



# VANDERBILT

## 2008 Baseball

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2008 Schedule			
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
22	vs. Oregon State!	W	8-1
23	at Arizona State!	L	6-18
24	vs. Miami (OH)!	W	4-3
27	<b>EVANSVILLE</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>4-3</b>
29	<b>KANSAS@</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>7-1</b>
<b>MARCH</b>			
1	<b>IOWA@</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>3-6</b>
2	<b>XAVIER@</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>17-3</b>
4	<b>LOUISVILLE</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>17-6</b>
6	<b>ILLINOIS-CHICAGO</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>1-2</b>
7	<b>ILLINOIS-CHICAGO</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>5-4</b>
9	<b>ILLINOIS-CHICAGO</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>9-3</b>
11	<b>WESTERN CAROLINA</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>5-3</b>
12	<b>WESTERN CAROLINA</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>11-4</b>
14	<b>SOUTH CAROLINA★</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>4-3 (13)</b>
15	<b>SOUTH CAROLINA★</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>7-16</b>
16	<b>SOUTH CAROLINA★</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>10-4</b>
19	<b>LIPSCOMB</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>12-4</b>
21	at Alabama★	W	2-1
22	at Alabama★	L	7-9
23	at Alabama★ (CSS TV)	L	3-10
25	<b>BELMONT</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>7-3</b>
26	<b>MIDDLE TENNESSEE</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>12-10 (12)</b>
29	<b>ARKANSAS★ (FSN TV)</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>6-5 (12)</b>
30	<b>ARKANSAS★</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>6-2</b>
<b>APRIL</b>			
1	<b>SOUTHEAST MISSOURI</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>8-12</b>
2	at Middle Tennessee	W	6-5
5	at Ole Miss★ (Gm 1)	L	7-6
5	at Ole Miss★ (Gm 2)	L	0-8
6	at Ole Miss★	L	6-11
8	<b>WESTERN KENTUCKY</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>5-1</b>
9	<b>AUSTIN PEAY</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>8-1</b>
11	at Mississippi State★	W	15-8
12	at Mississippi State★	W	16-0
13	at Mississippi State★	W	4-3
15	at Lipscomb	W	8-1
16	at Western Kentucky	W	5-1
18	<b>AUBURN★</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>3-6</b>
19	<b>AUBURN★ (CSS TV)</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>8-2</b>
20	<b>AUBURN★</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>9-5</b>
22	at Austin Peay	W	9-8
23	at Belmont	W	10-7
25	<b>KENTUCKY★</b>		<b>6 p.m.</b>
26	<b>KENTUCKY★</b>		<b>2 p.m.</b>
27	<b>KENTUCKY★</b>		<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>MAY</b>			
2	at Tennessee★		6 p.m.
3	at Tennessee★ (FSN TV)		3 p.m.
4	at Tennessee★ (SportSouth TV)		1 p.m.
6	vs. Memphis		7:05 p.m.
7	<b>TENNESSEE TECH</b>		<b>6 p.m.</b>
9	<b>GEORGIA★ (CSS TV)</b>		<b>6 p.m.</b>
10	<b>GEORGIA★</b>		<b>2 p.m.</b>
11	<b>GEORGIA★</b>		<b>1 p.m.</b>
15	at Florida★		5:30 p.m.
16	at Florida★		5:30 p.m.
17	at Florida★ (SUN TV)		Noon
21-25	SEC Tournament		TBA
30-Jun-02	NCAA Regionals		TBA
<b>JUNE</b>			
9-Jun	NCAA Super Regionals		TBA
14-25	at College World Series		TBA

**Bold Caps** – Home Games    **★** – SEC Game  
 !- DeMarini Invitational (Tempe, Ariz.)  
 @- Music City Classic  
 All games central time and are subject to change.

**No. 10 Vanderbilt (30-11, 10-7 SEC)  
 vs. No. 17 Kentucky (31-10, 9-9 SEC)**

**Friday, April 25 ★ 6 p.m. CT**  
**Saturday, April 26 ★ 2 p.m. CT**  
**Sunday, April 27 ★ 1 p.m. CT**  
**Hawkins Field (3,000)**

### Setting The Scene

**Series History**  
 Kentucky leads 135-124-5 in a series that dates back to 1905. The Commodores have won three of the five series against the Wildcats under Tim Corbin, including last season in Lexington. UK won two of three against VU in Nashville in 2006. Vanderbilt holds a 67-58-4 series lead in games played in the Music City.

**Last Year**

April 13, 2007	Vanderbilt 10, Kentucky 8	Lexington
April 14, 2007	Vanderbilt 9, Kentucky 4	Lexington
April 15, 2007	Kentucky 8, Vanderbilt 6	Lexington

**Polls**  
 Vanderbilt is ranked in all the national polls, with a high ranking of No. 10 by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association. ESPN/Sports Weekly puts the Commodores at No. 13. *Baseball America* has VU at No. 17 and Rivals.com has the team at No. 18. *Collegiate Baseball* ranks the Commodores No. 20 this week. Kentucky is ranked No. 17 by the NCBWA, No. 21 by the Coaches Poll, No. 22 by BA and No. 23 by CB. All of the National Polls can be found on page 6 of the release.

