



# COMMODORE GAME NOTES

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## 2009 Schedule

### FEBRUARY

20	at Stanford	L	5-6 (10)
21	at Stanford (Game 1)	W	12-9
21	at Stanford (Game 2)	L	5-6
23	at Cal	L	3-4
25	WESTERN KENTUCKY	W	10-7
27	VERMONT	W	7-2
28	VERMONT	W	14-3

### MARCH

1	VERMONT	W	14-1
3	LIPSCOMB	W	10-3
5	UIC	L	2-3
6	UIC	W	6-1
7	UIC	W	5-4
8	UIC	W	12-7
10	at Lipscomb	W	22-4
13	OLE MISS★	L	3-9
15	OLE MISS★ (Game 1)	L	1-6
15	OLE MISS★ (Game 2)	W	7-6
17	SOUTH ALABAMA	W	7-4
18	BELMONT	W	11-4
20	at Kentucky★	L	1-3
21	at Kentucky★	L	2-6
22	at Kentucky★	W	4-2
24	AUSTIN PEAY	W	10-5
25	WRIGHT STATE	W	4-0
27	at Auburn★		6 p.m.
28	at Auburn★		3 p.m.
29	at Auburn★		1 p.m.

### APRIL

1	BELMONT		6 p.m.
3	FLORIDA★ (SUN TV)		6 p.m.
4	FLORIDA★ (FSN TV)		3 p.m.
5	FLORIDA★ (COX TV)		1 p.m.
7	at Middle Tennessee		6 p.m.
10	at Arkansas★		6:35 p.m.
11	at Arkansas★ (FSN TV)		3:05 p.m.
12	at Arkansas★		1:05 p.m.
14	MIDDLE TENNESSEE		6 p.m.
15	MOREHEAD STATE		6 p.m.
17	ALABAMA★		6 p.m.
18	ALABAMA★		3 p.m.
19	ALABAMA★		1 p.m.
21	at Austin Peay		6 p.m.
22	at Louisville		5 p.m.
24	MISSISSIPPI STATE★		6 p.m.
25	MISSISSIPPI STATE★		1 p.m.
26	MISSISSIPPI STATE★		1 p.m.

### MAY

1	at South Carolina★		6 p.m.
2	at South Carolina★		3 p.m.
3	at South Carolina★		12:30 p.m.
8	at Georgia★		6 p.m.
9	at Georgia★ (CSS)		Noon
10	at Georgia★		1 p.m.
14	TENNESSEE★		6 p.m.
15	TENNESSEE★		6 p.m.
16	TENNESSEE★ (CSS)		Noon

**Bold Caps** – Home Games    ★ – SEC Game  
All games central time and are subject to change.

**Vanderbilt (16-8, 2-4 SEC)  
vs. Auburn (16-8, 2-4 SEC)**

**Friday, March 27 ★ 6 p.m.  
Saturday, March 28 ★ 3 p.m.  
Sunday, March 29 ★ 1 p.m.  
Plainsman Park (4,096)**

## Setting The Scene

### Series History vs. Auburn

Auburn leads 75-34 in a series that dates back to 1912. The Commodores have won the last four series dating back to the 2002 season. AU leads 29-9 in games played in Auburn all-time.

### Last Two Seasons

April 20, 2008	Vanderbilt 9, Auburn 5	Nashville
April 19, 2008	Vanderbilt 8, Auburn 2	Nashville
April 18, 2008	Auburn 6, Vanderbilt 3	Nashville
May 13, 2007	Auburn 5, Vanderbilt 4	Auburn
May 12, 2007	Vanderbilt 6, Auburn 5 (10)	Auburn
May 11, 2007	Vanderbilt 10, Auburn 5	Auburn

### Polls

Neither team is ranked in this week's polls.

### The Coaches

VU's **Tim Corbin** is 255-138 in his seventh season in Nashville. He is 361-276 in 13 seasons overall. He is 9-4 against the Tigers and has never lost a series to them in four chances.

Auburn's **John Pawlowski** is 16-8 in his first season at Auburn and 354-200-1 in 10 seasons overall. He went 338-192-1 in nine years at the College of Charleston prior to arriving in Auburn last summer.

### Radio/TV/Internet

All three contests can be heard in the Nashville area on 560 AM WNSR and on the internet via www.vucommodores.com. Saturday's game will be joined in progress upon completion of Vanderbilt's women's basketball NCAA tourney contest. **Joe Fisher** will call all the action. Auburn will be offering a live video webcast on a pay-per-view basis as well as live stats. Links to both can be accessed through www.vucommodores.com. Fans can also sign up for text updates via www.twitter.com/vandybaseball.

## Probable Starter Notes

### Position Players

No.	Pos.	Player	GP-GS	Avg.	HR	RBI	Notes
36	C	Aaron Westlake	24-23	.391	1	20	Leads team in batting average.
9	1B	Curt Casali	24-24	.341	5	28	Leads team in homers and RBI.
8	2B	Riley Reynolds	23-21	.338	0	6	10-for-26 (.357) in last 10 games.
6	SS	Brian Harris	24-24	.333	2	18	21 walks, 10 HBP (.513 OBP).
22	3B	Jason Esposito	24-24	.340	2	18	11-for-12 in stolen bases.
7	LF/DH	Joe Loftus	21-18	.232	2	13	15 walks second on team.
25	CF	Steven Liddle	24-24	.344	2	19	Second on team in batting average.
3	RF	Matt Marquis	15-8	.080	0	2	2-for-2 in stolen bases.
5	DH/LF	Andrew Giobbi	8-6	.154	1	5	Out since Feb. 27 with broken hand.

