

# VANDERBILT OPENS 2008 SEASON IN OHIO



## KICKOFF INFORMATION

**DATE:** Thursday, August 28, 2008

**KICKOFF:** 6:30 p.m., CST

**STADIUM:** Yager Stadium

**LOCATION:** Oxford, Ohio

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

**COMMODORE RADIO CREW:**

Joe Fisher, play-by-play;  
John Gromos, color analyst;  
Kevin Ingram, sidelines reporter

**XM RADIO:** Channel 199

**TV:** ESPNU (national)

**ESPNU CREW:**

Mike Gleason, play-by-play;  
John Congemi, color analyst;  
Melissa Knowles, sidelines reporter

## COMING WEEKS

After travelling to Oxford, Ohio to play the RedHawks Thursday, the Commodores return to Nashville to host their first Southeastern Conference opponent of the 2008 season, the Steve Spurrier-guided South Carolina Gamecocks.

The USC game also is scheduled on a Thursday (Sept. 4). It is the first time ever that Vanderbilt has opened a season with consecutive Thursday games.

The Commodore-Gamecock matchup will be televised by ESPN. It will be the network's first return to Vanderbilt Stadium since Nov. 13, 1999 when the Commodores fell to Kentucky 19-17.

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## THE COMMODORE SEASON...AT A GLANCE

DATE	OPPONENT	NOTE
Aug. 28	@ Miami of Ohio, ESPNU	MAC co-champions return 17 starters from year ago
Sept. 4	<b>South Carolina</b> , ESPN	Gamecocks host No. Carolina State Aug. 28 on ESPN
Sept. 13	<b>Rice</b>	High-powered Owl offense opens Aug. 29 vs. SMU
Sept. 20	@ Ole Miss	Houston Nutt era begins Aug. 30 vs. nearby Memphis
Oct. 4	<b>Auburn</b>	Nationally ranked Tigers host La.-Monroe on Aug. 30
Oct. 11	@ Miss. State	Bulldogs travel to Louisiana Tech in Aug. 30 opener
Oct. 18	@ Georgia	No. 1 ranked Bulldogs open Aug. 30 vs. Ga. Southern
Oct. 25	<b>Duke</b>	Cutcliffe era kicks off Aug. 30 vs. James Madison
Nov. 8	<b>Florida</b>	Tim Tebow and the Gators host Hawaii on Aug. 30
Nov. 15	@ Kentucky	Road rivalry game – at Louisville – awaits Wildcats
Nov. 22	<b>Tennessee</b>	Vols cross nation to play UCLA on Monday night
Nov. 29	@ Wake Forest	Deacs travel to Texas Aug. 30 to play Baylor Bears

# VANDERBILT GAME NOTES

## Commodore Storylines

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## QUICK FACTS ON VANDERBILT & MIAMI



	VANDERBILT	MIAMI (OHIO)
<b>Location</b>	Nashville, Tenn.	Oxford, Ohio
<b>Founded</b>	1873	1809
<b>Enrollment</b>	6,402	18,937
<b>Conference</b>	Southeastern	Mid-American (MAC)
<b>Nickname</b>	Commodores	RedHawks
<b>Colors</b>	Black & Gold	Red & White
<b>Home Field</b>	Vanderbilt Stadium	Yager Stadium
<b>Capacity</b>	39,773	24,286
<b>Field Surface</b>	natural grass	FieldTurf (synthetic)
<b>Head Coach</b>	Bobby Johnson (7th)	Shane Montgomery (4th)
<b>Coaching Record</b>	80-86 (.491)	15-21 (.417)
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://vucommodes.com">vucommodes.com</a>	<a href="http://MURedHawks.com">MURedHawks.com</a>



# SEASON OPENER RESULTS ★ SERIES HISTORY

## COMMODORES IN SEASON OPENERS

Vanderbilt, in its 119th year of organized football, enters the Miami (Ohio) contest looking for its 76th victory in season-opening games. The Commodores are 75-39-4 all-time in season openers.

★ Last year, the Commodores opened the season with a 41-17 victory over Richmond. The game was played on campus in Nashville.

★ The Commodores have struggled in recent openers played on the road. Vanderbilt is 2-8 in its last 10 season openers on the road. Its last win came at Wake Forest in 2005 (24-20).

★ Vanderbilt lost to Miami (Ohio) 33-30 to open the 2000 season.

★ The 'Dores are 9-16 in their last 25 openers.

★ While Vanderbilt is 52-15-2 all-time in season openers played at home, they are 23-24-2 all-time in openers played on the road.

★ In their last 10 openers against non-SEC teams, Vanderbilt is 5-5.

## COMMODORES' LAST 25 OPENERS

YEAR	OPPONENT	SITE	W/L	SCORE
2007	Richmond	Nashville	W	41-17
2006	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	L	7-27
2005	Wake Forest	Winston-Salem, N.C.	W	24-20
2004	South Carolina	Nashville	L	6-31
2003	Ole Miss	Nashville	L	21-24
2002	Georgia Tech	Atlanta, Ga.	L	3-45
2001	MTSU	Nashville	L	28-37
2000	Miami (OH)	Nashville	L	30-33
1999	Alabama	Nashville	L	17-28
1998	Miss. State	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-42
1997	North Texas	Nashville	W	29-12
1996	Notre Dame	Nashville	L	7-14
1995	Alabama	Nashville	L	25-33
1994	Wake Forest	Nashville	W	35-14
1993	Wake Forest	Winston-Salem, N.C.	W	27-12
1992	Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	L	8-25
1991	Syracuse	Syracuse, N.Y.	L	10-37
1990	SMU	Dallas, Texas	L	7-44
1989	Miss. State	Starkville, Miss.	L	7-42
1988	Miss. State	Nashville	W	24-20
1987	Memphis	Nashville	W	27-17
1986	Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	L	10-42
1985	Chattanooga	Nashville	W	7-0
1984	Kansas State	Nashville	W	26-14
1983	Maryland	Nashville	L	14-21

## RESULTS OF OPENERS VS. NON-SEC TEAMS

2007	Richmond	Nashville	W	41-17
2006	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	L	7-27
2005	Wake Forest	Winston-Salem, N.C.	W	24-20
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1994	Wake Forest	Nashville	W	35-14
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## THE VANDERBILT-MIAMI (OHIO) SERIES

- ★ Meeting Between Schools: 4th
- ★ Series Record: Vanderbilt leads 2-1
- ★ Last Meeting: Vanderbilt 24, Miami 13 (2007)
- ★ First Meeting: Vanderbilt 12, Miami 0 (1899)
- ★ Vanderbilt Record in Nashville: 2-1
- ★ Biggest Vanderbilt Margin: (12) 12-0 (1899)
- ★ Worst Vanderbilt Defeat: (3) 30-33 (2000)
- ★ Longest Vanderbilt Win Streak: 1
- ★ Longest Vanderbilt Losing Streak: 1

## COMMODORE-REDHAWK NOTES

★ The Commodores are hoping to take a 3-1 overall advantage in the series. Strangely, the infrequently played series dates back to the 19th Century when Vanderbilt took a 12-0 victory in 1899. The schools did not play another game for 101 years.

★ This marks Vanderbilt's first visit to the Oxford campus.

★ The teams played a season-opening thriller in 2000 at Vanderbilt. Miami (Ohio) rode the passing arm of current RedHawk offensive assistant coach Mike Bath to a 33-30 victory over the 'Dores. Both quarterbacks – Bath of Miami and Greg Zolman of Vanderbilt – threw for more than 300 yards in the wide-open affair that concluded with a pair of late RedHawk touchdowns. The last score, a 2-yard Bath pass, came with :20 left and gave Miami its winning margin.

## VANDERBILT VS. MAC TEAMS

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

In 2007, Vanderbilt was 2-0 vs. MAC affiliates, taking a hard-earned 24-13 victory over Miami (Ohio) and a 30-7 decision against Eastern Michigan.

