

# VANDERBILT GAME NOTES



4-6, 2-4 (SEC East) 7-3, 3-3 (SEC West)

## VANDY-TEXAS A&M INFO

**DATE:** Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015

**KICKOFF:** 6:39 p.m. CT

**STADIUM:** Vanderbilt Stadium

**TELEVISION:** SEC Network

Brent Musburger, play-by-play

Jesse Palmer, analyst

Maria Taylor, sidelines

**VANDERBILT RADIO:**

**Flagship:** NewsTalk 1510; WNSR 560/95.9

Joe Fisher, play-by-play

Norman Jordan, analyst

Mitch Light, sidelines

**SATELLITE RADIO:** Sirius (Ch. 108); XM (Ch. 108)

## SENIOR DAY ON CAMPUS

Seventeen current and former members of the Vanderbilt football team will be recognized as part of Senior Day activities.

Introductions of the entire senior class will be held on Dudley Field at 6:10 p.m., 20 minutes before kickoff. **More on page 2**

## BURKS EARNS SEC HONOR

**Oren Burks** (R-So., safety) earns SEC Defensive Player of the Week honors after picking off two Kentucky passes, returning one for a score, in 21-17 'Dore win. **More on page 11**

## DEFENSE AMONG LEADERS

The 'Dore defense, among SEC and NCAA leaders in numerous categories, has held all 10 opponents below their season average in points. More on one of the nation's most improved defensive units. **More on pages 2, 4, 8-9**

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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 #10 Bulldogs |
| 9/19  | Austin Peay  | Nashville   | W, 47-7       | 21-point 3rd quarter highlights first 'Dore victory  |
| 9/26  | OLE MISS     | Oxford      | L, 16-27      | 'Dores show improvement despite loss to #3 Rebels    |
| 10/3  | Middle Tenn. | M'boro      | W, 17-13      | 'Dores rally from 10 points behind to post road win  |
| 10/17 | SO. CAROLINA | Columbia    | L, 10-19      | Five turnovers too much for 'Dores to overcome       |
| 10/24 | MISSOURI     | Nashville   | W, 10-3       | Commodores register first SEC win of Mason Era       |
| 10/31 | Houston      | Houston     | L, 0-34       | No. 18 Cougars move to 8-0, impress in home win      |
| 11/7  | FLORIDA      | Gainesville | L, 7-9        | 'Dores can't hold late margin, fall to No. 11 Gators |
| 11/14 | KENTUCKY     | Nashville   | W, 21-17      | 'Dores score on defense, off trick plays in SEC win  |
| 11/21 | TEXAS A&M    | Nashville   | 6:30 pm, SECN | Aggies now 7-3 after 41-27 win over W. Carolina      |
| 11/28 | TENNESSEE    | Knoxville   | 3 pm, SECN    | Vols move to 6-4 with 24-0 victory over North Texas  |

All kick times are CT

## COMMODORES, TEXAS A&M SET FOR FIRST MEETING EVER IN NASHVILLE

### Vanderbilt seeking consecutive conference victories

★ Vanderbilt will open the 2016 season by hosting South Carolina on Thursday, Sept. 1.

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★ This marks just the 2nd meeting ever between the Commodores and Aggies.

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★ The 2015 'Dores show across-the-board improvement from year ago.

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★ Former WR great **Earl Bennett** named as Vanderbilt's 2015 SEC legend.

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★ RB **Ralph Webb** continues to produce.

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★ Notes from Vanderbilt's 21-17 home victory last Saturday over Kentucky.

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★ Former standouts **Jay Cutler**, **Charley Horton** named to 2016 Vandy Athletics Hall of Fame class.

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★ Offensive lineman **Spencer Pulley** and **Jake Bernstein** have most career starts on team.

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★ Where Vanderbilt ranks in NCAA, SEC stats – and team's active career statistical leaders.

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★ 'Dore depth chart entering Texas A&M week.

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## VANDERBILT, TEXAS A&M QUICK FACTS



|                  | VANDERBILT          | TEXAS A&M              |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Location         | Nashville, Tenn.    | College Station, Texas |
| Founded          | 1873                | 1876                   |
| Enrollment       | 6,850               | 62,250                 |
| Conference       | Southeastern (East) | Southeastern (West)    |
| Nickname         | Commodores          | Aggies                 |
| Colors           | Black & Gold        | Maroon & White         |
| Home Field       | Vanderbilt Stadium  | Kyle Field             |
| Capacity         | 40,350              | 102,512                |
| Field Surface    | synthetic           | natural grass          |
| Head Coach       | Derek Mason (2nd)   | Kevin Sumlin (4th)     |
| Record at School | 7-15 (.318)         | 35-14 (.714)           |
| Career Record    | 7-15 (.318)         | 70-31 (.693)           |
| Coach's Twitter  | @CoachDerekMason    | @CoachSumlin           |
| Official Twitter | @VandyFootball      | @AggieFootball         |
| Website          | vucommodores.com    | 12thman.com            |

# COMMODORE NOTES

## DEFENSE PLAYING AT HIGH LEVEL; AMONG SEC LEADERS IN SEVERAL STATS

The Vanderbilt defense leads the SEC in third-down conversions and red zone defense, and ranks high in several other stat categories.

The unit tops in the SEC and ranks fourth nationally

by allowing foes to convert just 25 percent of their third downs.

The unit's 68% success rate in red zone defense also ranks first in the SEC and fourth in the NCAA. Opponents are scored on just 25 of 37 red zone possessions, including just 14 touchdowns.

Success on third downs and inside its own 20-yard line are key factors for the Commodores ranking among the NCAA Top 25 in several other categories, including scoring defense (10th, 17.4 ppg), total defense (17th, 319.1 ypg) and first downs allowed (11th, 15.7 pg).

The unit also ranks among the NCAA leaders in rush defense, yielding just 123.7 ypg.

### DEFENSIVE RANKINGS

| CATEGORY             | AVG.  | SEC RANK | NCAA RANK |
|----------------------|-------|----------|-----------|
| 3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS | 25%   | 1        | 4         |
| RED ZONE DEFENSE     | 68%   | 1        | 4         |
| RUSHING YARDAGE      | 123.7 | 5        | 21        |
| FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED  | 15.7  | 4        | 11        |
| SCORING DEFENSE      | 17.4  | 4        | 10        |
| TOTAL DEFENSE        | 319.1 | 5        | 17        |

## SEVENTEEN COMMODORES TO BE HONORED AT SENIOR DAY ACTIVITIES

Seventeen current and former Commodores will be honored prior to the regular finale versus Texas A&M as part of Senior Day activities.

The seniors and their families will be recognized on Dudley Field by Head Coach Derek Mason and Athletics Director David Williams II.

The class has compiled a four-year record of 24-23, with wins in the 2012 Music City Bowl and 2013 BBVA Compass Bowl.

### SENIOR DAY PARTICIPANTS

|                                                     |                                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Torey Agee</b> ★ DL, Opelika, Ala.               | <b>Chris Martin</b> ★ FB, Princeton, N.J.         |
| <b>Caleb Azubike</b> ★ DL, Nashville                | <b>Kevin McCoy</b> ★ OL, Tampa                    |
| <b>Ladarius Banks</b> ★ FB, Dallas, Ga.             | <b>Jahmel McIntosh</b> ★ Safety, Cleveland, Miss. |
| <b>Jake Bernstein</b> ★ OG, Lake in the Hills, Ill. | <b>Spencer Pulley</b> ★ OL, Memphis               |
| <b>Colby Cooke</b> ★ Punter, Goochland, Va.         | <b>Steven Scheu</b> ★ TE, Evansville, Ind.        |
| <b>Blake Fromang</b> ★ OL, Orlando                  | <b>Jake Sealand</b> ★ LB, Tucker, Ga.             |
| <b>Harding Harper</b> ★ LB, Montgomery, Ala.        | <b>Stephen Weatherly</b> ★ LB, Snellville, Ga.    |
| <b>Darreon Herring</b> ★ LB, Stone Mtn., Ga.        | <b>Andrew Williamson</b> ★ Safety, San Antonio    |
| <b>Kris Kentera</b> ★ WR, Colorado Springs          |                                                   |

## VANDERBILT-SOUTH CAROLINA TO OPEN 2016 CAMPAIGN ON THURSDAY

Vanderbilt and South Carolina will open the 2016 football season in Nashville on Thursday, Sept. 1, the SEC announced Oct. 28.

The Commodores' 2016 schedule also features additional SEC encounters in Vanderbilt Stadium against Florida, Ole Miss and Tennessee.

Vanderbilt will also host two non-SEC opponents on campus in Nashville – Middle Tennessee and Tennessee State.

The schedule includes road dates for the Commodores at Georgia Tech, Western Kentucky, Kentucky, Georgia, Auburn and Missouri.

The opener against South Carolina marks the fourth straight year that Vanderbilt will start its season on a Thursday. It also marks the third recent Thursday game between the Commodores and Gamecocks, with South Carolina claiming a 17-13 win in 2012 and Vanderbilt earning a 24-17 decision in 2008.

After the opener, Vanderbilt stays at home to host Middle Tennessee on Sept. 10 before going on the road to face Georgia Tech Sept. 19 and Western Kentucky on Sept. 26.

The Commodores' lone home game during a six-week stretch from mid-September to late October is against the Florida Gators on Oct. 1. That game is followed by SEC road encounters against Kentucky on Oct. 8 and Georgia on Oct. 15.

After hosting Tennessee State in its final non-conference game on Oct. 22, the Commodores return on the road against Auburn on Nov. 5 and Missouri on Nov. 12.

Vanderbilt concludes the regular season with home games against Ole Miss on Nov. 19 and Tennessee on Nov. 26.

The Commodores' open date next year comes Oct. 29.

### 2016 VU SCHEDULE

| Date            | Opponent              | Location         |
|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| <b>Sept. 1</b>  | <b>South Carolina</b> | <b>Nashville</b> |
| <b>Sept. 10</b> | <b>Middle Tenn.</b>   | <b>Nashville</b> |
| Sept. 17        | Georgia Tech          | Atlanta          |
| Sept. 24        | Western Ky.           | Bowling Green    |
| <b>Oct. 1</b>   | <b>Florida</b>        | <b>Nashville</b> |
| Oct. 8          | Kentucky              | Lexington        |
| Oct. 15         | Georgia               | Athens           |
| <b>Oct. 22</b>  | <b>Tenn. State</b>    | <b>Nashville</b> |
| Nov. 5          | Auburn                | Auburn           |
| Nov. 12         | Missouri              | Columbia         |
| <b>Nov. 19</b>  | <b>Ole Miss</b>       | <b>Nashville</b> |
| <b>Nov. 26</b>  | <b>Tennessee</b>      | <b>Nashville</b> |

## AGEE BECOMES 15TH DORE TO EARN FIRST CAREER START THIS SEASON

**Torey Agee** (R-Jr., DL) became the 15th first-time starter this year when he opened the Kentucky game on the defensive line. He had one tackle and a QB hurry against the Wildcats after posting tackles for losses in back-to-back games at Houston and Florida.

Other Commodores who have earned their initial starts this year are **Khari Blasingame** (R-Fr., ILB), **Sean Dowling** (R-So., TE), **Blake Fromang** (R-Jr., OT), **Bailey Granier** (R-Fr., OT), **Tre Herndon** (So., CB), **Nifae Lealao** (So.), **Nehemiah Mitchell** (Jr., OLB), **Justin Skule** (Fr., OT), **Trent Sherfield** (So., WR), **Darius Sims** (Jr., WR), **Emmanuel Smith** (So.), **Kyle Shurmur** (Fr., QB), **Landon Stokes** (R-So., OLB) and **Arnold Tarpley** (So.). Herndon and Sherfield have started all 10 games this year.

### FIRST-TIME VANDERBILT STARTERS

|                                       |                                        |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| • <b>Torey Agee</b> (R-Jr., DL)       | • <b>Khari Blasingame</b> (R-Fr., ILB) |
| • <b>Sean Dowling</b> (R-So., TE)     | • <b>Blake Fromang</b> (R-Jr., OT)     |
| • <b>Bailey Granier</b> (R-Fr., OT)   | • <b>Tre Herndon</b> (So., CB)         |
| • <b>Nifae Lealao</b> (So., DT)       | • <b>Nehemiah Mitchell</b> (Jr., OLB)  |
| • <b>Trent Sherfield</b> (So., WR)    | • <b>Kyle Shurmur</b> (Fr., QB)        |
| • <b>Darius Sims</b> (Jr., WR)        | • <b>Justin Skule</b> (Fr., OT)        |
| • <b>Emmanuel Smith</b> (So., safety) | • <b>Landon Stokes</b> (R-So., OLB)    |
| • <b>Arnold Tarpley</b> (So., safety) |                                        |

## SEVEN COMMODORES RESIDE IN TEXAS

Seven Vanderbilt student-athletes hail from Texas, including probable defensive starters **Adam Butler** (R-Jr., DT, Duncanville) and **Andrew Williamson** (Sr., safety, San Antonio).

Other Texans on the roster are **Sekou Clark** (R-Fr., DL, Denton), **Winston Guillory** (Fr., WR, Dallas), **Ronald Monroe** (R-Fr., WR, Houston), **Dare Odeyingbo** (R-Jr., DE, Irving) and **John Webb** (Fr., QB, Dallas).

## CUNNINGHAM BECOMES TACKLE MACHINE IN FIRST YEAR AS DEFENSIVE STARTER

Since moving into the starting lineup in late September, **Zach Cunningham** (R-So., ILB) has been one of the Southeastern Conference's top productive tacklers.

Cunningham was superb again last week vs. Kentucky, going sideline-to-sideline to garner 10 tackles and a tackle for loss. One week earlier, Cunningham had 10 tackles, 2.5 stops for loss, a QB sack and two fumble recoveries at Florida.

In seven starts, Cunningham has become the team leader – and among the SEC pacesetters – with 50 solo tackles, 79 total stops, 3.5 sacks and 13.5 tackles for loss. He also tops the SEC with three fumble recoveries and is tied for third in the league with three forced fumbles.

Cunningham also has been superb this season away from campus. In five road appearances, Cunningham has amassed 57 tackles (11.4 pg) and 12 tackles for loss. Cunningham also registered double-digit tackle totals in three straight games – 11 at Ole Miss, 15 at Middle Tennessee and 12 at South Carolina, becoming the first 'Dore defender to do so since safety **Sean Richardson** did so in the 2010 season.

In his last seven appearances, Cunningham has amassed 70 tackles, 13.5 tackles for loss, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.

### TOP PERFORMANCES: LB ZACH CUNNINGHAM

| Date               | Game                | Tackles | TFL  |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------|------|
| No. 14             | vs. Kentucky        | 10      | 1.0  |
| Nov. 7             | at Florida          | 10      | 2.5  |
| Oct. 31            | at Houston          | 9       | 2.5  |
| Oct. 17            | at South Carolina   | 12      | 4.0  |
| Oct. 3             | at Middle Tennessee | 15      | 2.5  |
| Sept. 26           | at Ole Miss         | 11      | 1.5  |
| Totals on the road |                     | 67      | 13.0 |

## THE TEXAS A&M SERIES

- ★ Meeting between schools: 2nd
- ★ Series record: Vanderbilt trails 1-0
- ★ Last game in series: Vanderbilt 24, Texas A&M 56 (2013)
- ★ Vanderbilt record in Nashville: 0-0

## VANDERBILT VS. TEXAS UNIVERSITIES

Vanderbilt is 17-13-2 all-time against teams from the Lone Star State.

Early in its gridiron history, Vanderbilt enjoyed an important series with Texas. From 1899 to 1928, the Commodores were 8-3-1 against the Longhorns, with seven of the games being played at the Cotton Bowl.

The Commodores played Houston earlier this year.

### LONE STAR RESULTS

|             | Record  | Last Game |
|-------------|---------|-----------|
| Baylor      | 0-2     | 1954      |
| Houston     | 1-1     | 2015      |
| North Texas | 2-0     | 1997      |
| Rice        | 3-1     | 2008      |
| SMU         | 2-2     | 1991      |
| TCU         | 1-3     | 2003      |
| Texas       | 8-3-1   | 1928      |
| Texas A&M   | 0-1     | 2013      |
| Texas Tech  | 0-0-1   | 1974      |
| All-time    | 17-13-2 |           |

### COMMODORE GAME CAPTAINS

| GAME           | OFFENSE         | DEFENSE           | SPECIAL TEAMS                  |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Western Ky.    | Spencer Pulley  | Darreon Herring   | Tommy Openshaw                 |
| Georgia        | Spencer Pulley  | Andrew Williamson | Ryan White                     |
| Austin Peay    | DeAndre Woods   | Darreon Herring   | Tommy Openshaw                 |
| Ole Miss       | Trent Sherfield | Darreon Herring   | Tommy Openshaw                 |
| MTSU           | Johnny McCrary  | Oren Burks        | Ryan White                     |
| South Carolina | Johnny McCrary  | Zach Cunningham   | Tommy Openshaw                 |
| Missouri       | Spencer Pulley  | Zach Cunningham   | Tommy Openshaw/<br>Darius Sims |
| Houston        | Spencer Pulley  | Darreon Herring   | Khari Blasingame               |
| Florida        | Spencer Pulley  | Zach Cunningham   | Ryan White                     |
| Kentucky       | Spencer Pulley  | Zach Cunningham   | Ryan White                     |

## LAST TIME VS. TEXAS A&M

## MANZIEL, TEXAS A&M OFFENSE PROVE TOO MUCH FOR COMMODORES

**COLLEGE STATION, Texas** – Texas A&M coach Kevin Sumlin didn't know if Johnny Manziel would be able to play Saturday against Vanderbilt until pregame warm-ups.

Manziel threw for 305 yards and four touchdowns in less than three quarters, and No. 16 Texas A&M bounced back with a 56-24 victory over Vanderbilt.

### Game 8

Oct. 26, 2013

College Station, Texas

Manziel showed no signs that the right shoulder he injured last week was bothering him. He threw three TDs in the first quarter to help A&M (6-2, 3-2 Southeastern Conference) build a 28-point lead. He tacked on another score before sitting down with 6 minutes left in the third quarter and the Aggies leading 42-17.

Manziel practiced for the first time this week on Friday and awake with soreness Saturday, raising more questions about his availability.

Jordan Matthews had eight receptions for 92 yards to become the SEC's all-time leader in career yards receiving with 3,172. Kenny Ladler had an interception and forced two fumbles for the Commodores.

### SCORING SUMMARY

| TEAM       | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4 | FINAL | RECORD   |
|------------|----|----|----|---|-------|----------|
| VANDERBILT | 0  | 17 | 0  | 7 | 24    | 4-4, 1-4 |
| TEXAS A&M  | 21 | 7  | 21 | 7 | 56    | 6-2, 3-2 |

**1st:** TAMU: Walker 8-yd pass from Manziel (Lambo kick), 13-75 4:28. TAMU: Gonzalez 7-yd. pass from Manziel (Lambo kick), 6-66 1:21. TAMU: Evans 43-yd. pass from Manziel (Lambo kick), 7-80 2:05.

**2nd:** TAMU: Williams 11-yd. run (Lambo kick), 5-39 1:01. VANDY: Spear 23-yd. FG, 10-69 4:49. VANDY: Krause 30-yd. pass from Robinette (Spear kick), 4-44 2:12. VANDY: Seymour 4-yd. run (Spear kick), 4-27 0:49.

**3rd:** TAMU: Matthews 26-yd. INT (Lambo kick). TAMU: Walker 14-yd. pass from Manziel (Lambo kick), 10-50 2:11. TAMU: Evans 10-yd. pass from Joeckel (Lambo kick), 5-28 0:57.

**4th:** VANDY: Robinette 7-yd. run (Spear kick), 13-80 5:28. TAMU: Williams 7-yd. run (Lambo kick), 10-75 4:24.

### STATISTICS

|                            | VANDERBILT | TEXAS A&M |
|----------------------------|------------|-----------|
| FIRST DOWNS                | 19         | 28        |
| RUSHES-YARDS (NET)         | 44-95      | 32-182    |
| PASSING YDS (NET)          | 234        | 376       |
| PASSES ATT-COMP-INT        | 32-17-3    | 46-33-1   |
| TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS  | 76-329     | 78-558    |
| KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS      | 5-61       | 2-18      |
| INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS | 1-32       | 3-48      |
| PUNTS (NUMBER-AVG)         | 6-32.0     | 1-45.0    |
| FUMBLES-LOST               | 0-0        | 4-4       |
| PENALTIES-YARDS            | 1-5        | 7-35      |
| POSSESSION TIME            | 35:07      | 24:53     |
| THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS     | 3 OF 14    | 7 OF 11   |
| FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS    | 2 OF 4     | 2 OF 3    |
| RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES    | 3-3        | 6-7       |
| SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS     | 2-6        | 7-20      |

**RUSHING:** VANDY–Jerron Seymour 16-53; Brian Kimbrow 9-31; P Robinette 12-9; Wesley Tate 3-3; Josh Grady 3-1; TEAM 1-(-2). TAMU–Trey Williams 6-65; B. Williams 11-61; Ben Malena 5-24; Tra Carson 2-15; Johnny Manziel 4-11; Brice Dolezal 3-7; TEAM 1-(-1).

**PASSING:** VANDY–Patton Robinette 15-28-2-216; Josh Grady 2-4-1-18.

TAMU–Manziel 25-35-1-305; Matt Joeckel 3-6-0-28; Kenny Hill 5-5-0-43.

**RECEIVING:** VANDY–Jordan Matthews 8-92; Jonathan Krause 3-89; J Cunningham 2-16; Steven Scheu 1-13; Jerron Seymour 1-11; Kris Kentera 1-8; L Rayford 1-5. TAMU–Malcome Kennedy 8-83; Mike Evans 5-77; Travis Labhart 5-29; Derel Walker 4-59; L. Gonzalez 4-52; Jeremy Tabuyo 2-11; Edward Pope 2-8; B. Malena 1-31; T. Williams 1-19; B. Williams 1-7.

## VANDERBILT 2014-15 COMPARISON

| OFFENSE                 | 2015  | 2014  | Change +/- |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|------------|
| TOTAL OFFENSE           | 335.9 | 296.5 | +39.4      |
| FIRST DOWNS             | 18.0  | 15.9  | +2.1       |
| RUSHING YARDAGE         | 152.9 | 114.4 | +38.5      |
| PASSING YARDAGE         | 183.0 | 182.1 | +0.9       |
| TIME OF POSSESSION/Game | 32:32 | 29:31 | +3:01      |
| 3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS    | 39%   | 30%   | +9%        |

| DEFENSE                 | 2015  | 2014  | Change +/- |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|------------|
| SCORING DEFENSE         | 17.4  | 32.4  | -15.0      |
| TOTAL DEFENSE           | 319.7 | 406.1 | -86.4      |
| FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED     | 15.7  | 21.2  | -5.5       |
| RUSHING YARDAGE         | 123.7 | 175.2 | -51.5      |
| PASSING YARDAGE         | 196.0 | 230.9 | -34.9      |
| TOUCHDOWNS ALLOWED      | 19    | 40    | -21        |
| DEF. PASSING EFFICIENCY | 109.1 | 139.7 | -30.6      |
| 3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS    | 25%   | 45%   | -20%       |

| TEAM             | 2015 | 2014 | Change +/- |
|------------------|------|------|------------|
| OVERALL RECORD   | 4-6  | 3-7  | +1         |
| TURNOVER MARGIN  | -6   | -12  | +6         |
| PENALTY YARDS    | 41.4 | 52.3 | -10.9      |
| RED ZONE OFFENSE | 61%  | 74%  | -13%       |
| RED ZONE DEFENSE | 68%  | 91%  | +23%       |

*Note: Comparisons reflect 10 games into 2014-15 seasons.*

## STATS REVEAL WHAT OTHERS BELIEVE: 2015 'DORES BETTER THAN 2014 UNIT

The overall record proves it, but a review of season stats continue to reveal the 2015 Commodores to be much improved over the 2014 squad.

The 2015 Commodores have shown improvement in nearly every key stat category from the 2014 squad.

The 2015 defense, directed by Head Coach **Derek Mason**, has experienced vast improvement. The unit has allowed 17.4 points per game, 15.0 points less than in 2014. It has allowed 319.1 yards of total offense, 86.4 yards less than a year ago; and kept opponents to just 15.7 first downs, 5.5 less than in 2014. The defense also has experienced significant reductions in rushing yards allowed (from 175.2 to 123.7) and passing yards (from 230.9 to 196.0).

Remarkably, the impact of better defense have resulted in 21 fewer opponent touchdowns, a 20% dip in opposing third-down conversions, and a drop in red-zone efficiency from 91% in 2014 to 68% this year.

On offense, the 'Dores has averaged 335.9 yards of total offense - 39.4 yards more than a year ago. The 2015 Commodores have experienced increases in rushing yards (38.5 yards more this year) and passing yards. First downs are up more than 20 percent, from 15.9 in 2014 to 18.0 this year. The added production has resulted in a 9% increase in third down conversions and a 3:01 improvement in time of possession.

Unfortunately, struggles in the red zone and untimely turnovers has kept the offensive point production down - the team's 15.4 points per game is 4.2 points under the 2014 average through 10 games.

## WEBB TEAM'S LEADING RUSHER; APPROACHES SOPHOMORE RECORD

Offensive backfield work-horse **Ralph Webb** (R-So., RB) has established the second significant team rushing record of his brief Vanderbilt career.

Webb set the team's sophomore rushing standard Saturday against Kentucky. Webb's 924 rushing yards this year betters the previous record of 877 yards set by **Jermaine Johnson** in 1994.

