



VANDERBILT FOOTBALL

GAME NOTES

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GAME 4



#1 ALABAMA at VANDERBILT

Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017 ★ 2:30 p.m. ★ Nashville, Tenn. ★ Vanderbilt Stadium

CRIMSON TIDE

Overall: 3-0

SEC: 0-0

Head Coach:

Nick Saban (11th season)

Record at ALA: 117-19 (.860)

Career record: 208-61-1 (.772)

COMMODORES

Overall: 3-0

SEC: 0-0

Head Coach:

Derek Mason (4th season)

Record at VU: 16-24 (.385)

Career record: 16-24 (.385)



QUICK COMPARISON

ALA

35.3

64

239.0

178.7

417.7

37%

80.3

224.3

304.7

41%



PPG

1st DOWNS

RUSH

PASS

OFFENSE

3rd DOWNS

OPP. RUSH

OPP. PASS

OPP. OFFENSE

OPP. 3rd DOWNS

VU

28.0

44

103.3

242.7

346.0

43%

103.0

95.3

198.3

14%



OPENING KICK

★ Vanderbilt hosts top-ranked Alabama on Saturday, the eighth game for the program against a No. 1 team and first since 2009.

★ The Commodores' defense enters the weekend with the top-ranked defense nationally in multiple categories - scoring, total and passing.

★ RB Ralph Webb is Vanderbilt's all-time leading rusher with 3,491 yards and ranks 18th all-time in SEC history. He's set to make his 41st straight start.

★ The defense has already matched last season's interception total with five after safeties Ryan White and LaDarius Wiley picked off passes last week.

★ QB Kyle Shurmur passed John Gromos on Vanderbilt's all-time passing yards last week with 205 yards, moving him into eighth all-time with 3,615 yards.

★ Vanderbilt has outscored its first three opponents 63-7 in the first half.

A Vanderbilt victory would...

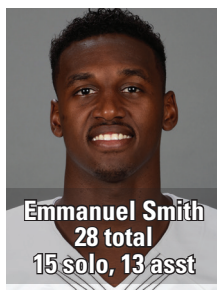
★ Be the school's first-ever win over a top-ranked team.

★ Make the team 4-0 for first time since 2008.

★ Be the sixth straight win at Vanderbilt Stadium.

VANDERBILT STAT LEADERS

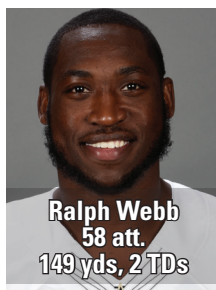
TACKLES



PASSING



RUSHING



RECEIVING



CBS

PBP: Brad Nessler

Analyst: Gary Danielson

Reporter: Allie LaForce

VANDERBILT IMG NETWORK

Flagship: WLAC 1510-AM/98.3 FM

Voice of the Commodores: Joe Fisher

Analyst: Norman Jordan

Sideline: Mitch Light

Sirius: 137 | XM: 190



@Middle TN

Sept. 2

Win

28-6



Ala. A&M

Sept. 9

Win

42-0



Kansas St.

Sept. 16

Win

14-7



Alabama

Sept. 23

2:30 p.m.

CBS



@Florida

Sept. 30

TBA



Georgia

Oct. 7

TBA



@Ole Miss

Oct. 14

TBA



@S. Carolina

Oct. 28

TBA



WKU

Nov. 4

TBA



Kentucky

Nov. 11

TBA



Missouri

Nov. 18

TBA



@Tennessee

Nov. 25

TBA



VANDERBILT FOOTBALL MEDIA SERVICES

**SUNDAY**

OFF

DAY

**MONDAY
MORNING
PRACTICE**NO MEDIA
AVAILABILITY**TUESDAY
PRESS
CONFERENCE**COACH MASON
12:15 p.m.
STUDENT-ATHLETES
12:35 p.m.**WEDNESDAY
SEC
COACHES
TELECONFERENCE**COACH MASON
10:30-10:40 a.m.**THURSDAY
MORNING
PRACTICE**COACH LUDWIG
STUDENT-ATHLETES
9:45 a.m.**FRIDAY
MORNING
PRACTICE**NO MEDIA
AVAILABILITY**SATURDAY**ALABAMA
2:30 p.m.
CBS**VANDERBILT POST-GAME INTERVIEWS**

Coach Mason's post-game press conferences are held after he addresses the team. Only properly credentialed media will be allowed into the Vanderbilt press conference room at Vanderbilt Stadium and away games.

Mason's remarks will be held in the team's press conference area. The press conference area at Vanderbilt Stadium is located in the south end zone tunnel near the team's locker room.

The Vanderbilt locker room is closed. Up to six student-athletes will be made available for post-game interviews. These interviews will be conducted in the same press conference room as Coach Mason's remarks. The players are available at the conclusion of Mason's conference.

GAME WEEK INTERVIEW POLICY

All interview requests for Coach Mason and Vanderbilt student-athletes **MUST** go through Kyle Parkinson or Larry Leathers prior to the interview. Offensive coordinator Andy Ludwig will be available to media members at the conclusion of practice on Thursday morning. Student-athletes and other assistant coaches will also be available to media after Thursday practices.

Practice sessions are closed to the media.

COACH MASON'S RADIO SHOW WEDNESDAY

The Vanderbilt Coaches Show with Coach Mason, a weekly feature of Nashville flagships NewsRadio 1510 WLAC, is scheduled on Wednesdays. The show starts at 7 p.m. with Coach Mason and the Voice of the Commodores Joe Fisher.

CREDENTIALS

Media seeking credentials should visit sportssystems.com/vanderbilt. Media will call is located at Gate 1 of Vanderbilt Stadium.

**WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE
ON TUESDAYS**

Coach Mason will participate in a press conference for local media on Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. It is held in the team's post-game press conference room in the south end zone of Vanderbilt Stadium.

Interviews with selected student-athletes will follow Mason's remarks. The press event is available on SEC Network+ and archived at vucommodores.com.

**SEC COACHES TELECONFERENCE:
WEDNESDAY 10:30 A.M.**

Coach Mason is available each Wednesday morning to media outlets as part of the Southeastern Conference Coaches' Teleconference. Mason's 10-minute segment starts at 10:30 a.m. CT. To participate, call the SEC Office at (205) 458-3010.

COACH'S SHOW ON FACEBOOK

New in 2017, The Coach's Show with Derek Mason will be available on Facebook each Friday afternoon of game weeks.

The new show will feature interviews and stories with Coach Mason, assistant coaches and student-athletes while being hosted by the Voice of the Commodores Joe Fisher.

ON THE INTERNET

Vanderbilt's website - vucommodores.com - hosts stories from former Sports Illustrated writer Zac Ellis along with stats, notes and videos.

GAME DAY AT VANDERBILT STADIUM

The press box at Vanderbilt Stadium opens 2.5 hours before kickoff unless otherwise noted. The press box will close approximately three hours after the conclusion of the game.

Game notes and depth charts for both teams will be available in the press box and online at vucommodores.com/FootballGameNotes.

Wireless internet is available in the press box along with live stats via statbroadcast.com.



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VANDERBILT VS. ALABAMA BREAKDOWN



CATEGORY	VANDERBILT	ALABAMA	CATEGORY	VANDERBILT	ALABAMA
Overall	3-0	3-0	Kick Returns: #-Yards	1-22	4-76
SEC/SEC	0-0	0-0	Punt Returns: #-Yards	5-63	4-40
Streak	W3	W3	INT Returns: #-Yards	5-48 (1)	5-95 (2)
Scoring	84	106	Kick Return Average	22.0 (10)	19.0 (12)
Points per Game	28.0 (T8)	35.3 (4)	Punt Return Average	12.6 (3)	10.0 (7)
First Downs	44 (12)	64 (T6)	INT Return Average	9.6	19.0
Rushing	15	37	Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Passing	29	25	Fumbles Recovered	2-0	3-1
Penalty	0	2	Penalties-Yards	15-159	13-105
Rushing Yards	310	717	Average per Game	53.0 (11)	35.0 (3)
Yards Gained	332	741	Punts-Yards	20-727	11-436
Yards Lost	22	24	Average per Punt	36.3	39.6
Attempts	102	120	Net Punt Average	32.2 (14)	39.6 (8)
Average per Rush	3.0	6.0	Time of Possession/Game	32:16 (5)	29:52 (9)
Average per Game	103.3 (11)	239.0 (3)	3rd Down Conversions	18/42	14/38
TDs	4	7	3rd Down Pct.	43% (T7)	37% (13)
Passing Yards	728	536	4th Down Conversions	1/2	3/3
Comp-Att-INT	53-77-0	43-66-0	4th Down Pct.	50% (T3)	100% (1)
Average per Pass	9.5	8.1	Sacks By-Yards	10-65 (T1)	5-29 (T10)
Average per Catch	13.7	12.5	Sacks Allowed-Yards	2-8 (T2)	3-16 (T5)
Average per Game	242.7 (3)	178.7 (12)	Touchdowns Scored	12	12
TDs Passing	8	5	Field Goals-Attempts	0-2	7-10
Total Offense	1038	1253	Redzone Scores	7-9 (9)	11-12 (3)
Total Plays	179	186	Redzone Touchdowns	7-9	6-12
Average per Play	5.8	6.7			
Average per Game	346.0 (11)	417.7 (5)			

The Alabama Series

All-Time vs. Alabama: 19-61-4

First meeting: 1903 in Nashville, W 30-0

Last meeting: 2011 in Tuscaloosa, L 34-0

In Nashville: 13-29-1

In Tuscaloosa: 1-11

*Series also played in Birmingham & Mobile, Ala.