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

MAC MEMBER	VU'S RECORD	LAST MEETING
Eastern Michigan	1-0	30-7, 2007
Miami (Ohio)	2-1	24-13, 2007
Northern Illinois	3-0	34-31, 1999
Ohio U.	1-0	54-10, 1989
Temple	1-1	43-14, 2006
Western Michigan	0-1	24-27, 1998

## VANDERBILT VS. NON-SEC OPPONENTS

Vanderbilt is looking for its eighth victory in its last nine games facing non-Southeastern Conference opponents.

In Vanderbilt's last non-SEC game, the Commodores dropped a 31-17 decision to Atlantic Coast Conference member Wake Forest in the 2007 season finale.

The Commodores were 3-1 vs. non-SEC teams last year.

Under Bobby Johnson, the Commodores are 12-10 in non-SEC games.

In the last decade, Vanderbilt holds a 22-14 non-conference record. All-time, the Commodores are 433-188-32 in non-SEC games.

# GAME NOTES

## TIES BETWEEN THE COACHING STAFFS

Miami (Ohio) Head Coach **Shane Montgomery** was mentored by several current members of the Vanderbilt coaching staff as a successful quarterback at North Carolina State.

Montgomery was a three-year letterwinner for the Wolfpack. In 1986, Montgomery's first varsity season at N.C. State, current Vanderbilt offensive coaches **Ted Cain** (offensive coordinator), **Robbie Caldwell** (assistant head coach/OL) and **Jimmy Kiser** (QB/passing game co-coordinator) were first-year assistants for Wolfpack Head Coach Dick Sheridan. Cain was the offensive coordinator at N.C. State through Montgomery's 1986-89 career. Caldwell coached the Wolfpack offensive line and Kiser worked with receivers.

As a starting signal caller, Montgomery helped North Carolina State to the 1988 Peach Bowl and 1989 Copper Bowl. He was named Second Team All-ACC as a senior.

Montgomery also worked with Cain, Caldwell and Kiser as a Wolfpack offensive graduate assistant in 1991. It was Montgomery's first collegiate coaching experience.

Montgomery's ties might go even deeper to Commodore DL coach **Rick Logo**. They were teammates and co-starters in 1988-1989 at N.C. State – Montgomery at QB and Logo at DT. Before they graduated, both served as Wolfpack captains. In 1999, Montgomery and Logo reunited as assistant coaches at Tennessee-Chattanooga. They worked together for three years on the Mocs staff.

One of Logo's top defensive players at Chattanooga was linebacker **Jimmy Lindsey**, who is in his second season as a RedHawk assistant defensive and special teams coach. Another Miami assistant, defensive line mentor **Rusty Wright**, also coached with Logo at Chattanooga.

**Jamie Bryant**, the Commodores' secondary coach and special teams coordinator, and Miami associate head coach/defensive coordinator **Jay Hood** both played and graduated at Ohio Wesleyan.

## VANDERBILT PLAYERS, COACHES FROM OHIO

Three Vanderbilt players, including a pair expected to start in the season opener, and two defensive coaches are natives of Ohio.

Two offensive linemen from Ohio – guard **Ryan Custer** (R-Jr., Troy) and tackle **Reilly Lauer** (R-So., Gates Mill) – are expected to start against Miami (Ohio). Custer and Lauer are part of a totally retooled Commodore offensive line, with Custer the lone likely starter with past starting experience. Lauer started the 2007 season as a defensive end before moving to offensive tackle.

A third Ohio native, linebacker **Brandon Bryant** (R-Jr., Cincinnati) is not expected to play as he continues to recover from an off-season leg fracture.

Vanderbilt coaches with Ohio ties are defensive coordinator **Bruce Fowler** and secondary/special teams coach **Jamie Bryant**. Fowler was raised near Cincinnati, and played at Mariemont H.S. just east of the city. Fowler's grandfather, Joe Aston, was a longtime sports editor at the *Cincinnati Post*.

Bryant is a native of Fredericktown in eastern Ohio. He graduated from Ohio Wesleyan.

## MIAMI AD BRAD BATES, VANDERBILT TIES

Miami (Ohio) Director of Athletics **Brad Bates** served a successful tenure with Vanderbilt Athletics prior to accepting the Miami position.

Bates, a graduate and former player of the University of Michigan, served 17 years with Vanderbilt Athletics. When he departed the Commodore department to accept the Miami AD post, Bates was Senior Associate Athletic Director, charged with administration of all 15 varsity sports. He was involved in virtually every aspect of Vanderbilt Athletics, from budgeting and facility management to development and compliance.

Originally, Bates joined the Commodore program in May 1985 as an all-sports strength coach. Six years later, Bates moved into administration with the Vanderbilt program as an Assistant A.D., and methodically advanced in the department.

Bates also earned a doctorate of education from Vanderbilt in 1991.

## HOW COMMODORES FARE ON THURSDAYS

Vanderbilt is 1-3 all-time on Thursday nights as it prepares for the season opener at Miami (Ohio).

In its last appearance on Thursday, Vanderbilt defeated Wake Forest 24-20 at Winston-Salem, N.C., on Sept. 1, 2005. That game featured a late Vanderbilt rally directed by senior QB Jay Cutler and the first of 236 career receptions by eventual three-time All-SEC receiver Earl Bennett.

The game also was played on ESPNU – the network's first ever pitting teams from BCS conferences.

## LOOKING FOR SECOND WIN ON ESPNU

The Commodores will look for their second win before an ESPNU national audience when they face the RedHawks of Miami (Ohio).

The Commodores are 1-0 all-time on ESPNU. In 2005, Vanderbilt opened the season on ESPNU in Winston-Salem, N.C., defeating Wake Forest 24-20. The Vanderbilt-Wake Forest game was ESPNU's first pitting teams from BCS conferences.

Last year, the Commodores and Georgia played on ESPN2. That game ended in a 20-17 loss for Vanderbilt after a fourth quarter Commodore fumble deep in Bulldog territory with the score tied 17-17.

### 'DORES ON ESPN

YEAR	OPPONENT	STATION	W/L
2007	Georgia	ESPN2	L
2006	Michigan	ESPN	L
2005	<b>Wake Forest</b>	<b>ESPN</b>	<b>W</b>
	LSU	ESPN2	L
	Georgia	ESPN2	L
	Florida	ESPN2	L
1999	Kentucky	ESPN	L
1998	Miss. State	ESPN2	L
	Tennessee	ESPN2	L
1997	Alabama	ESPN	L
	Georgia	ESPN	L
1996	Notre Dame	ESPN	L
	Alabama	ESPN2	L
	Tennessee	ESPN	L
1984	LSU	ESPN	L