Last year, Webb broke Vanderbilt freshman records with 907 rushing yards and 212 attempts.

Webb, a product of Gainesville, Fla., has quickly entered the team's all-time charts for career rushing yards. His total of 1,831 rushing yards ranks No. 9 all-time among Commodore rushers. He is nearly 200 yards shy of surpassing **Rodney Williams** (2,021 yards, 1998-2001) on the list.

Webb was Vanderbilt's top rushing weapon last Saturday in the win over Kentucky, rushing for 113 yards on a career-high 35 carries. It marked the most carries by a Commodore since Johnson registered 35 carries against No. 3 Florida in 1994.

It also marked Webb's first back-to-back performances of 100+ rushing yards against SEC competition.

Webb has been superb for much of the 2015 season. During Vanderbilt's last seven games, Webb has averaged 104.6 rushing yards.

Webb has rushed for 118 yards at Florida, has rushed for 155 yards against MTSU, 99 yards against both Missouri and Houston, and 90 yards against Ole Miss.

Webb's 924 rushing yards ranks as a single-season career high and rank as the No. 7 highest season total by a Commodore. He needs just 10 yards to jump **Jamie O'Rourke** (933 yards, 1974) on the list. With 76 yards, he will join **Zac Stacy** as the only Commodores to register multiple 1,000-yard rushing seasons.

In 2014, Webb rushed for 907 yards, surpassing the former freshman record of 798 yards set by **Kwane Doster** in 2002.

### VU RECORD BOOKS: SOPH. RUSHING YARDS

| Sophomores                 | Rush Yards |
|----------------------------|------------|
| 1. <b>Ralph Webb, 2015</b> | <b>924</b> |
| 2. Jermaine Johnson, 1994  | 877        |
| 3. Jerron Seymour, 2013    | 716        |
| 4. Chris Nickson, 2006     | 694        |
| 5. Carl Woods, 1984        | 688        |
| 6. Carlos Thomas, 1990     | 680        |
| 7. Jamie O'Rourke, 1971    | 677        |
| 8. Rodney Williams, 1999   | 644        |
| 9. Phil King, 1955         | 628        |

### VU RECORD BOOKS: CAREER RUSHING YARDS

| Name                               | Att.       | Yards        | Avg.       | TDs      |
|------------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|----------|
| 1. Zac Stacy, 2009-12              | 581        | 3,143        | 5.4        | 30       |
| 2. Frank Mordica, 1976-79          | 546        | 2,632        | 4.8        | 18       |
| 3. Carl Woods, 1983-86             | 619        | 2,490        | 4.0        | 15       |
| 4. Jamie O'Rourke, 1971, 73-74     | 498        | 2,202        | 4.4        | 20       |
| 5. Jermaine Johnson, 1993-95       | 486        | 2,152        | 4.4        | 13       |
| 6. Jared McGrath, 1997-2000        | 492        | 2,151        | 4.4        | 9        |
| 7. Lonnie Sadler, 1972-75          | 569        | 2,096        | 3.7        | 8        |
| 8. Rodney Williams, 1998-2001      | 452        | 2,021        | 4.5        | 16       |
| 9. <b>Ralph Webb, 2014-</b>        | <b>443</b> | <b>1,831</b> | <b>4.2</b> | <b>9</b> |
| T-10. C. Jackson-Garrison, 2004-07 | 410        | 1,814        | 4.4        | 18       |
| T-10. Everett Crawford, 1984-87    | 395        | 1,814        | 4.6        | 12       |

### VU RECORD BOOKS: SINGLE-SEASON RUSHING YARDS

| Name                       | Att.       | Yards      | Avg.       | TDs      |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|
| 1. Zac Stacy, 2011         | 201        | 1,193      | 5.9        | 14       |
| 2. Zac Stacy, 2012         | 208        | 1,141      | 5.5        | 10       |
| 3. Corey Harris, 1991      | 229        | 1,103      | 4.8        | 4        |
| 4. Jermaine Johnson, 1995  | 267        | 1,072      | 4.0        | 4        |
| 5. Frank Mordica, 1978     | 173        | 1,065      | 6.2        | 8        |
| 6. Jamie O'Rourke, 1974    | 201        | 933        | 4.6        | 12       |
| 7. <b>Ralph Webb, 2015</b> | <b>231</b> | <b>924</b> | <b>4.0</b> | <b>5</b> |
| 8. <b>Ralph Webb, 2014</b> | <b>212</b> | <b>907</b> | <b>4.3</b> | <b>4</b> |
| 9. Jermaine Johnson, 1994  | 167        | 877        | 5.3        | 7        |
| 10. Doug Mathews, 1969     | 167        | 849        | 5.1        | 4        |

## EARL BENNETT NAMED TEAM'S 2015 SEC LEGEND

**Earl Bennett**, one of the most productive wide receivers in Southeastern Conference history during a three-year Vanderbilt career from 2005-07, will be celebrated as Vanderbilt's Legend as part of SEC Championship activities this December in Atlanta.

A native of Birmingham, Ala., Bennett was a three-year All-SEC receiver. He set numerous SEC receiving marks, including five touchdown catches in a game and 236 career receptions which was later bettered by Vanderbilt's **Jordan Matthews**.

Bennett established himself as a true freshman in 2005, combining with senior QB **Jay Cutler** for 79 receptions, 876 yards and nine TDs. He registered 82 catches as a sophomore and 75 as a senior, becoming the only player in SEC history to post three consecutive seasons of at least 75 receptions.

Bennett played five years with Chicago and recently returned to Vanderbilt to complete his degree.

### VANDERBILT SEC LEGENDS

| Year | Recipient, Position            | Career    |
|------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| 2015 | <b>Earl Bennett</b> , WR       | 2005-07   |
| 2014 | <b>Jonathan Goff</b> , LB      | 2004-07   |
| 2013 | <b>Jimmy Williams</b> , RB/DB  | 1997-2000 |
| 2012 | <b>Hunter Hillenmeyer</b> , LB | 1999-2002 |
| 2011 | <b>Corey Harris</b> , DB/RB    | 1988-91   |
| 2010 | <b>Corey Chavous</b> , DB      | 1994-97   |
| 2009 | <b>Jamie Duncan</b> , LB       | 1995-97   |
| 2008 | <b>Shelton Quarles</b> , LB    | 1990-93   |
| 2007 | <b>Chuck Scott</b> , WR/TE     | 1981-84   |
| 2006 | <b>Eric Jones</b> , QB         | 1986-88   |
| 2005 | <b>Chris Gaines</b> , LB       | 1984-87   |
| 2004 | <b>Boo Mitchell</b> , WR       | 1985-88   |
| 2003 | <b>Whit Taylor</b> , QB        | 1972-82   |
| 2002 | <b>Jim Arnold</b> , punter     | 1979-82   |
| 2001 | <b>Will Wolford</b> , OT       | 1982-85   |
| 2000 | <b>Herb Rich</b> , RB          | 1946-49   |
| 1999 | <b>Bob Werckle</b> , OT        | 1947-51   |
| 1998 | <b>Charley Horton</b> , RB     | 1952-55   |
| 1997 | <b>Bucky Curtis</b> , WR       | 1947-50   |
| 1996 | <b>John Hall</b> , OL          | 1951-54   |
| 1995 | <b>Bob Asher</b> , OT          | 1967-69   |
| 1994 | <b>Bill Wade</b> , QB          | 1949-51   |

### VANDERBILT RECORDS: 200+ RECEIVING YARDS

| Yards | Receiver               | Opponent               | Date       |
|-------|------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| 240   | <b>Trent Sherfield</b> | vs. <b>Austin Peay</b> | 9/19/2015  |
| 223   | Earl Bennett           | Richmond               | 9/1/2007   |
| 222   | Clarence Seavillan     | vs. Tennessee          | 11/28/1992 |
| 220   | Earl Bennett           | at Kentucky            | 11/11/2006 |
| 219   | M.J. Garrett           | vs. Middle Tenn.       | 8/30/2001  |
| 204   | Earl Bennett           | at So. Carolina        | 10/22/2005 |
| 204   | Dan Stricker           | at Duke                | 10/27/2001 |
| 201   | Bob Goodridge          | at Navy                | 11/18/1967 |

## SHERFIELD ESTABLISHES TEAM RECEIVING RECORD

**Trent Sherfield** (So., WR) earned consideration for the Biletnikoff Award in late September following a record-breaking receiving performance earlier in the month against Austin Peay.

Sherfield, a product of Danville (Ill.) H.S., was added to the Biletnikoff Award watchlist after producing one of the program's greatest impressive performances ever in the win over Austin Peay Sept. 19.

In the game, Sherfield set a new Commodore single-game standard with 240 receiving yards. The yardage total came on 16 receptions, which ties the third highest total in team history.

Sherfield has struggled recently, held without a reception in road losses at Houston and Florida.

During the reduced production, Sherfield's 4.4 receptions per game ranks 10th in the Southeastern Conference. He also is 14th in the league in receiving yards, averaging 53.6 yards.

Sherfield is the first Vanderbilt receiver to earn Biletnikoff Award attention since All-America Jordan Matthews was named as a semifinalist for the award in 2013.

The Biletnikoff Award is annually presented to the nation's outstanding receiver. The award is open to all receivers, including tight ends, wide receivers, slot receivers and even running backs.

Sherfield, who posted just one catch in seven games in 2014, gives Vanderbilt its most potent receiver since **Jordan Matthews** graduated after the 2013 season. In 2014, **C.J. Duncan** topped the team's wideouts with 441 receiving yards.

## 2015 VANDERBILT STATISTICAL LEADERS

| Rushing                 |    |          |                |        |       |      |        |    |
|-------------------------|----|----------|----------------|--------|-------|------|--------|----|
|                         | G  | Att.     | Net.           | Avg.   | TD    | Long | Avg./G |    |
| Ralph Webb (RB)         | 10 | 231      | 924            | 4.0    | 5     | 74   | 92.4   |    |
| Darrius Sims (RB)       | 10 | 36       | 217            | 6.0    | 0     | 41   | 21.7   |    |
| Johnny McCrary (QB)     | 9  | 63       | 169            | 2.7    | 2     | 29   | 18.8   |    |
| Passing                 |    |          |                |        |       |      |        |    |
|                         | G  | Effic.   | Comp.-Att.-INT | Pct.   | Yards | TD   | Avg./G |    |
| Johnny McCrary          | 9  | 102.0    | 144-263-12     | 54.8   | 1,529 | 6    | 169.9  |    |
| Kyle Shurmur            | 3  | 94.2     | 26-57-1        | 45.6   | 275   | 2    | 91.7   |    |
| Receiving               |    |          |                |        |       |      |        |    |
|                         | G  | Rec.     | Yards          | Avg.   | TD    | Long | Avg./G |    |
| Trent Sherfield (WR)    | 10 | 44       | 569            | 12.0   | 2     | 44   | 56.9   |    |
| Ralph Webb (RB)         | 10 | 24       | 188            | 7.8    | 2     | 18   | 18.8   |    |
| Caleb Scott (WR)        | 10 | 22       | 278            | 12.6   | 2     | 37   | 27.8   |    |
| Steven Scheu (TE)       | 9  | 22       | 204            | 9.3    | 0     | 4    | 22.7   |    |
| Defense                 |    |          |                |        |       |      |        |    |
|                         | G  | UA-A-TT  | TFL/Yds.       | Sacks  | INT   | PBU  | FF/FR  | QH |
| Zach Cunningham (ILB)   | 10 | 49-30-79 | 13.5-41        | 3.5-23 | 0-0   | 3    | 3/3    | 0  |
| Darreon Herring (ILB)   | 10 | 28-24-52 | 3.0-8          | 1.5-3  | 0-0   | 3    | 0/0    | 2  |
| Torren McGaster (CB)    | 10 | 38-9-47  | 4.5-8          | 0.0-0  | 0-0   | 11   | 0/1    | 0  |
| Oren Burks (S)          | 10 | 22-21-43 | 2.0-5          | 0.0-0  | 3-31  | 6    | 1/1    | 0  |
| Stephen Weatherly (OLB) | 10 | 25-15-40 | 7.5-32         | 2.5-21 | 0-0   | 2    | 1/2    | 9  |
| Andrew Williamson (S)   | 8  | 23-12-35 | 1.0-1          | 1.0-1  | 0-0   | 3    | 1/0    | 1  |
| Trey Herndon (CB)       | 10 | 22-12-34 | 1.0-6          | 1.0-6  | 0-0   | 2    | 0/0    | 1  |
| Arnold Tarpley (S)      | 10 | 20-10-30 | 3.0-24         | 2.0-22 | 0-0   | 2    | 0/0    | 1  |

## LIMITING PENALTIES KEY FOR COMMODORES

For the most part, Vanderbilt has kept their own penalties in check early in the 2015 season.

Through 10 games, the Commodores rank fifth in the SEC in fewest penalty yards (41.4 ypg). The team is averaging 5.7 infractions.

The 'Dores struggled with penalties in 2014, averaging 6.1 flags and 52.3 penalty yards through 10 games.

### LIMITING PENALTIES

| Category      | 2015 AVG. | 2014 AVG. | +/-   |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Penalties     | 5.7       | 6.1       | -0.4  |
| Penalty Yards | 41.4      | 52.3      | -10.9 |

*Note: 2014, 2015 statistics are through first 10 games of each season.*

### VANDERBILT RECORDS: SINGLE GAME RECEPTIONS

| #  | Receiver               | Opponent               | Date       |
|----|------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| 20 | Norman Jordan          | vs. Air Force          | 12/31/1982 |
| 17 | Keith Edwards          | vs. Georgia            | 10/15/1983 |
| 16 | <b>Trent Sherfield</b> | vs. <b>Austin Peay</b> | 9/19/2015  |
| 16 | Earl Bennett           | at So. Carolina        | 10/22/2005 |
| 15 | Keith Edwards          | vs. Kentucky           | 11/5/1983  |
| 15 | Bob Goodridge          | at Navy                | 11/18/1967 |
| 14 | Earl Bennett           | at Tennessee           | 11/19/2005 |

*Note: Jordan's 20 receptions vs. Air Force came in the 1982 Hall of Fame Bowl*

## 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 (Off.)     |
| Ryan Anderson .....    | Graduate Assistant (Def.)     |
| Chris Marve .....      | Graduate Assistant (Def.)     |
| James Dobson .....     | Head Strength Coach           |
| Tyler Clarke .....     | Assistant Director, Strength  |
| Aaron Hill .....       | Assistant, Strength           |
| Ben Schumacher .....   | Assistant, Strength           |

### A QUICK LOOK

|                                  |                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Head Coach .....                 | Derek Mason (2nd year) |
| Career Coaching Record .....     | 7-15                   |
| 2015 Team Record .....           | 4-6 (2-4 in SEC East)  |
| Associated Press Rank .....      | n/a                    |
| USA Today/Coaches' Rank .....    | n/a                    |
| Home .....                       | 3-2                    |
| Away .....                       | 1-4                    |
| Home Attendance .....            | 160,320 (5 games)      |
| Average Home Attendance .....    | 32,064                 |
| Number of Bowl Appearances ..... | 7                      |
| 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 Sportexe)            |
| All-Time Record .....          | 588-598-50 (.496)                    |
| Chancellor .....               | Nicholas S. Zeppos                   |
| Athletics Director .....       | David Williams II                    |
| Jason Grooms .....             | Assistant AD/Director, FB Operations |
| Matt Britain .....             | Assistant Director/FB Operations     |
| Tyler Barnes .....             | Director, Player Personnel           |
| Al Smith .....                 | Director, Player Development         |
| Rayna Stewart .....            | Director, High School Relations      |
| Tom Bossung .....              | Head Athletic Trainer                |
| Chris Singleton .....          | Equipment Manager                    |
| Ryan Blakney .....             | Assistant Quality Control (Off.)     |
| Rod Chance .....               | Assistant Quality Control (Def.)     |
| Cedric Calhoun .....           | Assistant Quality Control (Def.)     |
| Mike Morita .....              | Assistant Quality Control (Off.)     |
| Jarren Horton .....            | Analytics Assistant                  |

## NOTES FROM HOME VICTORY OVER KENTUCKY

**TYING ALL-TIME SERIES RECORD** ... Vanderbilt's 21-17 victory tied the all-time series record with Kentucky at 42-42-4.

It also marked Vanderbilt's third straight win over the Wildcats in Nashville – and the Commodores' fourth victory in the last five games between the schools.

**FIRST HALF PRODUCTION** ... The Commodores' 21 first half points were the most scored this season before halftime.

**TURNOVERS REMAINS KEY STAT** ... Vanderbilt won the critical turnover margin stat for the second straight week, forcing three Kentucky miscues – two interceptions and a fumble – while committing two fumbles.

The Commodores turned the Wildcat miscues into 14 points. Kentucky did not score on either Vanderbilt turnover.

**TOUGH ON THIRD DOWNS** ... The Commodore defense held to its season-long strength on third and fourth downs, allowing Kentucky to convert just 25 percent of third downs (4 of 16) and 33% of fourth downs (1 of 3).

**IMPRESSIVE GOAL LINE STANDS** ... The Commodore defense made two goal line stands inside the 5-yard line in the first half allowing no points. Kentucky had possession at the 1-and-3-yard lines without scoring.

Vanderbilt held Kentucky to just three scores in six red zone possessions. They also caused two Wildcat turnovers inside the Vanderbilt 20-yard line.

**BURKS REGISTERS TWO PICKS** ... **Oren Burks** (R-So., safety) scored the first Commodore defensive touchdown in more than a year when he took an interception 30 yards untouched into the end zone. It was the first score by the Vanderbilt defense since **Darrius Sims** returned a pick against Kentucky last year.

Burks also became the first Commodore to notch two interceptions in a game since **Torren McGaster** achieved the feat in the regular season finale against Tennessee last year.

**SCOTT SETS SINGLE-GAME RECEIVING HIGH** ... Caleb Scott (So., WR) set a single-game high with 87 receiving yards, including catches going for 37 and 36 yards.

Scott's 37-yard catch for a touchdown finished off one of the Commodores' best-executed trick plays in recent years. On the play, dubbed "Sneaky Pete," Scott stood alone in a crouch near the Vanderbilt sideline as the rest of the offense prepared to run the play. When the snap came, **Kyle Shurmur** (Fr., QB) hit an uncovered Scott streaking down the sideline.

**SACK FOR AGEE** ... **Torey Agee** (R-Jr., DL) got his initial quarterback sack while earning his first career start on the defensive front.

**FRESHMAN BLOCKS PUNT** ... **Andrew Rector** (Fr., safety) provided the first blocked punt of the season in the fourth quarter. It was the first blocked punt for the Commodores since **Stephen Weatherly** did so last year against UMass.

**SHURMUR DIRECTS SECOND SEC WIN AS QB** ... In just three career starts, **Kyle Shurmur** (Fr., QB) has guided the Commodores to its only two Southeastern Conference wins of the season.

Shurmur was 13-of-26 for 166 yards and two touchdowns in the win. He also did not commit a turnover. Shurmur's first career touchdown pass – a 4-yarder in the first quarter – also marked the first career reception for **Kyle Anderton** (Fr., TE/FB).

**AZUBIKE RECORDS BEST GAME OF YEAR** ... **Caleb Azubike** (Sr., DE) put together his finest game of the season, contributing a pair of quarterback sacks, three tackles for loss and a key forced fumble.

Azubike's forced fumble on a rush by UK's Boom Williams was recovered by **Jay Woods** (R-So., DT) inside the Kentucky 5-yard line. One play later, the Commodores scored their first touchdown on a Shurmur-to-Anderton pass.

Azubike now has produced a forced fumble and opponent turnover in two consecutive games.

**BACK-TO-BACK 100-YARD PERFORMANCES** ... **Ralph Webb** (R-So., RB) rushed for 113 yards on a career-high 33 carries. It was Webb's third 100-yard game this season and marked the first time in his career to post back-to-back 100-yard rushing games.

**LIMITING PASSING YARDS** ... Vanderbilt held a SEC opponent to less than 200 passing yards for the second straight week. The Wildcats managed just 127 yards through the air.

**CUNNINGHAM TOP TACKLER** ... **Zach Cunningham** (R-So., ILB) again led the defense with 10 total tackles. It was the linebacker's fifth game of the season with at least 10 tackles.

**FORCING THREE-&-OUT POSSESSIONS** ... The Vanderbilt defense forced the Wildcats into six three-&-out possessions on 15 total offensive drives.

## 2015 ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME CLASS NAMED; GRIDIRON STARS CUTLER, HORTON INCLUDED

Vanderbilt Athletics officials announced the school's sixth Hall of Fame class Nov. 10. The nine-person Class of 2015 will be honored Jan. 22, 2016 on campus.

Six sports are represented in the class. The 2015 honorees are **Jay Cutler** (football), **Charley Horton** (football), **Marina Alex** (women's golf), **Cathy Bender** (women's basketball), **Jeff Fosnes** (men's basketball), **David Price** (baseball), **Larry Schmittou** (baseball), **Aleke Tsoubanos** (women's tennis) and **Stella Vaughn** (administration).

**JAY CUTLER • FOOTBALL** Only the second three-time captain in program history, Cutler was the SEC's Offensive Player of the Year and First Team All-SEC QB in 2005. Was three-time most valuable offensive back who held virtually every significant team passing and total offense record when he left Vanderbilt, including 59 TD passes and 8,697 career yards. Last collegiate pass resulted in game-winning TD against Tennessee. Has enjoyed decade-long NFL career after being first round selection in 2006 draft. Has created Jay Cutler Foundation to raise awareness of juvenile diabetes.

**CHARLEY HORTON • FOOTBALL** Horton was a leader and top performer on 1955 Gator Bowl championship team, Vanderbilt's first postseason squad. He earned First team All-SEC and third team All-American honors in 1955, and was named SEC Most Valuable Back by the Birmingham Touchdown Club. He was the Vanderbilt Athlete of the Year in 1955. He was selected in the first round of the 1956 NFL draft, and later became an outstanding college football official.

**MARINA ALEX • WOMEN'S GOLF** A current LPGA member, Alex was a two-time SEC Golfer of Year (2010, 2012) and First-Team All-America. She is the only player in SEC history to win the top golfer award on multiple occasions. She also captured the 2010 SEC individual championship.

**CATHY BENDER • WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** First person in her family to attend college, Bender became the first African-American woman to receive full Vanderbilt athletic scholarship. As a senior, Bender set a team record for assists in a season (262) and game (14, vs Tennessee).

**JEFF FOSNES • MEN'S BASKETBALL** Star of Vanderbilt's Famous "F-Troop" squad, Fosnes graduated as program's second-leading career scorer with 1,579 points. A two-time First Team All-SEC pick, Fosnes was also a two-time Academic All-American and helped the Commodores to 1974 SEC crown. Chose medical school over playing in the NBA.

**DAVID PRICE • BASEBALL** The Consensus National Player of the Year in 2007, Price became the No. 1 overall pick in the Major League Draft. In his final season, Price earned the Golden Spikes Award, Dick Howser Trophy, Roger Clemens Award, Brooks Wallace Award. In 2007, he was a consensus First-Team All-American and the SEC's Pitcher of the Year. A team-oriented pitcher, Price led the Commodores to the 2007 SEC regular season and tournament championships.

**LARRY SCHMITTOU • BASEBALL** Hired as Vanderbilt's head baseball coach and football's head recruiter in 1968, Schmittou led the team to the 1973 and 1974 teams SEC Championship. He was the SEC Baseball Coach of the Year. He coached 20 All-SEC players while 14 were taken in the major league drafts.

**ALEKE TSOUBANOS • WOMEN'S TENNIS** A two-time first-team All-SEC pick, Tsoubanos is the only player to win the ITA All-American Riviera doubles championship two consecutive years with two different partners. She also holds the record for most consecutive doubles matches won. Aleke serves as an assistant coach for the Vanderbilt reigning NCAA championship squad.

**STELLA VAUGHN • ADMINISTRATION** Vaughn graduated from Vanderbilt in 1896. She is remembered as a devoted mentor and champion of women at Vanderbilt and a pioneer in Vanderbilt women's athletics, organizing the first Vanderbilt women's basketball team in the fall of 1896, which was known as a "co-ed" team. She was the team captain, an active player, and the team coach.

### PREVIOUS VU ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME RECIPIENTS

- 2008** Chantelle Anderson, Peggy Brady, John Hall, Roy Kramer, Clyde Lee, Dan McGugin, John Rich, Fred Russell, June Stewart, Ryan Tolbert Jackson, Bill Wade, Perry Wallace
- 2009** Jim Arnold, Charles Davis, Julie Ditty, Charles Hawkins, Ming Hsu Robinson, Herb Rich, Wendy Scholtens Wood, Roy Skinner, Brandt Snedeker
- 2010** Bucky Curtis, Shan Foster, Heidi Gillingham Jackson, Chris Groer, Frank Lorge, Ed Martin, Jeff Peebles, Ann Hutcheson Price, Grantland Rice, Will Wolford
- 2011** Lamar Alexander, Tyler Griffin, Carl Hinkle, John Ingram, Peter Lamb, David Latimer, Scotti Madison, Will Perdue, Sheri Sam
- 2013** Billy Joe Adcock, Jamie Duncan, Josie Earnest, Dr. Brant Lipscomb, Carolyn Peck, Jess Roguski Onheiser, Jeremy Sowers.

## SCHEU NOMINATED FOR THREE POSTSEASON RECOGNITIONS

**Steven Scheu** (R-Sr., TE) has been nominated for three prestigious postseason honors this season— the Wuerffel Trophy, William V. Campbell Trophy and Senior CLASS Award.