Streak: L12

Last 10 meetings (0-10)

2011 - Tuscaloosa, L 34-0

2007 - Nashville, L 24-10

2006 - Tuscaloosa, L 13-10

2002 - Nashville, L 20-8

2001 - Nashville, L 12-9

2000 - Birmingham, L 28-10

1999 - Nashville, L 28-17

1998 - Birmingham, L 32-7

1997 - Nashville, L 20-0

1996 - Tuscaloosa, L 36-26

Last time vs. Alabama

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) - Vanderbilt played No. 2 Alabama just about even for the first 29 minutes or so.

Then the Commodores couldn't stop the Crimson Tide's long end-of-half touchdown drive, or do much else from there in Saturday night's 34-0 defeat.

Vanderbilt (3-2, 1-2 Southeastern Conference) missed two field goals and allowed a last-minute touchdown in the first half after hovering within seven points.

"When we had opportunities to make big plays, we didn't come up with those plays," Commodores coach James Franklin said. "Against a good team like that, you have to take advantage of those opportunities."

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
VU	0	0	0	0	0	3-2, 1-2
ALA	7	7	13	7	34	6-0, 3-0

SCORING SUMMARY

1st: UA - Smelley 6-yd pass from McCarron (Shelley kick), 10-77 4:22.

2nd: UA - White 5-yd pass from McCarron (Shelley kick), 13-78 3:57.

3rd: UA - Richardson 1-yd run (Shelley kick), 12-94 6:31. UA - White 39-yd pass from McCarron (Shelley kick failed), 9-81 4:10.

4th: UA - Hanks 17 yd pass from McCarron (Shelley kick), 3-20 1:07.

STATISTICS

	VU	ALA
FIRST DOWNS	8	24
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	19-41	43-153
PASSING YDS (NET)	149	266
PASSES ATT-COMP-INT	24-15-2	33-26-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	43-190	76-419
KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS	6-120	1-3
INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS	0-0	2-39
PUNTS (NUMBER-AVG)	5-41.2	3-39.3
FUMBLES-LOST	1-0	2-0
PENALTIES-YARDS	6-46	2-15
POSSESSION TIME	23:46	36:14
THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	1 OF 10	12 OF 17
FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	0 OF 0	0 OF 2
RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES	0-0	4-5
SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS	2-15	1-2

RUSHING: VU-Jordan Rodgers 4-23; Jonathan Krause 2-6; Larry Smith 3-5; Micah Powell 1-5; Zac Stacy 4-4; Jerron Seymour 4-0; TEAM 1-(-2). ALA-T. Richardson 19-107; Jalston Fowler 13-58; Blake Sims 8-4; Marquis Maze 1-(-1); AJ McCarron 1-(-7); Phillip Sims 1-(-8).

PASSING: VU-Jordan Rodgers 11-18-2-104; Larry Smith 4-6-0-45. ALA-AJ McCarron 23-30-0-237; Phillip Sims 3-3-0-29.

RECEIVING: VU-Wesley Tate 3-46; Jerron Seymour 3-45; Zac Stacy 3-minus 4; Brandon Barden 2-34; Jonathan Krause 2-8; Fitz Lassing 1-11; Udom Umoh 1-9. ALA-Marquis Maze 9-93; Darius Hanks 5-60; DeAndrew White 3-58; Brad Smelley 3-19; Blake Sims 2-18; T. Richardson 2-1; Brandon Gibson 1-12; Harrison Jones 1-5.

Did You Know?

The oldest known occurrence of houndstooth is the Gerum Cloak[3], a garment uncovered in a Swedish peat bog, dated to between 360 and 100 BC.



VANDERBILT (IN)DEPTH CHART: OFFENSE

WR		10 Trent Sherfield // 6-1, 205, Sr. Team-high 86 career receptions in 2016... Set school record with 240 yards receiving vs. Austin Peay 9/19/15... Expected to graduate in May with degree in medicine, health and society.	2017 2016 2015 2014 Totals	REC 12 34 51 1 98	YDS 234 472 659 9 1371	TD 1 1 3 0 5
		9 Caleb Scott // 6-2, 202, Sr. Played in all 13 games, starting three in 2016... Son of former Commodore and NFL player Chuck Scott (1981-84)... Set to graduate in May with degree in medicine, health and society.	2017 2016 2015 2014 Totals	REC 0 24 24 6 54	YDS 0 466 339 78 891	TD 0 0 2 0 2
TE		83 Nathan Marcus // 6-5, 242, R-Sr. Started 12 of 13 games as a junior in 2016, catching a career-best 11 passes... Caught game-winning pass in win at WKU in 2016... Graduating with a degree in communication studies in December.	2017 2016 2015 2014 Totals	REC 3 11 4 6 24	YDS 10 73 34 56 173	TD 0 1 0 2 3
		80 Jared Pinkney // 6-4, 255, R-So. Caught career-best 2 TDs 9/9... Started six games and led all VU TEs with 22 catches and 274 yards... Posted multiple catches in seven games... Majoring in communication studies.	2017 2016 Totals	REC 9 22 31	YDS 125 274 399	TD 2 2 4
LT		58 Justin Skule // 6-6, 315, Jr. Freshman campaign ended with an injury after earning way into starting lineup, starting two games and playing in seven... Dad, Josh, played on offensive line at Navy.	2017 2016 2015 Totals	GP 3 13 7 23	GS 3 13 2 18	
		74 Cole Clemens // 6-6, 305, Fr. Made his collegiate debut 9/9... Three-year starter for powerful Bingham HS in South Jordan, Utah... Won 14 straight games and state title at 5A level... Lettered in baseball and track in HS.	2017	GP 1	GS 0	
LG		57 Ean Pfeifer // 6-4, 300, R-So. Started nine games and played in two more as a freshman in 2016... Took over starting spot on OL early in season... Majoring in economics... Studied abroad in London in May 2017.	2017 2016 2015 Totals	GP 3 11 0 14	GS 3 9 0 12	
		56 Saige Young // 6-4, 315, So. Played his first game for VU 9/9... Transfer from Dodge City CC after playing at Woodford County HS in Kentucky... Started on OL for Dodge City, earning honorable mention All-Conference.	2017	GP 1	GS 0	
C		61 Bruno Reagan (ray-gan) // 6-3, 310, R-Jr. Played in all 13 games in 2016, on the field for nearly 90% of team's snaps... Won wrestling Tennessee state title as a junior in HS finishing 57-0, also nationally ranked in judo.	2017 2016 2015 2014 Totals	GP 3 13 12 12 40	GS 3 13 10 0 26	
		53 Sean McMoore // 6-4, 305, R-Fr. Saw his first action 9/9... Redshirted in 2016... First Hawaiian to suit up for Vanderbilt... One of six Polynesian players on roster... Three-year starter on offensive line for Kapolei HS in Kapolei, Hawaii.	2016 2015 Totals	GP 1 1 2	GS 0 0 0	
RG		71 Jared Southers // 6-4, 310, R-So. First career start at MT... Played in the final 10 games of 2016... Played for Seton Hall Prep in New Jersey... Also lettered in wrestling in HS... Working towards a degree in economics.	2017 2016 2015 Totals	GP 3 3 10 13	GS 3 3 0 3	
		76 Egidio (eh-jid-ee-o) DellaRipa (del-la rip-pa) // 6-4, 300, R-Jr. Played in one game in 2016, seeing action against Tennessee State... Working towards a degree in economics.	2017 2016 Totals	GP 3 1 4	GS 0 0 0	
RT		77 Devin Cochran // 6-7, 315, R-Fr. Saw his first career action with a start at MT... First team All-State OT for Greater Atlanta Christian as a senior, helping team to 12-2 record senior season... Also competed in track & field as a thrower.	2017 Totals	GP 3 3	GS 3 3	
		75 Bailey Granier (graun-yay) // 6-6, 316, R-Jr. Played in nine games, mostly at guard in 2016... Dad is a commercial fisherman... Working towards a degree in special education.	2017 2016 2015 Totals	GP 3 9 0 12	GS 0 0 0 0	
QB		14 Kyle Shurmur // 6-4, 227, Jr. Set VU game record with 83.3% completion percentage 9/9... Set sophomore VU record with 2409 passing yards in 2016... Son of Minnesota Vikings OC Pat Shurmur... Majoring in economics.	2017 2016 2015 2014 Totals	C-A-I 49-69-0 204-375-10 44-103-3 297-547-13	YDS 703 2409 503 3615	TD 8 9 5 22
		2 Deuce Wallace // 6-2, 210, R-Fr. Played in his first game 9/9... Redshirted during his first season at Vanderbilt... Two-year starter at Sevier County HS passing for 3,505 yards and 37 TDs as a senior... Also lettered in basketball & baseball.	2017 Totals	C-A-I 3-4-0 3-4-0	YDS 19 19	TD 0 0
RB		7 Ralph Webb // 5-10, 202, Sr. Became Vanderbilt's all-time leading rusher in 2016... Ran for 211 yards vs. MT, 3rd-most in VU history... Expected to graduate in December with degree in sociology.	2017 2016 2015 2014 Totals	ATT 58 250 277 212 797	YDS 149 1283 1152 907 3491	TD 2 13 5 4 24
		23 Khari (car-EE) Blasingame // 6-1, 235, R-Jr. Saw action as a RB in all 13 games in 2016 after moving from LB... His 10 TDs ranked second on the team... Majoring in medicine, health and society.	2017 2016 Totals	ATT 19 97 116	YDS 93 449 542	TD 0 10 10
FB		28 Dallas Rivers // 6-1, 225, Sr. Played in all 13 games in 2016 running for 92 yards on 20 carries... Involved in Young Life organization and works as counselor at local youth camps... Graduating in May with a degree in economics.	2017 2016 2015 2014 Totals	ATT 0 20 60 61 141	YDS 0 92 183 218 493	TD 0 1 1 2 4
		39 Bailey McElwain // 6-0, 238, So. Caught six passes for 35 yards and two scores as a true freshman in 13 games in 2016... Three-year letterwinner at Hewitt-Trussville HS in Trussville, Ala.	2017 2016 Totals	ATT 0 1 1	YDS 0 0 0	TD 0 0 0
WR		19 C.J. Duncan // 5-11, 203, R-Sr. Led VU WRs with 44 receptions in 2016... Played in all 13 games in 2016 as WR and punt returner... Graduating in December with degree in political science.	2017 2016 2015 2014 Totals	REC 12 44 --DNP-- 28 84	YDS 100 494 -- 441 1035	TD 1 0 -- 4 5
		16 Kalija (kuh-lie-JUH) Lipscomb // 6-1, 200, So. Caught a career-best two TDs at MT, first Dore since Jordan Matthews with two TD catches in one game... Played in 12 games at WR and punt returner.	2017 2016 Totals	REC 6 27 33	YDS 106 319 425	TD 3 2 5



