

# VANDERBILT GAME NOTES

GAME 1 ★ SEPT. 1, 2007

## VANDERBILT SCHEDULE

Sept. 1	<b>Richmond</b>	6:00 pm
Sept. 8	<b>ALABAMA</b> (TV/LF Sports)	11:30 am
Sept. 15	<b>OLE MISS</b>	6:00 pm
Sept. 29	<b>Eastern Michigan</b>	6:00 pm
Oct. 6	@ Auburn	TBA
Oct. 13	<b>GEORGIA</b> (Homecoming)	TBA
Oct. 20	@ South Carolina	TBA
Oct. 27	<b>Miami (Ohio)</b>	1:00 pm
Nov. 3	@ Florida	TBA
Nov. 10	<b>KENTUCKY</b>	TBA
Nov. 17	@ Tennessee	TBA
Nov. 24	<b>Wake Forest</b>	1:00 pm

All Kickoff Times - CST

## VANDY-RICHMOND SERIES

This marks the third game played between Vanderbilt and Richmond. The Commodores are 2-0 in the series.

## UPCOMING GAMES

Vanderbilt stays on campus for the next two weeks, hosting the Alabama Crimson Tide on Sept. 8, and the Ole Miss Rebels on Sept. 15.

The Alabama game marks Vanderbilt's first Southeastern Conference game.

Kickoff for the Alabama game is 11:30 a.m., CT. It will be televised regionally by LF Sports.

## SEASON TICKET SALES

Vanderbilt has sold more than 14,200 season tickets for the 2007 season, its highest total since the 1996 campaign.

The athletic ticket office has about 400 season tickets left, all priced at \$175 each.

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## 2007 SEASON OPENER RICHMOND AT VANDERBILT (6-5 IN '06) (4-8 IN '06)

## COMMODORE STORYLINES

★ Vanderbilt is seeking its 75th victory all-time in season openers.  
- **Has Vandy has Fared in Openers...Page 2**

★ Returning starting seniors anchor Vanderbilt offensive line.  
- **More on O-Line Experience...Page 4**

★ Brian Stamper, Jeff Jennings are back after missing most or all of 2006 season.  
- **More on Duo's Recovery...Page 4**

★ Nine teammates form Commodore Leadership Council.  
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★ Keeping track of Earl Bennett's assault on SEC and team all-time receiving marks.  
- **More on Bennett's Achievements...Page 6**

★ Several Commodores have earned accolades this preseason.  
- **Individual 'Dore Recognition...Page 7**

★ Charting Bobby Johnson's coaching accomplishments, all-time record.  
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## KICKOFF TIMES

**DATE:** Saturday, Sept. 1, 2007

**KICKOFF:** 6:00 p.m., CST

**STADIUM:** Vanderbilt Stadium

**LOCATION:** Nashville, Tennessee

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

**COMMODORE RADIO CREW:**

Joe Fisher, play-by-play;

John Gromos, color analyst;

Kevin Ingram, sideline reporter

**TV:** None

**TV CREW:** None

**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:** Admission prices are discounted for the Commodore season opener, which is being billed as "Nashville Appreciation Night." Tickets are \$12. A fireworks display is scheduled at the conclusion of the game.

## QUICK FACTS ON THE UNIVERSITIES



### Location

**VANDERBILT**  
Nashville, Tenn.

**RICHMOND**  
Richmond, Va.

### Founded

1873

1830

### Enrollment

6,402

2,950

### Conference

Southeastern

CAA

### Nickname

Commodores

Spiders

### Colors

Black & Gold

Red & White

### Home Field

Vanderbilt Stadium

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### Capacity

39,773

21,319

### Field Surface

natural grass

natural grass

### Head Coach

Bobby Johnson (6th)

Dave Clawson (4th)

### Alma Mater

Clemson, 1973

Williams College, 1989

### Coaching Record

75-79 (.487)

47-46 (.505)

### Website

vucommoedores.com

richmondspiders.com



# GAME NOTES

## VANDERBILT RESULTS IN SEASON OPENERS

Vanderbilt, in its 118th year of organized football, enters the Richmond contest looking for its 75th victory in season-opening games. The Commodores are 74-39-4 all-time in season openers.

★ In 2006, Vanderbilt opened at Ann Arbor, Mich., in front of more than 109,000 fans, the largest crowd to ever witness a Commodore game. Vanderbilt fell to Michigan 27-7 on ESPN national TV.

★ Despite the historic success in openers, Vanderbilt has struggled to open with a victory. The 'Dores are 9-16 in the last 25 openers.

★ The Commodores are 51-15-2 all-time in season openers played on campus, and 14-11 in their last 25 home openers.

★ In their last 10 openers against non-SEC teams, the Commodores are 4-6.