Scheu, a product of Reitz Memorial H.S. in Evansville, Ind, was most recently added as a candidate for the Wuerffel Trophy, which recognizes accomplishment on and off the field. He becomes the fourth Commodore in the last five years to garner attention for the Wuerffel honors, joining snapper **Andrew East** (2014), kicker **Carey Spear** (2013) and **Chris Marve** (2011).

Earlier this fall, Scheu was nominated for the Campbell Trophy, presented by The National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. Known as the "Academic Heisman," the Campbell Trophy recognizes an individual as the absolute best football scholar-athlete in the nation. Scheu is one of 56 FBS players selected as a semifinalist for the Campbell Trophy that requires a candidate to be a senior or graduate student in their final year of eligibility, have a GPA of at least 3.2, be a significant contributor on the field and have demonstrated strong leadership and citizenship. He was not chosen among the Campbell Trophy finalists.

In September, Scheu was selected as one of 30 Football Bowl Subdivision student-athletes to be tabbed as a candidate for the 2015 Senior CLASS Award. The recognition honors student-athletes who have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition.

Scheu has 22 catches for 204 yards this season. He ranks as the team's active career leader with 78 receptions, 897 receiving yards and six TDs.

Scheu has struggled as a receiving threat recently, catching one pass in the team's last three games. He registered at least five receptions against Ole Miss, South Carolina and Missouri.

In 2014, Scheu earned Second Team All-SEC selection from the Associated Press after leading all league tight ends in catches and ranked second in yards last season.

His 525 receiving yards as a junior were the most by a Vanderbilt tight end since 1983.

Scheu will graduate in December with a degree in medicine, health and society. He expects to enter postgraduate studies after earning his degree.

Scheu is a three-time selection to the SEC Academic Honor Roll and two-time member of the team's leadership council.

## SENIOR LINEMEN PULLEY, BERNSTEIN 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 39 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 35 and 33 starts, respectively.

Six other Commodores have at least 20 career starts: **Adam Butler** (R-Jr., DL), **Will Holden** (R-Jr., OL), **Andrew Jelks** (Jr., OT), **Torren McGaster** (R-Jr., CB), **Tommy Openshaw** (R-So., P/PK) and **Ralph Webb** (R-So., RB).

### ACTIVE STARTS

| Player                     | Career Starts |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Jake Bernstein, Sr., OG    | 39            |
| Spencer Pulley, Sr., C/OG  | 39            |
| Steven Scheu, Sr., TE      | 35            |
| Darreon Herring, Sr., LB   | 33            |
| Adam Butler, R-Jr., DL     | 23            |
| Andrew Jelks, R-Jr., OT    | 23            |
| Ralph Webb, R-So., RB      | 23            |
| Torren McGaster, R-Jr., CB | 22            |
| Will Holden, R-Jr., OT     | 21            |
| Tommy Openshaw, R-So., PK  | 21            |
| Latevius Rayford, Jr., WR  | 14            |
| Nigel Bowden, R-So., LB    | 13            |

## DEFENSE AMONG NCAA LEADERS IN FORCING THREE-&-OUTS

The Commodore defense has been solid forcing opponents into quick three-&-out possessions, a key factor in why Vanderbilt ranks among the NCAA leaders in time of possession.

The unit is forcing three-&-out possessions at a 39.2 percent clip, ranking T-9th nationally and third in the SEC.

Opposing offenses are averaging 5.1 three-&-out possessions against the Commodores.

The three-&-out success, along with an offense that has converted

39% on third downs, has resulted in Vanderbilt's 32:32 average time of possession, third in the SEC and among the NCAA leaders.

### NCAA THREE-&-OUT LEADERS

| Avg.        | (Total 3 & outs/games)    | Pct.        | 3 & Outs-Series |
|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 6.30        | Clemson (63/10)           | 44.7        | 63-141          |
| 5.90        | Alabama (59/10)           | 40.9        | 59-144          |
| 5.80        | Houston (58/10)           | 41.1        | 58-141          |
| 5.70        | Boise State (57/10)       | 36.5        | 57-156          |
| 5.60        | Boston College (56/10)    | 44.8        | 56-125          |
| 5.27        | Marshall (58/11)          | 37.4        | 58-155          |
| 5.20        | Florida (47/10)           | 41.6        | 52-125          |
| 5.20        | TCU (52/10)               | 37.7        | 52-138          |
| <b>5.10</b> | <b>Vanderbilt (51/10)</b> | <b>39.2</b> | <b>51-130</b>   |
| 5.10        | N.C. State (51/10)        | 38.9        | 51-131          |
| 5.10        | Utah State (51/10)        | 38.6        | 51-132          |
| 5.10        | Ohio State (51/10)        | 37.8        | 51-135          |
| 5.10        | Okla. State (51/10)       | 35.7        | 51-143          |
| 4.90        | Memphis (49/10)           | 34.5        | 49-142          |
| 4.80        | Penn State (48/10)        | 34.5        | 48-139          |
| 4.70        | Duke (47/10)              | 36.2        | 47-130          |
| 4.70        | Temple (47/10)            | 35.3        | 47-133          |

## FORMER LINEBACKER CHRIS MARVE JOINS STAFF AS DEFENSIVE GRAD ASSISTANT

**Chris Marve**, a two-time Commodore defensive captain and the No. 8 tackler in Vanderbilt history, has joined the Vanderbilt staff as a defensive graduate assistant. He works with Vanderbilt linebackers.

Marve earned SEC Freshman honors in 2008, then became a three-time All-SEC from 2009-11. He produced 393 total tackles as a four-year starter, helping the Commodores to postseason bowls in 2008 and 2011.

## VANDERBILT'S 2015 SEC/NCAA RANK

| Team Category              | Avg.         | SEC  | NCAA  |
|----------------------------|--------------|------|-------|
| Scoring Offense            | 15.4         | 13   | 125   |
| Total Offense              | 335.9        | 13   | 115   |
| Rushing Offense            | 152.9        | 10   | 91    |
| Pass Offense               | 183.0        | 11   | 105   |
| Pass Efficiency            | 99.4         | 14   | 118   |
| Scoring Defense            | 17.4         | 4    | 10    |
| Total Defense              | 319.7        | 5    | 17    |
| Rushing Defense            | 123.7        | 5    | 21    |
| Pass Defense               | 196.0        | 6    | 31    |
| Defensive Pass Efficiency  | 109.1        | 4    | 16    |
| Net Punting                | 33.9         | 14   | 120   |
| Kickoff Returns            | 19.4         | 9    | T-97  |
| Punt Returns               | 6.1          | 11   | T-89  |
| First Downs                | 18.0         | 13   | 106   |
| First Downs Allowed        | 15.7         | 4    | 11    |
| Time of Possession         | 32:32        | 4    | 20    |
| 3rd Down Conv. %           | 39% (68/175) | 9    | 75    |
| 3rd Down Conv. % (Defense) | 25% (36/144) | 1    | 4     |
| Red Zone Offense           | 61% (17-28)  | 14   | 127   |
| Red Zone Defense           | 68% (25-37)  | 1    | 4     |
| Turnover Margin            | -0.6 (-6)    | 14   | 105   |
| Penalties                  | 5.7          | T-9  | T-44  |
| Penalty Yards              | 41.4         | 5    | 16    |
| QB Sacks                   | 2.3 (23)     | T-7  | T-47  |
| QB Sacks Allowed           | 2.0 (20)     | T-7  | T-59  |
| Tackles for Loss           | 6.6 (66)     | 7    | T-47  |
| Tackles for Loss Allowed   | 5.9 (59)     | 9    | T-63  |
| Interceptions              | .6 (6)       | T-12 | T-100 |
| Interceptions Thrown       | 1.4 (14)     | T-13 | T-113 |

| Active Individuals |                          | Avg.       | SEC  | NCAA  |
|--------------------|--------------------------|------------|------|-------|
| Ralph Webb         | Rushing yards per game   | 92.4       | 4    | 39    |
|                    | Total rushing yards      | 924        | 4    | 36    |
|                    | Rush attempts            | 23.1       | 2    | -     |
|                    | All-purpose yards        | 111.2      | 6    | 67    |
|                    | Rushing touchdowns       | .5 (5)     | 13   | -     |
| Johnny McCrary     | Passing yards (per game) | 169.9      | 8    | 85    |
|                    | Completions              | 16.0       | 7    | 70    |
|                    | Completion percentage    | 54.8       | 12   | 94    |
|                    | Passing touchdowns       | 0.6 (6)    | 12   | -     |
|                    | Total offense            | 188.7      | 8    | 85    |
| Trent Sherfield    | Receptions               | 4.4 (44)   | 10   | T-100 |
|                    | Receiving yards          | 56.9       | 14   | 107   |
| Darrius Sims       | Kick returns             | 19.4       | 10   | 97    |
| Oren Burks         | Interceptions            | .3 (3)     | T-8  | T-44  |
| Zach Cunningham    | Total tackles            | 7.9 (79)   | 10   | 86    |
|                    | Solo tackles             | 4.9 (49)   | 6    | -     |
|                    | Tackles for loss         | 1.4 (13.5) | T-3  | T-29  |
|                    | Forced fumbles           | .3 (3)     | T-3  | T-18  |
|                    | Fumble Recoveries        | .3 (3)     | 1    | T-3   |
| Torren McGaster    | Passes defended          | 1.1 (11)   | 3    | -     |
| Jahmel McIntosh    | Interceptions            | .2 (2)     | T-18 | -     |
| Stephen Weatherly  | Fumble recoveries        | .2 (2)     | T-4  | T-17  |
| Tommy Openshaw     | Punting                  | 40.2       | 12   | 85    |
|                    | Field goals made         | 1.2 (12)   | 10   | 58    |
| Ryan White         | Punt returns             | 7.6        | 7    | 41    |

## MASON IN 2ND YEAR AT VANDERBILT HELM

**Derek Mason** is on pace to win more games as a second-year head coach at Vanderbilt than virtually all of his recent Commodore predecessors.

The only other Vanderbilt head coaches since the 1970s to at least four wins in their second seasons are **Steve Sloan**, **Gerry DiNardo** and **James Franklin**.

### RECORDS OF RECENT 2ND-YEAR COACHES

| Coach              | Year        | Record     |
|--------------------|-------------|------------|
| <b>Derek Mason</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>4-6</b> |
| 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      |
| Jack Green         | 1968        | 5-4-1      |

## SUCCESS FACING POWERFUL OFFENSES

| Team         | 2015 Points |        |       | 2015 Total Off. |        |        |
|--------------|-------------|--------|-------|-----------------|--------|--------|
|              | Season Avg. | vs. VU | +/-   | Season Avg.     | vs. VU | +/-    |
| Western Ky.  | 42.2 pts.   | 14     | -28.2 | 510.8 yds.      | 247    | -263.8 |
| Georgia      | 37.2 pts.   | 31     | -6.2  | 451.3 yds.      | 422    | -29.3  |
| Austin Peay  | 11.2 pts.   | 7      | -7.2  | 251.8 yds.      | 144    | -107.8 |
| Ole Miss     | 46.8 pts.   | 27     | -19.8 | 527.8 yds.      | 472    | -55.8  |
| Middle Tenn. | 36.8 pts.   | 13     | -23.8 | 441.0 yds.      | 320    | -111.0 |
| So. Carolina | 20.7 pts.   | 19     | -2.7  | 341.7 yds.      | 424    | +82.3  |
| Missouri     | 16.6 pts.   | 3      | -13.3 | 290.4 yds.      | 188    | -101.6 |
| Houston      | 47.6 pts.   | 34     | -13.6 | 561.1 yds.      | 371    | -190.1 |
| Florida      | 31.0 pts.   | 9      | -22.0 | 380.9 yds.      | 258    | -122.9 |
| Kentucky     | 22.6 pts.   | 17     | -5.6  | 364.4 yds.      | 352    | -12.4  |

## COMMODORE DEFENSE KEEPING OFFENSES BELOW SEASON AVERAGES

The Commodore defense has held all 10 opposing offenses below their season average in points this year. The unit has been virtually just as effective limiting offensive total yardage.

Last week, Vanderbilt held Kentucky to 17 points and 352 yards, one week after limiting SEC East champion Florida offense to just nine points and 258 total yards.

Vanderbilt's last four opponents – Missouri, Houston, Florida and Kentucky – have been held 13.6 points and 106.8 yards below their season averages.

The unit also has faced five of the nation's top offensive attacks: Ole Miss, WKU, Georgia, Middle Tennessee and Houston.

## ACTIVE CAREER STATISTICAL LEADERS

| Category            | Team Leaders                                  | Career Totals |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Total Offense       | J. McCrary/R. Webb                            | 2,745/2,006   |
| All-Purpose Yards   | D. Sims/R. Webb                               | 2,109/1,944   |
| Total TDs           | R. Webb/S. Scheu                              | 11/6          |
| Rushing Yards       | R. Webb/D. Rivers                             | 1,831/350     |
| Rushing Attempts    | R. Webb/D. Rivers                             | 443/121       |
| Rushing TDs         | R. Webb/D. Rivers                             | 9/3           |
| Passing Yards       | J. McCrary/W. Freebeck                        | 2,514/402     |
| Pass Attempts       | J. McCrary/W. Freebeck                        | 414/72        |
| Completions         | J. McCrary/W. Freebeck                        | 224/40        |
| Passing TDs         | J. McCrary/K. Shurmur                         | 15/2          |
| Receiving Yards     | S. Scheu/T. Sherfield                         | 897/578       |
| Receptions          | S. Scheu/L. Rayford                           | 78/56         |
| Receiving TDs       | S. Scheu/K. Kentera-CJ Duncan                 | 6/4 ea.       |
| Punt Return Yards   | R. White/T. Ellis                             | 130/67        |
| Kick Return Yards   | D. Sims/D. Rivers                             | 1,719/151     |
| Total Tackles       | D. Herring/Z. Cunningham                      | 214/146       |
| Solo Tackles        | D. Herring/T. McGaster                        | 117/94        |
| Tackles for Loss    | C. Azubike/S. Weatherly                       | 25/23         |
| Quarterback Sacks   | C. Azubike/S. Weatherly                       | 14.0/9.5      |
| Forced Fumbles      | Z. Cunningham/A. Williamson                   | 4/3           |
| Fumble Recoveries   | Azubike-Cunningham-Weatherly                  | 3 ea.         |
| Interceptions       | McIntosh/Ferguson-Herring-McGaster-Williamson | 4/2 ea.       |
| Passes Defended     | McGaster/D. Herring                           | 18/16         |
| Quarterback hurries | S. Weatherly/C. Azubike                       | 9/6           |
| Career Starts       | J. Bernstein-S. Pulley                        | 39 ea.        |
| Consec. Starts      | S. Pulley/J. Bernstein                        | 35/24         |

## VANDERBILT PLAYER PARTICIPATION

| Player            | Pos.  | 2015 Games Played | 2015 Starts | Career Games Played | Career Starts | Consec. Career Starts |
|-------------------|-------|-------------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
|                   |       |                   |             |                     |               |                       |
| Torey Agee        | OL    | 10                | 1           | 25                  | 1             | 1                     |
| Kyle Anderton     | FB/TE | 9                 | -           | 9                   | -             | -                     |
| Caleb Azubike     | DE    | 7                 | 4           | 41                  | 13            | -                     |
| Jalen Banks       | DB    | 4                 | -           | 16                  | -             | -                     |
| Ladarius Banks    | FB    | 10                | -           | 10                  | -             | -                     |
| Tre Bell          | CB    | 9                 | -           | 18                  | 4             | -                     |
| Jake Bernstein    | OL    | 10                | 10          | 46                  | 39            | 24                    |
| Khari Blasingame  | ILB   | 9                 | 1           | 9                   | 1             | -                     |
| Nigel Bowden      | LB    | 2                 | 2           | 13                  | 13            | -                     |
| Oren Burks        | S     | 10                | 10          | 18                  | 17            | 14                    |
| Adam Butler       | DL    | 10                | 8           | 34                  | 23            | -                     |
| Colby Cooke       | PK    | -                 | -           | 15                  | 12            | -                     |
| Josh Crawford     | RB    | 5                 | -           | 5                   | -             | -                     |
| Delando Crooks    | OG    | 3                 | -           | 15                  | -             | -                     |
| Zach Cunningham   | LB    | 10                | 7           | 21                  | 12            | 6                     |
| Sam Dobbs         | TE    | 5                 | -           | 5                   | -             | -                     |
| Brian Doney       | WR    | 1                 | -           | 1                   | -             | -                     |
| Chandler Dorrell  | WR    | 5                 | -           | 16                  | -             | -                     |
| Sean Dowling      | TE    | 9                 | 2           | 21                  | 2             | -                     |
| C.J. Duncan       | WR    | -                 | -           | 11                  | 9             | -                     |
| Trey Ellis        | PR    | 10                | -           | 21                  | -             | -                     |
| Taurean Ferguson  | CB    | 9                 | 1           | 21                  | 7             | -                     |
| Wade Freebeck     | QB    | 2                 | -           | 6                   | 4             | -                     |
| Blake Fromang     | OL    | 10                | 6           | 31                  | 6             | -                     |
| Barrett Gouger    | OL    | 10                | 10          | 33                  | 11            | 10                    |
| Bailey Granier    | OL    | 4                 | 2           | 4                   | 2             | 2                     |
| Curtis Graves     | WR    | -                 | -           | 2                   | -             | -                     |
| Jordan Griffin    | LB    | 9                 | -           | 9                   | -             | -                     |
| Cole Hardin       | OL    | 1                 | -           | 1                   | -             | -                     |
| Harding Harper    | LB    | 2                 | -           | 17                  | -             | -                     |
| Tre Herndon       | CB    | 10                | 10          | 22                  | 10            | 10                    |
| Darreon Herring   | LB    | 10                | 10          | 48                  | 33            | 12                    |
| Jay Hockaday      | LB    | 7                 | -           | 7                   | -             | -                     |
| Will Holden       | OL    | 10                | 10          | 34                  | 21            | 21                    |
| Andrew Jelks      | OL    | -                 | -           | 24                  | 21            | -                     |
| Wilson Johnson    | SN    | 2                 | -           | 2                   | -             | -                     |
| Kris Kentera      | TE    | 9                 | 2           | 46                  | 5             | -                     |
| Nifae Lealao      | DT    | 10                | 2           | 19                  | 2             | 2                     |
| Hayden Lekacz     | PK    | 10                | 2           | 15                  | 3             | 2                     |
| Bryce Lewis       | CB    | 9                 | -           | 9                   | -             | -                     |
| Nathan Marcus     | TE    | 9                 | 1           | 21                  | 4             | -                     |
| Kevin McCoy       | OL    | -                 | -           | 3                   | -             | -                     |
| Torren McGaster   | CB    | 10                | 9           | 35                  | 21            | 1                     |
| Jahmel McIntosh   | S     | 10                | -           | 46                  | 10            | -                     |
| Johnny McCrary    | QB    | 9                 | 7           | 16                  | 12            | -                     |
| Nehemiah Mitchell | OLB   | 10                | 7           | 10                  | 7             | -                     |
| Ronald Monroe     | WR    | 8                 | -           | 8                   | -             | -                     |
| Dare Odeyingbo    | DE    | 6                 | -           | 6                   | -             | -                     |
| Tommy Openshaw    | PK    | 10                | 10          | 21                  | 21            | 21                    |
| Spencer Pulley    | OL    | 10                | 10          | 47                  | 39            | 35                    |
| Latevius Rayford  | WR    | 9                 | 3           | 27                  | 13            | -                     |
| Bruno Reagan      | OL    | 10                | -           | 10                  | -             | -                     |
| Andrew Rector     | S     | 7                 | -           | 7                   | -             | -                     |
| Dallas Rivers     | RB    | 10                | -           | 22                  | -             | -                     |
| Steven Scheu      | TE    | 9                 | 9           | 45                  | 35            | 7                     |
| Jacob Schultz     | SN    | 10                | -           | 10                  | -             | -                     |
| Caleb Scott       | WR    | 10                | 7           | 21                  | 8             | 6                     |
| Donovan Sheffield | DB    | 4                 | -           | 4                   | -             | -                     |
| Trent Sherfield   | WR    | 10                | 10          | 17                  | 10            | 10                    |
| Kyle Shurmur      | QB    | 3                 | 3           | 3                   | 3             | 1                     |
| Darrius Sims      | WR/RB | 10                | 6           | 35                  | 6             | 1                     |
| Justin Skule      | OL    | 7                 | 2           | 7                   | 2             | -                     |
| Emmanuel Smith    | S     | 9                 | 2           | 19                  | 2             | -                     |
| Josh Smith        | OLB   | 10                | -           | 10                  | -             | -                     |
| Landon Stokes     | OLB   | 10                | 3           | 20                  | 3             | 3                     |
| Ja'karri Thomas   | LB    | 8                 | -           | 33                  | 1             | -                     |
| Arnold Tarpley    | S     | 10                | 5           | 21                  | 5             | 2                     |
| Stephen Weatherly | LB    | 10                | 10          | 34                  | 19            | 15                    |
| Ralph Webb        | RB    | 10                | 10          | 22                  | 22            | 22                    |
| Ryan White        | CB    | 10                | 1           | 19                  | 2             | -                     |
| Ladarius Wiley    | CB    | 10                | -           | 11                  | -             | -                     |
| Andrew Williamson | S     | 8                 | 8           | 47                  | 17            | 4                     |
| DeAndre Woods     | WR    | 3                 | -           | 6                   | -             | -                     |
| Jay Woods         | DT    | 10                | 5           | 22                  | 10            | -                     |
| Charles Wright    | OLB   | 10                | -           | 10                  | -             | -                     |
| Jonathan Wynn     | LB    | 10                | 4           | 21                  | 6             | -                     |

## 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.

In 2013-14, Ludwig directed the Wisconsin offenses to record-book production. 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 AT WISCONSIN

#### BADGER SCORING OFFENSE

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

#### BADGER TOTAL OFFENSE

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

#### BADGER 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)

## DOBSON, FORMER NEB. STRENGTH COORDINATOR LEADING VANDERBILT CONDITIONING

**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 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

## TEN POSITION PLAYERS HAVE STARTED EVERY COMMODORE GAME THIS YEAR

Ten Commodores have started every game, including six offensive contributors and four defensive performers.

**Jake Bernstein** (R-Sr., OG), **Barrett Gouger** (R-Jr., OG), **Will Holden** (R-Jr., OT), **Spencer Pulley** (R-Sr., center), **Trent Sherfield** (So., WR) and **Ralph Webb** (R-So., RB) have started all 10 games on offense.

**Oren Burks** (R-So., safety), **Tre Herndon** (So., CB), **Darreon Herring** (Sr., ILB), and **Stephen Weatherly** (R-Jr., OLB) have started every game on defense.

### 'DORES WHO HAVE STARTED EVERY GAME

#### OFFENSE

- **Jake Bernstein** (R-Sr., OG)
- **Barrett Gouger** (R-Jr., OG)
- **Will Holden** (R-Jr., OT)
- **Spencer Pulley** (R-Sr., center)
- **Trent Sherfield** (So., WR)
- **Ralph Webb** (R-So., RB)

#### DEFENSE

- **Oren Burks** (R-So., safety)
- **Tre Herndon** (So., CB)
- **Darreon Herring** (Sr., ILB)
- **Stephen Weatherly** (R-Jr., OLB)

## BOWDEN, SKULE OUT FOR YEAR; BOTH EXPECTED BACK NEXT SEASON

**Nigel Bowden** (R-So., ILB) and **Justin Skule** (Fr., OT) are expected to miss the rest of this season due to injury.

Both Bowden and Skule are expected to return for the 2016 season.

Bowden and Skule become the fifth and sixth Commodores to suffer season-ending injuries this year. Also missing this season due to injury are **C.J. Duncan** (R-So., WR), **Andrew Jelks** (R-Jr., OT), **DeAndre Woods** (R-So., TE) and **Jaire George** (Fr., RB). Two more players, **Delando Crooks** (R-So., OL) and **Jared Pinkney** (Fr., TE), has not played since early in the year due to injury.

Bowden, a product of Central H.S. in Macon, Ga., has not practiced or played since the Georgia game due to concussion syndrome.

Bowden, the team's leading tackler and an SEC All-Freshman selection in 2014, topped all first-year players in the league with 78 tackles last year.

Skule, who earned two starts at tackle earlier this year, suffered a season-ending injury in the first half at Houston.

## BURKS EARNS SEC WEEKLY HONOR FOR KENTUCKY EFFORT

**Oren Burks** (R-So., safety) was named Southeastern Conference Defensive Player of the Week Nov. 16 on the strength of a two-interception performance in the Commodores' 21-17 victory over Kentucky Nov. 14.

Burks sparked the Vanderbilt win with the two interceptions, including one that was returned for a Commodore touchdown.

Burks becomes the first Commodore to receive the league's top weekly defensive honor since linebacker Chase Garnham was recognized in November 2013 for a 10-tackle performance in Vanderbilt's 14-10 road

victory over Tennessee.

Burks also becomes the second Commodore singled out this year by the league. **Spencer Pulley** earned Offensive Lineman of the Week honors Oct. 24.

Both of Burks' interceptions came in the first half of a tough game with the Wildcats. When the Commodores failed to score after the initial pick, Burks tallied his own touchdown midway in the second quarter, taking a UK pass attempt 30 yards untouched into the end zone. After Burks' touchdown, the Commodores never relinquished the lead.

