

VANDERBILT LOOKS FOR 4TH STRAIGHT WIN



3-0, 1-0

2-1, 0-0

KICKOFF INFORMATION

DATE: Saturday, September 20, 2008
KICKOFF: 6:00 p.m., CST
STADIUM: Vaught-Hemingway Stadium
LOCATION: Oxford, Miss.
RADIO: Vanderbilt Radio Network;
 Flagship Station – 104.5 "The Zone"
COMMODORE RADIO CREW:
 Joe Fisher, play-by-play;
 John Gromos, color analyst;
 Kevin Ingram, sidelines reporter
XM RADIO: Channel 199
TV: None (taped delay on CSS, Sunday, 1 p.m.)

SEEKING 4-0 START

Vanderbilt is seeking to start its season with four straight victories for just the second time since 1984.

The Commodores' last 4-0 start came in 2005.

UPCOMING WEEKS

After travelling to Oxford to take on the Rebels, Vanderbilt takes off Saturday, Sept. 27.

After the bye week, the Commodores return to Vanderbilt Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 4, to face the nationally ranked Auburn Tigers. Kickoff has not been decided on the Auburn-Vanderbilt game, which is sold out.

Two other Vanderbilt home games – Florida (Nov. 8) and Tennessee (Nov. 22) also are sellouts.

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THE COMMODORE SEASON AT A GLANCE...(3-0, 1-0)

| DATE | OPPONENT | NOTES |
|-------|--------------------|---|
| 8/28 | @ Miami of Ohio | (W, 34-13) Commodores rush for 269 yards in road win |
| 9/4 | So. Carolina, ESPN | (W, 24-17) Second straight win over ranked Gamecocks |
| 9/13 | Rice, 6 pm | (W, 38-21) Vanderbilt scores 24 unanswered points in win |
| 9/20 | @ Ole Miss, 6 pm | 2-1 Rebels register easy 34-10 victory over Samford |
| 10/4 | Auburn, TBA | 3-0 Tiger defense key to 3-2 victory over Miss. State |
| 10/11 | @ Miss. State, TBA | 1-2 Bulldogs get big defensive effort in 3-2 loss to Auburn |
| 10/18 | @ Georgia, TBA | 3-0 Georgia sluggish in 14-7 victory over South Carolina |
| 10/25 | Duke, 2 pm | 2-1 Blue Devil offense explodes in 41-31 win over Navy |
| 11/8 | Florida, TBA | 2-0 Gators off preparing for key SEC trip to Knoxville |
| 11/15 | @ Kentucky, TBA | 3-0 Wildcats dodge a scare; edge MTSU 20-14 at home |
| 11/22 | Tennessee, TBA | 1-1 Volunteers way too much for visiting UAB, win 35-3 |
| 11/29 | @ Wake Forest, TBA | 2-0 Deacs take week off gearing up for visit to Fla. State |

VANDERBILT GAME NOTES

Commodore Storylines

- ★ The Commodores rank 26th in AP poll; also getting recognition by coaches.
 - **Getting votes in the polls...Pages 2**
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QUICK FACTS ON VANDERBILT & OLE MISS



| | VANDERBILT | OLE MISS |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Location | Nashville, Tenn. | Oxford, Miss. |
| Founded | 1873 | 1844 |
| Enrollment | 6,402 | 17,325 |
| Conference | Southeastern | Southeastern |
| Nickname | Commodores | Rebels |
| Colors | Black & Gold | Cardinal Red & Navy Blue |
| Home Field | Vanderbilt Stadium | Vaught-Hemingway Stadium |
| Capacity | 39,773 | 60,580 |
| Field Surface | natural grass | AstroPlay |
| Head Coach | Bobby Johnson (7th) | Houston Nutt (1st) |
| Coaching Record | 83-86 (.491) | 113-71 (.614) |
| Website | vucommodores.com | olemisssports.com |



STADIUM IMPROVEMENTS ★ SERIES HISTORY

VANDERBILT STADIUM GETS FRESH LOOK; PHASE I CONSTRUCTION WORK COMPLETE

Commodore fans attending home games this season will be greeted by the first substantial improvements to Dudley Field and Vanderbilt Stadium in more than a decade.

Construction crews completed Phase 1 work on Vanderbilt Stadium in late August. The result is a clean, refurbished look for the stadium, built in 1981.

The construction is the first of five phases outlined in a \$60 million athletic facility enhancement plan. The project was announced last winter by Vanderbilt Vice Chancellor of University Affairs and Student Athletics David Williams II.

Among the football stadium improvements completed in the Phase I work are:

- New brick exterior renovation to south end of stadium facing McGugin Athletic Center and Jess Neely Drive. The work extends the brick facade included at the adjacent Hawkins Baseball Field.
- Painting of stadium exterior.
- Addition of new Vanderbilt Bookstore and Commodore Grille outlets on concourse.
- New eastside concourse artwork featuring Vanderbilt Athletics "It's Good To Be Gold" theme. The artwork includes action images of several recent Vanderbilt standouts, such as football players Jay Cutler, Earl Bennett and Chris Williams, golfer Brandt Snedeker, hoopsters Shan Foster and Chantelle Anderson, and baseball players Pedro Alvarez and David Price.
- New exterior signage and installation of large "Star V" logos on the press box structure.

Bobby Johnson's football team also benefited from the addition of FieldTurf artificial surface at its practice facility this summer.

Phase I construction also is aimed at enhancing both Memorial Gym and Hawkins Field. New men's and women's player locker rooms, and post-game press conference facilities are under construction at Memorial Gym, along with the installment of a new wooden gym floor. At Hawkins Field, work is under way to expand capacity with the addition of seating areas in left field and right field.

The facility project is expected to continue for several years. Phase II, expected to get under way after the 2008 football season, calls for total renovation of both stadium gates facing Jess Neely Drive, and the continuation of the brick exterior facade down Natchez Trace. Work on the long-anticipated Vanderbilt Athletics Hall of Fame also is expected to start after the season.

The project also calls for future construction of new football player locker and meeting rooms, and expanded training and academic support facilities.

COMMODORES SEEKING 4-0 START

Vanderbilt is seeking to move to 4-0 overall for just the second time since 1984.

The Commodores reached a 4-0 mark three years ago, riding the late-game heroics of QB Jay Cutler. The squad eventually finished 5-7.

A 4-0 start is rare with the Vanderbilt program. The 'Dores are trying to reach 4-0 for just the fourth time since World War II.

VANDERBILT TEAMS OPENING 3-0 SINCE WORLD WAR II

| YEAR | OPENING SEASON | FINAL RECORD |
|------|----------------|--------------|
| 2008 | 3-0 | --- |
| 2005 | 4-0 | 5-7 |
| 1984 | 4-0 | 5-6 |
| 1956 | 3-0 | 5-5 |
| 1950 | 4-0 | 7-4 |
| 1947 | 3-0 | 6-4 |
| 1946 | 3-0 | 5-4 |

COMMODORES GET VOTES IN POLLS

The 3-0 Commodores continue to garner Top 25 consideration this week in national polls by the *USA Today* (coaches) and Associated Press (sportswriters).

Vanderbilt notched 63 votes in the latest Associated Press ballot, ranking 26th overall. In the coaches poll, the Commodores received 20 voters, good for 35th.

Voters started giving Vanderbilt recognition after the Commodores' 24-17 win over South Carolina on Sept. 4. It marked the first time since Sept. 24, 2005 that the 'Dores received votes in either poll.

USA TODAY COACHES' POLL

coaches ballot, released Sept. 14, 2008

| # | SCHOOL (RECORD) | VOTES |
|-----|-------------------|-------|
| 1. | USC (57) 2-0 | 1518 |
| 2. | Oklahoma (3) 3-0 | 1423 |
| 3. | Georgia (2) 3-0 | 1393 |
| 4. | Florida (1) 2-0 | 1335 |
| 5. | Missouri 3-0 | 1294 |
| 6. | LSU 2-0 | 1233 |
| 7. | Texas 2-0 | 1128 |
| 8. | Wisconsin 2-0 | 1027 |
| 9. | Auburn 3-0 | 955 |
| 10. | Texas Tech 3-0 | 887 |
| 11. | Brigham Young 3-0 | 846 |
| 12. | Oregon 3-0 | 783 |
| 13. | Alabama 3-0 | 771 |
| 14. | Ohio State 2-1 | 736 |
| 15. | Penn State 3-0 | 724 |
| 16. | South Florida 3-0 | 685 |
| 17. | East Carolina 3-0 | 508 |
| 18. | Wake Forest 2-0 | 498 |
| 19. | Kansas 2-1 | 416 |
| 20. | Utah 3-0 | 400 |
| 21. | Clemson 2-1 | 233 |
| 22. | West Virginia 1-1 | 159 |
| 23. | Illinois 2-1 | 127 |
| 24. | Arizona State 2-1 | 113 |
| 25. | Florida State 2-0 | 110 |

Others receiving votes:

Fresno State 93; TCU 76; Nebraska 49; Boise State 43; Kentucky 40; Okla State 39; Tennessee 34; Va. Tech 31; UConn 27; Vanderbilt 20; North Carolina 19; Iowa 14; Northwestern 10; California 7; Mich. State 5; Notre Dame 5; Colorado 3; Ball State 2; Boston College 2; Georgia Tech 2; Tulsa 2.

ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

writers poll, released Sept. 14, 2008

| # | SCHOOL (RECORD) | VOTES |
|-----|-------------------|-------|
| 1. | USC (61) 2-0 | 1,596 |
| 2. | Oklahoma 3-0 | 1,485 |
| 3. | Georgia (2) 3-0 | 1,437 |
| 4. | Florida (1) 2-0 | 1,414 |
| 5. | Missouri 3-0 | 1,389 |
| 6. | LSU 2-0 | 1,274 |
| 7. | Texas 2-0 | 1,140 |
| 8. | Wisconsin 3-0 | 1,076 |
| 9. | Alabama 3-0 | 982 |
| 10. | Auburn 3-0 | 958 |
| 11. | Texas Tech 3-0 | 904 |
| 12. | South Florida 3-0 | 801 |
| 13. | Ohio State 2-1 | 800 |
| 14. | Brigham Young 3-0 | 788 |
| 15. | East Carolina 3-0 | 781 |
| 16. | Penn State 3-0 | 779 |
| 17. | Oregon 3-0 | 679 |
| 18. | Wake Forest 2-0 | 482 |
| 19. | Kansas 2-1 | 445 |
| 20. | Utah 3-0 | 428 |
| 21. | West Virginia 1-1 | 179 |
| 22. | Illinois 2-1 | 163 |
| 23. | Clemson 2-1 | 160 |
| 24. | Florida State 2-0 | 146 |
| 25. | Fresno State 1-1 | 121 |

Others Receiving Votes

Vanderbilt 63, Oklahoma State 62, TCU 45, Boise State 38, Arizona State 36, North Carolina 31, Virginia Tech 28, Nebraska 21, Tennessee 15, Connecticut 13, Iowa 12, Kentucky 6, Tulsa 6, Northwestern 4, Notre Dame 4, Minnesota 4, Arizona 2, UCF 1, Ball State 1, South Carolina 1