## VANDERBILT'S LAST 25 OPENERS

YEAR	OPPONENT	SITE	W/L	SCORE
2006	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	L	7-27
2005	Wake Forest	Winson-Salem, N.C.	W	24-20
2004	South Carolina	Nashville	L	6-31
2003	Ole Miss	Nashville	L	21-24
2002	Georgia Tech	Atlanta, Ga.	L	3-45
2001	MTSU	Nashville	L	28-37
2000	Miami (OH)	Nashville	L	30-33
1999	Alabama	Nashville	L	17-28
1998	Miss. State	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-42
1997	North Texas	Nashville	W	29-12
1996	Notre Dame	Nashville	L	7-14
1995	Alabama	Nashville	L	25-33
1994	Wake Forest	Nashville	W	35-14
1993	Wake Forest	Winston-Salem, N.C.	W	27-12
1992	Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	L	8-25
1991	Syracuse	Syracuse, N.Y.	L	10-37
1990	SMU	Dallas, Texas	L	7-44
1989	Miss. State	Starkville, Miss.	L	7-42
1988	Miss. State	Nashville	W	24-20
1987	Memphis	Nashville	W	27-17
1986	Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	L	10-42
1985	Chattanooga	Nashville	W	7-0
1984	Kansas State	Nashville	W	26-14
1983	Maryland	Nashville	L	14-21
1982	Memphis	Nashville	W	24-14

## VANDERBILT'S LAST 10 NON-SEC OPENERS

2006	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	L	7-27
2005	Wake Forest	Winston-Salem, N.C.	W	24-20
2002	Georgia Tech	Atlanta, Ga.	L	3-45
2001	MTSU	Nashville	L	28-37
2000	Miami (Ohio)	Nashville	L	30-33
1997	North Texas	Nashville	W	29-12
1996	Notre Dame	Nashville	L	7-14
1994	Wake Forest	Nashville	W	35-14
1993	Wake Forest	Winston-Salem, N.C.	W	27-12
1991	Syracuse	Syracuse, N.Y.	L	10-37

## VANDY-RICHMOND SERIES HISTORY

★ Meeting between schools: 3rd

★ Series record: Vanderbilt leads, 2-0

★ Prior Meetings: 2005 Vanderbilt 37, Richmond 13  
2001 Vanderbilt 28, Richmond 22

★ Bobby Johnson all-time vs. Richmond: 1-0

In the 2005 game, Vanderbilt fans were introduced to a standout freshman receiver, Earl Bennett, who caught 11 passes for 124 yards. Cassen Jackson-Garrison also ran for 119 yards.

The win was Vanderbilt's third of four consecutive to open the season. Richmond also responded in positive fashion, reeling off eight straight victories before losing 24-20 to Furman in the NCAA playoffs. Bobby Johnson served as Furman's head coach before accepting the Vanderbilt position.

In 2001, Vanderbilt captured a hard-fought win, edging the Spiders 28-22. That game – played one week after the tragic events of Sept. 11 – saw Richmond take a 16-7 second quarter lead before Vanderbilt responded with 21 unanswered points.

## VANDERBILT VERSUS NON-SEC TEAMS

Vanderbilt is looking for its fourth consecutive victory in non-Southeastern Conference action when it faces Richmond.

The Commodores were 3-1 in non-SEC action last year, beating Tennessee State, Temple and Duke after their season-opening 27-7 loss at Michigan.

In the last decade, Vanderbilt is 23-15 in non-conference play.

The Commodores have won six of their last nine non-SEC games.

## TWO KEY 'DORES FROM VIRGINIA

Two key Vanderbilt defensive contributors, **Gabe Hall** (Sr., DT) and **Brent Trice** (So., safety), hail from the state of Virginia.

Hall, who will enter the season as a starter on the Commodore interior front, resides in Virginia Beach. Hall's parents serve as ministers in his hometown.

Trice, a top reserve safety who played as a true freshman for the Commodores last year, is from Orange, a small community near Charlottesville.

Hall and Trice attended Fork Union Military Academy in Virginia.

## PREP TEAMMATES FACING EACH OTHER

Though Hall and Trice will not face Fork Union teammates when the Spiders travel to Nashville, several other Commodores will take the field opposite former prep teammates.

Starting center **Hamilton Holliday** (Sr.) and Richmond's Justin Forte (R-So., RB) were teammates at Walton H.S. in Marietta, Ga.

A pair of freshmen, **Austin Monohan** (TE) and **Bo Cramer** (DT), will face former teammate McKinsey Kornegay (R-Fr., DL). The trio were standouts for Charlotte (N.C.) Country Day.

**John Stokes** (Fr., LB/SN) and Richmond's Max Prokell were All-State performers as teammates at Memphis University School.

