

# VANDERBILT GAME NOTES

## 'DORES FACE SECOND MID-AMERICAN SQUAD OF THE YEAR

### VANDERBILT SCHEDULE

Sept. 1	<b>Richmond</b>	W	41-17
Sept. 8	<b>ALABAMA</b> (LF Sports)	L	10-24
Sept. 15	<b>OLE MISS</b> (PPV)	W	31-17
Sept. 29	<b>Eastern Michigan</b>	W	30-7
Oct. 6	@ Auburn (LF Sports)	L	7-35
Oct. 13	<b>GEORGIA</b> (ESPN2)	L	17-20
Oct. 20	@ South Carolina	W	17-6
Oct. 27	<b>Miami (Ohio)</b>		1:00 pm
Nov. 3	@ Florida		TBA
Nov. 10	<b>KENTUCKY</b>		TBA
Nov. 17	@ Tennessee		TBA
Nov. 24	<b>Wake Forest</b>		1:00 pm

All Kickoff Times - CST

### MOORE, UPSON RECOGNIZED

A pair of Commodore sophomores – cornerback **D.J. Moore** and punter **Brett Upson** – earned individual recognition for their outstanding play in win at South Carolina. Read more on pages 4-5.

### COACHING CONNECTIONS

When Miami (Ohio) Head Coach **Shane Montgomery** played quarterback at North Carolina State, he received plays from current Vanderbilt offensive coordinator **Ted Cain**. Two other Commodore assistants were coaching mentors to Montgomery. Read more on page 3.

### UPCOMING GAMES

After hosting Miami (Ohio) Saturday, Vanderbilt returns to SEC action on Nov. 3, traveling to Gainesville to face the defending national champion Florida Gators.

On Nov. 10, the Commodores return to Nashville to play the Kentucky Wildcats in their final SEC home game of the season.

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## GAME 8 MIAMI (OHIO) AT VANDERBILT (4-4, 3-1) (4-3, 2-3)

### COMMODORE STORYLINES

- ★ Ending streaks, beating Top 25 opponents.  
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### KICKOFF INFORMATION

**DATE:** Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007  
**KICKOFF:** 1:00 p.m., CST  
**STADIUM:** Vanderbilt Stadium  
**LOCATION:** Nashville, Tenn.  
**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  
**SIRIUS RADIO CHANNEL:** 119  
**TV:** none

### TRACKING EARL

Junior receiver Earl Bennett needs two receptions to become the SEC's all-time leader. More about the Commodore All-America candidate and his career achievements on page 10.

### QUICK FACTS ON THE UNIVERSITIES



	<u>VANDERBILT</u>	<u>MIAMI (OHIO)</u>
<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 (6th)	Shane Montgomery (3rd)
<b>Alma Mater</b>	Clemson, 1973	North Carolina State, 1990
<b>Coaching Record</b>	79-82 (.491)	13-18 (.419)
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://vucommodes.com">vucommodes.com</a>	<a href="http://MURedHawks.com">MURedHawks.com</a>



# GAME NOTES

## 'DORES SEEK VICTORY No. 5

Vanderbilt will be seeking to capture its fifth win in a season for the second time since 2005 when it hosts Miami (Ohio).

The Commodores have not accomplished the feat since the 1993-94 campaigns under former coach Gerry DiNardo.

If the Commodores defeat the visiting RedHawks, it will mark the earliest Vanderbilt has reached five victories (through eight games) since the 1999 season (when Vanderbilt concluded 5-6).

## ROAD WINS OVER TOP 25 TEAMS

In the last two years, Bobby Johnson's Commodores have duplicated a feat never accomplished previously by a Vanderbilt squad – defeat a Top 25 ranked squad on its home field.

On Saturday, Vanderbilt stunned No. 6 ranked South Carolina 17-6 before more than 79,000 fans in Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia. It matched a feat Johnson's Commodores pulled off last October when Vanderbilt went into Athens, Ga., and defeated No. 16 ranked Georgia 24-22.

Prior to the win in Athens, Vanderbilt had never beaten a ranked opponent on its home field. The Commodores have now accomplished the feat in two of its last three tries.

## WIN OVER No. 6 USC EQUALS BEST EVER OVER RANKED FOES

Vanderbilt has never beaten a team ranked higher in the Associated Press polls than South Carolina, who fell 17-6 to the Commodores as the nation's No. 6 squad.

Only once previously has Vanderbilt defeated a No. 6-ranked opponent. That win came 70 years ago – 7-6 over LSU on Oct. 23, 1937.

It marks the Commodores' fourth win all-time over a team ranked in the AP Top 10:

2007	17-6, No. 6 South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.
1974	24-10, No. 8 Florida	Nashville
1955	25-13, No. 8 Auburn	Jacksonville, Fla.
1937	7-6, No. 6 LSU	Nashville

## LOOKING FOR FOURTH HOME WIN

When Miami (Ohio) journeys to Nashville, Vanderbilt will be looking to notch its fourth home victory in a season for the first time since 1987.

With early home victories over Richmond, Ole Miss and Eastern Michigan, the Commodores have posted three wins in Vanderbilt Stadium for the first time since 1993. That year, Vanderbilt topped Cincinnati, Kentucky and Navy at home. After the 1993 season, Vanderbilt was awarded a fourth home win – a forfeit over Alabama.

## SPURRIER SKID BITES THE DUST

Vanderbilt's 17-6 victory over South Carolina ended a pair of bitter streaks for the Commodores – a seven-year skid against the Gamecocks and a 15-game streak against opponents coached by Steve Spurrier.

It continues a recent stretch where Commodore fans have witnessed several difficult streaks end. In the last two years, the Commodores have notched their initial victories against three of the SEC's most successful head coaches:

- Spurrier, 15-game stretch vs. Duke, Florida and South Carolina;
- Phil Fulmer, 13-game stretch vs. Tennessee;
- Mark Richt, six-game stretch vs. Georgia.

Under Johnson, the Commodores have also won on the road against ranked opponents (Georgia in 2006 and South Carolina in 2007) for the first time in more than five decades.

## RECENT ROAD SUCCESSES

Under the direction of Bobby Johnson, Vanderbilt is starting to earn the reputation as a solid road opponent.

Since the 2005 opener, the Commodores are 6-7 on the road, a remarkable record considering it took Vanderbilt 30 road games to post its six previous road wins.

Several of the biggest wins in Bobby Johnson's Vanderbilt tenure have come away from Nashville.

Under Johnson, four signature victories have come in front of hostile crowds:

- 28-24 at Arkansas (Sept. 10, 2005)
- 28-24 at Tennessee (Nov. 19, 2005),
- 24-22 at No. 16 Georgia (Oct. 14, 2006).
- 17-6 at South Carolina (Oct. 20, 2007)

The Commodores have also defeated a pair of Atlantic Coast Conference foes on the road – Wake Forest (28-24 on Sept. 1, 2005) and Duke (45-28 on Oct. 28, 2006) – since the 2005 opener.

## VICTORIES UNDER THE SUN

Vanderbilt is looking for its second straight victory under the sun Saturday against Miami (Ohio).

The Commodores, 3-1 overall in night games this year, got their first win during the day at South Carolina last Saturday. The victory over No. 6 South Carolina ended a five-game Vanderbilt losing streak in day games dating back to the Commodores' narrow 25-19 loss to eventual national champion Florida last year.

## 'DORES GET BCS, COACHES' VOTES

Vanderbilt received its first votes in the weekly USA Today Coaches Poll in more than two years after defeating South Carolina.

The Commodores are ranked No. 44 in the latest Bowl Championship Series (BCS) Ranking announced Oct. 21.

