

VANDERBILT GAME NOTES

EASTERN MICHIGAN AT VANDERBILT, SEPT. 29, 2007

VANDERBILT SCHEDULE

Sept. 1	Richmond	W	41-17
Sept. 8	ALABAMA (LF Sports)	L	10-24
Sept. 15	OLE MISS (PPV)	W	31-17
Sept. 29	Eastern Michigan		6:00 pm
Oct. 6	@ Auburn (TV-LF Sports)		11:30 am
Oct. 13	GEORGIA (Homecoming)		TBA
Oct. 20	@ South Carolina		TBA
Oct. 27	Miami (Ohio)		1:00 pm
Nov. 3	@ Florida		TBA
Nov. 10	KENTUCKY		TBA
Nov. 17	@ Tennessee		TBA
Nov. 24	Wake Forest		1:00 pm

All Kickoff Times - CST

KIX BROOKS PROMOTION: \$57,000+ TO HOSPITAL

More than \$50,000 is expected to go to the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt from a special Vandy-Ole Miss ticket promotion spearheaded by Kix Brooks.

Brooks, former Commodore football players, key community leaders and friends of the hospital teamed with Vanderbilt Athletics for the promotion – which directed half of the \$42 single game tickets sold after Aug. 15 to benefit the Children's Hospital.

Vanderbilt Marketing Director Eric Nichols said the hospital contribution will be \$57,120.

VANDERBILT-AUBURN ON TV

After hosting Eastern Michigan on Saturday, the Commodores make their first road trip of the season, travelling to Auburn, Ala., to play the Tigers on Oct. 6.

The Auburn clash, the first of three consecutive SEC games for the Commodores, will be shown across the Southeast on Lincoln Financial Sports affiliates. Kickoff is 11:30 a.m., CT.

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KICKOFF TIMES

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007

KICKOFF: 6:00 p.m., CST

STADIUM: Vanderbilt Stadium

LOCATION: Nashville, Tennessee

RADIO: Vanderbilt Radio Network;
Flagship Station – 104.5 "The Zone"

COMMODORE RADIO CREW:

Joe Fisher, play-by-play;

John Gromos, color analyst;

Kevin Ingram, sideline reporter

SIRIUS RADIO CHANNEL: TBA

TV: None

EARL'S WEBSITE

Standout Vanderbilt receiver Earl Bennett has his own website, MyNamesEarlBennett.com, chronicling his pursuit of SEC all-time receiving records. The site also features Earl's bio, video highlights, audio interviews, clippings and stats.

QUICK FACTS ON THE UNIVERSITIES



Location

VANDERBILT
Nashville, Tenn.

EASTERN MICHIGAN
Ypsilanti, Mich.

Founded

1873

1849

Enrollment

6,402

24,000

Conference

Southeastern

Mid-American (MAC)

Nickname

Commodores

Eagles

Colors

Black & Gold

Green & White

Home Field

Vanderbilt Stadium

Rynearson Stadium

Capacity

39,773

30,200

Field Surface

natural grass

FieldTurf

Head Coach

Bobby Johnson (6th)

Jeff Genyk (4th)

Alma Mater

Clemson, 1973

Bowling Green, 1982

Coaching Record

76-80 (.487)

11-27 (.290)

Website

vucommodores.com

emueagles.com

GAME NOTES

FIRST MEETING BETWEEN THE SCHOOLS

Vanderbilt and Eastern Michigan will play for the first time when the teams meet this Saturday in Nashville.

VANDERBILT SEEKING CONSECUTIVE WINS

When the Commodores face EMU on Saturday, they will be looking to win consecutive games for the first time in nearly a year.

The last time Vanderbilt had consecutive wins was last September when they defeated Tennessee State (38-9, Sept. 23) and Temple (43-14, Sept. 30).

The Commodores have enjoyed consecutive victories on just four occasions in the last eight years: three times during a four-game win streak to open the 2005 season (at Wake Forest, at Arkansas, vs. Ole Miss., and vs. Richmond) and last year.

VANDERBILT IN NON-SEC ACTION

Vanderbilt is looking for its fifth consecutive victory in non-Southeastern Conference action when it plays Eastern Michigan.

The Commodores opened the season with a non-conference win – 41-17 victory over Richmond – and captured its last three non-SEC games last year: 45-28 over Duke (Oct. 28), 43-14 over Temple (Sept. 30) and 38-9 over Tennessee State (Sept. 23).

Vanderbilt's last defeat in non-SEC action came in the 2006 opener, 27-7 at Michigan.

During Coach Johnson's tenure, the Commodores are 10-9 in non-SEC games. In the last decade, Vanderbilt holds a 21-14 non-conference record.

All-time, the Commodores hold a 431-187-32 record in non-SEC games.

VANDERBILT VS. MAC CONFERENCE TEAMS

The Commodores are 8-3 all-time versus members of the Mid-American Conference (MAC).

Vanderbilt's last game against a MAC affiliate, Temple University, came last year, with the Commodores claiming a 43-14 victory. Temple became a full-fledged member of the MAC this season.

Below is a summary on Vanderbilt's all-time results vs. the MAC:

MAC Member	VU's Record	Last Meeting
Marshall	2-0	27-6, 1949
Miami (Ohio)	1-1	30-33, 2000
Northern Illinois	3-0	34-31, 1999
Ohio U.	1-0	54-10, 1989
Temple	1-1	43-14, 2006
Western Michigan	0-1	24-27, 1998

VANDERBILT VS. MICHIGAN UNIVERSITIES

Vanderbilt is seeking its first football victory ever against a Michigan-based team when it hosts Eastern Michigan.

The Commodores are 0-11-1 against Michigan universities. All but one of the 12 games have come against perennial power Michigan of the Big Ten.

Michigan-based Team	VU's Record	Last Meeting
Michigan	0-10-1	7-27, 2006
Western Michigan	0-1	24-27, 1998

EMU AD GRAGG IS VANDERBILT GRADUATE

Dr. Derrick Gragg, entering his second year as Director of Athletics at Eastern Michigan, is well known to longtime Commodore football fans. Gragg played for Vanderbilt under head coaches Watson Brown and Gerry DiNardo from 1988-91.

A native of Huntsville, Ala., Gragg earned four football letters as a wide receiver for the Commodores. He ended his Vanderbilt career with 40 receptions for 646 yards and three touchdowns. He caught all three touchdown passes in a single game – at Alabama (Sept. 29, 1990).

As a senior, Gragg contributed to a 5-6 Commodore squad in DiNardo's initial season that featured four consecutive Vanderbilt victories, including a 27-25 victory over No. 17 ranked Georgia in Nashville.

Following graduation, Gragg served his alma mater as an academic counselor from 1993 to 1995, adding director of student life responsibilities during the final year. He moved to the University of Missouri for two years, then served six years in administrative roles with the University of Arkansas athletics department prior to accepting the Eastern Michigan position. When he left Arkansas, Gragg held the title of deputy athletic director to AD Frank Broyles.

Gragg is one of two key athletic administrators in the MAC with close ties to Vanderbilt. Current Miami (Ohio) Director of Athletics **Brad Bates** served Vanderbilt Athletics for 17 years with various capacities, joining the Commodore football program in 1985 as director of strength and condition. By the time he accepted the director of athletics post at Miami (Ohio) in 2003, Bates was second in command at Vanderbilt as Senior Associate AD.

FORMER VANDERBILT ASSISTANT AT EMU

Current Eagle offensive line coach Chris Symington served four years at Vanderbilt under former Commodore Head Coach Gerry DiNardo.

Symington served as offensive line coach for the Commodores from 1991-93, then moved to mentor the Vanderbilt defensive line in 1994 before DiNardo left the Nashville position to become LSU's head coach.

Prior to joining Eastern Michigan, Symington served as offensive line coach at Tennessee State University in Nashville for four years.

LEINWEBER IS ONLY 'DORE FROM MICHIGAN

The Commodores have just one player, DE **David Leinweber**, who hails from the state of Michigan. Leinweber, a sophomore walk-on, is from Bloomfield Hills, and attended Cranbrook H.S.