**The Coaches**  
 VU's **Tim Corbin** is 228-119 in his sixth season as head coach. He is 9-6 against the Wildcats all-time. UK's **John Cohen** is 162-103-1 in his fifth season with the Wildcats. He is 308-187-1 in nine years overall. He is 4-8 against the Commodores all-time.

**Radio/TV/Internet**  
 All three games will be broadcast on WNSR 560 AM in Nashville. In addition you can catch the internet version of the broadcast via [www.vucommidores.com](http://www.vucommidores.com). "Voice of the Commodores" **Joe Fisher** will call the action this weekend. The Saturday and Sunday contests will also be carried on Sirius Satellite Radio on Channel 122. All three games will also be available via pay-per-view webcasts through [www.vucommidores.com](http://www.vucommidores.com). Live stats can also be accessed through [vucommidores.com](http://vucommidores.com).

### Probable Starter Notes

Position Players							Notes
No.	Pos.	Player	GP-GS	Avg.	HR	RBI	
17	C	Shea Robin	33-31	.297	1	12	11-for-27 (.407), 7 RBI over last eight games.
5	1B	Andrew Giobb	37-32	.328	2	27	Hit grand-slam HR against Belmont on Wed
8	2B	Alex Feinberg	36-35	.336	1	27	Playing with broken jaw suffered on 4/5.
22	SS	Ryan Flaherty	41-41	.331	11	45	Leads team in homers and RBI
25	3B	Pedro Alvarez	18-18	.293	3	12	16-for-39 (.410), 3 HR, 8 RBI in SEC play.
25	LF	Steven Liddle	33-20	.259	0	14	8-for-22 (.364) in last 10 games (6 starts)
7	LF	Parker Hanks	29-21	.271	3	7	6-for-20 (.300), 1 HR, 3 RBI in his last 7 gms.
1	CF	David Macias	41-41	.379	6	20	24-for-55 (.436), 1 HR, 5 RBI last 12 gms.
3	RF	Dominic de la Osa	41-41	.298	6	31	16-for-46 (.348), 13 RBI, 10 SB last 12 gms.
9	DH/C	Curt Casali	22-16	.328	2	13	7-for-19 (.368), 4 RBI in last seven games.

**Starting Pitchers**

No.	R/L	Player	W-L	ERA	Last Appearance	W-L	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
12	L	Mike Minor	4-3	4.22	vs. Auburn (4/18)	L	7.0	5	5	5	2	9
27	R	Caleb Cothran	6-2	3.02	vs. Auburn (4/19)	W	8.1	6	2	2	1	11
11	R	Nick Christen	5-1	3.97	vs. Auburn (4/20)	W	5.0	5	4	4	2	3



**SEC Baseball Standings  
as of games thru 4/24**

	SEC East			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Georgia	14	3	1	28	12	1
South Carolina	11	7	0	31	11	0
<i>Vanderbilt</i>	10	7	0	31	11	0
Florida	10	8	0	25	15	0
Tennessee	10	8	0	24	17	0
Kentucky	9	9	0	31	10	0

	SEC West			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Ole Miss	10	8	0	27	15	0
Alabama	8	10	0	23	20	0
Arkansas	7	10	0	24	17	0
Auburn	7	11	0	23	19	0
LSU	6	11	1	25	16	1
Mississippi State	4	14	0	16	25	0

**Weekend Schedule**

**Friday, April 25**

*Georgia at Florida [SUN]	5:30 p.m.
*Kentucky at Vanderbilt	6 p.m.
*Auburn at Alabama	6:30 p.m.
*Arkansas at Ole Miss	6:30 p.m.
*Tennessee at Mississippi State	6:30 p.m.
*South Carolina at LSU	7 p.m.

**Saturday, April 26**

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

**Sunday, April 27**

*Georgia at Florida	Noon
*Kentucky at Vanderbilt	1 p.m.
*South Carolina at LSU [JSN]	1 p.m.
*Arkansas at Ole Miss	1:30 p.m.
*Tennessee at Mississippi State	1:30 p.m.
*Auburn at Alabama [CSS]	2 p.m.

FSN - FOX Sports Net South, Sun Sports,  
CSS - Comcast/Charter Sports SE  
SUN - Sun Sports  
CST- Cox Sports

**What's On Tap**

Vanderbilt opens up a streak of four series against Southeastern Conference Eastern Division opponents this weekend as Kentucky comes to town for three games. The Commodores and Wildcats will open play on Friday at 6 p.m., followed by a 2 p.m. start on Saturday and a 1 p.m. on Sunday.

**Scouting Kentucky**

Kentucky is 31-10 overall and 9-9 in SEC play after taking two of three from Florida last weekend in Lexington. The Wildcats lost a midweek game to Louisville, 6-5, on Tuesday and rebounded with a 2-1 win over Western Kentucky on Wednesday to improve to 22-1 in non-conference action.

The mark of the Wildcats under fifth-year head coach John Cohen has been hitting and this year has been no exception as they lead the SEC with a .331 batting average to go with 60 homers, 97 doubles and 351 runs scored (8.56 per game). Senior outfielder Sawyer Carroll leads the team with a .447 batting average with 12 homers and 56 RBI. Fellow outfielder Collin Cowgill has also excelled this year with a .391 average and 16 homers and 46 RBI. He was named the SEC Hitter of the Week after batting .600 (9-for-15), scoring a team high 11 times, ripping a double, three homers and six RBI in five games.

