

VANDERBILT GAME NOTES

OLE MISS AT VANDERBILT, SEPT. 15, 2007

VANDERBILT SCHEDULE

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

All Kickoff Times - CST

KIX'S TICKET FUNDRAISER

A special ticket promotion for the Ole Miss game benefits the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt.

Kix Brooks (of Brooks & Dunn music fame) and other key community leaders and friends of the Children's Hospital, are spearheading the effort to push the ticket drive that benefits Children's Hospital.

The promotion calls for half of the ticket price to the Ole Miss game (\$42) sold since Aug. 15 through Vanderbilt Athletics would benefit the Carell Children's Hospital.

For more info go to <http://vucommidores.cstv.com/sports/m-footbl/kix.html>

UPCOMING GAMES

After playing Ole Miss, Vanderbilt is off Sept. 22. The Commodores return to action on Saturday, Sept. 29, for a non-Southeastern Conference outing with Eastern Michigan.

On Oct. 6, Vanderbilt makes its first appearance on the road to play Auburn.

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OLE MISS AT VANDERBILT

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KICKOFF TIMES

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007

KICKOFF: 6:00 p.m., CST

STADIUM: Vanderbilt Stadium

LOCATION: Nashville, Tennessee

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

COMMODORE RADIO CREW:

Joe Fisher, play-by-play;

John Gromos, color analyst;

Kevin Ingram, sideline reporter

SIRIUS RADIO CHANNEL: 161

TV: Pay-for-View, Ole Miss-oriented production; limited to Mississippi and Tennessee;

Price: TBA, on Monday PM

PPV TV CREW:

TBA, Monday PM

QUICK FACTS ON THE UNIVERSITIES



Location

Nashville, Tenn.

Founded

1873

Enrollment

6,402

Conference

Southeastern

Nickname

Commodores

Colors

Black & Gold

Home Field

Vanderbilt Stadium

Capacity

39,773

Field Surface

natural grass

Head Coach

Bobby Johnson (6th)

Alma Mater

Clemson, 1973

Coaching Record

76-80 (.487)

Website

vucommidores.com

VANDERBILT

Oxford, Miss.

1844

17,325

Southeastern

Rebels

Cardinal Red & Blue

Vaught-Hemingway

60,580

AstroPlay

Ed Orgeron (3rd)

Northwestern State, 1984

6-17 (.320)

OleMissSports.com



GAME NOTES

2006 RECAP – GAME 6 VANDERBILT AT OLE MISS, SEPTEMBER 7 • VAUGHT-HEMINGWAY STADIUM, OXFORD, MISS. • 51,211



VANDERBILT 10 OLE MISS 17

OXFORD, Miss. – After dominating virtually every phase of the game, the Commodores left Vaught-Hemingway Stadium with a disappointing 17-10 loss.

Vanderbilt lost to the Rebels despite producing more first downs (23-7), amassing 400 yards of total offense and limiting Ole Miss to 179 total yards. The Rebels also converted just one of 12 third-down chances.

The Commodores were done in by five turnovers: four fumbles and an interception. Two of the miscues came inside the Ole

Miss 10-yard line.

Mackenzi, subbing for injured Chris Nickson, hit 10 of 20 passes for 176 yards. Earl Bennett had 10 receptions for 179 yards. Adams also topped the team with 51 rushing yards.

Kevin Joyce contributed eight tackles while Reshard Langford and Darlron Spead added interceptions.

SCORING SUMMARY

| TEAM | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | FINAL | RECORD |
|------------|----|---|---|---|-------|----------|
| VANDERBILT | 0 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 2-4, 0-3 |
| OLE MISS | 14 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 17 | 2-4, 1-2 |

First Quarter: UM – Green-Ellis 2-yd. run (Shene kick) 5:00.

UM – Green-Ellis 1-yd. run (Shene kick) 1:26.

Second Quarter: VU – Walker 18-yd. pass from Nickson (Hahnfeldt kick) 11:54.

Third Quarter: UM – Shene 32-yd. FG 9:45.

Fourth Quarter: VU – Hahnfeldt 37-yd. FG 4:53.

| GAME STATISTICS | VANDERBILT | OLE MISS |
|-------------------------|------------|----------|
| FIRST DOWNS | 23 | 7 |
| RUSHING (NET) | 41-129 | 38-148 |
| PASSING YARDS | 271 | 31 |
| PASSES: ATT-COMP-INT | 33-21-1 | 9-3-2 |
| TOTAL OFF. (#-YARDS) | 74-400 | 47-179 |
| PUNT RETURNS-YARDS | 3-3 | 0-0 |
| KO RETURNS-YARDS | 2-28 | 3-115 |
| INT RETURNS-YARDS | 2-38 | 1-52 |
| PUNTS (#-AVG) | 3-40.0 | 6-37.3 |
| FUMBLES-LOST | 6-4 | 0-0 |
| PENALTIES-YARDS | 2-20 | 4-31 |
| POSSESSION TIME | 35:25 | 24:35 |
| THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS | 8 OF 16 | 1 OF 12 |
| FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS | 1 OF 2 | 1 OF 2 |
| RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES | 2-5 | 3-4 |
| SACKS BY: (#-YARDS) | 1-14 | 0-0 |



RUSHING: Adams 11-51; Nickson 8-49; Jackson-Garrison 18-45; Hawkins 2-6; Bennett 1-(-9); Upson 1-(-13). UM -Green-Ellis 24-101; McSwain 4-26; Green 2-23; Adams 1-2; Schaeffer 7-(-4).