### Starting Pitchers

No.	R/L	Player	W-L	ERA	Last Appearance	W-L	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
12	L	Mike Minor	1-2	3.41	vs. Kentucky (3/20)	L	7.0	6	3	2	2	3
27	R	Caleb Cotham	3-2	3.90	vs. Kentucky (3/21)	L	4.0	5	5	5	0	4
11	R	Nick Christiani	3-0	4.78	vs. Kentucky (3/22)	W	6.0	7	2	2	2	5



### SEC Baseball Standings

	SEC East			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Georgia	4	2	0	19	3	0
Kentucky	3	3	0	15	7	0
Florida	3	3	0	15	8	0
South Carolina	2	4	0	16	6	0
Vanderbilt	2	4	0	16	8	0
Tennessee	1	5	0	11	12	0

	SEC West			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Arkansas	6	0	0	17	4	0
LSU	4	2	0	15	6	0
Ole Miss	4	2	0	15	6	0
Alabama	3	3	0	16	7	0
Auburn	2	4	0	16	8	0
Mississippi State	2	4	0	14	10	0

#### Friday, March 27

*Alabama at Florida	6:30 p.m. ET
*Mississippi State at Arkansas	6:30 p.m. CT
*Vanderbilt at Auburn	6 p.m. CT
*Georgia at Tennessee [SS]	7 p.m. ET
*South Carolina at Kentucky	6:30 p.m. ET
*Ole Miss at LSU	7 p.m. CT

#### Saturday, March 28

*Alabama at Florida [FSN-FL]	4 p.m. ET
*Mississippi State at Arkansas	2 p.m. CT
*Vanderbilt at Auburn	3 p.m. CT
*Georgia at Tennessee	4 p.m. ET
*South Carolina at Kentucky	1 p.m. ET
*Ole Miss at LSU [FSN]	3 p.m. CT

#### Sunday, March 29

*Alabama at Florida	1 p.m. ET
*Mississippi State at Arkansas	1 p.m. CT
*Vanderbilt at Auburn	1 p.m. CT
*Georgia at Tennessee	1 p.m. ET
*South Carolina at Kentucky	1 p.m. ET
*Ole Miss at LSU	1 p.m. CT

### What's On Tap

Vanderbilt hits the road for the second straight weekend in Southeastern Conference play, taking on Auburn starting on Friday at 6 p.m. The teams will play again on Saturday at 3 p.m. and will close the set out Sunday at 1 p.m.

### Scouting Auburn

Auburn is 16-8 overall and 2-4 in SEC play after getting swept by Arkansas at home last weekend. The Tigers pounded Samford, 18-7, on Tuesday while Wednesday's game against Troy was cancelled due to rain.

AU has seven offensive starters and eight pitchers back from last season's team that finished 28-28 overall and 11-19 in SEC play.

Centerfielder Trent Mummey leads the team with a .389 batting average to go with 10 homers and 27 RBI. Third baseman Joseph Sanders is the top power source with 11 homers and 35 RBI to go with a .327 batting average. The Tigers are hitting .306 as a team with 51 homers and 204 runs scored (8.5 per game).

Left-hander Grant Dayton (2-2, 2.67 ERA) will start in the opener Friday night, with right-hander Jon Luke Jacobs (2-0, 4.97 ERA) scheduled to go on Saturday. The Tigers starter on Sunday is to be determined. The team sports a 5.31 ERA with 199 strikeouts and 84 walks in 215.1 innings.

### Reid Revival

Sophomore hurler Chase Reid had a rough start to the season after his first two outings, but has since rebounded with 13.1 innings of scoreless work in his last five outings. Reid came into the Stanford (Feb. 20) game in the season opener with runners on the corners and the Commodores holding a 5-1 in the sixth. He ended up allowing both those runners to score as well as two more of his own as Stanford plated four in the inning to tie the game. Reid started against Western Kentucky (Feb. 26) and gave up three runs on seven hits in five innings of work with three strikeouts and two walks to pick up the win. The Southlake, Texas native has rolled since then, not allowing a run in four relief appearances and a three-inning start against Wright State on Wednesday. What started as a 54.00 ERA after the Stanford game is now at 2.41 entering the Auburn opener on Friday.

### Reynolds Raises Up

Freshman infielder Riley Reynolds has come on strong of late and become one of the catalysts for the young Commodores offense. The Missouri native is 10-for-26 (.357) with four doubles, a triple and six runs scored in his last eight games. He has walked five times and has been hit once with a .471 on base percentage as well. For the season, Reynolds is now hitting .338 and is tied for third with seven stolen bases. He carries a six game hitting streak into this weekend's action against Auburn.

### Commodores Blank Wright State

Five Vanderbilt pitchers combined to record the team's first shutout of the season in a 4-0 win over Wright State Wednesday night at Hawkins Field.