Junior left-hander Chris Rusin (4-1, 3.16 ERA) will start for the Wildcats on Friday with sophomore left-hander James Paxton (3-2, 3.48 ERA) scheduled to go on Saturday. Senior right-hander Greg Dombrowski (4-0, 3.23 ERA) will start on Sunday. As a team, the Wildcats sport a 3.51 ERA (second in the SEC) with 322 strikeouts and 130 walks in 363.2 innings.

**Probable Starting Rotation**

No.	R/L	Player	W-L	ERA	Last Appearance	W-L	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
10	L	Chris Rusin	4-1	3.16	vs. Florida (4/18)	ND	4.1	9	5	5	1	4
22	L	James Paxton	3-2	3.48	vs. Louisville (4/22)	ND	3.0	1	0	0	0	1
37	R	Greg Dombrowski	4-0	3.23	vs. Florida (4/20)	ND	6.2	7	2	2	1	7

**Commodore Tidbits**

Vanderbilt enters the weekend having won 11 of its last 12 games since getting swept by Ole Miss in the first weekend of April ... Vanderbilt now has the third best record in the Southeastern Conference at 10-7, but would be the fourth seed in the SEC Tourney if the season ended today because the two division winners are the top seeds ... David Macias, last week's SEC Hitter of the Week, continued his steady senior season going 9-for-21 (.421) with a double and four runs scored last week. He had a 14-game hitting streak snapped on Sunday and has had an 18 game and 14 game skein this season. He has recorded at least one hit in 37 of 41 games ... Dominic de la Osa also had a solid week offensively, going 6-for-17 (.353) with a triple and four RBI. He had three stolen bases on Sunday against AU and now has 21 for the season, marking the second straight year of 20 plus bags ... Catcher Shea Robin had a good weekend series against Auburn, going 7-for-11 (.636) with a triple, four RBI and three runs scored ... Robin rested during the midweek, and his replacement Curt Casali also fared well at the plate going 5-for-12 (.417) with a double and two RBI ... The Commodores weekend staff included five freshmen, one sophomore and one junior ... Freshman Caleb Cotham recorded a season best 11 strikeouts in Saturday's 8-2 win over Auburn. He allowed six hits in 8.1 innings and gave up two runs in improving to a team best 6-2 on the year with a 3.06 ERA ... Junior Brett Jacobson pitched 3.2 scoreless innings against WKU to pick up his second save of the season. He followed that up by pitching 1.2 innings of scoreless relief against Austin Peay (4/22) and 1.1 scoreless innings against Belmont (4/23) to pick up his second save of the year ... He has not given up a run in his last five outings (7.2 innings) ... Redshirt freshman Russell Brewer pitched 1.2 innings of scoreless relief against Auburn on Sunday to pick up his fourth save. He came into the game in the eighth with the bases loaded and one out and VU holding a 9-5 lead. The first batter Brewer faced was Mike Bianucci, who had homered twice already in the game and was 3-for-3. Brewer struck him out and then faced Hunter Morris who also had homered previously in the game and against Brewer the day before. He got Morris to pop up to second on the



**Commodores in 2008**

In Day Games	16-10
In Night Games	14-1
On Artificial Turf	0-0
On Natural Grass	30-11
In Extra Innings	3-0
vs. Lefthanders	9-3
vs. Righthanders	21-8
When Scoring First	18-4
When Opponents Scores First	12-7
When Ahead After 5 Innings	21-2
When Trailing After 5 Innings	6-8
When Tied After 5 Innings	3-1
When Ahead After 8 Innings	24-1
When Trailing After 8 Innings	2-10
When Tied After 8 Innings	3-0
vs. Top 5 Teams	2-2
vs. Top 10 Teams	1-1
vs. Top 25 Teams	2-4
In One-Run Games	9-2
In Two-Run Games	2-1
In Three+Run Games	19-8
When Scoring 0-5 Runs	9-5
When Scoring 6-10 Runs	15-6
When Scoring 11-20 Runs	6-0
When Scoring 20+ Runs	0-0
On Weekdays	20-3
On Weekends	10-8
On Mondays	0-0
On Tuesdays	6-1
On Wednesdays	8-0
On Thursdays	0-1
On Fridays	6-1
On Saturdays	3-6
On Sundays	7-2
In Five-Game Series	0-0
In Four-Game Series	0-0
In Three-Game Series	10-8
In Two-Game Series	14-0
In Single-Game Series	6-3
In February	3-1
In March	15-5
In April	12-5
In May	0-0
In June	0-0
In the State of Tennessee	23-5
vs. Out-of-State Opponents	20-10
vs. Atlantic Sun	4-0
vs. Atlantic 10	1-0
vs. Big 10	0-1
vs. Big 12	1-0
vs. Big East	1-0
vs. Conference USA	0-0
vs. Horizon League	2-1
vs. Mid American	1-0
vs. Missouri Valley	1-0
vs. Ohio Valley	2-1
vs. Pac 10	1-1
vs. Southern	2-0
vs. Sun Belt	4-0

first pitch to end the inning. Brewer then pitched a 0.2 innings in the ninth against Austin Peay (4/22) to earn his fifth save of the year ... Richie Goodenow has not given up a run in nine of his 10 outings on the year including the last seven (3.2 innings) as a specialist out of the pen.