PASSING: VU – Adams 10-20-1-176; Nickson 11-13-0-95. UM – Schaeffer 3-8-2-31; Adams 0-1.

RECEIVING: VU – Bennett 10-179; White 3-27; Bright 3-24; Walker 2-22; Smith 2-16; Jackson-Garrison 1-3. UM – Hicks 1-18; Green 1-7; Wallace 1-6.

VANDERBILT-OLE MISS SERIES HISTORY

- ★ Meeting Between Schools: 82nd
- ★ Series Record: Vanderbilt trails, 33-46-2
- ★ Last Meeting: Vanderbilt 10, Ole Miss 17 (2006)
- ★ First Meeting: Vanderbilt 40, Ole Miss 0 (1894)
- ★ Last Game in Nashville: Vanderbilt 31, Ole Miss 23 (2005)
- ★ Last Game in Oxford: Vanderbilt 10, Ole Miss 17, (2006)
- ★ Vanderbilt Record in Nashville: 14-27-2
- ★ Bobby Johnson vs. Ole Miss: 1-4
- ★ Johnson vs. Ole Miss Coach Ed Orgeron: 1-1

VANDERBILT-OLE MISS SERIES NOTES

- ★ Vanderbilt trails in the series with Ole Miss, 33-46-2. In the last 25 games played between the schools, the Commodores are 6-19.
- ★ Vanderbilt has played only two teams – Tennessee and Alabama – more than Ole Miss. Only 13 matchups between current SEC members have been played more frequently.
- ★ Vanderbilt's last win in the series came two years ago, when the Commodores withstood a Rebel rally to win 31-23 in Nashville. It marked the first Vanderbilt home victory in the series since 1992.
- ★ The margin of victory in recent years has been close in the series. In the last eight games played between Ole Miss and Vanderbilt, the margin of victory is 5.9 points.

KEY GAMES IN THE SERIES

- ★ **2006** Vanderbilt drops 17-10 decision after controlling much of the game in Oxford. Despite a huge advantage in total yardage, five turnovers, including four lost fumbles, doom Commodore hopes.
- ★ **2005** Vanderbilt used touchdowns by Jeff Jennings and Cassen Jackson-Garrison to take a 24-3 third quarter lead before Ole Miss came back with 20 straight points to narrow the margin to 24-23. In the fourth quarter, Jay Cutler guided a game-clinching touchdown drive. With :01 left, Moses Osemwegie sealed the Commodore win with a quarterback sack and forced fumble.
- ★ **2003** The Commodores received career performances by a pair of sophomores – QB Jay Cutler and WR Erik Davis – during a narrow loss in Nashville. Cutler posted highs in completions (20) and passing yards (248) while Davis set a best with 138 receiving yards.
- ★ **2002** Commodore freshman tailback Kwane Doster posted one of the most productive offensive games in Vanderbilt and SEC history, compiling 344 all-purpose yards, including 101 yards rushing and a league-record 243 yards in kickoff returns.
- ★ **1997** In a back-and-forth battle in Oxford, Vanderbilt game out on top in overtime 37-34, giving the Commodores its first SEC road win in five years. QB Greg Zolman threw for 344 yards, including a last-minute tying touchdown to WR Todd Yoder and a game-clinching pass to TE Elliott Carson in overtime.
- ★ **1981** The second longest punt in Vanderbilt history came when consensus All-American Jim Arnold booted an effort 79 yards.
- ★ **1977** Vanderbilt flanker Preston Brown posted one of the finest games ever by a Commodore, setting a team record with a 100-yard kickoff return while piling up 175 yards in receptions.
- ★ **1951** Vanderbilt set team records in forced fumbles (9) and recovered fumbles (7) against Ole Miss in a 34-20 road win.

GAME NOTES

TEAM STATISTICAL COMPARISONS

| | VANDERBILT | OLE MISS |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------|
| | (AFTER WEEK 2) | |
| 2007 RECORD | 1-1/0-1 | 1-1/0-0 |
| TOTAL POINTS | 51 | 48 |
| TOUCHDOWNS SCORED | 6 | 7 |
| POINTS ALLOWED | 41 | 59 |
| TOUCHDOWNS ALLOWED | 4 | 8 |
| FIRST DOWNS | 32 | 45 |
| RUSHING | 14 | 15 |
| PASSING | 18 | 26 |
| PENALTY | 0 | 4 |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 219 | 303 |
| YARDS GAINED RUSHING | 257 | 338 |
| YARDS LOST RUSHING | [38] | [35] |
| RUSHING ATTEMPTS | 61 | 67 |
| AVERAGE PER RUSH | 3.6 | 4.5 |
| AVERAGE PER GAME | 109.5 | 151.5 |
| TDs RUSHING | 1 | 1 |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 459 | 506 |
| ATT-COMP-INT | 67-37-1 | 71-42-1 |
| AVERAGE PER PASS | 6.0 | 7.1 |
| AVERAGE PER CATCH | 12.4 | 12.0 |
| AVERAGE PER GAME | 229.5 | 253.0 |
| TDs PASSING | 5 | 4 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 678 | 809 |
| TOTAL PLAYS | 128 | 138 |
| AVERAGE PER PLAY | 5.3 | 5.9 |
| AVERAGE PER GAME | 339.0 | 404.5 |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS | 6-72 | 1-28 |
| AVERAGE PUNT RETURN | 12.0 | 28.0 |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS | 9-188 | 10-207 |
| AVERAGE KICK RETURN | 20.9 | 20.7 |
| INTERCEPTION RETURNS: #-YARDS | 4-35 | 4-133 |
| AVERAGE INT. RETURN | 8.8 | 33.2 |
| FUMBLES/FUMBLES LOST | 5-1 | 4-4 |
| OPP. FUMBLES/FUMBLES RECOVERED | 2-0 | 1-1 |
| PENALTIES-YARDS | 9-79 | 11-66 |
| AVERAGE PER GAME | 39.5 | 33.0 |
| PUNTS-YARDS | 11-380 | 8-340 |
| AVERAGE PER PUNT | 34.5 | 42.5 |
| NET PUNT AVERAGE | 27.4 | 36.6 |
| TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME | 26:29 | 28:59 |
| 3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS | 13/31 | 11/25 |
| 3RD DOWN PCT. | 42% | 47% |
| 4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS | 1/3 | 1/3 |
| 4TH DOWN PCT. | 33% | 33% |
| FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS | 3/4 | 1/2 |