GAME NOTES

TEAM STATISTICAL COMPARISONS

	<u>VANDERBILT</u>	<u>EMU</u>
	(AFTER WEEK 4)	
TEAM RECORD	2-1/1-1	2-2/1-1
TOTAL POINTS	82	78
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	10	9
POINTS ALLOWED	53	90
TOUCHDOWNS ALLOWED	5	12
FIRST DOWNS	57	51
RUSHING	26	21
PASSING	31	27
PENALTY	0	3
RUSHING YARDAGE	402	450
YARDS GAINED RUSHING	487	476
YARDS LOST RUSHING	[85]	[26]
RUSHING ATTEMPTS	110	126
AVERAGE PER RUSH	3.7	3.6
AVERAGE PER GAME	134.0	112.5
TDs RUSHING	5	4
PASSING YARDAGE	659	664
ATT-COMP-INT	93-55-1	100-62-2
AVERAGE PER PASS	7.1	6.6
AVERAGE PER CATCH	12.0	10.7
AVERAGE PER GAME	219.7	166.0
TDs PASSING	5	5
TOTAL OFFENSE	1061	1114
TOTAL PLAYS	203	226
AVERAGE PER PLAY	5.3	4.9
AVERAGE PER GAME	353.7	278.5
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	7-83	6-45
AVERAGE PUNT RETURN	11.9	7.5
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	12-296	20-455
AVERAGE KICK RETURN	22.8	22.8
INTERCEPTION RETURNS: #-YARDS	5-39	3-0
AVERAGE INT. RETURN	7.8	0.0
FUMBLES/FUMBLES LOST	7-2	1-0
OPP. FUMBLES/FUMBLES RECOVERED	3-0	8-2
PENALTIES-YARDS	14-128	24-194
AVERAGE PER GAME	42.7	48.5
PUNTS-YARDS	13-473	25-1081
AVERAGE PER PUNT	36.4	43.2
NET PUNT AVERAGE	28.8	41.7
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	29:16	28:35
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	20/46	15/53
3RD DOWN PCT.	43%	28%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	4/7	3/6
4TH DOWN PCT.	57%	50%
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	4/6	3/6

SEVEN SACKS VS. OLE MISS EQUALS MARK

Putting together one of its top performances in years, the Commodore defense limited Ole Miss to 262 total yards in a 31-17 victory that was highlighted by seven Vanderbilt sacks of Rebel quarterbacks.

Statistics since the 1984 season – when quarterback sacks officially became a defensive stat – reveals that no Commodore unit has produced more sacks in a game than the seven achieved against Ole Miss.

Only twice in the last 23 years – against Alabama on Sept. 10, 1994 and versus Virginia Tech on Nov. 4, 1989 – has a Commodore defensive unit matched the seven-sack output registered against the Rebels. Vanderbilt lost both previous games.

Seven defenders – LB **Jonathan Goff**, LB **Brandon Bryant**, DT **Theo Horrocks**, DT **Gabe Hall**, DE **Curtis Gatewood**, DE **Steven Stone** and DE **Broderick Stewart** – contributed to the sack total.

Stone's sack was the second this year for the first-year starter. He leads the Commodore in the category, sharing fourth place in the conference. Stone also shares the Commodore early season lead with four tackles for loss.

NICKSON JOINS 'DORE ALL-TIME TOP 10 IN TOTAL OFFENSE, PASSING YARDAGE

Just 15 games into his career as a starter, junior QB **Chris Nickson** has moved into the Vanderbilt all-time Top 10 in two key offensive categories: passing yardage and total offense.

In the Ole Miss game, Nickson overtook Fred Fisher (1972-75) into ninth place with 2,649 passing yards. Nickson needed 62 fewer pass attempts to surpass Fisher on the list.

Nickson also moved to No. 8 all-time with 3,457 yards of total offense. He surpassed former 'Dore great Bill Wade, John Gromos and Fisher in the winning Ole Miss effort. Nickson needs 48 total yards to go ahead of Marcus Wilson into No. 7 all-time.

CAREER LEADERS – PASSING YARDAGE

	<u>QUARTERBACK</u>	<u>ATT.</u>	<u>COMP.</u>	<u>PCT.</u>	<u>YARDS</u>	<u>TDs</u>
1.	Jay Cutler, 2002-05	1,242	710	57.2	8,697	59
2.	Greg Zolman, 1998-2001	1,156	596	51.6	7,981	41
3.	Whit Taylor, 1979-82	1,016	555	54.6	6,307	41
4.	Kurt Page, 1981-84	936	531	56.7	6,233	35
5.	Eric Jones, 1986-88	661	365	55.2	5,029	32
6.	Damian Allen, 1994-97	699	307	43.9	3,704	17
7.	John Gromos, 1985, 87-89	580	297	51.2	3,514	17
8.	Bill Wade, 1949-51	437	201	46.0	3,397	31
9.	Chris Nickson , 2005-07	363	202	55.7	2,649	19

CAREER LEADERS – TOTAL OFFENSE

	<u>QUARTERBACK</u>	<u>RUSHES</u>	<u>YARDS</u>	<u>PASSES</u>	<u>YARDS</u>	<u>PLAYS</u>	<u>TOT. Yds</u>
1.	Jay Cutler, 2002-05	453	1,256	1,242	8,697	1,695	9,953
2.	Greg Zolman, 1998-01	228	-274	1,156	7,981	1,384	7,607
3.	Whit Taylor, 1979-82	331	420	1,016	6,307	1,347	6,727
4.	Eric Jones, 1986-88	389	1,211	661	5,029	1,050	6,240
5.	Kurt Page, 1981-84	116	-225	936	6,233	1,052	6,008
6.	Damian Allen, 1994-97	241	29	699	3,704	940	3,888
7.	Marcus Wilson, 1989-92	444	1,468	320	2,036	764	3,504
8.	Chris Nickson , 2005-07	187	808	363	2,649	550	3,457

2007 PARTICIPATION ★ NOTES

NOTES FOLLOWING WIN OVER OLE MISS

MARGIN OF VICTORY OVER SEC FOES Vanderbilt's 14-point margin of victory over Ole Miss (31-17) was the Commodores' highest over an SEC opponent since Oct. 2, 2004 when Vanderbilt topped Mississippi State by 18 (31-13) in Nashville.

Before the win over Miss. State, one has to go back to Nov. 5, 1994 to find a higher Commodore victory margin – (24-6 over Kentucky in Lexington).

'DORES VS. SEC TEAMS SINCE 2005 The win over Ole Miss gave Vanderbilt its fifth win in SEC play since the 2005 season began (span of 18 games). Though the record doesn't look particularly impressive, one needs to realize it took Vanderbilt six years – and 48 SEC games – to register five wins in seasons leading to 2005.

SECOND HALF PRODUCTION Through three games, Vanderbilt has been extremely productive in second half action.

Vanderbilt has outscored Richmond, Alabama and Ole Miss by a combined 34-15 margin in the fourth quarter. The 34 points is easily the most Vanderbilt has scored in any one quarter.

Third-down efficiency has been a key to the Commodores' success in the late stages of games. The Vanderbilt offense is converting third downs at a 45.5 percent clip (5/11) in the fourth quarter while the defense has kept opponents to just one third-down conversion in eight attempts (12.5%) in similar situations.

The trend has continued throughout second half action, with the Vanderbilt offense succeeding on 45.8% (11/24) third downs after the intermission. The defense has limited opponents to 20% conversions (3/15) in the the second half.

COMMODORE CONTROL The Vanderbilt-Ole Miss game appeared a carbon copy of the 2006 edition, with the Commodores controlling virtually every statistic: total offense (383-262); first downs (25-13); and total plays (75-54). The dominance added up to Vanderbilt winning time of possession by a 34:50-25:10 margin.

It was the widest Commodore margin in terms of time of possession since the 2006 Vandy-Ole Miss game (35:25-24:35).

The biggest difference between 2006 and 2007 was Vanderbilt's one turnover last week. In 2006, the Commodores committed five costly miscues, including four fumbles recovered by the Rebels.

100/100/200 TRIO Vanderbilt produced a 100-yard rusher (**Cassen Jackson-Garrison**, 119 yds.), a 100-yard receiver (**Earl Bennett**, 100 yds.) and a 200-yard passer (**Chris Nickson**, 200 yds.) in the victory over Ole Miss. The last time Vanderbilt achieved that feat was Sept. 17, 2005 (31-23 win vs. Ole Miss).

WILLIAMS – SEC OFFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE WEEK Senior tackle **Chris Williams** earned SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week honors for his five-knockdown performance against Ole Miss. It was the second time that Williams claimed the honor.

BENNETT CONTINUES REMARKABLE PACE In 24 lifetime starts as a Commodore, junior receiver **Earl Bennett** has eclipsed 100 receiving yards in nine games and caught at least 10 passes in nine games. He accomplished both vs. Ole Miss, catching 11 passes for 100 yards.

Bennett is just 20 receptions shy of becoming the Southeastern Conference's all-time leader. He needs 13 catches to become Vanderbilt's all-time leader.

For more information on Bennett, go to page 7 or check out a website devoted to his career – www.MyNameIsEarlBennett.com.