**Commodore Bats and Pitching Coming Together**

Since getting swept at Ole Miss to drop to 19-10 overall and 5-6 in the SEC, the Commodores have reeled off 11 wins in 12 games. Even in the lone loss, a 6-3 decision to Auburn last Friday, Vanderbilt held a 3-2 lead into the seventh before falling. During this streak the Commodores are batting .326 with 12 homers, 28 doubles, six triples and 100 runs scored. On the mound, the staff has posted a 3.25 ERA with 123 strikeouts and 49 walks in 108.0 innings. The defense has also fared well, with a .975 fielding percentage during that time.

**Wormsley, Giobbi Lead VU Past Belmont**

Redshirt freshman Jordan Wormsley sparked a three-run seventh inning with a RBI single that broke a 6-6 tie and propelled Vanderbilt to a 10-7 win over Belmont Wednesday night at Greer Stadium.

Wormsley, a redshirt freshman from Knoxville, Tenn., came into the game with three hits in seven at-bats at Vanderbilt and equaled that total with three hits and two RBI on the night, VU took a 6-4 lead in the top of the sixth, only to see Belmont come back and tie the game in the bottom half. Shea Robin then led off the seventh with a double and Wormsley scored him with a single through the right side to give the Commodores a 7-6 lead that they wouldn't relinquish. Ryan Flaherty added a two-out two-run double to extend the lead to 9-6.

Wormsley added a RBI single in the eighth to extend the lead to 10-6. Belmont scored a run in the bottom half on a RBI double by Derek Wiley for the final score of the game.

Belmont took a 1-0 lead in the first on Daniel Wagner's RBI double to left-center. The Bruins added two unearned runs in the second on a two-run double to right-center by Brandon McCall to make it 3-0.

The Commodores got on the board in the third scoring on a David Macias RBI single. They added another run in the fifth to cut the lead to 3-2.

The Bruins plated another run in the bottom of the fifth on a RBI double by Vinny Casha to make it 4-2.

Andrew Giobbi put the Commodores up for the first time in the game with two outs in the sixth, belting a 1-2 pitch by Brian Kelley over the wall in left for a grand-slam homer. It was his second homer of the season and scored Pedro Alvarez who doubled and Ryan Flaherty and Dominic de la Osa who both walked with two outs.

The Bruins rallied back to tie the game in the bottom half, scoring two unearned runs in the sixth to make it 6-6.

Steven Liddle had three hits to help lead the 12-hit Vanderbilt attack.

**Bleachers Are Open**

Last season bleacher seating was added for the Nashville Regional with a 1,000 seats bleacher seats erected in rightfield. The move was such a success that it has been added again in time for SEC play this season. A limited amount of tickets still remain and can be purchased by visiting the Vanderbilt ticket office or by calling (615) 322-GOLD. With the additional seating, Hawkins Field capacity is now over the 3,000 mark at 3,027. A more permanent seating structure in the outfield is in the works and is anticipated to be in place for the 2009 season.

**Coach Corbin Call-In Show/Radio Notes**

Head coach Tim Corbin started a four-week run of one-hour call-in shows last Monday on 104.5 FM The Zone. "Voice of the Commodores" Joe Fisher will host the show at the Commodore Sports Bar and Grill located in the Holiday Inn Select on West End. The remaining shows will air on April 28, May 5 and May 12 from 7-8 p.m.

In addition Coach Corbin does a weekly interview at 4:06 p.m. on Mondays with 560 AM WNSR.



**Drafted Commodores**

	Rd	Yr.	Team
Pedro Alvarez	14th	2005	Boston
Sean Bierman	42nd	2007	Cincinnati
Dominic de la Osa	49th	2004	Detroit
	10th	2007	Detroit
Brett Jacobson	11th	2005	Arizona
Joey Manning	47th	2007	Philadelphia
Mike Minor	13th	2006	Tampa Bay
Chase Reid	42nd	2007	Milwaukee
Kellen St. Luce	37th	2007	Florida
Jonathan White	24th	2007	Milwaukee

**Commodores In The Pros\***

Majors		Years at VU
Matt Kata	Texas/Philadelphia	1997-99
Josh Paul	Tampa Bay	1994-96
Jensen Lewis	Cleveland	2003-05
Jeremy Sowers	Cleveland	2002-04

**AAA**

David Wallace	Buffalo (CLE)	1999-01
Mike Baxter	Portland (SD)	2004-05
Ryan Mullins	Rochestern (MIN)	2003-05

**AA**

Ryan Klosterman	New Hampshire (TOR)	2003-04
Cesar Nicolas	Mobile (ARZ)	2001-04

**A**

Matt Buschmann	Lake Elsinore (SD)	2003-06
Brian Hernandez	Fort Wayne (SD)	2005-06
Tony Mansolino	Lynchburg (PIT)	2002-05
Robert Ransom	Palm Beach (STL)	2001-03
Ryan Rote	Kannapolis (CHI-A)	2004-05
Antoan Richardson	San Jose (SF)	2004-05
Casey Weathers	Modesto (COL)	2006-07

**Rookie/Short Season**

Cody Crowell	Auburn (TOR)	2004-07
Ty Davis	Missoula (ARZ)	2004-07
Tyler Rhoden	Billings (CIN)	2004-07
Stephen Shao	Casper (COL)	2004-07

\* - As of the end of the 2007 season.