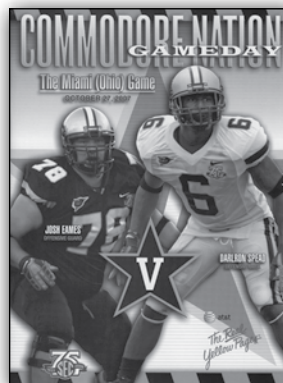


# COMPARISONS ★ 2007 RECAP

## STATISTICAL COMPARISON

	VANDERBILT	MIAMI (OHIO)
	(2007 FINAL STATISTICS)	
<b>TEAM RECORD</b>	5-7/2-6	6-7/5-2
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	260	250
<b>TOUCHDOWNS SCORED</b>	32	28
<b>POINTS ALLOWED</b>	271	333
<b>TOUCHDOWNS ALLOWED</b>	32	43
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	229	256
RUSHING	102	95
PASSING	99	132
PENALTY	28	29
<b>RUSHING YARDAGE</b>	1802	1699
YARDS GAINED RUSHING	2086	1986
YARDS LOST RUSHING	[284]	[287]
RUSHING ATTEMPTS	481	448
AVERAGE PER RUSH	3.7	3.8
AVERAGE PER GAME	150.2	130.7
TDs RUSHING	13	14
<b>PASSING YARDAGE</b>	2117	3070
<b>ATT-COMP-INT</b>	355-193-12	484-265-19
AVERAGE PER PASS	6.0	6.3
AVERAGE PER CATCH	11.0	11.6
AVERAGE PER GAME	176.4	236.2
TDs PASSING	17	13
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>	3919	4769
TOTAL PLAYS	836	932
AVERAGE PER PLAY	4.7	5.1
AVERAGE PER GAME	326.6	366.8
<b>KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS</b>	51-1136	58-1187
AVERAGE KICK RETURN	22.3	20.5
<b>PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS</b>	34-249	33-297
AVERAGE PUNT RETURN	7.3	9.0
<b>INTERCEPTION RETURNS: #-YARDS</b>	16-109	11-50
AVERAGE INT. RETURN	6.8	9.0
<b>FUMBLES/FUMBLES LOST</b>	26-13	23-9
<b>OPP. FUMBLES/FUMBLES RECOVERED</b>	16.7	21-14
<b>PENALTIES-YARDS</b>	59-479	71-612
AVERAGE PER GAME	39.9	47.1
<b>PUNTS-YARDS</b>	61-2391	69-3063
AVERAGE PER PUNT	39.2	44.4
NET PUNT AVERAGE	32.8	37.3
<b>TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME</b>	31:27	30:41
<b>3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS</b>	73/184	73/204
3RD DOWN PCT.	39.7%	36%
<b>4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS</b>	11/18	11/22
4TH DOWN PCT.	57.1%	50%
<b>FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS</b>	13/20	18/30

## THE 2007 MIAMI-VANDERBILT GAME SATURDAY, OCT. 27, 2007 ★ NASHVILLE, TENN.



NASHVILLE – Earl Bennett became the leading receiver in Southeastern Conference history, making eight catches to help the Commodores to a 24-13 victory over Miami (Ohio).

The junior broke former Kentucky receiver Craig Yeast's mark of 208.

"I think it's pretty remarkable to pass that in two and a half years," Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson said. "He's been extremely consistent, works hard and has been a total team player. I'm happy for Earl. I'm glad to see his name at the top."

The RedHawks led 13-10 midway through the third quarter, but the 'Dores surrendered just 86 yards of total offense after that. Vanderbilt also had five sacks.

It was the second straight strong second-half showing by Vandy's defense, ranked No. 19 nationally. One week earlier, the Commodores blanked South Carolina in the second half en route to a 17-6 win.

### SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
MIAMI (OHIO)	3	7	3	0	13	4-4, 3-1
VANDERBILT	7	3	7	7	24	4-3, 2-3

**First Quarter:** VU – Jennings 1-yd run (Hahnfeldt kick) 9:24. UM – Parseghian 42-yd. FG 00:25.

**Second Quarter:** UM – Rogers 40-yd pass from Raudabaugh (Parseghian kick) 6:16. VU – Hahnfeldt 26-yd. FG 00:16.

**Third Quarter:** UM – Parseghian 39-yd. FG 10:20. VU – Nickson 2-yd. run (Hahnfeldt kick) 4:54.

**Fourth Quarter:** VU – Jackson-Garrison 15-yd. run (Hahnfeldt kick) 6:46.

STATISTICS	MIAMI	VANDERBILT
FIRST DOWNS	16	24
RUSHING (NET)	27-26	54-290
PASSING YARDS	212	121
PASSES: ATT-COMP-INT	37-18-0	19-11-1
TOTAL OFF (PLAYS-YARDS)	64-238	73-411
PUNT RETURNS-YARDS	1-6	3-19
KO RETURNS-YARDS	5-106	4-113
INT RETURNS-YARDS	1-0	0-0
PUNTS (#-AVG)	6-42.7	3-38.0
FUMBLES-LOST	0-0	3-3
PENALTIES-YARDS	3-41	4-38
POSSESSION TIME	27:47	32:13
THIRD-DOWNS	5 OF 15	8 OF 12
FOURTH-DOWNS	0 OF 1	0 OF 0
RED-ZONE SUCCESS	0-1	4-5
SACKS BY: (#-YARDS)	0-0	5-36

**RUSHING:** MU–Sykes 10-49; team 1-(1-1); Jones 8-(2); Raudabaugh 8-(-20). VU–Jackson-Garrison 14-75; Hawkins 10-61; Adams 8-47; Nickson 11-42; Moore 2-35; Jennings 8-24; Kovalcheck 1-6.

**PASSING:** MU–Raudabaugh 18-37-0-212. VU–Adams 9-14-1-108; Kovalcheck 2-5-0-13.

**RECEIVING:** MU–Harris 4-54; Elliott 4-25; Givens 3-39; Woods 2-16; Sykes 2-10; Rogers 1-40; Robinson 1-20; Jones 1-8. VU–Bennett 8-85; Walker 2-30; Smith 1-6.



# 2007 PARTICIPATION ★ RANKINGS ★ D.J. MOORE

## VANDERBILT ACTIVE PLAYER PARTICIPATION

PLAYER	POSITION	2007 GAMES PLAYED	2007 STARTS	CAREER GAMES PLAYED	CAREER STARTS	CONSECUTIVE CAREER STARTS
Mackenzi Adams	QB	12	6	25	6	6
Josh Allen	CB	12	1	34	10	-
Joey Bailey	C	4	-	4	-	-
Patrick Benoist	LB	9	4	18	5	4
Greg Billinger	DT	11	-	23	-	-
Jake Bradford	TE	12	2	24	2	1
Terrial Brannon	DE	1	-	1	-	-
Brandon Bryant	LB	8	3	20	3	-
Matt Bubis	FB	10	-	12	-	-
Joel Caldwell	CB	12	-	22	11	-
Nate Campbell	LB	12	-	12	-	-
Ryan Custer	OG	12	-	24	3	-
Jared Fagan	CB	12	-	35	2	-
Michael Garcia	LB	5	-	5	-	-
Drew Gardner	OL	10	-	16	-	-
Justin Green	TE	9	-	9	-	-
Bryant Hahnfeldt	PK	12	12	35	35	35
Ryan Hamilton	S	12	12	24	21	19
Jared Hawkins	TB	10	-	22	-	-
Eric Hensley	OL	6	-	17	-	-
Jeff Jennings	TB	10	2	31	13	-
Chris Johnson	LB	12	-	23	-	-
Theron Kadri	DE	12	-	12	-	-
Reshard Langford	SS	12	12	35	35	35
Reilly Lauer	DE/OT	2	-	2	-	-
John Laughrey	PK	3	-	3	-	-
Myron Lewis	CB	12	12	22	12	12
Gaston Miller	TB	-	-	8	-	-
Nick Miller	SN	4	-	16	-	-
Austin Monahan	TE	9	-	9	-	-
D.J. Moore	CB	10	10	24	21	12
Austin Newton	LB	9	-	9	-	-
Chris Nickson	QB	8	7	26	18	-
Kennard Reeves	RB	12	-	12	-	-
Chris Reinert	WR	7	-	9	-	-
Larry Simmons	WR	2	-	4	-	-
George Smith	WR	12	12	35	26	16
Adam Smotherman	DT	8	-	8	-	-
Darlron Spead	CB	11	4	23	4	1
Broderick Stewart	DE	12	-	24	-	-
John Stokes	LB/SN	12	-	12	-	-
Steven Stone	DE	12	12	24	12	12
Alan Strong	CB	9	-	9	-	-
Brent Trice	S	12	-	24	-	-
Brett Upson	P	12	12	24	24	24
Ryan Vance	OL	1	-	3	-	-
Brad Vierling	OG	12	-	24	-	-
Sean Walker	WR	12	9	31	15	-
Alex Washington	WR	12	-	24	-	-
Thomas Welch	OT	12	-	21	-	-
Justin Wheeler	WR	12	-	21	-	-

## D.J. MOORE: MR. VERSATILITY

Junior **D.J. Moore** is likely to continue as one of the nation's most versatile and productive players.

An effective three-way player for the Commodores last year, Moore is expected to expand his role in 2008, adding punt return duties to his arsenal.

Last year, Moore was one of the nation's top cornerbacks, sharing the SEC lead with six interceptions and ranking among its defensive leaders in solo tackles. He also put together one of the finest seasons ever by a Commodore kickoff returner, compiling a team-record 823 yards. His 25.7-yard average on kickoff returns matched the Commodore high since the 1960s. Moore also contributed as a valuable offensive weapon, rushing for a 13.0-yard average on six attempts.