VANDERBILT (IN)DEPTH CHART: DEFENSE

DL		49 Jonathan Wynn // 6-4, 265, R-Sr. Played in 12 games and started 10 during 2016, making career-best 28 tackles... Studied abroad in Switzerland in May 2016... Attended same HS as teammate Dallas Rivers.	2017 2016 2015 2014 Totals	U-A-T 2-1-3 20-8-28 8-13-21 5-8-13 35-30-65	TFL 10-1 20-2 30-13 15-10 75-26	SACK 0-0-0 1-0-1 1-0-7 1-0-8 3-0-16
		57 Josiah Sa'o (sah-O) // 6-2, 295, R-Fr. Redshirted in 2016... Two-way starter on OL and DL his final two years at Kearney HS in San Diego... One of six Polynesians on team.	2017 Totals	U-A-T 0-1-1 0-1-1	TFL 0-0-0 0-0-0	SACK 0-0-0 0-0-0
DL		77 Nifae (nee-FY) Lealao (lay-lau) // 6-5, 315, Sr. Started 11 of the Dore's 13 games in 2016 setting career-bests in tackles and sacks... One of six players on football roster of Polynesian decent... Working towards degree in sociology.	2017 2016 2015 2014 Totals	U-A-T 0-4-4 15-7-22 9-9-18 2-5-7 26-25-51	TFL 1-0-3 4-0-7 1-0-2 0-0-0 6-0-12	SACK 0-0-0 2-5-3 0-0-0 0-0-0 2-5-3
		74 Jay Woods // 6-3, 285, Sr. Played in all 13 games in 2016 after making quick recovery from leg injury during spring ball... Working towards degree in medicine, health and society.	2017 2016 2015 2014 Totals	U-A-T 4-1-5 2-4-6 12-12-24 12-19-31 30-36-66	TFL 0-0-0 0-5-4 2-0-6 1-5-8 4-0-18	SACK 0-0-0 0-5-4 1-0-5 0-0-0 1-5-9
DL		34 Dare (dar-AY) Odeyingbo (o-dang-BO) // 6-2, 272, Jr. Career-best two sacks at MT... Played in all 13 games 2016... Parents, Gary and Betty, are natives of Nigeria... Younger brother Dayo is freshman on team... Majoring in medicine, health and society.	2017 2016 2015 Totals	U-A-T 8-2-10 10-11-21 0-2-2 18-15-33	TFL 5-5-22 4-0-12 0-5-1 10-0-35	SACK 2-5-15 1-0-7 0-0-0 3-5-22
		90 Cameron Tidd // 6-3, 290, R-Fr. Redshirted in 2016... Four-year starter for Center Grove HS in Greenwood, Ind. helping team to 14-0 record and state title as senior.	2017 Totals	U-A-T 0-0-0 0-0-0	TFL 0-0-0 0-0-0	SACK 0-0-0 0-0-0
OLB		11 Charles Wright // 6-3, 240, R-Jr. First Dore with three sacks in a game since 2012... Played in 12 games during 2016 season making 13 tackles, including 3.5 for loss... Majoring in human & organizational development.	2017 2016 2015 Totals	U-A-T 6-8-14 9-4-13 1-2-3 16-14-30	TFL 7-0-46 3-5-14 1-5-5 12-0-65	SACK 6-0-44 0-0-0 1-0-4 7-0-48
		48 Andre Mintze (mence) // 6-3, 235, R-Fr. Missed his freshman campaign with an injury... Helped Imhotep Institute HS in Philadelphia to 15-0 state title as a senior... Recorded 14 sacks as a senior.	2017 Totals	U-A-T 0-0-0 0-0-0	TFL 0-0-0 0-0-0	SACK 0-0-0 0-0-0
ILB		4 Emmanuel Smith // 6-2, 235, Sr. Made a career-high 12 tackles vs. KSU... Played in nine games during his junior season at LB and S... Majoring in environmental sociology... Studied abroad in Brazil in 2016... Brother, Josh is OLB.	2017 2016 2015 2014 Totals	U-A-T 15-13-28 4-2-6 1-9-10 1-2-3 21-26-47	TFL 2-5-11 0-0-0 0-0-0 0-0-0 2-5-11	SACK 0-5-3 0-0-0 0-0-0 0-0-0 0-5-3
		40 Jordan Griffin // 6-1, 223, Jr. Played in all 13 games in 2016 making a career-best 21 stops... Finished high school career with 428 tackles, second-most at Armwood HS in Tampa, Fla.	2017 2016 2015 Totals	U-A-T 2-1-3 12-9-21 6-3-9 20-13-33	TFL 1-0-3 1-5-3 0-0-0 2-5-6	SACK 0-0-0 0-0-0 0-0-0 0-0-0
ILB		20 Oren Burks // 6-3, 230, R-Sr. Moved to ILB late in 2016 season, making 59 tackles for second straight year... Studied abroad in 2017 in Australia... Graduating in December with degree in human and organizational development.	2017 2016 2015 2014 Totals	U-A-T 9-7-16 40-19-59 35-24-59 16-21-37 100-71-171	TFL 3-0-7 6-5-22 2-0-5 0-0-0 11-5-34	SACK 0-0-0 3-5-17 0-0-0 0-0-0 3-5-17
		33 Jay Hockaday // 6-3, 230, R-Fr. Missed the 2016 season with an injury... Played in eight games as a true freshman in 2015 making two tackles... Won state title as a senior with Christ Presbyterian Academy in Nashville.	2017 2016 2015 Totals	U-A-T 0-1-1 --DNP-- 1-1-2 1-2-3	TFL 0-5-2 0-0-0 0-0-0 0-5-2	SACK 0-0-0 0-0-0 0-0-0 0-0-0
OLB		9 Caleb Peart (peert) // 6-1, 235, R-So. Played in 11 games as a freshman in 2016 making five tackles... Major in medicine, health and society.	2017 2016 Totals	U-A-T 0-1-1 3-2-5 3-3-6	TFL 0-5-1 0-0-0 0-5-1	SACK 0-0-0 0-0-0 0-0-0
		25 Josh Smith // 6-3, 240, Jr. Played in nine games as a sophomore, including start vs. Tennessee... Younger brother of teammate, Emmanuel Smith... Dad, Demetrius, played football at Middle Tennessee.	2017 2016 2015 Totals	U-A-T 1-2-3 2-1-3 1-6-7 4-9-13	TFL 1-0-3 0-5-3 0-5-1 2-0-7	SACK 1-0-3 0-5-3 0-0-0 1-5-6
CB		31 Tre Herndon // 6-1, 188, Sr. Started 25 straight games entering 2017 after starting all 13 in 2016... Real name is Willie Herndon III... Majoring in sociology.	2017 2016 2015 2014 Totals	U-A-T 5-3-8 30-11-41 35-12-47 7-2-3 77-28-105	TFL 0-0-0 0-5-3 1-0-6 0-0-0 1-5-9	INT 0-0-0 2-4 0-0-0 0-0-0 2-4
		15 Elijah Hamilton // 6-2, 200, R-Fr. Saw his first career action at Middle Tennessee... Helped Blessed Trinity HS to AAA state title game in Georgia as a senior.	2017 Totals	U-A-T 0-0-0 0-0-0	TFL 0-0-0 0-0-0	INT 0-0 0-0
SS		14 Ryan White // 5-10, 190, R-Sr. Named a team captain for the third straight year... Started 12 games in 2016, making 75 tackles... Graduated in May 2017 with a degree in communication studies, enrolled in Peabody College.	2017 2016 2015 2014 Totals	U-A-T 11-2-13 49-26-75 18-8-26 19-15-34 97-51-148	TFL 2-5-5 3-5-6 3-0-10 3-5-14 12-5-35	INT 1-0 0-0 1-0 2-0 4-0
		6 Zaire Jones // 6-0, 200, R-Fr. Redshirted during 2016 season... Three-year starter at Meridian HS in Meridian, Miss. making 92 tackles as a senior.	2017 Totals	U-A-T 1-2-3 1-2-3	TFL 1-0-2 1-0-2	INT 0-0 0-0
FS		2 Arnold Tarpley // 6-1, 203, Sr. Played in 12 games, starting the final seven in 2016... Started seven games in 2015, playing in all 12 making at least three tackles in 10 of the 12 games... Arnold Lee Tarpley III.	2017 2016 2015 2014 Totals	U-A-T 3-2-5 29-11-40 24-12-35 14-4-18 70-29-99	TFL 0-0-0 3-0-14 5-0-27 2-0-13 10-0-54	INT 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0
		or 5 LaDarius Wiley // 6-1, 210, R-Jr. Started seven games and played in all 13 in 2016 making 75 stops... Has five brothers... Working on degree in medicine, health and society.	2017 2016 2015 Totals	U-A-T 10-7-17 49-26-75 5-3-8 64-36-100	TFL 0-0-0 2-5-16 1-0-1 3-5-17	INT 1-11 0-0 0-0 1-11
CB		8 Joejuan Williams // 6-3, 208, So. Made his first career start at MT... Played in all 13 games as a true freshman, one of six freshmen to play in 2016... Working towards degree in economics.	2017 2016 Totals	U-A-T 6-2-8 14-5-19 20-7-27	TFL 0-5-2 1-5-5 2-0-7	INT 0-0 0-0 0-0
		21 Donovan Sheffield // 6-0, 190, Jr. Saw action in all 13 games as a sophomore making seven tackles... Dad, Robert Sheffield, played CB for Vanderbilt 1993-96... Majoring in human and organizational development.	2017 2016 2015 Totals	U-A-T 4-2-6 4-3-7 4-1-5 12-6-18	TFL 0-0-0 0-5-0 2-0-9 2-0-9	INT 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0