The Commodores received two votes, and were one of eight SEC teams recognized in the ballot.

Vanderbilt did not receive votes in the Associated Press poll. The last time Vanderbilt received votes in the Associated Press poll came in midseason of the 2005 campaign, when the Commodores were 4-1 and preparing for a game against nationally ranked LSU.

The USA Today Coaches Poll released Oct. 21 follows:

1. Ohio State (58)	8-0	1,498
2. Boston College (2)	7-0	1,412
3. LSU	7-1	1,319
4. Oklahoma	7-1	1,306
5. Oregon	6-1	1,225
6. West Virginia	6-1	1,134
7. Arizona State	7-0	1,089
8. USC	6-1	1,060
9. Virginia Tech	6-1	1,052
10. Kansas	7-0	911
11. Florida	5-2	906
12. South Florida	6-1	813
13. Missouri	6-1	790
14. Hawaii	7-0	617
15. Kentucky	6-2	604
16. Texas	5-2	527
17. South Carolina	6-2	474
18. Virginia	7-1	466
19. Georgia	5-2	402
20. California	5-2	397
21. Michigan	6-2	325
22. Penn State	6-2	294
23. Auburn	5-3	179
24. Alabama	6-2	177
25. Wisconsin	6-2	105

### *Others Receiving Votes:*

Boise State 103, Rutgers 96, Connecticut 75, Purdue 37, Texas Tech 28, UCLA 21, Clemson 17, Cincinnati 10, Texas A&M 6, Wake Forest 5, Fresno State 5, Brigham Young 4, Kansas State 3, Maryland 3, Oklahoma State 2, VANDERBILT 2, Illinois 1.

# GAME NOTES

## MIAMI AD HAS VANDERBILT TIES

Before **Brad Bates** became Director of Athletics at Miami (Ohio), he served with distinction in Vanderbilt Athletics for nearly two decades.

Bates, a former University of Michigan walk-on defensive back, joined Miami (Ohio) after 17 years with Vanderbilt Athletics. When he departed the Commodore 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 budgetary and facilities 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.

## SEVERAL TIES WITH MIAMI HEAD COACH

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

Montgomery was a three-year letterwinner at quarterback 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/offensive line) and **Jimmy Kiser** (quarterbacks) 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 starter, Montgomery helped guide 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 the Commodore trio during his first collegiate coaching experience, as a Wolfpack offensive graduate assistant in 1991.

Montgomery's ties might go deeper to a fourth Commodore coach, defensive line mentor **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 team captains.

In 1999, Montgomery and Logo reunited as Chattanooga assistants. 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 currently in his first year as an assistant defensive and special teams coach with Montgomery at Miami (Ohio). Another current Miami assistant, **Rusty Wright**, also coached with Logo at Chattanooga.

## COMMODORES FROM OHIO

Three Commodore student-athletes and a pair of defensive coaches are natives of Ohio.

**Brandon Bryant** (R-So.) from Cincinnati started three games earlier this season at OLB before being sidelined by injury. Troy native **Ryan Custer** (R-So.) has two career starts at OG and is one of the top Commodore reserve linemen this season. He has played in every game. **Reilly Lauer** (R-Fr.) from Gates Mills has played in two games at DE after moving from OT in preseason camp.

Vanderbilt defensive coordinator **Bruce Fowler** is a native of Cincinnati. His secondary coach, **Jamie Bryant**, was raised in Fredericktown and graduated from Ohio Wesleyan.

## VANDERBILT-MIAMI (OHIO) SERIES HISTORY

- ★ Meeting Between Schools: 3rd
- ★ Series Record: Vanderbilt and Miami are tied 1-1
- ★ Last Meeting: Vanderbilt 30, Miami 33 (2000)
- ★ First Meeting: Vanderbilt 12, Miami 0 (1899)
- ★ Vanderbilt Record in Nashville: 1-1
- ★ Biggest Vanderbilt Margin: (12) 12-0 (1899)
- ★ Worst Vanderbilt Defeat: (3) 30-33 (2000)
- ★ Longest Vanderbilt Win Streak: 1
- ★ Longest Vanderbilt Losing Streak: 1

## VANDERBILT-MIAMI (OHIO) SERIES NOTES

★ Vanderbilt is trying to take a 2-1 overall advantage in a series that features more than a century between the first game played (1899) and the most recent encounter (2000).

★ In the most recent game between the schools, Miami (Ohio) rode the passing arm of current RedHawk offensive assistant coach Mike Bath to a 33-30 victory over the 'Dores in the 2000 season opener. 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.

★ The victory in 1899 came in Vanderbilt's home opener, and was one of six shutouts posted by the Commodores that season.

## VANDERBILT IN NON-SEC ACTION

Vanderbilt is looking for its sixth consecutive victory in non-Southeastern Conference play when it hosts Miami (Ohio) Saturday.

The Commodores have two non-conference victories this year – 30-7 over Eastern Michigan (Sept. 29) and a season-opening 41-17 victory over Richmond (Sept. 1). Vanderbilt also captured its last three non-SEC games of 2006: 45-28 over Duke (Oct. 28), 43-14 over Temple (Sept. 30) and 38-9 over Tennessee State (Sept. 23).

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

Under Johnson, the Commodores are 11-9 in non-SEC games.

In the last decade, Vanderbilt holds a 22-14 non-conference record. All-time, the Commodores are 432-187-32 in non-SEC games.

## VANDERBILT VS. MAC CONFERENCE TEAMS

The Commodores are 9-3 all-time versus members of the Mid-American Conference (MAC).

Vanderbilt's last game against a MAC affiliate, Eastern Michigan, came earlier this season, with the Commodores claiming a 30-7 victory.

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

# COMPARISONS ★ 2007 PARTICIPATION

## DEFENSE SUPERB IN SOUTH CAROLINA WIN

Vanderbilt defeated No. 6 South Carolina on the strength of a superb effort by the Commodore defense.

The unit limited South Carolina to a pair of field goals, 26 rushing yards and 256 total yards while contributing numerous key plays, including seven QB sacks, three interceptions and a forced fumble.

The defense also held the Gamecocks to one third-down conversion in 12 attempts.

The performance marked the first time in 15 years – dating back to a 31-9 victory over Ole Miss on Sept. 19, 1992 – that Vanderbilt has held an Southeastern Conference opponent out of the endzone.

The seven sacks matches a single-game team record equalled earlier this season against Ole Miss.

Through seven games, the Vanderbilt defense ranks high in the SEC and NCAA in several statistical categories:

- The defense ranks third in the SEC – and 19th nationally – in total defense, holding opponents to 310 total yards per game.
- The unit is holding opponents to 18 points per game. It ranks fourth in the SEC and 19th in the NCAA in the statistic.
- The unit tops the SEC in fewest first downs allowed (16.1 per game.)
- The unit's total of 14 interceptions leads the SEC – and is tied for fifth nationally.
- The pass defense is limiting foes to 178.9 yards per game, third best in the SEC and 14th in the nation. The unit ranks fourth in the SEC in pass defense efficiency.
- The rush defense is ranked fourth in the conference – and 36th nationally – with a 131.1-yard average.
- Vanderbilt's 20-sack total (2.9 per game) leads the SEC, and is tied for 21st in the nation.
- The unit has forced 16 total turnovers, ranking second in the SEC.

## D.J. MOORE EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

**D.J. Moore** (So., CB) was named the National Defensive Player of the Week by the Walter Camp Football Foundation Sunday after a stellar individual performance Saturday that helped the Commodores defeat No. 6 ranked South Carolina 17-6. Moore also added SEC Defensive Player of the Week honors on Monday.

