

VANDERBILT GAME NOTES

COMMODORES LOOK FOR SECOND SEC ROAD VICTORY

VANDERBILT SCHEDULE

Sept. 1	Richmond	W	41-17
Sept. 8	ALABAMA (LF Sports)	L	10-24
Sept. 15	OLE MISS (PPV)	W	31-17
Sept. 29	Eastern Michigan	W	30-7
Oct. 6	@ Auburn (LF Sports)	L	7-35
Oct. 13	GEORGIA (ESPN2)	L	17-20
Oct. 20	@ South Carolina	W	17-6
Oct. 27	Miami (Ohio)	W	24-13
Nov. 3	@ Florida (LF Sports)		11:30 am
Nov. 10	KENTUCKY		1:00 pm
Nov. 17	@ Tennessee		TBA
Nov. 24	Wake Forest		1:00 pm

All Kickoff Times - CST

EARL GETS THE RECORD

It took Vanderbilt junior **Earl Bennett** just 31 games to become the SEC all-time leader in receptions. The catch was typical – a shoe-string grab that produced a Commodore first down.

Bennett has his sights set on another SEC mark. *More on the record-breaking Bennett, page 12.*

HOLIDAY RECOGNIZED

Stellar Vanderbilt student-athlete **Hamilton Holiday** earned Southeastern Conference Offensive Lineman of the Week honors Monday.

Holiday, a senior from Marietta, Ga., was recognized as a key factor in the team's 290-yard rushing output vs. Miami (Ohio). *More on page 6.*

UPCOMING GAMES

After traveling to Florida, the Commodores return to Nashville for their final SEC home game against the Kentucky Wildcats. Kickoff is slated for 1:00 p.m., CT, with no television planned.

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GAME 9

VANDERBILT AT #18 FLORIDA

(5-3, 2-3) (5-3, 3-3)



KICKOFF INFORMATION

DATE: Saturday, November 3, 2007

KICKOFF: 11:30 a.m., CST

STADIUM: Ben Hill Griffin Stadium

LOCATION: Gainesville, Fla.

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: 119

TELEVISION: Lincoln Financial Sports
southeastern U.S.; ESPN GamePlan

TELEVISION CREW:

Dave Neal, play-by-play;

Dave Archer, color analyst;

Dave Baker, sideline reporter

QUICK FACTS ON THE UNIVERSITIES



Location

Founded

Enrollment

Conference

Nickname

Colors

Home Field

Capacity

Field Surface

Head Coach

Alma Mater

Coaching Record

Website

VANDERBILT

Nashville, Tenn.

1873

6,402

Southeastern

Commodores

Black & Gold

Vanderbilt Stadium

39,773

natural grass

Bobby Johnson (6th)

Clemson, 1973

80-82 (.494)

vucommoedors.com

FLORIDA

Gainesville, Fla.

1809

18,937

Southeastern

Gators

Orange & Blue

Ben Hill Griffin Stadium

88,548

natural grass

Urban Meyer (3rd)

Cincinnati, 1986

66-15 (.815)

gatorzone.com

GAME NOTES

'DORES SEEK VICTORY No. 6

On Saturday, Vanderbilt will try to do something it hasn't achieved in a quarter century – win its sixth game of the regular season.

Vanderbilt posted its fifth victory last Saturday in Nashville – a 24-13 decision over Miami (Ohio). It marked only the seventh season since the Commodores' 8-4 1982 Hall of Fame Bowl campaign that Vanderbilt has reached five wins. Before this year, it most recently happened in 2005.

ROAD WINS OVER RANKED TEAMS

When the Commodores travel to Gainesville Saturday, they will be attempting to win their third road game in the last two years against a Top 25 opponent.

Twice in the last 13 months, Bobby Johnson's Commodores have achieved a feat never accomplished previously by Vanderbilt – defeat a ranked squad on its home field.

Two weeks ago, the Commodores stunned No. 6 ranked South Carolina 17-6 before more than 79,000 fans in Columbia. Little more than a year ago, Vanderbilt left Athens, Ga., with a 24-22 victory over No. 16-ranked Georgia.

Prior to the win in Athens, Vanderbilt had never beaten a ranked opponent on its home field.

MOST HOME WINS SINCE 1987

Vanderbilt's 24-13 victory over Miami (Ohio) was its fourth home win of the year, marking the most by a Commodore squad on Dudley Field since 1987.

This season, the Commodores have a season-opening victory over Richmond, a SEC triumph over Ole Miss, and wins over Mid-American Conference members Eastern Michigan and Miami (Ohio).

The Commodores have two more home games – Kentucky on Nov. 10 and Wake Forest on Nov. 24 – as part of its first eight-game home schedule in more than a decade.

No Vanderbilt squad has posted five home victories since the 1982 season when the Commodores went 6-0 in Vanderbilt Stadium.

'DORE STRUGGLES ON LF SPORTS

Vanderbilt hopes to end a four-game losing skid in games televised by Lincoln-Financial Sports.

Earlier this season, the Commodores lost to Alabama and Auburn on LF Sports, following late-season disappointments last year versus Florida and Tennessee.

Vanderbilt's last win on LF Sports was one of its most significant recent victories – a 24-22 win at Georgia last year.

JOHNSON GETS 20TH 'DORE WIN

Bobby Johnson became the eighth head coach in team history to guide at least 20 Commodore victories when he reached the plateau when Vanderbilt defeated Miami (Ohio) 24-13 on Saturday.

Johnson is the first Commodore coach to accomplish the feat since George MacIntyre, who directed the program from 1979-85.

While Johnson's overall coaching record at Vanderbilt is 20-46, his teams are 14-17 since the 2005 opener. It's the most victories in a three-year span since Gerry DiNardo's squads went 14-19 from 1992 to 1994.

TOUGH TO DEFEAT THE GATORS

Vanderbilt has had difficulty defeating several SEC powers – and Florida in one of them.

The Commodores journey to Gainesville looking to snap a 16-game losing streak to the Gators that dates to a 24-9 win in 1988. Vanderbilt has also lost its last 15 appearances at Florida Field dating to a 6-6 tie in 1958.