COMMODORES IN SEC & NATIONAL RANKINGS

Category	Stat	SEC	National
Total Offense	346.0	11	103
Rushing Offense	103.3	11	111
Passing Offense	242.7	3	58
Team Passing Efficiency	182.5	1	11
Scoring Offense	28.0	8	T78
Total Defense	198.3	1	1
Rushing Defense	103.0	7	28
Passing Yards Allowed	95.3	1	1
Team Pass Defense Efficiency	66.7	1	3
Scoring Defense	4.3	1	1
Turnover Margin	+4	3	T17
3rd Down Conversions	42.9%	7	52
Opp. 3rd Down Conv.	14.3%	1	4
Red Zone Offense	77.8%	9	T93
Red Zone Defense	25.0%	1	2
Net Punting	32.3	14	117
Punt Return Avg.	12.6	3	27
Kickoff Returns	22.0	10	54
1st Downs	44	12	T109
Opp. 1st Down	34	2	T12
Fewest Penalty Yards/Game	53.0	11	64
Time of Possession	32:15	5	34
Sacks By/Game	3.33	1	12
Sacks Against/Game	0.67	2	9
Kickoff Coverage	11.3	2	2

INDIVIDUAL

Category/Player	Stat	SEC	National
Completion Percentage/K. Shurmur	71.0	1	15
Completions/Game/Kyle Shurmur	16.3	5	67
Passing Yards/Game/K. Shurmur	434.3	4	49
Passing Efficiency/K. Shurmur	194.9	1	6
Passing TDs/K. Shurmur	8	2	11
Passing Yards/K. Shurmur	703	4	45
Receiving TDs/Kalija Lipscomb	3	3	20
Receiving TDs/Jared Pinkney	2	7	50
Receiving Yards/Trent Sherfield	234	6	53
Sacks/Game/Charles Wright	1.83	1	2
Sacks/Game/Dare Odeyingbo	0.83	6	41
Tackles for Loss/Charles Wright	2.2	1	5
Tackles for Loss/Dare Odeyingbo	1.8	2	14
Tackles/Game/Emmanuel Smith	9.3	4	39
Total Touchdowns/Kalija Lipscomb	3	9	75
Total Touchdowns/Ralph Webb	3	9	75

SHURMUR'S HOT START

QB Kyle Shurmur is off to a hot start in his junior season having already thrown eight touchdowns in the Commodores first three games of 2017, including a career-best four against Alabama A&M. He threw nine all of last year and entered the season with 14 total in his career.

Shurmur ranks in the top 50 nationally in multiple categories, including completion percentage, passing yards per game, passing efficiency and touchdowns. He leads the Southeastern Conference in passing efficiency at 194.9 and ranks sixth nationally while his eight TD tosses are the second-most in the league and 11th-most in college football.

The junior has been sharp with the football, completing 71.0-percent of his passes in the first three games to pace the SEC and rank 15th nationally.

His hot start to the season also begun his ascension up the Vanderbilt record charts moving him into ninth all-time in passing yards (3615) and passing touchdowns (22).



SHURMUR

VU CAREER PASSING YARDS

1. Jay Cutler, 2002-05	8,697
2. Greg Zolman, 1998-2001	7,981
3. Whit Taylor, 1979-82	6,307
4. Kurt Page, 1981-84	6,233
5. Eric Jones, 1986-88	5,029
6. Jordan Rodgers, 2011-12	4,063
7. Damian Allen, 1994-97	3,704
8. Kyle Shurmur, 2015-	3,615
9. John Gromos, 1985, 87-89	3,514
10. Chris Nickson, 2005-08	3,406

VU CAREER PASSING TDs

1. Jay Cutler, 2002-05	59
2. Greg Zolman, 1998-2001	41
Whit Taylor, 1979-82	41
4. Kurt Page, 1981-84	35
5. Eric Jones, 1986-88	32
6. Bill Wade, 1949-51	31
7. Chris Nickson, 2005-08	29
8. Jordan Rodgers, 2011-12	24
9. Kyle Shurmur, 2015-	22

VANDERBILT VS. #1

Vanderbilt has never beat the top-ranked team in the Associated Press poll.