Moore, a native of Spartanburg, S.C., paced one of the strongest Vanderbilt defensive team efforts in years with a pair of timely interceptions and eight total tackles. Moore was also sensational on special teams, averaging 34 yards on three kickoff returns.

A three-way player, Moore is the first Commodore to receive the Walter Camp Foundation National Defensive Player of the Week honor.

"D.J. played a remarkable game against South Carolina, and was very important to an outstanding effort by our entire defensive unit. He's just a special player, a guy that just has a knack for making plays and being around the football," Vanderbilt Head Coach Bobby Johnson said.

The versatile Moore ranks among the national and SEC leaders in several statistical categories.

- Moore leads the SEC – and is tied for third nationally – with five INTs, the highest single season total by a 'Dore in 18 years;
- Moore is second in the SEC – and tied for 16th in the nation – in solo tackles, averaging 6.1 per game;
- He ranks 25th nationally with nine defended passes;
- Moore is the nation's 23rd leading kickoff returner with a

## TEAM STATISTICAL COMPARISONS

	VANDERBILT	MIAMI (OHIO)
	(AFTER WEEK 9)	
<b>TEAM RECORD</b>	4-3/2-3	4-4/3-1
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	153	160
<b>TOUCHDOWNS SCORED</b>	18	19
<b>POINTS ALLOWED</b>	126	208
<b>TOUCHDOWNS ALLOWED</b>	14	27
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	123	153
RUSHING	59	66
PASSING	54	74
PENALTY	10	13
<b>RUSHING YARDAGE</b>	1033	1142
YARDS GAINED RUSHING	1228	1322
YARDS LOST RUSHING	[195]	[180]
RUSHING ATTEMPTS	277	279
AVERAGE PER RUSH	3.7	4.1
AVERAGE PER GAME	147.6	142.8
TDS RUSHING	7	11
<b>PASSING YARDAGE</b>	1169	1909
<b>ATT-COMP-INT</b>	183-98-7	295-160-12
AVERAGE PER PASS	6.4	6.5
AVERAGE PER CATCH	11.9	11.9
AVERAGE PER GAME	167.0	238.6
TDS PASSING	10	8
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>	2202	2051
TOTAL PLAYS	460	574
AVERAGE PER PLAY	4.8	5.3
AVERAGE PER GAME	314.6	381.4
<b>KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS</b>	25-615	32-674
AVERAGE KICK RETURN	24.6	19.8
<b>PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS</b>	22-225	18-230
AVERAGE PUNT RETURN	10.2	12.8
<b>INTERCEPTION RETURNS: #-YARDS</b>	14-99	6-50
AVERAGE INT. RETURN	7.1	8.3
<b>FUMBLES/FUMBLES LOST</b>	15-5	16-6
<b>OPP. FUMBLES/FUMBLES RECOVERED</b>	8-2	13-8
<b>PENALTIES-YARDS</b>	36-286	50-406
AVERAGE PER GAME	40.9	50.8
<b>PUNTS-YARDS</b>	35-1343	45-2035
AVERAGE PER PUNT	38.4	45.2
NET PUNT AVERAGE	32.6	37.6
<b>TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME</b>	30:42	30:26
<b>3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS</b>	38.104	41/125
3RD DOWN PCT.	37%	33%
<b>4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS</b>	8/13	9/14
4TH DOWN PCT.	62%	64%
<b>FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS</b>	9/13	9/16



# COMMODORE NOTES

## VANDERBILT ACTIVE PLAYER PARTICIPATION

PLAYER	POSITION	2007 GAMES PLAYED	2007 STARTS	CAREER GAMES PLAYED	CAREER STARTS	CONSECUTIVE CAREER STARTS
Mackenzi Adams	QB	7	1	20	1	1
Brad Allen	TE	7	6	29	12	5
Josh Allen	CB	6	-	29	9	-
Bryant Anderson	WR	6	-	27	1	-
Joey Bailey	C	4	-	4	-	-
Earl Bennett	WR	7	7	30	27	27
Patrick Benoist	LB	4	2	13	2	2
Greg Billinger	DT	7	-	19	-	-
Jake Bradford	TE	7	1	19	1	1
Brandon Bryant	LB	5	3	17	3	-
Matt Bubis	FB	6	-	8	-	-
Marcus Buggs	LB	7	7	40	23	20
Joel Caldwell	CB	7	-	17	11	-
Nate Campbell	LB	7	-	7	-	-
Ryan Custer	OG	7	-	19	2	-
Josh Eames	OL	7	7	33	27	9
Jared Fagan	CB	7	-	30	2	-
Michael Garcia	LB	5	-	5	-	-
Drew Gardner	OL	6	-	12	-	-
Curtis Gatewood	DE	7	7	41	19	19
Jonathan Goff	LB	7	7	40	35	35
Justin Green	TE	6	-	6	-	-
Gabe Hall	DT	7	7	38	7	7
Bryant Hahnfeldt	PK	7	7	30	30	30
Ryan Hamilton	S	7	7	19	16	14
Jared Hawkins	TB	7	-	19	-	-
Eric Hensley	OL	6	-	17	-	-
Hamilton Holliday	OL	7	7	37	21	19
Brandon Holmes	DT	2	-	8	-	-
Theo Horrocks	DT	7	7	38	29	21
Cassen Jackson-Garrison	TB	7	5	40	18	-
Jeff Jennings	TB	5	2	28	13	1
Chris Johnson	LB	7	-	18	-	-
Theron Kadri	DE	7	-	7	-	-
Merritt Kirchoffer	OG	7	7	34	17	8
Richard Kovalcheck	QB	1	-	4	-	-
Reshard Langford	SS	7	7	30	30	30
Reilly Lauer	DE	2	-	2	-	-
Myron Lewis	CB	7	7	17	7	7
Gaston Miller	TB	-	-	8	-	-
Nick Miller	SN	4	-	16	-	-
Austin Monahan	TE	4	-	4	-	-
D.J. Moore	CB	7	7	19	16	7
Austin Newton	LB	6	-	6	-	-
Chris Nickson	QB	6	6	24	18	-
Kennard Reeves	RB	7	-	7	-	-
Chris Reinert	WR	5	-	7	-	-
Larry Simmons	WR	-	-	2	-	-
George Smith	WR	7	7	30	21	11
Adam Smotherman	DT	2	-	2	-	-
Darlon Spead	CB	7	2	19	2	-
Brian Stamper	OT	7	7	45	43	7
Broderick Stewart	DE	7	-	19	-	-
John Stokes	LB/SN	7	-	7	-	-
Steven Stone	DE	7	7	19	7	7
Alan Strong	CB	5	-	5	-	-
Brent Trice	S	7	-	19	-	-
Brett Upson	P	7	7	19	19	19
Ryan Vance	OL	2	-	3	-	-
Brad Vierling	OG	7	-	18	-	-
Sean Walker	WR	7	7	25	12	-
Alex Washington	WR	7	-	19	-	-
Thomas Welch	OT	7	-	15	-	-
Justin Wheeler	WR	7	-	16	-	-
David Whittington	DT	7	-	20	-	-
Chris Williams	OT	7	7	30	28	28

## UPSON – SEC'S SPECIALIST OF THE WEEK

Coming off the best performance of his career, sophomore punter **Brett Upson** was named the Southeastern Conference Specialist of the Week Monday after Vanderbilt's 17-6 road victory over South Carolina.

Upson, a native of Griffin, Ga., continuously pinned the Gamecocks deep in their territory with his punts. He averaged 41.7 yards on eight attempts against South Carolina.