In recent years, Coach Johnson's Commodores have ended a number of similar disappointments:

- Its 17-6 win over South Carolina on Oct. 20 ended a seven-game skid to the Gamecocks and a 15-game streak to opponents coached by former Gator Heisman winner and coach Steve Spurrier.
- Ended a 22-game losing streak to Tennessee (and 13 to Phil Fulmer) with a 2005 road win;
- Stopped a 11-game streak to Georgia (and six to Mark Richt) with road victory in 2006.

RECENT VANDY ROAD SUCCESSSES

Under 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:

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

'DORES GET BCS, COACHES' VOTES

Vanderbilt received its votes in the weekly USA Today Coaches Poll and Bowl Championship Series (BCS) polls for the second straight week.

The Commodores received four votes in the USA Today poll and was tied for No. 42 in the latest BCS Ranking announced Oct. 28.

The Commodores are 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. 28 follows:

1. Ohio State (56)	(9-0)	1495
2. Boston College (3)	(8-0)	1414
3. LSU	(7-1)	1324
4. Oregon (1)	(7-1)	1280
5. Oklahoma	(7-1)	1269
6. Arizona State	(8-0)	1221
7. West Virginia	(7-1)	1177
8. Kansas	(8-0)	1108
9. Missouri	(7-1)	983
10. Georgia	(6-2)	791
11. Hawaii	(8-0)	769
12. Texas	(7-2)	753
13. Virginia Tech	(6-2)	736
14. Michigan	(7-2)	701
15. So. California	(6-2)	679
16. Auburn	(6-3)	454
17. Florida	(5-3)	451
18. Alabama	(6-2)	439
19. Wisconsin	(7-2)	422
20. Connecticut	(7-1)	419
21. South Florida	(6-2)	291
22. Boise State	(7-1)	218
23. Kentucky	(6-3)	159
24. Clemson	(6-2)	145
25. South Carolina	(6-3)	131

Others Receiving Votes:

Virginia (7-2) 119; California (5-3) 118; Wake Forest (6-2) 115; Purdue (7-2) 107; Tennessee (5-3) 64; Penn State (6-3) 53; Illinois (6-3) 21; Kansas State (5-3) 20; Brigham Young (5-2) 13; Okla. State (5-3) 11; Cincinnati (6-2) 8; Texas Tech (6-3) 8; Houston (5-3) 4; Vanderbilt (5-3) 4; Colorado (5-4) 2; Florida State (5-3) 2; Oregon State (5-3) 2.

SERIES NOTES ★ 2006 RECAP

VANDERBILT-FLORIDA SERIES NOTES

- ★ Meeting Between Schools: 41st
- ★ Series Record: Vanderbilt trails, 9-29-2
- ★ Last Meeting: Vanderbilt 19-Florida 25 (2006)
- ★ First Meeting: Vanderbilt 7-Florida 0 (1945)
- ★ Last Meeting in Gainesville: Vanderbilt 42-Florida 49 20T (2005)
- ★ Last Vanderbilt Win in Series: 24-9 (1988)
- ★ Vanderbilt Record in Florida: 2-16-1
- ★ Vanderbilt Record in Nashville: 7-13-1
- ★ Biggest Vanderbilt Margin: 20-0 (1946)
- ★ Longest Vanderbilt Win Streak: 3
- ★ Longest Vanderbilt Losing Streak: 16

SERIES NOTES – Florida has captured the last 16 games played between the schools, dating back to a 24-9 Vanderbilt victory in 1988. The Commodores have struggled in Gainesville, going just 1-17-1 all-time on the Florida campus. Vanderbilt's lone win in Gainesville came in 1945 – its first appearance in Florida Field.

Vanderbilt controlled the series in its infancy, winning five of the first seven games played between the schools from 1945-1955.

From 1974-1988, Vanderbilt captured three of six games played in the series. All three victories came in Nashville.

PREP TEAMMATES FACE OFF SATURDAY

Two Commodores – receiver/returner **Alex Washington** and defensive tackle **Brandon Holmes** – will face prep teammates when Vanderbilt and Florida square off in Gainesville Saturday.

Washington, a redshirt sophomore who ranks among the SEC leaders in punt returns, and Gator sophomore starting DE **Jermaine Cunningham** were standouts at powerful Stephenson H.S., in Atlanta.

Holmes, a redshirt junior who has seen little action this season, attended Garland (Texas) H.S., the same school that produced Gator reserve DL **Brandon Antwine**.

COMMODORES FROM THE SUNSHINE STATE

Four likely starters – redshirt senior OT **Brian Stamper**, redshirt junior WR **George Smith**, redshirt junior TE **Brad Allen** and sophomore CB **Myron Lewis** – are among seven Florida residents on the Vanderbilt roster.

Stamper, from Windermere near Orlando, is a former co-captain and 2005 All-Southeastern Conference offensive tackle. Stamper has started every game at right tackle during a fifth year that got the blessing of the NCAA after he went down with a back injury in 2006 that eventually required surgery. Last week, he was a co-winner of the Commodores' offensive player of the week honors.

Smith, from Hollywood, is another amazing medical story, having recovered from a serious viral infection three years ago to become a starting receiver. He has 22 career starts entering the Florida contest.

In his first year as a starter, Lewis, from Pompano Beach, ranks among the SEC leaders in defended passes. Allen, of Venice, has eight starts at tight end.

Other Floridians on the Commodore roster are senior LB **Michael Garcia** (R-Fr., Jacksonville), TB **Jermaine Doster** (Fr., Tampa) and TB **Ryan van Rensburg** (Fr., Jacksonville).

2006 RECAP ★ GAME 10

FLORIDA GATORS VS. VANDERBILT COMMODORES
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FLORIDA 25 VANDERBILT 19

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Chris Nickson produced a career passing effort against the nationally ranked Gators, helping the Commodores stage a late rally in Florida's 25-19 win.

Nickson completed 27 passes, including 13 to Earl Bennett, for 298 yards in the career-best effort. Bennett had 157 receiving yards. Nickson's 298-yard passing effort was the most compiled against the eventual national champions last year.