VANDERBILT ACTIVE PLAYER PARTICIPATION

PLAYER	POSITION	2007	2007	CAREER	CAREER	CONSECUTIVE
		GAMES PLAYED	STARTS	GAMES PLAYED	STARTS	CAREER STARTS
Mackenzi Adams	QB	3	-	16	-	-
Brad Allen	TE	3	2	25	8	4
Josh Allen	CB	2	-	25	9	-
Bryant Anderson	WR	3	-	24	1	-
Joey Bailey	C	2	-	2	-	-
Earl Bennett	WR	3	3	26	23	23
Patrick Benoist	LB	-	-	9	-	-
Greg Billinger	DT	3	-	15	-	-
Jake Bradford	TE	3	-	15	-	-
Brandon Bryant	LB	3	2	16	2	2
Matt Bubis	FB	3	-	5	-	-
Marcus Buggs	LB	3	3	37	19	16
Joel Caldwell	CB	3	-	14	11	-
Nate Campbell	LB	3	-	3	-	-
Ryan Custer	OG	3	-	15	2	-
Josh Eames	OL	3	3	29	23	5
Jared Fagan	CB	3	-	26	2	-
Michael Garcia	LB	3	-	3	-	-
Drew Gardner	OL	2	-	8	-	-
Curtis Gatewood	DE	3	3	37	15	15
Jonathan Goff	LB	3	3	36	31	31
Justin Green	TE	3	-	3	-	-
Gabe Hall	DT	3	3	34	3	3
Bryant Hahnfeldt	PK	3	3	26	26	26
Ryan Hamilton	S	3	3	15	12	10
Jared Hawkins	TB	3	-	15	-	-
Eric Hensley	OL	3	-	14	-	-
Hamilton Holliday	OL	3	3	33	17	15
Brandon Holmes	DT	1	-	7	-	-
Theo Horrocks	DT	3	3	34	25	17
Cassen Jackson-Garrison	TB	3	2	36	15	1
Jeff Jennings	TB	2	1	22	12	-
Chris Johnson	LB	3	-	14	-	-
Theron Kadri	DE	3	-	3	-	-
Merritt Kirchoffer	OG	3	3	30	13	4
Richard Kovalcheck	QB	-	-	3	-	-
Reshard Langford	SS	3	3	26	26	26
Reilly Lauer	DE	1	-	1	-	-
Myron Lewis	CB	3	3	13	3	3
Gaston Miller	TB	-	-	8	-	-
Nick Miller	SN	3	-	15	-	-
D.J. Moore	CB	3	3	15	12	3
Austin Newton	LB	2	-	2	-	-
Chris Nickson	QB	3	3	21	15	15
Kennard Reeves	RB	3	-	3	-	-
Chris Reinert	WR	2	-	4	-	-
Larry Simmons	WR	-	-	2	-	-
George Smith	WR	3	3	26	17	7
Darlon Spead	CB	3	1	15	1	-
Brian Stamper	OT	3	3	41	39	3
Broderick Stewart	DE	3	-	15	-	-
John Stokes	LB/SN	3	-	3	-	-
Steven Stone	DE	3	3	15	3	3
Alan Strong	CB	3	-	3	-	-
Brent Trice	S	3	-	15	-	-
Brett Upson	P	3	3	15	15	15
Brad Vierling	OG	3	-	14	-	-
Sean Walker	WR	3	3	21	9	3
Alex Washington	WR	3	-	15	-	-
Thomas Welch	OT	3	-	11	-	-
Justin Wheeler	WR	3	-	12	-	-
David Whittington	DT	3	-	16	-	-
Chris Williams	OT	3	3	26	24	24



'DORE RANKINGS ★ NOTES

2007 SEC, NCAA STAT RANKINGS

TEAM CATEGORY	AVG.	SEC	NCAA
Scoring Offense	27.3	8	T-64
Scoring Defense	19.3	7	33
Total Offense	353.7	10	81
Rushing Offense	134.0	10	74
Passing Offense	219.7	8	63
Total Defense	314.3	8	35
Rushing Defense	141.3	5	54
Passing Defense	173.0	7	24
Punting (Net)	28.8	12	116
Punt Returns	11.9	7	40
Kickoff Returns	22.8	6	47
Turnover Margin	+ .67	T-3	T-39
Pass Efficiency	134.3	5	42
Defensive Pass Efficiency	104.0	7	23
Penalties (Total)	4.7	2	10
Penalty Yardage	42.7	3	27
Third Down Conversion %	43.5%	5	T-38
Third-Down Conversion % (opponent)	35.9%	7	T-51
Quarterback Sacks	3.0	T-2	T-20
Quarterback Sacks Allowed	1.7	5	T-48
Time of Possession	29:16	10	74
Offense in Red Zone %	13/18 72.2%	10	
Defense in Red Zone %	8/10 80%	6	
First Downs	19.0	8	
First Downs Allowed	17.7	9	

INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE CATEGORY	AVG.	SEC	NCAA
Earl Bennett	Receptions	9.3	1 7
	Receiving Yards	125.0	1 7
	Receiving TDs	3	T-2 T-25
	Total TDs	3	T-8
	All-Purpose Yards	149.0	4 39
Ca. Jackson-Garrison	Total TDs	3	T-8
Chris Nickson	Passing Yards	183.7	7 89
	Total Offense	205.3	6 74
	Passing Efficiency	144.8	4 30
	TD Passes	4	T-6
	Points Responsible For	30	T-9 T-85

INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE CATEGORY	AVG.	SEC	NCAA
Curtis Gatewood	Tackles for Loss	1.33	T-10 T-46
Jonathan Goff	Total Tackles	28	5 T-48
	Solo Tackles	18	T-4 T-30
	Interceptions	1	T-5 T-82
Gabe Hall	Interceptions	1	T-5 T-82
Ryan Hamilton	Solo Tackles	15	T-8 T-80
	Total Tackles	20	T-18
Reshard Langford	Interceptions	1	T-5
D.J. Moore	Solo Tackles	24	1 T-2
	Total Tackles	27	T-6 T-57
	Interceptions	2	T-2 T-21
	Passes Defensed	4	T-5 T-27
Steven Stone	Sacks	2	T-4 T-59
	Tackles for Loss	1.33	T-10 T-46

SPECIAL TEAM CATEGORIES	AVG.	SEC	NCAA
Bryant Hahnfeldt, Scoring (by kicker)	22 pts.	9	
	Field Goals Made	4	T-7 T-36
D.J. Moore	Kick Return Avg.	25.7	4 50
Earl Bennett	Punt Returns	14.4	3 T-22

JACKSON-GARRISON POSTS BIG EFFORT

Senior tailback **Cassen Jackson-Garrison** put together one of the finest performances of his career in the victory over Ole Miss.

With Alabama starter and best friend Jeff Jennings unable to contribute due to an ankle injury, Jackson-Garrison rushed for 119 yards on a career-high 23 attempts. He also set a career best with three rushing touchdowns.

For Jackson-Garrison, the 119-yard rushing total matches his second highest single-game total behind a 142-yard outburst against Temple in 2006. He also has 16 career rushing touchdowns, three more than Jennings.

GOFF AMONG SEC'S TOP ACTIVE TACKLERS

Senior linebacker **Jonathan Goff**, named the team's Defensive Player of the Week after the Ole Miss game, ranks third among active Southeastern Conference players in career tackles.

Goff, who contributed a season-high 10 solo stops and 12 total tackles in the victory over Ole Miss, has 222 total tackles during his four-year career. He trails Kentucky LB Wesley Woodyard (289) and Tennessee safety Jonathan Hefney (246) in the category. Goff's solo tackle accumulation of 158 also ranks third behind the same players.

SEC ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS – TOTAL TACKLES

289	Wesley Woodyard, LB, Kentucky
246	Jonathan Hefney, DB, Tennessee
222	Jonathan Goff, LB, Vanderbilt

SEC ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS – SOLO TACKLES

192	Wesley Woodyard, LB, Kentucky
178	Jonathan Hefney, DB, Tennessee
158	Jonathan Goff, LB, Vanderbilt

REACHING INDIVIDUAL MILESTONES

- The final catch for **George Smith** (R-Jr.) against Ole Miss – a 15-yarder in the third quarter – was the 50th of his career.
- **Theo Horrocks** (Sr., DT) posted his 10th career tackle for loss – a 3-yard QB sack – vs. Ole Miss.
- **Steven Stone** (R-So., DE) posted his third consecutive game with a tackle for loss. He shares the team lead with four tackles for loss.

EXCELLENT CROWDS WATCHING 'DORES

The Commodores are playing before an average of 35,389 fans through three home games. The average represents 88.9 percent capacity in Vanderbilt Stadium, which seats 39,773.

The largest audience to date is a sellout crowd for the Alabama game; the smallest crowd (32,215) attended the Richmond opener.

Vanderbilt athletics has sold more than 15,000 season tickets this year, the most since 1996.