Upson, who struggled early in the season, placed six of his eight punts inside the Gamecock 20-yard line, forcing South Carolina to start drives as deep as their own 2-yard line. Other Upson punts were downed at the USC 3-and 9-yard lines.

## REACHING INDIVIDUAL MILESTONES

- In his first career start, **Mackenzi Adams** (R-So., QB) directed the Commodores to a victory over No. 6 South Carolina in front of 79,000 hostile fans.

Adams compiled 207 total yards – 123 passing and 84 rushing – in the win. He set career highs with two TD passes and rushing yardage.

- Justin Wheeler** (R-So., WR) caught the first touchdown pass of his career while playing in his home state Saturday. Wheeler and Adams hooked up on a 20-yard pattern for the Commodores' final points.

Wheeler, a native of South Augusta, S.C., is the Commodores' fifth leading receiver in his first year as an offensive contributor.

- Chris Williams** (R-Sr., OT) was superb from his left offensive tackle position, contributing nine knockdown blocks against the Gamecocks.

- Seven different Commodores – **Darlon Spead, Ryan Hamilton, Marcus Buggs, Patrick Benoist, Curtis Gatewood, Theo Horrocks** and **Broderick Stewart** – contributed quarterback sacks against South Carolina. It was the second game this season that the Vanderbilt defense has managed to post seven QB sacks.

It was also the first career sacks for Spead, Hamilton and Benoist.

- Vanderbilt **held South Carolina's potent rushing attack** to just 26 net yards. It was the fewest net rushing yards allowed by a Commodore defense since Ole Miss was limited to 19 yards on Oct. 28, 1995.

- The Commodores posted **season lows in total penalties (2) and penalty yardage (10)** in the win at South Carolina. Vanderbilt leads the SEC and ranks among the nation's Top 20 in both penalty categories.

- For the first time this year, **Earl Bennett** (Jr., WR) did not top the Commodores in receptions or receiving yardage. **George Smith** (R-Jr., WR) paced the aerial attack with three catches for 52 yards, including a 22-yard TD from Adams.

Smith and Sean Walker (R-Jr., WR) are tied for second among Commodores with 13 catches on the season.

- The Commodores were plus-2 in turnovers against the Gamecocks, forcing a fumble and three interceptions while allowing one fumble and one pick.

- Vanderbilt owned the football for more than 10 minutes in both the first and fourth quarters against South Carolina, en route to a 33:24-26:36 advantage in time of possession.

- Alex Washington** (R-So.) returned four punts for 57 yards, including a career long of 37 yards.

- Two offensive players – Adams and **Jake Bradford** (R-So., TE) – enjoyed their first career starts. Another TE, **Austin Monahan** (Fr.) had the first reception of his collegiate career.



# COMMODORE RANKINGS ★ NOTES

## 2007 SEC, NCAA STAT RANKINGS

TEAM CATEGORY	AVG.	SEC	NCAA
Scoring Offense	21.9	10	T-92
Scoring Defense	18.0	4	19
Total Offense	314.6	11	107
Rushing Offense	147.6	T-8	T-68
Passing Offense	167.0	10	108
Total Defense	310.0	3	19
Rushing Defense	131.1	4	36
Passing Defense	178.9	3	11
Net Punting	32.6	11	96
Punt Returns	10.2	5	47
Kickoff Returns	24.6	2	19
Turnover Margin	+4	3	32
Pass Efficiency	117.8	11	83
Defensive Pass Efficiency	102.4	4	12
Penalties (Total)	5.1	1	16
Penalty Yardage	40.9	1	10
Third Down Conversion %	37.9%	9	67
Third-Down Conversion % (opponent)	39%	9	64
Quarterback Sacks	20	1	T-21
Quarterback Sacks Allowed	12	5	T-45
Pass Interceptions	14	1	T-5
Time of Possession	30:42	4	38
Offense in Red Zone %	23/35 65.7%	11	
Defense in Red Zone %	18/21 85.7%	8	
First Downs	17.6	12	
First Downs Allowed	16.1	1	
INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE CATEGORY	AVG.	SEC	NCAA
Earl Bennett Receptions	6.8	1	T-24
Receiving Yards	79.1	5	48
Chris Nickson Total Offense	150.0	10	
Passing Efficiency	116.1	11	82
INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE CATEGORY	AVG.	SEC	NCAA
Jonathan Goff Total Tackles	8.6	5	T-73
Solo Tackles	5.8	4	T-29
Interceptions	2	T-8	T-96
Myron Lewis Passed Defensed	1.6	2	T-7
Marcus Buggs Tackles for Loss	1.1	T-12	T-71
Total Tackles	6.1	T-24	
D.J. Moore Solo Tackles	6.6	1	T-5
Total Tackles	7.6	T-7	
Interceptions	5	1	T-3
Passes Defensed	1.3	7	T-25
Steven Stone Sacks	3	T-11	
SPECIAL TEAM CATEGORIES	AVG.	SEC	NCAA
Bryant Hahnfeldt, Scoring (by kicker)	45 pts.	14	
Field Goals Made	9	8	T-40
D.J. Moore Kick Return Avg.	27.5	3	23
Alex Washington Punt Returns	9.9	6	46
Brett Upson Punting	38.4	9	90

## COMMODORE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

### RICHMOND (41-17, 9/1)

**OFFENSIVE PLAYERS OF WEEK:** Earl Bennett, WR;  
Chris Nickson, QB

**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF WEEK:** Ryan Hamilton, safety

**SPECIALIST OF WEEK:** Bryant Hahnfeldt, PK

### ALABAMA (10-24, 9/8)

**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF WEEK:** Chris Williams, LT

**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF WEEK:** Marcus Buggs, LB

**SPECIALIST OF WEEK:** D.J. Moore, KR/PR

### OLE MISS (31-17, 9/15)

**OFFENSIVE PLAYERS OF WEEK:** Josh Eames, LG;  
Cassen Jackson-Garrison, TB

**DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF WEEK:** Jonathan Goff, LB;  
Theo Horrocks, DT

**SPECIALIST OF WEEK:** D.J. Moore, KR

### EASTERN MICHIGAN (30-7, 9/29)

**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF WEEK:** Sean Walker, WR

**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF WEEK:** Defensive unit

**SPECIALIST OF WEEK:** Brandon Bryant, coverage units

### AUBURN (7-35, 10/6)

**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF WEEK:** Chris Williams, LT

**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF WEEK:** Myron Lewis, CB

**SPECIALISTS OF WEEK:** Jared Hawkins, coverage units;  
Alex Washington, PR

### GEORGIA (17-20, 10/13)

**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF WEEK:** Mackenzi Adams, QB

**DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF WEEK:** Jonathan Goff, LB;  
Reshard Langford, safety

**SPECIALISTS OF WEEK:** Chris Johnson, coverage units;  
Jared Hawkins, coverage units

### SOUTH CAROLINA (17-6, 10/20)

**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF WEEK:** Brad Allen, TE;  
George Smith, WR

**DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF WEEK:** Patrick Benoist, LB;  
D.J. Moore, CB

**SPECIALISTS OF WEEK:** Brett Upson, punter

## EXCELLENT CROWDS WATCHING 'DORES

The Commodores are playing before an average of 36,632 fans through five home games. The average represents 92.1% capacity in Vanderbilt Stadium, which seats 39,773.

On Saturday, Vanderbilt and Georgia played to a homecoming sell-out. It was the second capacity crowd of the season (Alabama game on Sept. 8 was the other).