THE OLE MISS SERIES • 2007 GAME RECAP

THE VANDERBILT-OLE MISS SERIES

- ★ Meeting Between Schools: 83rd
- ★ Series Record: Vanderbilt trails, 34-46-2
- ★ Last Meeting: Vanderbilt 31, Ole Miss 17 (2007)
- ★ First Meeting: Vanderbilt 40, Ole Miss 0 (1894)
- ★ Last Game in Oxford: Vanderbilt 10, Ole Miss 17 (2006)
- ★ Last Game in Nashville: Vanderbilt 31, Ole Miss 17 (2007)
- ★ Vanderbilt Road Record vs. Ole Miss: 19-19
- ★ Vanderbilt Record in Nashville: 15-27-2
- ★ Bobby Johnson vs. Ole Miss: 2-4
- ★ Johnson vs. Ole Miss Coach Houston Nutt: 1-1

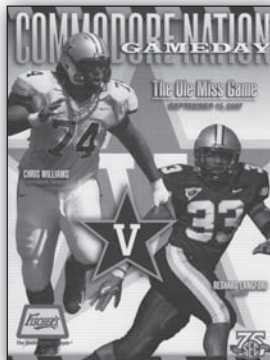
VANDERBILT-OLE MISS SERIES NOTES

- ★ Vanderbilt trails in the series with Ole Miss, 34-46-2. The Commodores have lost the last four played in Oxford. The teams are 19-19 all-time in games played away from Nashville.
- ★ Vanderbilt has played only one team, Tennessee, more than Ole Miss. This marks the 83rd meeting between the teams, one more than Vanderbilt has played against Alabama.
- ★ Vanderbilt has captured the last two games played between the teams in Nashville, including a 31-17 triumph in 2007. Between the wins in 2005 and 2007, Vanderbilt had dropped five straight in Nashville.
- ★ The margin of victory in recent years has been close in the series. In the last nine games played between Ole Miss and Vanderbilt, the margin of victory is is 7.1 points.

KEY GAMES IN THE SERIES

- ★ **2007** Vanderbilt used 119 rushing yards and three TDs by TB Cassen Jackson-Garrison to record a 31-17 victory on campus. It was the Commodores' second straight home win.
- ★ **2005** Vanderbilt used touchdowns by Jeff Jennings and Cassen Jackson-Garrison to take a 24-3 third quarter lead before Ole Miss came back with 20 straight points to narrow the margin to 24-23. In the fourth quarter, Jay Cutler guided a game-clinching touchdown drive. With :01 left, Moses Osemwegie sealed the Commodore win with a quarterback sack and forced fumble.
- ★ **2003** The Commodores received career performances by a pair of sophomores – Cutler and WR Erik Davis – during a narrow loss in Nashville. Cutler posted highs in completions (20) and passing yards (248) while Davis set a best with 138 receiving yards.
- ★ **2002** Freshman TB Kwane Doster posted one of the most productive offensive games in Vanderbilt and SEC history, compiling 344 all-purpose yards, including 101 yards rushing and a league-record 243 yards in kickoff returns.
- ★ **1997** In a back-and-forth battle in Oxford, Vanderbilt game out on top in overtime 37-34, giving the Commodores its first SEC road win in five years. QB Greg Zolman threw for 344 yards, including a last-minute tying touchdown to WR Todd Yoder and a game-clinching pass to TE Elliott Carson in overtime.
- ★ **1977** Vanderbilt flanker Preston Brown posted one of the finest games ever by a Commodore, setting a team record with a 100-yard kickoff return while piling up 175 yards in receptions.

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OLE MISS 17 VANDERBILT 31

NASHVILLE – Chris Nickson threw for 200 yards and ran for 78 more and a touchdown to lead Vanderbilt to a 31-17 win over Ole Miss Saturday night in Nashville.

Cassen Jackson-Garrison had three touchdowns and 127 yards rushing, and the Commodores (2-1) improved to 1-1 in the Southeastern Conference.

Nickson, hampered all week by a sore hamstring, completed his first 10 passes to pace a Commodores offense that gained a season-high 183 rushing yards.

Receiver Earl Bennett caught 11 passes for 100 yards, his ninth career game with at least 100 yards receiving at Vanderbilt.

The Commodore defense registered six quarterback sacks in the victory.

SCORING SUMMARY

| TEAM | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | FINAL | RECORD |
|------------|---|---|---|----|-------|----------|
| OLE MISS | 3 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 17 | 1-2, 0-1 |
| VANDERBILT | 7 | 7 | 0 | 17 | 31 | 2-1, 1-1 |

First Quarter: VU – Nickson 3-yd. run (Hahnfeldt kick) 12:08.

UM – Shene 34-yd. FG 9:17.

Second Quarter: VU – Jackson-Garrison 8-yd. run (Hahnfeldt kick) 11:52.

Third Quarter: UM – Wallace 36-yd. pass from Adams (Shene kick) 5:51

Fourth Quarter: VU – Hahnfeldt 24-yd. FG 14:51. VU – Jackson-Garrison 9-yd. run (Hahnfeldt kick) 12:58. UM – Wallace 54-yd. pass from Schaeffer (Shene kick) 10:01. VU – Jackson-Garrison 7-yd. run (Hahnfeldt kick) 1:47.

STATISTICS

| | OLE MISS | VANDERBILT |
|--------------------------|----------|------------|
| FIRST DOWNS | 13 | 25 |
| RUSHING (NET) | 32-54 | 49-183 |
| PASSING YARDS | 208 | 200 |
| PASSES: ATT-COMP-INT | 22-11-1 | 26-18-0 |
| TOTAL OFF. (PLAYS-YARDS) | 54-262 | 75-383 |
| PUNT RETURNS-YARDS | 0-0 | 1-11 |
| KO RETURNS-YARDS | 6-157 | 4-108 |
| INT RETURNS-YARDS | 0-0 | 1-4 |
| PUNTS (#-AVG) | 2-39.0 | 2-46.5 |
| FUMBLES-LOST | 1-0 | 2-1 |
| PENALTIES-YARDS | 2-15 | 5-49 |
| POSSESSION TIME | 25:10 | 34:50 |
| THIRD-DOWNS | 5 OF 13 | 7 OF 15 |
| FOURTH-DOWNS | 1 OF 4 | 3 OF 4 |
| RED-ZONE SUCCESS | 1-2 | 5-8 |
| SACKS BY: (#-YARDS) | 2-13 | 6-32 |



RUSHING: UM–Green-Ellis 21-66; Sanford 1-5; Eason 1-5; Adams 6-(-5); Schaeffer 3-(-17). VU–Jackson-Garrison 23-119; Nickson 14-57; Hawkins 8-23; Adams 3-(-3); Team 1-(-4).

PASSING UM–Adams 10-17-1-154; Schaeffer 1-5-0-54. VU–Nickson 17-25-0-200; Adams 1-1-0-0.

RECEIVING UM–Wallace 4-139; Hodge 3-24; Green 2-24; Cook 1-16; Lane 1-5. VU–Bennett 11-100; Smith 2-36; Hawkins 1-16; Allen 1-15; Wheeler 1-13; Walker 1-11; Jackson-Garrison 1-9.



COMMODORE NOTES

BRYANT HAHNFELDT: BECOMES TEAM'S ALL-TIME SCORER

Placekicker **Bryant Hahnfeldt** (Sr., Nashville, Tenn.) has become the team's all-time leading scorer. On Saturday, Hahnfeldt used five PAT conversions and a season-long 48-yard field goal to assume the record from a close friend and kicking mentor.

Hahnfeldt departed the Rice game with 210 career points, one more than the total accumulated by John Markham (1997-2000).

Hahnfeldt and Markham are longtime friends. Both were standout kickers at Montgomery Bell Academy, a school located 1.5 miles west of Vanderbilt.

Hahnfeldt has shared the Commodores' Specialist of the Week honors after three games this season.

Hahnfeldt is off to an outstanding senior campaign for the Commodores. He is 4 of 4 in field goals, including a pair beyond 40 yards. He is also 12 of 12 on PAT attempts.

As a junior in 2007, he converted 13 field goals – a single season career high. For his career, Hahnfeldt is 33 of 54 in field goals and 87 of 91 extra points.

Hahnfeldt holds the team record for PATs made with 99. He needs to make 11 field goals this season to surpass Markham's career school record of 47.

Commodore Leaders – Career Points by Kicker

| | PLACEKICKER | FGs | PATs | POINTS |
|----|-----------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| 1. | Bryant Hahnfeldt , 2005-08 | 37-58 | 99-103 | 210 |
| 2. | John Markham, 1997-2000 | 47-68 | 68-77 | 209 |
| 3. | Ricky Anderson, 1981-84 | 40-75 | 72-75 | 192 |

HAWKINS FOLLOWS ONE CAREER GAME WITH ANOTHER

Jared Hawkins (R-Jr., Spring, Texas) continues to make the most of his recent starting opportunity.

For the second consecutive week, Hawkins established career highs in rushing yards and attempts while helping the Commodores to a victory over Rice.

In just his second career start, Hawkins rushed for 107 yards on 20 carries. He had one score on a 7-yard rush.

Hawkins ranks sixth in the SEC in rushing with a 80.7-yard average. He has three rushing TDs on the season.

Hawkins' rushing total against Rice is the most by a Commodore running back since Cassen Jackson-Garrison produced 119 yards against Ole Miss last year.

Last week, Hawkins finished with 84 rushing yards in an impressive performance in Vanderbilt's 24-17 victory over No. 25 South Carolina. He has shared the team's Offensive Player of the Week honors for the last two weeks.

NICKSON CONTINUES EFFECTIVE QUARTERBACK PLAY

The passing stats don't grab your attention, but **Chris Nickson** (R-Sr.) is playing quarterback exactly as Bobby Johnson would wish.

The Commodore pass offense ranks 118th in the nation, yet Nickson is doing all the little things that coaches seek in a successful signal caller.

Nickson is one of 15 starting QBs in the nation without an interception through three games. A dual threat, Nickson also has handled the ball with care as a runner.

In Vanderbilt's 38-21 win over Rice,

Nickson accounted for 156 total yards – 85 rushing and 71 passing. He also rushed for two touchdowns, bringing his season total to five. Nickson also ranks fifth in rushing among SEC players with a 89.3-yard average.

Nickson was named SEC Offensive Player of the Week honors in Vanderbilt's 24-13 win at Miami in the opener. Since then, he has become just the third Commodore QB to reach 3,000 passing yards and 1,000 rushing yards in his career, joining Jay Cutler (2002-05) and Eric Jones (1986-88) on the list.

COMMODORES ENJOYING SECOND HALF SUCCESSES

Long regarded as a team likely to struggle during late stages of games, the '08 Commodores have been extremely productive in the second half.