The Commodores have only faced off with the No. 1 team in college football seven times with the last meeting coming against Florida in

2009. The last time a No. 1 team played at Vanderbilt was in 1998 when Tennessee played the season finale in Vanderbilt Stadium.	1939	at Tennessee	L 13-0
	1951	at Tennessee	L 35-27
	1977	at Oklahoma	L 25-23
	1980	at Alabama	L 41-0
The Dores played a top-ranked Alabama team in 1980 in Tuscaloosa.	1996	Florida	L 28-21
	1998	Tennessee	L 41-0
	2009	at Florida	L 27-3

2017 NEED-TO-KNOW INFO

Opponent	Captains	Coin Toss	KO/Receive	1st Poss.	Opp. 1st Poss.	Game Length	Jersey	Pants	Helmet	Result
@Middle Tenn.	Burks/Herndon/Sherfield/White	Lost	REC	TD	INT	3:09	White	White	White	W 28-6
Alabama A&M	Burks/Sherfield/White	Lost	REC	TD	PUNT	3:13	Gold	Gold	Black	W 42-0
#18 Kansas St.	Burks/Sherfield/White	Won	REC	PUNT	PUNT	3:17	Black	Black	Gold	W 14-7
Alabama										
@Florida										
Georgia										
@Ole Miss										
@S. Carolina										
Western Ky.										
Kentucky										
Missouri										
@Tennessee										

Ranking is indicative of AP poll ranking when game was played



THE INCREDIBLE MR. WEBB

With numerous Commodore records in his hip pocket, senior running back Ralph Webb can become one of the leading rushers in Southeastern Conference history.

The three-year starter from Gainesville, Fla. enters Week 4 with 3,491 rushing yards, No. 1 all-time at Vanderbilt.

Webb started the season No. 20 all-time among SEC backs and has moved up to 18th through three games. He's sixth on the active rushers list in the NCAA.



If Webb

duplicates a sensational 2016 campaign, he could move to No. 2 on the league's all-time charts behind

Georgia's legendary Herschel Walker.

In 2016, Webb broke the Commodore single-season record en route to setting the new school career mark. He rushed for 1,283 yards, surpassing Zac Stacy's previous record of 1,193 yards in 2011. He also added 13 rushing touchdowns and posted seven games of 100+ rushing yards.

The 2016 All-SEC performer has been remarkably consistent and durable as a Commodore. Since entering the lineup in 2014, Webb has set freshman, sophomore and junior rushing records. He enters the weekend riding a 40-game consecutive start streak.

Webb's Vanderbilt records

- ★ Career rushing yards: 3,491
- ★ Career rush attempts: 797
- ★ Single-season rushing yards: 1,283
- ★ Single-season rush attempts: 277 (2016)
- ★ Rushing yards by a junior: 1,283
- ★ Rushing yards by a sophomore: 1,152
- ★ Rushing yards by a freshman: 907
- ★ Most 100+ rushing games in a season: 7 (2016)
- ★ Most 100+ rushing games in a career: 13

Webb would like to break one more career record held by Stacy. He is seven rushing touchdowns shy of breaking Stacy's mark for rushing touchdowns.

Webb eclipsed Stacy's career mark in a 111-yard rushing performance against NC State in the Camping World Independence Bowl Dec. 26.

In 2016, Webb also became just the second Commodore to top 1,000 rushing yards in back-to-back seasons. He joined Stacy, who accomplished the feat in 2011-12.

ACTIVE NCAA RUSHING LEADERS

1. Royce Freeman - Oregon	4,606
2. Justin Jackson - Northwestern	4,377
3. Larry Rose III - New Mexico St.	3,846
4. Jarvion Franklin - W. Michigan	3,723
5. Nick Chubb - Georgia	3,714
6. Ralph Webb - Vanderbilt	3,491

SEC ALL-TIME RUSHERS

Name	Yards	Years
1. Herschel Walker, UGA	5,259	1980-82
2. Darren McFadden, ARK	4,590	2005-07
3. Kevin Faulk, LSU	4,557	1995-98
4. Bo Jackson, AU	4,303	1982-85
5. Erric Rhett, FLA	4,163	1989-93
6. Dalton Hilliard, LSU	4,050	1982-85
7. Charles Alexander, LSU	4,035	1975-78
8. Anthony Dixon, MSU	3,994	2006-09
9. Emmitt Smith, FLA	3,928	1987-89
10. Sonny Collins, UK	3,835	1972-75
11. Carnell Williams, AU	3,831	2001-04
12. Leonard Fournette, LSU	3,830	2014-16
13. *Nick Chubb, UGA	3,714	2014-
14. Alex Collins, ARK	3,703	2013-15
15. Derrick Henry, ALA	3,591	2013-15
16. Shaun Alexander, ALA	3,565	1996-99
17. James Brooks, AU	3,523	1977-80
18. *Ralph Webb, VU	3,491	2014-
19. Bobby Humphrey, ALA	3,420	1985-88
20. Joe Cribbs, AU	3,368	1976-79

* active players

VANDERBILT'S RECORD WHEN...

home.....	2-0
road.....	1-0
neutral.....	0-0
day games.....	1-0
night games.....	2-0
overtime.....	0-0
VU scores on 1st possession.....	2-0
Opp. scores on 1st possession.....	0-0
VU scores first.....	3-0
Opp. scores first.....	0-0
VU leads after 1st quarter.....	3-0
Opp. leads after 1st quarter.....	0-0
Tied after 1st quarter.....	0-0
VU leads at halftime.....	2-0
Opp. leads at halftime.....	0-0
Tied at halftime.....	1-0
VU leads after 3rd quarter.....	2-0
Opp. leads after 3rd quarter.....	0-0
Tied after 3rd quarter.....	1-0
VU has more total yards.....	2-0
Opp. has more total yards.....	1-0
VU has more rushing yards.....	2-0
Opp. has more rushing yards.....	1-0
VU has more passing yards.....	3-0
Opp. has more passing yards.....	0-0
VU has more turnovers.....	0-0
Opp. has more turnovers.....	3-0
Teams have equal turnovers.....	0-0
VU forces 1+ turnovers.....	3-0
VU has more penalties.....	1-0
Opp. has more penalties.....	2-0
Teams have equal penalties.....	0-0
VU has more time of possession.....	2-0
Opp. has more time of possession.....	1-0
VU has 100-yard rusher.....	0-0
Opp. has 100-yard rusher.....	1-0
VU has 300-yard passer.....	0-0
Opp. has 300-yard passer.....	0-0
VU has 100-yard receiver.....	1-0
Opp. has 100-yard receiver.....	1-0
VU scores less than 20 points.....	1-0
Opp. scores less than 20 points.....	3-0
VU scores 20+ points.....	2-0
Opp. scores 20+ points.....	0-0
VU scores 30+ points.....	1-0
Opp. scores 30+ points.....	0-0
Playing on grass.....	0-0
Playing on turf.....	3-0
VU defense scores.....	0-0
Opp. defense scores.....	0-0
VU scores special teams TD.....	0-0
Opp. scores special teams TD.....	0-0
vs. Associated Press Top 5.....	0-0
vs. Associated Press Top 10.....	0-0
vs. Associated Press Top 15.....	0-0
vs. Associated Press Top 25.....	1-0
VU rushes for 100+ yards.....	1-0
Opp. rushes for 100+ yards.....	1-0
VU rushes for 200+ yards.....	0-0
Opp. rushes for 200+ yards.....	1-0
VU passes for 200+ yards.....	3-0
Opp. passes for 200+ yards.....	0-0
VU passes for 250+ yards.....	1-0
Opp. passes for 250+ yards.....	0-0
VU passes for 300+ yards.....	0-0
Opp. passes for 300+ yards.....	0-0
VU totals less than 300 yards total offense.....	1-0
Opp. totals less than 300 yards total offense.....	3-0
VU totals 300+ yards total offense.....	2-0
Opp. totals 300+ yards total offense.....	0-0



TOP-RANKED DEFENSE

The Commodores' defense comes into this weekend as the top-ranked defense in the nation in multiple categories, leading all of college football in total defense, scoring defense and pass defense.

Vanderbilt's top-ranked total defense is the only squad in America to allow less than 200 total yards per game. The Commodores

have shut **TOTAL DEFENSE** down all three teams on the schedule thus far giving up only 595 total yards. The

VU defense held Kansas State's offense to a season-low 277 total yards after the Wildcats had averaged 506 yards per game in the team's first two games.

The Dores' defense has been stellar in all three games this season allowing just 13 points for a national-best 4.3 points per game.

SCORING DEFENSE

1. Vanderbilt	4.3	is one of
2. Penn State	4.7	only seven
3. Minnesota	8.0	teams to
T4. Colorado	9.0	allow less
T4. Wake Forest	9.0	than 10

points per game through the first three weeks of the season. Only a Middle Tennessee fourth quarter pass and a Kansas State run in the second quarter last weekend have found the end zone against Vanderbilt this year.