The Commodores (16-8) combination of Chase Reid, Grayson Garvin, Drew Hayes, Richie Goodenow and Sonny Gray held the Raiders (10-13) to just four hits a day after they beat No. 1 Georgia 8-5 in Athens.

Reid extended his scoreless inning streak to 13.1 innings with three innings of two-hit ball to move to 3-0 on the year. Garvin came on in the fourth and pitched two innings of one-hit relief with two strikeouts and a walk. Hayes then extended his own scoreless inning-streak to 11.1 innings with two innings of one-hit relief. Richie Goodenow and Sonny Gray pitched a perfect inning of relief each to close out the game.

The Commodores got on the board in the first on a RBI single by Curt Casali. They added two more runs in the third and another in the fifth on a RBI triple by Steven Liddle.

Riley Reynolds and Steven Liddle had two hits each to lead the Doers who managed just six hits on the night.



## Drafted Commodores

	Rd	Yr.	Team
Jack Armstrong	36th	2008	Texas
Sean Bierman	42nd	2007	Cincinnati
Nick Christiani	32nd	2008	Cleveland
Will Clinard	37th	2008	Los Angeles
Jason Esposito	7th	2008	Kansas City
Grayson Garvin	45th	2008	Houston
Sonny Gray	27th	2008	Chicago (NL)
Joe Loftus	29th	2008	Minnesota
Joey Manning	47th	2007	Philadelphia
Matt Marquis	28th	2008	Boston
Mike Minor	13th	2006	Tampa Bay
Navery Moore	26th	2008	Boston
Chase Reid	42nd	2007	Milwaukee
Kellen St. Luce	37th	2007	Florida
Jonathan White	24th	2007	Milwaukee

## Commodores In The Pros\*

Majors		Years at VU
David Price	Tampa Bay	2005-07
Jensen Lewis	Cleveland	2003-05
Jeremy Sowers	Cleveland	2002-04

### AAA

Josh Paul	Round Rock (HOU)	1994-96
Matt Kata	Indianapolis (PIT)	1997-99
David Wallace	Columbis (WAS)	1999-01

### AA

Mike Baxter	San Antonio (SD)	2004-05
Matt Buschmann	San Antonio (SD)	2003-06
Ryan Klosterman	New Hampshire (TOR)	2003-04
Ryan Mullins	New Britain (MIN)	2003-05
Ryan Rote	Birmingham (CHI-A)	2004-05
Cesar Nicolas	Mobile (ARZ)	2001-04
Antoan Richardson	Connecticut (SF)	2004-05
Jeff Sues	Altoona (PIT)	2002-05
Casey Weathers	Tulsa (COL)	2006-07

### A

Cody Crowell	Dunedin (TOR)	2004-07
Ty Davis	South Bend (ARZ)	2004-07
Brett Jacobson	West Michigan (DET)	2006-08
Tony Mansolino	Clearwater (PHI)	2002-05
Tyler Rhoden	Sarasota (CIN)	2004-07

### Rookie/Short Season

Dominic de la Osa	Elizabethon (MIN)	2005-08
Alex Feinberg	Casper (COL)	2005-08
Ryan Flaherty	Boise (CHI-N)	2006-08
David Macias	Boise (CHI-N)	2005-08

\* - As of the end of the 2008 season.

Pedro Alvarez was drafted by Pittsburgh and did not play.

## National Award Watch Lists

Player (Pos.)	Award
Mike Minor	Brooks Wallace Award Golden Spikes Award

## Commodore Weekly Winners

Player (Pos.)	Honor	Date
Aaron Westlake	SEC Freshman of Week	3/2

CB- Collegiate Baseball

NCBWA- National Collegiate Baseball Writers Assoc.

## Sonny Days

Freshman right-hander was expected to make an immediate impact on the program and has done just that through the first month of the season. The Smyrna native has established himself as the closer out of the pen and leads the team with three saves. He is 1-0 on the season with a 0.60 ERA in nine appearances. Gray has 13 strikeouts and six walks in 15.0 innings of action and has limited opponents to just a .204 batting average.

## Dores Win 12th Straight Over Austin Peay

Vanderbilt rallied from a 4-1 deficit with a five-run third inning and went on to defeat Austin Peay, 10-5, in baseball action Tuesday night at Hawkins Field.

The Commodores won their 12th straight over the Govs dating back to the 2002 season.

Alex McClure, son of Austin Peay head coach Gary McClure, ignited the rally in the third with a leadoff single. Brian Harris reached on a fielding error by Govs shortstop Jon Clinard and Steven Liddle was hit by a pitch from starter Ryne Mantooth to load the bases. Curt Casali and Aaron Westlake came through with back-to-back RBI singles to cut the lead to 4-3. Joe Loftus walked to load the bases again and Richie Goodenow then brought in a run when he was walked on four pitches. Jason Esposito added a RBI single and Jonathan White had a sacrifice fly RBI to close out the scoring in the inning.

Adam Browett's RBI single in the fourth cut the lead to 6-5, but Loftus responded for the Dores with a solo homer in the fifth, his second round-tripper of the season, to make it 7-5. Brian Harris scored from third in the sixth and VU added two more runs in the seventh with McClure coming up with a RBI single in the frame.