A National Defensive Player of the Week recipient for his two-interception role in Vanderbilt's 17-6 victory on No. 6 South Carolina last year, Moore also played effectively in the Commodores' 2007 encounter against Miami (Ohio). He produced six solo tackles, three defended passes and a QB sack to go with a 39-yard rush and two returns for a 40.5-yard average against the RedHawks.

Named First Team All-SEC by the Associated Press, Moore has been named as a preseason All-American by Athlon's College Football Preview. He has been added to several individual watchlists, including the Jim Thorpe Award, Nagurski Trophy and Bednarik Award.

## VANDERBILT 2007 STATISTICAL RANKINGS

TEAM CATEGORY	AVG.	SEC	NCAA
Scoring Offense	21.7	10	93
Scoring Defense	22.6	5	32
Total Offense	326.6	11	103
Rushing Offense	150.2	7	59
Passing Offense	176.4	10	107
Total Defense	325.3	4	16
Rushing Defense	128.2	6	32
Passing Defense	197.1	5	18
Net Punting	32.8	12	99
Punt Returns	7.3	9	84
Kickoff Returns	22.3	4	39
Turnover Margin	-2	10	T-73
Pass Efficiency	113.5	10	95
Defensive Pass Efficiency	118.0	9	42
Penalties (Total)	59	2	T-9
Penalty Yardage	39.9	2	6
Third Down Conversion %	39.7	8	61
Third-Down Conversion % (opponent)	34.8	3	27
Quarterback Sacks	30	3	T-30
Quarterback Sacks Allowed	17	5	T-24
Pass Interceptions	16	T-5	T-35
Time of Possession	31:27	2	T-17
First Downs	19.1	8	T-85
First Downs Allowed	17.9	3	T-24



# COMMODORE NOTES

## DUDLEY FIELD GETS FRESH LOOK; PHASE I WORK COMPLETE

Fans attending Commodore home games will be greeted by the first substantial improvements to Dudley Field and Vanderbilt Stadium in more than a decade.

Crews completed Phase 1 construction in mid-August on Vanderbilt Stadium. The result is a clean, refurbished look for the stadium, built in 1981.

The construction is the first of five phases outlined in a \$60 million athletic facility enhancement plan. The project was announced last winter by Vanderbilt Vice Chancellor of University Affairs and Student Athletics David Williams II.

Among the football stadium improvements completed in the Phase I work are:

- New brick exterior renovation to south end of stadium facing McGugin Athletic Center and Jess Neely Drive. The work extends the brick facade included at the adjacent Hawkins Baseball Field.
- Painting of stadium exterior.
- Addition of new Vanderbilt Bookstore and Commodore Grille outlets on concourse.
- New eastside concourse artwork featuring Vanderbilt Athletics "It's Good To Be Gold" theme. The artwork includes action images of several recent Vanderbilt standouts, such as football players Jay Cutler, Earl Bennett and Chris Williams, golfer Brandt Snedeker, hoopsters Shan Foster and Chantelle Anderson, and baseball players Pedro Alvarez and David Price.
- New exterior signage and installation of large "Star V" logos on the press box structure.

The football team also benefited from the recent addition of Field Turf at its practice facility.

Phase I construction also is aimed at enhancing both Memorial Gym and Hawkins Field. New men's and women's player locker rooms, and post-game press conference facilities are under construction at Memorial Gym, along with the installment of a new wooden gym floor. At Hawkins Field, work is under way to expand capacity with the addition of seating areas in left field and right field.

The facility project is expected to continue for several years. Phase II, expected to get under way after the 2008 football season, calls for total renovation of both stadium gates facing Jess Neely Drive, and the continuation of the brick exterior facade down Natchez Trace. Work on the long-anticipated Vanderbilt Athletics Hall of Fame also is expected to start after the season. The Hall of Fame structure will adjoin McGugin Athletic Center and front Jess Neely Drive.

The project also calls for future construction of new football player locker and meeting rooms, and expanded training and academic support facilities.

## SEASON TICKET SALES STRONG FOR 2008 SCHEDULE

Vanderbilt football season ticket sales are on their strongest pace in more than a decade, according to Commodore athletic officials.

At the close of business last Friday, total season ticket sales were 17,864. The current number represents the most sold by Vanderbilt Athletics since 1996 when the Commodores hosted Notre Dame in its opener and Tennessee in the finale.

The Commodores are still 10 days away from their home opener against South Carolina on Sept. 4. The game is scheduled for ESPN national television. Other home games on the schedule include nationally ranked SEC teams Auburn (Oct. 4), Florida (Nov. 8) and Tennessee (Nov. 22) and non-conference foes Rice (Sept. 13) and Duke (Oct. 25).

The current sales level is well ahead of last year's final total of 15,191 season tickets. In 2006 – the last year Vanderbilt hosted cross-state Tennessee on its Nashville campus – the Commodores sold 11,367 season tickets.

"We're extremely pleased with the ticket sales total. I also believe we'll sell many more before the home opener," Ticket Manager Eric Jones said. "The tremendous home schedule is obviously a factor for the increase, but we're seeing new season ticket buyers that are enthusiastic about Coach (Bobby) Johnson's team and how we've upgraded the Vanderbilt gameday experience."

## PREP TEAMMATES ON VANDERBILT ROSTER

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

• **Derrius Dowell** (R-Jr., DT) and **Alan Strong** (R-So., CB) were standouts at Douglass H.S. in Atlanta.

• **D.J. Moore** (Jr., CB/WR/KR) and **Terrial Brannon** (R-So., DE) were classmates at Broome H.S. in Spartanburg, S.C.

• Senior PK **Bryant Hahnfeldt** (Sr., PK), **Matt Bubis** (R-Jr., H-Back) and **Rich Tompkins** (R-Fr., DB) attended at Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville.

• **Darlon Spead** (R-Jr., CB) and **Ryan Seymour** (Fr., DT) graduated from southern Georgia prep power Camden County H.S.

• **Michael Garcia** (R-So., LB) and **Ryan van Rensburg** (R-Fr., TB) were teammates at The Bolles School in Jacksonville, Fla.

• **Adam Smotherman** (R-So., DT) and **James Williams** (R-Fr., OT) helped Smyrna H.S. near Nashville to a state title.

• Linebackers **John Stokes** (So.) and **DeAndre Jones** (Fr.) were star performers at University School in Memphis.

## BRYANT UNLIKELY TO PLAY

Ohio native **Brandon Bryant** (R-Sr., Cincinnati) will miss the Miami game due to an off-season leg injury.

Bryant, a starter at linebacker to open the '07 season, hopes to rejoin the team this season as he works his way back from a leg fracture suffered last winter.

## DEPENDABLE LANGFORD

Entering the Miami (Ohio), Commodore safety **Reshard Langford** (R-Sr.) has been one of the most durable and top defensive performers in the Southeastern Conference.

Langford leads all SEC defensive secondary players with 35 career starting assignments. The defensive co-captain is one of three Commodores, joining kicker Bryant Hahnfeldt and punter Brett Upson, to start every game of their career.

## UPSON EXPECTED TO PUNT

Senior **Brett Upson** is likely to handle the Commodore punting chores at Miami (Ohio) despite missing the first two weeks of pre-season camp due to abdominal pain.

When other Vanderbilt players were reporting for camp in July, Upson, of Griffin, Ga., was in an Atlanta hospital trying to determine the cause of his stomach pain.

Upson returned to practice Aug. 16 and has participated fully for the last week.



# COMMODORE NOTES ★ FORMER 'DORES IN THE NFL

## COMMODORE DEFENSE BACK AFTER STRONG '07 SHOWING

A fully intact secondary leads the Commodore defense into the 2008 season.

Cornerbacks **D.J. Moore** and **Myron Lewis**, and safeties **Reshard Langford** and **Ryan Hamilton** are back this year after starting all 12 games last year. The team's top nickelback, **Darlon Speed**, also returns.