Last year, the Commodores played to an average home crowd of 34,861. Recent averages for Vanderbilt home games follows:

YEAR	AVG. ATTENDANCE
2007 (thru 3 games)	35,389
2006 (7 games)	34,861
2005 (6 games)	36,031
2004 (6 games)	28,472
2003 (7 games)	28,282
2002 (7 games)	32,192
2001 (6 games)	33,990

TEAM NOTES

GOFF WEARS DOSTER PATCH AGAIN

The "KD1" jersey patch, one of the most significant recognitions awarded by the Commodore players, is being worn for the second consecutive season by standout linebacker and co-captain Jonathan Goff.

The patch honors the memory of Kwane Doster, the only Commodore ever to receive the SEC Freshman of the Year Award. Doster was shot and killed in his hometown of Tampa, Fla., on Dec. 26, 2004.

Goff, a redshirt senior and two-time team captain, is the only Commodore to have the patch. It was initiated last season by Head Coach Bobby Johnson.

"It is a great honor to be elected by my teammates to honor Kwane. I will wear it again with great pride," Goff said.

The Doster legacy continues this season at Vanderbilt football program. Jermaine Doster, younger brother of former Commodore standout, is a freshman running back prospect.

STAMPER, JENNINGS BACK FROM INJURY

The Commodores have welcomed back a pair of former standouts, **Brian Stamper** (R-Sr., OT) and **Jeff Jennings** (R-Jr., TB), who missed most or all of the 2006 season. Stamper has started the first three games at right tackle. Jennings started in against Alabama, though he missed the Ole Miss game with an ankle injury.

Stamper, a 39-game starter, underwent career-threatening back surgery last year after the pain became too much early in the season. He was granted a medical redshirt and fifth year of eligibility last winter after he and the team petitioned the NCAA. Jennings, who has compiled 14 career rushing TDs, sat out the entire 2006 season to rehabilitate the injured leg.

JOHNSON'S STAFF MARKED BY FEW CHANGES

When Bobby Johnson arrived at Vanderbilt, he held the belief that consistency on the coaching staff would lead to more stability in the program and greater chances for team success. He has put the principle into action as head coach of the Commodore program.

Since arriving prior to the 2001 season, Johnson has made just two changes to his assistant coaching staff – Kenny Carter replaced J.D. Hall in 2004 and Rick Logo replaced David Turner in 2006.

Under Johnson, Vanderbilt has experienced the fewest coaching changes among all 12 SEC schools.

The coaching staff has multiple links dating back three decades to 1976 – Johnson's initial year in collegiate coaching when he served as a defensive ends assistant at Furman.

VANDY ROSTER INCLUDES PREP TEAMMATES

The Commodore roster features several players who competed on the same high school team, then followed each other to Nashville.

- Redshirt senior **Merritt Kirchoffer** and junior **Josh Allen** attended Roswell H.S. near Atlanta. Allen and Kirchoffer are likely to start at cornerback and offensive guard, respectively.
- Redshirt sophomore DT **Derrius Dowell** and redshirt freshman CB **Alan Strong** were standouts at Douglass H.S. in Atlanta.
- Sophomore CB **D.J. Moore** and redshirt freshman DE **Terrial Brannon** were classmates at Broome H.S. in Spartanburg, S.C.
- Junior PK **Bryant Hahnfeldt** and redshirt sophomore FB **Matt Bubis** were classmates at Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville.

PRELIMINARY PLANS UNDERWAY TO ENHANCE VANDERBILT STADIUM

Initial steps have been taken toward an eventual extensive enhancement to Dudley Field Vanderbilt Stadium.

Preliminary planning is taking place to evaluate the extent of improvements upcoming to the stadium and Dudley Field, which has served as home to Commodore football since Oct. 14, 1922 when Vanderbilt and Michigan played to a scoreless tie. The last serious renovation to the site came in 1981 – a \$10.1 million project that included a rebuilt of the south end-zone, suites and press box, and refurbished grandstands.

In April, a Vanderbilt group including Coach Johnson, former chancellor Gordon Gee, current interim Chancellor Nicholas Zeppos and Vice Chancellor of University Affairs David Williams II visited several recently completed stadium renovations across the South.

FIVE NEW DEFENSIVE STARTERS THIS SEASON

Five Commodores – all on the defensive line of scrimmage – have enjoyed their first career starts in a Vanderbilt uniform this season.

Linebacker **Brandon Bryant** earned his first career start against Alabama. In the opener against Richmond, tackle **Gabe Hall**, end **Steven Stone**, cornerback **Myron Lewis** and nickelback **Darlon Spead** earned their first career starts.

Every offensive starter had started previous to this year.

COMMODORES SEEING INITIAL ACTION

Ten Commodores, including two true freshmen, enjoyed their initial collegiate action in the opening games this season.

Redshirt freshmen seeing their initial action included RB **Kennard Reeves**, TE **Justin Green**, LB **Nathan Campbell**, LB **Michael Garcia**, DE **Reilly Lauer**, LB **Austin Newton**, center **Joey Bailey** and CB **Alan Strong**.

The only true freshmen to play for Vanderbilt so far this season are LB/SN **John Stokes** and DE **Theron Kadri**.

O-LINE ONE OF NCAA'S MOST EXPERIENCED

For the first time in recent history, the Vandy offensive line features five seniors – all returning starters from a year ago.

The veteran unit includes All-SEC performers **Chris Williams** and **Brian Stamper** at tackle, **Josh Eames** and **Merritt Kirchoffer** at guard and **Hamilton Holliday** at center.

Collectively, the five linemen have started 116 collegiate games.

Lineman	Total Games	Total Starts
Chris Williams, LT	24	24
Josh Eames, LG	29	23
Hamilton Holliday, C	33	17
Merritt Kirchoffer, RG	29	13
Brian Stamper, RT	41	39
Totals	156	116

TRACKING EARL BENNETT

RECEIVER MOVING UP ALL-TIME LISTS

LATEST ON BENNETT'S ACHIEVEMENTS...

MyNamelsEarlBennett.com

Just two full years into a remarkable Commodore career, junior **Earl Bennett** is off to another superb start in 2007, ranking among national and SEC leaders in several receiving categories.

After producing three new records and earning SEC Offensive Player of the Week honors in a sensational season-opening performance against Richmond, Bennett caught 11 passes for 100 yards in another excellent effort in Vanderbilt's 31-17 victory over Ole Miss on Sept. 15.

In the Ole Miss game Bennett moved up on three important career receiving lists:

- Passing six former SEC receivers into seventh place all-time with 189 catches.
- Passing former 'Dore standout Boo Mitchell into second all-time on the team in career receptions.
- Moved into the SEC all-time Top 20 in career receiving yards. He currently ranks 17th with 2,397 yards.

In the Ole Miss game, Bennett broke another team record, notching his ninth game with 10 or more receptions. Bennett broke the Vanderbilt single-game receiving yardage record in the season opener with 223 yards against Richmond, one more than Clarence Sevillian's total against Tennessee on Nov. 28, 1992. In the Richmond game, Bennett also became the first player in SEC history to achieve at least 200 receiving yards on three occasions. His 13 receptions against Richmond also established a new SEC standard for opening-game performances by a receiver.

BENNETT'S ASSAULT OF SEC ALL-TIME RECORDS

Rec.	Name, School	Years
1.	208 Craig Yeast, Kentucky	1995-98
2.	204 Terrence Edwards, Georgia	1999-2002
3.	200 Keith Edwards, Vanderbilt	1980, 82-84
4.	198 Chris Collins, Ole Miss	2000-03
5.	197 Derek Abney, Kentucky	2000-03
6.	194 Anthony White, Kentucky	1996-99
7.	189 EARL BENNETT, Vanderbilt	2005-07

Bennett passed six former SEC standouts, including former 'Dores Dan Stricker and Boo Mitchell, during Sept. 15 performance vs. Ole Miss. Besides Stricker and Mitchell, Bennett moved beyond LSU's Michael Clayton and Wendell Davis, Tennessee's Joey Kent and Georgia's Brice Hunter.

200 set by former standout Keith Edwards. Bennett needs 20 catches to break the all-time SEC record.

He also needs 228 receiving yards to join the SEC career Top 10 in that category. He is 696 receiving yards shy of becoming the conference all-time leader.

Bennett, a Rivals.com third team All-America selection in 2006, has been named to virtually every All-SEC preseason squad, and numerous preseason All-America polls. He is on the watchlist for several honors,

including the Walter Camp Player of the Year and Biletnikoff Awards.

With three touchdown catches on the season, Bennett pushed his career total to 18, moving into a third place tie on the Vanderbilt career list with former tight end Allama Matthews. He is just three touchdown receptions shy of sharing the team mark.

Bennett has produced an abundance of remarkable single game performances in a career that spans only 26 games – and 23 starts. He has achieved 150 receiving yards or more in seven games. On nine occasions, Bennett has caught at least 10 passes. He now has achieved three of the six highest single-game receiving yardage totals in school

history – including three games exceeding 200 yards. Bennett has five of the top 11 highest single-game receiving totals in school history.