Sean Bierman (2-1) came on in relief of starter Russell Brewer in the third and gave up a run on four hits in five innings of work with seven strikeouts and two walks to pick up the win. Taylor Hill and Jack Armstrong closed out the contest with an inning of hitless relief each. Armstrong looked impressive, striking out the side to end the game.

Winds played a factor early in the game as gusts approached 20-25 miles an hour. Michael Blanchard led off the game with a solo homer to left-center, his first collegiate circuit clout. The Govs had four hits in the frame and scored two more runs on a RBI single by Matt Kole and a sacrifice fly RBI by Ryne Mantooth.

Brian Harris then led off the Commodores half with a solo homer to left-center, his second homer of the year. He finished the day 2-for-4 with three runs scored.

Blanchard added a RBI single in the second to extend the lead to 4-1. He finished the day 2-for-4 with two RBI, while Browett led the team with a 3-for-4 evening.

Mantooth (1-4) was charged with the loss for Austin Peay, allowing six runs, four earned, on four hits in 2.1 innings of work.

## Andrew Giobbi Returns To Action

Junior catcher Andrew Giobbi returned to action this week after missing the last three weeks with a broken hand. He suffered the injury to his left hand in his first at bat against Vermont on Feb. 27 and still finished out the game behind the plate. Since that time he had missed 16 games before returning as a pinch-runner against Austin Peay on Tuesday. He came on in the sixth as a pinch-hitter against Wright State the next day and played left field the next two innings. He is expected to see increased playing time this weekend against Auburn and should return to catching duties in the next few weeks.

## Commodore Tidbits

Vanderbilt went 3-2 last week, winning a pair of midweek games against South Alabama and Belmont, while losing two of three at Kentucky over the weekend ... The Commodores 2-4 start in SEC play is the worst since the 2003 squad went 2-4 in Tim Corbin's first season in Nashville ... The team posted a .259 batting average in five games with nine doubles and 25 runs scored ... The pitching staff had a strong week with a 3.35 ERA with 40 strikeouts and 17 walks in 43.0 innings ... Freshman second baseman was one of the bright spots offensively going 6-for-13 (.462) on the week with two doubles, a triple, one RBI and three runs scored. He also walked four times and was hit by a pitch for a .611 on base percentage ... Fellow freshman Jason Esposito went 7-for-21 (.333) with two doubles and three runs scored. He also stole two bases



**Commodores in 2009**

In Day Games . . . . .	12-5
In Night Games . . . . .	4-3
On Artificial Turf . . . . .	0-0
On Natural Grass . . . . .	16-8
In Extra Innings . . . . .	0-1
vs. Lefthanders . . . . .	5-3
vs. Righthanders . . . . .	11-5
When Scoring First . . . . .	7-4
When Opponents Scores First . . . . .	9-4
When Ahead After 5 Innings . . . . .	13-3
When Trailing After 5 Innings . . . . .	2-4
When Tied After 5 Innings . . . . .	1-1
When Ahead After 8 Innings . . . . .	15-1
When Trailing After 8 Innings . . . . .	0-4
When Tied After 8 Innings . . . . .	0-2
vs. Top 5 Teams . . . . .	1-2
vs. Top 10 Teams . . . . .	0-0
vs. Top 25 Teams . . . . .	2-4
In One-Run Games . . . . .	2-4
In Two-Run Games . . . . .	1-1
In Three+Run Games . . . . .	13-3
When Scoring 0-5 Runs . . . . .	3-8
When Scoring 6-10 Runs . . . . .	7-0
When Scoring 11-20 Runs . . . . .	6-0
When Scoring 20+ Runs . . . . .	1-0
On Weekdays . . . . .	9-5
On Weekends . . . . .	7-3
On Mondays . . . . .	0-1
On Tuesdays . . . . .	4-0
On Wednesdays . . . . .	3-0
On Thursdays . . . . .	0-1
On Fridays . . . . .	2-3
On Saturdays . . . . .	3-2
On Sundays . . . . .	4-1
In Five-Game Series . . . . .	0-0
In Four-Game Series . . . . .	3-1
In Three-Game Series . . . . .	6-6
In Two-Game Series . . . . .	4-0
In Single-Game Series . . . . .	3-1
In February . . . . .	4-3
In March . . . . .	12-5
In April . . . . .	0-0
In May . . . . .	0-0
In June . . . . .	0-0
In the State of Tennessee . . . . .	12-1
vs. Out-of-State Opponents . . . . .	10-6
vs. Atlantic Sun . . . . .	3-0
vs. America East . . . . .	3-0
vs. Big 12 . . . . .	0-0
vs. Big East . . . . .	0-0
vs. Conference USA . . . . .	0-0
vs. Horizon League . . . . .	3-1
vs. Ohio Valley . . . . .	1-0
vs. Pac 10 . . . . .	1-3
vs. Sun Belt . . . . .	2-0