Through three games, the Commodores are outscoring their opponents 45-10 after halftime. The Commodores outscored Rice 17-0 after going to intermission tied 21-21.

As Bobby Johnson has improved overall team depth, the Commodores have become a competitive second half squad. Last year, Johnson's squad outscored their opponents 125-120 after intermission. In 2005 and 2006, the Commodores were slightly outscored by opponents in the second half.

DEFENDERS LEWIS, HAMILTON POST CAREER EFFORTS

Two standouts that play in the shadow of more recognized players on the Commodore defensive unit, **Myron Lewis** (Jr., cornerback) and **Ryan Hamilton** (R-Jr., safety), produced career performances in Vanderbilt's 38-21 victory over Rice.

Lewis, who plays across from All-SEC performer **D.J. Moore**, established a career high with 10 tackles. Lewis' performance also included the first two quarterback sacks of his Commodore career.

Hamilton starts at free safety beside four-year starter and all-conference candidate **Reshard Langford**. The two-year starter contributed a team-high 11 total tackles while earning Defensive Player of the Week honors.

Lewis and Hamilton were key factors as the Commodore defense held Rice without points after intermission after going to halftime tied 21-21.

LIMITING TURNOVERS

The Commodores rank among the SEC and NCAA leaders in turnover margin.

Vanderbilt is +5 in the important category through three games, forcing eight turnovers (five INTs and three fumbles) while allowing just three miscues. The team ranks second in the SEC and 15th in the NCAA in the statistical category.

The Commodores' lack of turnovers is a big factor in the 3-0 start. While the Vanderbilt offense is one of 16 teams in the nation with no interceptions, the Commodore defense has picked off six passes, second best in the SEC.





COMMODORE NOTES

COMMODORES RUSHING EFFECTIVELY BEHIND YOUNG LINE

The Vanderbilt offense has enjoyed success running the football behind the Southeastern Conference's least experienced offensive line.

Through three games, the Commodores are averaging 225.7 rushing yards, second in the SEC and 17th in the NCAA. The Vanderbilt rushing attack is led by TB **Jared Hawkins** and the dual-threat abilities of QB **Chris Nickson**. Both rank among the conference's Top 10 rushers.

While Hawkins and Nickson have enjoyed success on the ground, they have followed behind a line that entered 2008 without significant game experience. Commodore coaches were forced

to replace all five OL starters from 2007 due to graduation. The departures included two of the top linemen in recent Vanderbilt history – first-round NFL draft pick **Chris Williams** and All-SEC tackle **Brian Stamper**.

Only one current starter, OG **Ryan Custer**, had any starting experience entering 2008 season and even Custer's was limited to three games.

The unit has come together behind the leadership of co-captain **Bradley Vierling** (R-Jr., center) and stellar play of **Thomas Welch** (R-Jr., RT). Others contributing substantial minutes are **Reilly Lauer** (R-So., LT) and **Joey Bailey** (R-So., RG).

MORE COMMODORE NOTES FROM GAME

★ For the third time this season, the Commodores reeled off an impressive string of unanswered points in defeating Rice. Trailing 21-14 late in the second quarter, Vanderbilt scored 24 straight points to secure the victory.

Vanderbilt has put together impressive scoring stints in all three victories this season. In the opener at Miami, the Commodores scored 17 unanswered points after trailing 3-0 early in the first quarter. In its home opener against No. 25 South Carolina, the Commodores dominated after halftime, scoring 21 straight points on three consecutive possessions to turn a 10-3 deficit into a 24-10 lead.

★ Vanderbilt has yet to pass for more than 100 yards in a game, yet the Commodore passing attack ranks ahead of nearly 50 others in passing efficiency.

Chris Nickson has hit on 24 of 45 passes for 252 yards and two touchdowns. His efficiency has been heightened by throwing zero interceptions through three games. Nickson's effectiveness has been helped by his ability as a dual threat: Nickson ranks seventh in the SEC averaging 173.3 yards of total offense.

★ Six different players, including three wide receivers, had rushing attempts in the Commodores' 38-21 victory over Rice.

While TB **Jared Hawkins** and QB **Chris Nickson** paced the Commodores' 273-yard rushing attack with 107 and 85 yards, respectively, receivers **D.J. Moore**, **Jamie Graham** and **Sean Walker** also got into the act. Graham and Walker each contributed touchdown rushes – Graham getting his first career touchdown on a 27-yard carry while Walker scored from five yards out. Moore had two rushes for 37 yards, including a 24-yarder.

The 273-yard rushing output was a season high, and the most since the Commodores amassed 290 yards against Miami (Ohio) on Oct. 27, 2007.

★ **Brent Trice** (Jr., LB) gave Vanderbilt's defense a lift in the second half with his play off the bench. A former safety, Trice helped the 'Dores slow the impressive Owl passing attack. He contributed four tackles, a QB sack where he forced and recovered a fumble.

★ Getting his most action of the year, **Jared Fagan** (R-Sr., DB) responded with a career-high nine tackles.

COMMODORES - YOUTHFUL STARTING SQUAD

One year after losing six players to NFL rosters, Vanderbilt Head Coach **Bobby Johnson** is playing a squad dominated by youth this season.

In Vanderbilt's wins over South Carolina and Rice, Johnson's 22-player offensive and defensive starting lineup included three seniors, 12 juniors, four sophomores and three redshirt freshmen.

SPECIAL TEAMS SHOW ACROSS-THE-BOARD UPGRADES

Due to experienced performers and heavy repetitions at practice, Commodore special teams have shown across-the-board improvements early in the 2008 season.

Both kicking specialists – **Bryant Hahnfeldt** (Sr., PK) and **Brett Upson** (Jr., punter) – have displayed consistency, while returners and coverage units rank among the best in the SEC.

A worrisome area in past years, special teams have played a major role in the Commodores' third 3-0 start in the last 24 years.

A four-year starter, Hahnfeldt has displayed accuracy and added leg strength in the early season. He is 4-of-4 in field goals on the season, including converting from 42 and 48 yards. Hahnfeldt also is forcing opponents to start drives deeper in their own territory with his kickoffs. Six of nine kickoffs against Rice were downed in the end zone.

Hahnfeldt also became the Commodores' all-time leading scorer in the Rice game, accumulating eight points to push his career total to 210 points.

While his punting average is up marginally, Upson has been extremely effective in helping the Commodores to an edge in field possession.

Upson's net punting average of 36.4 yards ranks fourth in the SEC and 40th in the nation. Through three games, just five of Upson's 14 punts have been returned. The total return yardage allowed on those punts is 13 yards.

Last year, the Commodores trailed the rest of the conference in net punting.

Upson also has pinned opponents deep in their own territory. Four of his 14 punts have been downed inside the opponent 20-yard line. Only one punt has resulted in a touchback.

All-SEC cornerback **D.J. Moore** (Jr., CB) continues as a huge return threat for the Commodores. A record breaking kickoff returner in 2007, Moore has shown a knack for punt returns this season. He ranks second in the SEC and fifth in the NCAA with a 29.0-yard average on seven punt returns. In the opener at Miami, Moore returned a punt 91 yards. Against Rice last Saturday, he returned another 67 yards to the 1-yard line, setting up Vanderbilt's final touchdown.

Moore and **Sean Walker** (R-Sr., WR) also have enjoyed success as kickoff returners this season. Moore is averaging 23.2 yards on four returns; Walker is averaging 23.0 yards on five returns.



COMMODORE NOTES

SUPPORTIVE CROWD WATCHES RICE WIN

An enthusiastic crowd of 37,110 watched Vanderbilt's 38-21 win over Rice last Saturday. The non-SEC audience was higher than the crowd that watched the Commodores' 24-17 win over South Carolina in the home opener Sept. 4.

With season ticket sales exceeding 19,000 and at the highest levels since 1996, the Commodores are hoping to post its highest average attendance since the late 1990s.

Upcoming home games against Auburn (Oct. 4), Florida (Nov. 8) and Tennessee (Nov. 22) are listed as sellouts.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE SINCE 2000

| YEAR | AVG. ATTENDANCE |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| 2008 (through 2 games) | 37,110 |
| 2007 (8 games) | 34,629 |
| 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 |

'DORES LOOKING FOR FIRST ESPN WIN

In defeating South Carolina last Thursday, the Commodores also won for the first time on the flagship ESPN station.

Before topping the Gamecocks, the 'Dores were winless in seven previous ESPN appearances dating back to a 1984 game against LSU.

The Commodore victory came in ESPN's first trip to the Vanderbilt campus since 1999.

While Vanderbilt is winless in ESPN appearances, it moved to 2-0 on ESPNU with a 34-13 win at Miami (Ohio) last week.

'DORES ON ESPN STATIONS

| YEAR | OPPONENT | STATION | W/L |
|------|--------------|---------|-----|
| 2008 | So. Carolina | ESPN | W |
| 2008 | Miami (Ohio) | ESPNU | W |
| 2007 | Georgia | ESPN2 | L |
| 2006 | Michigan | ESPN | L |
| 2005 | Wake Forest | ESPNU | W |
| | LSU | ESPN2 | L |
| | Georgia | ESPN2 | L |
| | Florida | ESPN2 | L |
| 1999 | Kentucky | ESPN | L |
| 1998 | Miss. State | ESPN2 | L |
| | Tennessee | ESPN2 | L |
| 1997 | Alabama | ESPN | L |
| | Georgia | ESPN | L |
| 1996 | Notre Dame | ESPN | L |
| | Alabama | ESPNU | L |
| | Tennessee | ESPN | L |
| 1984 | LSU | ESPN | L |

THURSDAY NIGHT TEAM SUCCESS

Vanderbilt captured its third straight victory on Thursday night last week when the Commodores defeated South Carolina 24-17.

The Commodores also defeated Miami (Ohio) 34-13 to open the season on Thursday, Aug. 28. Prior to that game, Vanderbilt's last Thursday appearance ended in a 24-20 win at Wake Forest on Sept. 1, 2005.

This season marks the first time ever that Vanderbilt has opened with consecutive Thursday night games.

PLAYING WITH SUCCESS UNDER THE LIGHTS

The Commodores have produced solid results in recent night appearances.

Since the 2005 opener, the Commodores are 11-4 while playing under the lights, including an 9-3 record in Vanderbilt Stadium. The team has also earned seven victories in its last eight night appearances. Vanderbilt has won all three night games this season.

Other top Vanderbilt performances at night include road victories at Wake Forest and Arkansas in 2005, and a win over Ole Miss in 2007.

ANOTHER WIN OVER RANKED OPPONENT

Vanderbilt's 24-17 victory over No. 24 South Carolina on Sept. 4 represents the third consecutive season that a Commodore squad has defeated a Top 25 opponent. It marks the first time in Vanderbilt history that the Commodores have accomplished the feat.

The Commodores are 3-5 in their last eight games against ranked opponents. Three of the losses have been by a touchdown or less.

Prior to defeating No. 16 Georgia in Athens in 2006, the Commodores had lost 51 consecutive meetings with ranked teams.

