANDY: Openshaw 49-yd field goal, 7-29 2:58.

3rd: WKU: Allen 4-yd run (Schwettman kick), 2-69 0:28.

4th: VANDY: Openshaw 26-yd field goal, 9-52 3:19.

WKU: Higbee 9-yd pass from Doughty (Schwettman kick), 9-70 3:50.

VANDY: Sherfield 2-yd pass from McCrary (McCrary pass failed), 12-77 2:05.

STATISTICS

	WKU	VANDERBILT
FIRST DOWNS	11	20
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	22-38	42-176
PASSING YDS (NET)	209	217
PASSES ATT-COMP-INT	30-19-0	34-18-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	52-247	76-393
FUMBLE RETURNS-YARDS	0-0	0-0
PUNT RETURNS-YARDS	0-0	3-12
KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS	2-45	3-61
INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS	2-0	0-0
PUNTS (NUMBER-AVG)	10-37.7	5-44.0
FUMBLES-LOST	2-0	2-1
PENALTIES-YARDS	9-70	5-48
POSSESSION TIME	23:21	36:39
THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	2 OF 11	7 OF 18
FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	0 OF 0	2 OF 3
RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES	2-3	2-5
SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS	1-5	2-13

RUSHING: WKU – Leon Allen 15-56; D'Andre Ferby 2-14; Brandon Doughty 5-(-32). VANDY-Ralph Webb 18-70; Johnny McCrary 8-66; Dallas Rivers 11-26; Darrius Sims 4-15; team 1-(-1).

PASSING: WKU – Doughty 19-30-0-209. VANDY – McCrary 18-34-2-217.

RECEIVING: WKU – Antwane Grant 5-29; Tyler Higbee 4-102; Allen 4-19; Taywan Taylor 3-40; N. Norris 3-19. VANDY – Trent Sherfield 4-63; Webb 3-27; Kris Kentera 2-48; DeAndre Woods 2-20; Steven Scheu 2-12; Sims 2-10; Caleb Scott 1-23; Rivers 1-12; Latevius Rayford 1-2.

MISTAKES DOOM DORES IN LOSS TO NO. 10 GEORGIA

NASHVILLE – Vanderbilt coach Derek Mason says his quarterback Johnny McCrary is trying hard to make plays. The Commodores need to help him figure out how to protect the ball better with chances to score.

McCrary threw for 295 yards and a touchdown Saturday. But the red-shirt sophomore also was intercepted three times, once in the end zone with the Commodores trying to rally late before losing 31-14 to No. 10 Georgia in the Southeastern Conference opener for both teams.

GAME 2
SEPT. 12, 2015
NASHVILLE

In two games, McCrary now has been intercepted five times with three of those in the end zone, and the Commodores now are 0-2 to start Mason's second season.

"If we can fix our red zone problems, it will be good for us," Mason said. "We're racking up

yards, but not points."

Vanderbilt was trying to beat Georgia in back-to-back games in Nashville for the first time since the 1950s. The Commodores held the ball for nearly 33 minutes overall and rolled up 231 of their 400 yards in the fourth quarter.

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
GEORGIA	7	7	10	7	31	2-0,1-0
VANDERBILT	0	6	0	8	14	0-2,0-1

1st: UGA: McKenzie 77-yd punt return (Morgan kick).

2nd: VANDY: Openshaw 47-yd field goal, 11-38 5:13. UGA: Michel 31-yd run (Morgan kick), 5-64 1:14. VANDY: Openshaw 41-yd field goal, 12-55 5:24.

3rd: UGA: Morgan 20-yd field goal, 8-39 2:58. UGA: Lambert 5-yd run (Morgan kick), 8-66 3:31.

4th: VANDY: Rayford 7-yd pass from McCrary (McCrary rush), 5-42 0:46. UGA: Sanders 88-yd interception return (Morgan kick).

STATISTICS

	UGA	VANDERBILT
FIRST DOWNS	19	21
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	41-281	39-105
PASSING YDS (NET)	141	295
PASSES ATT-COMP-INT	25-13-0	50-24-3
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	66-422	89-400
FUMBLE RETURNS-YARDS	0-0	0-0
PUNT RETURNS-YARDS	3-89	2-6
KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS	2-27	3-69
INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS	3-88	0-0
PUNTS (NUMBER-AVG)	6-40.5	6-45.0
FUMBLES-LOST	1-0	1-0
PENALTIES-YARDS	10-92	4-20
POSSESSION TIME	27:03	32:57
THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	4 OF 13	7 OF 21
FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	0 OF 0	3 OF 4
RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES	2-3	1-4
SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS	3-21	1-5

RUSHING: UGA-Chubb 19-189; Michel 12-56; McKenzie 1-24; Marshall 5-11; Lambert 3-2; Team 1-(-1). VANDY-Webb 25-68; McCrary 8-17; Openshaw 1-13; Rivers 4-7; Sims 1-0.

PASSING: UGA-Lambert 11-21-0-116; Ramsey 2-4-0-25. VANDY-McCrary 24-50-3-295.

RECEIVING: UGA-M. Mitchell 4-36; Michel 2-30; Chubb 2-13; Blazeovich 1-19; McKenzie 1-15; Godwin 1-10; Harris 1-10; Davis 1-8. VANDY-Webb 7-57; L. Rayford 7-57; D. Woods 3-57; Scheu 2-43; Scott 2-22; Sherfield 1-44; Kentera 1-9; Rivers 1-6.