and is 10-for-11 now on the year ... Chase Reid extended his scoreless innings pitched streak to 10.1 innings over four appearances. He made two appearances on the week and held batters to just three hits in 5.1 innings of work with seven strikeouts and no walks. His ERA has lowered from 54.00 to 2.87 ... Also on a scoreless streak in relief is Drew Hayes who hasn't allowed a run in 9.2 innings over five appearances. He has recorded 11 strikeouts and four walks in that time while lowering his ERA from 9.00 to 2.92 ... Sonny Gray pitched 3.0 innings of three-hit shutout relief against Kentucky in Sunday's win. He struck out two and walked two in earning his team leading third save of the year. Gray currently leads the team with a 0.64 ERA over eight appearances ... Nick Christiani earned the win on Sunday over UK, scattering seven hits over six innings of work with five strikeouts and two walks. He allowed two runs and moved to 3-0 on the year with the win and is 17-10 in his career ... The Commodores handed Kentucky its first home loss of the season on Sunday (11-1) ... Steven Liddle's 15-game hitting streak ended in Friday's loss to the Wildcats. He rebounded on Sunday by hitting his first SEC homer in the 4-2 win ... Drew Fann made his first collegiate start at catcher against Belmont, then started in all three games over the weekend.

**Mike Minor Named To National Award Watch Lists**

Junior southpaw Mike Minor has garnered several mentions for national awards and preseason All-American teams.

He was named to the Golden Spikes Award and Brooks Wallace Award Watch Lists, both honors given to the top player in college baseball.

*Baseball America* and *Collegiate Baseball* tabbed him a second-team preseason All-American while the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association had him on its third team.

Last season Minor tied for the team lead in wins with seven, finishing with a 7-3 record with two complete games. As a freshman in 2007, he went 9-1 and sports a 16-4 career mark into the 2009 season.

Minor served as the ace of the USA Baseball National team squad that went 24-0 over the summer and captured the FISU World University Championships in the Czech Republic in July. He went 3-0 with a 0.75 ERA during the tour with 37 strikeouts and 13 walks in a team high 36 innings.

The Chapel Hill, Tenn., native two biggest performances came against the Cuban National team in a span of a week last July. The Cuban contingent was the same team, minus one player, that captured the 2004 Olympic gold medal and was the runner-up at the 2006 World Baseball Classic.

Minor threw 6.1 innings of four-hit shutout baseball in a 1-0 win on July 6 at the Haarlem Baseball Week In Harleem, Netherlands. He followed that up in his next start by allowing just an unearned run on four hits over six innings in the gold medal clinching game of the tourney on July 13.

Minor completed his two-year National team run with an 8-2 record and a 1.17 ERA with 74 strikeouts and just 17 walks in 69 innings of action.

**Vanderbilt Newcomers Among Nation's Best**

For the second time in four seasons, Vanderbilt's baseball recruiting class has been ranked in the Top 3 in the country.

*Baseball America* ranked the class second in the country while *Collegiate Baseball* had the class ranked at No. 3. Both publications listed Arizona State as having the No. 1 class, while Collegiate Baseball had Oregon at No. 2 with a 35 member class in its first season back since being eliminated as a varsity sport after the 1980-81 season.

13 members of the class reported to school in August with three other players choosing the professional ranks. Of the 13 that are in school, eight were drafted and decided to play collegiately.

The coaching staff put together the class in anticipation of a mass exodus following the 2008 season. The Commodores lost seven offensive players who had started over the last three years, including first round draft picks Pedro Alvarez and Ryan Flaherty as well as the school's all-time hits leader Dominic de la Osa.

Of Perfect Game's Top 250 prospects for college, high school and Puerto Rico, 32 players from high school did not sign professional contracts and are attending Division I schools or junior colleges. Of the 32, Vanderbilt had five players, the most of any school in the country.



# HEAD COACH TIM CORBIN



In six seasons at Vanderbilt, Tim Corbin has turned Vanderbilt into one of the national powers of college baseball. In 2008, Corbin guided the Commodores to their second straight 40-win season (41-22) and third consecutive appearance in the NCAA tournament. The Commodores battled through the first half of the season without the services of Preseason Player of the Year Pedro Alvarez and managed to record road sweeps over Mississippi State and Tennessee for the first time in school history.

Corbin's overall record of 239-130 (.648) is third best in terms of wins at Vanderbilt, and first in terms of win percentage for coaches with 100 games or more.

The 2008 draft saw eight current Commodores selected, highlighted by Pedro Alvarez who

was taken with the second overall pick by the Pittsburgh Pirates. Vanderbilt became the first school in draft history to have the first overall pick (David Price in 2007) and second overall pick in consecutive drafts, an indication of the talent Corbin has brought into the program over the last six years.

In 2007, Corbin guided the Commodores to their best season ever, finishing with a school record 54 wins. The team also achieved a No. 1 national ranking for the first time in school history and held that honor for 13 of 15 weeks during the regular season.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In addition to on the field successes, the baseball program itself has had significant upgrades to the facilities with a new fieldhouse, complete with new locker rooms for players, coaches and Commodore alums playing professional baseball. Also included are coach's offices, a classroom that overlooks Hawkins Field and a new weight room. New for 2009 are permanent seats in the outfield pushing Hawkins Field seating capacity to double the amount when Corbin arrived in 2003. These recent upgrades reinforce the excitement and commitment made to the baseball program due to the successes Tim Corbin has achieved as well as those he will strive to accomplish in the future.