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

YEAR	AVG. ATTENDANCE
2007 (thru 5 games)	36,632
2006 (7 games)	34,861
2005 (6 games)	36,031
2004 (6 games)	28,472
2003 (7 games)	28,282
2002 (7 games)	32,192
2001 (6 games)	33,990

# TEAM NOTES

## GOFF WEARS DOSTER PATCH AGAIN

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

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

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

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

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

## STAMPER, JENNINGS BACK FROM INJURY

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

Stamper, a 43-game career starter, underwent career-threatening back surgery last year after the pain became too much early in the season. He was granted a medical redshirt and fifth year of eligibility last winter after he and the team petitioned the NCAA. Jennings, who has compiled 14 career rushing TDs, sat out the entire 2006 season to rehabilitate the injured leg.

## JOHNSON'S STAFF MARKED BY FEW CHANGES

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

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

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

## VANDY ROSTER INCLUDES PREP TEAMMATES

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

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

## SIX NEW DEFENSIVE STARTERS THIS SEASON

Sophomore **Patrick Benoist** became the sixth defensive player this season to earn his first career start when he was in the opening lineup at linebacker against Auburn. Other new defensive starters are line-backer **Brandon Bryant**, tackle **Gabe Hall**, end **Steven Stone**, cornerback **Myron Lewis** and nickelback **Darlon Spead**.

The offense has two new starters – quarterback **Mackenzi Adams** and tight end **Jake Bradford**. Both made their first start at South Carolina.

## COMMODORES SEEING INITIAL ACTION

Twelve Commodores, including three true freshmen, have enjoyed their initial collegiate action in the opening four games this season.

Redshirt freshmen seeing their initial action includes RB **Kennard Reeves**, TE **Justin Green**, LB **Nathan Campbell**, LB **Michael Garcia**, DE **Reilly Lauer**, LB **Austin Newton**, center **Joey Bailey**, CB **Alan Strong** and DT **Adam Smotherman**. Three true freshmen – LB/SN **John Stokes**, DE **Theron Kadri** and TE **Austin Monahan** – have played.

## PRELIMINARY PLANS UNDERWAY TO ENHANCE VANDERBILT STADIUM

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

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

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

## O-LINE ONE OF NCAA'S MOST EXPERIENCED

The Vandy offensive line features five seniors – all returning starters from a year ago.

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

Collectively, the five linemen have started 136 collegiate games.

Lineman	Total Games	Total Starts
Chris Williams, LT	28	28
Josh Eames, LG	33	27
Hamilton Holliday, C	37	21
Merritt Kirchoffer, RG	33	17
Brian Stamper, RT	45	43
<b>Totals</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>136</b>

## HENSLEY SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATING RULES

Reserve offensive tackle **Eric Hensley** (R-So., Clinton, Tenn.) was suspended Oct. 16 for violating team rules. Hensley saw limited action in the Commodores' first six games.



# COMMODORE NOTES

## VANDERBILT – SEASON TO DATE

**STATISTICAL EDGE:** Seven games into the 2007 season, Vanderbilt holds an edge over its opponents in several statistical categories.

Most importantly, Vanderbilt has outscored its opponents 153-126. Not since 1982 – Vanderbilt's last bowl squad – have the 'Dores finished the year scoring more cumulative points than its opponents.

The Commodores also:

- have produced more first downs (123-113) than their opponents;
- have more rushing yards (1,033-918) than their foes;
- have compiled more total yardage (2,202-2,170) than their opponents;
- maintain a 30:42-29:18 advantage in time of possession.

**INTERCEPTIONS WAY UP:** The Commodores are averaging two interceptions a game, and have 14 pickoffs on the season, tops among SEC teams. Cornerback D.J. Moore is the team and SEC leader with five interceptions.

The Commodore defense has tied the total amount of interceptions posted a year ago, and has as many interceptions as any Vanderbilt unit since 1989 when the defense posted 19 picks. The team record is 24 interceptions set in 1982.

While the Commodore defense has forced 14 interceptions, the Vanderbilt offense has allowed just seven passes to be picked off.

**STATISTICAL EDGE:** Though the Commodores have forced just two turnovers via fumbles, the squad holds a position advantage of four turnovers on the season. The defense has forced 16 turnovers (14 INTs/2 fumbles) while the offense has committed 12 turnovers (7 INTs, 5 fumbles).

**DEFENSIVE PRODUCTION:** If Vanderbilt continues its current 310-yard average of total offense allowed, it would be the finest season performance since 1997 when some observers contend one of the best 'Dore defenses ever held opponents to a 275.1-yard average.

No other Vanderbilt defense in the last 30 years has topped the current average.

**FOURTH QUARTER SCORING:** The Commodores hold a 44-21 advantage in fourth quarter scoring. If the trend continues, it will mark just the second time in 20 years that Vanderbilt has owned a fourth quarter scoring margin. In 2005, the Commodores, paced by standout QB Jay Cutler, outscored their rivals 102-76 in the final stanza.

**SACKS:** The Commodore defense has amassed 19 quarterback sacks through seven games, a total that tops the SEC and ranks 21st in the nation.

Last year, the unit had 25 quarterback sacks, the highest single-season sack total since 1999 when current NFL players Matt Stewart and Jamie Winborn paced a defense that finished with 31 sacks.

For the second time this season, the Commodores equalled a team record with seven sacks against South Carolina. They duplicated the feat in an earlier win over Ole Miss. The sacks versus South Carolina came from seven different players.

**CONSISTENCY ON DEFENSE:** Ten defensive players have started all seven games for the Commodores. Tackles **Theo Horrocks** and **Gabe Hall**, ends **Curtis Gatewood** and **Steven Stone**, linebackers **Jonathan Goff** and **Marcus Buggs**, safeties **Reshard Langford** and **Ryan Hamilton**, and cornerbacks **D.J. Moore** and **Myron Lewis** have started in every game this year.

Eight offensive players have started every game.

## GOFF AMONG SEC'S TOP ACTIVE TACKLERS

Senior linebacker **Jonathan Goff** ranks third among active Southeastern Conference players in a pair of career tackling categories.

Goff matched career highs two weeks ago versus Georgia with 12 solo tackles and 14 total tackles. He had six tackles and an interception in Vanderbilt's win at South Carolina.

Goff has 251 total tackles during his four-year career, just 11 tackles shy of current SEC active career runnerup Jonathan Hefney of Tennessee.

### SEC ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS – TOTAL TACKLES

322	Wesley Woodyard, LB, Kentucky
262	Jonathan Hefney, DB, Tennessee
251	<b>Jonathan Goff</b> , LB, Vanderbilt

### SEC ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS – SOLO TACKLES

216	Wesley Woodyard, LB, Kentucky
191	Jonathan Hefney, DB, Tennessee
181	<b>Jonathan Goff</b> , LB, Vanderbilt

## HAHNFELDT NO. 3 IN POINTS BY PLACEKICKER

**Bryant Hahnfeldt** (Jr., PK) moved into third place in career scoring in the South Carolina win, passing Johnny Clark (1986-89) with 167 total points. He is on pace to overtake former standout John Markham as the all-time Commodore leading scorer. Both Hahnfeldt and Markham enjoyed Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville.

Hahnfeldt has converted 9 of 13 field goals this season. For his career, Hahnfeldt has converted on 61.7% of his field goal attempts (29/47) and 77 of 80 PATs.

### COMMODORE LEADERS – CAREER POINTS BY KICKER

	PLACEKICKER, YEARS	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> , 2005-07	29-47	77-80	167

## 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 NOTES

## HOLLIDAY IS DRADDY TROPHY SEMIFINALIST

**Hamilton Holliday** (Sr., center) was named a semifinalist for the 2007 Draddy Trophy and the National Football Foundation & College Football Scholar-Athlete Awards on Oct. 11.