Paced by Chris Leak's two touchdown rushes, the Gators moved out to a 25-6 lead before two fourth-quarter touchdowns by Vanderbilt. With 90 seconds left, the game was eerily similar to the '05 Commodore-Gator thriller in Gainesville. The Gators recovered a late on-sides attempt by Vanderbilt to seal the victory.

Jonathan Goff paced the Commodore defensive effort, contributing nine tackles and an interception. Darlron added six total tackles for the defense. Ray Brown and Ryan Hamilton also recorded their first collegiate interceptions.

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
FLORIDA	8	7	10	0	25	8-1, 6-1
VANDERBILT	6	0	0	13	19	4-6, 1-5

FIRST QUARTER: UF – Leak 4-yd. run (Casey pass from Rowley) 12:21. VU – Jackson-Garrison 13-yd. run (Nickson pass failed) 6:17.
SECOND QUARTER: UF – Baker 14-yd. pass from Leak (Hetland kick) 12:04.
THIRD QUARTER: UF – Leak 4-yd. run (Hetland kick) 8:12. UF – Hetland 29-yd. FG :16.
FOURTH QUARTER: VU – Smith 10-yd. pass from Nickson (Nickson pass failed) 11:33. VU – Bennett 31-yd. pass from Nickson (Hahnfeldt kick) 2:30.

GAME STATISTICS

	FLORIDA	VANDERBILT
FIRST DOWNS	18	19
RUSHING (NET)	33-88	23-93
PASSING YARDS	242	298
PASSES: ATT-COMP-INT	28-19-3	44-27-1
TOTAL OFF. (#-YARDS)	61-330	67-391
PUNT RETURNS-YARDS	5-62	2-12
KO-YARDS	3-66	5-77
INT RETURNS-YARDS	1-1	3-4
PUNTS (#-AVG)	6-42.2	7-29.4
FUMBLES-LOST	2-0	1-0
PENALTIES-YARDS	6-53	3-33
POSSESSION TIME	31:55	28:05
THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	2 OF 9	3 OF 14
FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	0 OF 0	1 OF 2
RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES	4-5	2-3
SACKS BY: (#-YARDS)	3-18	4-24

RUSHING: UF – Wynn, 15-64; Tebow 6-38; Caldwell 1-7; Team 2-(-3); Leak 9-(-18). VU – Jackson-Garrison 11-43; Hawkins 1-35; Nickson 11-15.
PASSING: UF – Leak 18-25-3-237; Tebow 1-3-0-5; VU – Nickson 27-44-1-298.
RECEIVING: UF – Caldwell 8-68; Baker, D. 7-135; Cornelius, J. 2-24; Harvin 1-8; Tookes 1-7. VU – Bennett 13-157; Smith 5-42; White 3-31; Jackson-Garrison 3-28; Walker 2-39; Washington 1-1.



NOTES ★ COMPARISONS

DEFENSE SOLID AGAIN IN WIN OVER MIAMI

The Vanderbilt defense posted another impressive performance – especially in the second half – to spark the Commodores' 24-13 victory over Miami (Ohio).

Deadlocked at 10-10 entering intermission, the defense limited Miami to four first downs and 60 total yards in the second half to give the Commodores the boost needed to win.

Vanderbilt also succeeded in stopping every RedHawk drive in the fourth quarter, holding Miami to a pair of first downs, 22 total yards and 4:30 of possession in the period.

The defense also helped Vanderbilt win despite giving up four turnovers.

Vanderbilt enters the Florida game – and its powerful offense directed by QB **Tim Tebow** – off consecutive strong defensive efforts in victories over South Carolina and Miami (Ohio). The Commodores held both opponents under 300 total yards, and did not allow South Carolina into its end zone. The Gamecocks and RedHawks both were held to 26 rushing yards against the Commodores.

The Commodore defense has played well for much of the season, and ranks among the Southeastern Conference leaders in several categories:

- The unit ranks third in the conference – and 14th nationally – in total defense, allowing 301 yards a game.
- The unit leads the SEC with 24 quarterback sacks, though no Commodore has more than three individually.
- The unit is holding opponents to 17.4 points per game – third best in the SEC and 13th in the nation. Six of Vanderbilt's eight opponents have scored 20 points or less.
- The 'Dore pass defense is fifth in the SEC – and 15th in the NCAA – averaging 183 yards. Only one opponent (Auburn) has completed more than 60% of its pass attempts. Vanderbilt has held four opposing QBs to a completion percentage of 50% or less:

The Commodores also rank tied for second – and tied for 9th in the NCAA – with 14 interceptions.

The Commodores' defensive pass efficiency rating of 102.7 ranks 15th in the NCAA and fifth in the SEC.

- The unit has allowed 129 first downs (16.1-average), second best in the SEC.
- The Commodore rush defense (118 yards a game) is fourth best in the conference, and ranks 27th in the nation.

In recent weeks, the unit has improved greatly in third-down situations. South Carolina and Miami (Ohio) converted on just seven of 27 third downs (25.9%). On the season, Vanderbilt opponents are experiencing a 34.9% success rate on third downs. The unit ranks fourth in the SEC in the category.

To date, the Commodore defense ranks favorably with any recent Vanderbilt edition. Only once in the last three decades (1997) has a 'Dore defense held opponents to less than 20 points per game. The 1997 squad, paced by All-America LB **Jamie Duncan**, CB **Corey Chavous** and DE **Glenn Young**, held opponents to an 18.5-point average.

The team's total defense average also ranks favorably. Since the Commodores' Peach Bowl squad of 1974, only one unit (1997) had a better total defense (275.1 yards) than the current Commodore unit.