### OTHER ACTIVE SEC PLAYER OF WEEK RECIPIENTS

#### SPENCER PULLEY OFFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE WEEK – MISSOURI, Oct. 24, 2015

Pulley helped Vanderbilt produce 168 rushing yards, including 99 yards by RB Ralph Webb, against the top-ranked Tiger defense. He also earned a coaches' grade of 99 percent that included four pancake blocks.

#### 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 1915, 1955 TEAMS SHARE 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 lone 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 postseason appearance. The unit, led by RB **Charley Horton**, WR **Joe Stephenson** and QB **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.

### VANDERBILT RESULTS WHEN...

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Playing at home                   | 3-2 |
| Playing on the road               | 1-4 |
| Playing at night                  | 1-3 |
| Playing during the day            | 3-3 |
| VU scores on first possession     | 0-0 |
| Opp scores on first possession    | 2-1 |
| VU scores first                   | 2-2 |
| Opp scores first                  | 2-4 |
| VU leads after 1st quarter        | 2-0 |
| Opp leads after 1st quarter       | 0-5 |
| Teams are tied after 1st quarter  | 2-1 |
| VU leads at halftime              | 3-2 |
| Opp leads at halftime             | 1-4 |
| Teams are tied at halftime        | 0-0 |
| VU leads after 3rd quarter        | 3-2 |
| Opp leads after 3rd quarter       | 1-4 |
| Teams are tied after 3rd quarter  | 0-0 |
| VU has more total yards           | 3-1 |
| Opp has more total yards          | 1-5 |
| VU has more rushing yards         | 3-3 |
| Opp has more rushing yards        | 1-3 |
| VU has more passing yards         | 3-2 |
| Opp has more passing yards        | 0-5 |
| VU has more turnovers             | 2-4 |
| Opp has more turnovers            | 1-2 |
| Teams have equal turnovers        | 1-0 |
| VU has more penalties             | 2-0 |
| Opp has more penalties            | 2-4 |
| Teams have equal penalties        | 0-2 |
| VU has more time of possession    | 4-5 |
| Opp has more time of possession   | 0-1 |
| VU has 100-yard rusher            | 2-2 |
| Opp has 100-yard rusher           | 1-3 |
| VU has 250-yard passer            | 1-1 |
| Opp has 250-yard passer           | 0-3 |
| VU has 100-yard receiver          | 1-0 |
| Opp has 100-yard receiver         | 0-4 |
| VU scores at least 20 points      | 2-0 |
| Opp scores at least 20 points     | 0-3 |
| Playing on natural grass          | 0-2 |
| Playing on artificial surface     | 4-4 |
| Vanderbilt defense scores         | 1-0 |
| Opponent defense scores           | 0-2 |
| Vanderbilt special teams score TD | 0-0 |
| Playing ranked opponents          | 0-4 |

## STATUS OF FORMER COMMODORES IN THE NFL

| Player                 | Position | NFL Team      | Years | Notes                                                                                                  |
|------------------------|----------|---------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Jay Cutler</b>      | QB       | Chicago       | 10th  | Cutler completes 19 of 24 for 258 yards and 3 TDs, leading Bears to impressive 37-13 win at St. Louis. |
| <b>Andre Hal</b>       | S        | Houston       | 2nd   | Hal contributed a tackle as starting safety in Texan's 10-6 upset win over Bengals Monday night.       |
| <b>Casey Hayward</b>   | CB       | Green Bay     | 4th   | Starting nickel back contributes four tackles in Green Bay's 18-16 home loss to rival Detroit Lions.   |
| <b>Wesley Johnson</b>  | OL       | New York Jets | 2nd   | Versatile lineman gets limited action at guard in Jets' 22-17 loss to Bills last Thursday night.       |
| <b>Jonathan Krause</b> | WR       | Philadelphia  | 2nd   | Krause was signed to Philadelphia Eagles practice squad in late September.                             |
| <b>Jordan Matthews</b> | WR       | Philadelphia  | 2nd   | Matthews has three catches for 21 yards as Philadelphia suffers 20-19 home defeat to Miami.            |
| <b>Sean Richardson</b> | S        | Green Bay     | 4th   | Richardson was placed on injured reserve Oct. 14 due to a neck injury.                                 |
| <b>Ryan Seymour</b>    | OL       | Chicago       | 3rd   | Center/guard added to New Orleans Saints' practice squad Oct. 20.                                      |
| <b>Zac Stacy</b>       | RB       | New York Jets | 3rd   | RB suffered season-ending ankle injury returning kick in New York's home loss to Buffalo Nov. 12.      |

## COMPARING VANDY-TEXAS A&M STATS

|                                | VANDERBILT TEXAS A&M |                    |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>TEAM RECORD</b>             | <b>4-6</b>           | <b>7-3</b>         |
| <b>SCORING</b>                 | <b>154</b>           | <b>308</b>         |
| Points Per Game                | 15.4                 | 30.8               |
| <b>FIRST DOWNS</b>             | <b>180</b>           | <b>231</b>         |
| Rushing                        | 83                   | 102                |
| Passing                        | 83                   | 112                |
| Penalty                        | 14                   | 17                 |
| <b>RUSHING YARDAGE</b>         | <b>1,529</b>         | <b>1,821</b>       |
| Yards gained rushing           | 1,780                | 2,049              |
| Yards lost rushing             | 251                  | 228                |
| Rushing Attempts               | 3415                 | 395                |
| Average Per Rush               | 3.7                  | 4.6                |
| Average Per Game               | 152.9                | 182.1              |
| TDs Rushing                    | 8                    | 12                 |
| <b>PASSING YARDAGE</b>         | <b>1,830</b>         | <b>2,519</b>       |
| Comp.-Att.-INT                 | 172-326-14           | 212-367-13         |
| Average Per Pass               | 5.6                  | 6.9                |
| Average Per Catch              | 10.6                 | 11.9               |
| Average Per Game               | 183.0                | 251.9              |
| TDs Passing                    | 8                    | 21                 |
| <b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>           | <b>3,359</b>         | <b>4,340</b>       |
| Total Plays                    | 741                  | 762                |
| Average Per Play               | 4.5                  | 5.7                |
| Average Per Game               | 335.9                | 434.0              |
| <b>KICK RETURNS: #-Yards</b>   | <b>27-525</b>        | <b>26-541</b>      |
| <b>PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards</b>   | <b>27-165</b>        | <b>17-340</b>      |
| <b>INT RETURNS: #-Yards</b>    | <b>6-49</b>          | <b>9-137</b>       |
| <b>KICK RETURN AVERAGE</b>     | <b>19.4</b>          | <b>20.8</b>        |
| <b>PUNT RETURN AVERAGE</b>     | <b>6.1</b>           | <b>20.0</b>        |
| <b>INT RETURN AVERAGE</b>      | <b>8.2</b>           | <b>15.2</b>        |
| <b>FUMBLES LOST</b>            | <b>18-9</b>          | <b>15-6</b>        |
| <b>FUMBLES RECOVERED</b>       | <b>20-11</b>         | <b>18-7</b>        |
| <b>PENALTIES-Yards</b>         | <b>57-414</b>        | <b>53-464</b>      |
| Average Per Game               | 41.4                 | 47.4               |
| <b>PUNTS-Yards</b>             | <b>65-2,575</b>      | <b>45-2,134</b>    |
| Average Per Punt               | 39.6                 | 47.4               |
| Net punt average               | 33.9                 | 41.0               |
| <b>TIME OF POSSESSION/Game</b> | <b>32:32</b>         | <b>27:57</b>       |
| <b>3RD-DOWN Conversions</b>    | <b>68/175</b>        | <b>72/158</b>      |
| 3rd-Down Pct.                  | 39%                  | 46%                |
| <b>4TH-DOWN Conversions</b>    | <b>7/16</b>          | <b>6/15</b>        |
| 4th-Down Pct.                  | 44%                  | 40%                |
| <b>SACKS BY-Yards</b>          | <b>23-140</b>        | <b>28-161</b>      |
| <b>SACKS ALLOWED-Yards</b>     | <b>20-126</b>        | <b>25-169</b>      |
| <b>TOUCHDOWNS SCORED</b>       | <b>17</b>            | <b>37</b>          |
| <b>FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS</b>    | <b>12-19</b>         | <b>16-22</b>       |
| <b>RED-ZONE SCORES</b>         | <b>(17-28) 61%</b>   | <b>(36-45) 80%</b> |
| <b>RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS</b>     | <b>(11-28) 39%</b>   | <b>(27-45) 60%</b> |

## TWELVE TRUE FRESHMEN HAVE EARNED ACTION FOR COMMODORES THIS YEAR

Kyle Shurmur and Donovan

Sheffield became the 11th and 12th Commodore true freshmen to play this season during the Missouri game. Shurmur started at quarterback in the win while Sheffield played key minutes in the defensive secondary.

Shurmur and Sheffield join Sam Dobbs (TE) as true freshmen to recently see their first action. Dobbs played at South Carolina Oct. 17.

Of the dozen, Shurmur and Skule also have enjoyed earned starting assignments.

Two of the 12 – Pinkney and Skule – are not expected back this year due to injury. Pinkney was hurt in the Commodore season opener against Western Kentucky while Shule prematurely left the Houston game.

Vanderbilt ranks sixth in the SEC in the total of true freshmen who have participated this season.

### TRUE FRESHMAN CONTRIBUTORS

- Kyle Anderton (FB/TE)
- Josh Crawford (RB)
- Sam Dobbs (TE)
- Jordan Griffin (ILB)
- Jay Hockaday (ILB)
- Dare Odeyingbo (DE)
- Jared Pinkney (TE)
- Andrew Rector (safety)
- Donovan Sheffield (DB)
- Kyle Shurmur (QB)
- Justin Skule (OT)
- Josh Smith (OLB)

## VANDERBILT NOW 18-5 IN NON-SEC GAMES SINCE 2011 OPENER

Vanderbilt has captured 14 of its last 18 encounters against non-Southeastern Conference opponents after the Commodores fell to No. 18 ranked Houston on Oct. 31.

Houston was Vanderbilt's final non-conference opponent of the season. The Commodores are 2-2 this year in non-league play, having defeated Middle Tennessee (17-13, Oct. 3) and Austin Peay (47-7, Sept. 19). Besides Houston, the 'Dores lost a narrow decision to Western Kentucky in the season opener.

Since the 2011 opener, Vanderbilt is 18-5 overall against non-SEC foes including postseason bowl appearances against Cincinnati (2011), N.C. State (2012) and Houston (2013).

Besides the Austin Peay and Middle Tennessee wins this season, Vanderbilt has registered non-conference victories over 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 (W), Middle Tennessee (W), Houston (L)  |
| 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)                       |

## HEAD COACH DEREK MASON

**AGE:** 46

**CAREER RECORD:** 7-15 (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... Earned first road win at MTSU in October 2015... Earned first SEC victory Oct. 24, 2015 with 10-3 win over Missouri... Earned second SEC win over Kentucky (21-17, Nov. 14).

### 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.

## VANDERBILT ATHLETICS, COMMUNITY STAGE RELIEF DRIVE FOR SC FLOOD VICTIMS

South Carolina needed the support in early October, and the Nashville community responded in a big, big way.

With the Palmetto State faced with historic flooding, Vanderbilt Athletics asked Nashville-area residents to band together and help fill its football equipment truck with bottled water and generators. The response



South Carolina student and alumni gather Oct. 9 to off-load two semi-trailers filled with bottled waters and other relief collected by Vanderbilt on Oct. 8.

it received was more than it could have asked for.

By 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 8, the first (yes, the first) semi-trailer was already filled. The decision to bring in another truck was soon made by Director of Athletics **David Williams** as carloads of water continued to be dropped off. By 4:30 p.m., the second trailer was filled. The remaining donations were collected to be given to the Nashville Red Cross.

Each trailer was filled with 1,500 cases of water. Four new generators were also donated, as were 400 pairs of shoes by Nashville international non-profit organization Soles4Souls.

From children to grandparents and everyone in between, it was a collective effort by Nashvillians that inspired all those involved. Even a former Gamecock standout, current Tennessee Titans' kicker **Ryan Succop**, participated in the Nashville drive, bringing a truckload of waters.

All water collected Thursday, Oct. 8, and delivered to South Carolina's campus Oct. 9 in front of Russell House on Green Street.

Those still looking to make monetary contributions to those in South Carolina can do so through the Red Cross by donating online at [www.redcross.org/southcarolina](http://www.redcross.org/southcarolina), or by texting REDCROSS to 90999.

## FATHERS OF FIVE COMMODORES ENJOYED CAREERS 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 the late 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.



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.

## TWENTY-THREE FIRST-TIME PLAYERS FOR COMMODORES THIS SEASON

Twenty-three Commodores have enjoyed their first collegiate action this season.

**Kyle Shurmur** (Fr., QB) and **Donovan Sheffield** (Fr., CB) became the newest first-time contributors in the Commodores' win over Missouri. Shurmur started at quarterback, completing 10 of 20 passes for 89 yards. Shurmur also became the first Commodore true freshman to win his first collegiate start. Sheffield played critical snaps at nickelback in the second half, and registered one solo tackle.

Other first-time contributors on offense besides Shurmur this season include **Kyle Anderton** (Fr., FB), **Ladarius Banks** (Jr., FB), **Josh Crawford** (Fr., RB), **Sam Dobbs** (So., TE), **Brian Doney** (So., WR), **Bailey Granier** (R-Fr., OL), **Cole Hardin** (R-Fr., OL), **Ronald Monroe** (R-Fr., WR), **Jared Pinkney** (Fr., TE), **Bruno Reagan** (R-Fr., OL) and **Justin Skule** (Fr., OL).

Other first-time defensive contributors besides Sheffield include **Khari Blasingame** (R-Fr., ILB), **Jay Hockaday** (Fr., LB), **Bryce Lewis** (R-Fr., ILB), **Nehemiah Mitchell** (Jr.), **Andrew Rector** (Fr., safety), **Josh Smith** (Fr., OLB), **Dare Odeyingbo** (Fr., DE) and **Charles Wright** (R-Fr., ILB).

Two snap specialists – **Wilson Johnson** (Jr.) and **Jacob Schultz** (Jr.) – also are first-time contributors.

## ROSTER INCLUDES SMALL SENIOR CLASS; TEAM HAS EIGHT SCHOLARSHIP SENIORS

The Commodores feature one of the smallest senior classes in the nation for the second straight year.

The 2015 Vanderbilt 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** (safety), **Spencer Pulley** (OL), **Steven Scheu** (TE) and **Andrew Williamson** (safety).

### FEWEST SENIORS IN THE NATION

| Team            | # Seniors |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Wake Forest     | 6         |
| Wyoming         | 8         |
| Vanderbilt      | 9         |
| Central Florida | 9         |
| Old Dominion    | 10        |
| Pitt            | 10        |

## 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

### TENNESSEE (17)

**Chattanooga** – Tre Herndon  
**Clarksville** – Bruno Reagan  
**Hendersonville** – Kyle Anderton  
**Memphis** – Spencer Pulley, Latevius Rayford, Darrius Sims  
**Murfreesboro** – Jacob Schultz, Emmanuel Smith, Josh Smith  
**Nashville** – Caleb Azubike, Chandler Dorrell, Jay Hockaday, Wilson Johnson, Andrew Rector, Donovan Sheffield  
**Paris** – Andrew Jelks  
**Soddy Daisy** – Barrett Gouger

### ALABAMA (11)

**Billingsley** – Riley Tindol  
**Birmingham** – DeAndre Woods  
**Daphne** – Torren McGaster  
**Florence** – Cole Hardin  
**Hueytown** – Reid Nelson  
**Montgomery** – C.J. Duncan, Harding Harper  
**New Market** – Khari Blasingame  
**Opelika** – Torey Agee  
**Pinson** – Zach Cunningham  
**Wetumpka** – Josh Crawford

### 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

## 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    |

## VANDERBILT, SEC JOIN SEPT. 3 IN EFFORT TO RAISE PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS

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.

Commodore player helmets worn featured a commemorative sticker when Vanderbilt faced WKU in the opener.

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

The SEC 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.

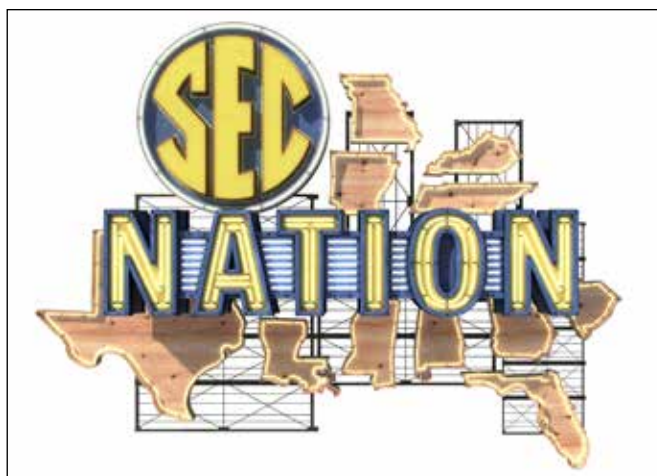
Slive and his family were honored by Vanderbilt during the WKU game.

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 multi-disciplinary 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.



Player helmets displayed this decal Sept. 3 to raise prostate cancer prevention awareness.



## SEC NETWORK'S 'SEC NATION' AIRED FROM VANDERBILT CAMPUS SEPT. 12

SEC Nation, the SEC Network's traveling pregame show, aired Sept. 12 from the Vanderbilt campus, prior to the Dores' game versus Georgia.

SEC Nation aired live 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.

## 'SEC INSIDE' SHOW ON SEC NETWORK FEATURES COMMODORES IN OPENER

The Vanderbilt football program was featured in early September in the premiere of 'SEC Inside,' the SEC Network's newest series.

The in-depth look at Vanderbilt's preparations for the Western Kentucky opener aired Sept. 8.

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.

## PREP TEAMMATES NOW VU TEAMMATES

Ten Commodores are playing college football with prep teammates.

- Brothers **Emmanuel Smith** (So., safety) 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.

### COMMODORE HELMET OPTIONS



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



**WHITE** 2012 intro; matte finish, enlarged "StarV" decal added in 2015



**BLACK** 2011 intro; matte finish in 2014, enlarged "StarV" decal added in 2015



**DEEP WATER** Ocean-inspired HGI alternate design introduced this year

## 'DORES WEAR 'DEEP WATER' GRAYS VS. UGA; 4TH DESIGN 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 August at Dore Jam, the team's annual fan event to kick off the season.

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



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

Vanderbilt coaches and players helped kick off the Curing Kids Cancer annual awareness campaign when the Commodores took the field against Austin Peay Sept. 19.

Vanderbilt's players wore 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.

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

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.

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.



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 is working 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 three other Nashville stations: **WSNR AM-560**, **WSNR 95.9-FM** and **ALT-98.3 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 98.3 FM       | 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 OPPONENTS

| 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, 2-0          | W, 47-7 (2015)     |
| Ole Miss         | Sept. 26 | VU trails, 38-50-2     | L, 16-27 (2015)    |
| Middle Tennessee | Oct. 3   | VU leads, 13-3         | W, 17-13 (2015)    |
| South Carolina   | Oct. 17  | VU trails, 4-21        | L, 10-19 (2015)    |
| Missouri         | Oct. 24  | VU trails, 3-4-1       | W, 10-23 (2015)    |
| Houston          | Oct. 31  | Series is tied 1-1     | L, 0-34 (2015)     |
| Florida          | Nov. 7   | VU trails, 10-37-2     | L, 7-9 (2015)      |
| Kentucky         | Nov. 14  | Series is tied 42-42-4 | W, 21-17 (2015)    |
| 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 Texas A&M game will be held after he addresses the team. Only properly credentialed media will be allowed into the Commodore press conference room at Vanderbilt Stadium.

Mason's remarks will be held in the team's press conference area, located near the Commodore locker room. Access to the facility is through the stadium tunnel in the south end zone.

The Vanderbilt Locker Room is closed. Up to six 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](http://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 WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK, 7 PM

This week, The Commodore Call-In Show with Coach Mason, a regular weekly feature of Nashville radio flagships NewsRadio 1510 WLAC & WNSR AM 560/FM 95.9, is scheduled on Wednesday from the WLAC Studios on Music Row. It starts at 7 p.m. The one-hour show is hosted by Vanderbilt announcer Joe Fisher.

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

The Coach's Show is back on Nashville TV each Sunday evening.

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.

## OFFENSE

|           |         |                  |                  |
|-----------|---------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>OT</b> | 74      | Will Holden      | 6-7, 312, R-Jr.  |
|           | 75      | Bailey Granier   | 6-6, 315, R-Fr.  |
| <b>OG</b> | 53      | Jake Bernstein   | 6-4, 310, Sr.    |
|           | 61      | Bruno Reagan     | 6-3, 315, R-Fr.  |
| <b>C</b>  | 77      | Spencer Pulley   | 6-4, 300, Sr.    |
|           | 60      | Cole Hardin      | 6-4, 300, R-Fr.  |
| <b>OG</b> | 56      | Barrett Gouger   | 6-4, 308, R-Jr.  |
|           | 64      | Delando Crooks   | 6-5, 315, R-So.  |
| <b>OT</b> | 75      | Bailey Granier   | 6-6, 315, R-Fr.  |
|           | -or- 66 | Blake Fromang    | 6-7, 305, R-Jr.  |
| <b>WR</b> | 10      | Trent Sherfield  | 6-0, 200, So.    |
|           | 86      | Latevius Rayford | 6-1, 198, Jr.    |
|           | 8       | Ronald Monroe    | 6-3, 200, R-Fr.  |
| <b>WR</b> | 9       | Caleb Scott      | 6-1, 195, So.    |
|           | 82      | Kris Kentera     | 6-4, 218, Sr.    |
|           | 36      | Trey Ellis       | 5-9, 168, So.    |
| <b>QB</b> | 14      | Kyle Shurmur     | 6-4, 225, Fr.    |
|           | 2       | Johnny McCrary   | 6-4, 220, R-So.  |
|           | 12      | Wade Freebeck    | 6-5, 226, So.    |
| <b>RB</b> | 7       | Ralph Webb       | 5-10, 202, R-So. |
|           | 28      | Dallas Rivers    | 6-1, 224, So.    |
|           | 6       | Darrius Sims     | 5-9, 188, Jr.    |
|           | 22      | Josh Crawford    | 5-10, 200, Fr.   |
| <b>FB</b> | 28      | Dallas Rivers    | 6-1, 224, So.    |
|           | 42      | Ladarius Banks   | 6-2, 255, R-Jr.  |
| <b>TE</b> | 81      | Steven Scheu     | 6-5, 245, Sr.    |
|           | 83      | Nathan Marcus    | 6-5, 240, R-So.  |
|           | 89      | Sean Dowling     | 6-5, 270, R-So.  |

## DEFENSE

|             |         |                   |                  |
|-------------|---------|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>DE</b>   | 69      | Adam Butler       | 6-5, 305, R-Jr.  |
|             | -or- 94 | Torey Agee        | 6-4, 284, R-Jr.  |
| <b>DT</b>   | 74      | Jay Woods         | 6-3, 285, R-So.  |
|             | -or- 77 | Nifae Lealao      | 6-5, 315, So.    |
| <b>DE</b>   | 55      | Caleb Azubike     | 6-4, 265, Sr.    |
|             | -or- 49 | Jonathan Wynn     | 6-5, 260, R-So.  |
|             | 34      | Dare Odeyingbo    | 6-2, 255, Fr.    |
| <b>OLB</b>  | 99      | Landon Stokes     | 6-4, 240, R-So.  |
|             | -or- 44 | Nehemiah Mitchell | 6-4, 260, Jr.    |
| <b>ILB</b>  | 35      | Darreon Herring   | 6-2, 230, Sr.    |
|             | 40      | Ja'karri Thomas   | 6-1, 230, R-Jr.  |
| <b>ILB</b>  | 41      | Zach Cunningham   | 6-4, 230, R-So.  |
|             | 23      | Khari Blasingame  | 6-1, 228, R-Fr.  |
| <b>OLB</b>  | 45      | Stephen Weatherly | 6-5, 250, R-Jr.  |
|             | 25      | Josh Smith        | 6-3, 236, Fr.    |
| <b>CB</b>   | 5       | Torren McGaster   | 6-0, 200, R-Jr.  |
|             | 3       | Taurean Ferguson  | 5-9, 185, R-So.  |
|             | 30      | Bryce Lewis       | 6-0, 180, R-Fr.  |
| <b>SS</b>   | 32      | Andrew Williamson | 6-1, 212, Sr.    |
|             | 14      | Ryan White        | 5-9, 190, R-So.  |
| <b>FS</b>   | 20      | Oren Burks        | 6-3, 215, R-So.  |
|             | 27      | Jahmel McIntosh   | 6-1, 202, Sr.    |
| <b>CB</b>   | 31      | Tre Herndon       | 6-0, 185, So.    |
|             | 4       | Tre Bell          | 5-11, 178, R-So. |
|             | 13      | LaDarius Wiley    | 6-1, 205, R-Fr.  |
| <b>NICK</b> | 2       | Arnold Tarpley    | 6-0, 202, So.    |
|             | -or- 7  | Emmanuel Smith    | 6-2, 218, So.    |
|             | 21      | Donovan Sheffield | 5-11, 182, Fr.   |