Bennett leads the SEC and ranks among the Top 10 nationally in receptions (28) and receiving yards (125.0 ypg). He topped the SEC in receptions as a freshman and sophomore, becoming the only receiver in SEC history to achieve at least 75 catches in different seasons.

Bennett's reception total and receiving yardage total (1,146) from 2006 are the second highest totals in Vanderbilt history.

Bennett has been incredibly consistent, registering a catch in every career game – and at least four receptions in his last 19 consecutive games.

Bennett's individual game achievements are remarkable: 223 yards/3 TDs vs. Richmond (Sept. 1, 2007); 220 yards at Kentucky (Nov. 11, 2006); SEC-record tying five TD catches vs Kentucky (No. 10, 2005); 204 yards at South Carolina (Oct. 25, 2005); 184 yards at Duke (Oct. 28, 2006); and 179 yards at Ole Miss (Oct. 7, 2006).

BENNETT'S RECORDS

Receiving Yards (game)	223 (Richmond, 2007)
TD receptions (game) ^	5, (vs. Kentucky, 2005)
Most games with 10 or more receptions	(9)
Most games with 200+ receiving yards #	(3)
Receptions by So.	82 (2006)
Receiving Yards by So.	1,146 (2006)
Catches in game (So.)	13 (vs. Florida, 2006)
Rec. Yards in game (So.)	220 (@ Kentucky, 2006)
Receptions by Fr. %	79 (2005)
Receiving yards by Fr.	876 (2005)
TD receptions by Fr.	9 (2005)
Catches in game (Fr.)	16 (@ USC, 2005)
Rec. Yards in game (Fr.)	204 (@ USC, 2005)
# SEC record ^ Ties SEC record	
% SEC freshman record	

CAREER LEADERS – TOTAL RECEPTIONS

RECEIVER	YEARS	CATCHES
1. Keith Edwards	1980, 82-83	200
2. Earl Bennett	2005-06	189

CAREER LEADERS – RECEIVING YARDAGE

RECEIVER	YEARS	YARDS
1. Boo Mitchell	1985-88	2,964
2. Dan Stricker	1999-2002	2,880
3. Earl Bennett	2005-07	2,397

ALL-TIME SINGLE GAME RECEIVING TOTALS

RECEIVER	YARDS	GAME
Earl Bennett	223	Richmond, 2007
Clarence Sevillian	222	Tennessee, 1992
Earl Bennett	220	Kentucky, 2006
M.J. Garnett	219	MTSU, 2001
Earl Bennett	204	So. Carolina, 2005
Dan Stricker	204	Duke, 2001

CAREER TOUCHDOWN CATCHES

RECEIVER	YEARS	CAREER TDs
1. Dan Stricker	1999-2002	21
2. Chuck Scott	1981-84	20
T-3. Earl Bennett	2005-07	18
T-3. Allama Matthews	1980-82	18

INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION

PRESEASON ACCOLADES

ALL-AMERICA TEAMS

EARL BENNETT

*Athlon's, Blue Ribbon, Street & Smith, Lindy's,
The Sporting News, Rivals.com, Scout*

JONATHAN GOFF

Athlon's, Phil Steele

CHRIS WILLIAMS

Athlon's

AWARD WATCHLISTS

EARL BENNETT

*Walter Camp Player of the Year,
Biletnikoff Trophy, Maxwell Trophy*

JONATHAN GOFF

Bronko Nagurski Award, Butkus Award, Bednarik Award

CHRIS WILLIAMS

Outland Trophy, Lombardi Rotary Award

ALL-SEC

EARL BENNETT

(virtually unanimous first-team selection)

JONATHAN GOFF

Coaches (1st) and Media (1st)

CHRIS WILLIAMS

(Coaches (1st) and Media (2nd))

BRIAN STAMPER

Coaches (2nd) and Media (2nd)

CHRIS NICKSON

Coaches (3rd)

CURTIS GATEWOOD, RESHARD LANGFORD, THEO HORROCKS
named by preseason publications

JONATHAN GOFF

R-Senior • 6-4, 235 • Linebacker • Lynn, Mass.

One of the league's top performers at linebacker for the past two seasons, Goff was superb in the victory over Ole Miss, posting a team-high 12 tackles, including one quarterback sack, a hurry and one defensed pass. Goff ranks fifth in the SEC in tackles with a 9.3 per game average.

CHRIS WILLIAMS

R-Senior • Offensive Tackle • 6-6, 315 • Glynn, La.

Williams earned SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week honors following his performance in the win over Ole Miss. It was Williams' second league honor since he joined the Commodore starting unit two years ago. Williams has blossomed since arriving at Vanderbilt as a lanky 245-pound prospect, and could become one of the team's top offensive linemen since Will Wolford starred in the mid-1980s.

CURTIS GATEWOOD

R-Senior • Defensive End • 6-3, 245 • Memphis, Tenn.

Gatewood contributed just one tackle against Ole Miss, but it was one of the most important of the game – a seven-yard quarterback sack that virtually sealed the victory. Gatewood shares the Commodore lead with four tackles for loss.

THEO HORROCKS

Senior • Defensive Tackle • 6-4, 290 • Fayetteville, Tenn.

A steady performer and defensive co-captain this season, Horrocks had three solo tackles, including his first QB sack, vs. Ole Miss. Horrocks put together one of the most productive seasons in recent memory by a Vanderbilt DT last year, leading the SEC in forced fumbles.

RESHARD LANGFORD

R-Junior • Safety • 6-2, 207 • Tanner, Ala.

A two-year starter at safety, Vanderbilt's active leader in interceptions added a pair of tackles, including one for a loss, against Ole Miss, while playing at less than 100 percent.

CHRIS NICKSON

R-Junior • Quarterback • 6-1, 210 • Brundidge, Ala

Nickson moved into the Commodore all-time Top 10 in total offense, rebounding with an excellent performance vs. Ole Miss, hitting 17 of 25 passes for 200 yards and rushing for 57 additional yards and a touchdown.

FORMER COMMODORES IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Former Player	NFL Team	Most Recent Performance
Corey Chavous, Safety	St. Louis Rams	Notched five solo tackles – second best on team – in Rams' 24-3 loss at Tampa Bay.
Jay Cutler, QB	Denver Broncos	Completed 16 of 23 passes for 222 yards and TD in Broncos' 23-14 loss to Jaguars.
Justin Geisinger, OG	Washington Redskins	Former Titan guard was released from Washington practice squad on Sept. 22.
Jovan Haye, DT	Tampa Bay	Contributed two tackles as starting DT in Buc' 24-9 victory over St. Louis.
Hunter Hillenmeyer, LB	Chicago Bears	Five-year vet; Had seven total tackles in Bears' 24-10 loss to Cowboys.
Matt Stewart, LB	Cleveland Browns	Six-year veteran; On injured reserve list.
Jamie Winborn, LB	Denver Broncos	Signed Sept. 11 with Broncos; Seven-year vet has seen action in one game for Denver.
Todd Yoder, TE	Washington Redskins	Reserve TE and special teams contributor did not have a catch in 24-17 loss to Giants.



MORE ABOUT THE 'DORES

DOSTER LEGACY CONTINUES; KWANE'S BROTHER JERMAINE IS FRESHMAN ON '07 SQUAD

The Doster Legacy continues this season with the Vanderbilt football program.

Jermaine Doster, younger brother of former Commodore standout and 2002 Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Year Kwane Doster, is a member of Vanderbilt's freshman class.

Like his brother, Jermaine comes to Vanderbilt following an excellent prep career as a running back at Robinson H.S. in Tampa, Fla.

Jermaine's brother will always be part of the Vanderbilt family. A two-year starter, Kwane died in his hometown Dec. 26, 2004 from injuries suffered in a shooting. Doster was a Vanderbilt junior and on target to graduate when the tragedy happened.

Unlike his brother, Jermaine might have a chance to get accustomed to life on the campus before he hits the field. At least three proven players (Cassen Jackson-Garrison, Jeff Jennings and Jared Hawkins) are ahead of Doster on the depth chart.

Coach Bobby Johnson and the Commodore players continue to honor the memory of Kwane Doster. No Commodore has worn Kwane's No.1 since his death. A gameday locker is perpetually on display in the Vanderbilt players' locker room.

NINE NAMED TO COMMODORE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Nine Commodores participate in the Leadership Council, serving as an entity that addresses team and student-athlete issues while acting as their teammates' voice in communicating with coaches.

Co-captains **Jonathan Goff**, **Theo Horrocks** and **Chris Williams** are members of the Leadership Council.

Others voted by teammates to represent other various position groups. They include **Marcus Buggs**, linebackers; **Reshard Langford**, defensive secondary; **Gabe Hall**, defensive line; **Brad Allen**, offensive backfield; **George Smith**, wide receivers; and **Brian Stamper**, offensive line.