TEAM STATISTICAL COMPARISONS

	VANDERBILT	FLORIDA
	(AFTER WEEK 10)	
TEAM RECORD	5-3/2-3	5-3/3-3
TOTAL POINTS	177	313
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	21	42
POINTS ALLOWED	139	205
TOUCHDOWNS ALLOWED	15	25
FIRST DOWNS	147	173
RUSHING	77	86
PASSING	59	79
PENALTY	11	8
RUSHING YARDAGE	1323	1495
YARDS GAINED RUSHING	1528	1638
YARDS LOST RUSHING	[205]	[143]
RUSHING ATTEMPTS	331	302
AVERAGE PER RUSH	4.0	5.0
AVERAGE PER GAME	165.4	186.9
TDS RUSHING	10	21
PASSING YARDAGE	1290	1972
ATT-COMP-INT	202-109-8	200-132-3
AVERAGE PER PASS	6.4	9.9
AVERAGE PER CATCH	11.8	14.9
AVERAGE PER GAME	161.2	246.5
TDS PASSING	10	18
TOTAL OFFENSE	2612	3467
TOTAL PLAYS	533	502
AVERAGE PER PLAY	4.9	6.9
AVERAGE PER GAME	326.6	433.4
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	29-728	31-777
AVERAGE KICK RETURN	25.1	25.1
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	25-244	17-252
AVERAGE PUNT RETURN	9.8	14.8
INTERCEPTION RETURNS: #-YARDS	14-99	6-44
AVERAGE INT. RETURN	7.1	7.3
FUMBLES/FUMBLES LOST	18-8	10-6
OPP. FUMBLES/FUMBLES RECOVERED	8-2	9-3
PENALTIES-YARDS	40-324	62-493
AVERAGE PER GAME	40.5	61.6
PUNTS-YARDS	38-1457	25-969
AVERAGE PER PUNT	38.3	38.8
NET PUNT AVERAGE	32.9	37.9
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	30:54	29:00
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	46/116	46/89
3RD DOWN PCT.	40%	52%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	8/13	5/7
4TH DOWN PCT.	62%	71%
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	10/14	7/9



2007 PARTICIPATION ★ NOTES

VANDERBILT ACTIVE PLAYER PARTICIPATION

PLAYER	POSITION	2007 GAMES PLAYED	2007 STARTS	CAREER GAMES PLAYED	CAREER STARTS	CONSECUTIVE CAREER STARTS
Mackenzi Adams	QB	8	2	21	2	2
Brad Allen	TE	8	6	30	12	-
Josh Allen	CB	7	1	30	10	1
Bryant Anderson	WR	7	-	28	1	-
Joey Bailey	C	4	-	4	-	-
Earl Bennett	WR	8	8	31	28	28
Patrick Benoist	LB	5	3	14	3	3
Greg Billinger	DT	7	-	19	-	-
Jake Bradford	TE	8	1	20	1	-
Brandon Bryant	LB	5	3	17	3	-
Matt Bubis	FB	7	-	9	-	-
Marcus Buggs	LB	8	8	41	24	21
Joel Caldwell	CB	8	-	18	11	-
Nate Campbell	LB	8	-	8	-	-
Ryan Custer	OG	8	-	20	2	-
Josh Eames	OL	8	8	34	28	10
Jared Fagan	CB	8	-	31	2	-
Michael Garcia	LB	5	-	5	-	-
Drew Gardner	OL	7	-	13	-	-
Curtis Gatewood	DE	8	8	42	20	20
Jonathan Goff	LB	8	8	41	36	36
Justin Green	TE	7	-	7	-	-
Gabe Hall	DT	8	8	39	8	8
Bryant Hahnfeldt	PK	8	8	31	31	31
Ryan Hamilton	S	8	8	20	17	15
Jared Hawkins	TB	8	-	20	-	-
Eric Hensley	OL	6	-	17	-	-
Hamilton Holliday	OL	8	8	38	22	20
Brandon Holmes	DT	2	-	8	-	-
Theo Horrocks	DT	8	8	39	30	22
Cassen Jackson-Garrison	TB	8	5	40	19	1
Jeff Jennings	TB	7	2	29	13	-
Chris Johnson	LB	8	-	19	-	-
Theron Kadri	DE	8	-	8	-	-
Merritt Kirchoffer	OG	8	8	35	18	9
Richard Kovalcheck	QB	2	-	5	-	-
Reshard Langford	SS	8	8	31	31	31
Reilly Lauer	DE	2	-	2	-	-
Myron Lewis	CB	8	8	18	8	8
Gaston Miller	TB	-	-	8	-	-
Nick Miller	SN	4	-	16	-	-
Austin Monahan	TE	5	-	5	-	-
D.J. Moore	CB	8	8	20	17	8
Austin Newton	LB	7	-	7	-	-
Chris Nickson	QB	7	6	25	18	-
Kennard Reeves	RB	8	-	8	-	-
Chris Reinert	WR	5	-	7	-	-
Larry Simmons	WR	-	-	2	-	-
George Smith	WR	8	8	31	22	12
Adam Smotherman	DT	3	-	3	-	-
Darlon Spead	CB	7	2	19	2	-
Brian Stamper	OT	8	8	46	44	8
Broderick Stewart	DE	8	-	20	-	-
John Stokes	LB/SN	8	-	8	-	-
Steven Stone	DE	8	8	20	8	8
Alan Strong	CB	6	-	6	-	-
Brent Trice	S	8	-	20	-	-
Brett Upson	P	8	8	20	20	20
Ryan Vance	OL	2	-	3	-	-
Brad Vierling	OG	8	-	19	-	-
Sean Walker	WR	8	7	27	13	1
Alex Washington	WR	8	-	20	-	-
Thomas Welch	OT	8	-	16	-	-
Justin Wheeler	WR	8	-	17	-	-
David Whittington	DT	8	-	21	-	-
Chris Williams	OT	8	8	31	29	29

OFFENSE EMPHASIZING RUSHING ATTACK

An emphasis on running the ball has proved beneficial to Commodore recent success.

Vanderbilt rushed for a season-high 290 yards in the victory over Miami (Ohio). It was the Commodores' highest rushing total since accumulating 344 yards in a 49-18 victory over Furman on Sept. 7, 2002. It was the most by a Commodore offense against a BCS-Bowl Subdivision opponent since Vanderbilt racked up 338 rushing yards in a 42-28 win at Duke on Oct. 27, 2001.

The Commodores are succeeding in the rushing game by committee. **TB Cassen Jackson-Garrison**, the top rusher versus Miami, finished with 75 yards. Four others, including quarterbacks **Mackenzi Adams** and **Chris Nickson**, **TB Jared Hawkins** and all-purpose athlete **D.J. Moore**, contributed at least 35 yards to the attack.