## SPECIAL TEAMS

|             |         |                |                  |
|-------------|---------|----------------|------------------|
| <b>P</b>    | 17      | Tommy Openshaw | 6-2, 185, R-So.  |
|             | 16      | Colby Cooke    | 6-3, 220, R-Jr.  |
| <b>PK</b>   | 17      | Tommy Openshaw | 6-2, 185, R-So.  |
|             | -or- 93 | Hayden Lekacz  | 6-0, 192, So.    |
| <b>SN</b>   | 48      | Jacob Schultz  | 6-4, 235, Jr.    |
| <b>HOLD</b> | 82      | Kris Kentera   | 6-4, 218, Sr.    |
| <b>KOR</b>  | 6       | Darrius Sims   | 5-9, 188, Jr.    |
|             | 28      | Dallas Rivers  | 6-1, 224, So.    |
| <b>PR</b>   | 14      | Ryan White     | 5-10, 190, R-So. |
|             | -or- 6  | Darrius Sims   | 5-9, 188, Jr.    |
| <b>KO</b>   | 93      | Hayden Lekacz  | 6-0, 192, So.    |

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

### STUDENT-ATHLETES:

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

# NUMERICAL ROSTER

## ROSTER A-Z

| NO. | NAME              | POS.  |
|-----|-------------------|-------|
| 94  | Torey Agee        | DE    |
| 88  | Kyle Anderton     | TE/FB |
| 55  | Caleb Azubike     | DE    |
| 24  | Jalen Banks       | RB    |
| 42  | Ladarius Banks    | FB    |
| 4   | Tre Bell          | CB    |
| 53  | Jake Bernstein    | OL    |
| 23  | Khari Blasingame  | ILB   |
| 52  | Nigel Bowden      | ILB   |
| 20  | Oren Burks        | S     |
| 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/WR |
| 39  | Brian Doney       | WR    |
| 18  | Chandler Dorrell  | WR    |
| 89  | Sean Dowling      | TE    |
| 19  | C.J. Duncan       | WR    |
| 36  | Trey Ellis        | WR    |
| 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   | S     |
| 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    | S     | 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      | RB/WR | 5-9  | 188 | Jr.   | 2L | Memphis, Tenn./Whitehaven            |
| 7   | Emmanuel Smith    | S     | 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  | 225 | Fr.   | HS | Philadelphia, Pa./LaSalle College    |
| 14  | Ryan White        | S     | 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./Creeside          |
| 18  | Chandler Dorrell  | WR    | 5-11 | 185 | Jr.   | 1L | Nashville, Tenn./St. Thomas Aquinas  |
| 19  | C.J. Duncan       | WR    | 5-11 | 200 | So.   | 1L | Montgomery, Ala./St. James School    |
| 20  | Oren Burks        | S     | 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       | RB    | 5-11 | 195 | So.   | 1L | Markham, Ill./Thornton Township      |
| 25  | Josh Smith        | OLB   | 6-3  | 236 | Fr.   | HS | Murfreesboro, Tenn./Oakland          |
| 26  | Andrew Rector     | S     | 6-0  | 205 | Fr.   | HS | Nashville, Tenn./Father Ryan         |
| 27  | Jaire George      | RB    | 6-1  | 218 | Fr.   | HS | Hyattsville, Md./DeMatha Catholic    |
| 27  | Jahmel McIntosh   | S     | 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 | S     | 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  | 255 | Fr.   | HS | Irving, Texas/Cistercian Prep        |
| 35  | Darreon Herring   | ILB   | 6-1  | 230 | Sr.   | 3L | Stone Mountain, Ga./Stephenson       |
| 36  | Trey Ellis        | WR    | 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 | Jr.   | 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/WR | 6-4  | 230 | 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/TE | 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     | S     |
| 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      | RB/WR |
| 58  | Justin Skule      | OL    |
| 7   | Emmanuel Smith    | S     |
| 25  | Josh Smith        | LB    |
| 71  | Jared Southers    | OL    |
| 10  | Shawn Stankavage  | QB    |
| 99  | Landon Stokes     | OLB   |
| 2   | Arnold Tarpley    | S     |
| 40  | Ja'karri Thomas   | ILB   |
| 95  | Riley Tindol      | DE    |
| 45  | Stephen Weatherly | OLB   |
| 4   | John Webb         | QB    |
| 7   | Ralph Webb        | RB    |
| 14  | Ryan White        | S     |
| 32  | Andrew Williamson | S     |
| 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**)

# 2015 STATISTICS

## TOTAL POINTS BY QUARTER

| SCORE (QUARTER)   | 1ST | 2ND | 3RD | 4TH | OT | TOTAL      |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|------------|
| <b>VANDERBILT</b> | 16  | 60  | 34  | 44  | 0  | <b>154</b> |
| <b>OPPONENTS</b>  | 39  | 46  | 55  | 34  | 0  | <b>174</b> |

## TEAM STATISTICS

|                                | <b>VANDERBILT</b> | <b>OPPONENT</b>  |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>SCORING</b>                 | <b>154</b>        | <b>174</b>       |
| Points Per Game                | 15.4              | 17.4             |
| <b>FIRST DOWNS</b>             | <b>180</b>        | <b>157</b>       |
| Rushing                        | 83                | 60               |
| Passing                        | 83                | 83               |
| Penalty                        | 14                | 14               |
| <b>RUSHING YARDAGE</b>         | <b>1529</b>       | <b>1237</b>      |
| Yards gained rushing           | 1780              | 1533             |
| Yards lost rushing             | 251               | 296              |
| Rushing Attempts               | 415               | 337              |
| Average Per Rush               | 3.7               | 3.7              |
| Average Per Game               | 152.9             | 123.7            |
| TDs Rushing                    | 8                 | 9                |
| <b>PASSING YARDAGE</b>         | <b>1830</b>       | <b>1960</b>      |
| Att-Comp-Int                   | 326-172-14        | 326-180-6        |
| Average Per Pass               | 5.6               | 6.0              |
| Average Per Catch              | 10.6              | 10.9             |
| Average Per Game               | 183.0             | 196.0            |
| TDs Passing                    | 8                 | 7                |
| <b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>           | <b>3359</b>       | <b>3197</b>      |
| Total Plays                    | 741               | 663              |
| Average Per Play               | 4.5               | 4.8              |
| Average Per Game               | 335.9             | 319.7            |
| <b>KICK RETURNS: #-Yards</b>   | <b>27-525</b>     | <b>25-494</b>    |
| <b>PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards</b>   | <b>27-165</b>     | <b>24-311</b>    |
| <b>INT RETURNS: #-Yards</b>    | <b>6-49</b>       | <b>14-218</b>    |
| <b>KICK RETURN AVERAGE</b>     | <b>19.4</b>       | <b>19.8</b>      |
| <b>PUNT RETURN AVERAGE</b>     | <b>6.1</b>        | <b>13.0</b>      |
| <b>INT RETURN AVERAGE</b>      | <b>8.2</b>        | <b>15.6</b>      |
| <b>FUMBLES-LOST</b>            | <b>18-9</b>       | <b>20-11</b>     |
| <b>PENALTIES-Yards</b>         | <b>57-414</b>     | <b>70-570</b>    |
| Average Per Game               | 41.4              | 57.0             |
| <b>PUNTS-Yards</b>             | <b>65-2575</b>    | <b>66-2632</b>   |
| Average Per Punt               | 39.6              | 39.9             |
| Net punt average               | 33.9              | 35.9             |
| <b>TIME OF POSSESSION/Game</b> | <b>32:32</b>      | <b>27:28</b>     |
| <b>3RD-DOWN Conversions</b>    | <b>68/175</b>     | <b>36/144</b>    |
| 3rd-Down Pct                   | 39%               | 25%              |
| <b>4TH-DOWN Conversions</b>    | <b>7/16</b>       | <b>4/15</b>      |
| 4th-Down Pct                   | 44%               | 27%              |
| <b>SACKS BY-Yards</b>          | <b>23-140</b>     | <b>20-126</b>    |
| <b>MISC YARDS</b>              | <b>7</b>          | <b>0</b>         |
| <b>TOUCHDOWNS SCORED</b>       | <b>17</b>         | <b>19</b>        |
| <b>FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS</b>    | <b>12-19</b>      | <b>14-21</b>     |
| <b>ON-SIDE KICKS</b>           | <b>0-1</b>        | <b>0-0</b>       |
| <b>RED-ZONE SCORES</b>         | <b>17-28 61%</b>  | <b>25-37 68%</b> |
| <b>RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS</b>     | <b>11-28 39%</b>  | <b>14-37 38%</b> |
| <b>PAT-ATTEMPTS</b>            | <b>14-14 100%</b> | <b>18-19 95%</b> |
| <b>ATTENDANCE</b>              | <b>160320</b>     | <b>280850</b>    |
| Games/Avg Per Game             | 5/32064           | 5/56170          |

## 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       | W   | 47-7  | 1-2     | 0-1   | 3:29 | 31,399 |
| 9/26  | at Ole Miss       | L   | 27-16 | 1-3     | 0-2   | 3:37 | 60,654 |
| 10/3  | at MTSU           | W   | 17-13 | 2-3     | 0-2   | 3:13 | 25,411 |
| 10/17 | at South Carolina | L   | 19-01 | 2-4     | 0-3   | 3:23 | 75,159 |
| 10/24 | Missouri          | W   | 10-3  | 3-4     | 1-3   | 3:34 | 31,128 |
| 10/31 | at Houston        | L   | 34-0  | 3-5     | 1-3   | 3:07 | 29,565 |
| 11/7  | at Florida        | L   | 9-7   | 3-6     | 1-4   | 3:24 | 90,061 |
| 11/14 | Kentucky          | W   | 21-17 | 4-6     | 2-4   | 3:26 | 30,301 |
| 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 | 9         | 101.99       | 144-263-12        | 54.8        | 1529        | 6        | 44        | 169.9        |
| Kyle Shurmur   | 3         | 94.21        | 26-57-1           | 45.6        | 275         | 2        | 37        | 91.7         |
| Wade Freebeck  | 1         | 36.40        | 2-6-1             | 33.3        | 26          | 0        | 17        | 26.0         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>10</b> | <b>99.42</b> | <b>172-326-14</b> | <b>52.8</b> | <b>1830</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>44</b> | <b>183.0</b> |
| Opponents      | 10        | 109.12       | 180-326-6         | 55.2        | 1960        | 7        | 78        | 196.0        |

| RUSHING         | GP        | ATT        | GAIN        | LOSS       | NET         | AVG         | TD       | LONG      | AVG/G        |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| Ralph Webb      | 10        | 231        | 970         | 46         | 924         | 4.0         | 5        | 74        | 92.4         |
| Darrius Sims    | 10        | 36         | 238         | 21         | 217         | 6.0         | 0        | 41        | 21.7         |
| Johnny McCrary  | 9         | 63         | 303         | 134        | 169         | 2.7         | 2        | 29        | 18.8         |
| Dallas Rivers   | 10        | 53         | 146         | 14         | 132         | 2.5         | 1        | 10        | 13.2         |
| Trent Sherfield | 10        | 4          | 55          | 0          | 55          | 13.8        | 0        | 34        | 5.5          |
| Josh Crawford   | 5         | 16         | 53          | 0          | 53          | 3.3         | 0        | 11        | 10.6         |
| Tommy Openshaw  | 10        | 1          | 13          | 0          | 13          | 13.0        | 0        | 13        | 1.3          |
| Ladarius Banks  | 10        | 1          | 0           | 0          | 0           | 0.0         | 0        | 0         | 0.0          |
| Kyle Shurmur    | 3         | 5          | 2           | 18         | -16         | -3.2        | 0        | 2         | -5.3         |
| <b>TEAM</b>     | <b>8</b>  | <b>5</b>   | <b>0</b>    | <b>18</b>  | <b>-18</b>  | <b>-3.6</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>  | <b>-2.2</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>10</b> | <b>415</b> | <b>1780</b> | <b>251</b> | <b>1529</b> | <b>3.7</b>  | <b>8</b> | <b>74</b> | <b>152.9</b> |
| Opponents       | 10        | 337        | 1533        | 296        | 1237        | 3.7         | 9        | 68        | 123.7        |

| RECEIVING       | GP        | No.        | YARDS       | AVG         | TD       | LONG      | AVG/G        |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| Trent Sherfield | 10        | 44         | 569         | 12.9        | 2        | 44        | 56.9         |
| Ralph Webb      | 10        | 24         | 188         | 7.8         | 2        | 18        | 18.8         |
| Caleb Scott     | 10        | 22         | 278         | 12.6        | 2        | 37        | 27.8         |
| Steven Scheu    | 9         | 22         | 204         | 9.3         | 0        | 24        | 22.7         |
| L. Rayford      | 9         | 18         | 137         | 7.6         | 1        | 20        | 15.2         |
| Darrius Sims    | 10        | 10         | 110         | 11.0        | 0        | 24        | 11.0         |
| DeAndre Woods   | 3         | 7          | 129         | 18.4        | 0        | 43        | 43.0         |
| Kris Kentera    | 9         | 7          | 92          | 13.1        | 0        | 28        | 10.2         |
| Dallas Rivers   | 10        | 5          | 32          | 6.4         | 0        | 12        | 3.2          |
| Nathan Marcus   | 10        | 3          | 22          | 7.3         | 0        | 11        | 2.2          |
| C. Dorrell      | 5         | 3          | 20          | 6.7         | 0        | 10        | 4.0          |
| Ronald Monroe   | 8         | 3          | 13          | 4.3         | 0        | 6         | 1.6          |
| Josh Crawford   | 5         | 2          | 11          | 5.5         | 0        | 8         | 2.2          |
| Sam Dobbs       | 5         | 1          | 21          | 21.0        | 0        | 21        | 4.2          |
| Kyle Anderton   | 9         | 1          | 4           | 4.0         | 1        | 4         | 0.4          |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>10</b> | <b>172</b> | <b>1830</b> | <b>10.6</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>44</b> | <b>183.0</b> |
| Opponents       | 10        | 180        | 1960        | 10.9        | 7        | 78        | 196.0        |

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## TOTAL OFFENSE

|                 | GP        | PLAYS      | RUSH        | PASS        | TOTAL       | AVG/G        |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Johnny McCrary  | 9         | 326        | 169         | 1529        | 1698        | 188.7        |
| Ralph Webb      | 10        | 231        | 924         | 0           | 924         | 92.4         |
| Kyle Shurmur    | 3         | 62         | -16         | 275         | 259         | 86.3         |
| Darrius Sims    | 10        | 36         | 217         | 0           | 217         | 21.7         |
| Dallas Rivers   | 10        | 53         | 132         | 0           | 132         | 13.2         |
| Trent Sherfield | 10        | 4          | 55          | 0           | 55          | 5.5          |
| Josh Crawford   | 5         | 16         | 53          | 0           | 53          | 10.6         |
| Wade Freebeck   | 1         | 6          | 0           | 26          | 26          | 26.0         |
| Tommy Openshaw  | 10        | 1          | 13          | 0           | 13          | 1.3          |
| TEAM            | 8         | 5          | -18         | 0           | -18         | -2.2         |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>10</b> | <b>741</b> | <b>1529</b> | <b>1830</b> | <b>3359</b> | <b>335.9</b> |
| Opponents       | 10        | 663        | 1237        | 1960        | 3197        | 319.7        |

## ALL-PURPOSE

|                 | GP        | RUSH        | REC         | PR         | KOR        | RET       | TOTAL       | AVG          |
|-----------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| Ralph Webb      | 10        | 924         | 188         | 0          | 0          | 0         | 1112        | 111.2        |
| Darrius Sims    | 10        | 217         | 110         | -12        | 447        | 0         | 762         | 76.2         |
| Trent Sherfield | 10        | 55          | 569         | 0          | 0          | 0         | 624         | 62.4         |
| Caleb Scott     | 10        | 0           | 278         | 0          | 0          | 0         | 278         | 27.8         |
| Dallas Rivers   | 10        | 132         | 32          | 0          | 45         | 0         | 209         | 20.9         |
| Steven Scheu    | 9         | 0           | 204         | 0          | 0          | 0         | 204         | 22.7         |
| Johnny McCrary  | 9         | 169         | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0         | 169         | 18.8         |
| L. Rayford      | 9         | 0           | 137         | 0          | 0          | 0         | 137         | 15.2         |
| Ryan White      | 10        | 0           | 0           | 130        | 0          | 0         | 130         | 13.0         |
| DeAndre Woods   | 3         | 0           | 129         | 0          | 0          | 0         | 129         | 43.0         |
| Kris Kentera    | 9         | 0           | 92          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 92          | 10.2         |
| Josh Crawford   | 5         | 53          | 11          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 64          | 12.8         |
| Nathan Marcus   | 10        | 0           | 22          | 0          | 14         | 0         | 36          | 3.6          |
| Oren Burks      | 10        | 0           | 0           | 0          | 0          | 31        | 31          | 3.1          |
| Torren McGaster | 10        | 0           | 0           | 29         | 0          | 0         | 29          | 2.9          |
| Trey Ellis      | 9         | 0           | 0           | 22         | 0          | 0         | 22          | 2.4          |
| Sam Dobbs       | 5         | 0           | 21          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 21          | 4.2          |
| C. Dorrell      | 5         | 0           | 20          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 20          | 4.0          |
| Jahmel McIntosh | 10        | 0           | 0           | 0          | 0          | 18        | 18          | 1.8          |
| Tre Herndon     | 10        | 0           | 0           | -4         | 19         | 0         | 15          | 1.5          |
| Tommy Openshaw  | 10        | 13          | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0         | 13          | 1.3          |
| Ronald Monroe   | 8         | 0           | 13          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 13          | 1.6          |
| Kyle Anderton   | 9         | 0           | 4           | 0          | 0          | 0         | 4           | 0.4          |
| Kyle Shurmur    | 3         | -16         | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0         | -16         | -5.3         |
| TEAM            | 8         | -18         | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0         | -18         | -2.2         |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>10</b> | <b>1529</b> | <b>1830</b> | <b>165</b> | <b>525</b> | <b>49</b> | <b>4098</b> | <b>409.8</b> |
| Opponents       | 10        | 1237        | 1960        | 311        | 494        | 218       | 4220        | 422.0        |

## SCORING

| SCORING         | PATs |       |       |      |     |      |     |     |     |
|-----------------|------|-------|-------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|
|                 | TDs  | FGs   | KICK  | RUSH | REC | PASS | DXP | SAF | Pts |
| Tommy Openshaw  | 0    | 12-19 | 10-10 | 0-0  | 0   | 0-0  | 0   | 0   | 46  |
| Ralph Webb      | 7    | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0-0  | 0   | 0-0  | 0   | 0   | 42  |
| Johnny McCrary  | 2    | 0-0   | 0-0   | 1-1  | 0   | 0-1  | 0   | 0   | 14  |
| Trent Sherfield | 2    | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0-0  | 0   | 0-0  | 0   | 0   | 12  |
| Caleb Scott     | 2    | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0-0  | 0   | 0-0  | 0   | 0   | 12  |
| Kyle Anderton   | 1    | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0-0  | 0   | 0-0  | 0   | 0   | 6   |
| Oren Burks      | 1    | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0-0  | 0   | 0-0  | 0   | 0   | 6   |
| Dallas Rivers   | 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   |
| Hayden Lekacz   | 0    | 0-0   | 4-4   | 0-0  | 0   | 0-0  | 0   | 0   | 4   |
| Kris Kentera    | 0    | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0-1  | 0   | 0-0  | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| Total           | 17   | 12-19 | 14-14 | 1-2  | 0   | 0-1  | 0   | 0   | 154 |
| Opponents       | 19   | 14-21 | 18-19 | 0-0  | 0   | 0-0  | 0   | 0   | 174 |

## KICKOFF RETURNS

|               | No.       | Yds        | Avg         | TD       | Long      |
|---------------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Darrius Sims  | 23        | 447        | 19.4        | 0        | 47        |
| Dallas Rivers | 2         | 45         | 22.5        | 0        | 26        |
| Nathan Marcus | 1         | 14         | 14.0        | 0        | 14        |
| Tre Herndon   | 1         | 19         | 19.0        | 0        | 19        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>27</b> | <b>525</b> | <b>19.4</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>47</b> |
| Opponents     | 25        | 494        | 19.8        | 0        | 71        |

## PUNT RETURNS

|                 | No.       | Yds        | Avg        | TD       | Long      |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Ryan White      | 17        | 130        | 7.6        | 0        | 36        |
| Torren McGaster | 4         | 29         | 7.2        | 0        | 17        |
| Trey Ellis      | 4         | 22         | 5.5        | 0        | 10        |
| Darrius Sims    | 1         | -12        | -12.0      | 0        | 0         |
| Tre Herndon     | 1         | -4         | -4.0       | 0        | 0         |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>27</b> | <b>165</b> | <b>6.1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>36</b> |
| Opponents       | 24        | 311        | 13.0       | 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  |
| AP       | 5     | 20    | 2:41 | Openshaw 40-yd FG                 |
| AP       | 8     | 78    | 3:46 | Webb 3-yd run                     |
| AP       | 5     | 26    | 2:02 | Openshaw 38-yd FG                 |
| AP       | 6     | 68    | 1:07 | Webb 9-yd pass from McCrary       |
| AP       | 6     | 75    | 1:50 | Webb 2-yd run                     |
| AP       | 6     | 51    | 1:58 | Sherfield 26-yd pass from McCrary |
| AP       | 8     | 71    | 2:03 | McCrary 16-yd run                 |
| AP       | 4     | 15    | 1:38 | Rivers 4-yd run                   |
| OM       | 19    | 73    | 7:17 | Openshaw 28-yd FG                 |
| OM       | 7     | 50    | 1:43 | Openshaw 41-yd FG                 |
| OM       | 7     | 80    | 3:06 | Webb 7-yd pass from McCrary       |
| OM       | 12    | 70    | 4:06 | Openshaw 34-yd FG                 |

|      |    |    |      |                                 |
|------|----|----|------|---------------------------------|
| MTSU | 4  | 7  | 1:28 | Openshaw 40-yd FG               |
| MTSU | 6  | 51 | 1:38 | McCrary 29-yd run               |
| MTSU | 7  | 87 | 2:01 | Webb 39-yd run                  |
| SC   | 14 | 79 | 6:43 | Scott 4-yd pass from McCrary    |
| SC   | 10 | 73 | 5:43 | Openshaw 23-yd FG               |
| MIZZ | 11 | 72 | 4:44 | Webb 1-yd run                   |
| MIZZ | 14 | 49 | 6:14 | Openshaw 40-yd FG               |
| FLA  | 1  | 74 | 0:11 | Webb 74-yd run                  |
| UK   | 1  | 4  | 0:06 | Anderton 4-yd pass from Shurmur |
| UK   | 5  | 51 | 0:38 | Scott 37-yd pass from Shurmur   |

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## FIELD GOALS

|                | FGM-FGA | %    | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | Lg | Bk |
|----------------|---------|------|------|-------|-------|-----|----|----|
| Tommy Openshaw | 12-19   | 63.2 | 3-4  | 2-4   | 7-10  | 0-1 | 49 | 0  |

## PUNTING

|                | No.       | Yds         | Avg         | Long      | TB       | FC        | I-20      | Blk      |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Tommy Openshaw | 63        | 2532        | 40.2        | 78        | 3        | 25        | 23        | 0        |
| TEAM           | 1         | 0           | 0.0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 1        |
| Colby Cooke    | 1         | 43          | 43.0        | 43        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>65</b> | <b>2575</b> | <b>39.6</b> | <b>78</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>1</b> |
| Opponents      | 66        | 2632        | 39.9        | 62        | 5        | 19        | 19        | 1        |

## FIELD GOAL SEQUENCE

|                   | VANDERBILT        | OPPONENT                  |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Western Kentucky  | 28,(49),(26)      | -                         |
| Georgia           | (47),(41),43      | 37,(20),43                |
| Austin Peay       | (40),(38),50      | -                         |
| at Ole Miss       | (28),(41),(34),32 | (19),(39),29              |
| at MTSU           | 40,(40)           | (44),(28)                 |
| at South Carolina | (23)              | (47),(31),39,55,(19),(22) |
| Missouri          | 45,(40),32        | (35),47                   |
| at Houston        | -                 | (22),(37)                 |
| at Florida        | -                 | (43)                      |
| Kentucky          | -                 | (38),37                   |
| Texas A&M         |                   |                           |
| at Tennessee      |                   |                           |

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate successful field goals.

## INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| #            | Name            | GP          | Tackles    |            |            | Sacks         |               | Pass Def    |           | QBH       | Fumbles     |           | Blocked  |   | Saf |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|----------|---|-----|
|              |                 |             | Solo       | Ast        | Total      | TFL/Yds       | No-Yards      | Int-Yds     | BrUp      |           | Rcv-Yds     | FF        | Kick     |   |     |
| 41           | Zach Cunningham | 10-7        | 49         | 30         | 79         | 13.5-41       | 3.5-23        | .           | 3         | .         | 3-0         | 3         | .        | . | .   |
| 35           | Darreon Herring | 10-10       | 28         | 24         | 52         | 3.0-8         | 1.5-3         | .           | 3         | 2         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 5            | Torren McGaster | 10-9        | 38         | 9          | 47         | 4.5-8         | .             | .           | 11        | .         | 1-0         | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 20           | Oren Burks      | 10-10       | 22         | 21         | 43         | 2.0-5         | .             | 3-31        | 6         | .         | 1-0         | 1         | .        | . | .   |
| 45           | S. Weatherly    | 10-10       | 25         | 15         | 40         | 7.5-32        | 2.5-21        | .           | 2         | 9         | 2-0         | 1         | .        | . | .   |
| 32           | A. Williamson   | 8-8         | 23         | 12         | 35         | 1.0-1         | 1.0-1         | .           | 3         | 1         | .           | 1         | .        | . | .   |
| 31           | Tre Herndon     | 10-10       | 22         | 12         | 34         | 1.0-6         | 1.0-6         | .           | 2         | .         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 2            | Arnold Tarpley  | 10-5        | 20         | 10         | 30         | 3.0-24        | 2.0-22        | .           | 2         | 1         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 14           | Ryan White      | 10-1        | 16         | 8          | 24         | 3.0-10        | .             | 1-0         | 1         | .         | 1-0         | 1         | .        | . | .   |
| 55           | Caleb Azubike   | 7-4         | 10         | 13         | 23         | 4.5-15        | 2.0-5         | .           | .         | 1         | 1-0         | 2         | .        | . | .   |
| 44           | N. Mitchell     | 10-7        | 8          | 15         | 23         | 1.5-12        | 0.5-3         | .           | 1         | .         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 74           | Jay Woods       | 10-5        | 9          | 11         | 20         | 2.0-6         | 1.0-5         | .           | 1         | .         | 1-0         | 2         | .        | . | .   |
| 49           | Jonathan Wynn   | 10-4        | 6          | 12         | 18         | 2.0-10        | 1.0-7         | .           | 1         | 1         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 99           | Landon Stokes   | 10-3        | 6          | 11         | 17         | 2.0-11        | 1.0-9         | .           | 3         | 3         | .           | 1         | .        | . | .   |
| 69           | Adam Butler     | 10-8        | 10         | 6          | 16         | 6.0-23        | 3.0-18        | .           | .         | .         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 94           | Torey Agee      | 10-1        | 9          | 4          | 13         | 2.0-13        | 2.0-13        | .           | .         | 1         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 77           | Nifae Lealao    | 10-2        | 5          | 8          | 13         | 1.0-2         | .             | .           | .         | .         | .           | .         | 1        | . | .   |
| 4            | Tre Bell        | 9-0         | 6          | 7          | 13         | 1.0-11        | .             | .           | .         | .         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 27           | Jahmel McIntosh | 10-0        | 6          | 6          | 12         | 0.5-7         | .             | 2-18        | 1         | .         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 23           | K. Blasingame   | 9-1         | 7          | 5          | 12         | .             | .             | .           | .         | .         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 3            | T. Ferguson     | 9-1         | 9          | 2          | 11         | 0.5-1         | .             | .           | 4         | .         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 40           | Ja'karri Thomas | 8-0         | 4          | 6          | 10         | .             | .             | .           | .         | .         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 7            | Emmanuel Smith  | 9-2         | 1          | 9          | 10         | .             | .             | .           | 1         | .         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 43           | Jordan Griffin  | 9-0         | 6          | 2          | 8          | .             | .             | .           | .         | .         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 13           | LaDarius Wiley  | 10-0        | 5          | 3          | 8          | 1.0-1         | .             | .           | .         | .         | 1-0         | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 25           | Josh Smith      | 10-0        | 1          | 6          | 7          | 0.5-1         | .             | .           | .         | .         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 21           | D. Sheffield    | 4-0         | 3          | 1          | 4          | 1.0-3         | .             | .           | .         | .         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 48           | Jacob Schultz   | 10-0        | 3          | 1          | 4          | .             | .             | .           | .         | .         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 93           | Hayden Lekacz   | 10-0        | 2          | 2          | 4          | .             | .             | .           | .         | .         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 24           | Jalen Banks     | 4-0         | 2          | 2          | 4          | .             | .             | .           | .         | .         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 52           | Nigel Bowden    | 2-2         | 2          | 2          | 4          | .             | .             | .           | .         | .         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 47           | Charles Wright  | 9-0         | 1          | 2          | 3          | 1.5-5         | 1.0-4         | .           | .         | .         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 34           | Dare Odeyingbo  | 6-0         | .          | 2          | 2          | 0.5-1         | .             | .           | .         | .         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 53           | Jake Bernstein  | 10-10       | 2          | .          | 2          | .             | .             | .           | .         | .         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 33           | Jay Hockaday    | 6-0         | 1          | 1          | 2          | .             | .             | .           | .         | .         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 26           | Andrew Rector   | 6-0         | .          | 2          | 2          | .             | .             | .           | .         | .         | .           | .         | 1        | . | .   |
| 82           | Kris Kentera    | 9-2         | 1          | .          | 1          | .             | .             | .           | .         | .         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 74           | Will Holden     | 10-10       | 1          | .          | 1          | .             | .             | .           | .         | .         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 56           | Barrett Gouger  | 10-10       | .          | 1          | 1          | .             | .             | .           | .         | .         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 30           | Bryce Lewis     | 9-0         | .          | 1          | 1          | .             | .             | .           | .         | .         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 83           | Nathan Marcus   | 10-1        | 1          | .          | 1          | .             | .             | .           | .         | .         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 6            | Darrius Sims    | 10-6        | 1          | .          | 1          | .             | .             | .           | .         | .         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 10           | Trent Sherfield | 10-10       | 1          | .          | 1          | .             | .             | .           | .         | .         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| 17           | Tommy Openshaw  | 10-0        | 1          | .          | 1          | .             | .             | .           | .         | .         | .           | .         | .        | . | .   |
| <b>Total</b> |                 | <b>10-0</b> | <b>373</b> | <b>284</b> | <b>657</b> | <b>66-257</b> | <b>23-140</b> | <b>6-49</b> | <b>45</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>11-0</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>2</b> |   |     |
| Opponents    |                 | 10-0        | 424        | 322        | 746        | 59.0-202      | 20-126        | 14-218      | 41        | 31        | 9-11        | 9         | 1        |   |     |

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## PASSING

|                | Com-Att-Yds-TD-Int       |                      |                   |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
|                | J. McCrary               | K. Shurmur           | W. Freebeck       |
| WKU            | 18-34-217-1-2            | DNP                  | DNP               |
| Georgia        | 24-50-295-1-3            | DNP                  | DNP               |
| Austin Peay    | 28-33-368-2-0            | DNP                  | 2-6-26-0-1        |
| at Ole Miss    | 23-42-194-1-0            | DNP                  | DNP               |
| at MTSU        | 18-31-177-0-2            | DNP                  | DNP               |
| at S. Carolina | 21-42-177-1-3            | DNP                  | DNP               |
| Missouri       | 7-8-47-0-0               | 10-20-89-0-0         | DNP               |
| at Houston     | 2-9-24-0-2               | 3-11-20-0-1          | DNP               |
| at Florida     | 3-14-30-0-0              | DNP                  | DNP               |
| Kentucky       | DNP                      | 13-26-166-2-0        | DNP               |
| Texas A&M      |                          |                      |                   |
| at Tennessee   |                          |                      |                   |
| <b>TOTALS</b>  | <b>144-263-1529-6-12</b> | <b>26-57-275-2-1</b> | <b>2-6-26-0-1</b> |

## TOP INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES OF 2015

| Category                      | Player, Opponent                      |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>RUSHING YARDS</b>          | 155, Ralph Webb (at MTSU)             |
| <b>RUSH ATTEMPTS</b>          | 33, Ralph Webb (Kentucky)             |
| <b>PASSING YARDS</b>          | 368, Johnny McCrary (Austin Peay)     |
| <b>PASS COMPLETIONS</b>       | 28, Johnny McCrary (Austin Peay)      |
| <b>RECEPTIONS</b>             | 16, Trent Sherfield (Austin Peay)     |
| <b>RECEIVING YARDS</b>        | 240, Trent Sherfield (Austin Peay)    |
| <b>TDS SCORED</b>             | 3, Ralph Webb (Austin Peay)           |
| <b>TOTAL TACKLES</b>          | 15, Zach Cunningham (at MTSU)         |
| <b>SOLO TACKLES</b>           | 12, Zach Cunningham (at MTSU)         |
| <b>QB SACKS</b>               | 2.0, Caleb Azubike (Kentucky)         |
| <b>TACKLES FOR LOSS</b>       | 4.0, Zach Cunningham (at S. Carolina) |
| <b>LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN</b> | 47, Darrius Sims (at Ole Miss)        |
| <b>INTERCEPTIONS</b>          | 2, Oren Burks (Kentucky)              |

## RUSHING

|                 | #-Yds/TD  | WKU      | UGA     | AP      | MISS    | MTSU     | SC        | MIZZ      | HOU     | FLA      | UK | TAMU | UT |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|----------|-----------|-----------|---------|----------|----|------|----|
| Ralph Webb      | 198-811/5 | 18-70/0  | 25-68/0 | 15-54/2 | 25-90/0 | 25-155/1 | 16-58/0   | 26-99/1   | 26-99/0 | 22-118/1 |    |      |    |
| Darrius Sims    | 33-216/0  | 4-15/0   | 1-0/0   | 2-27/0  | -       | -        | 6-104/0   | 9-58/0    | 5-19/0  | 6-(-7)/0 |    |      |    |
| Johnny McCrary  | 63-169/2  | 8-58/0   | 8-17/0  | 5-41/1  | 7-11/0  | 6-33/1   | 11-6/0    | 3-(-4)/0  | 4-4/0   | 11-3/0   |    |      |    |
| Dallas Rivers   | 49-116/1  | 11-26/0  | 4-7/0   | 12-25/1 | 3-6/0   | 8-18/0   | 1-(-2)/0  | 2-8/0     | 2-12/0  | 6-16/0   |    |      |    |
| Josh Crawford   | 16-53/0   | DNP      | DNP     | DNP     | 6-20/0  | DNP      | -         | 5-19/0    | 4-14/0  | 1-0/0    |    |      |    |
| Trent Sherfield | 3-52/0    | -        | -       | -       | 1-1/0   | 1-34/0   | -         | -         | -       | 1-17/0   |    |      |    |
| Tommy Openshaw  | 1-13/0    | -        | 1-13/0  | -       | -       | -        | -         | -         | -       | -        |    |      |    |
| Ladarius Banks  | 1-0/0     | -        | -       | 1-0/0   | -       | -        | -         | -         | -       | -        |    |      |    |
| Kyle Shurmur    | 4-(-18)/0 | DNP      | DNP     | DNP     | DNP     | DNP      | DNP       | 3-(-11)/0 | 1--7/0  | DNP      |    |      |    |
| TEAM            | 5-(-18)/0 | 1-(-1)/0 | -       | DNP     | -       | 1-(-3)/0 | 1-(-11)/0 | 1-(-1)/0  | DNP     | 1-(-2)/0 |    |      |    |

## RUSHING

|                 | #-Yds/TD  | WKU      | UGA     | AP      | MISS    | MTSU     | SC        | MIZZ      | HOU      | FLA      | UK       | TAMU | UT |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------|----|
| Ralph Webb      | 231-924/5 | 18-70/0  | 25-68/0 | 15-54/2 | 25-90/0 | 25-155/1 | 16-58/0   | 26-99/1   | 26-99/0  | 22-118/1 | 33-113/0 |      |    |
| Darrius Sims    | 36-217/0  | 4-15/0   | 1-0/0   | 2-27/0  | -       | -        | 6-104/0   | 9-58/0    | 5-19/0   | 6-(-7)/0 | 3-1/0    |      |    |
| Johnny McCrary  | 63-169/2  | 8-58/0   | 8-17/0  | 5-41/1  | 7-11/0  | 6-33/1   | 11-6/0    | 3-(-4)/0  | 4-4/0    | 11-3/0   | DNP      |      |    |
| Dallas Rivers   | 53-132/1  | 11-26/0  | 4-7/0   | 12-25/1 | 3-6/0   | 8-18/0   | 1-(-2)/0  | 2-8/0     | 2-12/0   | 6-16/0   | 4-16/0   |      |    |
| Trent Sherfield | 4-55/0    | -        | -       | -       | 1-1/0   | 1-34/0   | -         | -         | -        | 1-17/0   | 1-3/0    |      |    |
| Josh Crawford   | 16-53/0   | DNP      | DNP     | DNP     | 6-20/0  | DNP      | -         | 5-19/0    | 4-14/0   | 1-0/0    | DNP      |      |    |
| Tommy Openshaw  | 1-13/0    | -        | 1-13/0  | -       | -       | -        | -         | -         | -        | -        | -        |      |    |
| Ladarius Banks  | 1-0/0     | -        | -       | 1-0/0   | -       | -        | -         | -         | -        | -        | -        |      |    |
| Kyle Shurmur    | 5-(-16)/0 | DNP      | DNP     | DNP     | DNP     | DNP      | DNP       | 3-(-11)/0 | 1-(-7)/0 | DNP      | 1-2/0    |      |    |
| TEAM            | 5-(-18)/0 | 1-(-1)/0 | -       | DNP     | -       | 1-(-3)/0 | 1-(-11)/0 | 1-(-1)/0  | DNP      | 1-(-2)/0 | -        |      |    |

## PUNT RETURNS

|                 | #-Yds   | WKU  | UGA | AP   | MISS | MTSU | SC  | MIZZ | HOU | FLA | UK      | TAMU | UT |
|-----------------|---------|------|-----|------|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|---------|------|----|
| Ryan White      | 17-130  | -    | -   | 2-38 | 1-0  | 1-12 | 1-2 | 7-71 | 2-3 | 1-1 | 2-3     |      |    |
| Torren McGaster | 4-29    | -    | -   | 4-29 | -    | -    | -   | -    | -   | -   | -       |      |    |
| Trey Ellis      | 4-22    | 2-16 | 2-6 | -    | -    | -    | -   | -    | -   | -   | DNP     |      |    |
| Tre Herndon     | 1-(-4)  | 1--4 | -   | -    | -    | -    | -   | -    | -   | -   | -       |      |    |
| Darrius Sims    | 1-(-12) | -    | -   | -    | -    | -    | -   | -    | -   | -   | 1-(-12) |      |    |

## KICK RETURNS

|               | #-Yds  | WKU  | UGA  | AP   | MISS  | MTSU | SC   | MIZZ | HOU  | FLA  | UK   | TAMU | UT |
|---------------|--------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|----|
| Darrius Sims  | 23-447 | 3-61 | 3-69 | 1-17 | 4-103 | 3-50 | 1-20 | -    | 4-80 | 2-23 | 2-24 |      |    |
| Dallas Rivers | 2-45   | -    | -    | -    | -     | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | 2-45 |      |    |
| Tre Herndon   | 1-19   | -    | -    | -    | -     | -    | -    | -    | 1-19 | -    | -    |      |    |
| Nathan Marcus | 1-14   | -    | -    | -    | -     | -    | 1-14 | -    | -    | -    | -    |      |    |

# 2015 STATISTICS

## TACKLES

|                 | SOLO-ASSISTED-TOTAL | WKU | UGA | AP  | MISS | MTSU | SC  | MIZZ | HOU | FLA | UK  | TAMU | UT |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|------|----|
| Zach Cunningham | 49-30-79            | 1-0 | 2-3 | 1-2 | 4-7  | 12-3 | 9-3 | 3-0  | 7-2 | 5-5 | 5-5 |      |    |
| Darreon Herring | 28-24-52            | 2-4 | 2-3 | 1-2 | 3-5  | 2-0  | 8-0 | 3-0  | 4-4 | 1-3 | 2-3 |      |    |
| Torren McGaster | 38-9-47             | 6-0 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 6-1  | 3-1  | 3-0 | 2-3  | 5-1 | 6-1 | 4-2 |      |    |
| Oren Burks      | 22-21-43            | 2-2 | 4-4 | 1-3 | 2-4  | 5-1  | 6-0 | 0-1  | 1-4 | -   | 1-2 |      |    |
| S. Weatherly    | 25-15-40            | 0-3 | 6-2 | -   | 2-1  | 5-1  | 1-1 | 3-0  | 3-3 | 2-2 | 3-2 |      |    |
| A. Williamson   | 23-12-35            | 1-5 | 4-0 | 2-1 | 1-1  | DNP  | DNP | 1-2  | 5-1 | 5-1 | 4-1 |      |    |
| Tre Herndon     | 22-12-34            | 2-1 | 3-1 | 2-2 | 4-3  | 3-0  | 1-1 | 2-1  | 2-0 | 0-1 | 3-2 |      |    |
| Arnold Tarpley  | 20-10-30            | 1-2 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 5-3  | 1-0  | 1-1 | 2-1  | 3-0 | 1-0 | 2-1 |      |    |
| Ryan White      | 16-8-24             | 0-2 | -   | 3-0 | 2-1  | 2-2  | 6-1 | 1-0  | 2-0 | 0-2 | -   |      |    |
| N. Mitchell     | 8-15-23             | 1-2 | 0-5 | 1-1 | 0-2  | 3-1  | 1-1 | 0-1  | 2-0 | 0-2 | -   |      |    |
| Caleb Azubike   | 10-13-23            | 1-2 | 0-3 | 0-3 | 1-3  | 1-0  | DNP | DNP  | DNP | 4-1 | 3-1 |      |    |
| Jay Woods       | 9-11-20             | 0-1 | 1-5 | 0-1 | -    | 1-0  | 5-0 | 0-1  | 1-3 | 1-0 | -   |      |    |
| Jonathan Wynn   | 6-12-18             | 1-1 | 0-3 | 0-1 | -    | 2-0  | -   | 0-1  | 1-2 | 1-3 | 1-1 |      |    |
| Landon Stokes   | 6-11-17             | 0-2 | 0-1 | 0-1 | -    | 0-1  | -   | 1-0  | 2-1 | 2-1 | 1-4 |      |    |
| Adam Butler     | 10-6-16             | 0-1 | 0-3 | 2-0 | 2-1  | 1-0  | 2-0 | 2-0  | -   | -   | 1-1 |      |    |
| Torey Agee      | 9-4-13              | -   | 0-1 | 1-1 | -    | -    | 1-0 | 1-0  | 5-1 | 1-0 | 0-1 |      |    |
| Nifae Lealao    | 5-8-13              | -   | 1-3 | 1-2 | 0-2  | 1-0  | -   | -    | 2-0 | -   | 0-1 |      |    |
| Tre Bell        | 6-7-13              | 0-4 | 1-1 | 3-2 | -    | -    | DNP | 1-0  | -   | -   | 1-0 |      |    |
| Jahmel McIntosh | 6-6-12              | 0-1 | -   | -   | 1-2  | 1-0  | 1-0 | 1-1  | 1-0 | 0-2 | 1-0 |      |    |
| K. Blasingame   | 7-5-12              | -   | 1-0 | 1-2 | 1-1  | 2-0  | 1-1 | 1-0  | -   | 0-1 | DNP |      |    |
| T. Ferguson     | 9-2-11              | -   | 1-0 | 1-1 | 4-0  | -    | -   | 3-0  | 0-1 | -   | DNP |      |    |
| Emmanuel Smith  | 1-9-10              | 0-2 | DNP | 0-3 | 0-2  | 1-0  | -   | -    | 0-1 | -   | 0-1 |      |    |
| Ja'karri Thomas | 4-6-10              | -   | 1-1 | 0-5 | -    | DNP  | DNP | -    | 1-0 | 2-0 | -   |      |    |
| Jordan Griffin  | 6-2-8               | DNP | 1-0 | 0-1 | 2-0  | 1-0  | -   | -    | 1-0 | 1-1 | -   |      |    |
| LaDarius Wiley  | 5-3-8               | -   | -   | 0-1 | -    | -    | 1-0 | -    | 0-1 | 3-0 | 1-1 |      |    |
| Josh Smith      | 1-6-7               | 1-1 | -   | 0-2 | 0-1  | -    | -   | -    | -   | 0-2 | -   |      |    |
| Hayden Lekacz   | 2-2-4               | 1-0 | -   | -   | -    | -    | -   | 0-1  | 0-1 | -   | 1-0 |      |    |
| Jacob Schultz   | 3-1-4               | -   | -   | -   | 1-0  | -    | -   | -    | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 |      |    |
| D. Sheffield    | 3-1-4               | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP  | DNP  | DNP | 1-0  | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 |      |    |
| Jalen Banks     | 2-2-4               | -   | DNP | -   | 1-2  | DNP  | DNP | DNP  | DNP | DNP | 1-0 |      |    |
| Nigel Bowden    | 2-2-4               | -   | 2-2 | DNP | DNP  | DNP  | DNP | DNP  | DNP | DNP | DNP |      |    |
| Charles Wright  | 1-2-3               | -   | -   | 1-2 | -    | -    | -   | DNP  | -   | -   | -   |      |    |
| Dare Odeyingbo  | 0-2-2               | DNP | DNP | 0-2 | -    | -    | -   | -    | -   | DNP | DNP |      |    |
| Andrew Rector   | 0-2-2               | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP  | -    | 0-1 | -    | -   | -   | 0-1 |      |    |
| Jake Bernstein  | 2-0-2               | -   | -   | -   | -    | 1-0  | 1-0 | -    | -   | -   | -   |      |    |
| Jay Hockaday    | 1-1-2               | DNP | DNP | 0-1 | DNP  | -    | 1-0 | DNP  | -   | -   | -   |      |    |
| Barrett Gouger  | 0-1-1               | -   | -   | -   | -    | -    | -   | 0-1  | -   | -   | -   |      |    |
| Bryce Lewis     | 0-1-1               | -   | -   | 0-1 | -    | -    | DNP | -    | -   | -   | -   |      |    |
| Tommy Openshaw  | 1-0-1               | -   | -   | -   | -    | -    | -   | -    | -   | 1-0 | -   |      |    |

## FUMBLES

|                   | FF/FR | WKU | UGA | AP  | MISS | MTSU | SC  | MIZZ | HOU | FLA | UK  | TAMU | UT |
|-------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|------|----|
| Zach Cunningham   | 3/3   | -/- | -/- | -/- | -/-  | 1/-  | -/- | -/-  | 2/1 | -/2 | -/- |      |    |
| Jay Woods         | 2/-   | -/- | 1/- | -/- | -/-  | -/-  | -/- | -/-  | -/- | 1/- | -/1 |      |    |
| Stephen Weatherly | 1/2   | -/- | -/- | -/- | 1/-  | -/-  | -/1 | -/-  | -/1 | -/- | -/- |      |    |
| Caleb Azubike     | 2/1   | -/- | -/- | -/- | -/-  | -/-  | -/- | -/-  | -/- | 1/1 | 1/- |      |    |
| Oren Burks        | 1/1   | -/- | -/- | 1/1 | -/-  | -/-  | -/- | -/-  | -/- | -/- | -/- |      |    |
| Ryan White        | 1/1   | -/- | -/- | -/- | -/-  | -/1  | 1/- | -/-  | -/- | -/- | -/- |      |    |
| Torren McGaster   | -/1   | -/- | -/- | -/- | -/-  | -/1  | -/- | -/-  | -/- | -/- | -/- |      |    |
| LaDarius Wiley    | -/1   | -/- | -/- | -/- | -/-  | -/-  | -/- | -/1  | -/- | -/- | -/- |      |    |
| Landon Stokes     | 1/-   | -/- | -/- | -/- | -/-  | -/-  | -/- | -/-  | -/- | 1/- | -/- |      |    |

## INTERCEPTIONS/RET.

|                 | No.-Yds | WKU | UGA | AP | MISS | MTSU | SC  | MIZZ | HOU | FLA | UK   | TAMU | UT |
|-----------------|---------|-----|-----|----|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|----|
| Oren Burks      | 3-31    | -   | -   | -  | 1-1  | -    | -   | -    | -   | -   | 2-30 |      |    |
| Jahmel McIntosh | 2-18    | -   | -   | -  | 1-18 | -    | 1-0 | -    | -   | -   | -    |      |    |
| Ryan White      | 1-0     | -   | -   | -  | -    | -    | -   | -    | -   | 1-0 | -    |      |    |

## QB SACKS

|                   | UA-A-TOTAL | WKU   | UGA   | AP     | MISS   | MTSU | SC     | MIZZ   | HOU    | FLA   | UK    | TAMU | UT |
|-------------------|------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|------|----|
| Zach Cunningham   | 3-1-3.5    | -     | -     | -      | 1.0-2  | -    | 1.0-11 | -      | 0.5-4  | 1.0-6 | -     |      |    |
| Adam Butler       | 3-0-3.0    | -     | -     | -      | 1.0-7  | -    | 1.0-1  | 1.0-10 | -      | -     | -     |      |    |
| S. Weatherly      | 2-1-2.5    | -     | -     | -      | 1.0-12 | -    | -      | 1.0-6  | 0.5-3  | -     | -     |      |    |
| Caleb Azubike     | 2-0-2.0    | -     | -     | -      | -      | -    | DNP    | DNP    | DNP    | -     | 2.0-5 |      |    |
| Torey Agee        | 2-0-2.0    | -     | -     | -      | -      | -    | -      | -      | 1.0-11 | 1.0-2 | -     |      |    |
| Arnold Tarpley    | 2-0-2.0    | -     | -     | 1.0-11 | -      | -    | -      | -      | 1.0-11 | -     | -     |      |    |
| Darreon Herring   | 1-1-1.5    | -     | -     | -      | -      | -    | -      | 1.0-1  | -      | 0.5-2 | -     |      |    |
| Jonathan Wynn     | 1-0-1.0    | 1.0-7 | -     | -      | -      | -    | -      | -      | -      | -     | -     |      |    |
| Tre Herndon       | 1-0-1.0    | 1.0-6 | -     | -      | -      | -    | -      | -      | -      | -     | -     |      |    |
| A. Williamson     | 1-0-1.0    | -     | -     | 1.0-1  | -      | DNP  | DNP    | -      | -      | -     | -     |      |    |
| Charles Wright    | 1-0-1.0    | -     | -     | 1.0-4  | -      | -    | -      | DNP    | -      | -     | -     |      |    |
| Landon Stokes     | 1-0-1.0    | -     | -     | -      | -      | -    | -      | 1.0-9  | -      | -     | -     |      |    |
| Jay Woods         | 1-0-1.0    | -     | 1.0-5 | -      | -      | -    | -      | -      | -      | -     | -     |      |    |
| N. Mitchell       | 0-1-0.5    | -     | -     | -      | -      | -    | -      | -      | -      | 0.5-3 | -     |      |    |
| Nehemiah Mitchell | 0-1-0.5    | -     | -     | -      | -      | -    | -      | -      | -      | 0.5-3 | -     |      |    |