GEORGE SMITH CONTRIBUTING BIG AGAINST THE ODDS

George Smith is beating the odds.

In the last two years, the redshirt junior from Pembroke Hills, Fla., has survived a serious ailment and gunshot attack to become a valuable starting receiver for the Black & Gold.

The fact that Smith was in uniform last year was quite remarkable. In April 2004, Smith was diagnosed with acute transverse myelitis, an illness that causing swelling of the spinal cord. For the next six weeks, Smith fought the illness in intensive care and eventually extensive rehabilitation. Smith returned to Vanderbilt the following semester, sat out the 2004 season, and finally received medical clearance as the August 2004 preseason camp neared.

In the last two years, Smith moved into a starting role and has 50 career catches for 674 yards and six touchdowns.

COMMODORES CONTINUE ANCHOR "UNITY" TRADITION

For the third straight year, Vanderbilt will travel with an authentic anchor as a symbol of team unity. Prior to each game, two players are selected to carry the anchor to and from the Vanderbilt locker room on gameday, either at Vanderbilt Stadium or to the opponent's home stadium.

Originally, the anchor was developed by the team's Leadership Council as a way of demonstrating team unity among the squad.

QB KOVALCHECK LONE 'DORE GRADUATE STUDENT

Richard Kovalcheck, who transferred to Vanderbilt last year after starting at quarterback for the University of Arizona, is the Commodores' lone graduate student.

Kovalcheck, of San Diego, Calif., is entering his second year of studies in Vanderbilt's Owen School of Management. He is working toward advanced degrees in finance and strategy with emphasis on entrepreneurship and real estate.

COMMODORE MEDIA INFO

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Patrick Benoist (Ben-WAH)
Terrial (Ter-RELL) Brannon
Matt Bubis (BEW-bus)
Nick Forte (FORT)
Tim Fugger (FEW-ger)
Theo Horrocks (HOR-ricks)
Cassen (KAY-sin) Jackson-Garrison
Theron (THER-in) Kadri (COD-ree)
Merritt Kirchoffer (KIRCH-offer)
Richard Kovalcheck (Ko-VOL-chek)
Reshard (Rah-SHARD) Langford
Chris Marve (MARV)
Dom Morias (MORE-ree-as)
Chris Reinert (RINE-ert)
Darlron (Dah-RON) Speed (SPEED)
Udom (OOD-um) Umoh (OO-mah)
Bradley Vierling (VEER-ling)

COACH JOHNSON, STUDENT-ATHLETE POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

Following the Eastern Michigan game, Coach Johnson will meet with the media at the team's postgame press conference facilities in McGugin Center, located across the street from Vanderbilt Stadium. For access, go through the end zone tunnel, cross Jess Neely Drive and enter McGugin Center through marked entrance. The conference is first room on right room.

The Vanderbilt Player Locker Room is closed to the media. Interview request forms will be collected by the Vanderbilt SID staff. Player interviews will be conducted as soon as the head coach concludes his remarks.

PRACTICE WEEK INTERVIEW POLICIES

Media wishing to interview players during the week should contact the Vanderbilt Media Relations staff in advance.

Selected players will be available Monday immediately after Coach Bobby Johnson concludes his weekly press conference.

Selected Vanderbilt players will be available for interviews with out-of-town beat reporters on Wednesday.

Commodore players will be available upon request either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday at the conclusion of practice.

Coach Johnson is available briefly to reporters at the conclusion of practice.

Media photographers are permitted to shoot the first 30 minutes of practice.

HEAD COACH BOBBY JOHNSON

PERSONAL DATA

AGE: 55

ALMA MATER: Clemson

HIGH SCHOOL: Eau Claire (S.C.) 1969

DEGREES: Bachelor's in Management, 1973, Clemson;

Master's in Education, 1979, Furman

FAMILY: Wife, Catherine

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 77-80 overall record as head coach; 4-4 record in NCAA postseason play
- In five years at Vanderbilt, has coached the first Commodore named unanimous SEC Offensive Player of the Year (Jay Cutler, 2005), the team's first and only SEC Freshman of the Year (Kwane Doster, 2002), the nation's top tackler (Hunter Hillenmeyer, 2002) and the first Vanderbilt All-America (Earl Bennett, 2006), in seven years.
- I-AA National Coach of the Year in 2001.
- Three Southern Conference titles
- 216-136-8 Combined Record (31 years of collegiate coaching)

SIXTH YEAR RECORD OF 'DORE HEAD COACHES

COACH	YEARS	W	L	T
Bobby Johnson	2007	2	1	-
George MacIntyre	1984	5	6	-
Bill Pace	1972	3	8	-
Art Guepe	1958	5	2	3
Red Sanders	1948	8	2	1
Dan McGugin	1909	7	3	-

SUMMARY OF BOBBY JOHNSON'S COACHING CAREER

YEAR	SCHOOL	POSITION	RECORD	HIGHLIGHTS
2007	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	2-1 (1-1)	
2006	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	4-8 (1-7)	
2005	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	5-6 (3-5)	VU's Most SEC wins since '91
2004	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	2-9 (1-7)	
2003	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	2-10 (1-7)	
2002	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	2-10 (0-8)	
2001	Furman	Head Coach	12-3	I-AA Finals; Conference Co-Champion; I-AA Coach of the Year; I-AA Region II Coach of Year
000	Furman	Head Coach	9-3	I-AA Playoffs; Conference Co-Champion
999	Furman	Head Coach	9-3	I-AA Playoffs; Conference Champions; I-AA Region II Coach of Year
998	Furman	Head Coach	5-6	
997	Furman	Head Coach	7-4	
996	Furman	Head Coach	9-4	I-AA Playoffs; I-AA Region II Coach of Year
995	Furman	Head Coach	6-5	
994	Furman	Head Coach	3-8	
993	Clemson	Defensive Coordinator	8-3	
992	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	6-5	
991	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	7-4	
990	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	9-4	I-AA Playoffs; Conference Champions
989	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	12-2	I-AA Playoffs; Conference Champions
988	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	13-2	I-AA National Champions; Conference Champions
1987	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	7-4	
1986	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	7-3-2	
1985	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	12-2	I-AA Finals; Conference Champion
1984	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	8-3	
1983	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	10-2-1	Conference Champion
1982	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	9-3	Conference Champion
1981	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	8-3	Conference Champion
1980	Clemson	Athletic Academic Counselor		
1979	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	5-6	
1978	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	8-3	Conference Champion
1977	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	4-5-2	
1976	Furman	Defensive Ends Coach	6-4-1	

JOHNSON'S WEEKLY MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

Coach Johnson conducts a weekly press conference for local media each Monday at 12:00 noon CT. It is held in the McCall Room, at the McGugin Athletic Center. It is not available via satellite. A live video feed of the conference is planned at www.vucommodores.com. A transcript is provided no more than three hours later.

Johnson participates in the weekly SEC Head Coaches' Teleconference at 10:21 a.m. (CT) on Wednesdays. Johnson is also available after regular Commodore practices Tuesday-Thursday.

TV HIGHLIGHTS SHOW

The Commodore Connection – a weekly Vanderbilt highlights show with Coach Johnson that airs across Middle Tennessee cable systems, will be broadcast each Tuesday of the season.

In Nashville cable homes, the replay show will air Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., on Comcast Channel 49.

Regionally, the show airs twice weekly on Comcast Sports (Channel 27): Tuesday, 6:30 a.m., and Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

JOHNSON'S RADIO SHOW

The Commodore Call-In Show with Bobby Johnson can be heard each Monday at 7:00 p.m. on WGFX FM-104.5.

The weekly show is hosted by Commodore play-by-play announcer Joe Fisher. It is staged at the Commodore Bar & Grille, located in the Holiday Inn Select on West End Avenue, one block from Vanderbilt Stadium.

The show features Johnson's summary of the previous game, an in-depth look at the Commodores' next opponent and questions from callers across Middle Tennessee.