NOTES FOLLOWING ALABAMA GAME

LIMITED OFFENSIVE PRODUCTION The Commodore offense struggled to get untracked throughout the Alabama game.

The unit was limited to 232 total yards, including only 57 rushing yards.

Signal callers Chris Nickson and Mackenzi Adams, who played all but one snap in the second half, combined to hit on just 18 of 41 attempts.

FIRST CAREER CATCHES Justin Green (R-Fr., TE), Justin Wheeler (R-So., WR) and Jake Bradford (R-So., TE) caught the first passes of their Vanderbilt careers against the Crimson Tide. Green, a native of Troy, Ala., had three catches for 30 yards. Wheeler also had three receptions, good for 21 yards. Bradford had one reception for nine yards.

The trio were among eight receivers with catches against the Crimson Tide, the most since Jay Cutler connected with eight different targets in a 28-24 win over Wake Forest to open the 2005 season.

MOORE CONTINUES TO PRODUCE Sophomore D.J. Moore continues to produce for the Commodore defense and on special teams.

For the second consecutive game, Moore topped the Commodores in solo tackles (12) and total tackles (13) from his cornerback position. Moore also posted a pair of defended passes and one quarterback hurry. On special teams, he returned four kickoffs for 75 total yards.

Moore, who has set career highs in tackles in both games this season, leads the SEC with 21 solo tackles and shares the conference lead with 24 total tackles. He is also among the SEC leaders in defended passes (T-4th with three) and interceptions (T-4th with one).

PENALTIES HINDER COMMODORE EFFORT For a team that typically holds an advantage in penalties, the Commodores were victimized with several key infractions against Alabama.

The Commodores' two biggest plays – both coming in the first quarter – were negated due to penalties. An apparent 60-yard connection between Nickson and Earl Bennett on the opening play was reversed when Bennett was called for offensive pass interference. At the end of the quarter, an apparent 70-yard punt return for a touchdown by Alex Washington was negated with a open-field facemask infraction against the Commodores.

Late in the second quarter, two penalties totalling 26 yards were assessed against Vanderbilt on a single play. The penalties resulted in a Crimson Tide field goal to end the half.

For the game, the Commodores were flagged for five penalties and 50 yards.

STONE, BUGGS, GATEWOOD, LANGFORD STANDOUT In his second career start, Steven Stone (R-So., DE) established career bests in solo tackles (7) and total tackles (8). He also contributed a key tackle for loss deep in Vanderbilt territory.

Three veterans – Marcus Buggs (R-Sr., LB), Curtis Gatewood (R-Sr., DE) and Reshard Langford (R-Jr., safety) also performed well for the Commodore defense. Buggs matched Stone's effort in tackles while contributing a pair of tackles for loss, the Commodores' only sack of Alabama QB John Parker Wilson, and two quarterback hurries. Gatewood added seven total tackles, including two for losses. Langford, a native of Alabama, contributed five total tackles and the unit's only forced turnover – an acrobatic interception in the first half.