The victory over USC was the 'Dores' first home win over a ranked opponent since defeating No. 25 Ole Miss 31-9 on Sept. 19, 1992.

Wins over Top 25 teams since 2005

| OPPONENT | LOCATION (DATE) | SCORE |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| No. 24 South Carolina | Nashville (9/4/2008) | 24-17 |
| No. 6 South Carolina | Columbia, S.C. (10/20/2007) | 17-6 |
| No. 16 Georgia | Athens, Ga. (10/14/2006) | 24-22 |

VANDERBILT VS. NON-SEC OPPONENTS

Vanderbilt is looking for its ninth victory in its last 10 games facing non-Southeastern Conference opponents.

In Vanderbilt's last non-SEC game, the Commodores defeated Mid-American Conference (MAC) member Miami University in the 2008 opener 24-13.

Under Bobby Johnson, the 'Dores are 13-10 in non-SEC games.

In the last decade, Vanderbilt holds a 23-14 non-conference record. All-time, Vanderbilt is 434-188-32 in non-SEC games.

PREP TEAMMATES FACE EACH OTHER

Several high school teammates will face each other when the Commodores and Rebels play Saturday.

Greg Billinger (Jr., DT) attended Parkview H.S. near Atlanta, with Rebel CB Julian Whitehead.

John Stokes (So., LB/SN) and **DeAndre Jones** (Fr., LB) attended Memphis University School with Ole Miss punter Rob Park.

Austin Monahan (So., TE) and Ole Miss PK Will Foster attended Charlotte (N.C.) Country Day.



STAT COMPARISONS ★ MOORE...MR. VERSATILITY

STATISTICAL COMPARISON

| | VANDERBILT | OLE MISS |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------|
| | (THROUGH WEEK 3) | |
| TEAM RECORD | 3-0/1-0 | 2-1/0-0 |
| TOTAL POINTS | 96 | 103 |
| TOUCHDOWNS SCORED | 12 | 13 |
| POINTS ALLOWED | 51 | 64 |
| TOUCHDOWNS ALLOWED | 6 | 7 |
| FIRST DOWNS | 54 | 63 |
| RUSHING | 39 | 29 |
| PASSING | 13 | 31 |
| PENALTY | 2 | 3 |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 677 | 519 |
| YARDS GAINED RUSHING | 769 | 542 |
| YARDS LOST RUSHING | [92] | [23] |
| RUSHING ATTEMPTS | 134 | 102 |
| AVERAGE PER RUSH | 5.1 | 5.1 |
| AVERAGE PER GAME | 225.7 | 173.0 |
| TDS RUSHING | 10 | 6 |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 252 | 703 |
| ATT-COMP-INT | 45-24-0 | 81-45-4 |
| AVERAGE PER PASS | 5.6 | 8.7 |
| AVERAGE PER CATCH | 10.5 | 15.6 |
| AVERAGE PER GAME | 84.0 | 234.3 |
| TDS PASSING | 2 | 6 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 929 | 1222 |
| TOTAL PLAYS | 179 | 183 |
| AVERAGE PER PLAY | 5.2 | 6.7 |
| AVERAGE PER GAME | 309.7 | 407.3 |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS | 10-210 | 11-160 |
| AVERAGE KICK RETURN | 21.0 | 14.5 |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS | 9-225 | 4-94 |
| AVERAGE PUNT RETURN | 25.0 | 23.5 |
| INTERCEPTION RETURNS: #-YARDS | 6-106 | 2-34 |
| AVERAGE INT. RETURN | 17.7 | 17.0 |
| FUMBLES/FUMBLES LOST | 4-3 | 5-1 |
| OPP. FUMBLES/FUMBLES RECOVERED | 4-2 | 3-1 |
| PENALTIES-YARDS | 9-95 | 15-155 |
| AVERAGE PER GAME | 31.7 | 51.7 |
| PUNTS-YARDS | 14-522 | 10-384 |
| AVERAGE PER PUNT | 37.3 | 38.4 |
| NET PUNT AVERAGE | 36.4 | 33.7 |
| TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME | 31:13 | 26:39 |
| 3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS | 15/35 | 16/34 |
| 3RD DOWN PCT. | 43% | 47% |
| 4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS | 0/1 | 1/1 |
| 4TH DOWN PCT. | 0% | 100% |
| FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS | 4/4 | 4/4 |

D.J. MOORE: MR. VERSATILITY

D.J. Moore (Jr., CB/KR) didn't need much time to affirm his status as one of the nation's most versatile and productive players.

Named First Team All-SEC by the Associated Press, Moore has singlehandedly shifted the momentum in early-season games against Rice and Miami (Ohio) that eventually became Commodore victories.

While Commodore fans thought Moore was special at Miami (Ohio), he might have been more remarkable in the win over Rice.

The only player four-way player in the SEC (WR, CB, PR, KR), Moore accumulated 206 all-purpose yards on just seven touches against the Owls. It ranks as Moore's career high for all-purpose yardage.

Moore opened against Rice with a 39-yard kickoff return, then added 17 yards on his first punt return. One play later, Moore went 24 yards on a reverse, leading to Vanderbilt's first touchdown.

Moore took over the game in the fourth quarter. After the Vanderbilt defense forced a Rice possession, Moore took the ensuing punt 67 yards to the Rice 1-yard line. Vanderbilt scored its final points on the next play.

On Rice's next possession, Moore stopped an Owl threat with an interception deep in Vanderbilt territory, returning the pick 31 yards.

Moore's performance in the opener at Miami was just as remarkable.

In the span of 5:42 on the game clock, Moore intercepted a Miami pass attempt, forced a fumble on a quarterback sack that took the RedHawks out of field goal range, then returned the Miami punt 91 yards to the 1-yard line. The plays led to 10 Vanderbilt points.

Moore contributed as a defensive back, wide receiver, punt returner and kickoff returner for the Commodores. The 91-yard punt return – second longest in Vanderbilt history – was the first of Moore's career.

Moore focused on defense against South Carolina, contributing four tackles, including a 2-yard loss, and deflecting a pass that resulted in Reshard Langford's ninth career interception.

In 2007, the native of Spartanburg, S.C., was remarkable against his home-state Gamecocks. Moore earned National Defensive Player of the Week honors helping Vanderbilt to a 17-6 victory over the No. 6 ranked Gamecocks. He contributed two interceptions and eight tackles in the stellar performance last year.

An Athlons' preseason All-American, Moore has been added to several individual watchlists, including the Jim Thorpe Award, Nagurski Trophy and Bednarik Award.

Last year, Moore was one of the nation's top cornerbacks, sharing the SEC lead with six interceptions and ranking among the defensive leaders in solo tackles. He also put together one of the finest seasons ever by a Commodore kickoff returner, compiling a team-record 823 yards. He ranked among the NCAA leaders with a 25.7-yard average on kickoff returns and averaged 13 yards on six rushing attempts.



2008 PARTICIPATION ★ RANKINGS ★ D.J. MOORE

VANDERBILT ACTIVE PLAYER PARTICIPATION

| PLAYER | POSITION | 2008 | 2008 | CAREER | CAREER | CONSECUTIVE |
|-------------------|----------|--------------|--------|--------------|--------|---------------|
| | | GAMES PLAYED | STARTS | GAMES PLAYED | STARTS | CAREER STARTS |
| Chris Aaron | C | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
| Mackenzi Adams | QB | 3 | - | 27 | 6 | - |
| Josh Allen | CB | 3 | 1 | 37 | 11 | 1 |
| Rob Ashabranner | C | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
| Joey Bailey | OG/C | 3 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 3 |
| Patrick Benoist | LB | 3 | 3 | 29 | 8 | 7 |
| Greg Billinger | DT | 3 | 3 | 26 | 3 | 3 |
| Jake Bradford | TE | 3 | - | 27 | 2 | - |
| Terrell Brannon | DE | 3 | - | 4 | - | - |
| Brandon Bryant | LB | - | - | 20 | 3 | - |
| Matt Bubis | FB | 3 | - | 15 | - | - |
| Joel Caldwell | CB | 3 | - | 25 | 11 | - |
| Nate Campbell | LB | 3 | - | 15 | - | - |
| John Cole | WR | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
| Ryan Custer | OG | 3 | 3 | 27 | 6 | 3 |
| Jared Fagan | CB | 3 | - | 38 | 2 | - |
| Kyle Fischer | OT | 3 | - | 3 | - | - |
| Davis Flowers | LB | 2 | - | 2 | - | - |
| Nick Forte | OG | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
| Michael Garcia | LB | 3 | - | 7 | - | - |
| David Giller | SN | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
| Drew Gardner | OL | 3 | - | 19 | - | - |
| Jamie Graham | WR | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Justin Green | TE | 1 | - | 10 | - | - |
| T.J. Greenstone | DT | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | - |
| Bryant Hahnfeldt | PK | 3 | 3 | 38 | 38 | 38 |
| Ryan Hamilton | S | 3 | 3 | 27 | 24 | 22 |
| Jared Hawkins | TB | 3 | 2 | 25 | 2 | 2 |
| Casey Hayward | DB | 3 | - | 3 | - | - |
| Eric Hensley | OL | 3 | - | 20 | - | - |
| Jeff Jennings | TB | 1 | 1 | 32 | 14 | - |
| Chris Johnson | LB | 3 | - | 26 | - | - |
| Theron Kadri | DE | 3 | - | 15 | - | - |
| Reshard Langford | SS | 3 | 3 | 38 | 38 | 38 |
| Reilly Lauer | DE/OT | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 |
| John Laughrey | PK | - | - | 3 | - | - |
| David Leinweber | DE | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
| Myron Lewis | CB | 3 | 3 | 25 | 15 | 15 |
| Chris Marve | LB | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Gaston Miller | TB | 3 | - | 11 | - | - |
| Nick Miller | SN | - | - | 16 | - | - |
| Austin Monahan | TE | 3 | 3 | 12 | 3 | 3 |
| D.J. Moore | CB | 3 | 3 | 27 | 24 | 15 |
| Austin Newton | LB | 3 | - | 12 | - | - |
| Chris Nickson | QB | 3 | 3 | 29 | 21 | 3 |
| Kennard Reeves | RB | 1 | - | 13 | - | - |
| Chris Reinert | WR | 2 | - | 11 | - | - |
| Sean Richardson | S | 3 | - | 3 | - | - |
| Larry Simmons | WR | 2 | - | 6 | - | - |
| George Smith | WR | - | - | 35 | 26 | - |
| Adam Smotherman | DT | 3 | 2 | 11 | 2 | 1 |
| Darlon Spead | CB | 2 | - | 25 | 4 | - |
| Broderick Stewart | DE | 3 | 3 | 27 | 3 | 3 |
| John Stokes | LB/SN | 3 | 2 | 15 | 2 | - |
| Steven Stone | DE | 3 | 3 | 27 | 15 | 15 |
| Alan Strong | CB | 3 | - | 14 | - | - |
| Rich Tompkins | DB | 3 | - | 3 | - | - |
| Brent Trice | S | 3 | - | 27 | - | - |
| Udom Umoh | WR | 3 | - | 3 | - | - |
| Brett Upson | P | 3 | 3 | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| Ryan Vance | OL | - | - | 3 | - | - |
| Brad Vierling | OG | 3 | 3 | 27 | 3 | 3 |
| Sean Walker | WR | 3 | 3 | 34 | 18 | 3 |
| Alex Washington | WR | - | - | 24 | - | - |
| Thomas Welch | OT | 3 | 3 | 24 | 3 | 3 |
| Justin Wheeler | WR | 3 | 3 | 24 | 3 | 3 |
| Turner Wimberly | WR | 3 | - | 3 | - | - |