COMMODORE DEPTH CHART

AS OF SEPT. 24TH

OFFENSE

Z WR	88	George Smith (6-3, 200, R-Jr.)
	81	Bryant Anderson (6-3, 200, R-Jr.)
X WR	7	Sean Walker (6-0, 180, R-Jr.)
	80	Justin Wheeler (6-0, 175, R-So.)
S WR	10	Earl Bennett (6-1, 202, Jr.)
	4	Alex Washington (5-9, 185, R-So.)
QB	3	Chris Nickson (6-1, 210, R-Jr.)
	9	Mackenzi Adams (6-3, 210, R-So.)
TB	21	Jeff Jennings (6-1, 215, R-Jr.)
	22	Cassen Jackson-Garrison (6-1, 215, Sr.)
	31	Jared Hawkins (5-10, 190, R-So.)
LT	74	Chris Williams (6-6, 320, R-Sr.)
	66	Eric Hensley (6-6, 315, R-So.)
LG	78	Josh Eames (6-5, 305, R-Sr.)
	73	Ryan Custer (6-4, 295, R-So.)
C	53	Hamilton Holliday (6-3, 290, Sr.)
	71	Joey Bailey (6-3, 275, R-Fr.)
RG	64	Merritt Kirchoffer (6-5, 320, R-Sr.)
	60	Bradley Vierling (6-3, 290, R-So.)
RT	72	Brian Stamper (6-5, 300, R-Sr.)
	76	Thomas Welch (6-7, 295, R-So.)
TE	83	Brad Allen (6-3, 240, R-Jr.)
	85	Jake Bradford (6-6, 265, R-So.)

DEFENSE

DE	96	Steven Stone (6-6, 255, R-So.)
	90	Broderick Stewart (6-5, 225, R-So.)
DT	56	Gabe Hall (6-1, 290, Sr.)
	98	Greg Billinger (6-3, 280, So.)
RT	54	Theo Horrocks (6-4, 290, Sr.)
	44	David Whittington (6-2, 270, R-Jr.)
DE	48	Curtis Gatewood (6-3, 245, R-Sr.)
	93	Theron Kadri (6-3, 240, Fr.)
WLB	35	Brandon Bryant (6-1, 228, R-So.)
	30	Patrick Benoist (6-0, 218, So.)
MLB	47	Jonathan Goff (6-4, 235, R-Sr.)
	52	Nathan Campbell (6-3, 228, R-Fr.)
	45	Chris Johnson (6-1, 225, R-So.)
SLB	24	Marcus Buggs (5-11, 225, R-Sr.)
	49	John Stokes (6-5, 230, Fr.)
CB	17	D.J. Moore (5-10, 180, So.)
	14	Josh Allen (5-9, 182, R-Jr.)
SS	33	Reshard Langford (6-2, 207, R-Jr.)
	11	Brent Trice (6-3, 210, So.)
FS	2	Ryan Hamilton (6-2, 208, R-So.)
	29	Joel Caldwell (6-0, 195, R-So.)
CB	5	Myron Lewis (6-3, 195, So.)
	20	Jared Fagan (5-10, 180, R-Jr.)
NB	6	Darlron Spead (5-10, 185, R-So.)

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	39	Brett Upson (5-11, 180, So.)
	8	Bryant Hahnfeldt (5-11, 190, Jr.)
KO	8	Bryant Hahnfeldt (5-11, 190, Jr.)
	97	John Laughrey (5-11, 180, R-Fr.)
PK	8	Bryant Hahnfeldt (5-11, 190, Jr.)
	97	John Laughrey (5-11, 180, R-Fr.)
H	9	Mackenzi Adams (6-3, 210, R-So.)
	36	Chris Reinart (5-9, 170, R-So.)
PR	4	Alex Washington (5-9, 185, R-So.)
	10	Earl Bennett (6-1, 202, Jr.)
KR	17	D.J. Moore (5-10, 180, So.)
	7	Sean Walker (6-0, 180, R-Jr.)
LS	49	John Stokes (6-5, 230, Fr.)
	75	Nick Miller (6-3, 270, R-So.)
SN	75	Nick Miller (6-3, 270, R-So.)
	49	John Stokes (6-5, 230, Fr.)