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

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

Professional baseball has also taken notice of the program as 28 VU players have been

drafted over the last four years, including eight in 2008.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## The Tim Corbin File

### Personal:

Full Name: ..... Timothy Carter Corbin  
 Born: ..... August 5, 1961 in Wolfeboro, N.H.  
 Hometown: ..... Wolfeboro, N.H.  
 Family: ..... Wife: Maggie  
 ..... (two-time tennis all-american at College of Charleston)  
 ..... Daughters, Molly (24) who is in graduate school at The Citadel and Hannah (21), a junior tennis player at Vanderbilt

### Education:

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

### Playing Experience:

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

### Coaching Experience:

2003-Present ..... Vanderbilt Head Coach  
 2001-02 ..... Clemson Associate Head Coach  
 1998-2001 ..... Clemson Assistant Head Coach  
 1994-98 ..... Clemson Assistant Coach  
 1988-93 ..... Presbyterian College Head Coach  
 1987 ..... Wofford Assistant Coach  
 1985-86 ..... Ohio State Graduate Assistant Coach



# NATIONAL RANKINGS

Baseball America (3/23)		Collegiate Baseball (3/23)		USA Today/ESPN (3/23)		NCBWA (3/23)		Rivals.com (3/23)	
1. Cal State Fullerton	16-3	1. Georgia	19-2	1. Georgia	19-2	1 Georgia	19-2	1. Cal State Fullerton	
2. Louisiana State	17-5	2. Cal. St. Fullerton	16-3	2. Arizona State	17-3	2 Miami (Fla.)	18-4	2. Rice	
3. Arizona State	17-3	3. Georgia Tech	16-2	3. Cal State Fullerton	16-3	3 Georgia Tech	16-2	3. Georgia	
4. Rice	14-6	4. Louisiana St.	17-5	4. Miami (Fla.)	18-4	4 Cal State Fullerton	16-3	4. LSU	
5. North Carolina	17-4	5. North Carolina	17-4	5. LSU	17-5	5 North Carolina	17-4	5. Miami (FL)	
6. Georgia	19-2	6. Miami, Fla.	18-4	6. North Carolina	17-4	6 Arizona State	17-3	6. Arizona State	
7. Miami	18-4	7. Arizona St.	17-3	7. Georgia Tech	16-2	7 LSU	17-5	7. North Carolina	
8. Baylor	14-5	8. Virginia	19-2	8. Texas	14-6	8 Rice	14-6	8. Georgia Tech	
9. Texas	14-6	9. Arkansas	16-4	9. Rice	14-6	9 Texas	14-6	9. Arkansas	
10. UC Irvine	12-6	10. Rice	14-6	10. Arkansas	16-4	10 Oklahoma	20-5	10. Texas	
11. Mississippi	15-5	11. Baylor	14-5	11. Oklahoma	20-5	11 Baylor	14-5	11. Texas A&M	
12. Oklahoma	20-5	12. Cal Poly	14-4	12. Baylor	14-5	12 UC Irvine	12-6	12. Pepperdine	
13. Georgia Tech	16-2	13. U.C. Irvine	12-6	13. UC-Irvine	12-6	13 Texas A&M	14-9	13. Baylor	
14. Arkansas	16-4	14. Mississippi	15-5	14. Texas A&M	14-9	14 Mississippi	15-5	14. UC Irvine	
15. Texas A&M	14-9	15. Oklahoma	20-5	15. Coastal Carolina	18-4	15 Coastal Carolina	18-4	15. Oklahoma	
16. Texas Christian	13-6	16. Ohio St.	17-2	16. Mississippi	15-5	16 Arkansas	16-4	16. Cal Poly	
17. Pepperdine	16-6	17. Texas	14-6	17. Oklahoma State	15-7	17 Pepperdine	16-6	17. Mississippi	
18. Coastal Carolina	18-4	18. Texas Christian	13-6	18. Virginia	19-2	18 Oklahoma State	15-7	18. Oklahoma State	
19. Cal Poly	14-4	19. Oklahoma St.	15-7	19. TCU	13-6	19 East Carolina	16-4	19. UC Santa Barbara	
20. UC Santa Barbara	12-4	20. New Mexico	22-3	20. Clemson	14-6	20 Clemson	14-6	20. Coastal Carolina	
21. New Mexico	22-3	21. Coastal Carolina	18-4	21. Pepperdine	16-6	21 Virginia	19-2	21. TCU	
22. East Carolina	16-4	22. Clemson	14-6	22. Cal Poly	14-4	22 Florida State	11-8	22. UC Riverside	
23. Oklahoma State	15-7	23. Florida	14-7	23. East Carolina	16-4	23 Florida	14-7	23. Virginia	
24. Virginia	19-2	24. New Mexico St.	20-3	24. UC-Riverside	14-4	24 Cal Poly	14-4	24. Alabama	
25. Minnesota	13-6	25. Illinois	12-4	25. Ohio State	17-2	25 TCU	13-6	25. Florida State	
		26. Alabama	15-7			26 UNC Wilmington	17-3		
		27. Pepperdine	16-6			27 Alabama	15-7		
		28. South Carolina	14-6			28 Ohio State	17-2		
		29. U.C. Santa Barbara	13-4			29 San Diego	14-10		
		30. Col. of Charleston	17-3			30 Coll. of Charleston	17-3		