Other productive contributors from the 2007 season such as defensive ends **Steven Stone** and **Broderick Stewart**, and linebacker **Patrick Benoist** also are back.

Statistically, the Commodore defense was one of the nation's best in 2007, ranking 16th in the NCAA in total defense (325.3 ypg), 18th in passing defense (197.1 ypg), 32nd in scoring defense (22.6 ppg) and 32nd in rushing defense (128.2 ypg).

The unit also ranked among the SEC's best with 30 quarterback sacks and 16 interceptions.

Vanderbilt's defense was the top-ranked in the nation among teams that did not participate in a postseason bowl.

## VANDERBILT RESULTS IN OHIO

Vanderbilt is 3-3 all-time in games played in the state of Ohio.

The Commodores have a pair of victories over Cincinnati (32-0 in 1934 and 34-24 in 1994) and one win at Ohio State (26-21 in 1931).

Vanderbilt has never played on the campus of Miami (Ohio).

## HAHNFELDT: CHASING TEAM ALL-TIME SCORING MARK

Senior placekicker **Bryant Hahnfeldt** is chasing an important team scoring record held by a close friend and placekicking mentor.

Hahnfeldt, a Nashville native, needs 24 points to overtake John Markham (1997-2000) as the Commodores' record holder for career points by a kicker.

Hahnfeldt and Markham are longtime friends. Both were standout kickers at Montgomery Bell Academy, a prestigious school located just west of the Vanderbilt campus.

Hahnfeldt is entering his fourth and final year as the starting Commodore placekicker. As a junior in 2007, he converted 13 field goals – a single season career high. For his career, Hahnfeldt is 33 of 54 in field goals and 87 of 91 extra points.

Hahnfeldt holds the team record for PATs made with 87. He needs to make 15 field goals this season to surpass Markham's career school record of 47.

Hahnfeldt is currently third in career scoring behind Markham (209 points) and Ricky Anderson (192 points, 1981-84).

### Commodore Leaders – Career Points by Kicker

	PLACEKICKER	FGs	PATs	POINTS
1.	John Markham, 1997-2000	47-68	68-77	209
2.	Ricky Anderson, 1981-84	40-57	72-75	192
3.	<b>Bryant Hahnfeldt</b> , 2005-08	33-54	87-91	186

## VISITING OXFORD TWICE

The Commodores are making two trips to Oxford this season.

Vanderbilt's first visit to Oxford is scheduled for this Thursday when the Commodore face Miami (Ohio).

For its second road appearance, the 'Dores will return to Oxford – Oxford, Miss. – to take on Ole Miss Sept. 20.

Later in the year, Vanderbilt will make another trip to Mississippi – playing Mississippi State in Starkville on Oct. 11.

## INEXPERIENCED LINE

In 2007, the Commodores featured five senior starters on the offensive line that combined for 161 career starting assignments.

This year, the group is talented yet inexperienced, with only one returnee (OG Ryan Custer of Troy, Ohio) having starting experience.

The unit, coached by veteran mentor Robbie Caldwell, is led by junior center and co-captain Bradley Vierling.

## FORMER VANDERBILT PLAYERS IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Former Commodore	NFL Team	Notes
Earl Bennett, WR	Chicago Bears	Third round pick returned punt for TD two week ago; contending for WR playing time
Marcus Buggs, LB	Buffalo Bills	Has impressed coaches with intensity and hustle in bid to make Bills roster
Corey Chavous, Safety	St. Louis Rams	Expected to continue as valuable safety starter in 11th professional season
Jay Cutler, QB	Denver Broncos	Putting together impressive preseason camp as third year as starter approaches
Curtis Gatewood, LB	Washington Redskins	Athletic former DE playing LB and special teams as rookie hoping to make roster
Justin Geisinger, OG/OC	Washington Redskins	Looking for permanent roster spot with Redskins; has performed well at center in camp
Jonathan Goff, LB	New York Giants	Rookie LB impressed coaches in early camp; currently sidelined with back injury
Jovan Haye, DT	Tampa Bay	Newly signed, former Commodore DE is expected to start for second straight year at DT
Hunter Hillenmeyer, LB	Chicago Bears	Part of solid Bears linebacking corps, expected to start for fourth consecutive year
Brian Stamper, OT	New Orleans Saints	Rookie free agent has impressed Saints OL coaches; hoping to secure roster spot.
Matt Stewart, LB	Arizona Cardinals	Signed by Cardinals in offseason, Stewart is competing for starting OLB position
Chris Williams, OT	Chicago Bears	First round pick is sidelined with back injury; could return to active duty by November
Jamie Winborn, LB	Denver Broncos	Competing with Boss Bailey for starting OLB role in second year with Broncos
Todd Yoder, TE	Washington Redskins	Eight-year veteran still dependable as blocking TE and versatile special teamer



# MORE ABOUT THE COMMODORES

## SMITH – BEATING THE ODDS

**George Smith** continues to beat the odds.

Vanderbilt's offensive co-captain and starting receiver was featured on ESPN.com this summer for his remarkable attitude and amazing recovery from a near-death experience in 2004.

In the last three years, the sixth-year senior from Pembroke Pines, Fla., has survived a serious ailment and gunshot attack to become a valuable starting receiver for the Black & Gold.

The fact that Smith is in uniform is remarkable. In April 2004, Smith was diagnosed with acute transverse myelitis, an illness that causing swelling of the spinal cord. For the next six weeks, Smith fought the illness in intensive care and eventually extensive rehabilitation. Smith returned to Vanderbilt the following semester, sat out the 2004 season, and finally received medical clearance during the 2005 preseason camp.

One of only three sixth-year players in the SEC this year, Smith has 76 career receptions, 997 career receiving yards and eight TDs.

Smith is expected to miss the opener at Miami recovered from an unrelated foot injury.

## JAMIE GRAHAM: TWO-SPORT STUDENT-ATHLETE

When **Jamie Graham** (R-Fr., WR) makes his first appearance in a Commodore uniform, he will enjoy the distinction of being the only Southeastern Conference student-athlete to participate in this football season and last year's basketball campaign.

Graham, a native of Nashville, sat out the '07 football season, but became an integral part of the Commodore men's basketball success last winter.

After joining the hoops team after football ended, Graham became a fan favorite and defensive specialist in 15 appearances on the basketball court. He played important minutes down the stretch, helping the squad to a berth in the NCAA tournament.

Graham became the first Commodore to play both basketball and football since wide receiver Fred Baker did both in 1994-95.

## SQUAD SERVED BY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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

Co-captains **Reshard Langford**, **George Smith** and **Bradley Vierling** are members of the Leadership Council.

Others voted by teammates to represent other various position groups include **Mackenzi Adams**, quarterbacks; **Steven Stone**, defensive line; **Jeff Jennings**, offensive backfield; **Jake Bradford**, receivers/tight ends; **Bryant Hahnfeldt**, specialists; and **Patrick Benoist**, linebackers.

## KITCHINGS JUST THIRD CHANGE TO JOHNSON STAFF

First-year Commodore running backs mentor Des Kitchings represents just the third change to Coach Johnson's Vanderbilt staff in his tenure.

Kitchings, a former Furman offensive coach, replaces Kenny Carter, who joined the Florida staff.

Johnson arrived at Vanderbilt with the belief that consistency on the coaching staff would lead to greater stability in the program and better chances for team success. He has taken the principle to heart: under Johnson, Vanderbilt has experienced the fewest coaching changes in the SEC. Both coordinators – Bruce Fowler (defense) and Ted Cain (offense) – also have the conference's longest tenures.

The coaching staff has multiple links dating back three decades to Johnson's initial year in collegiate coaching when he served as a defensive ends assistant at Furman. Johnson is just the fourth head coach in Vanderbilt football history to reach seven years of service.