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Year	Cl.	Hometown/High School	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Year	Cl.	Hometown/High School
63	Chris Aaron	OL	6-3	290	So.	TR	Palos Verdes, Calif./PVHS/Lehigh	21	Jeff Jennings	TB	6-1	215	R-Jr.	2L	Dandridge, Tenn./Jefferson Co.
9	Mackenzi Adams	QB	6-3	210	R-So.	1L	Tulsa, Okla./Union	45	Chris Johnson	LB	6-1	225	R-So.	1L	Birmingham, Ala./Oak Mountain
83	Brad Allen	TE	6-3	240	R-Jr.	2L	Venice, Fla./Venice	93	Theron Kadri	DE	6-3	240	Fr.	HS	Brighton, Tenn./Brighton
14	Josh Allen	CB	5-9	182	R-Jr.	2L	Roswell, Ga./Roswell	64	Merritt Kirchoffer	OG	6-5	320	R-Sr.	3L	Roswell, Ga./Roswell
81	Bryant Anderson	WR	6-3	210	R-Jr.	2L	Roswell, Ga./Centennial	15	Richard Kovalcheck	QB	6-2	220	R-Sr.	1L	San Diego, Calif./Ariz./St. Augustine
62	Rob Ashabranner	DL	6-2	270	Fr.	HS	Beaumont, Texas/Cathedral Christian	33	Reshard Langford	S	6-2	207	R-Jr.	2L	Tanner, Ala./Tanner
40	Bo Baggerley	LB	6-1	210	R-So.	SQ	Forsyth, Ga./Stratford Academy	68	Reilly Lauer	DE	6-6	250	R-Fr.	RS	Gates Mill, Ohio/St. Ignatius
71	Joey Bailey	C	6-4	275	R-Fr.	RS	Trussville, Ala./Hewitt-Trussville	97	John Laughrey	PK	5-11	180	R-Fr.	RS	McKenzie, Tenn./McKenzie
87	Brandon Barden	TE	6-5	225	Fr.	HS	Lincolnton, Ga./Lincoln Co.	93*	David Leinweber	DE	6-5	250	R-So.	SQ	Bloomfield Hills, Mich./Cranbrook
10	Earl Bennett	WR	6-1	202	Jr.	2L	Birmingham, Ala./West End	5	Myron Lewis	CB	6-2	195	So.	1L	Pompano Beach, Fla./Pompano Beach
30	Patrick Benoist	LB	6-0	215	So.	1L	Southlake, Texas/Carroll Senior	94	Kikko Logan	DE	6-2	235	R-Fr.	RS	Elba, Ala./Elba
98	Greg Billinger	DT	6-3	280	So.	1L	Lilburn, Ga./Parkview	43	Chris Marve	LB	6-0	230	Fr.	HS	Memphis, Tenn./White Station
85	Jake Bradford	TE	6-6	265	R-So.	1L	St. Simons Isl., Ga./Glynn Academy	27	Gaston Miller	TB	5-7	165	So.	1L	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Riverdale
89	Terriall Brannon	DE	6-3	235	R-Fr.	RS	Spartanburg, S.C./Broome	75	Nick Miller	SN	6-3	270	R-So.	1L	Matthews, N.C./East Mecklenburg
35	Brandon Bryant	LB	6-0	228	R-So.	1L	Cincinnati, Ohio/St. Xavier	86	Austin Monahan	TE	6-6	235	Fr.	HS	Charlotte, N.C./Phillips Acad. (Mass.)
32	Matt Bubis	FB	5-10	228	R-So.	1L	Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell	17	D.J. Moore	CB	5-10	175	So.	1L	Spartanburg, S.C./Broome
24	Marcus Buggs	LB	5-11	225	R-Sr.	3L	Madison, Tenn./Goodpasture	37	Dom Morais	LB	6-0	215	R-Sr.	SQ	Dayton, Texas/Dayton
29	Joel Caldwell	S	6-1	195	R-So.	1L	Hoover, Ala./Hoover	91	Austin Newton	LB	6-2	215	R-Fr.	RS	McDonough, Ga./Union Grove
52	Nate Campbell	LB	6-3	228	R-Fr.	RS	Hazen, Ark./Hazen	3	Chris Nickson	QB	6-1	210	R-Jr.	2L	Brundidge, Ala./Pike Co.
50	Thomas Carroll	PK	5-9	160	R-So.	SQ	Columbus, Ga./Brookstone	95	Sam Panke	DE	6-2	230	R-So.	SQ	St. Louis, Mo./Ladue
50*	Bo Cramer	DL	6-4	255	Fr.	HS	Charlotte, N.C./Country Day	28	Kennard Reeves	TB	6-0	195	R-Fr.	RS	Duluth, Ga./Duluth
12*	Chris Crooks	WR	6-2	190	Fr.	HS	Cummings, Ga./Chattahoochee	36	Chris Reinert	WR	5-9	175	R-So.	SQ	Santa Ana, Calif./Servite
73	Ryan Custer	OG	6-3	295	R-So.	1L	Troy, Ohio/Troy	28*	Alex Schultz	DB	5-11	175	So.	SQ	Wayland, Mass./Wayland
26	Andrew Diomande	WR	6-1	185	Jr.	TR	Miami, Fla./Columbus/Clemson	18	Larry Simmons	WR	5-9	162	R-So.	1L	Austin, Texas/Anderson
41	Jermaine Doster	TB	5-10	205	Fr.	HS	Tampa, Fla./Robinson	88	George Smith	WR	6-3	200	R-Jr.	2L	Hollywood, Fla./Hollywood Hills
99	Derrius Dowell	DT	6-3	275	R-So.	SQ	Atlanta, Ga./Douglass	19	Larry Smith	QB	6-2	200	Fr.	HS	Prattville, Ala./Prattville
78	Josh Eames	OG	6-5	305	R-Sr.	3L	North Cape May, N.J./Lower Cape	59	Adam Smotherman	DT	6-4	275	R-Fr.	RS	Smyrna, Tenn./Smyrna
67	James Elledge	DL	6-4	275	Fr.	HS	Birmingham, Ala./Mountain Brook	69	Garrett Snoeyenbos	OL	6-3	260	Fr.	HS	Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood
20	Jared Fagan	CB	5-10	180	R-Jr.	2L	Waldorf, Md./Westlake	6	Darlon Spead	CB	5-10	185	R-So.	1L	Kingsland, Ga./Camden Co.
65	Kyle Fischer	OL	6-6	300	Fr.	HS	Columbia, S.C./Spring Valley	72	Brian Stamper	OT	6-5	300	R-Sr.	3L	Windermere, Fla./Lake Highland
38	Davis Flowers	LB	6-0	215	Fr.	HS	Dothan, Ala./Houston Academy	90	Broderick Stewart	DE	6-5	230	R-So.	1L	Newnan, Ga./Riverside Military
61	Nick Forte	OG	6-2	295	R-So.	SQ	Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood Academy	49	John Stokes	LB	6-5	230	Fr.	HS	Memphis, Tenn./University School
42	Tim Fugger	DE	6-4	225	Fr.	HS	Oak Brook, Ill./Montini Catholic	96	Steven Stone	DE	6-5	255	R-So.	1L	Conway, Ark./Conway
12	Jared Funk	QB	6-2	195	R-Fr.	RS	Long Grove, Ill./Saint Viator	16	Alan Strong	CB	5-10	175	R-Fr.	RS	Atlanta, Ga./Douglass
46	Michael Garcia	LB	6-0	240	R-Fr.	HS	Jacksonville, Fla./The Bolles School	11	Brent Trice	S	6-3	210	So.	1L	Orange, Va./Fork Union Military (Va.)
70	Drew Gardner	OG	6-6	300	R-So.	SQ	Hoxie, Ark./Hoxie	23	Udom Umoh	WR	6-0	175	Fr.	HS	Fort Valley, Ga./Peach Co.
48	Curtis Gatewood	DE	6-3	245	R-Jr.	3L	Memphis, Tenn./White Station	39	Brett Upson	P	5-11	180	So.	1L	Griffin, Ga./Spalding
47	Jonathan Goff	LB	6-4	235	R-Sr.	3L	Lynn, Mass./St. John's Prep	34	Ryan van Rensburg	TB	6-1	215	Fr.	HS	Jacksonville, Fla./The Bolles School
25	Jamie Graham	CB	5-11	180	Fr.	HS	Nashville, Tenn./Whites Creek	79	Ryan Vance	OG	6-3	285	R-So.	SQ	Bellaire, Texas/Episcopal
82	Justin Green	TE	6-6	230	Fr.	RS	Troy, Ala./Henderson	46*	Duane Vaughn	S	6-1	195	Fr.	HS	Goodlettsville, Tenn./Davidson Acad.
58	T.J. Greenstone	DT	6-3	270	Fr.	HS	Lawrenceville, Ga./Collins Hill	60	Bradley Vierling	C/OG	6-3	290	R-So.	1L	Warminster, Pa./Central Bucks East
49*	Chris Griffin	WR	6-1	185	R-Fr.	RS	Memphis, Tenn./Central	7	Sean Walker	WR	6-0	180	R-Jr.	2L	Wrens, Ga./Jefferson Co.
8	Bryant Hahnfeldt	P/PK	5-11	190	Jr.	2L	Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell	4	Alex Washington	WR	5-9	185	R-So.	1L	Stone Mountain, Ga./Stephenson
56	Gabe Hall	DT	6-1	290	Sr.	3L	Virginia Beach, Va./Fork Union	76	Thomas Welch	OT	6-7	295	R-So.	1L	Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood
2	Ryan Hamilton	S	6-2	208	R-So.	1L	Wycombe, Pa./Council Rock North	80	Justin Wheeler	WR	6-1	180	R-So.	SQ	North Augusta, Ga./North Augusta
31	Jared Hawkins	TB	5-10	190	R-So.	1L	Spring, Texas/Klein	44	David Whittington	DT	6-2	275	R-Jr.	1L	Lafayette, La./St. Thomas More
66	Eric Hensley	OT	6-6	315	R-So.	1L	Clinton, Tenn./Clinton	74	Chris Williams	OT	6-6	320	R-Sr.	2L	Glynn, La./Catholic
53	Hamilton Holliday	C	6-4	290	Sr.	3L	Marietta, Ga./Walton	77	James Williams	OL	6-6	300	Fr.	HS	Smyrna, Tenn./Smyrna
92	Brandon Holmes	DT	6-3	295	R-Jr.	1L	Garland, Texas/Garland	13	Turner Wimberly	WR	6-0	195	R-Fr.	RS	Austin, Texas/Westlake
54	Theo Horrocks	DT	6-3	290	Sr.	3L	Fayetteville, Tenn./Lincoln Co.								
22	Cassen Jackson-Garrison	TB	6-1	215	Sr.	3L	Knoxville, Tenn./Central								

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2	Ryan Hamilton	S	21	Jeff Jennings	TB	40	Bo Baggerley	LB	60	Bradley Vierling	C/OG	80	Justin Wheeler	WR
3	Chris Nickson	QB	22	Cassen Jackson-Garrison	TB	41	Jermaine Doster	TB	61	Nick Forte	OG	81	Bryant Anderson	WR
4	Alex Washington	WR	23	Udom Umoh	WR	42	Tim Fugger	TE	62	Rob Ashabranner	DL	82	Justin Green	TE
5	Myron Lewis	CB	24	Marcus Buggs	LB	43	Chris Marve	LB	63	Chris Aaron	OL	83	Brad Allen	TE
6	Darlon Spead	CB	25	Jamie Graham	WR/CB	44	David Whittington	DT	64	Merritt Kirchoffer	OG	85	Jake Bradford	TE
7	Sean Walker	WR	26	Andrew Diomande	WR	45	Chris Johnson	LB	65	Kyle Fischer	OL	86	Austin Monahan	TE
8	Bryant Hahnfeldt	PK/P	27	Gaston Miller	TB	46	Michael Garcia	LB	66	Eric Hensley	OT	87	Brandon Barden	TE
9	Mackenzi Adams	QB	28	Kennard Reeves	TB	46*	Duane Vaughn	S	67	James Elledge	DL	88	George Smith	WR
10	Earl Bennett	WR	28*	Alex Schultz	DB	47	Jonathan Goff	LB	68	Reilly Lauer	DE	89	Terriall Brannon	DE
11	Brent Trice	S	29	Joel Caldwell	S/DB	48	Curtis Gatewood	DE	69	Garrett Snoeyenbos	OL	90	Broderick Stewart	DE
12	Jared Funk	QB	30	Patrick Benoist	LB	49*	Chris Griffin	WR	70	Drew Gardner	OG	91	Austin Newton	LB
12*	Chris Crooks	WR	31	Jared Hawkins	TB	49	John Stokes	LB	71	Joey Bailey	C	92	Brandon Holmes	DT
13	Turner Wimberly	WR	32	Matt Bubis	TE	50	Thomas Carroll	PK	72	Brian Stamper	OT	93	Theron Kadri	DE
14	Josh Allen	CB	33	Reshard Langford	S	50*	Bo Cramer	DL	73	Ryan Custer	OG	93*	David Leinweber	DE
15	Richard Kovalcheck	QB	34	Ryan van Rensburg	TB	52	Nate Campbell	LB	74	Chris Williams	OT	94	Kikko Logan	DE
16	Alan Strong	CB	35	Brandon Bryant	LB	53	Hamilton Holliday	C	75	Nick Miller	SN	95	Sam Panke	DE
17	D.J. Moore	CB	36	Chris Reinert	WR	54	Theo Horrocks	DT	76	Thomas Welch	OT	96	Steven Stone	DE
18	Larry Simmons	WR	37	Dom Morais	LB	56	Gabe Hall	DT	77	James Williams	OL	97	John Laughrey	PK
19	Larry Smith	QB	38	Davis Flowers	LB	58	T.J. Greenstone	DT	78	Josh Eames	OG	98	Greg Billinger	DT
20	Jared Fagan	CB	39	Brett Upson	P	59	Adam Smotherman	DT	79	Ryan Vance	OG	99	Derrius Dowell	DT