**National Award Watch Lists**

Player (Pos.)	Award
Pedro Alvarez (3B)	Brooks Wallace Award Golden Spikes Award
Ryan Flaherty (SS)	Golden Spikes Award
Mike Minor (LHP)	Brooks Wallace Award Roger Clemens Award
Shea Robin (C)	Johnny Bench Award

**Commodore Weekly Winners**

Player (Pos.)	Honor	Date
David Macias	SEC Hitter of the Week	4/14

CB- Collegiate Baseball

NCBWA- National Collegiate Baseball Writers Assoc.

**The 200-Hit Club**

Coming into the season Dominic de la Osa was the lone active Commodore in the 200 hit club. Alex Feinberg, Ryan Flaherty, David Macias and most recently Pedro Alvarez have joined him on the exclusive list. De la Osa now has 274 hits in his four-year career, good for third on the all-time list. Feinberg has 241 in his four years and is currently eighth, while Flaherty has 236 in just his third year, good for 10th best in school history. Macias has 226 hits in his career (12th), while Alvarez joined the club against Auburn and now has 206 (22nd).

**Vanderbilt 200 Hit Club**

1. Karl Nonemaker (1999-2002)	283
2. Boomer Whipple (1992-95)	282
3. <b>Dominic de la Osa (2005-)</b>	274
T6. Warner Jones (2003-05)	250
T6. Sean Luellwitz (1999-02)	250
8. <b>Alex Feinberg (2005-)</b>	241
9. Greg Smith (1985-88)	239
10. <b>Ryan Flaherty (2006-)</b>	236
11. Rick Duncan (1972-75)	232
12. <b>David Macias (2005-)</b>	226
22. <b>Pedro Alvarez (2006-)</b>	206

**Alvarez and de la Osa Approaching School Homer Record**

Pedro Alvarez and Dominic de la Osa are within reach of the school's career home-run record. Alvarez missed 23 games but has hit three homers since his return at the start of April to up his career total to 43. That ties him with Glenn Davis for third on the school's all-time list. De la Osa has six homers on the year that ties him with Cam Hazen for fifth most in school history. Alvarez needs six more round-trippers and de la Osa needs seven to tie Scotti Madison's mark of 49 set from 1977-80.

De la Osa broke Boomer Whipple's mark of 809 career at-bats against Ole Miss and now has 853 going into the Kentucky series. De la Osa also has 59 career doubles, just two off the school mark of 61 set by Sean Luellwitz from 1999-2002.

**Vanderbilt Career Homers**

1. Scotti Madison (1977-80)	49
2. Clinton Johnston (1996-98)	47
T3. <b>Pedro Alvarez (2006-)</b>	43
T3. Glenn Davis (1995-97)	43
T5. <b>Dominic de la Osa (2005-)</b>	42
5. Cam Hazen (1985-88)	42

**Vanderbilt Career Doubles**

1. Sean Luellwitz (1999-2002)	61
2. <b>Dominic de la Osa (2005-)</b>	59
3. Boomer Whipple (1992-95)	54
Clinton Johnston (1996-98)	54

**Commodores Picked To Finish First in SEC (East) By Coaches**

Vanderbilt is predicted to repeat as the 2008 Southeastern Conference baseball champions, as voted by the league's 12 baseball coaches in the 17th annual preseason SEC poll.

The Commodores, ranked as high as No. 3 nationally in the preseason polls, seek to capture their fifth SEC Championship, having also won titles in 1973, 1974, 1980 and 2007. Vanderbilt returns eight position starters and four pitchers from their 2007 squad which also won the SEC Tournament and earned the National No. 1 Seed in the NCAA Tournament.

Since 1996, the SEC has named a regular season champion as well as a tournament champion. Prior to 1996, the tournament champion was considered the SEC Champion.



# HEAD COACH TIM CORBIN



In five seasons at Vanderbilt, Tim Corbin has turned Vanderbilt into one of the national powers of college baseball. In 2007, Corbin guided the Commodores to their best season ever, finishing with a school record 54 wins. The team also achieved a No. 1 national ranking for the first time in school history and held that honor for 13 of 15 weeks during the regular season.

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

series loss by defeating the Razorbacks in the SEC tournament title game.

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

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

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

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

His overall record of 198-108 (.647) is third best in terms of wins, and first in terms of win percentage for coaches with 100 games or more.

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

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

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

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

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

Professional baseball has also taken notice of the program as 20 VU players have been drafted over the last three years including eight in 2007.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

That squad set then school records for fielding percentage (.972), fewest errors in a season (60), most saves in a season (15) and fewest walks allowed in a season (168) – all of which were bettered in 2004. The team notched series victories over nationally-ranked conference foes LSU, Auburn and Florida, each of which was ranked among the top 15 at the time.