VANDERBILT 2008 STATISTICAL RANKINGS

| TEAM CATEGORY | AVG. | SEC | NCAA |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------|------|
| Scoring Offense | 32.0 | 5 | 43 |
| Scoring Defense | 15.0 | 7 | T-29 |
| Total Offense | 309.7 | 11 | 93 |
| Rushing Offense | 225.7 | 2 | 17 |
| Passing Offense | 84.0 | 12 | 118 |
| Total Defense | 332.5 | 11 | 60 |
| Rushing Defense | 98.7 | 9 | 38 |
| Passing Defense | 258.7 | 12 | 97 |
| Net Punting | 36.4 | 4 | 40 |
| Punt Returns | 25.0 | 2 | 6 |
| Kickoff Returns | 21.0 | 9 | 66 |
| Turnover Margin | +5 | 2 | T-10 |
| Pass Efficiency | 115.0 | 8 | 73 |
| Defensive Pass Efficiency | 110.3 | 10 | 51 |
| Penalties (Total) | 9 | 1 | T-6 |
| Penalty Yardage | 31.7 | 1 | 16 |
| Third Down Conv. % | 42.9% | 7 | T-48 |
| Third-Down Conv. % (opponent) | 38.6% | 9 | T-66 |
| Quarterback Sacks | 10 | 2 | T-12 |
| Quarterback Sacks Allowed | 5 | T-8 | T-62 |
| Pass Interceptions | 6 | 2 | T-7 |
| Time of Possession | 31:12 | 4 | 41 |
| First Downs | 18.0 | 7 | T-77 |
| First Downs Allowed | 19.3 | 11 | T-71 |
| INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY | AVG. | SEC | NCAA |
| Josh Allen | interceptions | .33 | T-13 |
| Greg Billinger | sacks | .67 | T-5 |
| Patrick Benoist | tackles | 10.0 | T-2 |
| | tackles for loss | 1.0 | T-10 |
| | sacks | .33 | T-17 |
| Bryant Hahnfeldt | scoring (kicker) | 8 | T-4 |
| | field goals made | 1.33 | T-4 |
| Ryan Hamilton | tackles | 8.0 | 6 |
| Jared Hawkins | rushing | 80.7 | T-6 |
| | all-purpose yards | 83.67 | 18 |
| Reshard Langford | tackles | 6.67 | T-11 |
| | interceptions | .33 | T-13 |
| Myron Lewis | interceptions | .33 | T-13 |
| | sacks | .67 | T-5 |
| Chris Marve | tackles | 5.0 | T-19 |
| | sacks | .33 | T-17 |
| D.J. Moore | interceptions | .67 | T-3 |
| | passes defended | 1.33 | T-3 |
| | punt returns | 29.0 | 2 |
| | sacks | .5 | T-10 |
| Chris Nickson | all-purpose yards | 121.7 | 4 |
| | rushing | 89.33 | 5 |
| | pass efficiency | 115.0 | 8 |
| | total offense | 173.3 | 7 |
| | scoring | 10.0 | 3 |
| | all-purpose yards | 89.33 | 13 |
| Darlon Spead | interceptions | .33 | T-13 |
| Broderick Stewart | sacks | .33 | T-17 |
| Steven Stone | sacks | .33 | T-17 |
| Brent Trice | sacks | .33 | T-17 |
| Brett Upson | punting | 37.33 | 6 |
| Sean Walker | all-purpose yards | 89.67 | 12 |



COMMODORE NOTES

SEASON TICKET SALES STRONG FOR 2008 SCHEDULE

Vanderbilt football season ticket sales are on their strongest pace in more than a decade, according to Commodore athletic officials.

Commodore season ticket sales surpassed 19,000 last week as officials announced sellouts of future Southeastern Conference home games involving Vanderbilt and Auburn, Florida and Tennessee.

The total represents the most sold by Vanderbilt Athletics since 1996 when the Commodores hosted Notre Dame in its opener and Tennessee in finale.

Besides playing South Carolina and Rice this Saturday, the Commodore home schedule includes Auburn on Oct. 4, Florida on Nov. 8 and Tennessee on Nov. 22, and non-conference foe Duke on Oct. 25.

The 2008 sales level is well ahead of last year's final total of 15,191 season tickets. In 2006 – the last year Vanderbilt hosted Tennessee, South Carolina and Florida on its Nashville campus – the Commodores sold 11,367 season tickets.

"We're extremely pleased with the ticket sales total. I also believe we'll sell many more before the home opener," Ticket Manager Eric Jones said. "The tremendous home schedule is obviously a factor for the increase, but we're seeing new season ticket buyers that are enthusiastic about Coach (Bobby) Johnson's team and how we've upgraded the Vanderbilt gameday experience."

WEEKLY INDIVIDUAL HONORS: TOP COMMODORE PERFORMERS

MIAMI (OHIO) 34-13, Aug. 28

OFF. PLAYER OF WEEK: Chris Nickson, QB
DEF. PLAYER OF WEEK: Reshard Langford, FS
SPECIALISTS OF WEEK: Bryant Hahnfeldt, PK
Brett Upson, P

SOUTH CAROLINA 24-17, Sept. 4

OFF. PLAYERS OF WEEK: Jared Hawkins, TB
Thomas Welch, OT
DEF. PLAYERS OF WEEK: Patrick Benoist, LB
Greg Billinger, DT
SPECIALIST OF WEEK: Bryant Hahnfeldt, PK

RICE 38-24, Sept. 13

OFF. PLAYERS OF WEEK: Reilly Lauer, OT
Jared Hawkins, TB
DEF. PLAYERS OF WEEK: Ryan Hamilton, SS
SPECIALIST OF WEEK: D.J. Moore, RS
Bryant Hahnfeldt, PK

JENNINGS WEARS DOSTER 'KD1' PATCH

Tailback **Jeff Jennings** (R-Sr.) became the second Vanderbilt player to wear the "KD1" jersey patch, one of the most significant recognitions awarded by the Commodore players.

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. It was worn for the last two seasons by linebacker Jonathan Goff.

"It is a really big honor to wear the patch," Jennings said. "For the type of person Kwane (Doster) was, it is a real big honor to go out on the field and represent him.

"It means even more that I knew him and got to play with him. I really know what type of player and person he was, the type of work ethic he had and how much he wanted to win every game," Jennings added.

The team's Leadership Council votes on the player to wear the "KD1" patch. They recognized Jennings' leadership role and willingness to return from a serious knee injury suffered late in the 2005 season.

Jennings missed the South Carolina and Rice games after starting in the opener at Miami (Ohio). He needs 87 yards to surpass 1,000 career rushing yards.

PREP TEAMMATES ON VANDERBILT ROSTER

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

- **Derrius Dowell** (R-Jr., DT) and **Alan Strong** (R-So., CB) were standouts at Douglass H.S. in Atlanta.
- **D.J. Moore** (Jr., CB/WR/KR) and **Terrial Brannon** (R-So., DE) were classmates at Broome H.S. in Spartanburg, S.C.
- Senior PK **Bryant Hahnfeldt** (Sr., PK), **Matt Bubis** (R-Jr., H-Back) and **Rich Tompkins** (R-Fr., DB) attended at Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville.
- **Darlon Spead** (R-Jr., CB) and **Ryan Seymour** (Fr., DT) graduated from southern Georgia prep power Camden County H.S.
- **Michael Garcia** (R-So., LB) and **Ryan van Rensburg** (R-Fr., TB) were teammates at The Bolles School in Jacksonville, Fla.
- **Adam Smotherman** (R-So., DT) and **James Williams** (R-Fr., OT) helped Smyrna H.S. near Nashville to a state title.
- Linebackers **John Stokes** (So.) and **DeAndre Jones** (Fr.) were star performers at University School in Memphis.

REINERT OUT OF ACTION

Reserve receiver **Chris Reinert** (R-Jr.) will miss the rest of the season after suffering a broken left leg in the 24-17 victory over South Carolina.

Reinert gave an emotional thumbs-up to Vanderbilt teammates and fans as he was taken from the field by medical staff on a cart.

Reinert underwent surgery Sept. 5 at Vanderbilt Medical Center to repair fractures to the left tibia and fibula.

Junior DB **Darlon Spead** also is expected to miss extended playing time after sustaining a lower leg injury at the conclusion of an interception return against South Carolina.

The 'Dores played without the services of two top receivers, senior **George Smith** and junior **Alex Washington**, during the first three games.

The Commodores also are expected to be without freshman receiver **John Cole** for the rest of 2008. Cole suffered a knee injury at Miami and underwent surgery Sept. 10. He returned two punts for 23 yards against the RedHawks.

Linebacker **Brandon Bryant** (R-Jr.) is expected to remain out of action due to an offseason leg injury. Bryant, a starter at linebacker to open the '07 season, hopes to rejoin the team this season as he works his way back from a leg fracture suffered last winter.



COMMODORE NOTES ★ FORMER 'DORES IN THE NFL

VANDERBILT DEFENSE CONTINUES STRONG PLAY

The defense turned in a strong second half performance in Vanderbilt's 38-21 victory over Rice last Saturday.

The Commodore defense held the Owls scoreless after halftime, limiting Rice to 134 total yards in the second half. The Owls entered the game with one of the nation's most potent offensive attacks, having scored at least 38 points in six consecutive games.

It was the third straight strong effort by the Commodore defense.

The unit has been an opportunistic defense, responsible for creating eight turnovers: six interceptions and a pair of forced fumbles. The Commodores' interception total ranks second in the SEC – and seventh in the nation.

The unit's productivity is also key to the Commodores favorable turnover margin (+5) through three games.

The veteran secondary continues to play well for the Commodores. CB **D.J. Moore** contributed his second interception of the year, while safety Ryan Hamilton and CB **Myron Lewis** posted career highs with 11 and 10 tackles, respectively. Lewis also earned a pair of QB sacks against Rice.

The unit ranks among the SEC and NCAA leaders in several categories. Through three games, the defense ranks second the SEC with 10 sacks. It is allowing just 98.7 rushing yards per game, 38th in the NCAA. Their scoring defense, 15.0 points per game, is 39th in the nation.