2007 PARTICIPATION ★ NOTES

VANDERBILT ACTIVE PLAYER PARTICIPATION

| PLAYER | POSITION | 2007 | 2007 | CAREER | CAREER | CONSECUTIVE |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|------------------|
| | | GAMES PLAYED | STARTS | GAMES PLAYED | STARTS | CAREER STARTS |
| Mackenzi Adams | QB | 2 | - | 15 | - | - |
| Brad Allen | TE | 2 | 1 | 24 | 7 | 3 |
| Josh Allen | CB | 1 | - | 24 | 9 | 0 |
| Bryant Anderson | WR | 2 | - | 23 | 1 | - |
| Joey Bailey | C | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
| Earl Bennett | WR | 2 | 2 | 25 | 22 | 22 |
| Patrick Benoist | LB | - | - | 9 | - | - |
| Greg Billinger | DT | 2 | - | 14 | - | - |
| Jake Bradford | TE | 2 | - | 14 | - | - |
| Brandon Bryant | LB | 2 | 1 | 15 | 1 | 1 |
| Matt Bubis | FB | 2 | - | 4 | - | - |
| Marcus Buggs | LB | 2 | 2 | 36 | 18 | 15 |
| Joel Caldwell | CB | 2 | - | 13 | 11 | - |
| Nate Campbell | LB | 2 | - | 2 | - | - |
| Ryan Custer | OG | 2 | - | 14 | 2 | - |
| Josh Eames | OL | 2 | 2 | 28 | 22 | 4 |
| Jared Fagan | CB | 2 | - | 25 | 2 | - |
| Michael Garcia | LB | 2 | - | 2 | - | - |
| Drew Gardner | OL | 1 | - | 7 | - | - |
| Curtis Gatewood | DE | 2 | 2 | 36 | 14 | 14 |
| Jonathan Goff | LB | 2 | 2 | 35 | 30 | 30 |
| Justin Green | DE | 2 | - | 2 | - | - |
| Gabe Hall | DT | 2 | 2 | 33 | 2 | 2 |
| Bryant Hahnfeldt | P/K | 2 | 2 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| Ryan Hamilton | S | 2 | 2 | 14 | 11 | 9 |
| Jared Hawkins | TB | 2 | - | 14 | - | - |
| Eric Hensley | OL | 2 | - | 13 | - | - |
| Hamilton Holliday | OL | 2 | 2 | 32 | 16 | 14 |
| Brandon Holmes | DT | 1 | - | 7 | - | - |
| Theo Horrocks | DT | 2 | 2 | 33 | 24 | 16 |
| Cassen Jackson-Garrison | TB | 2 | 1 | 35 | 14 | - |
| Jeff Jennings | TB | 2 | 1 | 22 | 12 | 1 |
| Chris Johnson | LB | 2 | - | 13 | - | - |
| Theron Kadri | DE | 2 | - | 2 | - | - |
| Merritt Kirchoffer | OG | 2 | 2 | 29 | 12 | 3 |
| Richard Kovalcheck | QB | - | - | 3 | - | - |
| Reshard Langford | SS | 2 | 2 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| Reilly Lauer | DE | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
| Myron Lewis | CB | 2 | 2 | 12 | 2 | 2 |
| Gaston Miller | TB | - | - | 8 | - | - |
| Nick Miller | SN | 2 | - | 14 | - | - |
| D.J. Moore | CB | 2 | 2 | 14 | 11 | 2 |
| Austin Newton | LB | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
| Chris Nickson | QB | 2 | 2 | 20 | 14 | 14 |
| Kennard Reeves | RB | 2 | - | 2 | - | - |
| Chris Reinert | WR | 2 | - | 4 | - | - |
| Larry Simmons | WR | - | - | 2 | - | - |
| George Smith | WR | 2 | 2 | 25 | 16 | 6 |
| Darlon Spead | CB | 2 | 1 | 14 | 1 | - |
| Brian Stamper | OT | 2 | 2 | 40 | 38 | 2 |
| Broderick Stewart | DE | 2 | - | 14 | - | - |
| John Stokes | LB/SN | 2 | - | 2 | - | - |
| Steven Stone | DE | 2 | 2 | 14 | 2 | 2 |
| Alan Strong | CB | 2 | - | 2 | - | - |
| Brent Trice | S | 2 | - | 14 | - | - |
| Brett Upson | P | 2 | 2 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| Brad Vierling | OG | 2 | - | 13 | - | - |
| Sean Walker | WR | 2 | 2 | 20 | 8 | 2 |
| Alex Washington | WR | 2 | - | 14 | - | - |
| Thomas Welch | OT | 2 | - | 10 | - | - |
| Justin Wheeler | WR | 2 | - | 11 | - | - |
| David Whittington | DT | 2 | - | 15 | - | - |
| Chris Williams | OT | 2 | 2 | 25 | 23 | 23 |

TEAM NOTES EARLY IN SEASON

COMMODORE DEFENSE LIMITING POINTS Through the first two games, the Vanderbilt defense has not allowed a passing touchdown and ranks among the SEC leaders in pass defense.

The unit ranks fourth in the SEC averaging 155.5 passing yards a game and joins LSU and Kentucky as the only defenses yet to give up a touchdown passing.

The 'Dore defense also has contributed four interceptions, though it has yet to force or recover an opponent fumble.

On Saturday, the defense limited Alabama QB John Parker Wilson to 14 of 28 passing for 150 yards.

The unit has allowed just three touchdowns on the season, including one on Saturday where the Alabama drive started at the Vanderbilt 1-yard line.

OFFENSE LOOKS TO PRODUCE BETTER RUNNING ATTACK The veteran-laden Vanderbilt offense will look to get its balanced attack in high gear this week.

The unit, which features five senior returning starters, struggled to generate an effective rushing attack against Alabama, averaging just 2.2 yards on 26 rushing attempts. The Commodores rank 11th in the SEC in rushing offense after two weeks.

SPECIAL TEAMS LOOKS TO IMPROVE Mixed results in special teams continue to affect the Commodores.

While junior Bryant Hahnfeldt continues to show signs of returning to full strength as a placekicker, other areas are not enjoying such results.

On Saturday, a missed tackle and lost containment on Vanderbilt's opening punt resulted in a touchdown-producing 69-yard return by Alabama. One week earlier, Richmond reached paydirt on a kickoff return.

The Commodore punting game also ranks last in the SEC with a 27.4-yard net average.

NICKSON 10TH IN CAREER PASSING YARDS

Just 14 games into his career, junior QB Chris Nickson stands 10th all-time in passing yardage among Commodore signal callers.

Though struggling through one of his worst outings Saturday against Alabama (5 of 18, 67 yards, 1 INT), Nickson needs 153 passing yards to move ahead of Fred Fisher (1972-75) into ninth place.

Nickson also needs just 29 yards of total offense to move into the Commodore all-time Top 10.