The pass defense has been extremely impressive for the Black & Gold as one of only two teams in the nation to allow less than 100 yards passing with the other being Florida State, who has only played one game. The Commodores shut down Middle Tennessee's

PASS DEFENSE

passing	1. Vanderbilt	95.3
game, hold-	2. Florida State	96.0
ing it to just	3. UTSA	101.0
166 yards in	4. Buffalo	104.0
the sea-	5. Air Force	104.5

son-opener. Alabama A&M only passed for 44 yards and Kansas State gained just 76 yards through the air last weekend.

Vanderbilt also ranks in the top five nationally in red zone defense and on third down. The Commodores rush defense ranks 28th in the nation.

TAKE IT AWAY

The Vandy defense has been stingy and stout in nearly every category this season but the defense has made another improvement in the turnover department.

The Commodores have already matched last season's total of five interceptions in just three games. Five different Dores have interceptions with Oren Burks, Bryce Lewis, Dayo Odeyingbo, Ryan White and LaDarius

Wiley all picking off passes. Of the five, only Burks and White had interceptions in their careers. Wiley picked off his first career pass in the win over Kansas State last Saturday.



WILEY

FAST STARTS = WINS

Vanderbilt's fast starts in the first three games have equaled success.

The Commodores have scored first in all three games this season and own a 63-7 scoring advantage in the first half, including a 35-0 difference in the first quarter.

This is a welcomed change from a year ago when the Dores were outscored 92-52 in the first quarter and 182-155 in the first half of the team's 13 games in 2016.

The offense took the team's first possession for points in each of the first two games and put the team's second possession in the end zone in the victory over Kansas State.

Under Mason, the Commodores are 7-3 when leading after the first quarter and 11-5 when leading at the half.

OLD GUYS

The Commodores have continued the trend the team set a year ago with the majority of the starting positions going to older guys (seniors and juniors).

Last year, just over 70% of the Dores' starting spots went to seniors and juniors. This season has seen even more upper classmen get the nod to start with just over 74% of the team's starts going to the older guys on the team.

Devin Cochran, Kalija Lipscomb Ean Pfeifer, Jared Pinkney and Jared Southers are the only under classmen to earn starts on the offensive side of the ball. Defensively, Joejuan Williams and Caleb Peart are the only two Commodore under classmen to crack the starting lineup so far.

NOTES FROM KANSAS STATE

- The win gives Vanderbilt its first 3-0 start since 2011 when they defeated Elon, Connecticut and Ole Miss to open the season. It is also the first 3-0 start in the Derek Mason era.
- After outscoring Kansas State by a 7-0 margin in the first quarter on Saturday, Vanderbilt has now outscored its opponents 35-0 in the first quarter of play.
- The Commodores, who were tied with Kansas State 7-7, haven't played from behind at all this season.
- For the first time this season, Vanderbilt didn't take the opening drive of the game for a touchdown.
- The win was the first win over a non-conference ranked opponent at home since 1946 (NC State).
- With his 205 passing yards, Kyle Shurmur moves into 8th place on the Vanderbilt all-time passing list with 3,615 career passing yards. He moves ahead of John Gromos who had 3,514.
- C.J. Duncan's 2-yard touchdown catch in the first quarter was his first touchdown reception since Nov. 1, 2014 in a 42-28 win over Old Dominion. Duncan finished with six receptions for 52 yards. He has had at least three receptions in every game this season.
- Vanderbilt's defense has held every opponent scoreless in the first quarter of the game this season.
- LaDarius Wiley recorded his first career interception with 13:58 to play in the fourth quarter.
- Ryan White snagged his first interception of the season, and second of his career, with 10:16 to play in the fourth quarter. White's interception gave the Commodores the ball on the Kansas State 33-yard line and set up Vanderbilt's game-winning drive.
- Vanderbilt now has five interceptions through the first three games of the 2017 season, which matches the team's total from all of the 2016 season.
- Emmanuel Smith notched a new career-high 12 tackles, including five solo stops and a tackle for loss.
- Vanderbilt held the Kansas State offense to new season-low marks of seven points and 277 yards. The Wildcats previous lows in those categories were 55 and 493, respectively.



STRENGTH OF SCHEDULE

Vanderbilt's 2017 schedule ranks among the toughest in the nation, with nine opponents appearing in postseason bowls last year.

The cumulative win percentage for Vanderbilt's 12 regular season opponents is .606, tied for ninth highest among NCAA FBS teams. The only SEC team facing a more difficult schedule in terms of opponent win percentage is LSU (.628).

Only five teams in the nation face more 2016 bowl teams than Vanderbilt – Syracuse (11), Notre Dame (11), Duke (11), South Carolina (10) and Ole Miss (10).

Vanderbilt's nine opponents that played in bowls are

TOUGH ENOUGH

Middle Tennessee	FBS TEAM	WIN % (W-L)
1. Massachusetts		.652 (101-54)
2. LSU		.628 (98-58)
3. East Carolina		.624 (98-59)
4. South Carolina		.616 (98-61)
5. Fresno State		.615 (96-60)
6. Tulane		.614 (94-59)
7. Syracuse		.613 (95-60)
8. Georgia Tech		.609 (95-61)
South Carolina	T-9. Vanderbilt	.606 (94-61)
Western Kentucky	T-9. Duke	.606 (94-61)
Kentucky		
Tennessee		

18 STARTERS RETURN FOR DORES IN 2017

Only two other teams in the Southeastern Conference return more starters from the 2016 season than the Commodores.

Head coach Derek Mason brings back 18 starters - nine on offense, seven on defense and two specialists - from a 2016 squad that went 6-6 in the regular season and made an appearance in the Independence Bowl.

Only Georgia and Kentucky - with 19 starters returning - bring back more than the Commodores. Another SEC East team, Florida, returns 17 starters.

The Commodores return virtually all of their offensive firepower from a year ago, including quarterback Kyle Shurmur, record-breaking running back Ralph Webb, fullback Bailey McElwain, wide receivers Trent Sherfield and Kalija Lipscomb and tight end Nathan Marcus. The Does also return three offensive linemen in Justin Skule, Ean Pfeifer and Bruno Reagan.

The defense returns linemen Nifae Lealao and Jonathan Wynn, linebacker Oren Burks

BACK IN THE SEC

SEC Team – Total 2016 Starters Returning

Georgia – 19 (10 offense, 8 defense, 1 specialist)
 Kentucky – 19 (8 offense, 9 defense, 2 specialists)
Vanderbilt – 18 (9 offense, 7 defense, 2 specialists)
 Florida – 17 (9 offense, 6 defense, 2 specialists)

and defensive backs Tre Herndon, Taurean Ferguson, Ryan White and LaDarius Wiley.

Kicker Tommy Openshaw and punter Sam Loy are also back.

Six more Commodores that started multiples games last year are also back with wide receivers C.J. Duncan and Caleb Scott and tight end Jared Pinkney on offense and end Dare Odeyingbo, safety Arnold Tarpley III and cornerback Bryce Lewis on defense.

GOING THE DISTANCE

Vanderbilt recorded 36 scoring drives that resulted in a touchdown in 2016 with 23 of those drives covering at least 70 yards.

The Commodores have picked up where they left off with five of the squad's 12 scoring drives covering 70+ yards in the team's first three wins of the year.

IT'S A STREAK

Ralph Webb is slated to make his 41st straight start at Vanderbilt on Saturday, by far the longest active streak on the roster.

On the other side of the ball, Tre Herndon is the only player with more than seven straight starts having started 28 consecutive games.

Kyle Shurmur (19), Bruno Reagan (18), Justin Skule (16), Nathan Marcus (12) and Ean Pfeifer (12) are the other Commodores who have started more than 10+ games in a row.

SEC NATION RETURNS

For the first time since 2015, the SEC Network's SEC Nation returns to Vanderbilt.

The last time the pregame show was on the Commodores' campus, the Does hosted No. 9 Georgia on CBS - the last time CBS was in Nashville.

SEC Nation will broadcast on Saturday from The Commons Lawn on the east side of campus. The Ingram Commons houses the entire Vanderbilt University freshman class.

This marks the third trip to Nashville for SEC Nation. The show originated from then LP Field (home of the Tennessee Titans) when the Does took on Ole Miss in 2014.

DOUBLE DUTY MASON

Vanderbilt head coach Derek Mason is on a very short list of college football head coaches that serves as his own defensive coordinators in college football.

Mason and San Diego State head coach Rocky Long are the only two head coaches in the country that run both the team and the defense.

Mason is entering his third season with both duties. Since taking over the defense, the Commodores have ranked among the Top 25 nationally in several defensive categories.