FIRST-TIME COMMODORE STARTERS

Jared Hawkins (TB, R-Jr.) and **T.J. Greenstone** (DT, R-Fr.) earned their first career starting assignments in the win over South Carolina on Sept. 4.

Greenstone and Hawkins became the 12th and 13th Commodores to earn their first career starts against either Miami (Ohio) or South Carolina. No starters were new against Rice.

There have been seven new starters on offense and six on defense.

First-time starting assignments on offense were given to four OL – **Joey Bailey** (R-So., RG), **Reilly Lauer** (R-So., LT), **Bradley Vierling** (R-Jr., C) and **Thomas Welch** (R.-Jr., RT). Besides Hawkins, **Jamie Graham** (R-Fr., WR) and **Austin Monahan** (So., TE) were the other first-time starters on offense. Besides Greenstone, three other DL – **Greg Billinger** (Jr., DT), **Adam Smotherman** (R-So., DT) and **Broderick Stewart** (R-Jr., DE) – have started for the first time. A pair of linebackers from Memphis, **John Stokes** (So., SLB), and **Chris Marve** (R-Fr., MLB), also made their first career start.

COMMODORES SEEING INITIAL ACTION

Sixteen Commodores, including a trio of true freshmen, have enjoyed their initial collegiate action in the first three games of the season.

True freshmen seeing action in the opener were WR **John Cole**, CB **Casey Hayward** and safety **Sean Richardson**. Cole is out for the season with injury.

Three first-time players, **Jamie Graham** (WR), **Chris Marve** (MLB) and **T.J. Greenstone** (DT), have started this season for the Commodores.

Other Commodores getting into their first game are **Kyle Fischer** (OT, R-Fr.), **Udom Umoh** (WR, R-Fr.), **Brandon Barden** (TE, R-Fr.), **Rich Tompkins** (DB, Fr.), **Davis Flowers** (LB, R-Fr.), **Turner Wimberly** (WR, R-So.), **David Giller** (LS, So.), **Chris Aaron** (OC, R-So.), **Rob Ashabrunner** (OC, R-Fr.) and **David Leinweber** (DE, R-Jr.).

COMMODORES VISITING OXFORD TWICE IN '08

The Commodores will make its second trip to Oxford this season when they play Ole Miss on Saturday.

Vanderbilt's first visit to Oxford came in the season opener – a 34-13 win over Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. For its second road appearance, the 'Dores return to Oxford, Miss., this Saturday.

FORMER VANDERBILT PLAYERS IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

| Former Commodore | NFL Team | Notes |
|------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Earl Bennett, WR | Chicago Bears | Third round pick; Was inactive for Chicago's 20-17 loss against Carolina Panthers |
| Marcus Buggs, LB | Buffalo Bills | Added to Bills' practice squad after getting released from active roster on Aug. 30 |
| Corey Chavous, Safety | St. Louis Rams | Veteran posted six tackles in Rams' loss to N.Y. Giants as starting strong safety |
| Jay Cutler, QB | Denver Broncos | Guided 39-38 comeback win over Chargers, hitting 36 of 50 passes for 350 yards, 4 TDs |
| Curtis Gatewood, LB | Washington Redskins | Added to Redskins' practice squad after being released from active roster on Aug. 30 |
| Justin Geisinger, OG/C | Washington Redskins | Dressed, but did not play in Washington's 29-24 win over New Orleans Saints |
| Jonathan Goff, LB | New York Giants | Rookie LB impressed coaches in early camp; currently sidelined with back injury |
| Theo Horrocks, DT | Jacksonville Jaguars | Suffered foot injury in preseason; added to Jaguars' injured reserve list in late August |
| Jovan Haye, DT | Tampa Bay | Contributed a tackle and quarterback hurry in 24-9 Bucs' victory over Atlanta Falcons |
| Hunter Hillenmeyer, LB | Chicago Bears | Contributed three tackles as starting LB in Bears' disappointing 20-17 loss to Carolina |
| Chris Williams, OT | Chicago Bears | First round pick is sidelined with back injury; could return to active duty by November |
| Jamie Winborn, LB | Denver Broncos | Winborn played reserve LB and on special teams in Denver's 39-38 win over San Diego |
| Todd Yoder, TE | Washington Redskins | Contributed as tight end and on special teams in Redskins' 29-24 win over Saints |





MORE ABOUT THE COMMODORES

SMITH – BEATING THE ODDS

George Smith continues to beat the odds. Vanderbilt's offensive co-captain and starting receiver was featured on ESPN.com this summer for his remarkable attitude and amazing recovery from a near-death experience in 2004. In the last three years, the sixth-year senior from Pembroke Pines, Fla., has survived a serious ailment and gunshot attack to become a valuable starting receiver for the Black & Gold.

The fact that Smith is in uniform is 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 during the 2005 preseason camp.

One of only three sixth-year players in the SEC this year, Smith has 76 career receptions, 997 career receiving yards and eight TDs.

Smith missed the first three games recovering from a foot injury.

JAMIE GRAHAM: TWO-SPORT STUDENT-ATHLETE

When **Jamie Graham** (R-Fr.) made his first appearance in a Commodore uniform as a WR starter against Miami, he earned the distinction of being the only SEC student-athlete who played basketball to '07-08 to participate in this football season.

Graham continues to develop as an offensive weapon for the Commodores. He posted his first career touchdown against Rice with a 27-yard rush.

For the season, Graham has three rushes for 38 yards and four receptions for 21 yards

Graham, a native of Nashville, redshirted on the football team in 2007, but became an integral part of the Commodore men's basketball success last winter.

After joining the hoops team after football ended, Graham became a fan favorite and defensive specialist in 15 appearances on the basketball court. He played important minutes down the stretch, helping the squad to a berth in the NCAA tournament.

Graham became the first Commodore to play both basketball and football since wide receiver Fred Baker did both in 1994-95.

SQUAD SERVED BY 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 **Reshard Langford**, **George Smith** and **Bradley Vierling** are members of the Leadership Council.

Others voted by teammates to represent other various position groups include **Mackenzi Adams**, quarterbacks; **Steven Stone**, defensive line; **Jeff Jennings**, offensive backfield; **Jake Bradford**, receivers/tight ends; **Bryant Hahnfeldt**, specialists; and **Patrick Benoist**, linebackers.

KITCHINGS JUST THIRD CHANGE TO JOHNSON STAFF

First-year Commodore running backs mentor **Des Kitchings** represents just the third change to Coach Johnson's Vanderbilt staff in his tenure.

Kitchings, a former Furman offensive coach, replaces Kenny Carter, who joined the Florida staff.

Johnson arrived at Vanderbilt with the belief that consistency on the coaching staff would lead to greater stability in the program and better chances for team success. He has taken the principle to heart: under Johnson, Vanderbilt has experienced the fewest coaching changes in the SEC. Both coordinators – Bruce Fowler (defense) and Ted Cain (offense) – also have the conference's longest tenures.

The coaching staff has multiple links dating back three decades to Johnson's initial year in collegiate coaching when he served as a defensive ends assistant at Furman. Johnson is just the fourth head coach in Vanderbilt football history to reach seven years of service.

COMMODORES CONTINUE ANCHOR 'UNITY' TRADITION

For the fourth 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.

MEDIA INFORMATION

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Patrick Benoist (Ben-WAH)
Teriall (Ter-RELL) Brannon
Matt Bubis (BOO-bus)
Nick Forte (FORT)
Tim Fugger (FEW-ger)
Theron (THER-in) Kadri (COD-ree)
Reshard (Rah-SHARD) Langford
Chris Marve (MARV)
Chris Reinert (RINE-ert)
Darlon (Dah-RON) Spead (SPEED)
Udom (OOD-um) Umoh (OO-mah)
Bradley Vierling (VEER-ling)

JOHNSON, STUDENT-ATHLETE

POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

Following the Ole Miss game, Coach Johnson will meet with media representatives in the visiting press conference room at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium.

The Vanderbilt Player Locker Room is closed to the media. The Vanderbilt SID staff will take requests for student-athlete interviews. Interviews with 4-5 student-athletes will be conducted as soon as Coach Johnson 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 in McGugin Center.

Selected Vanderbilt players will be available for interviews with out-of-town beat reporters on Wednesday following the team's practice.

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

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

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



HEAD COACH BOBBY JOHNSON

PERSONAL DATA

AGE: 56

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

- 83-86 overall record as head coach; 4-4 record in NCAA postseason play
- During Vanderbilt tenure, has coached the first Commodore named unanimous SEC Offensive Player of the Year (Jay Cutler, 2005), the team's 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
- 223-142-8 Combined Record (32 years of collegiate coaching)

SEVENTH YEAR RECORD OF 'DORE HEAD COACHES

Johnson is just the fourth head coach in team history to reach seven years of service with the university. Here's the seventh year record of that group:

| COACH | YEARS | RECORD |
|------------------|-------|--------|
| Bobby Johnson | 2008 | 3-0 |
| George MacIntyre | 1985 | 3-7-1 |
| Art Guepe | 1959 | 5-3-2 |
| Dan McGugin | 1910 | 8-0-1 |

SUMMARY OF JOHNSON'S COACHING CAREER

| YEAR | SCHOOL | POSITION | RECORD | HIGHLIGHTS |
|------|------------|------------------------------------|------------|--|
| 2008 | Vanderbilt | Head Coach | 3-0 (1-0) | Three wins to open season |
| 2007 | Vanderbilt | Head Coach | 5-7 (2-8) | road win over No. 6 So. Carolina |
| 2006 | Vanderbilt | Head Coach | 4-8 (1-7) | win over No. 22 Georgia in Athens |
| 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; I-AA Playoffs; Conference Champions |
| 1988 | Furman | Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator | 13-2 | Conference Champions 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 INTERVIEW 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 featuring Coach Johnson and Voice of the Commodores Joe Fisher – 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 CSS at Comcast 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 on Vanderbilt Athletics' flagship station WGFX FM-104.5 at a new time this season.

The show will air weekly at 6:30 p.m., 30 minutes earlier than in past years.

The show is hosted by Commodore play-by-play announcer Joe Fisher. The show, open to the public, will be held at the refurbished Commodore Bar & Grille in Holiday Inn Select, located on West End Avenue.

The show features Johnson's game recap, a look at the next opponent and questions from callers across Middle Tennessee.