COMMODORE ALL-TIME LEADERS – PASSING YARDAGE

| QUARTERBACK | ATT. | COMP. | PCT. | YARDS | TDs |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|------|-------|-----|
| 1. Jay Cutler, 2002-05 | 1,242 | 710 | 57.2 | 8,697 | 59 |
| 2. Greg Zolman, 1998-2001 | 1,156 | 596 | 51.6 | 7,981 | 41 |
| 3. Whit Taylor, 1979-82 | 1,016 | 555 | 54.6 | 6,307 | 41 |
| 4. Kurt Page, 1981-84 | 936 | 531 | 56.7 | 6,233 | 35 |
| 5. Eric Jones, 1986-88 | 661 | 365 | 55.2 | 5,029 | 32 |
| 6. Damian Allen, 1994-97 | 699 | 307 | 43.9 | 3,704 | 17 |
| 7. John Gromos, 1985, 87-89 | 580 | 297 | 51.2 | 3,514 | 17 |
| 8. Bill Wade, 1949-51 | 437 | 201 | 46.0 | 3,397 | 31 |
| 9. Fred Fisher, 1972-75 | 425 | 220 | 51.8 | 2,601 | 14 |
| 10. Chris Nickson , 2005-07 | 338 | 185 | 54.7 | 2,449 | 19 |

'DORE RANKINGS ★ TEAM NOTES

2007 SEC, NCAA STAT RANKINGS

| TEAM CATEGORY | AVG. | SEC | NCAA | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-------|------|------|
| Scoring Offense | 25.5 | 7 | T-63 | |
| Scoring Defense | 20.5 | 8 | T-47 | |
| Total Offense | 339.0 | 10 | 87 | |
| Rushing Offense | 109.5 | 11 | 90 | |
| Passing Offense | 229.5 | 5 | T-54 | |
| Total Defense | 340.5 | 9 | T-54 | |
| Rushing Defense | 185.0 | 10 | T-86 | |
| Passing Defense | 155.5 | 4 | 32 | |
| Kickoff Returns | 20.9 | 8 | 69 | |
| Punt Returns | 12.0 | 7 | 39 | |
| Punting (Net) | 27.4 | 12 | 110 | |
| Turnover Margin | +1.00 | T-3 | T-25 | |
| Pass Efficiency | 134.4 | 6 | 42 | |
| Defensive Pass Efficiency | 86.45 | 5 | 20 | |
| Penalties (Total) | 9 | T-1 | T-13 | |
| Penalty Yardage | 39.5 | 2 | 22 | |
| First Downs | 16.0 | 11 | | |
| First Downs Allowed | 20.0 | T-10 | | |
| Third Down Conversion % | 41.9% | 8 | | |
| Third-Down Conversion % (opponent) | 34.6% | 8 | | |
| Offense in Red Zone % | 8/10 80.0% | T-10 | | |
| Defense in Red Zone % | 7/8 87.5% | T-6 | | |
| Time of Possession | 26:29 | 12 | 111 | |
| Quarterback Sacks | 1.0 | T-10 | T-83 | |
| Quarterback Sacks Allowed | 1.5 | T-5 | T-45 | |
| INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE CATEGORY | AVG. | SEC | NCAA | |
| Earl Bennett | Receptions | 8.5 | 1 | T-9 |
| | Receiving Yards | 137.5 | 1 | 7 |
| | Receiving Touchdowns | 3 | 1 | T-7 |
| | Total Touchdowns | 3 | T-5 | |
| | All-Purpose Yards | 173.5 | 3 | 19 |
| | Punt Returns | 14.4 | 3 | 22 |
| Chris Nickson | Passing Yards | 175.5 | 7 | 70 |
| | Total Offense | 179.5 | 10 | T-86 |
| | Passing Efficiency | 150.4 | T-4 | 24 |
| | Touchdown Passes | 4 | 1 | T-25 |
| | Points Responsible For | 24 | T-6 | T-54 |
| DEFENSIVE CATEGORIES | AVG. | SEC | NCAA | |
| Curtis Gatewood | Tackles for Loss | 3 | T-7 | |
| Jonathan Goff | Total Tackles | 16 | T-8 | |
| | Interceptions | 1 | T-4 | |
| Gabe Hall | Interceptions | 1 | T-4 | |
| Ryan Hamilton | Solo Tackles | 10 | T-10 | |
| Reshard Langford | Interceptions | 1 | T-4 | |
| D.J. Moore | Solo Tackles | 21 | 1 | |
| | Total Tackles | 24 | T-1 | |
| | Interceptions | 1 | T-4 | |
| | Passes Defensed | 3 | T-4 | |
| Steven Stone | Tackles for Loss | 3 | T-7 | |
| SPECIAL TEAM CATEGORIES | AVG. | SEC | NCAA | |
| Bryant Hahnfeldt, Scoring (by kicker) | 15 pts. | 8 | | |
| | Field Goals Made | 3 | T-6 | |
| D.J. Moore | Kick Return Avg. | 25.0 | 4 | |

BRYANT BECOMES FIFTH NEW STARTER

Linebacker **Brandon Bryant** earned his first career start against Alabama, becoming the fifth new Commodore defensive starter this year.

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

Every offensive starter had started previous to this year.

COMMODORES SEEING INITIAL ACTION

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

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

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

NUMEROUS STARTERS BACK FOR 'DORES

The Commodore starting lineup includes a bevy of players with collegiate starting experience.

Eighteen position players that started multiple games in 2006 – ten on offense and eight on defense – were in the starting lineup last week for the season opener versus Richmond. Every offensive starter versus the Spiders had enjoyed at least one previous starting assignment. Both kicking specialists for the 'Dores also return.