## The Tim Corbin File

### Personal:

Full Name: Timothy Carter Corbin  
 Born: August 5, 1961 in Wolfeboro, N.H.  
 Hometown: Wolfeboro, N.H.  
 Family: Wife: Maggie  
 (two-time tennis all-american at College of Charleston)  
 Daughters, Molly (23) who is in her first year working in operations at Arizona State and Hannah (20), a sophomore tennis player at Vanderbilt

### Education:

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

### Playing Experience:

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

### Coaching Experience:

2003-Present Vanderbilt Head Coach  
 2001-02 Clemson Associate Head Coach  
 1998-2001 Clemson Assistant Head Coach  
 1994-98 Clemson Assistant Coach  
 1988-93 Presbyterian College Head Coach  
 1987 Wofford Assistant Coach



# NATIONAL RANKINGS

Baseball America (4/21)		Collegiate Baseball (4/21)		USA Today/ESPN (4/21)		NCBWA (4/21)		Rivals.com (4/21)	
1. Miami	33-4	1. Miami	33-4	1. Miami (Fla.)	33-4	1 Miami	33-4	1. Miami	33-4
2. North Carolina	34-7	2. Florida State	34-5	2. Florida State	34-5	2 Florida State	34-5	2. Florida State	34-5
3. Florida State	34-5	3. North Carolina	34-7	3. North Carolina	34-7	3 North Carolina	34-7	3. North Carolina	34-7
4. Missouri	28-10	4. Arizona State	31-6	4. Arizona State	31-6	4 Rice	31-10	4. Rice	31-10
5. Stanford	21-12	5. Georgia	27-12-1	5. Rice	31-10	5 Arizona State	31-6	5. Stanford	21-12
6. Arizona State	31-6	6. Rice	31-10	6. Texas A&M	33-7	6 Texas A&M	33-7	6. California	26-10
7. California	26-10	7. Wichita State	30-7	7. Wichita State	30-7	7 South Carolina	29-11	7. Arizona State	31-6
8. Nebraska	28-7	8. Texas A&M	33-7	8. Nebraska	28-7-1	8 Wichita State	30-7	8. Nebraska	28-7
9. Rice	31-10	9. San Diego	31-11	9. South Carolina	29-11	9 Missouri	28-10	9. South Carolina	29-11
10. Georgia	27-12	10. Nebraska	28-7-1	10. Missouri	28-10	10 Vanderbilt	28-11	10. Oklahoma State	27-11
11. San Diego	31-11	11. Missouri	28-10	11. UC-Irvine	24-9	11 UC Irvine	24-9	11. Texas A&M	33-7
12. South Carolina	29-11	12. South Carolina	29-11	12. Georgia	27-12-1	12 San Diego	31-11	12. Missouri	28-10
13. Oklahoma State	27-11	13. Stanford	21-12-2	13. Vanderbilt	28-11	13 Nebraska	28-7-1	13. UC Irvine	24-9
14. Wichita State	30-7	14. California	26-10-2	14. Oklahoma State	27-11	14 Oklahoma State	27-11	14. Wichita State	30-7
15. Cal State Fullerton	23-13	15. Cal St. Fullerton	23-13	15. California	26-10-2	15 Coastal Carolina	33-7	15. Pepperdine	25-13
16. UC Irvine	24-9	16. Virginia	31-11	16. Stanford	21-12-2	16 Georgia	27-12-1	16. Georgia	27-12
17. Vanderbilt	28-11	17. UC Irvine	24-9	17. San Diego	31-11	17 Kentucky	30-9	17. Cal St. Fullerton	23-13
18. Texas A&M	33-7	18. Oklahoma State	27-11	18. Coastal Carolina	33-7	18 Cal State Fullerton	23-13	18. Vanderbilt	28-11
19. Michigan	28-8	19. Michigan	28-8	19. Cal St. Fullerton	23-13	19 California	26-10-2	19. San Diego	31-11
20. Coastal Carolina	33-7	20. Vanderbilt	28-11	20. Virginia	31-11	20 Arizona	25-11	20. Arizona	25-11
21. Mississippi	25-15	21. Coastal Carolina	33-7	21. Kentucky	30-9	21 Virginia	31-11	21. Coastal Carolina	33-7
22. Kentucky	30-9	22. NC State	27-12	22. Mississippi	25-15	22 Stanford	21-12-1	22. NC State	27-12
23. Arizona	25-11	23. Kentucky	30-9	23. Michigan	28-8	23 Long Beach State	23-14	23. Michigan	28-8
24. NC State	27-12	24. Notre Dame	25-10-1	24. Arizona	25-11	24 Michigan	28-8	24. Oregon State	18-13
25. Long Beach State	23-14	25. Arizona	25-11	25. Long Beach State	23-14	25 Texas	23-16	25. Ole Miss	25-15
		26. Oregon State	18-13			26 Mississippi	25-15		
		27. Georgia Tech	28-12			27 UNC Wilmington	29-8-1		
		28. Houston	25-14			28 NC State	27-12		
		29. Mississippi	25-15			29 Oregon State	18-13		
		30. NC Wilmington	29-8-1			30 Oral Roberts	29-8		

## Commodores Week-By-Week in the Polls

	Collegiate Baseball	ESPN/USA Today	Baseball America	NCBWA	Rivals.com
Preseason	11	6	3	8	7
2/26	9	6*	7	7	5
3/3	10	11	7	10	5
3/10	12	12	6	9	4
3/17	9	8	5	6	4
3/24	14	13	9	11	9
3/31	13	8	8	6	9
4/7	23	17	19	13	17
4/14	22	14	17	11	18
4/21	20	13	17	10	18