**T.J. Greenstone** (Fr., DT) and Richmond's Pierre Turner played on the same defensive line at Collins Hill (Ga.) H.S.

# GAME NOTES

## VANDY VS. DIVISION I FCS OPPONENTS

The Commodores are 12-1 all-time against Division I FCS (Football Championship Subdivision formerly known as I-AA) opponents since the classification was created in 1978 by the NCAA.

Since 2000, Vanderbilt has defeated the six Division I FCS opponents on its schedule: Tennessee State in 2006 (38-9), Richmond in 2005 (37-13) Eastern Kentucky in 2004 (19-7), Chattanooga in 2003 (51-6), Furman in 2002 (49-18) and Richmond in 2001 (28-22).

## VANDY-RICHMOND COACHING CONNECTIONS

Vanderbilt linebackers coach **Warren Belin** and Spiders defensive coordinator Russ Huesman worked on the same staff at William & Mary (Va.) in 1995-96. Belin was a linebackers coach in 1996 when Huesman served as defensive coordinator.

Huesman also worked with Commodore QB coach **Jimmy Kiser** during the 2000 season when both served at the University of Memphis: Kiser mentoring quarterbacks and Huesman aiding offensive linemen.

Other coaching connections between the two staffs:

- Kiser also worked with current Richmond offensive run-game coordinator Bill Durkin when both served on the 2001 Spider staff. Durkin coached the offensive line the year Kiser was Richmond's offensive coordinator.

## KISER SERVED ON 2001 RICHMOND STAFF

One year prior to joining Bobby Johnson's Vanderbilt staff, current Commodore quarterback coach **Jimmy Kiser** served as the offensive coordinator at Richmond. Kiser, a former offensive coordinator at North Carolina State, directed the Spider offense in 2001, and nearly guided the Spiders to a victory in Nashville over Vanderbilt, losing 28-22.

Kiser, known at Vanderbilt for mentoring 2005 SEC Offensive Player of the Year Jay Cutler and 2006 starter Chris Nickson, worked with Stacy Tutt, one of the finest quarterbacks in Richmond history and a current member of the New York Jets.

## TOP COMMODORE WEAPONS RETURN

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

Other teams to return such an arsenal this season are Purdue, Oklahoma State and Kentucky.

Nickson, who set a SEC rushing high for quarterbacks (694) last year while establishing a new team mark for rushing yards by a quarterback, is one of three quarterbacks in the nation that threw for more than 2,000 passing yards while rushing for more than 600 yards, joining Matt Grothe of South Florida and Stephen McKee of Texas A&M.

Virtually all of Vanderbilt offensive playmakers from a year ago, topped by Nickson and Bennett, return this season. The only missing ingredients from 2006 are WR Marlon White (313 receiving yards) and TE/FB Steven Bright (228 receiving yards).

## NUMEROUS STARTERS BACK FOR 'DORES

The Commodore opening day lineup against Richmond could include a bevy of players who enjoyed starting roles a year ago.

Seventeen position players that started multiple games in 2006 – nine on offense and eight on defense – are in the mix to earn starting assignments for the Richmond opener. Both kicking specialists for the 2006 Commodores also are expected to return as starters.

Offensive starters from a year ago expected 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**.

Defensive starters expected back in the first-unit this season are DE **Curtis Gatewood**, DT **Theo Horrocks**, MLB **Jonathan Goff**, OLB **Marcus Buggs**, CB **D.J. Moore**, SS **Reshard Langford**, and FS **Ryan Hamilton**.

Several other Commodores, including OG **Ryan Custer**, CB/S **Joel Caldwell**, CB **Josh Allen**, and CB **Jared Fagan** have multiple-game starting experience entering the season.

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

For the first time in recent history, the Vanderbilt offensive line for the season opener will feature five seniors – all returning starters from a year ago.

The veteran unit includes Outland Trophy candidate Chris Williams at left tackle, All-SEC candidate Brian Stamper at right tackle, Josh Eames at left guard, Merritt Kirchoffer at right guard and Hamilton Holliday at center.

Collectively, the five linemen have started 101 collegiate games.

Lineman	Total Games	Total Starts
Chris Williams, LT	21	21
Josh Eames, LG	26	20
Hamilton Holliday, C	30	14
Merritt Kirchoffer, RG	27	10
Brian Stamper, RT	38	36
<b>Totals</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>101</b>

## TENNESSEANS ON THE COMMODORE ROSTER

The Vanderbilt roster includes 19 residents of Tennessee.