The prestigious Draddy Trophy, often referred to as "The Academic Heisman," recognizes an individual as the absolute best in the country for his combined academic success, football performance and exemplary community leadership. academic success, football performance and community leadership.

Nominated by their schools, which are limited to one nominee each, semi-finalists must be a senior or graduate student in their final year of eligibility, have a GPA of at least 3.2 on a 4.0 scale, have outstanding football ability as a first team player, and have demonstrated strong leadership and citizenship. Established to honor former NFF Chairman Vincent dePaul Draddy, a Manhattan College QB who founded the Izod and Lacoste brands, the award comes with a \$25,000 post-graduate scholarship.

Hamilton, a two-year starter at center, is working toward a degree in Engineering Science. A dean's list and three-time All-Southeastern Conference Honor Roll recipient, Holliday was a second team CoSIDA District IV Academic All-American in 2006.

Though no Vanderbilt student-athlete has received the Draddy Trophy, four former players – **Hunter Hillenmeyer** (2002), **Andy McCarroll** (1989), **Doug Martin** (1974) and **Wade Butcher** (1961) – have earned the National Scholar-Athlete Award.

## SMITH SEC COMMUNITY SERVICE RECIPIENT

Receiver **George Smith**, an individual who has overcome significant health issues to have a productive playing career, was featured Oct. 6 as the SEC Community Service Team Player of the Week.

Smith, who nearly died three years ago from spinal cord inflammation resulting from acute transverse myelitis, frequently shares his experiences with young patients suffering from the illness at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. Smith has inspired several Nashville patients and their families, sharing how doctors discovered the viral illness, and how he made a full recovery.

Smith (R-Jr., Pembroke Hills, Fla.) also mentors to students at nearby St. Bernard's School, and has volunteered as a camp counselor with the Backfield in Motion effort that aids Nashville inner-city kids.

## QUARLES GRAND MARSHAL OF HOMECOMING

**Shelton Quarles**, a Nashville native and former Commodore defensive standout who went on to enjoy a successful career in the NFL, served as grand marshal of the Vanderbilt homecoming parade on Oct. 13. The parade is scheduled Saturday morning on campus.

Quarles retired last year after 10 years with the Tampa Bay Bucs. A starting linebacker and team leader, Quarles was named to the 2002 Pro Bowl after leading Tampa Bay to victory in Super Bowl XXXVII.

Quarles, a graduate of Whites Creek H.S. just north of Nashville, remains an outstanding citizen of Tampa, and does an abundance of community work there and in Nashville through his IMPACT Foundation.

Quarles now serves as a scout for the Buccaneers.

## OLE MISS PROMO: \$50,894 TO HOSPITAL

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

Brooks, several Commodore football players, key community leaders, and friends of the hospital teamed with Vanderbilt Athletics for the promotion – which contributed \$50,894 to the Children's Hospital.

# TRACKING EARL BENNETT

## RECEIVER NEEDS TWO RECEPTIONS FOR SEC CAREER RECORD

### LATEST ON BENNETT'S ACHIEVEMENTS...

**MyNameIsEarlBennett.com**

Vanderbilt junior **Earl Bennett** needs just two receptions to become the Southeastern Conference all-time leader.

Bennett contributed a pair of catches for 24 yards in the Commodores' 17-6 road victory over No. 6 ranked South Carolina last Saturday.

Through seven games, Bennett leads the SEC with 46 receptions and ranks fifth with 554 receiving yards. He is also among the SEC leaders with four touchdown catches.

Bennett was held in check for the second consecutive game by a defense against the South Carolina Gamecocks, who limited the junior to his fewest catches in more than two years.

During the effort against South Carolina, Bennett continued to assault other career receiving lists:

- Moved into a single reception of the all-time SEC record of 2008 set by former Kentucky standout Craig Yeast.
- Closed on the SEC all-time Top Ten in receiving yardage. Currently ranked No. 13 all-time, Bennett needs 50 receiving yards to join the Top Ten; and 528 receiving yards to become the all-time leader.

After claiming the Vanderbilt career mark for catches on Oct. 6 at Auburn, Bennett is approaching two other key Vanderbilt receiving records:

- Bennett needs three touchdown catches to overtake **Dan Stricker** (1999-2002) as the all-time leader. Stricker caught 21 TDs during his career.
- Bennett currently ranks third on the Commodore all-time charts for receiving yardage. He has 2,576 receiving yards, 388 yards behind record holder Boo Mitchell (2,964 yards, 1985-88).

In 30 career games, Bennett has been remarkably consistent and productive. He has set a team record with nine games of 10 or more receptions. He also has nine games of at least 100 receiving yards.

Among his top performances was a school-record 223-yard effort in the 2007 opener against Richmond. That performance allowed Bennett to become the first player in SEC history with three games of at least 200 receiving yards. His 13 receptions against Richmond also established a new SEC standard for opening-game performances by a receiver.

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

With four TD catches on the season, Bennett pushed his career total to 19, moving him behind only Stricker (21) and Chuck Scott (20) on the team charts.

Bennett has produced an abundance of remarkable single game performances in a career that spans only 27 starting assignments. He has achieved 150 receiving yards or more in seven games. He now has achieved three of the six highest single-game receiving yardage totals in school history. Bennett has five of the top 11 highest single-game receiving totals in school history.

Bennett leads the SEC and ranks among the national leaders with 41 receptions. His 88-yard receiving yardage is second in the SEC.

Bennett is attempting to top the SEC in receptions for the third consecutive season. As a freshman and sophomore, he became the only receiver in SEC history to achieve at least 75 catches in different seasons.

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

Bennett has been incredibly consistent, registering a catch in every career game – and at least four receptions in his last 20 consecutive games.

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

### BENNETT'S RECORDS

Career Receptions	207
Receiving Yards (game)	223 (Richmond, 2007)
TD receptions (game) ^	5, (vs. Kentucky, 2005)
Most games with 10 or more receptions	(9)
Most games with 200+ receiving yards #	(3)
Receptions by So.	82 (2006)
Receiving Yards by So.	1,146 (2006)
Catches in game (So.)	13 (vs. Florida, 2006)
Rec. Yards in game (So.)	220 (@ Kentucky, 2006)
Receptions by Fr. %	79 (2005)
Receiving yards by Fr.	876 (2005)
TD receptions by Fr.	9 (2005)
Catches in game (Fr.)	16 (@ USC, 2005)
Rec. Yards in game (Fr.)	204 (@ USC, 2005)
# SEC record ^ Ties SEC record	
% SEC freshman record	

### CAREER LEADERS — RECEIVING YARDAGE

RECEIVER	YEARS	YARDS
1. Boo Mitchell	1985-88	2,964
2. Dan Stricker	1999-2002	2,880
3. <b>Earl Bennett</b>	<b>2005-07</b>	<b>2,576</b>

### ALL-TIME SINGLE GAME RECEIVING TOTALS

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

### CAREER TOUCHDOWN CATCHES

RECEIVER	YEARS	CAREER TDs
1. Dan Stricker	1999-2002	21
2. Chuck Scott	1981-84	20
3. <b>Earl Bennett</b>	<b>2005-07</b>	<b>19</b>

# 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.**

Goff contributed his second interception of the season, six total tackles and a pair of defensed passes in the win over South Carolina. He ranks fifth in the SEC in tackles and among the team leaders in virtually every defensive category.

## CHRIS WILLIAMS

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

The Commodore All-America candidate put together another outstanding game from his left tackle position against South Carolina, netting nine knockdown blocks against the Gamecocks.