The rushing output is the second highest ever by a Bobby Johnson-directed Commodore squad. The ten highest Vanderbilt rushing accumulations in Johnson's six-year tenure follows:

YARDS	OPPONENT	DATE
344	vs. Furman	Sept. 7, 2002
290	vs. Miami (Ohio)	Oct. 27, 2007
284	vs. Chattanooga	Sept. 6, 2003
279	vs. Temple	Sept. 30, 2006
257	at Ole Miss	Sept. 21, 2002
254	vs. Florida	Nov. 6, 2004
246	vs. Kentucky	Nov. 15, 2003
240	vs. Arkansas	Sept. 16, 2006
237	vs. Richmond	Sept. 24, 2005
235	at Duke	Oct. 28, 2006

COMMODORES IMPROVED IN SPECIAL TEAMS

After struggling with special teams play during the 2006 season, the Commodores are improved in virtually every area this season.

The Commodores rank among the SEC leaders in both return categories and have enjoyed improved results from kicking specialists **Bryant Hahnfeldt** and **Brett Upson**.

Vanderbilt and Florida lead the SEC in kickoff returns, averaging 25.1 yards per attempt. Both teams have a standout returner: **Brandon James** of Florida and **D.J. Moore** of Vanderbilt. The Commodore standout ranks third in the SEC with a 28.6-yard average. No Vanderbilt returner in the last 50 years has enjoyed a yearly average higher than Kwane Doster's 25.7-yard average in 2002.

Vanderbilt also ranks fifth in the SEC in punt returns, with **Alex Washington's** 9.4-yard average the seventh best in the league. If Washington continues his current performance, it would be the best by a Commodore since Alvin Duke's 10.3-yard average in 1998.

Hahnfeldt has converted on 10 of 14 field goal tries, and has not missed an extra point. Upson has upped his punting average to 38.4 yards, but leads the SEC in efforts inside the opponent 20-yard line.

Last year, virtually every phase of special teams seemed like a struggle for the Commodores.

Vanderbilt ranked 102nd and 114th in the NCAA in kickoff and punt returns, respectively. Hahnfeldt, coming off a leg injury, hit on less than 50% of his field goals. Upson's net punting average ranked near the bottom of the NCAA.

COMMODORE RANKINGS ★ NOTES

2007 SEC, NCAA STAT RANKINGS

TEAM CATEGORY	AVG.	SEC	NCAA
Scoring Offense	22.1	11	93
Scoring Defense	17.4	3	13
Total Offense	326.6	11	105
Rushing Offense	165.4	T-6	T-48
Passing Offense	161.2	11	111
Total Defense	301.0	3	14
Rushing Defense	118.0	4	27
Passing Defense	183.0	5	15
Net Punting	32.9	11	90
Punt Returns	9.8	5	50
Kickoff Returns	25.1	1	15
Turnover Margin	.00	T-7	T-57
Pass Efficiency	116.0	11	87
Defensive Pass Efficiency	102.9	4	15
Penalties (Total)	5.0	1	11
Penalty Yardage	40.5	1	9
Third Down Conversion %	39.7%	9	60
Third-Down Conversion % (opponent)	34.9%	4	31
Quarterback Sacks	24	1	11
Quarterback Sacks Allowed	12	5	33
Pass Interceptions	14	T-2	T-9
Time of Possession	30:42	4	35
Offense in Red Zone %	27/40 67.5%	11	
Defense in Red Zone %	18/22 81.8%	8	
First Downs	18.4	10	
First Downs Allowed	16.1	2	
INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE CATEGORY	AVG.	SEC	NCAA
Earl Bennett Receptions	6.8	1	T-19
Receiving Yards	79.9	3	40
Chris Nickson Total Offense	134.6	10	
INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE CATEGORY	AVG.	SEC	NCAA
Marcus Buggs Tackles for Loss	1.1	9	T-57
Total Tackles	5.9	T-25	
Jonathan Goff Total Tackles	8.9	4	T-65
Solo Tackles	5.0	T-5	T-66
Interceptions	2	T-8	T-96
Myron Lewis Passed Defensed	1.4	T-4	T-17
D.J. Moore Solo Tackles	6.1	2	19
Total Tackles	7.4	T-12	
Interceptions	5	T-1	T-5
Passes Defensed	1.5	3	T-9
Reshard Langford Passes Defensed	1.0	10	
SPECIAL TEAM CATEGORIES	AVG.	SEC	NCAA
Bryant Hahnfeldt, Scoring (by kicker)	51 pts.	9	
Field Goals Made	10	T-7	T-43
Field Goal Accuracy	71.4	T-7	
D.J. Moore Kick Return Avg.	28.6	3	20
Alex Washington Punt Returns	9.4	7	50
Brett Upton Punting	38.3	10	95

HOLLIDAY SEC LINEMAN OF THE WEEK

Senior offensive center **Hamilton Holliday** was named the SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week Monday after helping the Commodores produce their highest rushing total in five years.

Holliday contributed a season-high five knockdown blocks while earning a "winning" 93% grade from coaches. Holliday's effort was instrumental in the Commodores' 290 rushing yards in Vanderbilt's 23-14 win over Miami (Ohio).

Holliday becomes the fifth Vanderbilt recipient this season of SEC Player of the Week honors: Other honorees are CB **D.J. Moore**, Defensive Player of the Week, and punter **Brett Upton**, Specialist of the Week, Oct. 20; OT **Chris Williams**, Offensive Lineman of the Week, Sept. 15; and **Earl Bennett**, Offensive Player of the Week, Sept. 1.

COMMODORE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

RICHMOND (W, 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 (L, 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 (W, 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 (W, 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 (L, 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 (L, 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 (W, 17-6, 10/20)

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

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

SPECIALISTS OF WEEK: Brett Upton, punter

MIAMI (OHIO) (W, 24-13, 10/27)

OFFENSIVE PLAYERS OF WEEK: Brian Stamper, OT; Hamilton Holliday, center

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF WEEK: Theo Horrocks, DT

SPECIALISTS OF WEEK: Brent Trice, coverage units

COMMODORE NOTES

VANDERBILT – SEASON TO DATE

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

Most importantly, Vanderbilt has outscored its opponents 177-139. Not since 1982 – Vanderbilt's last bowl squad – have the 'Dores finished the year scoring more cumulative points than its opponents.