THE GRADUATES

Three Commodores will have the honor of wearing the SEC Graduate patch this season.

Ryan White earned his degree from Vanderbilt last spring alongside Tommy Openshaw, who earned degrees in engineering science and economics, and transfer Scott Sypniewski picked up a diploma from Michigan before joining the Commodores over the summer as the team's long snapper.



CAPTAINS NAMED

The Commodores named six team captains for the 2017 season.

Senior Ryan White is a third-time captain and is the first Commodore to be named a three-time captain since Jay Cutler (2003-05).

Joining White as captains this season are Khari Blasingame, Oren Burks, Tre Herndon, Trent Sherfield and Kyle Shurmur.



WHITE



**HEAD COACH DEREK MASON**

Age: 47

Alma Mater: Northern Arizona (playing career 1989-92)**Degrees:** Bachelor's, Criminal Justice, NAU 1993**Family:** Wife, LeighAnne; daughters, Makenzie & Sydney**Twitter:** @CoachDerekMason**VANDERBILT – 2014-17 (Head Coach)**

Introduced Jan. 17, 2014 as the 28th head coach in team history... Notched first career victory as head coach in dramatic style, guiding team to 34-31 win over UMass on Sept. 13, 2014... After 2014 season, took over Vanderbilt defensive coordinator responsibilities...

Earned first road win at MTSU in October 2015... Earned first SEC victory Oct. 24, 2015 with 10-3 win over Missouri... Mason's 2016 team improved win total for second straight year, winning the final two games of the regular season against Ole Miss and Tennessee to get to six wins and earn an invitation to the Camping World Independence Bowl... Also earned first win over ranked foe on the road vs. Georgia... Offense improved in nearly every category in 2016, finishing sixth nationally in red zone efficiency... The 2016 defense was led by consensus All-American Zach Cunningham, who became just the third Commodore to ever earn first-team All-American status from the Walter Camp Foundation... Defense led the nation in the red zone.

STANFORD – 2013 (Willie Shaw Director of Defense)

Promoted to position of Willie Shaw Director of Defense, Mason guides one of the nation's top defenses as The Cardinal goes 10-3 overall, wins Pac-12 crown and plays in second straight Rose Bowl... Stanford finishes year ranked No. 10 on strength of four victories over ranked opponents... The defense ranks third in NCAA in rushing defense, 10th in scoring defense and 16th in total defense... Unit again ranks among Pac-12's best in numerous defensive categories... For second straight year, Mason's defense limits powerful Oregon spread offense, holding Ducks scoreless for first three quarters in eventual 26-20 Stanford victory... Three of Mason's standouts – LB Trent Murphy, LB Shayne Skov and DB Ed Reynolds – garner postseason All-America recognition.

STANFORD – 2011-12 (associate head coach/defensive coordinator)

Finalist for 2012 Broyles Award as nation's outstanding assistant coach... Stanford goes 23-4 overall in Mason's first two years as coordinator, wins 2012 Pac-12 title, captures 2012 Rose Bowl over Wisconsin, and plays in the 2011 BCS Fiesta Bowl... Mason's 3-4 attacking defense ranked among the NCAA leaders in both seasons... In 2012, the Cardinal defense topped the nation with 57 quarterback sacks, ranked second in tackles for loss, fifth in rushing defense and 11th in scoring defense... Stanford also paced the Pac-12 in scoring defense, total defense, rushing defense and sacks... The 2012 defense also held eight opponents under 100 rushing yards and limited high-powered Oregon to just 14 points in an overtime win... In 2011 the Cardinal was third in the NCAA in rushing defense, sixth in 3rd-down efficiency and 11th in quarterback sacks, and finished among the Pac-12 leaders in scoring defense, total defense, rushing defense, sacks and opponent first downs.

STANFORD – 2010 (defensive backs coach)

Hired by Cardinal head coach Jim Harbaugh... Helped change Stanford into a tough-minded, attacking defense... Unit was key to arguably Stanford's best year of modern era – a 12-1 overall record capped by 40-12 victory over Virginia Tech in the Orange Bowl... The 2010 Cardinal secondary was one of the great turnaround stories in college football as Stanford ranked high nationally in interceptions and pass defense... That unit included three eventual NFL players, including All-Pro cornerback Richard Sherman from the World Champion Seahawks.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS/NFL – 2007-09 (assistant defensive backs coach)

Served as an assistant defensive backs coach for the Minnesota Vikings from 2007 to 2009, playing a vital role in the team ranking sixth in total defense in 2008 and 2009 as the Vikings won NFC North titles each season.

OHIO – 2005-06 (wide receivers)

Hired by former Nebraska head coach Frank Solich, Mason coached Ohio receivers for two years, helping the Bobcats improve from 4-7 in 2005 to a 9-5 campaign in 2006 that ended with a GMAC Bowl appearance.

NEW MEXICO STATE – 2004 (wide receivers)

In lone season at New Mexico State, the Aggie offense with Mason mentoring wide receivers corps topped the Sun Belt Conference in numerous passing categories.

SAINT MARY'S – 2003 (co-defensive coordinator/assistant head coach)

First coordinator responsibilities came in only season at St. Mary's, member of NCAA I-AA Independent League.

UTAH – 2002 (wide receivers/special teams assistant coach)

Hired by Ron McBride, Mason tutored WR Paris Warren, an eventual 7th round draft pick, in his only year at Utah. The 2002 Utes offense featured young QB Alex Smith, the eventual 2005 No. 1 NFL draft pick.

BUCKNELL – 1999-2001 (defensive backs)

Secondary coach for three straight winning Bison squads... Coached two Bucknell defensive backs to All-Patriot League recognition... Bison defensive staff was directed by current Vanderbilt coordinator David Kotulski.

IDAHO STATE – 1997-98 (running backs)

Mason coached Idaho State running backs for two years under head coach Tom Walsh.

WEBER STATE – 1995-96 (wide receivers)

Mason worked with Weber State receivers, including Pokey Eckford, who earned All-America honors in 1995 after catching 77 passes for 1,074 yards and six TDs.

MESA (ARIZ.) COMMUNITY COLLEGE – 1994 (wide receivers)

Mason entered collegiate coaching as a receivers coach with community college located in San Diego.

NFL MINORITY COACHING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Mason spent time with the St. Louis Rams in 1996, New York Giants and Oakland Raiders through the Minority Coaching Fellowship Program. Philadelphia in 1999 and Minnesota in 2008.

MASON AT THE HELM

	2017	Career
Overall.....	3-0.....	16-24
Home.....	2-0.....	12-9
Road.....	1-0.....	4-13
Neutral.....	0-0.....	0-1
SEC.....	0-0.....	5-19
Overtime.....	0-0.....	1-0
Grass.....	0-0.....	1-8
Turf.....	3-0.....	15-16
vs. AP Top 5.....	0-0.....	0-2
vs. AP Top 10.....	0-0.....	0-1
vs. AP Top 15.....	0-0.....	0-5
vs. AP Top 25.....	1-0.....	2-2
Leading after 1Q.....	3-0.....	7-3
Trailing after 1Q.....	0-0.....	6-18
Tied after 1Q.....	0-0.....	3-3
Leading at half.....	2-0.....	11-5
Trailing at half.....	0-0.....	4-19
Tied at half.....	1-0.....	1-0
Leading after 3Q.....	2-0.....	10-2
Trailing after 3Q.....	0-0.....	4-22
Tied after 3Q.....	1-0.....	2-0
Scoring first.....	3-0.....	9-7
Opp. scoring first.....	0-0.....	6-17
Scoring 20+ points.....	2-0.....	12-2
Allowing 20+ points.....	0-0.....	4-19
Scoring 30+ points.....	1-0.....	9-1
Allowing 30+ points.....	0-0.....	3-11
Decided by 3 points or less.....	0-0.....	4-3
Decided by 10 points or less.....	1-0.....	6-11
Rush for <100 yards.....	2-0.....	3-6
Rush for 100+ yards.....	1-0.....	11-17
Rush for 200+ yards.....	0-0.....	4-1
Pass for <200 yards.....	0-0.....	8-16
Pass for 200+ yards.....	3-0.....	5-7
Pass for 250+ yards.....	1-0.....	4-2
Pass for 300+ yards.....	0-0.....	2-0
Total 300+ yards offense.....	2-0.....	12-10
Opp. rush for <100 yards.....	2-0.....	9-3
Opp. pass for <200 yards.....	3-0.....	7-9
Opp. total <300 yards.....	3-0.....	5-3
Win turnover margin.....	3-0.....	8-4
Tie turnover margin.....	0-0.....	5-5
Lose turnover margin.....	0-0.....	3-15

COACHING STAFF**On the Field****Jeff Genyk**, Special Teams Coord./RBs**C.J. Ah You**, Defensive Line**Gerry Gdowski**, Quarterbacks**Cortez Hankton**, Wide Receivers**Chris Marve**, Inside Linebackers**Marc Mattioli**, Secondary**Cameron Norcross**, Offensive Line**In the Booth****Andy Ludwig**, Offensive Coord./TEs**Warren Belin**, Outside Linebackers



SON OF A...