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

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

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

# 2006 PARTICIPATION ★ NOTES

## VANDERBILT ACTIVE PLAYER PARTICIPATION

PLAYER	POSITION	2006	2006	CAREER	CAREER	CONSECUTIVE
		GAMES PLAYED	STARTS	GAMES PLAYED	STARTS	CAREER STARTS
Mackenzi Adams	QB	12	-	12	-	-
Brad Allen	TE	12	6	22	6	2
Josh Allen	CB	12	2	23	9	0
Bryant Anderson	WR	10	-	21	1	-
Earl Bennett	WR	12	12	23	19	19
Patrick Benoist	LB	8	-	8	-	-
Greg Billinger	DT	12	-	12	-	-
Jake Bradford	TE	12	-	12	-	-
Brandon Bryant	LB	11	-	11	-	-
Matt Bubis	FB	2	-	2	-	-
Marcus Buggs	LB	12	12	34	16	13
Joel Caldwell	CB	11	11	11	11	11
Ryan Custer	OG	12	2	12	2	-
Josh Eames	OL	10	9	26	20	2
Jared Fagan	CB	11	1	23	2	1
Drew Gardner	OL	6	-	6	-	-
Curtis Gatewood	DE	12	12	34	12	12
Jonathan Goff	LB	12	12	33	28	28
Gabe Hall	DT	12	-	30	-	-
Bryant Hahnfeldt	P/K	12	12	24	23	23
Ryan Hamilton	S	12	9	12	9	7
Jared Hawkins	TB	12	-	12	-	-
Eric Hensley	OL	11	-	11	-	-
Hamilton Holliday	OL	12	12	30	14	12
Brandon Holmes	DT	3	-	6	-	-
Theo Horrocks	DT	12	12	31	22	14
Cassen Jackson-Garrison	TB	12	12	33	13	13
Jeff Jennings	TB	-	-	20	11	-
Chris Johnson	LB	11	-	11	-	-
Merritt Kirchoffer	OG	12	9	27	10	1
Richard Kovalcheck	QB	3	-	3	-	-
Reshard Langford	SS	12	12	23	23	23
Myron Lewis	CB	10	-	10	-	-
Gaston Miller	TB	8	-	8	-	-
Nick Miller	SN	12	-	12	-	-
D.J. Moore	CB	12	9	12	9	-
Chris Nickson	QB	12	12	18	12	12
Chris Reinert	WR	2	-	2	-	-
Larry Simmons	WR	2	-	2	-	-
George Smith	WR	12	11	23	14	4
Darlon Speed	CB	12	-	12	-	-
Brian Stamper	OT	5	5	38	36	-
Broderick Stewart	DE	12	-	12	-	-
Steven Stone	DE	12	-	12	-	-
Brent Trice	S	12	-	12	-	-
Brett Upson	P	12	12	12	12	12
Brad Vierling	OG	11	-	11	-	-
Sean Walker	WR	12	6	18	6	-
Alex Washington	WR	12	-	12	-	-
Thomas Welch	OT	8	-	8	-	-
Justin Wheeler	WR	9	-	9	-	-
David Whittington	DT	2	-	13	-	-
Chris Williams	OT	12	12	23	21	21

## STAMPER, JENNINGS BACK FROM INJURY

The Commodores are expecting to welcome 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.

The improved medical status of Stamper, a former All-SEC performer and team captain, and Jennings, a starting tailback in 2005, were among the most pleasing developments during Vanderbilt's recently concluded preseason camp.

Bobby Johnson is expected to name Stamper as a starter at right tackle. Stamper, of Windermere, Fla., underwent career-threatening back surgery last year after the pain became too much early in the season. Last winter, Stamper was granted a medical redshirt and fifth year of eligibility after he and the team petitioned the NCAA.

Stamper missed much of Vanderbilt's spring drills due to a foot injury, but has gone full-speed in preseason camp without pain.

Jennings return to action – from a severe 2005 knee injury – has been just as remarkable. A one-time starter who has 12 career rushing touchdowns, Jennings sat out the entire 2006 season while rehabilitating the injured leg.

In camp, Jennings has practiced like his old self, displaying excellent mobility and explosiveness. He enters the season likely to share the No. 1 tailback role with close friend Cassen Jackson-Garrison.

## COMMODORE TEAM LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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

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

## TAILBACK DUO REMAIN CLOSE FRIENDS

**Jeff Jennings** (R-Jr.) and **Cassen Jackson-Garrison** (Sr.) have been best friends and roommates since they arrived on campus in 2004.

This season, they plan to continue on those terms, though the arrangement promises to be more challenging for two reasons:

- (1) Cassen's now the only married Commodore;
- (2) Cassen and his wife, the former Courtney Spradlen, are expecting their first child this fall.

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.

This year, they are competing for the No. 1 tailback role along with **Jared Hawkins** (R-So.) who impressed last year.