## D.J. MOORE

**Sophomore • Cornerback/Return Specialist • 5-10, • Madison, Tenn.**

Moore continues to blossom, turning in his finest career performance in win at USC: 2 INTs, 8 tackles. Named Walter Camp National Defensive Player of Week.

## MARCUS BUGGS

**R-Senior • Linebacker • 6-0, 225 • Madison, Tenn.**

Buggs continues to play excellent defense. He posted six tackles, including two tackles for loss and a QB sack, in the win over South Carolina. Buggs leads the 'Dores with seven tackles for loss and is the third leading tackler.

## CURTIS GATEWOOD

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

Gatewood continues to play big for the Commodore defense, adding a pair of tackles, including a QB sack, in Vanderbilt's win over South Carolina. He ranks second on the team in sacks and tackles for loss.

## THEO HORROCKS

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

A defensive co-captain, Horrocks' lone tackle at South Carolina was a key QB sack that stopped a Gamecock possession.

## RESHARD LANGFORD

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

A starter in 30 consecutive games and Vanderbilt's secondary leader, Langford contributed four total tackles, a tackle for loss and two defensed passes in victory over South Carolina.

## FORMER COMMODORES IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Former Player	NFL Team	Most Recent Performance
Corey Chavous, Safety	St. Louis Rams	Team's defensive leader contributed a pair of tackles in loss to Seattle Seahawks.
Jay Cutler, QB	Denver Broncos	Hit 22 of 29 passes for 248 yards and 3 TDs, leading game-winning drive vs. Steelers.
Justin Geisinger, OG	Washington Redskins	Re-signed to Washington practice squad on Sept. 26. Has not played in last two weeks.
Jovan Haye, DT	Tampa Bay	Posted four total tackles, including a QB sack, in 23-16 loss to Detroit Lions.
Hunter Hillenmeyer, LB	Chicago Bears	Contributed three total tackles in Bears' fourth quarter rally to defeat 19-16 over Eagles.
Matt Stewart, LB	Cleveland Browns	Six-year veteran; Remains on injured reserve list with the Browns.
Jamie Winborn, LB	Denver Broncos	Contributed jarring tackle on kickoff coverage teams in Broncos' win over Steelers.
Todd Yoder, TE	Washington Redskins	Run blocker, special teams player in Redskins' 21-19 victory over Arizona Cardinals.

# MORE ABOUT THE 'DORES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## NINE NAMED TO COMMODORE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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

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

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

## GEORGE SMITH CONTRIBUTING BIG AGAINST THE ODDS

**George Smith** is beating the odds.

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

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

In the last two-plus seasons, Smith moved into a starting role and has 55 career catches for 748 yards and seven 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.

## NEW ADDITION TO JACKSON- GARRISON HOUSEHOLD

The only married Commodore player, senior TB **Cassen Jackson-Garrison**, welcomed a new addition to his family Tuesday, Oct. 16.

Cassen's wife, Courtney, gave birth to 7-lb., 4-oz. Cassen II at Summit Hospital in Nashville.

The new arrival is sure to impact a second 'Dore – TB Jeff Jennings, who shares an apartment close to campus with Cassen and Courtney.

Jackson-Garrison and Jennings, both from east Tennessee, have been roommates for much of their time at Vanderbilt. They have also been kept competitors for the same playing role: Jennings started at tailback in 2005; Jackson-Garrison got the nod in 2006 when his best friend was out with an injury. The duo is sharing tailback duties with **Jared Hawkins** (R-So.) this season.

## COMMODORE MEDIA INFO

### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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

### COACH JOHNSON, STUDENT-ATHLETE POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

Following the Miami (Ohio) game, Coach Johnson will meet with the media at the team's postgame press conference facilities located in McGugin Center. Reporters can access the media room through the stadium tunnel and across Jess Neely Drive. Once on the sideline, take the second entrance into McGugin Center. The room is in through the first two doors on the right.

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

- 79-82 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
- 218-138-8 Combined Record (31 years of collegiate coaching)

## SIXTH YEAR RECORD OF 'DORE HEAD COACHES

COACH	YEARS	W	L	T
Bobby Johnson	2007	4	3	-
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	4-3 (2-3)	
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
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 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](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.

## 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 indepth look at the Commodores' next opponent and questions from callers across Middle Tennessee.

# COMMODORE DEPTH CHART

AS OF OCT. 20TH

## OFFENSE

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

## DEFENSE

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

## SPECIAL TEAMS

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

# ALPHABETICAL TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Year	CL	Hometown/High School
63	Chris Aaron	OL	6-3	290	So.	TR	Palos Verdes, Calif./PVHS/Lehigh
9	Mackenzi Adams	QB	6-3	210	R-So.	1L	Tulsa, Okla./Union
83	Brad Allen	TE	6-3	240	R-Jr.	2L	Venice, Fla./Venice
14	Josh Allen	CB	5-9	182	R-Jr.	2L	Roswell, Ga./Roswell
81	Bryant Anderson	WR	6-3	210	R-Jr.	2L	Roswell, Ga./Centennial
62	Rob Ashabranner	DL	6-2	270	Fr.	HS	Beaumont, Texas/Cathedral Christian
40	Bo Baggerley	LB	6-1	210	R-So.	SQ	Forsyth, Ga./Stratford Academy
71	Joey Bailey	C	6-3	275	R-Fr.	RS	Trussville, Ala./Hewitt-Trussville
87	Brandon Barden	TE	6-5	225	Fr.	HS	Lincolnton, Ga./Lincoln Co.
10	Earl Bennett	WR	6-1	202	Jr.	2L	Birmingham, Ala./West End
30	Patrick Benoist	LB	6-0	215	So.	1L	Southlake, Texas/Carroll Senior
98	Greg Billinger	DT	6-3	280	So.	1L	Lilburn, Ga./Parkview
85	Jake Bradford	TE	6-6	265	R-So.	1L	St. Simons Isl., Ga./Glynn Academy
89	Terrial Brannon	DE	6-3	235	R-Fr.	RS	Spartanburg, S.C./Broome
35	Brandon Bryant	LB	6-0	228	R-So.	1L	Cincinnati, Ohio/St.Xavier
32	Matt Bubis	FB	5-10	228	R-So.	1L	Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell
24	Marcus Buggs	LB	5-11	225	R-Sr.	3L	Madison, Tenn./Goodpasture
29	Joel Caldwell	S	6-1	195	R-So.	1L	Hoover, Ala./Hoover
52	Nate Campbell	LB	6-3	228	R-Fr.	RS	Hazen, Ark./Hazen
50	Thomas Carroll	PK	5-9	160	R-So.	SQ	Columbus, Ga./Brookstone
50*	Bo Cramer	DL	6-4	255	Fr.	HS	Charlotte, N.C./Country Day
12*	Chris Crooks	WR	6-2	190	Fr.	HS	Cummings, Ga./Chattahoochee
73	Ryan Custer	OG	6-3	295	R-So.	1L	Troy, Ohio/Troy
26	Andrew Diomande	WR	6-1	185	Jr.	TR	Miami, Fla./Columbus/Clemson
41	Jermaine Doster	TB	5-10	205	Fr.	HS	Tampa, Fla./Robinson
99	Derrius Dowell	DT	6-3	275	R-So.	SQ	Atlanta, Ga./Douglass
78	Josh Eames	OG	6-5	305	R-Sr.	3L	North Cape May, N.J./Lower Cape
67	James Elledge	DL	6-4	275	Fr.	HS	Birmingham, Ala./Mountain Brook
20	Jared Fagan	CB	5-10	180	R-Jr.	2L	Waldorf, Md./Westlake
65	Kyle Fischer	OL	6-6	300	Fr.	HS	Columbia, S.C./Spring Valley
38	Davis Flowers	LB	6-0	215	Fr.	HS	Dothan, Ala./Houston Academy
61	Nick Forte	OG	6-2	295	R-So.	SQ	Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood Academy
42	Tim Fugger	DE	6-4	225	Fr.	HS	Oak Brook, Ill./Montini Catholic
12	Jared Funk	QB	6-2	195	R-Fr.	RS	Long Grove, Ill./Saint Viator
46	Michael Garcia	LB	6-0	240	R-Fr.	HS	Jacksonville, Fla./The Bolles School
70	Drew Gardner	OG	6-6	300	R-So.	SQ	Hoxie, Ark./Hoxie
48	Curtis Gatewood	DE	6-3	245	R-Jr.	3L	Memphis, Tenn./White Station
47	Jonathan Goff	LB	6-4	235	R-Sr.	3L	Lynn, Mass./St. John's Prep
25	Jamie Graham	CB	5-11	180	Fr.	HS	Nashville, Tenn./Whites Creek
82	Justin Green	TE	6-6	230	Fr.	RS	Troy, Ala./Henderson
58	T.J. Greenstone	DT	6-3	270	Fr.	HS	Lawrenceville, Ga./Collins Hill
49*	Chris Griffin	WR	6-1	185	R-Fr.	RS	Memphis, Tenn./Central
8	Bryant Hahnfeldt	P/PK	5-11	190	Jr.	2L	Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell
56	Gabe Hall	DT	6-1	290	Sr.	3L	Virginia Beach, Va./Fork Union
2	Ryan Hamilton	S	6-2	208	R-So.	1L	Wycombe, Pa./Council Rock North
31	Jared Hawkins	TB	5-10	190	R-So.	1L	Spring, Texas/Klein
66	Eric Hensley	OT	6-6	315	R-So.	1L	Clinton, Tenn./Clinton
53	Hamilton Holiday	C	6-4	290	Sr.	3L	Marietta, Ga./Walton
92	Brandon Holmes	DT	6-3	295	R-Jr.	1L	Garland, Texas/Garland
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