\*Preseason Poll



# ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	HT	WT	CL/EXP.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
1	David Macias	OF	S/R	5-9	175	Sr./3L	The Woodlands, Texas (The Woodlands)
2	Jason Cunningham	LHP	L/L	6-2	200	So./1L	Decatur, Ga. (Greater Atlanta Christian)
3	Dominic de la Osa	OF	R/R	6-0	205	Sr./3L	Miami, Fla. (Archbishop Carroll)
5	Andrew Giobbi	C/INF	R/R	6-2	205	So./1L	Portland, Maine (Deering)
6	Brian Harris	INF	R/R	5-9	180	So./1L	Nashville, Tenn. (Montgomery Bell Academy)
7	Parker Hanks	OF	R/R	6-2	210	Sr./2L	Alamo, Calif. (De La Salle/UCLA)
8	Alex Feinberg	INF	R/R	5-11	185	Sr./3L	Orinda, Calif. (Miramonte)
9	Curt Casali	C	R/R	6-2	215	Fr./HS	New Canaan, Conn. (New Canaan)
11	Nick Christiani	RHP	R/R	6-0	195	Jr./2L	Linden, N.J. (Seton Hall Prep)
12	Mike Minor	LHP	L/L	6-4	210	So./1L	Lewisburg, Tenn. (Forrest)
15	Richie Goodenow	LHP	L/L	6-2	200	Fr./RS	Nashville, Tenn. (Overton)
17	Shea Robin	C	R/R	5-11	185	Sr./3L	The Woodlands, Texas (The Woodlands)
18	Sean Bierman	LHP	L/L	6-0	200	Fr./HS	Kinnelon, N.J. (Kinnelon)
19	Ben Blanton	LHP	L/L	6-1	208	Fr./HS	Alpharetta, Ga. (Chattahoochee)
20	Kellen St. Luce	LHP	L/L	6-4	225	Fr./HS	St. Thomas, Virgin Islands (All Saints Cathedral School)
21	Brett Jacobson	RHP	R/R	6-6	205	Jr./2L	Carefree, Ariz. (Cactus Shadows)
22	Ryan Flaherty	INF	L/R	6-3	210	Jr./2L	Portland, Maine (Deering)
24	Pedro Alvarez	INF	L/R	6-2	225	Jr./2L	New York, N.Y. (Horace Mann)
25	Steven Liddle	OF	L/L	6-1	200	Fr./RS	Brentwood, Tenn. (Franklin)
26	Jordan Wormsley	OF	L/L	6-1	195	Fr./RS	Knoxville, Tenn. (Webb School)
27	Caleb Cotham	RHP	R/R	6-3	210	Fr./RS	Mt. Juliet, Tenn. (Mt. Juliet)
28	Brad French	INF	R/R	6-2	205	Sr./3L	Brentwood, Tenn. (Montgomery Bell Academy)
31	Russell Brewer	RHP	R/R	6-0	190	Fr./RS	Norwood, N.C. (South Stanly)
32	Gabe Ortiz	SS	R/R	6-3	186	Fr./HS	Panama, Panama (Notre Dame Academy-Virginia)
33	Drew Hayes	RHP	R/R	6-1	195	So./TR	McKenzie, Tenn. (McKenzie/Bethel College)
34	Taylor Hill	RHP	R/R	6-3	200	Fr./HS	Mt. Juliet, Tenn. (Mt. Juliet)
36	Aaron Westlake	INF	L/R	6-4	220	Fr./HS	Redding, Calif. (Shasta)
39	Jared Cohen	RHP	R/R	5-11	188	Fr./HS	Phoenixville, Pa. (The Haverford School)
40	Jonathan White	OF	L/L	6-2	205	Jr./2L	Shelbyville, Tenn. (Shelbyville)
42	Chase Reid	RHP	L/R	6-3	210	Fr./HS	Nashville, Tenn. (Southlake Carroll- Texas)
43	Steven Schwartz	RHP	L/R	6-2	200	Jr./RS	Great Neck, N.Y. (Great Neck North/Penn.)
44	Mark Lamm	RHP	R/R	6-4	215	Fr./RS	Loretto, Tenn. (Loretto)
45	Drew Fann	C	R/R	6-4	190	Fr./HS	Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Oakland)
46	Adam Cronk	1B	R/R	6-4	275	Sr./3L	Athens, Ga. (Athens Academy)
51	Alex Hilliard	OF	R/R	6-1	190	Fr./RS	Lafayette, La. (Lafayette)
55	Joey Manning	OF	R/R	6-5	235	Fr./HS	Bartow, Fla. (Bartow)

Head Coach: 4 Tim Corbin (Ohio Wesleyan, 1984) - Sixth Season at Vanderbilt and overall  
 Assistant Coaches: 16 Derek Johnson (Eastern Illinois, 1993); 23 Erik Bakich (East Carolina, 2000)  
 Volunteer Coach: 30 Blake Allen (Blackburn College, 2001)  
 Trainer: Chris Ham (Illinois, 2005)  
 Baseball Operations: Mike Calitri (Clemson, 2004), Jens Herman (Assistant Director)