## COMMODORES CONTINUE ANCHOR 'UNITY' TRADITION

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

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

## MEDIA INFORMATION

### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Patrick Benoist (Ben-WAH)  
Teriall (Ter-RELL) Brannon  
Matt Bubis (BOO-bus)  
Nick Forte (FORT)  
Tim Fugger (FEW-ger)  
Theron (THER-in) Kadri (COD-ree)  
Reshard (Rah-SHARD) Langford  
Chris Marve (MARV)  
Chris Reinert (RINE-ert)  
Dariron (Dah-RON) Speed (SPEED)  
Udom (OOD-um) Umoh (OO-mah)  
Bradley Vierling (VEER-ling)

### JOHNSON, STUDENT-ATHLETE POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

Following the Miami (Ohio) game, Coach Johnson will meet with media representatives at the Commodores' postgame press conference facilities at Yager Stadium.

The Vanderbilt Player Locker Room is closed to the media. The Vanderbilt SID staff will take requests for student-athlete interviews. Interviews with 4-5 student-athletes will be conducted as soon as Coach Johnson concludes his remarks.

### PRACTICE WEEK INTERVIEW POLICIES

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

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

Selected Vanderbilt players will be available for interviews with out-of-town beat reporters on Wednesday following the team's practice.

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

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

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

# HEAD COACH BOBBY JOHNSON

## PERSONAL DATA

**AGE:** 56

**ALMA MATER:** Clemson

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

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

Master's in Education, 1979, Furman

**FAMILY:** Wife, Catherine

## KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 80-86 overall record as head coach; 4-4 record in NCAA postseason play
- During Vanderbilt tenure, has coached the first Commodore named unanimous SEC Offensive Player of the Year (Jay Cutler, 2005), the team's only SEC Freshman of the Year (Kwane Doster, 2002), the nation's top tackler (Hunter Hillenmeyer, 2002) and the first Vanderbilt All-America (Earl Bennett, 2006), in seven years.
- I-AA National Coach of the Year in 2001.
- Three Southern Conference titles
- 220-142-8 Combined Record (32 years of collegiate coaching)

## SEVENTH YEAR RECORD OF 'DORE HEAD COACHES

Johnson becomes just the fourth head coach in team history to reach seven years of service with the university. Here's the seventh year record of that group:

COACH	YEARS	RECORD
Bobby Johnson	2008	0-0
George MacIntyre	1985	3-7-1
Art Guepe	1959	5-3-2
Dan McGugin	1910	8-0-1

## JOHNSON'S WEEKLY INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

## SUMMARY OF JOHNSON'S COACHING CAREER

YEAR	SCHOOL	POSITION	RECORD	HIGHLIGHTS
2007	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	5-7 (2-8)	road win over No. 6 So. Carolina
2006	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	4-8 (1-7)	win over No. 22 Georgia in Athens
2005	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	5-6 (3-5)	VU's Most SEC wins since '91
2004	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	2-9 (1-7)	
2003	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	2-10 (1-7)	
2002	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	2-10 (0-8)	
2001	Furman	Head Coach	12-3	I-AA Finals; Conference Co-Champion; I-AA Coach of the Year; I-AA Region II Coach of Year
2000	Furman	Head Coach	9-3	I-AA Playoffs; Conference Co-Champion
1999	Furman	Head Coach	9-3	I-AA Playoffs; Conference Champions; I-AA Region II Coach of Year
1998	Furman	Head Coach	5-6	
1997	Furman	Head Coach	7-4	
1996	Furman	Head Coach	9-4	I-AA Playoffs; I-AA Region II Coach of Year
1995	Furman	Head Coach	6-5	
1994	Furman	Head Coach	3-8	
1993	Clemson	Defensive Coordinator	8-3	
1992	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	6-5	
1991	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	7-4	
1990	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	9-4	I-AA Playoffs; Conference Champions
1989	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	12-2	I-AA Playoffs; Conference Champions
1988	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	13-2	I-AA National Champions; Conference Champions
1987	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	7-4	
1986	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	7-3-2	
1985	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	12-2	I-AA Finals; Conference Champion
1984	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	8-3	
1983	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	10-2-1	Conference Champion
1982	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	9-3	Conference Champion
1981	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	8-3	Conference Champion
1980	Clemson	Athletic Academic Counselor		
1979	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	5-6	
1978	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	8-3	Conference Champion
1977	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	4-5-2	
1976	Furman	Defensive Ends Coach	6-4-1	

## JOHNSON'S WEEKLY INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES

## TV HIGHLIGHTS SHOW

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

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

Regionally, the show airs twice weekly on CSS at Comcast channel 27): Tuesday, 6:30 a.m., and Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

## JOHNSON'S RADIO SHOW

The Commodore Call-In Show with Bobby Johnson can be heard each Monday on Vanderbilt Athletics' flagship station WGFX FM-104.5 at a new time this season.

The show will air weekly at 6:30 p.m., 30 minutes earlier than in past years.

The show is hosted by Commodore play-by-play announcer Joe Fisher. The show, open to the public, will be held at the refurbished Commodore Bar & Grille in Holiday Inn Select, located on West End Avenue.

The show features Johnson's game recap, a look at the next opponent and questions from callers across Middle Tennessee.



# COMMODORE DEPTH CHART

## ENTERING FINAL WEEK OF PRESEASON PRACTICE

### OFFENSE

Z WR	7	Sean Walker	(6-0, 178, R-Sr.)
	36	Chris Reinert	(5-9, 175, R-Jr.)
X WR	25	Jamie Graham	(5-11, 190, R-Fr.)
-or-	23	Udom Umoh	(5-11, 172, R-Fr.)
S WR	80	Justin Wheeler	(6-1, 178, R-Jr.)
	83	John Cole	(5-11, 170, Fr.)
QB	3	Chris Nickson	(6-1, 212, R-Sr.)
-or-	9	Mackenzi Adams	(6-3, 215, R-Jr.)
TB	21	Jeff Jennings	(6-1, 214, R-Sr.)
-or-	31	Jared Hawkins	(5-10, 202, R-Jr.)
TE	86	Austin Monahan	(6-7, 255, So.)
	85	Jake Bradford	(6-6, 270, Sr.)
-or-	87	Brandon Barden	(6-5, 245, R-Fr.)
LT	68	Reilly Lauer	(6-6, 275, R-So.)
	72	Kyle Fischer	(6-6, 300, R-Fr.)
LG	73	Ryan Custer	(6-3, 295, R-Jr.)
	70	Drew Gardner	(6-6, 305, R-Jr.)
C	60	Bradley Vierling	(6-3, 292, R-Jr.)
	71	Joey Bailey	(6-4, 280, R-So.)
	55	Rob Ashrabranner	(6-2, 285, R-Fr.)
RG	71	Joey Bailey	(6-4, 280, R-So.)
	61	Nick Forte	(6-2, 290, R-Jr.)
	77	James Williams	(6-6, 305, R-Fr.)
RT	76	Thomas Welch	(6-7, 305, R-Jr.)
	66	Eric Hensley	(6-6, 312, R-Jr.)

### DEFENSE

DE	96	Steven Stone	(6-5, 272, R-Jr.)
	89	Teriall Brannon	(6-3, 245, R-So.)
DT	56	Greg Billinger	(6-4, 290, Jr.)
	62	Ryan Seymour	(6-4, 282, Fr.)
-or-	84	Rob Lohr	(6-4, 270, Fr.)
DT	59	Adam Smotherman	(6-4, 285, R-So.)
	74	T.J. Greenstone	(6-3, 278, R-Fr.)
DE	90	Broderick Stewart	(6-5, 230, R-Jr.)
	91	Theron Kadri	(6-4, 272, So.)
SLB	49	John Stokes	(6-5, 228, So.)
	11	Brent Trice	(6-3, 218, Jr.)
	46	Austin Newton	(6-3, 218, R-So.)
MLB	13	Chris Marve	(6-0, 225, R-Fr.)
	45	Chris Johnson	(6-1, 228, R-Jr.)
WLB	30	Patrick Benoist	(6-0, 220, Jr.)
	52	Nathan Campbell	6-3, 228, R-So.)
CB	17	D.J. Moore	(5-10, 1882, Jr.)
	14	Josh Allen	(5-9, 184, R-Sr.)
SS	33	Reshard Langford	(6-2, 212, R-Sr.)
	38	Sean Richardson	(6-2, 190, Fr.)
FS	2	Ryan Hamilton	(6-2, 210, R-Jr.)
	29	Joel Caldwell	(6-1, 195, R-Jr.)
CB	5	Myron Lewis	(6-3, 202, Jr.)
	19	Casey Hayward	(6-0, 178, Fr.)
NB	6	Darlron Spead	(5-10, 186, R-Jr.)
	20	Jared Fagan	(5-9, 182, R-Sr.)