COMMODORE DEPTH CHART

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 13

OFFENSE

| | | | |
|------|----|------------------|--------------------|
| Z WR | 7 | Sean Walker | (6-0, 178, R-Sr.) |
| | 26 | Andrew Diomande | (6-2, 204, Sr.) |
| X WR | 25 | Jamie Graham | (5-11, 190, R-Fr.) |
| | 23 | Udom Umoh | (5-11, 172, R-Fr.) |
| S WR | 80 | Justin Wheeler | (6-1, 178, R-Jr.) |
| | 81 | Turner Wimberly | (6-1, 195, R-So.) |
| QB | 3 | Chris Nickson | (6-1, 212, R-Sr.) |
| | 9 | Mackenzi Adams | (6-3, 215, R-Jr.) |
| TB | 31 | Jared Hawkins | (5-10, 202, R-Jr.) |
| | 27 | Gaston Miller | (5-7, 180, R-So.) |
| TE | 86 | Austin Monahan | (6-7, 255, So.) |
| | 85 | Jake Bradford | (6-6, 270, Sr.) |
| -or- | 87 | Brandon Barden | (6-5, 245, R-Fr.) |
| LT | 68 | Reilly Lauer | (6-6, 275, R-So.) |
| | 72 | Kyle Fischer | (6-6, 300, R-Fr.) |
| LG | 73 | Ryan Custer | (6-3, 295, R-Jr.) |
| | 70 | Drew Gardner | (6-6, 305, R-Jr.) |
| C | 60 | Bradley Vierling | (6-3, 292, R-Jr.) |
| | 71 | Joey Bailey | (6-4, 280, R-So.) |
| | 55 | Rob Ashrabranner | (6-2, 285, R-Fr.) |
| RG | 71 | Joey Bailey | (6-4, 280, R-So.) |
| | 61 | Nick Forte | (6-2, 290, R-Jr.) |
| | 77 | James Williams | (6-6, 305, R-Fr.) |
| RT | 76 | Thomas Welch | (6-7, 305, R-Jr.) |
| | 66 | Eric Hensley | (6-6, 312, R-Jr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | | |
|------|----|-------------------|--------------------|
| DE | 96 | Steven Stone | (6-5, 272, R-Jr.) |
| | 89 | Teriall Brannon | (6-3, 245, R-So.) |
| DT | 56 | Greg Billinger | (6-4, 290, Jr.) |
| | 84 | Rob Lohr | (6-4, 272, Fr.) |
| -or- | 58 | Colt Nichter | (6-2, 285, Fr.) |
| DT | 59 | Adam Smotherman | (6-4, 285, R-So.) |
| -or- | 74 | T.J. Greenstone | (6-3, 278, R-Fr.) |
| DE | 90 | Broderick Stewart | (6-5, 230, R-Jr.) |
| | 91 | Theron Kadri | (6-4, 272, So.) |
| SLB | 49 | John Stokes | (6-5, 228, So.) |
| | 11 | Brent Trice | (6-3, 218, Jr.) |
| | 46 | Austin Newton | (6-3, 218, R-So.) |
| MLB | 13 | Chris Marve | (6-0, 225, R-Fr.) |
| | 45 | Chris Johnson | (6-1, 228, R-Jr.) |
| WLB | 30 | Patrick Benoist | (6-0, 220, Jr.) |
| | 52 | Nathan Campbell | 6-3, 228, R-So.) |
| CB | 17 | D.J. Moore | (5-10, 1882, Jr.) |
| | 14 | Josh Allen | (5-9, 184, R-Sr.) |
| SS | 33 | Reshard Langford | (6-2, 212, R-Sr.) |
| | 38 | Sean Richardson | (6-2, 190, Fr.) |
| FS | 2 | Ryan Hamilton | (6-2, 210, R-Jr.) |
| | 29 | Joel Caldwell | (6-1, 195, R-Jr.) |
| CB | 5 | Myron Lewis | (6-3, 202, Jr.) |
| | 16 | Alan Strong | (5-10, 175, R-So.) |
| NB | 20 | Jared Fagan | (5-9, 182, R-Sr.) |
| | 19 | Casey Hayward | (6-0, 178, Fr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | | | | | | |
|----|----|------------------|-------------------|----|----|------------------|-------------------|
| PK | 8 | Bryant Hahnfeldt | (5-11, 185, Sr.) | KR | 17 | D.J. Moore | (5-10, 182, Jr.) |
| | 94 | Ryan Fowler | (5-10, 160, Fr.) | | 7 | Sean Walker | (6-0, 178, R-Sr.) |
| SN | 49 | John Stokes | (6-5, 228, So.) | PR | 17 | D.J. Moore | (5-10, 182, Jr.) |
| | 69 | David Giller | (6-1, 240, So.) | | 7 | Sean Walker | (6-0, 178, R-Sr.) |
| H | 9 | Mackenzi Adams | (6-3, 215, R-Jr.) | P | 39 | Brett Upson | (5-11, 185, Jr.) |
| KO | 8 | Bryant Hahnfeldt | (5-11, 185, Sr.) | | 8 | Bryant Hahnfeldt | (5-11, 185, Sr.) |
| | 94 | Ryan Fowler | (5-10, 160, Fr.) | | | | |