The Commodores are also producing:

- more first downs (147-129) than their opponents;
- rushing yards (1,323-944) than their foes;
- have compiled more total yardage (2,6113-2,408) than their opponents;
- maintain a 30:54-29:06 advantage in time of possession.

SACKING THE QUARTERBACK: Getting help from every position, the Commodores lead the SEC in quarterback sacks but strangely, do not have a player in the conference Top 10 in the category.

The Commodores have posted 24 quarterback sacks, two more than the LSU's runnerup total. Twelve different Commodore players, including two cornerbacks and a safety, have recorded sacks.

Five defenders share the team lead with three sacks: Sophomore DEs **Steven Stone** and **Broderick Stewart**, senior LBs **Jonathan Goff** and **Marcus Buggs**, and sophomore LB **Patrick Benoist**.

The sack total is one shy of the Commodores' 2006 total.

FOURTH QUARTER SUCCESS: Rarely has a Commodore team enjoyed the fourth quarter success that the 2007 squad has through eight games.

Vanderbilt has outscored its opponents 51-21 in the final stanza. The only year since the mid-1980s that Vanderbilt has enjoyed a fourth quarter scoring edge was 2005 when QB Jay Cutler fueled a number of remarkable Commodore rallies.

Much of the fourth quarter success is due to Vanderbilt's success in third-and fourth-down situations. The Commodore defense is limiting teams to a meager 18.2% success rate on third down conversions and 20% success on fourth down plays. At the same time, Vanderbilt is converting fourth quarter third downs at a 37.5% clip, and has converted four of five fourth-down attempts.

In four of eight games, the Commodores have owned the ball for more than 10 minutes of the fourth quarter. The 'Dores hold a 8:41-6:19 advantage in time of possession in the final stanza.

STRANGE TURNOVER STAT: While Vanderbilt ranks second in the SEC with 14 interceptions, it trails the entire conference with just two fumble recoveries.

Despite the high interception total, Vanderbilt is even year-to-date in turnover margin with its opponents.

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.

Junior **Josh Allen** enjoyed his first start of the season – and 10th of his career – as a third cornerback vs. Miami (Ohio).

GOFF AMONG SEC'S TOP ACTIVE TACKLERS

Senior LB **Jonathan Goff** ranks third among active Southeastern Conference players in a pair of career tackling categories. He had 11 total tackles, two tackles for loss including a sack, and a QB hurry in the victory over Miami.

Goff matched career highs three weeks ago versus Georgia with 12 solo tackles and 14 total tackles.

Goff has 262 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

330	Wesley Woodyard, LB, Kentucky
273	Jonathan Hefney, DB, Tennessee
262	Jonathan Goff , LB, Vanderbilt

SEC ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS – SOLO TACKLES

221	Wesley Woodyard, LB, Kentucky
200	Jonathan Hefney, DB, Tennessee
186	Jonathan Goff , LB, Vanderbilt

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 141 collegiate games.

Lineman	Total Games	Total Starts
Chris Williams, LT	29	29
Josh Eames, LG	34	28
Hamilton Holliday, C	38	22
Merritt Kirchoffer, RG	34	18
Brian Stamper, RT	46	44
Totals	181	141

HAHNFELDT NO. 3 IN POINTS BY KICKER

Bryant Hahnfeldt (Jr., PK) ranks third all-time among Commodore placekickers in with 173 career points. He kicked his 30th career field goal and three extra points in Vanderbilt's win over Miami.

Hahnfeldt is on pace to overtake former standout John Markham next season as the all-time Commodore leading scorer. Both Hahnfeldt and Markham enjoyed Nashville's Montgomery Bell Academy.

Hahnfeldt has converted 10 of 14 field goals this season. For his career, Hahnfeldt has converted on 62.5% of his field goal attempts (30/48) and 80 of 83 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. Bryant Hahnfeldt , 2005-07	30-48	80-83	173

COMMODORE 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 44-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 15 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 rebuilt 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.

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.

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

TOSTITOS' TEAM OF THE WEEK FOR OCT. 20

Vanderbilt was selected the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl National Team of the Week on Oct. 22 after its 17-6 upset of No. 6 South Carolina in Columbia two days earlier.

The Commodores have never beaten a team ranked higher than No. 6 by the Associated Press. Only once previously – in 1937 – had Vanderbilt ever defeated another No. 6 opponent (LSU, 7-6 in Nashville).

The Tostitos' National Team of the Week honor was the first ever for the Commodores by the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA).

D.J. MOORE EARNS THREE NATIONAL AWARDS

D.J. Moore (So., CB) swept three important individual awards last week in the aftermath of a superb performance in Vanderbilt's 17-6 upset victory at No. 6 South Carolina.

Moore, a native of Spartanburg, S.C., was honored with both the Walter Camp and Bronko Nagurski National Defensive Player of the Week awards after picking off two Gamecock passes and contributed eight total tackles. On Oct. 25, the Master Coaches Survey – a group that include 17 former coaches including 11 members of the College Football Hall of Fame – awarded Moore its "MCS Nike Game Ball" given to the nation's top defensive player of the week.

Moore became the first Vanderbilt defensive player to claim either of the three awards. He also took home SEC Defensive Player of the Week honors last Monday.

Moore's first INT led to Vanderbilt's initial points. His second pick halted the Gamecocks' deepest offensive threat of the game.

Moore posted another remarkable game last Saturday in Vanderbilt's win over Miami (Ohio). Contributing in virtually every phase of the game, Moore netted six total tackles, his first career QB sack and three defended passes on defense, averaged 40.5 yards on kickoff returns, and had a 39-yard rush as a running back.

Moore ranks among SEC and NCAA leaders in several categories.

- Moore shares the SEC lead– and is tied for fifth nationally – with five INTs, the highest single season total by a 'Dore in 18 years;
- Moore is second in the SEC – and tied for 19th in the nation – in solo tackles, averaging 6.1 per game;
- He ranks ninth in the NCAA with 12 defended passes;
- Moore is the NCAA's 20th best kickoff returner with a 28.6-yard average.