# STAT COMPARISON ★ TEAM NOTES

## 2006 SEC, NCAA STAT RANKINGS

TEAM CATEGORY	AVG.	SEC	NCAA
Scoring Offense	22.0	9	73
Scoring Defense	23.7	10	65
Total Offense	351.0	7	52
Rushing Offense	149.6	4	45
Passing Offense	201.4	7	55
Total Defense	352.7	10	74
Rushing Defense	156.0	10	91
Passing Defense	196.7	10	51
Kickoff Returns	17.9	10	102
Punt Returns	4.7	12	114
Punting (Net)	33.4	8	86
Turnover Margin	-0.17	9	74
Pass Efficiency	123.1	8	60
Defensive Pass Efficiency	138.4	11	94
Penalties (Total)	48	1	
Penalty Yardage	33.7	1	
First Downs	212	10	
First Downs Allowed	219	T-6	
Third Down Conversion %	32.9%	11	
Third-Down Conversion % (opponent)	40.7%	9	
Offense in Red Zone %	29-43 67.4%	12	
Defense in Red Zone %	34/47 72.3%	6	
Time of Possession	28:44	10	
Quarterback Sacks	26	6	T-58
Quarterback Sacks Allowed	19	5	T-35

  

INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY	AVG.	SEC	NCAA
Chris Nickson, Passing Yards	73.8	6	
Total Offense	231.6	4	27
Passing Efficiency	122.8	7	59
Touchdown Passes	15	6	T-44
Points Responsible For	144	3	T-24
Rushing Yards	694	9	90
Rushing Touchdowns	9	T-2	
Earl Bennett, Receptions	82	1	T-8
Receiving Yards	95.5	2	9
Receiving Touchdowns	6	T-8	
Total Receiving Yards	1,146	2	13
All-Purpose Yards	99.7	6	76

  

DEFENSIVE CATEGORIES	AVG.	SEC	NCAA
Marcus Buggs, Tackles for Loss	10.5	T-9	
Curtis Gatewood, Sacks	7.0		T-52
Fumbles Recovered	3	T-1	
Forced Fumbles	2	T-10	
Jonathan Goff, Solo Tackles	67	5	T-17
Total Tackles	88	7	T-75
Theo Horrocks, Forced Fumbles	4	3	T-9
Sacks	5	T-10	
D.J. Moore, Fumbles Recovered	3	T-1	

  

SPECIAL TEAM CATEGORIES	AVG.	SEC	NCAA
Bryant Hahnfeldt, Scoring (by kicker)	51 pts.	10	
Field Goals Made	8	T-7	T-85
Brett Upson, Punting	37.4	10	94
Alex Washington, Kick Return Avg.	19.2	8	87

## JOHNSON'S STAFF MARKED BY FEW CHANGES

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

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

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

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

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

## GATEWOOD, HORROCKS LEAD D-LINE

Two of the Southeastern Conference's top defensive performers last year, **Curtis Gatewood** (R-Sr., DE) and **Theo Horrocks** (Sr., DT), return this season to pace the Commodore defensive interior attack.

Gatewood, of Memphis, posted seven sacks last year, the second highest single-season total by a Commodore since 1998.

Horrocks, a '07 co-captain from Fayetteville, contributed five sacks and an SEC-high four forced fumbles. Horrocks' 2006 campaign was arguably the most productive season by a Vanderbilt DT since Charles Manley's performance in 1994 (64 total tackles/9 sacks/17 TFLs).

## HAHNFELDT LOOKS 100% HEALTHY

No Commodore has enjoyed a more productive preseason camp than **Bryant Hahnfeldt** (Jr., PK/P).

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

Hahnfeldt was a game competitor in 2006, winning the placekicking role just six months after corrective ACL surgery. Though his success rate dropped, Hahnfeldt was responsible for the Commodores' game-winning field goal to beat Georgia.

## 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 Kirchnoffer** and junior **Josh Allen** attended Roswell H.S. near Atlanta. Allen and Kirchnoffer 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.

# TRACKING EARL BENNETT

## BENNETT APPROACHING SEC RECORDS

Just two full seasons into his Commodore career, junior **Earl Bennett** is off to one of the most promising receiving careers in Southeastern Conference history.

Bennett, from Birmingham, Ala., ranks among Vanderbilt's all-time leaders in receptions and receiving yardage, holds numerous team marks, and appears with reach of important Southeastern Conference career receiving records as he prepares to begin the 2007 season.

Bennett, a Rivals.com third team All-America selection in 2006, needs 48 receptions to become the SEC's all-time leader. He currently ranks tied for 18th on the league career charts – remarkable for the fact that he has played in just 23 career games and enjoyed only 18 games as a Commodore.