### Commodores Week-By-Week in the Polls

	Collegiate Baseball	ESPN/USA Today	Baseball America	NCBWA	Rivals.com
Preseason	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
2/23	NR	NR*	NR	NR	NR
3/2	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
3/9	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
3/16	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
3/23	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

\*Preseason Poll



# 2009 ROSTERS

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	HT	WT	CL/EXP.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
1	Alex McClure	INF	R/R	6-0	165	So./TR	Clarksville, Tenn.(Rossvie/Walters State CC)
2	Sonny Gray	OF/RHP	R/R	5-11	180	Fr./HS	Smyrna, Tenn.(Smyrna)
3	Matt Marquis	OF	R/R	6-0	195	Fr./HS	Annandale, N.J. (Immaculata)
5	Andrew Giobbi	C/INF	R/R	6-3	205	Jr./2L	Portland, Me. (Deering)
6	Brian Harris	INF	R/R	5-9	180	Jr./2L	Nashville, Tenn. (Montgomery Bell Academy)
7	Joe Loftus	INF	R/R	6-4	195	Fr./HS	Savage, Minn. (Academy of Holy Angels)
8	Riley Reynolds	INF	L/R	6-1	180	Fr./HS	Lee's Summit, Mo. (Blue Springs South)
9	Curt Casali	C	R/R	6-3	220	So./1L	New Canaan, Conn. (New Canaan)
10	Navery Moore	RHP	R/R	6-3	205	Fr./HS	Franklin, Tenn. (Battle Ground Academy)
11	Nick Christiani	RHP	R/R	6-0	185	Sr./3L	Linden, N.J. (Seton Hall Prep)
12	Mike Minor	LHP	R/L	6-4	195	Jr./2L	Chapel Hill, Tenn. (Forrest)
15	Richie Goodenow	LHP	L/L	6-2	200	So./1L	Nashville, Tenn. (Overton)
18	Sean Bierman	LHP	L/L	6-0	190	So./1L	Kinnelon, N.J. (Kinnelon)
19	Ben Blanton	LHP	L/L	6-3	205	Fr./RS	Alpharetta, Ga. (Chattahoochie)
20	Kellen St. Luce	LHP	L/L	6-3	225	So./1L	St. Thomas, Virgin Islands (All Saints Cathedral School)
21	Jack Armstrong	RHP	R/R	6-7	215	Fr./HS	Jupiter, Fla. (Jupiter)
22	Jason Esposito	INF	R/R	6-3	190	Fr./HS	Bethany, Conn. (Amity)
24	Corey Williams	LHP	L/L	6-1	194	Fr./HS	Huntsville, Ala. (Madison Academy)
25	Steven Liddle	OF/1B	L/L	6-1	200	So./1L	Franklin, Tenn. (Franklin)
26	Jordan Wormsley	OF	L/L	6-1	190	So./1L	Knoxville, Tenn. (Webb School)
27	Caleb Cotham	RHP	R/R	6-3	215	So./1L	Mt. Juliet, Tenn. (Mt. Juliet)
28	Grayson Garvin	LHP	L/L	6-6	210	Fr./HS	Suwanee, Ga. (Wesleyan School)
31	Russell Brewer	RHP	R/R	6-0	200	So./1L	Norwood, N.C. (South Stanly)
32	Gabe Ortiz	SS	R/R	6-3	190	Fr./RS	Panama, Panama (Notre Dame Academy-Virginia)
33	Drew Hayes	RHP	R/R	6-1	205	Jr./1L	McKenzie, Tenn. (McKenzie/Bethel College)
34	Taylor Hill	RHP	R/R	6-4	225	So./1L	Old Hickory, Tenn. (Mt. Juliet)
35	Dylan Pratt	OF	R/R	6-2	225	So./TR	Gray, Tenn. (Daniel Boone/Walters State CC)
36	Aaron Westlake	1B/C	L/R	6-4	230	Fr./RS	Redding, Calif. (Shasta)
40	Jonathan White	OF	L/L	6-2	195	Sr./3L	Shelbyville, Tenn. (Shelbyville)
42	Chase Reid	RHP	L/R	6-3	200	So./1L	Nashville, Tenn. (Southlake Carroll- Texas)
44	Mark Lamm	RHP	R/R	6-4	215	So./1L	Loretto, Tenn. (Loretto)
45	Drew Fann	C	R/R	6-4	200	Fr./RS	Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Oakland)
46	Will Clinard	RHP	R/R	6-4	210	Fr./HS	Cross Plains, Tenn. (East Robertson)
51	Alex Hilliard	OF	R/R	6-1	195	So./1L	Lafayette, La. (Lafayette)
55	Joey Manning	OF	R/R	6-5	235	So./1L	Bartow, Fla. (Bartow)

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

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

Volunteer Coach: 30 Larry Day (Connecticut, 2007)

Trainer: Chris Ham (Illinois, 2005)