UPSON SEC'S TOP SPECIALIST OCT. 20

Sophomore punter **Brett Upson** used a career performance against South Carolina to earn the SEC Specialist of the Week after Vanderbilt's 17-6 road victory over No. 6 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.

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.

TRACKING EARL BENNETT

JUNIOR BECOMES SEC'S CAREER LEADER IN RECEPTIONS

LATEST ON BENNETT'S ACHIEVEMENTS...

MyNameIsEarlBennett.com

Vanderbilt junior **Earl Bennett** broke the Southeastern Conference record for career receptions three plays into the Miami (Ohio) game, typically making a difficult ankle-high catch look easy.

Remarkably, in a conference that has produced numerous star receivers, Bennett claimed the record-breaking catch in the 31st regular season game of his career, and without the benefit of appearing in postseason play. Bennett contributed eight catches for 84 yards to aid the Commodores'

fifth win of the season, 24-13 over the RedHawks. Bennett caught eight of Vanderbilt's 11 total receptions against Miami.

Through eight games, Bennett leads the SEC with 54 receptions and ranks third with 639 receiving yards. He is also among the SEC Top 10 with four touchdown catches.

Bennett is trying to lead the SEC in receiving for the third consecutive year. As a freshman and sophomore, he became the only player in league history to post two seasons of at least 75 receptions.

During the effort versus Miami (Ohio), Bennett continued to assault other SEC career receiving lists:

- Moved into the SEC all-time Top Ten in receiving yardage. With 2,661 career receiving yards, he moved past former SEC standouts Michael Clayton (LSU), Chris Collins (Ole Miss) and Eric Martin (LSU) en route to 10th place. He needs 48 receiving yards to overtake Wendell Davis (LSU) and 432 yards to become the all-time SEC leader.

After setting the Vanderbilt team mark for receptions on Oct. 6 at Auburn, Bennett is approaching two other key Vanderbilt receiving records:

- Bennett needs three touchdown catches to overtake **Dan Stricker** (21, 1999-2002) as the all-time leader.
- Bennett ranks third on the Commodore all-time chart for receiving yardage. He is 303 receiving yards shy of team record holder Boo Mitchell (2,964 yards, 1985-88).

BENNETT'S ASSAULT OF SEC ALL-TIME RECORDS

Earl Bennett became the SEC career leader in receptions last week, breaking the former record held by Craig Yeast of Kentucky (208 catches).

Bennett also ranks 10th in career receiving yardage.

	Yards	Name, School	Years
1.	3,093	Terrence Edwards, Georgia	1999-02
2.	3,001	Josh Reed, LSU	1999-01
3.	2,964	BOO MITCHELL , Vanderbilt	1985-88
4.	2,899	Craig Yeast, Kentucky	1995-98
5.	2,884	Fred Gibson, Georgia	2001-04
6.	2,880	DAN STRICKER , Vanderbilt	1999-02
7.	2,879	Anthony Lucas, Arkansas	1995-99
8.	2,814	Joey Kent, Tennessee	1993-96
9.	2,708	Wendell Davis, LSU	1984-87
10.	2,661	EARL BENNETT , Vanderbilt	2005-07

In 31 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, is a national semifinalist for the Biletnikoff Award.

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

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 #	215
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. Earl Bennett	2005-07	2,661

ALL-TIME SINGLE GAME RECEIVING TOTALS

RECEIVER	YARDS	GAME
Earl Bennett	223	Richmond, 2007
Clarence Sevellian	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
3. Earl Bennett	2005-07	19

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

CHRIS WILLIAMS

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

The Commodore All-America tackle candidate added another winning effort to his string of tremendous performances. Williams was a key reason why Vanderbilt rushed for 290 yards, its highest total in more than five years.

JONATHAN GOFF

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

Goff posted a Goff-like performance vs. Miami (Ohio) – 11 total tackles, two tackles for loss, a QB sack and one QB hurry. He ranks among the SEC leaders in tackles and among the team leaders in virtually every defensive category.

D.J. MOORE

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

Moore responded well coming off a career effort in win over South Carolina, posting six solo tackles, his first career QB sack and three defensed passes. A multi-threat, Moore ranks among SEC leaders in numerous categories, including interceptions, solo tackles, defensed passes and kickoff return yardage.

MARCUS BUGGS

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

Buggs continues to play excellent defense. Of his four tackles, 1.5 were for losses, including a 11-yard QB sacks. Buggs leads the 'Dores with 8.5 tackles for loss and shares the team lead with three QB sacks.

THEO HORROCKS

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

Earned defensive player of the week honors after seven-tackle effort vs. Miami (Ohio). A co-captain, the consistent Horrocks also added two tackles for loss.

RESHARD LANGFORD

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

A leader in the secondary, Langford contributed six tackles, a tackle for loss and two defensed passes in strong defensive effort against Miami (Ohio)

CURTIS GATEWOOD

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

Gatewood finished with a lone tackle in the win over Miami (Ohio), but applied constant pressure on the RedHawk quarterback from his defensive end position.

FORMER COMMODORES IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Former Player	NFL Team	Most Recent Performance
Corey Chavous, Safety	St. Louis Rams	Defensive leader posted seven tackles in Rams' narrow 27-20 loss to Cleveland Browns.
Jay Cutler, QB	Denver Broncos	Starts in Monday Night Football game against Brett Favre and Green Bay Packers.
Justin Geisinger, OG	Washington Redskins	Re-signed to Washington practice squad on Sept. 26.
Jovan Haye, DT	Tampa Bay	Posted four total tackles in Buccaneers' last-second 24-23 home loss to Jacksonville.
Hunter Hillenmeyer, LB	Chicago Bears	Contributed two tackles for struggling Bears in 16-7 loss to division rival Detroit.
Matt Stewart, LB	Cleveland Browns	Six-year veteran; Remains on injured reserve list with the Browns.
Jamie Winborn, LB	Denver Broncos	Continues to play more for Broncos. Denver faces Green Bay on Monday Night Football.
Todd Yoder, TE	Washington Redskins	Posted three catches for 23 yards in Redskins' loss to powerful New England Patriots.