## 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       | Sherfield | Rayford | Kentera (WR) | Scott (WR) | McCrary | Webb | Holden | Bernstein | Pulley | Gouger | Skule   |
| at Ole Miss       | Sherfield | Sims    | Dowling (TE) | Scheu      | McCrary | Webb | Holden | Bernstein | Pulley | Gouger | Skule   |
| at MTSU           | Sherfield | Scott   | Kentera      | Scheu      | McCrary | Webb | Holden | Bernstein | Pulley | Gouger | Fromang |
| at South Carolina | Sherfield | Scott   | Sims (WR)    | Scheu      | McCrary | Webb | Holden | Bernstein | Pulley | Gouger | Fromang |
| Missouri          | Sherfield | Scott   | Sims (RB)    | Scheu      | Shurmur | Webb | Holden | Bernstein | Pulley | Gouger | Fromang |
| at Houston        | Sherfield | Scott   | Rayford      | Scheu      | Shurmur | Webb | Holden | Bernstein | Pulley | Gouger | Fromang |
| at Florida        | Sherfield | Scott   | Dowling (TE) | Scheu      | McCrary | Webb | Holden | Bernstein | Pulley | Gouger | Granier |
| Kentucky          | Sherfield | Scott   | Sims (RB)    | Scheu      | Shurmur | Webb | Holden | Bernstein | Pulley | Gouger | Granier |
| 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       | Mitchell | Butler       | J. Woods      | Azubike       | Herring | Z. Cunningham | Weatherly | McGaster | Williamson | Burks | Herndon |
| at Ole Miss       | Mitchell | Butler       | J. Woods      | Azubike       | Herring | Blasingame    | Weatherly | McGaster | Williamson | Burks | Herndon |
| at MTSU           | Mitchell | Butler       | E. Smith (NB) | Azubike       | Herring | Z. Cunningham | Weatherly | McGaster | Tarpley    | Burks | Herndon |
| at South Carolina | Mitchell | Butler       | Tarpley (NB)  | Wynn          | Herring | Z. Cunningham | Weatherly | McGaster | White      | Burks | Herndon |
| Missouri          | Mitchell | Butler       | Tarpley (NB)  | Wynn          | Herring | Z. Cunningham | Weatherly | McGaster | Williamson | Burks | Herndon |
| at Houston        | Stokes   | Butler       | J. Woods      | E. Smith (NB) | Herring | Z. Cunningham | Weatherly | McGaster | Williamson | Burks | Herndon |
| at Florida        | Stokes   | Tarpley (NB) | Lealao        | Wynn          | Herring | Z. Cunningham | Weatherly | Ferguson | Williamson | Burks | Herndon |
| Kentucky          | Stokes   | Tarpley (NB) | Lealao        | Agee          | Herring | Z. Cunningham | Weatherly | McGaster | Williamson | Burks | Herndon |
| 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          | 42-168/23-37             | 217/209          | 76-385/53-246            | 73/45           | 3/0          |
| Georgia           | L, 31-14       | 21/19          | 6/9          | 12/9         | 39-105/41-281            | 295/141          | 89-400/66-422            | 75/205          | 3/1          |
| Austin Peay       | W, 47-7        | 26/9           | 9/3          | 17/5         | 35-147/30-34             | 394/110          | 74-541/62-144            | 84/43           | 2/0          |
| at Ole Miss       | L, 27-16       | 21/30          | 8/11         | 9/13         | 43-128/42-151            | 194/321          | 85-322/84-472            | 122/98          | 0/2          |
| at MTSU           | W, 17-13       | 18/18          | 8/4          | 10/13        | 41-237/23-34             | 177/286          | 72-414/74-320            | 62/55           | 3/2          |
| at South Carolina | L, 19-10       | 20/17          | 10/6         | 9/10         | 35-155/37-152            | 177/272          | 77-332/66-424            | 36/79           | 5/2          |
| Missouri          | W, 10-3        | 18/10          | 9/3          | 8/5          | 49-168/19-80             | 136/108          | 77-304/53-188            | 71/59           | 1/1          |
| at Houston        | L, 34-0        | 12/19          | 10/6         | 2/11         | 42-141/51-150            | 44/221           | 62-185/74-371            | 102/183         | 4/2          |
| at Florida        | L, 9-7         | 11/12          | 8/5          | 0/7          | 48-145/34-93             | 30/165           | 62-175/60-258            | 24/181          | 0/4          |
| Kentucky          | W, 21-17       | 13/12          | 6/9          | 7/3          | 42-135/37-225            | 166/127          | 68-301/71-352            | 90/86           | 2/3          |
| Texas A&M         |                |                |              |              |                          |                  |                          |                 |              |
| at Tennessee      |                |                |              |              |                          |                  |                          |                 |              |
| <b>Totals</b>     | <b>154-174</b> | <b>180/157</b> | <b>83/60</b> | <b>83/83</b> | <b>415-1529/337-1237</b> | <b>1830/1960</b> | <b>741-3359/663-3197</b> | <b>739/1034</b> | <b>23/17</b> |

### 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       | 9-14/3-15            | 0-1/0-2          | 30:19/29:41          | 0:38         | 4.2/1.1        | 10.1/3.4       | 7.3/2.3        | 1-66.0/10-36.5         | 50/36          |
| at Ole Miss       | 10-22/3-13           | 0-2/1-1          | 33:21/26:39          | 6:42         | 3.0/3.6        | 4.6/7.6        | 3.8/5.6        | 7-34.6/4-50.8          | 43/119         |
| at MTSU           | 7-17/8-19            | 1-1/0-2          | 31:15/28:45          | 2:30         | 5.8/1.5        | 5.7/5.6        | 5.8/4.3        | 5-31.4/6-32.7          | 40/30          |
| at South Carolina | 6-15/2-13            | 0-1/0-0          | 32:50/27:10          | 5:40         | 4.4/4.1        | 4.2/9.4        | 4.3/6.4        | 6-38.2/5-42.6          | 53/39          |
| Missouri          | 8-19/0-14            | 0-1/1-2          | 38:24/21:36          | 16:48        | 3.4/4.2        | 4.9/3.2        | 3.9/3.5        | 7-45.6/9-47.7          | 59/37          |
| at Houston        | 3-14/7-17            | 0-0/1-2          | 26:45/33:15          | -6:30        | 3.4/2.9        | 2.2/9.6        | 3.0/5.0        | 9-35.4/5-34.6          | 39/55          |
| at Florida        | 5-18/3-13            | 1-2/0-3          | 31:54/28:06          | 3:48         | 3.0/2.7        | 2.1/6.3        | 2.8/4.3        | 10-42.2/5-44.4         | 45/61          |
| Kentucky          | 6-17/4-16            | 0-2/1-3          | 30:57/29:03          | 1:54         | 3.2/6.1        | 6.4/3.7        | 4.4/5.0        | 9-36.8/6-35.2          | 25/31          |
| Texas A&M         |                      |                  |                      |              |                |                |                |                        |                |
| at Tennessee      |                      |                  |                      |              |                |                |                |                        |                |
| <b>Totals</b>     | <b>68-175/36-144</b> | <b>7-16/4-15</b> | <b>325:21/274:39</b> | <b>50:42</b> | <b>3.7/3.7</b> | <b>5.6/6.0</b> | <b>4.5/4.8</b> | <b>65-39.6/66-39.9</b> | <b>414/570</b> |

# 2015 STATISTICS

## 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       | W, 47-7  | 9-14 (64.3%)          | 3-5 (60.0%)          | 1-2 (50.0%)          | 3-4 (75.0%)          | 2-3 (66.7%)          |
| at Ole Miss       | L, 27-16 | 10-22 (45.5%)         | 5-8 (62.5%)          | 0-4 (0.0%)           | 2-4 (50.0%)          | 3-6 (50.0%)          |
| at MTSU           | W, 17-13 | 7-17 (41.2%)          | 1-5 (20.0%)          | 2-4 (50.0%)          | 1-4 (25.0%)          | 3-4 (75.0%)          |
| at South Carolina | L, 19-10 | 6-15 (40.0%)          | 2-4 (50.0%)          | 2-5 (40.0%)          | 1-3 (33.3%)          | 1-3 (33.3%)          |
| Missouri          | W, 10-3  | 8-19 (42.1%)          | 1-4 (25.0%)          | 4-6 (66.7%)          | 0-3 (0.0%)           | 3-6 (50.0%)          |
| at Houston        | L, 34-0  | 3-14 (21.4%)          | 0-3 (0.0%)           | 0-3 (0.0%)           | 3-6 (50.0%)          | 0-2 (0.0%)           |
| at Florida        | L, 9-7   | 5-18 (27.8%)          | 2-4 (50.0%)          | 1-4 (25.0%)          | 1-5 (20.0%)          | 1-5 (20.0%)          |
| Kentucky          | W, 21-17 | 6-17 (35.3%)          | 2-4 (50.0%)          | 2-4 (50.0%)          | 1-4 (25.0%)          | 1-5 (20.0%)          |
| Texas A&M         |          |                       |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| at Tennessee      |          |                       |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| <b>Vanderbilt</b> |          | <b>68-175 (38.9%)</b> | <b>18-46 (39.1%)</b> | <b>18-45 (40.0%)</b> | <b>13-40 (32.5%)</b> | <b>19-44 (43.2%)</b> |
| Opponents         |          | 36-144 (25.0%)        | 7-34 (20.6%)         | 11-43 (25.6%)        | 11-35 (31.4%)        | 7-32 (21.9%)         |

## 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       | W, 47-7  | 0-1 (0.0%)          | 0-1 (0.0%)         | 0-0 (0.0%)         | 0-0 (0.0%)         | 0-0 (0.0%)         |
| at Ole Miss       | L, 27-16 | 0-1 (0.0%)          | 0-0 (0.0%)         | 0-0 (0.0%)         | 0-0 (0.0%)         | 0-1 (0.0%)         |
| at MTSU           | W, 17-13 | 1-1 (100.0%)        | 0-0 (0.0%)         | 1-1 (100.0%)       | 0-0 (0.0%)         | 0-0 (0.0%)         |
| at South Carolina | L, 19-10 | 0-1 (0.0%)          | 0-0 (0.0%)         | 0-0 (0.0%)         | 0-0 (0.0%)         | 0-1 (0.0%)         |
| Missouri          | W, 10-3  | 0-1 (0.0%)          | 0-0 (0.0%)         | 0-1 (0.0%)         | 0-0 (0.0%)         | 0-0 (0.0%)         |
| at Houston        | L, 34-0  | 0-0 (0.0%)          | 0-0 (0.0%)         | 0-0 (0.0%)         | 0-0 (0.0%)         | 0-0 (0.0%)         |
| at Florida        | L, 9-7   | 1-2 (50.0%)         | 0-0 (0.0%)         | 0-0 (0.0%)         | 1-1 (100.0%)       | 0-1 (0.0%)         |
| Kentucky          | W, 21-17 | 0-2 (0.0%)          | 0-0 (0.0%)         | 0-0 (0.0%)         | 0-1 (0.0%)         | 0-1 (0.0%)         |
| Texas A&M         |          |                     |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| at Tennessee      |          |                     |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| <b>Vanderbilt</b> |          | <b>7-16 (43.8%)</b> | <b>2-3 (66.7%)</b> | <b>2-3 (66.7%)</b> | <b>1-3 (33.3%)</b> | <b>2-7 (28.6%)</b> |
| Opponents         |          | 4-15 (26.7%)        | 1-3 (33.3%)        | 1-5 (20.0%)        | 1-1 (100.0%)       | 1-6 (16.7%)        |

## VANDERBILT-INSIDE OPPONENT 20-YARD LINE

| OPPONENT          | SCORE    | Times in RZ | Times SCORED | TOTAL PTS | RUSH TDs  | PASS TDs | TDs      | FG MADE  | FGA      | DOWNED   | 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       | W, 47-7  | 7           | 6            | 37        | 5         | 4        | 1        | 1        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| at Ole Miss       | L, 27-16 | 4           | 3            | 13        | 1         | 0        | 1        | 2        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| at MTSU           | W, 17-13 | 0           | 0            | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| at South Carolina | L, 19-10 | 3           | 2            | 10        | 1         | 0        | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        |
| Missouri          | W, 10-3  | 3           | 2            | 10        | 1         | 1        | 0        | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| at Houston        | L, 34-0  | 0           | 0            | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| at Florida        | L, 9-7   | 0           | 0            | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Kentucky          | W, 21-17 | 2           | 1            | 7         | 1         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| at Texas A&M      |          |             |              |           |           |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| at Tennessee      |          |             |              |           |           |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>Totals</b>     |          | <b>28</b>   | <b>17</b>    | <b>94</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |

VU Season Totals: 17 of 28 (60.7%)

## OPPONENTS-INSIDE VANDERBILT 20-YARD LINE

| OPPONENT               | SCORE    | Times in RZ | Times SCORED | TOTAL PTS  | RUSH TDs  | PASS TDs | TDs      | FG MADE   | FGA      | DOWNED   | 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            | W, 47-7  | 2           | 1            | 7          | 1         | 0        | 1        | 0         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| at Ole Miss            | L, 27-16 | 6           | 5            | 27         | 3         | 2        | 1        | 2         | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| at MTSU                | W, 17-13 | 3           | 2            | 10         | 1         | 0        | 1        | 1         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        |
| at South Carolina      | L, 19-10 | 4           | 3            | 9          | 0         | 0        | 0        | 3         | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Missouri               | W, 10-3  | 2           | 1            | 3          | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| at Houston             | L, 34-0  | 5           | 5            | 27         | 3         | 2        | 1        | 2         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| at Florida             | L, 9-7   | 3           | 1            | 6          | 1         | 1        | 0        | 0         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        |
| Kentucky               | W, 21-17 | 6           | 3            | 17         | 2         | 1        | 1        | 1         | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Texas A&M              |          |             |              |            |           |          |          |           |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| at Tennessee           |          |             |              |            |           |          |          |           |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| <b>Opponent Totals</b> |          | <b>37</b>   | <b>25</b>    | <b>130</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |

Opponent Season Totals: 25 of 37 (67.6%)

## VANDERBILT

### VANDERBILT – INDIVIDUALS

| <u>The Last Time...</u>               | <u>Player, Date</u>                                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Player scored 3 TDs.....              | Ralph Webb, vs. Austin Peay (3, 9/19/2015)            |
| Player scored 4 TDs or more.....      | Earl Bennett, vs. Kentucky (5, 11/12/2005)            |
| QB passes for 3 TDs.....              | Johnny McCrary, vs. Old Dominion (5, 11/1/2014)       |
| QB passes for 4 & more TDs.....       | Johnny McCrary, vs. Old Dominion (5, 11/1/2014)       |
| QB passed for 200+ yards.....         | Johnny McCrary, vs. Austin Peay (3, 9/19/2015)        |
| QB passed for 300+ yards.....         | Johnny McCrary, vs. Austin Peay (3, 9/19/2015)        |
| 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. Kentucky (113, 11/14/2015)            |
| 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.....                 | Ralph Webb, at Florida (74 yds., 11/7/2015)           |
| Rushed for 3 (+) TD.....              | Jerron Seymour, at Florida (3, 11/9/2013)             |
| Receiver had 100+ yards.....          | Trent Sherfield, vs. Austin Peay (240, 9/19/2015)     |
| Receiver had 200+ yards.....          | Trent Sherfield, vs. Austin Peay (240, 9/19/2015)     |
| Had three TD receptions.....          | Earl Bennett, vs. Richmond (3, 9/1/2007)              |
| Had four (+) TD receptions.....       | Earl Bennett, vs. Kentucky (5, 11/12/2005)            |
| Kick return for TD.....               | Darius 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.....              | Oren Burks, vs. Kentucky (30 yards, 11/14/2015)       |
| Fumble return for TD.....             | Adam Butler, vs. UMass (0 yds., 9/13/2014)            |
| Kicked more than 3 FGs.....           | John Markham, vs. Duke (4, 9/23/2000)                 |
| Kicked three FGs.....                 | Tommy Openshaw, vs. Ole Miss (3, 9/26/2015)           |
| Kicked 50-yard (+) FG.....            | Carey Spear, at South Carolina (54, 9/14/2013)        |
| Posted 60-yard (+) punt.....          | Tommy Openshaw, vs. Missouri (78, 10/24/2015)         |
| Posted 70-yard (+) punt.....          | Tommy Openshaw, vs. Missouri (78, 10/24/2015)         |
| Posted at least 10 solo tackles.....  | Zach Cunningham, at Florida (10, 11/7/2015)           |
| Posted at least 10 total tackles..... | Zach Cunningham, vs. Kentucky (10, 11/14/2015)        |
| Posted 3+ tackles for loss.....       | Caleb Azubike, vs. Kentucky (3.0, 11/14/2015)         |
| Posted 2+ interceptions.....          | Oren Burks, vs. Kentucky (2, 11/14/2015)              |
| Posted 2+ fumble recoveries.....      | Zach Cunningham, at Florida (2, 11/7/2015)            |
| Posted 3+ passes defended.....        | Torren McGaster, at MTSU (3, 10/3/2015)               |
| 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.....              | Nifae Lealao, vs. Ole Miss (9/26/2015)                |
| 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. Austin Peay (541, 9/19/2015)         |
| 300 or more passing yards.....            | vs. Austin Peay (394, 9/19/2015)         |
| 400 or more passing yards.....            | vs. Kentucky (446, 11/11/2006)           |
| Rushed for 200+ yards.....                | vs. MTSU (237, 10/3/2015)                |
| 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. Austin Peay (47, 9/19/2015)          |
| Scored 21+ points in quarter.....         | vs. Austin Peay (21, 3rd qtr, 9/19/2015) |
| Held foe under 100 total yards.....       | vs. Chattanooga (93, 9/6/2003)           |
| Held foe between 100-200 total yards..... | vs. Missouri (188, 10/24/2015)           |
| Held foe under 100 rushing yards.....     | at Florida (93, 11/7/2015)               |
| 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.....         | Perry Orth, So. Carolina (272 yds., 10/17/2015)      |
| QB passed for 300+ yards.....         | Chad Kelly, Ole Miss (321 yds., 9/26/2015)           |
| QB passed for 400+ yards.....         | Bo Wallace, Ole Miss (403 yds., 11/10/2012)          |
| 70-yard (+) reception.....            | Orth-to-Cooper, So. Carolina (78 yds., 10/17/2015)   |
| Rushed for 100+ yards.....            | Boom Williams, Kentucky (115 yds., 11/14/2015)       |
| 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.....          | Demarcus Robinson, Florida (106 yds., 11/7/2015)     |
| 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.....               | Isaiah McKenzie, Georgia (77 yds., 9/12/2015)        |
| INT return for TD.....                | William Jackson III, Houston (55 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.....         | Elliott Fry, So. Carolina (4, 10/17/2015)            |
| Kicked 50-yard (+) FG.....            | Bryson Rose, Ole Miss (4, 11/3/2012)                 |
| Posted punt of 70+ yards.....         | Ryan Janvion, Wake Forest (71, 11/30/2013)           |
| Posted at least 10 total tackles..... | Farr. Huguenin, Kentucky (10, 11/14/2015)            |
| Posted 3+ tackles for loss.....       | Alex McCalister, Florida (3.5, 11/7/2015)            |
| Posted 2+ interceptions.....          | Jacob Martin, Temple (2, 8/28/2014)                  |
| Blocked VU punt.....                  | Cale Luke, Ole Miss (9/26/2015)                      |
| Blocked VU FG.....                    | Sharriif 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.....     | Ole Miss (30, 9/26/2015)               |
| 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.....               | Ole Miss (321, 9/26/2015)              |
| 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..... | Florida (30, 11/7/2015)                |
| Held Vanderbilt under 200 total yards.....   | Florida (175, 11/7/2015)               |
| Held Vanderbilt scoreless.....               | Houston (34-0, 10/31/2015)             |

## 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

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     |
| 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 COMMODORES 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 redshirt 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     |
| 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; Rayford 7-57; D. Woods 3-57; Scheu 2-43; Scott 2-22; Sherfield 1-44; Kentera 1-9; Rivers 1-6.

## COMMODORES ROLL TO FIRST WIN; SHERFIELD STARS VS. AUSTIN PEAY

**NASHVILLE** – Trent Sherfield may not have known he was on the brink of a record-setting performance Saturday, but his coach did.

Sherfield's 17-yard reception in the fourth quarter of Vanderbilt's 47-7 win over Austin Peay gave the sophomore 16 catches for 240 yards - the latter of which is the most by a Commodore in a single game.

"I knew," second-year Vanderbilt coach Derek Mason said. "I wanted him to have the record. I wanted him to have the catch. He's worked hard. You reward guys for the work they do. That's what I believe. I talked to (receivers coach) Cortez Hankton, I said, 'keep him in, let's play, let's keep doing what we're doing.' He got the catch, we got

him out of the game."

By then, the game was long decided - due in large part to a 16-point outburst in the late moments of the second quarter, when Vanderbilt rallied from a 7-3 deficit to take a 19-7 advantage into the locker room at halftime.

### SCORING SUMMARY

| TEAM        | 1 | 2  | 3  | 4 | FINAL | RECORD |
|-------------|---|----|----|---|-------|--------|
| AUSTIN PEAY | 0 | 7  | 0  | 0 | 7     | 0-3    |
| VANDERBILT  | 3 | 16 | 21 | 7 | 47    | 1-2    |

**1st:** VANDY: Openshaw 40-yd field goal, 5-20 2:41.

**2nd:** APSU: COLEMAN 14-yd pass from TAYLOR (BIRCHFIELD kick), 3-17 0:50. VANDY: Webb 3-yd run (Openshaw kick), 8-78 3:46. VANDY: Openshaw 38-yd field goal, 5-26 2:02. VANDY: Webb 9-yd pass from McCrary (Kentera rush failed), 6-68 1:07.

**3rd:** VANDY: Webb 2-yd run (Openshaw kick), 6-75 1:50. VANDY: Sherfield 26-yd pass from McCrary (Openshaw kick), 6-51 1:58. VANDY: McCrary 16-yd run (Openshaw kick), 8-71 2:03.

**4th:** VANDY: Rivers 4 yd run (Openshaw kick), 4-15 1:38.

#### STATISTICS

|                            | APSU    | VANDERBILT |
|----------------------------|---------|------------|
| FIRST DOWNS                | 9       | 26         |
| RUSHES-YARDS (NET)         | 30-34   | 35-147     |
| PASSING YDS (NET)          | 110     | 394        |
| PASSES ATT-COMP-INT        | 32-18-0 | 39-30-1    |
| TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS  | 62-144  | 74-541     |
| PUNT RETURNS-YARDS         | 0-0     | 6-67       |
| KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS      | 3-42    | 1-17       |
| INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS | 1-1     | 0-0        |
| PUNTS (NUMBER-AVG)         | 10-36.5 | 1-66.0     |
| FUMBLES-LOST               | 1-0     | 2-1        |
| PENALTIES-YARDS            | 5-36    | 7-50       |
| POSSESSION TIME            | 29:41   | 30:19      |
| THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS     | 3 OF 15 | 9 OF 14    |
| FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS    | 0 OF 2  | 0 OF 1     |
| RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES    | 1-2     | 6-7        |
| SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS     | 0-0     | 3-16       |

**RUSHING:** APSU – Franklin 7-18; Morris 4-16; Davis 8-10; Roberson 2-1; TEAM 2-(-2); Taylor 7-(-9). VANDY – Webb 15-54; McCrary 5-41; Sims 2-27; Rivers 12-25; Banks 1-0.

**PASSING:** APSU – Taylor 18-32-0-110. VANDY – McCrary 28-33-0-368; Freebeck 2-6-1-26.

**RECEIVING:** APSU – Beard 5-21; Thomas 4-34; Coleman 3-23; Braswell 2-12; Davis 2-9; Coleman 1-9; Ballard 1-2. VANDY – Sherfield 16-240; Scott 3-24; Webb 3-22; D. Woods 2-52; Sims 2-32; Dorrell 1-9; L. Rayford 1-6; Rivers 1-6; Kentera 1-3.

## COMMODORES DROP HARD-FOUGHT BATTLE AGAINST NO. 3 OLE MISS

**OXFORD, Miss.** – Vanderbilt stayed in the game against No. 3 Mississippi much longer than just about anyone expected.

But the Commodores could never find the big offensive play to pull off an upset over the Rebels.

Ole Miss beat Vanderbilt 27-16 on Saturday night, pushing past a feisty Commodores defense that slowed down the Rebels for the first time all season.

### GAME 4 SEPT. 26, 2015 OXFORD, MISS.

"We are going to continue to get better," Vanderbilt coach Derek Mason said. "Teams are not going to want to see us in October and November, I can tell you that."

Vanderbilt (1-3, 0-2 Southeastern

Conference) lost its third straight against the Rebels, who came into the game averaging 64 points per game. Johnny McCrary threw for 194 yards and Ralph Webb ran for 90.