Offensive starters back in familiar roles are QB **Chris Nickson**, TB **Cassen Jackson-Garrison**, TE **Brad Allen**, WR **Earl Bennett**, WR **George Smith**, LT **Chris Williams**, LG **Josh Eames**, C **Hamilton Holliday**, RG **Merritt Kirchoffer** and RT **Brian Stamper**.

Returning starters on defense were DE **Curtis Gatewood**, DT **Theo Horrocks**, MLB **Jonathan Goff**, OLB **Marcus Buggs**, CB **D.J. Moore**, SS **Reshard Langford**, and FS **Ryan Hamilton**.

COMMODORE TEAM LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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

Co-captains **Jonathan Goff**, **Theo Horrocks** and **Chris Williams** are members of the Leadership Council. Others voted by teammates to represent other various position groups. They include **Marcus Buggs**, linebackers; **Reshard Langford**, secondary; **Gabe Hall**, defensive line; **Brad Allen**, offensive backfield; **George Smith**, receivers; and **Brian Stamper**, offensive line.

TEAM NOTES

GOFF WEARS DOSTER PATCH AGAIN

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

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

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

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

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

HAHNFELDT AT FULL STRENGTH

No Commodore enjoyed a more productive preseason camp than **Bryant Hahnfeldt** (Jr., PK/P). Signs of his improvement showed against Richmond and Alabama.

Eighteen months removed from a knee surgery, Hahnfeldt has displayed confidence, consistency and added range through the summer drills. He easily claimed the role of placekicker, and has competed with sophomore punter **Brett Upton** for that role.

After missing his first FGA versus Richmond, Hahnfeldt has converted from 22, 25 and 33 yards. He is also 6 of 6 in extra point tries.

JOHNSON'S STAFF MARKED BY FEW CHANGES

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

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

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

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

Johnson's staff also is one of the league's most experienced. The average coaching experience for each assistant is more than 21 years.

VANDY ROSTER INCLUDES PREP TEAMMATES

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

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

PRELIMINARY PLANS UNDERWAY TO ENHANCE VANDERBILT STADIUM

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

Preliminary planning is taking place to evaluate the extent of improvements upcoming to the stadium and Dudley Field, which has served as home to Commodore football since Oct. 14, 1922 when Vanderbilt and Michigan played to a scoreless tie.

The last serious renovation to the site came in 1981– \$10.1 million project that include a rebuilt of the south end zone section, new suites and press box, and refurbished east and west grandstands.

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

STAMPER, JENNINGS BACK FROM INJURY

The Commodores welcomed back a pair of former standouts, **Brian Stamper** (R-Sr., OT) and **Jeff Jennings** (R-Jr., TB), who missed most or all of the 2006 season.

Both Stamper and Jennings were in the starting lineup against Alabama.

The improved medical status of Stamper, a 38-game starter in his Commodore career, and Jennings, a 2005 starter, were among the most pleasing developments during Vanderbilt's preseason camp.

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

TOP COMMODORE WEAPONS RETURN

The Vanderbilt offense is one of four in the NCAA that returns a 2,000-yard passer (**Chris Nickson**), a 1,000-yard receiver (**Earl Bennett**) and a 600-yard rusher (**Nickson** and **Cassen Jackson-Garrison**).

Purdue, Oklahoma State and Kentucky are the only other teams to claim the offensive distinction.

O-LINE ONE OF NCAA'S MOST EXPERIENCED

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

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

Collectively, the five linemen have started 106 collegiate games.

| Lineman | Total Games | Total Starts |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Chris Williams, LT | 23 | 23 |
| Josh Eames, LG | 28 | 22 |
| Hamilton Holliday, C | 32 | 16 |
| Merritt Kirchoffer, RG | 28 | 12 |
| Brian Stamper, RT | 40 | 38 |
| Totals | 151 | 111 |



TRACKING EARL BENNETT

RECEIVER MOVING UP ALL-TIME LISTS

LATEST ON BENNETT'S ACHIEVEMENTS...

MyNameIsEarlBennett.com

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

After producing three new records and earning SEC Offensive Player of the Week honors in a sensational season-opening performance against Richmond, Bennett caught four passes for 52 yards against Alabama last Saturday.

Bennett also moved up two important career receiving lists:

- Passing former Tennessee standout Marcus Nash into 13th place all-time among SEC receivers with 178 catches.
- Passing former 'Dore standout Martin Cox on the career receiving yardage list with 2,297 yards, third all-time.

In the opener against Richmond, Bennett broke the Vanderbilt single-game receiving yardage record with 223 yards, one more than Clarence Sevillian's total against Tennessee on Nov. 28, 1992.

In that game, Bennett also became the first player in SEC history to achieve at least 200 receiving yards on three occasions. His 13 receptions against Richmond also established a new SEC standard for opening-game performances by a receiver.

Bennett continues to rocket up various Vanderbilt and SEC all-time charts, seemingly setting a new record with each performance. In the first two games, he has moved from 18th to 13th all-time among SEC receivers. With 178 receptions in his brief career, Bennett is just four shy of joining the SEC Top 10. Bennett needs 31 catches to break the

all-time SEC record.

He also moved to within 42 receiving yards of the SEC all-time top 20. He needs 796 yards to become the all-time leader in that category.

Bennett, a Rivals.com third team All-America selection in 2006, has been named to virtually every All-SEC pre-season squad, and numerous preseason All-

receiving yards to move into third place all-time among Commodores in both categories.