Bennett has been named to virtually every All-SEC preseason squad, and numerous preseason All-America polls. He was recently named one of 35 players nationally to the Walter Camp Player of the Year watchlist. Early this summer, he was named to watchlists for the Maxwell

### BENNETT'S PURSUIT OF THE SEC CAREER RECEPTIONS RECORD

Rec.	Name, School	Years
1.	208 Craig Yeast, Kentucky	1995-98
2.	204 Terrence Edwards, Georgia	1999-2002
3.	200 Keith Edwards, Vanderbilt	1980, 82-84
4.	198 Chris Collins, Ole Miss	2000-03
5.	197 Derek Abney, Kentucky	2000-03
6.	194 Anthony White, Kentucky	1996-99
7.	188 Boo Mitchell, Vanderbilt	1985-88
8.	183 Wendell Davis, LSU	1984-87
	183 Joey Kent, Tennessee	1993-96
10.	182 Brice Hunter, Georgia	1992-95
	182 Dan Stricker, Vanderbilt	1999-2002
	182 Michael Clayton, LSU	2001-03
13.	177 Marcus Nash, Tennessee	1994-97
14.	172 Carlos Alvarez, Florida	1969-71
15.	167 Josh Reed, LSU	1999-2001
16.	162 David Smith, Miss. State	1968-70
	162 Willie Jackson, Florida	1990-93
18.	<b>161 EARL BENNETT, Vanderbilt</b>	<b>2005-06</b>
	161 Fred Gibson, Georgia	2001-04

and Biletnikoff Awards. Bennett stands fourth among all Vanderbilt receivers with 161 career catches. He is sixth in career receiving yardage (2,022 yards), and tied for sixth in career touchdown catches (15). Only three former Vanderbilt ends – Dan Stricker, Boo Mitchell and Chuck Scott have more 100-yard receiving

games than Bennett's total of seven. And no Commodore receiver can claim more games of 150+receiving yards than Bennett's total of six. Bennett's remarkable two-year career includes four of the top ten highest single-game receiving totals in Vanderbilt history.

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

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

Through two years of eligibility, Bennett is the most prolific receiver for total catches in SEC history. Bennett's 161-reception total easily better the former mark of 138 catches achieved former Florida WR Jabar Gaffney.

B Catching passes from quarterbacks untested entering the season, Bennett has been remarkably consistent, registering at least four receptions in every game. He also has posted at least eight receptions in five games.

Bennett's individual game achievements are remarkable: 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).

In 2006, Bennett had three of the five top single-game receiving yardage performances in the SEC, and three of the top four SEC performances in terms of single-game reception totals. His 220-yard total vs. Kentucky and 13-catch total vs. Florida were SEC highs last year.

Bennett has achieved at least 10 catches in seven of 23 career games. He also has surpassed 100 receiving yards in seven games.

Bennett has finished both of his two previous regular seasons in remarkable style. In 2005, he closed the campaign by amassing 49 catches, 545 receiving yards and nine TDs in the final four games. In his four games in 2006, Bennett has 37 catches for 577 receiving yards and three TDs.

## BENNETT'S TEAM RECORDS

Touchdown catches in game <sup>^</sup>	5, (vs. Kent., 2005)
Receptions by sophomore	82 (2006)
Receiving Yards by sophomore	1,146 (2006)
Catches in game (So.)	13 (vs. Fla., 2006)
Rec. Yards in game (So.)	220 (at Kent., 2006)
Receptions by freshman %	79 (2005)
Receiving yards by freshman	876 (2005)
Touchdown catches by freshman	9 (2005)
Catches in game (Fr.)	16 (vs. USC, 2005)
Rec. Yards in game (Fr.)	204 (vs. USC, 2005)
<sup>^</sup> Equals SEC record	% SEC freshman record

## CAREER LEADERS – TOTAL RECEPTIONS

RECEIVER	YEARS	CATCHES
1. Keith Edwards	1980, 82-83	200
2. Boo Mitchell	1985-88	188
3. Dan Stricker	1999-2002	182
4. <b>Earl Bennett</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>161</b>

## CAREER LEADERS – RECEIVING YARDAGE

RECEIVER	YEARS	YARDS
1. Boo Mitchell	1985-88	2,964
2. Dan Stricker	1999-2002	2,880
3. Martin Cox	1975-78	2,275
4. Chuck Scott	1981-84	2,219
6. <b>Earl Bennett</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2,022</b>

## ALL-TIME SINGLE GAME RECEIVING TOTALS

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

## CAREER TOUCHDOWN CATCHES

RECEIVER	YEARS	CAREER TDs
Dan Stricker	1999-2002	21
<b>Earl Bennett</b>	<b>2005-</b>	<b>(T-6th) 15</b>

# INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION

## PRESEASON ACCOLADES

### ALL-AMERICA TEAMS

**EARL BENNETT**

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

**JONATHAN GOFF**

*Athlon's, Phil Steele*

**CHRIS WILLIAMS**

*Athlon's*

### AWARD WATCHLISTS

**EARL BENNETT**

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

**JONATHAN GOFF**

*Bronko Nagurski Award, Butkus Award, Bednarik Award*

**CHRIS WILLIAMS**

*Outland Trophy, Lombardi Rotary Award*

### ALL-SEC

**EARL BENNETT**

*(virtually unanimous first-team selection)*

**JONATHAN GOFF**

*Coaches (1st) and Media (1st)*

**CHRIS WILLIAMS**

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

**BRIAN STAMPER**

*Coaches (2nd) and Media (2nd)*

**CHRIS NICKSON**

*Coaches (3rd)*

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

## JONATHAN GOFF

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

One of the league's top performers at linebacker for the past two seasons, Goff is the SEC's third leading active career leader in total tackles and solo tackles. A second-year Commodore captain, Goff has been named one of the nation's top middle linebacker prospects.