Office Assistant: Graham Manning (Georgia, 2008)

Student Managers: Alex Levitt and Daniel Harris

## Alphabetical Roster

21	Jack Armstrong	6	Brian Harris
18	Sean Bierman	33	Drew Hayes
19	Ben Blanton	34	Taylor Hill
31	Russell Brewer	51	Alex Hilliard
9	Curt Casali	44	Mark Lamm
11	Nick Christiani	25	Steven Liddle
46	Will Clinard	7	Joe Loftus
27	Caleb Cotham	55	Joey Manning
22	Jason Esposito	3	Matt Marquis
45	Drew Fann	1	Alex McClure
28	Grayson Garvin	12	Mike Minor
5	Andrew Giobbi	10	Navery Moore
15	Richie Goodenow	32	Gabe Ortiz
2	Sonny Gray	35	Dylan Pratt

## Pronunciation Chart

Erik Bakich	.....	<b>BACK</b> ich
Sean Bierman	.....	<b>BEER</b> min
Curt Casali	.....	Ca <b>SALLY</b>
Will Clinard	.....	<b>CLY</b> nerd
Caleb Cotham	.....	<b>COTH</b> um
Andrew Giobbi	.....	<b>GEO</b> bee
Richie Goodenow	.....	good a <b>NOW</b>
Steven Liddle	.....	Rhymes with Little
Matt Marquis	.....	Mar <b>KEY</b>
Navery Moore	.....	<b>NAY</b> vere
Kellen St. Luce	.....	St. <b>LOOSE</b>



# THE LAST TIME ...

## A Vanderbilt Team...

Won 10 or more consecutive games	2/9/07-3/16/07 (20)
Lost five or more consecutive games	5/10/08-5/17/08 (five games current)
Scored 20 or more runs in a game	22 vs. Lipscomb, 3/10/09
Scored 10+ Runs in an Inning	11, vs. Butler (4th Inning), 3/14/06
Did Not Strikeout:	vs. Tennessee-Martin, 2/23/05
Hit consecutive home runs	Pedro Alvarez, Ryan Flaherty vs. Ole Miss, 4/6/08
Shut out consecutive opponents	vs. Ole Miss (5-0), 3/18/06
	vs. Belmont (7-0), 3/22/06
	vs. Auburn (2-0), 3/24/06
Shut out the opponent	vs. Wright State (4-0), 3/25/09
Was shut out by the opponent	vs. Ole Miss (Gm 2) (0-8), 4/5/08
Was shut out in two consecutive games	vs. Kentucky (0-14), (0-4), 4/23/76
Swept a conference doubleheader	vs. Georgia, 5/15/94
Was swept in a conference doubleheader	at Ole Miss, 4/5/08
Swept a conference series at home	vs. Arkansas (two games), 3/29/08-3/30/08
Was swept in a conference series at home	vs. Florida, 5/20/05-5/22/05
Swept a conference series on the road	at Tennessee, 5/2/08-5/4/08
Was swept in a conference series on the road	at Florida, 5/15/08-5/17/08
Lost a conference series at home	vs. Ole Miss, 3/13/09-3/15/09
Lost a conference series on the road	at Florida, 5/15/08-5/17/08

## A Vanderbilt Player...

Hit two home runs in a game	Pedro Alvarez vs. Memphis, 5/6/08
Hit three home runs in a game	Jeff Martin vs. Valparaiso, 3/13/91
Hit a grand slam home run	Drew Fann vs. Lipscomb, 3/10/09
Walk-Off Home Run:	Curt Casali vs. Middle Tennessee, 3/26/08
Hit for the cycle	Clinton Johnston vs. Kentucky, 4/28/96
Had seven or more RBI in a game	Dominic de la Osa (7) vs. Georgia, 4/16/06
	Karl Nonemaker (7) vs. Kentucky, 5/12/02
Had five or more hits in a game	Alex Feinberg vs. Arkansas, 3/29/08
Two hits in an Inning:	Curt Casali (7th) vs. Belmont, 3/18/09
Had 10 or more total bases in a game	John Prothro (10) vs. Lipscomb, 2/20/02
	Aaron Fausett (10) vs. Ole Miss, 4/4/99
Stole three or more bases in a game	3, several times, last Jonathan White vs. UIC, 3/8/09
Stole Home	Jonathan White vs. Stanford, 2/21/09
Had 10 or more strikeouts in a game	Drew Hayes (12) vs. Memphis, 5/6/08
Had 15 or more strikeouts in a game	David Price (17) vs. Austin Peay, 6/1/07
Pitched a complete game	Nick Christiani vs. Kentucky, 4/27/08
Pitched a nine-inning, complete game shutout	David Price vs. Alabama, 4/6/07
Pitched a combined shutout	Chase Reid (3.0), Grayson Garvin (2.0), Drew Hayes (2.0), Richie Goodenow (1.0), Sonny Gray (1.0) vs. Wright St., 3/25/09
Pitched a no-hitter	Jensen Lewis, Nick Pilkington, John Scott, Matt Buschmann at Western Ky., 5/6/03
Pitched a perfect game	Jensen Lewis, Nick Pilkington, John Scott, Matt Buschmann at Western Ky., 5/6/03