Vanderbilt stayed within striking distance all night thanks to a defense that didn't give up big plays and generally played mistake-free football.

### SCORING SUMMARY

| TEAM       | 1 | 2 | 3  | 4 | FINAL | RECORD   |
|------------|---|---|----|---|-------|----------|
| VANDERBILT | 3 | 0 | 10 | 3 | 16    | 1-3, 0-2 |
| OLE MISS   | 7 | 6 | 7  | 7 | 27    | 4-0, 2-0 |

**1st:** VANDY: Openshaw 28-yd field goal, 19-73 7:17. OM: Stringfellow 20-yd pass from Kelly (Wunderlich kick) 5-72 1:04.

**2nd:** OM: Wunderlich 19-yd field goal, 15-78 4:18. OM: Wunderlich 39-yd field goal, 6-37 1:55.

**3rd:** VANDY: Openshaw 41-yd field goal, 7-50 1:43. VANDY: Webb 7-yd pass from McCrary (Openshaw kick), 7-80 3:06. OM: R. Nkemdiche 1-yd run (Wunderlich kick), 7-20 2:19.

**4th:** VANDY: Openshaw 34-yd field goal, 12-70 4:06. OM: Walton 3-yd run (Wunderlich kick), 9-80 2:41

#### STATISTICS

|                            | VANDERBILT | OLE MISS |
|----------------------------|------------|----------|
| FIRST DOWNS                | 21         | 30       |
| RUSHES-YARDS (NET)         | 43-128     | 42-151   |
| PASSING YDS (NET)          | 194        | 321      |
| PASSES ATT-COMP-INT        | 42-23-0    | 42-24-2  |
| TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS  | 85-322     | 84-472   |
| PUNT RETURNS-YARDS         | 1-0        | 3-17     |
| KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS      | 4-103      | 4-81     |
| INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS | 2-19       | 0-0      |
| PUNTS (NUMBER-AVG)         | 7-34.6     | 4-50.8   |
| FUMBLES-LOST               | 0-0        | 1-0      |
| PENALTIES-YARDS            | 8-43       | 11-119   |
| POSSESSION TIME            | 33:21      | 26:39    |
| THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS     | 10 OF 22   | 3 OF 13  |
| FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS    | 0 OF 2     | 1 OF 1   |
| RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES    | 3-4        | 5-6      |
| SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS     | 3-21       | 0-0      |

**RUSHING:** VANDY – Webb 25-90; Crawford 6-20; McCrary 7-11; Rivers 3-6; Sherfield 1-1. OLE MISS – Walton 21-133; Wilkins 7-26; Judd 2-4; Gleeson 1-3; R. Nkemdiche 1-1; Liggins 2-0; TEAM 3-(-6); Kelly 5-(-10).

**PASSING:** VANDY – McCrary 23-42-0-194. OLE MISS – Kelly 24-42-2-321.

**RECEIVING:** VANDY – Sherfield 7-55; Scheu 5-57; Scott 5-42; Crawford 2-11; Webb 2-11; Sims 1-17; Marcus 1-1. OLE MISS – L. Treadwell 8-135; Pack 6-52; D. Stringfellow 4-71; Engram 3-41; Core 2-21; Walton 1-1.

# 2015 GAME RECAPS

## COMMODORES RALLY LATE IN FOURTH FOR ROAD WIN AT MIDDLE TENNESSEE

**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** — Ralph Webb ran for a 39-yard touchdown late in the fourth quarter to lift Vanderbilt past Middle Tennessee 17-13 on Saturday night.

The Commodores overcame a 10-point deficit with two touchdowns in the final 6:14. Quarterback Johnny McCrary scored on a 29-yard run before Webb scored with 1:12 left to play. It was Vanderbilt's (2-3) first win against an FBS opponent this season.

**GAME 5**  
**OCT. 3, 2015**  
**MURFREESBORO, TENN.**

"Once I broke through the second wave of the defense, all I saw was the end zone," Webb said. "I was trying to get there as fast as I could."

Webb ran for 155 yards on 25 carries for his first 100-yard rushing game of the season and third of his career.

"Bout time," Vanderbilt coach Derek Mason said. "I'll be honest with you. I've been waiting for him to hit one for a while."

"Sometimes you run out of time," said Mason. "Today we almost ran out of time. It was our first road win since I've been here, and that's huge for this young, growing football team."

### SCORING SUMMARY

| TEAM       | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4  | FINAL | RECORD   |
|------------|---|---|---|----|-------|----------|
| VANDERBILT | 3 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 17    | 2-3, 0-2 |
| MTSU       | 3 | 3 | 0 | 7  | 13    | 2-3, 1-0 |

**1st:** MT: Clark 44-yd field goal, 8-48 2:03. VANDY: Openshaw 40-yd field goal, 4-7 1:28.

**2nd:** MT Clark 28-yd field goal, 11-64 3:03.

**4th:** MT: Batties 18-yd pass from Stockstill, B. (Clark kick), 12-63 5:13. VANDY: McCrary 29-yd run (Openshaw kick), 6-51 1:38. VANDY: Webb 39-yd run (Openshaw kick), 7-87 2:01.

#### STATISTICS

|                            | VANDERBILT | MTSU    |
|----------------------------|------------|---------|
| FIRST DOWNS                | 18         | 18      |
| RUSHES-YARDS (NET)         | 41-237     | 23-34   |
| PASSING YDS (NET)          | 177        | 286     |
| PASSES ATT-COMP-INT        | 31-18-2    | 51-32-0 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS  | 72-414     | 74-320  |
| PUNT RETURNS-YARDS         | 1-12       | 2-5     |
| KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS      | 3-50       | 1-25    |
| INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS | 0-0        | 2-25    |
| PUNTS (NUMBER-AVG)         | 5-31.4     | 6-32.7  |
| FUMBLES-LOST               | 1-1        | 2-2     |
| PENALTIES-YARDS            | 6-40       | 5-30    |
| POSSESSION TIME            | 31:15      | 28:45   |
| THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS     | 7 OF 17    | 8 OF 19 |
| FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS    | 1 OF 1     | 0 OF 2  |
| RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES    | 0-0        | 2-3     |
| SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS     | 0-0        | 2-9     |

**RUSHING:** VANDERBILT — Webb 25-155; Sherfield 1-34; McCrary 6-33; Rivers 8-18; TEAM 1-(-3). MT — Bryson, J. 7-17; Stockstill, B. 3-11; Tucker 10-9; Parker 2-2; TEAM 1-(-5).

**PASSING:** VANDERBILT — McCrary 18-31-2-177. MT — Stockstill, B. 32-51-0-286.

**RECEIVING:** VANDERBILT — Sherfield 6-63; Scott 3-43; Kentera 3-32; Webb 2-21; Dorrell 1-10; Monroe 1-4; Scheu 1-3; L. Rayford 1-1. MT — Batties 10-82; James 8-95; Tucker 4-16; Barnes 3-37; Pettis 2-27; Ducksworth, R. 2-19; Frazier, D. 1-8; Parker 1-4; Bryson, J. 1-(-2).

## TURNOVERS DOOM COMMODORES; FALL ON ROAD TO SOUTH CAROLINA

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** — Vanderbilt coach Derek Mason is ready for his football team to grow up and stop making mistakes.

The second-year coach was frustrated after the Commodores (2-4, 0-3 Southeastern) lost 19-10 to South Carolina on Saturday, turning the ball over five times and committing key penalties in what might have been their best chance at an SEC win this season.

**GAME 6**  
**OCT. 17, 2015**  
**COLUMBIA, S.C.**

"Our football team continues to shoot itself in the foot," Mason said. "We've got to be better all around."

Vanderbilt appeared to have the momentum, turning a 6-0 deficit into a 10-6 lead with a touchdown on a 14-play drive late in the second quarter and a field goal on a 10-play drive early in the second half. But then came the turning point of the game. Gamecocks quarterback Perry Orth hit Pharoh Cooper as he came across the field and the junior outran the defense for the 78-yard touchdown.

The rest of the game turned sloppy. Vanderbilt would turn the ball over four times and South Carolina (3-4, 1-4) twice after Cooper's touchdown.

### SCORING SUMMARY

| TEAM           | 1 | 2 | 3  | 4 | FINAL | RECORD   |
|----------------|---|---|----|---|-------|----------|
| VANDERBILT     | 0 | 7 | 3  | 0 | 10    | 2-4, 0-3 |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | 6 | 0 | 10 | 3 | 19    | 3-4, 1-4 |

**1st:** SC: Fry 47-yd field goal, 4-(-5) 1:02. SC: Fry 31-yd field goal, 11-74 3:54.

**2nd:** VANDY: Scott 4-yd pass from McCrary (Openshaw kick), 14-79 6:43.

**3rd:** VANDY: Openshaw 23-yd field goal, 10-73 5:43. SC: Cooper 78-yd pass from Orth (Fry kick), 3-83 1:30. SC: Fry 19-yd field goal, 8-44 2:52.

**4th:** SC: Fry 22-yd field goal, 5-12 1:10.

#### STATISTICS

|                            | VANDERBILT | S. CAROLINA |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------|
| FIRST DOWNS                | 20         | 17          |
| RUSHES-YARDS (NET)         | 35-155     | 37-152      |
| PASSING YDS (NET)          | 177        | 272         |
| PASSES ATT-COMP-INT        | 42-21-3    | 29-17-1     |
| TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS  | 77-332     | 66-424      |
| FUMBLE RETURNS-YARDS       | 0-0        | 1-11        |
| PUNT RETURNS-YARDS         | 1-2        | 1-4         |
| KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS      | 2-34       | 3-53        |
| INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS | 1-0        | 3-11        |
| PUNTS (NUMBER-AVG)         | 6-38.2     | 5-42.6      |
| FUMBLES-LOST               | 5-2        | 2-1         |
| PENALTIES-YARDS            | 6-53       | 6-39        |
| POSSESSION TIME            | 32:50      | 27:10       |
| THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS     | 6 OF 15    | 2 OF 13     |
| FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS    | 0 OF 1     | 0 OF 0      |
| RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES    | 2-3        | 3-4         |
| SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS     | 2-12       | 3-19        |

**RUSHING:** VANDERBILT — Sims 6-104; Webb 16-58; McCrary 11-6; Rivers 1-(-2); TEAM 1-(-11). SC — Wilds 24-119; D. Williams 7-49; TEAM 2-(-3); Orth 4-(-13).

**PASSING:** VANDERBILT — McCrary 21-42-3-177.

SC — Orth 17-28-1-272; TEAM 0-1-0-0.

**RECEIVING:** VANDERBILT — Scheu 6-59; Sims 3-22; L. Rayford 3-18; Webb 2-23; Scott 2-20; Sherfield 2-18; Marcus 1-10; Monroe 1-6; C. Dorrell 1-1.

SC — Cooper 7-160; Neal 4-49; Adams 2-32; Wilds 2-10; Googer 1-13; Williams 1-8.

## COMMODORES WIN SLUGFEST TO GIVE MASON FIRST CONFERENCE VICTORY

**NASHVILLE** – A low-scoring game felt just right for Vanderbilt coach Derek Mason as he earned his first Southeastern Conference win in 12 tries.

Vanderbilt held Missouri to 188 total yards and 10 first downs in route to a 10-3 win Saturday. It was the fewest yards allowed by Vanderbilt against an SEC opponent since a 2006 loss to Mississippi.

**GAME 7**  
**OCT. 24, 2015**  
**NASHVILLE**

"Love it - I'll sleep well tonight," said Mason, who doubles as the Commodores' defensive coordinator. "Some people may want to see higher scores and what it looks like, but let me tell you, two weeks from now it'll still be 10-3 and it'll still be in the win column. So let's go."

One stat in particular stood out for Mason - Missouri's 0 for 14 mark on third down conversions.

"0 for 14 on third downs - who would have thunk it? Really," said Mason, who was awarded the game ball by Vanderbilt Athletics Director David Williams. "Just an unbelievable effort by those guys (on defense)."

The Tigers' struggling offense fell to 3 for 41 on third down conversions during the last three games.

### SCORING SUMMARY

| TEAM       | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | FINAL | RECORD   |
|------------|---|---|---|---|-------|----------|
| MISSOURI   | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3     | 4-4, 1-4 |
| VANDERBILT | 0 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 10    | 3-4, 1-3 |

**2nd:** VANDY: Webb 1-yd run (Openshaw kick), 11-72 4:44. MU: Baggett 35-yd field goal, 4-3 1:17.

**4th:** VANDY: Openshaw 40-yd field goal, 14-49 6:14.

#### STATISTICS

|                            | MISSOURI | VANDERBILT |
|----------------------------|----------|------------|
| FIRST DOWNS                | 10       | 18         |
| RUSHES-YARDS (NET)         | 19-80    | 49-168     |
| PASSING YDS (NET)          | 108      | 136        |
| PASSES ATT-COMP-INT        | 34-14-0  | 28-17-0    |
| TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS  | 53-188   | 77-304     |
| FUMBLE RETURNS-YARDS       | 0-0      | 0-0        |
| PUNT RETURNS-YARDS         | 2-9      | 7-71       |
| KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS      | 3-50     | 0-0        |
| INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS | 0-0      | 0-0        |
| PUNTS (NUMBER-AVG)         | 9-47.7   | 7-45.6     |
| FUMBLES-LOST               | 2-1      | 1-1        |
| PENALTIES-YARDS            | 6-37     | 5-59       |
| POSSESSION TIME            | 21:36    | 38:24      |
| THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS     | 0 OF 14  | 8 OF 19    |
| FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS    | 1 OF 2   | 0 OF 1     |
| RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES    | 1-2      | 2-3        |
| SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS     | 3-24     | 4-26       |

**RUSHING:** MIZZOU – Lock 8-39; Fatony 1-26; Hansbrough 8-12; Witter 2-3.

**VANDERBILT** – Webb 26-99; Sims 9-58; Crawford 5-19; Rivers 2-8; TEAM 1-(-1); McCrary 3-(-4); Shurmur 3-(-11).

**PASSING:** MIZZOU – Lock 14-34-0-108. **VANDERBILT** – Shurmur 10-20-0-89; McCrary 7-8-0-47.

**RECEIVING:** MIZZOU – Moore 4-30; Hansbrough 4-17; Leftwich 3-8; Dilosa 2-17; Hall 1-6. **VANDERBILT** – Sherfield 5-35; Scheu 5-28; Sims 2-29; Scott 2-13; Marcus 1-11; Webb 1-11; L. Rayford 1-9.

## FOUR TURNOVERS TOO MUCH TO OVERCOME IN LOSS AT HOUSTON

**HOUSTON** – Vanderbilt coach Derek Mason apologized for the way his team played Saturday night against No. 18 Houston.

In every facet of the game, Mason said the Commodores have to get better after Greg Ward Jr. threw for a score and ran for another and Houston's defense forced four turnovers in a 34-0 romp.

"I apologize for the bad ball tonight," Mason said. "We had to eliminate it and we didn't but we will come back and we will get this thing fixed, that's what I see."

**GAME 8**  
**OCT. 31, 2015**  
**HOUSTON**

Ward rushed for a 5-yard score with three minutes left in the first and then found Demarcus Ayers for an 11-yard TD in the second quarter, as the Cougars led 20-0 at

the half. Ward finished 15 of 23 passing for 221 yards and the Cougars reached 8-0 for the fourth time in school history and first time since 2011.

Kenneth Farrow carried 16 times for 82 yards and had a 15-yard rushing score near the end of the third quarter.

The Cougars outgained the Commodores 371-185, as Houston's defense collected its first shutout since a 34-0 win over SMU on Nov. 29, 2013.

### SCORING SUMMARY

| TEAM       | 1 | 2  | 3  | 4 | FINAL | RECORD |
|------------|---|----|----|---|-------|--------|
| VANDERBILT | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0     | 3-5    |
| HOUSTON    | 7 | 13 | 14 | 0 | 34    | 8-0    |

**1st:** HOU: Ward Jr. 5-yd run (Cummings kick), 3-5 0:48.

**2nd:** HOU: Cummings 22-yd field goal, 9-77 2:22. HOU: Ayers 11-yd pass from Ward Jr. (Cummings kick), 3-12 0:42. HOU: Cummings, Ty 37-yd field goal, 11-42 5:27.

**3rd:** HOU: Jackson III 55-yd interception return (Cummings kick). HOU: Farrow 15-yd run (Cummings kick), 6-36 1:31.

#### STATISTICS

|                            | VANDERBILT | HOUSTON |
|----------------------------|------------|---------|
| FIRST DOWNS                | 12         | 19      |
| RUSHES-YARDS (NET)         | 42-141     | 51-150  |
| PASSING YDS (NET)          | 44         | 221     |
| PASSES ATT-COMP-INT        | 20-5-3     | 23-15-0 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS  | 62-185     | 74-371  |
| FUMBLE RETURNS-YARDS       | 0-0        | 0-0     |
| PUNT RETURNS-YARDS         | 2-3        | 3-66    |
| KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS      | 5-99       | 1-24    |
| INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS | 0-0        | 3-93    |
| PUNTS (NUMBER-AVG)         | 9-35.4     | 5-34.6  |
| FUMBLES-LOST               | 2-1        | 3-2     |
| PENALTIES-YARDS            | 6-39       | 6-55    |
| POSSESSION TIME            | 26:45      | 33:15   |
| THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS     | 3 OF 14    | 7 OF 17 |
| FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS    | 0 OF 0     | 1 OF 2  |
| RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES    | 0-0        | 5-5     |
| SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS     | 3-29       | 3-21    |

**RUSHING:** VANDERBILT – Webb 26-99; Sims 5-19; Crawford 4-14; Rivers 2-12; McCrary 4-4; Shurmur 1-(-7). **HOUSTON** – Farrow 16-82; Ward Jr. 19-33; Webb 9-21; Jackson 4-11; Ayers 3-3.

**PASSING:** VANDERBILT – Shurmur 3-11-1-20; McCrary 2-9-2-24. **HOUSTON** – Ward Jr. 15-23-0-221.

**RECEIVING:** VANDERBILT – L. Rayford 3-37; Scott 1-4; Webb 1-3.

**HOUSTON** – Ayers 5-59; Allen 3-95; Dunbar 3-31; Johnson 2-14; Jackson 1-14; Leday 1-8.

# 2015 GAME RECAPS

## VANDERBILT UPSET BID AT FLORIDA DERAILED BY LATE GATOR FIELD GOAL

**Gainesville, Fla.** – Vanderbilt coach Derek Mason showed his team the Buster Douglas-Mike Tyson fight from 1990 on Friday night.

The Commodores nearly pulled off a similar upset Saturday in the Swamp.

Austin Hardin's 43-yard field goal with 2:22 remaining helped No. 11 Florida beat pesky Vanderbilt 9-7 and clinch a spot in the Southeastern Conference championship game.

### GAME 9 Nov. 7, 2015 GAINESVILLE, FLA.

"What it comes down to is there's a time in the fight where you've got to take the punch," Mason said. "You've got to jab, take the punch, when the opening comes, hopefully you hit it."

"For us, we jabbed, jabbed, jabbed and then we went for the knockout blow and we came up a little short," he said. "I told our guys, 'Don't hang your head. You've got nothing to regret.'"

Vanderbilt (3-6, 1-4 SEC) held Florida to 258 yards, including 57 in the second half. But the Gators (8-1, 6-1) did just enough on their next-to-last possession to set up Hardin's winning kick.

### SCORING SUMMARY

| TEAM       | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | FINAL | RECORD   |
|------------|---|---|---|---|-------|----------|
| VANDERBILT | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7     | 3-6, 1-4 |
| FLORIDA    | 6 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 9     | 8-1, 6-1 |

**1st:** UF: Taylor 3-yd run (N. MacInnes kick failed), 6-41 2:29.

**2nd:** VANDY: Webb 74 yd run (Lekacz kick), 1-74 0:11.

**4th:** UF: Hardin 43-yd field goal, 6-20 3:15.

#### STATISTICS

|                            | VANDERBILT | FLORIDA |
|----------------------------|------------|---------|
| FIRST DOWNS                | 11         | 12      |
| RUSHES-YARDS (NET)         | 48-145     | 34-93   |
| PASSING YDS (NET)          | 30         | 165     |
| PASSES ATT-COMP-INT        | 14-3-0     | 26-13-1 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS  | 62-175     | 60-258  |
| FUMBLE RETURNS-YARDS       | 0-0        | 0-0     |
| PUNT RETURNS-YARDS         | 1-1        | 8-110   |
| KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS      | 2-23       | 1-71    |
| INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS | 1-0        | 0-0     |
| PUNTS (NUMBER-AVG)         | 10-42.2    | 5-44.4  |
| FUMBLES-LOST               | 1-0        | 3-3     |
| PENALTIES-YARDS            | 7-45       | 8-61    |
| POSSESSION TIME            | 31:54      | 28:06   |
| THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS     | 5 OF 18    | 3 OF 13 |
| FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS    | 1 OF 2     | 0 OF 3  |
| RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES    | 0-0        | 1-3     |
| SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS     | 3-13       | 5-27    |

**RUSHING:** VANDERBILT – Webb 22-118; Sherfield 1-17; Rivers 6-16; McCrary 11-3; Crawford 1-0; TEAM 1-(-2); Sims 6-(-7). FLORIDA – Taylor 17-47; Harris 8-34; Scarlett 4-8; Powell 3-6; Team 2-(-2).

**PASSING:** VANDERBILT – McCrary 3-14-0-30. FLORIDA – Harris 12-24-1-158; Robinson 0-1-0-0; Townsend 1-1-0-7.

**RECEIVING:** VANDERBILT – Dobbs 1-21; Rivers 1-6; Monroe 1-3 FLORIDA – Robinson 9-106; Goolsby 1-24; Powell 1-17; Callaway 1-11; Jefferson 1-7.

## DEFENSIVE SCORE, TRICK PLAYS HELPS COMMODORES TOP KENTUCKY

**NASHVILLE** – Caleb Azubike sacked Patrick Towles on the game's final play.

It was a fitting ending to Vanderbilt's 21-17 win over the Kentucky Wildcats as the Commodores defense set the tempo early with two goal-line stands in the first half Saturday.

"Those guys have been great all year long at just being able to try to stand up and anchor down," Commodores coach Derek Mason said. "That's who we are. That's what we want to be at Vanderbilt."

### GAME 10 Nov. 14, 2015 NASHVILLE

Mason, in his second year at Vanderbilt (4-6, 2-4 SEC), recorded his second SEC win. He doubles as defensive coordinator and his signature

was all over this win.

Vanderbilt safety Oren Burks intercepted two passes, returning one for a touchdown and stopping a Kentucky drive in the end zone with the other.

"I was determined to get in the end zone," Burks said of the 30-yard return in the second quarter. "There was only one guy between me and the end zone and I'm not going to let that stop me. I was just reading the quarterback's eyes."

### SCORING SUMMARY

| TEAM       | 1 | 2  | 3 | 4 | FINAL | RECORD   |
|------------|---|----|---|---|-------|----------|
| KENTUCKY   | 3 | 7  | 7 | 0 | 17    | 4-6, 2-6 |
| VANDERBILT | 7 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 21    | 4-6, 2-4 |

**1st:** UK: A. MacGinnis 38-yd field goal, 14-39 4:38. VANDY: Anderton 4-yd pass from Shurmur (Lekacz kick), 1-4 0:06.

**2nd:** UK: Timmons 7-yd pass from Barker (A. MacGinnis kick), 5-70 1:55. VANDY: Burks 30-yd interception return (Lekacz kick). VANDY: Scott 37-yd pass from Shurmur (Lekacz kick), 5-51 0:38.

**3rd:** UK: Kemp 2 yd run (A. MacGinnis kick), 5-91 1:39.

#### STATISTICS

|                            | KENTUCKY | VANDERBILT |
|----------------------------|----------|------------|
| FIRST DOWNS                | 12       | 13         |
| RUSHES-YARDS (NET)         | 37-225   | 42-135     |
| PASSING YDS (NET)          | 127      | 166        |
| PASSES ATT-COMP-INT        | 34-15-2  | 26-13-0    |
| TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS  | 71-352   | 68-301     |
| PUNT RETURNS-YARDS         | 2-11     | 3-(-9)     |
| KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS      | 3-75     | 4-69       |
| INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS | 0-0      | 2-30       |
| PUNTS (NUMBER-AVG)         | 6-35.2   | 9-36.8     |
| FUMBLES-LOST               | 1-1      | 3-2        |
| PENALTIES-YARDS            | 4-31     | 3-25       |
| POSSESSION TIME            | 29:03    | 30:57      |
| THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS     | 4 OF 16  | 6 OF 17    |
| FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS    | 1 OF 3   | 0 OF 2     |
| RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES    | 3-6      | 1-2        |
| SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS     | 0-0      | 2-5        |

**RUSHING:** KENTUCKY – S. Williams 13-115; Kemp 8-53; Barker 4-26; Towles 8-26; Horton 4-5. VANDERBILT – Webb 33-113; Rivers 4-16; Sherfield 1-3; Shurmur 1-2; Sims 3-1.

**PASSING:** KENTUCKY – Towles 10-26-1-67; Barker 5-8-1-60.

VANDERBILT – Shurmur 13-26-0-166.

**RECEIVING:** KENTUCKY – Baker 7-42; Badet 2-50; King 2-2; Johnson 1-9; Walker 1-9; Conrad 1-8; Timmons 1-7. VANDERBILT – Scott 3-87; Sherfield 3-51; Webb 3-13; L. Rayford 1-7; Anderton 1-4; Rivers 1-2; Scheu 1-2.