ALPHABETICAL TEAM ROSTER

| NO. | NAME | POS. | Ht. | Wt. | YEAR. | ELIG. | HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL | NO. | NAME | POS. | Ht. | Wt. | YEAR. | ELIG. | HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL |
|-----|------------------|------|------|-----|-------|-------|--------------------------------------|-----|-------------------|-------|------|-----|-------|-------|--|
| 63 | Chris Aaron | OG | 6-3 | 290 | R-So. | SQ | Palos Verdes, Calif./Palos Verdes | 68 | Reilly Lauer | OT | 6-6 | 275 | R-So. | SQ | Gates Mill, Ohio/St. Ignatius |
| 9 | Mackenzi Adams | QB | 6-3 | 215 | R-Jr. | 2L | Tulsa, Okla./Union | 93* | David Leinweber | DE | 6-5 | 245 | R-Jr. | SQ | Bloomfield Hills, Mich./Cranbrook |
| 14 | Josh Allen | CB | 5-9 | 184 | R-Sr. | 3L | Roswell, Ga./Roswell | 5 | Myron Lewis | CB | 6-3 | 202 | Jr. | 2L | Pompano Beach, Fla./Pompano Beach |
| 55 | Rob Ashabranner | C | 6-2 | 275 | R-Fr. | RS | Beaumont, Texas/Cathedral Christian | 54 | Taylor Loftley | DL | 6-2 | 250 | Fr. | HS | Chamblee, Ga./Chamblee |
| 40 | Bo Baggerley | LB | 6-0 | 210 | Sr. | SQ | Forsyth, Ga./Stratford Academy | 84 | Rob Lohr | DL | 6-4 | 270 | Fr. | HS | Phoenixville, Pa./Phoenixville |
| 71 | Joey Bailey | OG/C | 6-4 | 280 | R-So. | 1L | Trussville, Ala./Hewitt-Trussville | 13 | Chris Marve | LB | 6-0 | 225 | R-Fr. | RS | Memphis, Tenn./White Station |
| 87 | Brandon Barden | TE | 6-5 | 245 | R-Fr. | RS | Lincolnton, Ga./Lincoln Co. | 17 | D.J. Moore | CB | 5-10 | 182 | Jr. | 2L | Spartanburg, S.C./Broome |
| 15 | Archie Barnes | LB | 6-4 | 200 | Fr. | HS | Tampa, Fla./Berkeley Prep | 27 | Gaston Miller | TB | 5-7 | 180 | R-So. | 1L | Murfreesboro, Tenn./Riverdale |
| 30 | Patrick Benoist | LB | 6-0 | 222 | Jr. | 2L | Southlake, Texas/Carroll Senior | 75 | Nick Miller | SN | 6-3 | 250 | R-Jr. | 2L | Matthews, N.C./East Mecklenburg |
| 56 | Greg Billinger | DT | 6-3 | 290 | Jr. | 2L | Lilburn, Ga./Parkview | 86 | Austin Monahan | TE | 6-7 | 255 | So. | 1L | Charlotte, N.C./Country Day |
| 85 | Jake Bradford | TE | 6-6 | 270 | Sr. | 2L | St. Simons Island, Ga./Glynn Acad. | 46 | Austin Newton | LB | 6-3 | 218 | R-So. | 1L | McDonough, Ga./Union Grove |
| 89 | Terriall Brannon | DE | 6-3 | 235 | R-So. | SQ | Spartanburg, S.C./Broome | 3 | Chris Nickson | QB | 6-1 | 212 | R-Sr. | 3L | Brundidge, Ala./Pike Co. |
| 32 | Matt Bubis | HB | 5-10 | 230 | R-Jr. | 1L | Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell | 37 | Al Owens | DB | 6-2 | 178 | Fr. | HS | Springtown, Texas/Springtown |
| 57 | John Burrow | LB | 6-4 | 230 | Fr. | HS | Morris, Ala./Mortimer Jordan | 15* | Will Parker Roe | S | 5-10 | 175 | R-Fr. | RS | Humboldt, Tenn./Humboldt |
| 67 | Michael Bryant | OL | 6-4 | 290 | Fr. | HS | La Vergne, Tenn./La Vergne | 43 | Michah Powell | DB | 6-0 | 192 | Fr. | HS | Tarpon Springs, Fla./East Lake |
| 65 | Richard Cagle | OL | 6-4 | 285 | Fr. | HS | Houston, Texas/St. Pius X | 58 | Colt Nichter | DT | 6-2 | 285 | Fr. | HS | Park City, Utah/Park City |
| 29 | Joel Caldwell | S | 6-1 | 195 | R-Jr. | 2L | Hoover, Ala./Hoover | 28 | Kennard Reeves | TB | 6-0 | 202 | R-So. | 1L | Duluth, Ga./Duluth |
| 52 | Nate Campbell | LB | 6-3 | 228 | R-So. | 1L | Hazen, Ark./Hazen | 34 | Ryan van Rensburg | TB | 6-1 | 215 | R-Fr. | RS | Jacksonville, Fla./The Bolles School |
| 50 | Thomas Carroll | PK | 5-9 | 165 | R-Jr. | SQ | Columbus, Ga./Brookstone | 36 | Chris Reinert | WR | 5-9 | 175 | R-Jr. | 1L | Santa Ana, Calif./Servite |
| 83 | John Cole | WR | 5-11 | 170 | Fr. | HS | Somerset, Ky./Somerset | 38 | Sean Richardson | DB | 6-2 | 190 | Fr. | HS | Linden, Ala./Linden |
| 89* | Chris Crooks | WR | 6-3 | 208 | R-Fr. | SQ | Chattahoochee, Ga./Chattahoochee | 28* | Alex Schultz | DB | 6-0 | 192 | R-Jr. | SQ | Wayland, Mass./Wayland |
| 73 | Ryan Custer | OG | 6-3 | 295 | R-Jr. | 2L | Troy, Ohio/Troy | 45* | Chavez Scott | TB | 5-7 | 185 | Fr. | HS | Memphis, Tenn./Whitehaven |
| 48 | Dexter Daniels | LB | 6-1 | 210 | Fr. | HS | Brantley, Ala./Brantley | 62 | Ryan Seymour | DL | 6-4 | 255 | Fr. | HS | Kingsland, Ga./Camden Co. |
| 84 | Chris DeGeorge | HB | 6-2 | 225 | R-Jr. | SQ | Portland, Tenn./Portland | 18 | Larry Simmons | WR | 5-10 | 168 | R-Jr. | SQ | Austin, Texas/Anderson |
| 26 | Andrew Diomande | WR | 6-2 | 204 | Sr. | TR | Miami, Fla./Columbus HS/(Clemson) | 88 | George Smith | WR | 6-3 | 202 | R-Sr. | 3L | Pembroke Pines, Fla./Hollywood Hills |
| 41 | Jermaine Doster | TB | 5-10 | 205 | R-Fr. | RS | Tampa, Fla./Robinson | 10 | Larry Smith | QB | 6-2 | 215 | R-Fr. | RS | Prattville, Ala./Prattville |
| 22 | Akeem Dunham | WR | 6-3 | 185 | Fr. | HS | Eustis, Fla./Eustis | 59 | Adam Sotherman | DT | 6-4 | 285 | R-So. | 1L | Smyrna, Tenn./Smyrna |
| 20 | Jared Fagan | CB | 5-9 | 182 | R-Sr. | 3L | Waldorf, Md./Westlake | 6 | Darlon Spead | NB | 5-10 | 186 | R-Jr. | 2L | Kingsland, Ga./Camden Co. |
| 72 | Kyle Fischer | OT | 6-6 | 300 | R-Fr. | RS | Columbia, S.C./Spring Valley | 90 | Broderick Stewart | DE | 6-5 | 230 | R-Jr. | 2L | Newnan, Ga./Riverside Military |
| 51 | Davis Flowers | LB | 6-0 | 215 | R-Fr. | RS | Dothan, Ala./Houston Academy | 49 | John Stokes | LB/SN | 6-5 | 228 | So. | 1L | Memphis, Tenn./University School |
| 61 | Nick Forte | OG | 6-2 | 290 | R-Jr. | SQ | Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood Academy | 96 | Steven Stone | DE | 6-5 | 268 | R-Jr. | 2L | Conway, Ark./Conway |
| 94 | Ryan Fowler | PK | 5-10 | 160 | Fr. | HS | Taylor, S.C./Eastside | 16 | Alan Strong | CB | 5-10 | 180 | R-So. | 1L | Atlanta, Ga./Douglass |
| 42 | Tim Fugger | DE | 6-4 | 255 | R-Fr. | RS | Oak Brook, Ill./Montini Catholic | 24 | Tristan Strong | LB | 6-1 | 220 | Fr. | HS | Loganville, Ga./Grayson |
| 12 | Jared Funk | QB | 6-2 | 202 | R-So. | SQ | Long Grove, Ill./St. Viator | 24* | Rich Tompkins | DB | 5-11 | 185 | R-Fr. | SQ | Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell |
| 44 | Michael Garcia | LB | 6-0 | 235 | R-So. | 1L | Jacksonville, Fla./The Bolles School | 11 | Brent Trice | S/LB | 6-3 | 214 | Jr. | 2L | Orange, Va./Fort Union Military |
| 70 | Drew Gardner | OG | 6-6 | 305 | R-Jr. | 1L | Hoxie, Ark./Hoxie | 37* | Elvio Tropeano | S | 5-9 | 200 | R-Jr. | RS | Pomfret, Conn./Middlesex School |
| 69 | David Giller | SN | 6-1 | 240 | So. | TR | Swampscott, Mass./Swampscott/ | 23 | Udom Umoh | WR | 6-0 | 172 | R-Fr. | RS | Fort Valley, Ga./Peach Co. |
| 25 | Jamie Graham | WR | 6-0 | 190 | R-Fr. | RS | Nashville, Tenn./Whites Creek | 39 | Brett Upson | P | 5-11 | 185 | Jr. | 2L | Griffin, Ga./Spalding |
| 82 | Justin Green | TE | 6-6 | 235 | R-So. | 1L | Troy, Ala./Henderson | 79 | Ryan Vance | OG | 6-3 | 290 | R-Jr. | 1L | Bellaire, Texas/Episcopal |
| 74 | T.J. Greenstone | DT | 6-3 | 282 | R-Fr. | RS | Lawrenceville, Ga./Collins Hill | 46* | Duane Vaughn | S | 6-1 | 195 | R-Fr. | RS | Goodlettsville, Tenn./Davidson Academy |
| 8 | Bryant Hahnfeldt | P/PK | 5-11 | 185 | Sr. | 3L | Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell | 60 | Bradley Vierling | C | 6-3 | 292 | R-Jr. | 2L | Warmminster, Pa./Central Bucks East |
| 2 | Ryan Hamilton | FS | 6-2 | 210 | R-Jr. | 2L | Wycombe, Pa./Council Rock North | 7 | Sean Walker | WR | 6-0 | 178 | R-Sr. | 3L | Wrens, Ga./Jefferson Co. |
| 31 | Jared Hawkins | TB | 5-10 | 202 | R-Jr. | 2L | Spring, Texas/Klein | 4 | Alex Washington | WR | 5-10 | 182 | R-Jr. | 2L | Stone Mtn., Ga./Stephenson |
| 19 | Casey Hayward | DB | 6-0 | 178 | Fr. | HS | Elko, Ga./Perry | 76 | Thomas Welch | OT | 6-7 | 305 | R-Jr. | 2L | Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood |
| 66 | Eric Hensley | OT | 6-6 | 312 | R-Jr. | 1L | Clinton, Tenn./Clinton | 78 | Caleb Welchans | OL | 6-5 | 285 | Fr. | HS | Wildwood, Mo./Lafayette |
| 93 | Josh Jelesky | DE | 6-5 | 234 | Fr. | HS | Naperville, Ill./Naperville | 80 | Justin Wheeler | WR | 6-1 | 178 | R-Jr. | 2L | North Augusta, S.C./North Augusta |
| 21 | Jeff Jennings | TB | 6-1 | 214 | R-Sr. | 3L | Dandridge, Tenn./Jefferson Co. | 77 | James Williams | OL | 6-6 | 305 | R-Fr. | RS | Smyrna, Tenn./Smyrna |
| 45 | Chris Johnson | LB | 6-1 | 228 | R-Jr. | 2L | Birmingham, Ala./Oak Mountain | 81 | Turner Wimberly | WR | 6-1 | 195 | R-So. | SQ | Austin, Texas/Westlake/ |
| 47 | DeAndre Jones | LB | 6-0 | 220 | Fr. | HS | Memphis, Tenn./University School | 97 | John Laughrey | PK | 5-11 | 180 | R-So. | SQ | McKenzie, Tenn./McKenzie |
| 91 | Theron Kadri | DE | 6-4 | 270 | So. | 1L | Brighton, Tenn./Brighton | 98 | Johnell Thomas | DL | 6-1 | 240 | Fr. | HS | Orlando, Fla./Boone |
| 84* | Richard Kent | P | 6-1 | 190 | Fr. | HS | Marietta, Ga./Walton | 99 | Derrius Dowell | DT | 6-3 | 285 | R-Jr. | 2L | Atlanta, Ga./Douglass |
| 33 | Reshard Langford | S | 6-2 | 212 | R-Sr. | 3L | Tanner, Ala./Tanner | | | | | | | | |

* Duplicate jerseys

COMMODORE NUMERICAL ROSTER

| NO. | NAME | POS. | NO. | NAME | POS. | NO. | NAME | POS. | NO. | NAME | POS. | NO. | NAME | POS. |
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| 2 | Ryan Hamilton | FS | 21 | Jeff Jennings | TB | 38 | Sean Richardson | DB | 62 | Ryan Seymour | DL | 83 | John Cole | WR |
| 3 | Chris Nickson | QB | 22 | Akeem Dunham | WR | 39 | Brett Upson | P | 63 | Chris Aaron | OG | 84 | Rob Lohr | DL |
| 4 | Alex Washington | WR | 23 | Udom Umoh | WR | 40 | Bo Baggerley | LB | 65 | Richard Cagle | OL | 84 | Chris DeGeorge | HB |
| 5 | Myron Lewis | CB | 24 | Tristan Strong | LB | 41 | Jermaine Doster | TB | 66 | Eric Hensley | OT | 84* | Richard Kent | P |
| 6 | Darlon Spead | NB | 24* | Rich Tompkins | DB | 42 | Tim Fugger | DE | 67 | Michael Bryant | OT | 85 | Jake Bradford | TE |
| 7 | Sean Walker | WR | 25 | Jamie Graham | WR | 43 | Michah Powell | DB | 68 | Reilly Lauer | OT | 86 | Austin Monahan | TE |
| 8 | Bryant Hahnfeldt | P/PK | 26 | Andrew Diomande | WR | 44 | Michael Garcia | LB | 69 | David Giller | SN | 87 | Brandon Barden | TE |
| 9 | Mackenzi Adams | QB | 27 | Gaston Miller | TB | 45 | Chris Johnson | LB | 70 | Drew Gardner | OG | 88 | George Smith | WR |
| 10 | Larry Smith | QB | 28 | Kennard Reeves | TB | 45* | Chavez Scott | TB | 71 | Joey Bailey | C/OG | 89 | Terriall Brannon | DE |
| 11 | Brent Trice | S | 28* | Alex Schultz | DB | 46 | Austin Newton | LB | 72 | Kyle Fischer | OL | 89* | Chris Crooks | WR |
| 12 | Jared Funk | QB | 29 | Joel Caldwell | S | 51 | Davis Flowers | LB | 73 | Ryan Custer | OG | 90 | Broderick Stewart | DE |
| 13 | Chris Marve | LB | 30 | Patrick Benoist | LB | 52 | Nate Campbell | LB | 74 | T.J. Greenstone | DT | 91 | Theron Kadri | DE |
| 14 | Josh Allen | CB | 31 | Jared Hawkins | TB | 54 | Taylor Loftley | DL | 75 | Nick Miller | SN | 93 | Josh Jelesky | DE |
| 15 | Archie Barnes | LB | 32 | Matt Bubis | HB | 55 | Rob Ashabranner | C | 76 | Thomas Welch | OT | 93* | David Leinweber | DE |
| 15* | Will Parker Roe | S | 33 | Reshard Langford | S | 56 | Greg Billinger | DT | 77 | James Williams | OL | 94 | Ryan Fowler | PK |
| 16 | Alan Strong | CB | 34 | Ryan van Rensburg | TB | 57 | John Burrow | LB | 78 | Caleb Welchans | OL | 96 | Steven Stone | DE |
| 17 | D.J. Moore | CB | 35 | Brandon Bryant | LB | 58 | Colt Nichter | DT | 79 | Ryan Vance | OG | 97 | John Laughrey | PK |
| 18 | Larry Simmons | WR | 36 | Chris Reinert | WR | 59 | Adam Sotherman | DT | 80 | Justin Wheeler | WR | 98 | Johnell Thomas | DL |
| 19 | Casey Hayward | DB | 37 | Al Owens | DB | 60 | Bradley Vierling | C/OG | 81 | Turner Wimberly | WR | 99 | Derrius Dowell | DT |
| 20 | Jared Fagan | CB | 37* | Elvio Tropeano | S | 61 | Nick Forte | OG | 82 | Justin Green | TE | | | |

* Duplicate jerseys