### SPECIALISTS

PK	8	Bryant Hahnfeldt	(5-11, 185, Sr.)	KR	17	D.J. Moore	(5-10, 182, Jr.)
	94	Ryan Fowler	(5-10, 160, Fr.)		7	Sean Walker	(6-0, 178, R-Sr.)
SN	49	John Stokes	(6-5, 228, So.)	PR	17	D.J. Moore	(5-10, 182, Jr.)
	69	David Giller	(6-1, 240, So.)		7	Sean Walker	(6-0, 178, R-Sr.)
H	9	Mackenzi Adams	(6-3, 215, R-Jr.)	P	39	Brett Upson	(5-11, 185, Jr.)
	36	Chris Reinert	(5-9, 175, R-Sr.)		8	Bryant Hahnfeldt	(5-11, 185, Sr.)
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	94	Ryan Fowler	(5-10, 160, Fr.)				

# ALPHABETICAL TEAM ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	Ht.	Wt.	YEAR.	ELIG.	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL	NO.	NAME	POS.	Ht.	Wt.	YEAR.	ELIG.	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
63	Chris Aaron	OG	6-3	290	R-So.	SQ	Palos Verdes, Calif./Palos Verdes	68	Reilly Lauer	OT	6-6	275	R-So.	SQ	Gates Mill, Ohio/St. Ignatius
9	Mackenzi Adams	QB	6-3	215	R-Jr.	2L	Tulsa, Okla./Union	93*	David Leinweber	DE	6-5	245	R-Jr.	SQ	Bloomfield Hills, Mich./Cranbrook
14	Josh Allen	CB	5-9	184	R-Sr.	3L	Roswell, Ga./Roswell	5	Myron Lewis	CB	6-3	202	Jr.	2L	Pompano Beach, Fla./Pompano Beach
55	Rob Ashabranner	C	6-2	275	R-Fr.	RS	Beaumont, Texas/Cathedral Christian	54	Taylor Loftley	DL	6-2	250	Fr.	HS	Chamblee, Ga./Chamblee
40	Bo Baggerley	LB	6-0	210	Sr.	SQ	Forsyth, Ga./Stratford Academy	84	Rob Lohr	DL	6-4	270	Fr.	HS	Phoenixville, Pa./Phoenixville
71	Joey Bailey	OG/C	6-4	280	R-So.	1L	Trussville, Ala./Hewitt-Trussville	13	Chris Marve	LB	6-0	225	R-Fr.	RS	Memphis, Tenn./White Station
87	Brandon Barden	TE	6-5	245	R-Fr.	RS	Lincolnton, Ga./Lincoln Co.	17	D.J. Moore	CB	5-10	182	Jr.	2L	Spartanburg, S.C./Broome
15	Archie Barnes	LB	6-4	200	Fr.	HS	Tampa, Fla./Berkeley Prep	27	Gaston Miller	TB	5-7	180	R-So.	1L	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Riverdale
30	Patrick Benoist	LB	6-0	222	Jr.	2L	Southlake, Texas/Carroll Senior	75	Nick Miller	SN	6-3	250	R-Jr.	2L	Matthews, N.C./East Mecklenburg
56	Greg Billinger	DT	6-3	290	Jr.	2L	Lilburn, Ga./Parkview	86	Austin Monahan	TE	6-7	255	So.	1L	Charlotte, N.C./Country Day
85	Jake Bradford	TE	6-6	270	Sr.	2L	St. Simons Island, Ga./Glynn Acad.	46	Austin Newton	LB	6-3	218	R-So.	1L	McDonough, Ga./Union Grove
89	Terrial Brannon	DE	6-3	235	R-So.	SQ	Spartanburg, S.C./Broome	3	Chris Nickson	QB	6-1	212	R-Sr.	3L	Brundidge, Ala./Pike Co.
32	Matt Bubis	HB	5-10	230	R-Jr.	1L	Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell	37	Al Owens	DB	6-2	178	Fr.	HS	Springtown, Texas/Springtown
57	John Burrow	LB	6-4	230	Fr.	HS	Morris, Ala./Mortimer Jordan	15*	Will Parker Roe	S	5-10	175	R-Fr.	RS	Humboldt, Tenn./Humboldt
67	Michael Bryant	OL	6-4	290	Fr.	HS	La Vergne, Tenn./La Vergne	48	Micah Powell	DB	6-0	192	Fr.	HS	Tarpon Springs, Fla./East Lake
65	Richard Cagle	OL	6-4	285	Fr.	HS	Houston, Texas/St. Pius X	53	Colt Nichter	DT	6-2	285	Fr.	HS	Park City, Utah/Park City
29	Joel Caldwell	S	6-1	195	R-Jr.	2L	Hoover, Ala./Hoover	28	Kennard Reeves	TB	6-0	202	R-So.	1L	Duluth, Ga./Duluth
52	Nate Campbell	LB	6-3	228	R-So.	1L	Hazen, Ark./Hazen	34	Ryan van Rensburg	TB	6-1	215	R-Fr.	RS	Jacksonville, Fla./The Bolles School
50	Thomas Carroll	PK	5-9	165	R-Jr.	SQ	Columbus, Ga./Brookstone	36	Chris Reinert	WR	5-9	175	R-Jr.	1L	Santa Ana, Calif./Servite
83	John Cole	WR	5-11	170	Fr.	HS	Somerset, Ky./Somerset	38	Sean Richardson	DB	6-2	190	Fr.	HS	Linden, Ala./Linden
89*	Chris Crooks	WR	6-3	208	R-Fr.	SQ	Chattahoochee, Ga./Chattahoochee	28*	Alex Schultz	DB	6-0	192	R-Jr.	SQ	Wayland, Mass./Wayland
73	Ryan Custer	OG	6-3	295	R-Jr.	2L	Troy, Ohio/Troy	45*	Chavez Scott	TB	5-7	185	Fr.	HS	Memphis, Tenn./Whitehaven
48	Dexter Daniels	LB	6-1	210	Fr.	HS	Brantley, Ala./Brantley	62	Ryan Seymour	DL	6-4	255	Fr.	HS	Kingsland, Ga./Camden Co.
84	Chris DeGeorge	HB	6-2	225	R-Jr.	SQ	Portland, Tenn./Portland	18	Larry Simmons	WR	5-10	168	R-Jr.	SQ	Austin, Texas/Anderson
26	Andrew Diomande	WR	6-2	204	Sr.	TR	Miami, Fla./Columbus HS/(Clemson)	88	George Smith	WR	6-3	202	R-Sr.	3L	Pembroke Pines, Fla./Hollywood Hills
41	Jermaine Doster	TB	5-10	205	R-Fr.	RS	Tampa, Fla./Robinson	10	Larry Smith	QB	6-2	215	R-Fr.	RS	Prattville, Ala./Prattville
22	Akeem Dunham	WR	6-3	185	Fr.	HS	Eustis, Fla./Eustis	59	Adam Smotherman	DT	6-4	285	R-So.	1L	Smyrna, Tenn./Smyrna
20	Jared Fagan	CB	5-9	182	R-Sr.	3L	Waldorf, Md./Westlake	6	Darlon Spead	NB	5-10	186	R-Jr.	2L	Kingsland, Ga./Camden Co.
72	Kyle Fischer	OT	6-6	300	R-Fr.	RS	Columbia, S.C./Spring Valley	90	Broderick Stewart	DE	6-5	230	R-Jr.	2L	Newnan, Ga./Riverside Military
51	Davis Flowers	LB	6-0	215	R-Fr.	RS	Dothan, Ala./Houston Academy	49	John Stokes	LB/SN	6-5	228	So.	1L	Memphis, Tenn./University School
61	Nick Forte	OG	6-2	290	R-Jr.	SQ	Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood Academy	96	Steven Stone	DE	6-5	268	R-Jr.	2L	Conway, Ark./Conway
94	Ryan Fowler	PK	5-10	160	Fr.	HS	Taylor, S.C./Eastside	16	Alan Strong	CB	5-10	180	R-So.	1L	Atlanta, Ga./Douglass
42	Tim Fugger	DE	6-4	255	R-Fr.	RS	Oak Brook, Ill./Montini Catholic	24	Tristan Strong	LB	6-1	220	Fr.	HS	Loganville, Ga./Grayson
12	Jared Funk	QB	6-2	202	R-So.	SQ	Long Grove, Ill./St. Viator	24*	Rich Tompkins	DB	5-11	185	R-Fr.	SQ	Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell
44	Michael Garcia	LB	6-0	235	R-So.	1L	Jacksonville, Fla./The Bolles School	11	Brent Trice	S/LB	6-3	214	Jr.	2L	Orange, Va./Fort Union Military
70	Drew Gardner	OG	6-6	305	R-Jr.	1L	Hoxie, Ark./Hoxie	37*	Elvio Tropeano	S	5-9	200	R-Fr.	RS	Pomfret, Conn./Middlesex School
69	David Giller	SN	6-1	240	So.	TR	Swampscott, Mass./Swampscott/	23	Udom Umoh	WR	6-0	172	R-Fr.	RS	Fort Valley, Ga./Peach Co.
25	Jamie Graham	WR	6-0	190	R-Fr.	RS	Nashville, Tenn./Whites Creek	39	Brett Upson	P	5-11	185	Jr.	2L	Griffin, Ga./Spalding
82	Justin Green	TE	6-6	235	R-So.	1L	Troy, Ala./Henderson	79	Ryan Vance	OG	6-3	290	R-Jr.	1L	Bellaire, Texas/Episcopal
74	T.J. Greenstone	DT	6-3	282	R-Fr.	RS	Lawrenceville, Ga./Collins Hill	46*	Duane Vaughn	S	6-1	195	R-Fr.	RS	Goodlettsville, Tenn./Davidson Academy
8	Bryant Hahnfeldt	P/PK	5-11	185	Sr.	3L	Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell	60	Bradley Vierling	C	6-3	292	R-Jr.	2L	Warminster, Pa./Central Bucks East
2	Ryan Hamilton	FS	6-2	210	R-Jr.	2L	Wycombe, Pa./Council Rock North	7	Sean Walker	WR	6-0	178	R-Sr.	3L	Wrens, Ga./Jefferson Co.
31	Jared Hawkins	TB	5-10	202	R-Jr.	2L	Spring, Texas/Klein	4	Alex Washington	WR	5-10	182	R-Jr.	2L	Stone Mtn., Ga./Stephenson
19	Casey Hayward	DB	6-0	178	Fr.	HS	Elko, Ga./Perry	76	Thomas Welch	OT	6-7	305	R-Jr.	2L	Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood
66	Eric Hensley	OT	6-6	312	R-Jr.	1L	Clinton, Tenn./Clinton	78	Caleb Welchans	OL	6-5	285	Fr.	HS	Wildwood, Mo./Lafayette
93	Josh Jelesky	DE	6-5	234	Fr.	HS	Naperville, Ill./Naperville	80	Justin Wheeler	WR	6-1	178	R-Jr.	2L	North Augusta, S.C./North Augusta
21	Jeff Jennings	TB	6-1	214	R-Sr.	3L	Dandridge, Tenn./Jefferson Co.	77	James Williams	OL	6-6	305	R-Fr.	RS	Smyrna, Tenn./Smyrna
45	Chris Johnson	LB	6-1	228	R-Jr.	2L	Birmingham, Ala./Oak Mountain	81	Turner Wimberly	WR	6-1	195	R-So.	SQ	Austin, Texas/Westlake/
47	DeAndre Jones	LB	6-0	220	Fr.	HS	Memphis, Tenn./University School	97	John Laughrey	PK	5-11	180	R-So.	SQ	McKenzie, Tenn./McKenzie
91	Theron Kadri	DE	6-4	270	So.	1L	Brighton, Tenn./Brighton	98	Johnell Thomas	DL	6-1	240	Fr.	HS	Orlando, Fla./Boone
84*	Richard Kent	P	6-1	190	Fr.	HS	Marietta, Ga./Walton	99	Derrius Dowell	DT	6-3	285	R-Jr.	2L	Atlanta, Ga./Douglass
33	Reshard Langford	S	6-2	212	R-Sr.	3L	Tanner, Ala./Tanner								