## CHRIS WILLIAMS

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

Since arriving at Vanderbilt as a lanky 245-pound prospect, Williams has blossomed into one of the top offensive interior linemen in the nation. Blessed with excellent agility and blocking techniques, Williams has a chance to become the best offensive lineman to come through Vanderbilt since Will Wolford starred in the mid-1980s prior to playing more than a decade in the NFL.

## CURTIS GATEWOOD

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

Gatewood developed into one of the SEC's top defensive ends last year, finishing the season with seven quarterback sacks while setting career highs in total tackles, tackles for loss and Curtis Gatewood.

## THEO HORROCKS

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

A steady performer who will serve as defensive co-captain this season, Horrocks put together one of the most productive seasons in recent memory by a Vanderbilt defensive tackle last year, leading the SEC in forced fumbles and setting career highs in solo tackles, tackles for loss and sacks.

## RESHARD LANGFORD

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

A two-year starter at safety, Langford is the leader of the secondary. He ranks among the team leaders in virtually every defensive stat category and is regarded as one of the Commodores' most punishing tacklers. Langford's six career interceptions also ranks among the SEC top ten.

## CHRIS NICKSON

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

As a first-time starter in '06, Nickson was brilliant at times and struggled at others. By season's end, he was responsible for more than 2,700 yards of offense.

## FORMER COMMODORES IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Former Player	NFL Team	Comments
Bill Alford, Cornerback	Denver Broncos	NFL Europe standout; trying to earn CB spot after inking free agent deal in June
Corey Chavous, Safety	St. Louis Rams	10-year veteran; starting SS for Rams; has started 64 consecutive games
Jay Cutler, QB	Denver Broncos	2nd-year veteran; named Broncos' starting QB prior to preseason camp
Justin Geisinger, OG	Tennessee Titans	3rd year in pros; currently second team offensive guard in second season with Titans
Jovan Haye, DE	Tampa Bay	4th year in NFL, 2nd with Bucs; expected to start at DT this season after solid '06
Hunter Hillenmeyer, LB	Chicago Bears	Fifth-year veteran; Bears starting LB, part of NFL's top LB starting trio
Matt Stewart, LB	Cleveland Browns	Six-year veteran; Recorded three tackles in Browns' victory over the Falcons
Jamie Winborn, LB	Tampa Bay Bucs	7th-year in NFL; expected to play behind All-Pro Derrick Brooks at weakside LB
Todd Yoder, TE	Washington Redskins	8th year in NFL; Reserve TE after playiing in 14 games for Redskins in '06-07

# 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. His brother came in as a freshman as the third-team tailback and quickly found his way into the starting lineup as a freshman when Norval McKenzie and Ronald Hatcher were injured.

Head 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. One of the star painted for Vanderbilt's Star Walk has the No. 1 included.

And last year, for the first time, Vanderbilt teammates selected defensive captain Jonathan Goff) to wear a special "KD1" jersey patch honoring the Doster's memory. Goff was one of 21 players to receive votes from their teammates.

(Note: As of Monday, Aug. 27, the team has not announced which player would wear the "KD1" patch.)

## 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 wide receiver for the Black & Gold.

The fact that Smith was in uniform last year was quite remarkable.

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

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

## COMMODORES CONTINUE ANCHOR "UNITY" TRADITION

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

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

## QB KOVALCHECK LONE 'DORE GRADUATE STUDENT

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

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

## COMMODORE MEDIA INFO

### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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

### COACH JOHNSON, STUDENT-ATHLETE POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

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

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

### PRACTICE WEEK INTERVIEW POLICIES

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

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

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

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

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

# HEAD COACH BOBBY JOHNSON

## PERSONAL DATA

**AGE:** 55

**ALMA MATER:** Clemson

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

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

Master's in Education, 1979, Furman

**FAMILY:** Wife, Catherine

## KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 75-79 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
- 214-135-8 Combined Record (31 years of collegiate coaching)