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 has moved into a starting role and has 58 career catches for 812 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 keen 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 Forté (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) Spead (SPEED)
Udom (OOD-um) Umoh (OO-mah)
Bradley Vierling (VEER-ling)

COACH JOHNSON, STUDENT-ATHLETE POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

Following the Florida game, Coach Johnson will meet with the media at the Commodores' postgame press conference facility.

The Vanderbilt Player Locker Room is closed to the media. Interview request forms will be collected by the Commodore Sports Information staff. Player interviews will be conducted in the same location as Coach Johnson's conference 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.

MORE ABOUT THE 'DORES

EXCELLENT CROWDS WATCHING 'DORES

The Commodores are playing before an average of 34,935 fans through six home games. The average represents 87.8% capacity in Vanderbilt Stadium, which seats 39,773.

Last Saturday, 26,450 attended the non-SEC game against Miami (Ohio). Two weeks earlier, a capacity crowd watched Vanderbilt and Georgia play to a last-second decision. Earlier in the season, the Vanderbilt-Alabama game on Sept. 8 also was a sellout.

A third sellout is on tap in Vanderbilt Stadium, as officials announced Oct. 26 that the Kentucky game on Nov. 10 was sold out.

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

YEAR	AVG. ATTENDANCE
2007 (thru 5 games)	34,935
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

NICKSON NO. 7 ALL-TIME IN TOTAL OFFENSE

Junior QB **Chris Nickson**, who returned to action in the win over Miami (Ohio) and was one of three quarterbacks to play in the game, ranks seventh all-time among Commodore QBs in total offense.

Nickson's 2,861 career passing yards ranks ninth all-time among Commodore signal callers.

COMMODORE LEADERS – CAREER TOTAL OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK, YEARS	RUSHES	YARDS	PASSES	YARDS	PLAYS	TOT. YDS
1. Jay Cutler, 2002-05	453	1,256	1,242	8,697	1,695	9,953
2. Greg Zolman, 1998-01	228	-274	1,156	7,981	1,384	7,607
3. Whit Taylor, 1979-82	331	420	1,016	6,307	1,347	6,727
4. Eric Jones, 1986-88	389	1,211	661	5,029	1,050	6,240
5. Kurt Page, 1981-84	116	-225	936	6,233	1,052	6,008
6. Damian Allen, 1994-97	241	29	699	3,704	940	3,888
7. Chris Nickson , 2005-07	218	922	412	2,861	619	3,783

QUARLES GRAND MARSHAL OF HOMECOMING

Shelton Quarles, a Nashville native and former Commodore defensive standout who went on to enjoy a successful career with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, served as grand marshal of the Vanderbilt homecoming parade on Oct. 13.

Quarles retired last year after 10 years with the Tampa Bay Bucs. A standout LB, 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. Now, he serves as a Bucs' scout.

PAIR OF SEVEN-SACK TEAM EFFORTS

The Vanderbilt defense has twice equalled the Commodores' single-game record for quarterback sacks this season.

The unit initially matched the record with seven sacks in a 31-17 win over Ole Miss on Sept. 15. On Oct. 20, the defense duplicated the feat in Columbia, S.C., in a 17-6 victory over the No. 6 Gamecocks.

Last Saturday, the Commodores added five more sacks in a 24-13 win over Miami (Ohio) in Nashville.

Statistics since the 1984 season – when quarterback sacks officially became a defensive stat – reveals that no Commodore unit has produced more sacks in a game than the seven achieved against Ole Miss and South Carolina.

Only twice in the last 23 years – against Alabama on Sept. 10, 1994 and versus Virginia Tech on Nov. 4, 1989 – has a Commodore defensive unit matched the seven-sack output registered against the Rebels. Vanderbilt lost both previous games.

Seven defenders – LB **Jonathan Goff**, LB **Brandon Bryant**, DT **Theo Horrocks**, DT **Gabe Hall**, DE **Curtis Gatewood**, DE **Steven Stone** and DE **Broderick Stewart** – contributed to the sack total.

Stewart, Horrocks and Gatewood also shared in the sack total at South Carolina. Other contributors against the Gamecocks were LBs **Marcus Buggs** and **Patrick Benoist**, safety **Ryan Hamilton**, and cornerback **Darlon Spead**.

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

SNEDEKER, LEWIS HONORARY CAPTAINS

Two former Vanderbilt student-athletes, **Brandt Snedeker** and **Jensen Lewis**, have served as honorary captains during recent Commodore games.

Snedeker, a 2004 All-America and the like PGA Tour Rookie of the Year, flipped the coin prior to Vanderbilt's homecoming game against Georgia. Lewis, a 2005 graduate and standout rookie pitcher for the Cleveland Indians' division title this year, did the same honors for the Vanderbilt-Miami (Ohio) game.

At homecoming, Vanderbilt Athletics also recognized former 2005 SEC Offensive Player of the Year **Jay Cutler**. The former Commodore quarterback and current Denver Broncos' starter was in town to watch the game.

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

- 80-82 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
- 219-138-8 Combined Record (31 years of collegiate coaching)

SIXTH YEAR RECORD OF 'DORE HEAD COACHES

COACH	YEARS	W	L	T
Bobby Johnson	2007	5	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	5-3 (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. 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. 27TH

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	9	Mackenzi Adams (6-3, 210, R-So.)
	3	Chris Nickson (6-1, 210, R-Jr.)
TB	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.)
LT	74	Chris Williams (6-6, 320, R-Sr.)
	76	Thomas Welch (6-7, 295, 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.)
	60	Bradley Vierling (6-3, 290, R-So.)
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

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.)
	59	Adam Smotherman (6-4, 275, R-Fr.)
	98	Greg Billinger (6-4, 285, 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	30	Patrick Benoist (6-0, 218, 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.)

SPECIAL TEAMS

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 Reinert (5-9, 170, R-So.)

PR	4	Alex Washington (5-9, 185, R-So.)
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KR	17	D.J. Moore (5-10, 180, So.)
	4	Alex Washington (5-9, 185, R-So.)
LS	49	John Stokes (6-5, 230, Fr.)
	75	Nick Miller (6-3, 270, R-So.)
SN	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	Teriall 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

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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

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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	Teriall 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			