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NO.	NAME	POS.	NO.	NAME	POS.	NO.	NAME	POS.	NO.	NAME	POS.	NO.	NAME	POS.
2	Ryan Hamilton	FS	21	Jeff Jennings	TB	38	Sean Richardson	DB	62	Ryan Seymour	DL	83	John Cole	WR
3	Chris Nickson	QB	22	Akeem Dunham	WR	39	Brett Upson	P	63	Chris Aaron	OG	84	Rob Lohr	DL
4	Alex Washington	WR	23	Udom Umoh	WR	40	Bo Baggerley	LB	65	Richard Cagle	OL	84	Chris DeGeorge	HB
5	Myron Lewis	CB	24	Tristan Strong	LB	41	Jermaine Doster	TB	66	Eric Hensley	OT	84*	Richard Kent	P
6	Darlon Spead	NB	24*	Rich Tompkins	DB	42	Tim Fugger	DE	67	Michael Bryant	OL	85	Jake Bradford	TE
7	Sean Walker	WR	25	Jamie Graham	WR	43	Micah Powell	DB	68	Reilly Lauer	OT	86	Austin Monahan	TE
8	Bryant Hahnfeldt	P/PK	26	Andrew Diomande	WR	44	Michael Garcia	LB	69	David Giller	SN	87	Brandon Barden	TE
9	Mackenzi Adams	QB	27	Gaston Miller	TB	45	Chris Johnson	LB	70	Drew Gardner	OG	88	George Smith	WR
10	Larry Smith	QB	28	Kennard Reeves	TB	45*	Chavez Scott	TB	71	Joey Bailey	C/OG	89	Terrial Brannon	DE
11	Brent Trice	S	28*	Alex Schultz	DB	46	Austin Newton	LB	72	Kyle Fischer	OL	89*	Chris Crooks	WR
12	Jared Funk	QB	29	Joel Caldwell	S	51	Davis Flowers	LB	73	Ryan Custer	OG	90	Broderick Stewart	DE
13	Chris Marve	LB	30	Patrick Benoist	LB	52	Nate Campbell	LB	74	T.J. Greenstone	DT	91	Theron Kadri	DE
14	Josh Allen	CB	31	Jared Hawkins	TB	54	Taylor Loftley	DL	75	Nick Miller	SN	93	Josh Jelesky	DE
15	Archie Barnes	LB	32	Matt Bubis	HB	55	Rob Ashabranner	C	76	Thomas Welch	OT	93*	David Leinweber	DE
15*	Will Parker Roe	S	33	Reshard Langford	S	56	Greg Billinger	DT	77	James Williams	OL	94	Ryan Fowler	PK
16	Alan Strong	CB	34	Ryan van Rensburg	TB	57	John Borrow	LB	78	Caleb Welchans	OL	96	Steven Stone	DE
17	D.J. Moore	CB	35	Brandon Bryant	LB	58	Colt Nichter	DT	79	Ryan Vance	OG	97	John Laughrey	PK
18	Larry Simmons	WR	36	Chris Reinert	WR	59	Adam Smotherman	DT	80	Justin Wheeler	WR	98	Johnell Thomas	DL
19	Casey Hayward	DB	37	Al Owens	DB	60	Bradley Vierling	C/OG	81	Turner Wimberly	WR	99	Derrius Dowell	DT
20	Jared Fagan	CB	37*	Elvio Tropeano	S	61	Nick Forte	OG	82	Justin Green	TE			

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