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Year	CL	Hometown/High School
21	Jeff Jennings	TB	6-1	215	R-Jr.	2L	Dandridge, Tenn./Jefferson Co.
45	Chris Johnson	LB	6-1	225	R-So.	1L	Birmingham, Ala./Oak Mountain
93	Theron Kadri	DE	6-3	240	Fr.	HS	Brighton, Tenn./Brighton
64	Merritt Kirchoffer	OG	6-5	320	R-Sr.	3L	Roswell, Ga./Roswell
15	Richard Kovalcheck	QB	6-2	220	R-Sr.	1L	San Diego, Calif./Ariz./St. Augustine
33	Reshard Langford	S	6-2	207	R-Jr.	2L	Tanner, Ala./Tanner
68	Reilly Lauer	DE	6-6	250	R-Fr.	RS	Gates Mill, Ohio/St. Ignatius
97	John Laughrey	PK	5-11	180	R-Fr.	RS	McKenzie, Tenn./McKenzie
93*	David Leinweber	DE	6-5	250	R-So.	SQ	Bloomfield Hills, Mich./Cranbrook
5	Myron Lewis	CB	6-2	195	So.	1L	Pompano Beach, Fla./Pompano Beach
94	Kikko Logan	DE	6-2	235	R-Fr.	RS	Elba, Ala./Elba
43	Chris Marve	LB	6-0	230	Fr.	HS	Memphis, Tenn./White Station
27	Gaston Miller	TB	5-7	165	So.	1L	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Riverdale
75	Nick Miller	SN	6-3	270	R-So.	1L	Matthews, N.C./East Mecklenburg
86	Austin Monahan	TE	6-6	235	Fr.	HS	Charlotte, N.C./Phillips Acad. (Mass.)
17	D.J. Moore	CB	5-10	175	So.	1L	Spartanburg, S.C./Broome
37	Dom Morais	LB	6-0	215	R-Sr.	SQ	Dayton, Texas/Dayton
91	Austin Newton	LB	6-2	215	R-Fr.	RS	McDonough, Ga./Union Grove
3	Chris Nickson	QB	6-1	210	R-Jr.	2L	Brundidge, Ala./Pike Co.
95	Sam Panke	DE	6-2	230	R-So.	SQ	St. Louis, Mo./Ladue
28	Kenard Reeves	TB	6-0	195	R-Fr.	RS	Duluth, Ga./Duluth
36	Chris Reinert	WR	5-9	175	R-So.	SQ	Santa Ana, Calif./Servite
28*	Alex Schultz	DB	5-11	175	So.	SQ	Wayland, Mass./Wayland
18	Larry Simmons	WR	5-9	162	R-So.	1L	Austin, Texas/Anderson
88	George Smith	WR	6-3	200	R-Jr.	2L	Hollywood, Fla./Hollywood Hills
19	Larry Smith	QB	6-2	200	Fr.	HS	Prattville, Ala./Prattville
59	Adam Smotherman	DT	6-4	275	R-Fr.	RS	Smyrna, Tenn./Smyrna
69	Garrett Snoeyenbos	OL	6-3	260	Fr.	HS	Brentwood, Tenn./Ravenwood
6	Darlon Spead	CB	5-10	185	R-So.	1L	Kingsland, Ga./Camden Co.
72	Brian Stamper	OT	6-5	300	R-Sr.	3L	Windermere, Fla./Lake Highland
90	Broderick Stewart	DE	6-5	230	R-So.	1L	Newnan, Ga./Riverside Military
49	John Stokes	LB	6-5	230	Fr.	HS	Memphis, Tenn./University School
96	Steven Stone	DE	6-5	255	R-So.	1L	Conway, Ark./Conway
16	Alan Strong	CB	5-10	175	R-Fr.	RS	Atlanta, Ga./Douglass
11	Brent Trice	S	6-3	210	So.	1L	Orange, Va./Fork Union Military (Va.)
23	Udom Umoh	WR	6-0	175	Fr.	HS	Fort Valley, Ga./Peach Co.
39	Brett Upson	P	5-11	180	So.	1L	Griffin, Ga./Spalding
34	Ryan van Rensburg	TB	6-1	215	Fr.	HS	Jacksonville, Fla./The Bolles School
79	Ryan Vance	OG	6-3	285	R-So.	SQ	Bellaire, Texas/Episcopal
46*	Duane Vaughn	S	6-1	195	Fr.	HS	Goodlettsville, Tenn./Davidson Acad.
60	Bradley Vierling	C/OG	6-3	290	R-So.	1L	Warminster, Pa./Central Bucks East
7	Sean Walker	WR	6-0	180	R-Jr.	2L	Wrens, Ga./Jefferson Co.
4	Alex Washington	WR	5-9	185	R-So.	1L	Stone Mountain, Ga./Stephenson
76	Thomas Welch	OT	6-7	295	R-So.	1L	Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood
80	Justin Wheeler	WR	6-1	180	R-So.	SQ	North Augusta, Ga./North Augusta
44	David Whittington	DT	6-2	275	R-Jr.	1L	Lafayette, La./St. Thomas More
74	Chris Williams	OT	6-6	320	R-Sr.	2L	Glynn, La./Catholic
77	James Williams	OL	6-6	300	Fr.	HS	Smyrna, Tenn./Smyrna
13	Turner Wimberly	WR	6-0	195	R-Fr.	RS	Austin, Texas/Westlake

\* Duplicate Jersey Number

## COMMODORE NUMERICAL ROSTER

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