Bennett has produced an abundance of remarkable single game performances in a career that spans only 24 games – and 21 starts.

He has achieved 150 receiving yards or more in seven games. On eight occasions, Bennett has caught at least 10 passes. He now has achieved three of the six highest single-game receiving yardage totals in school history – including three games exceeding 200 yards. He has five of the top 11 highest single-game receiving totals in school history.

Bennett topped the SEC last year with 82 receptions, matching a feat he accomplished as a freshman. He is the only receiver in SEC history to achieve at least 75 catches in different seasons.

Bennett's reception total and receiving yardage total (1,146) from 2006 are the second highest totals in Vanderbilt history. Of course, he set virtually every mark for freshmen and sophomore receivers in the process. His two-year reception total of 161 easily bettered the former mark of 138 catches achieved by former Florida standout Jabar Gaffney.

Bennett has been remarkably consistent, registering a catch in every career game – and at least four receptions in his last 18 consecutive starts.

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

BENNETT'S TEAM RECORDS

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Receiving Yards (game) | 223 (Richmond, 2007) |
| TD receptions (game) ^ | 5, (vs. Kentucky, 2005) |
| Receptions by So. | 82 (2006) |
| Receiving Yards by So. | 1,146 (2006) |
| Catches in game (So.) | 13 (vs. Florida, 2006) |
| Rec. Yards in game (So.) | 220 (@ Kentucky, 2006) |
| Receptions by Fr. % | 79 (2005) |
| Receiving yards by Fr. | 876 (2005) |
| TD receptions by Fr. | 9 (2005) |
| Catches in game (Fr.) | 16 (@ USC, 2005) |
| Rec. Yards in game (Fr.) | 204 (@ USC, 2005) |
| ^ Equals SEC record | % SEC freshman record |

CAREER LEADERS – TOTAL RECEPTIONS

| RECEIVER | YEARS | CATCHES |
|------------------------|----------------|------------|
| 1. Keith Edwards | 1980, 82-83 | 200 |
| 2. Boo Mitchell | 1985-88 | 188 |
| 3. Dan Stricker | 1999-2002 | 182 |
| 4. Earl Bennett | 2005-06 | 178 |

CAREER LEADERS – RECEIVING YARDAGE

| RECEIVER | YEARS | YARDS |
|------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1. Boo Mitchell | 1985-88 | 2,964 |
| 2. Dan Stricker | 1999-2002 | 2,880 |
| 3. Earl Bennett | 2005-07 | 2,297 |

ALL-TIME SINGLE GAME RECEIVING TOTALS

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

CAREER TOUCHDOWN CATCHES

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

BENNETT'S ASSAULT OF SEC ALL-TIME RECORDS

| Rec. | Name, School | Years |
|------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. | 208 Craig Yeast, Kentucky | 1995-98 |
| 2. | 204 Terrence Edwards, Georgia | 1999-2002 |
| 3. | 200 Keith Edwards, Vanderbilt | 1980, 82-84 |
| 4. | 198 Chris Collins, Ole Miss | 2000-03 |
| 5. | 197 Derek Abney, Kentucky | 2000-03 |
| 6. | 194 Anthony White, Kentucky | 1996-99 |
| 7. | 188 Boo Mitchell, Vanderbilt | 1985-88 |
| 8. | 183 Wendell Davis, LSU | 1984-87 |
| | 183 Joey Kent, Tennessee | 1993-96 |
| 10. | 182 Brice Hunter, Georgia | 1992-95 |
| | 182 Dan Stricker, Vanderbilt | 1999-2002 |
| | 182 Michael Clayton, LSU | 2001-03 |
| 13. | 178 EARL BENNETT, Vanderbilt | 2005-07 |

Bennett passed former Tennessee standout Marcus Nash (173) on Saturday.

America polls. He is on the watchlist for several honors, including the Walter Camp Player of the Year and Biletnikoff Awards.

With three touchdown catches, Bennett pushed his career total to 18, moving into a third place tie on the Vanderbilt career list with former tight end Allama Matthews. He is just three touchdown receptions shy of sharing the team mark. He also needs nine receptions and 31

INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION

PRESEASON ACCOLADES

ALL-AMERICA TEAMS

EARL BENNETT

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

JONATHAN GOFF

Athlon's, Phil Steele

CHRIS WILLIAMS

Athlon's

AWARD WATCHLISTS

EARL BENNETT

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

JONATHAN GOFF

Bronko Nagurski Award, Butkus Award, Bednarik Award

CHRIS WILLIAMS

Outland Trophy, Lombardi Rotary Award

ALL-SEC

EARL BENNETT

(virtually unanimous first-team selection)

JONATHAN GOFF

Coaches (1st) and Media (1st)

CHRIS WILLIAMS

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

BRIAN STAMPER

Coaches (2nd) and Media (2nd)

CHRIS NICKSON

Coaches (3rd)

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

JONATHAN GOFF

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

One of the league's top performers at linebacker for the past two seasons, Goff is the SEC's third leading active career leader in total tackles and solo tackles. Goff opened the season with seven tackles and an interception vs. Richmond, and added nine total tackles against Alabama.

CHRIS WILLIAMS

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

Since arriving at Vanderbilt as a lanky 245-pound prospect, Williams has blossomed into one of the top offensive interior lineman in the nation. Williams has a chance to become the best offensive lineman to come through Vanderbilt since Will Wolford starred in the mid-1980s. Williams was Vanderbilt's Offensive Lineman of the Week against Alabama, producing seven knockdown blocks

CURTIS GATEWOOD

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

Gatewood developed into one of the SEC's top defensive ends last year, finishing the season with seven quarterback sacks while setting career highs in total tackles. Gatewood had seven tackles, including two for losses, vs. Alabama.