## SIXTH YEAR RECORD OF 'DORE HEAD COACHES

COACH	YEARS	W	L	T
Bobby Johnson	2007	-	-	-
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
2006	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	4-8 (1-7)	
2005	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	5-6 (3-5)	VU's Most SEC wins since '91
2004	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	2-9 (1-7)	
2003	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	2-10 (1-7)	
2002	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	2-10 (0-8)	
2001	Furman	Head Coach	12-3	I-AA Finals; Conference Co-Champion; I-AA Coach of the Year; I-AA Region II Coach of Year
2000	Furman	Head Coach	9-3	I-AA Playoffs; Conference Co-Champion
1999	Furman	Head Coach	9-3	I-AA Playoffs; Conference Champions; I-AA Region II Coach of Year
1998	Furman	Head Coach	5-6	
1997	Furman	Head Coach	7-4	
1996	Furman	Head Coach	9-4	I-AA Playoffs; I-AA Region II Coach of Year
1995	Furman	Head Coach	6-5	
1994	Furman	Head Coach	3-8	
1993	Clemson	Defensive Coordinator	8-3	
1992	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	6-5	
1991	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	7-4	
1990	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	9-4	I-AA Playoffs; Conference Champions
1989	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	12-2	I-AA Playoffs; Conference Champions
1988	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	13-2	I-AA National Champions; Conference Champions
1987	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	7-4	
1986	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	7-3-2	
1985	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	12-2	I-AA Finals; Conference Champion
1984	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	8-3	
1983	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	10-2-1	Conference Champion
1982	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	9-3	Conference Champion
1981	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	8-3	Conference Champion
1980	Clemson	Athletic Academic Counselor		
1979	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	5-6	
1978	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	8-3	Conference Champion
1977	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	4-5-2	
1976	Furman	Defensive Ends Coach	6-4-1	

## JOHNSON'S WEEKLY MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

## TV HIGHLIGHTS SHOW

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

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

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

## JOHNSON'S RADIO SHOW

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

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

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

# PRESEASON DEPTH CHART

AS OF MONDAY, AUGUST 27

## OFFENSE

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

## DEFENSE

<b>DE</b>	96	Steven Stone (6-6, 255, R-So.)
	90	Broderick Stewart (6-5, 225, R-So.)
<b>DT</b>	56	Gabe Hall (6-1, 290, Sr.)
	98	Greg Billinger (6-3, 280, So.)
<b>RT</b>	54	Theo Horrocks (6-4, 290, Sr.)
	92	Brandon Holmes (6-3, 295, R-Jr.)
<b>DE</b>	48	Curtis Gatewood (6-3, 245, R-Sr.)
	93	Theron Kadri (6-3, 240, Fr.)
<b>WLB</b>	35	Brandon Bryant (6-1, 228, R-So.)
	52	Nathan Campbell (6-3, 228, R-Fr.)
<b>MLB</b>	47	Jonathan Goff (6-4, 235, R-Sr.)
	45	Chris Johnson (6-1, 225, R-So.)
<b>SLB</b>	24	Marcus Buggs (5-11, 225, R-Sr.)
	49	John Stokes (6-5, 230, Fr.)
<b>CB</b>	17	D.J. Moore (5-10, 175, So.)
	14	Josh Allen (5-9, 182, R-Jr.)
<b>SS</b>	33	Reshard Langford (6-2, 207, R-Jr.)
	29	Joel Caldwell (6-0, 195, R-So.)
<b>FS</b>	2	Ryan Hamilton (6-2, 208, R-So.)
	41	Brent Trice (6-3, 210, So.)
<b>CB</b>	5	Myron Lewis (6-3, 195, So.)
	20	Jared Fagan (5-10, 180, R-Jr.)
<b>NB</b>	6	Darlron Spead (5-10, 185, R-So.)

## SPECIAL TEAMS

<b>P</b>	39	Brett Upson (5-11, 180, So.)
	8	Bryant Hahnfeldt (5-11, 190, Jr.)
<b>KO</b>	8	Bryant Hahnfeldt (5-11, 190, Jr.)
	97	John Laughrey (5-11, 180, R-Fr.)
<b>PK</b>	8	Bryant Hahnfeldt (5-11, 190, Jr.)
	97	John Laughrey (5-11, 180, R-Fr.)
<b>H</b>	9	Mackenzi Adams (6-3, 210, R-So.)
	36	Chris Reinart (5-9, 170, R-So.)

<b>PR</b>	4	Alex Washington (5-9, 185, R-So.)
	10	Earl Bennett (6-1, 202, Jr.)
<b>KR</b>	7	Sean Walker (6-0, 180, R-Jr.)
	31	Jared Hawkins (5-10, 190, R-So.)
<b>LS</b>	49	Jonathan Stokes (6-5, 230, Fr.)
	75	Nick Miller (6-3, 270, R-So.)
<b>SN</b>	75	Nick Miller (6-3, 270, R-So.)
	49	Jonathan Stokes (6-5, 230, Fr.)

# ALPHABETICAL TEAM ROSTER

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

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