## Alphabetical Roster

24	Pedro Alvarez	28	Brad French
18	Sean Bierman	5	Andrew Giobbi
19	Ben Blanton	15	Richie Goodenow
31	Russell Brewer	7	Parker Hanks
9	Curt Casali	6	Brian Harris
11	Nick Christiani	33	Drew Hayes
39	Jared Cohen	34	Taylor Hill
27	Caleb Cotham	51	Alex Hilliard
46	Adam Cronk	21	Brett Jacobson
2	Jason Cunningham	44	Mark Lamm
3	Dominic de la Osa	25	Steven Liddle
45	Drew Fann	1	David Macias
8	Alex Feinberg	55	Joey Manning
22	Ryan Flaherty	12	Mike Minor

32	Gabe Ortiz
42	Chase Reid
17	Shea Robin
43	Steven Schwartz
20	Kellen St. Luce
36	Aaron Westlake
40	Jonathan White
26	Jordan Wormsley
43	Steven Schwartz
18	Casey Weathers
40	Jonathan White
26	Jordan Wormsley

## Pronunciation Chart

Erik Bakich	BACK ich
Sean Bierman	BEER min
Curt Casali	Ca SALLY
Adam Cronk	CRAHNK
Dominic de la Osa	DOM a nick day la OHSA
Alex Feinberg	FINE burg
Ryan Flaherty	FLAIR ety
Andrew Giobbi	GEO bi
Richie Goodenow	good a NOW
Steven Liddle	Rhymes with Little
David Macias	Ma SEE us
Shea Robin	SHAY
Kellen St. Luce	St. LOOSE



# THE LAST TIME ...

## A Vanderbilt Team...

Won 10 or more consecutive games	2/9/07-3/16/07 (20)
Lost five or more consecutive games	3/22/03-4/1/03 (six games)
Scored 20 or more runs in a game	22 vs. Yale, 3/14/00
Scored 10+ Runs in an Inning	11, vs. Butler (4th Inning), 3/14/06
Did Not Strikeout	vs. Tennessee-Martin, 2/23/05
Hit consecutive home runs	Pedro Alvarez, Ryan Flaherty vs. Ole Miss, 4/6/08
Shut out consecutive opponents	vs. Ole Miss (5-0), 3/18/06
	vs. Belmont (7-0), 3/22/06
	vs. Auburn (2-0), 3/24/06
Shut out the opponent	vs. Mississippi State (16-0), 4/12/08
Was shut out by the opponent	vs. Ole Miss (Gm 2) (0-8), 4/5/08
Was shut out in two consecutive games	vs. Kentucky (0-14), (0-4), 4/23/76
Swept a conference doubleheader	vs. Georgia, 5/15/94
Was swept in a conference doubleheader	at Ole Miss, 4/5/08
Swept a conference series at home	vs. Arkansas (two games), 3/29/08-3/30/08
Was swept in a conference series at home	vs. Florida, 5/20/05-5/22/05
Swept a conference series on the road	at Mississippi State, 4/11/08-4/13/08
Was swept in a conference series on the road	at Ole Miss, 4/5/08-4/6/08

## A Vanderbilt Player...

Hit two home runs in a game	Ryan Flaherty vs. Auburn, 4/20/08
Hit three home runs in a game	Jeff Martin vs. Valparaiso, 3/13/91
Hit a grand slam home run	Andrew Giobbi vs. Belmont, 4/23/08
Walk-Off Home Run	Curt Casali vs. Middle Tennessee, 3/26/08
Hit for the cycle	Clinton Johnston vs. Kentucky, 4/28/96
Had seven or more RBI in a game	Dominic de la Osa (7) vs. Georgia, 4/16/06
	Karl Nonemaker (7) vs. Kentucky, 5/12/02
Had five or more hits in a game	Alex Feinberg vs. Arkansas, 3/29/08
Two hits in an Inning	Pedro Alvarez at Lipscomb, 4/12/06
Had 10 or more total bases in a game	John Prothro (10) vs. Lipscomb, 2/20/02
	Aaron Fausett (10) vs. Ole Miss, 4/4/99
Stole three or more bases in a game	Dominic de la Osa (3) vs. Auburn (4/20/08)
	Dominic de la Osa (3) vs. Mississippi State (4/12/08)
	Antoan Richardson (3) vs. Jacksonville State, 3/29/05
	Warner Jones (3) vs. Oakland, 3/7/05
	Antoan Richardson (3) vs. Arkansas State, 2/28/04
	Antoan Richardson (3) vs. Lipscomb, 2/24/04
	Ryan Klosterman (3); 2x vs. Kent State, 3/1/03 and at MSU, 3/16/03
Had 10 or more strikeouts in a game	Caleb Cotham (11) vs. Auburn, 4/19/08
Had 15 or more strikeouts in a game	David Price (17) vs. Austin Peay, 6/1/07
Pitched a complete game	Mike Minor vs. Alabama, 3/21/08
Pitched a nine-inning, complete game shutout	David Price vs. Alabama, 4/6/07
Pitched a combined shutout	Caleb Cotham (7.0), Taylor Hill (1.0), Brett Jacobson (1.0) vs. Mississippi State, 4/10/07
Pitched a no-hitter	Jensen Lewis, Nick Pilkington, John Scott, Matt Buschmann at Western Ky., 5/6/03
Pitched a perfect game	Jensen Lewis, Nick Pilkington, John Scott, Matt Buschmann at Western Ky., 5/6/03