THEO HORROCKS

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

A steady performer who will serve as defensive co-captain this season, Horrocks put together one of the most productive seasons in recent memory by a Vanderbilt DT last year, leading the SEC in forced fumbles. Horrocks had four tackles, including three solo stops, in the opener, and one tackle against Alabama.

RESHARD LANGFORD

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

A two-year starter at safety, Vanderbilt's active leader in interceptions added another pick against Alabama, in addition to connecting five tackles while playing at less than 100 percent.

CHRIS NICKSON

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

Nickson accumulated more than 2,700 total yards in 2006. After opening the season hitting 19 of 25 passes for 284 yards and a career-high four touchdowns, Nickson struggled against Alabama, hitting just five of 18 passes for 67 yards.

FORMER COMMODORES IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

| Former Player | NFL Team | Comments |
|------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Corey Chavous, Safety | St. Louis Rams | Contributed seven tackles, including four solo stops in Rams' 27-13 loss to Carolina. |
| Jay Cutler, QB | Denver Broncos | Hit 23 of 39 for 304 yards and TD; directed game-winning 10-play drive to defeat Bills. |
| Jovan Haye, DE | Tampa Bay | 4th year in NFL; Started at DT in opener, contributing three tackle against Seattle. |
| Hunter Hillenmeyer, LB | Chicago Bears | Five-year vet; Led Bears defense with nine tackles (eight solo) in 14-3 loss to Chargers. |
| Matt Stewart, LB | Cleveland Browns | Six-year veteran; On injured reserve, did not play in loss to Pittsburgh. |
| Todd Yoder, TE | Washington Redskins | 8th year in NFL; Played special teams and TE in Redskins' 16-13 OT win over Miami. |

Note: In early September, former Commodores Jamie Winborn (LB), Justin Geisinger (OL) and Bill Alford (CB) were waived by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Tennessee Titans and Denver Broncos, respectively.



MORE ABOUT THE 'DORES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NINETEEN TENNESSEANS ON VANDERBILT ROSTER

The Vanderbilt roster includes 19 residents of Tennessee.

Tennessee residents on the Commodore roster include **Curtis Gatewood** (R-Sr., DE, Memphis), **Marcus Buggs** (R-Sr., LB, Madison), **Theo Horrocks** (Sr., DT, Fayetteville), **Cassen Jackson-Garrison** (Sr., TB, Knoxville), **Jeff Jennings** (R-Jr., TB, Dandridge), **Bryant Hahnfeldt** (Jr., PK/P, Nashville), **Eric Hensley** (R-So., OT, Clinton), **Thomas Welch** (R-So., OT, Brentwood), **Gaston Miller** (So., TB, Murfreesboro), **Jamie Graham** (Fr., CB, Nashville), **Chris Marve** (Fr., LB, Memphis); **John Stokes** (Fr., LB, Memphis) and **Jamie Williams** (Fr., OT, Smyrna).

Additional walk-ons from Tennessee include **Matt Bubis** (R-So., FB, Nashville), **Nick Forte** (R-So., OL, Brentwood), **John Laughrey** (R-Fr., PK, McKenzie), **Chris Griffin** (Fr., WR, Memphis), **Garrett Snoeyenbos** (Fr.,

Brentwood) and **Duane Vaughn** (Fr., safety, Goodlettsville).

The squad also features 19 residents from the state of Georgia.

GEORGE SMITH CONTRIBUTING BIG AGAINST THE ODDS

George Smith is beating the odds.

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

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

In the last two years, Smith moved into a starting role and has 44 career catches for 600 yards and five touchdowns.

COMMODORES CONTINUE ANCHOR "UNITY" TRADITION

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

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

QB KOVALCHECK LONE 'DORE GRADUATE STUDENT

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

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

COMMODORE MEDIA INFO

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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

COACH JOHNSON, STUDENT-ATHLETE POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

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

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

PRACTICE WEEK INTERVIEW POLICIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

HEAD COACH BOBBY JOHNSON

PERSONAL DATA

AGE: 55

ALMA MATER: Clemson

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

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

Master's in Education, 1979, Furman

FAMILY: Wife, Catherine

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 76-80 overall record as head coach; 4-4 record in NCAA postseason play
- In five years at Vanderbilt, has coached the first Commodore named unanimous SEC Offensive Player of the Year (Jay Cutler, 2005), the team's first and only SEC Freshman of the Year (Kwane Doster, 2002), the nation's top tackler (Hunter Hillenmeyer, 2002) and the first Vanderbilt All-America (Earl Bennett, 2006), in seven years.
- I-AA National Coach of the Year in 2001.
- Three Southern Conference titles
- 215-136-8 Combined Record (31 years of collegiate coaching)

SIXTH YEAR RECORD OF 'DORE HEAD COACHES

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

SUMMARY OF BOBBY JOHNSON'S COACHING CAREER

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

JOHNSON'S WEEKLY MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

TV HIGHLIGHTS SHOW

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

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

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

JOHNSON'S RADIO SHOW

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

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

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

COMMODORE DEPTH CHART

AS OF SATURDAY, SEPT. 8

OFFENSE

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

DEFENSE

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

SPECIAL TEAMS

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

ALPHABETICAL TEAM ROSTER

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

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