Two Commodores are sons of former NFL players.

Jaire George is the son of former Titans legend and Heisman Trophy winner Eddie George.

Caleb Scott is the son of former Commodore great and NFL WR Chuck Scott, who played for Los Angeles and Dallas.

YEAH BRO

The Vanderbilt roster features three sets of brothers.

Dare and Dayo Odeyingbo, Jared and Jalen Pinkney and Emmanuel and Josh Smith.

The Odeyingbo brothers reside on the Dore's defensive line with Dare in his third year and Dayo a true freshman.

The Pinkney brothers are on opposite sides of the ball with Jared lining up at tight end as one of the Commodores' top weapons and talented younger brother and freshman Jalen on the defensive line.

The Smith brothers have been playing together at VU for the last two years but are roommates for this year for the first time since they were young kids. Both are expected to be major players for VU as linebackers.

COMMODORES IN THE LEAGUE

Notes from NFL preseason (Sept. 10)

Adam Butler (2013-16) // New England // Butler made the Patriots' 53-man opening day roster after signing as an undrafted rookie free agent with the defending Super Bowl champions last May. Butler is playing both tackle and end at New England.
Week 1: Butler saw initial NFL action, contributing a tackle as reserve defensive tackle in Pats' 42-27 home loss to Kansas City last Thursday. Week 2: at New Orleans, Sunday, Sept. 17, 12 noon CT.

Zach Cunningham (2013-16) // Houston // The 57th overall pick of the 2017 NFL Draft, Cunningham has impressed since he arrived in Houston. A consensus First Team All-America inside linebacker for the Commodores in 2016, Cunningham has received high marks from Texan coaches with his abilities to play the rush and defend the pass. Cunningham joins a Houston defense that features returning linebacker starters Benardrick McKinney and Brian Cushing, All-Pro tackle J.J. Watt, end Jadeveon Clowney and former Commodore defensive back Andre Hal.

Week 1: Cunningham had four assisted tackles, a tackle for loss and deflected pass in the Texans' 29-7 home loss to Jacksonville. Week 2: at Cincinnati, Thursday, Sept. 14, 7:25 pm CT.

Jay Cutler (2002-05) // Miami // Retirement didn't last long for the veteran Cutler, who has decided to continue his career with former Bears mentor Adam Gase in South Beach. Gase confirmed Cutler's return to the NFL, Aug. 7. Cutler, named to the Vanderbilt Athletics Hall of Fame in 2015, has thrown for 32,467 yards and 208 touchdowns during an 11-year career with Denver and Chicago. He suffered a season-ending arm injury midway through the 2007 season, and announced intentions in May to join FOX Sports as a NFL color analyst. A leg injury to Dolphin QB Ryan Tannehill opened a path for Cutler's return to the game. Cutler looked sharp in two preseason appearances and will start the Dolphins opener.

Week 1: Due to Hurricane Irma, the Miami-Tampa Bay game originally scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 10 has been pushed back to Sunday, Nov. 19. Cutler attended the Vanderbilt-Alabama A&M home opener last Saturday. Week 2: at Los Angeles Chargers, Sunday, Sept. 17, 3:05 pm CT.

Andre Hal (2010-13) // Houston // Hal, the Texans' starting free safety, signed a new three-year deal in August in advance of his fourth season with the club. Hal is coming off his finest year, helping Houston advance to the second round of the AFC playoffs by registering 60 total tackles, three interceptions and 10 passes defended. In his final appearance last year, Hal registered six total tackles, an interception and two defended passes in Houston's playoff loss to the Patriots. The former Commodore cornerback also earned 11 starts at free safety last year, and has 22 career starting assignments. Former Vanderbilt All-America Zach Cunningham joins Hal on the Houston roster.

Week 1: Hal contributed six total tackles, including a tackle for loss, in Houston's 29-7 home loss to Jacksonville. Week 2: at Cincinnati, Thursday, Sept. 14, 7:25 pm CT.

Casey Hayward (2008-11) // L.A. Chargers // Hayward enters his sixth season regarded as one of the NFL's elite cornerbacks. In 2016, Hayward enjoyed his finest season, earning his initial Pro Bowl recognition after leading the league with seven interceptions. He also ranked second in the league with 21 pass deflections, and finished the 2016 regular season with 35 solo tackles. He joins former Commodore offensive lineman Spencer Pulley on the Charger roster.

Week 1: at Denver, Monday, Sept. 11, 9:20 pm CT. Week 2: vs. Dolphins, Sunday, Sept. 17, 3:05 pm CT.

Will Holden (2013-16) // Arizona // Selected in the fifth round of the 2017 NFL Draft, Holden earned a spot of Arizona's 53-man opening day roster with a solid showing during the preseason. He has the versatility to play either tackle or guard for the Cardinals.
Week 1: Holden was inactive for the Cardinals' 35-23 home loss to Detroit on Sunday. Week 2: at Indianapolis, Sunday, Sept. 17, 12 noon CT.

Andrew Jelks (2013-16) // New England // Jelks was placed on the reserve/non-football injury list Sept. 2 by the Patriots. New England coach Bill Belichick was impressed by Jelks at Vanderbilt Pro Day in March, then added Jelks as an undrafted free agent in May. Though he missed the last two seasons at Vanderbilt due to injury, Jelks joins fellow Commodore undrafted rookie free agent Adam Butler with the Patriots.

Wesley Johnson (2010-13) // New York Jets // Johnson enters his fourth professional season at the Jets' starting center, Nick Mangold who served in the role for the last decade. Johnson is coming off a 2016 campaign when he filled in admirably for an injured Mangold, starting eight of the final nine games for the Jets.

Week 1: He started at center as the N.Y. Jets fell at Buffalo 21-12 on Sunday. Week 2: at Oakland, Sunday, Sept. 17, 3:05 pm CT.

Jordan Matthews (2010-13) // Buffalo // Matthews enters his fourth season in the NFL. On Aug. 11, 2017, Matthews was traded from Philadelphia to the Buffalo Bills. Matthews has missed three weeks this preseason with an injury, but is expected to start in the season opener vs. New York. The Commodores' all-time leading receiver is coming off a campaign when he ranked second on the Eagles with 73 receptions and 804 receiving yards. Matthews posted impressive numbers in Philly: 225 receptions, 2,673 receiving yards and 19 touchdown catches in 35 career starts.

Week 1: Returning from a preseason injury, Matthews registered two catches for 61 yards, including a 47-yarder, in Buffalo's 21-12 home win over the N.Y. Jets this Sunday. Week 2: at Carolina, Sunday, Sept. 17, 12 noon CT.

Spencer Pulley (2011-15) // L.A. Chargers // Entering his second professional season, Pulley looks to be the opening day starter as Philip Rivers' center in Los Angeles. Pulley has enjoyed a quick rise since signing with the Chargers as an undrafted rookie free agent in May 2016. As a rookie, Pulley saw action in all 16 games for San Diego, contributing on both special teams and the offensive line. He joins former Commodore cornerback Casey Hayward on the Charger roster.

Week 1: at Denver, Monday, Sept. 11, 9:20 pm CT. Week 2: vs. Dolphins, Sunday, Sept. 17, 3:05 pm CT.

Stephen Weatherly (2012-15) // Minnesota // Weatherly enters his second season in Minneapolis aiming for an important role on the Vikings' defensive front. Selected in the 7th round of the 2016 NFL Draft, Weatherly finished last year on Minnesota's active roster, garnering a couple of tackles in late-season appearances. Weatherly has worked hard to transition from an outside linebacker at Vanderbilt, and currently sits at the top reserve to Viking right end starter Everson Griffen.

Week 1: vs. New Orleans, Monday, Sept. 11, 6:10 pm CT. Week 2: at Pittsburgh, Sunday, Sept. 17, 12 noon CT.



NATIONAL RANKINGS

AP Top 25

Week 4

	Record	Points	Prev
1. Alabama (45)	3-0	1504	—
2. Clemson (15)	3-0	1446	3
3. Oklahoma (1)	3-0	1432	2
4. Penn State	3-0	1306	5
5. USC	3-0	1241	4
6. Oklahoma State	3-0	1154	9
7. Washington	3-0	1141	6
8. Michigan	3-0	1081	7
9. Wisconsin	3-0	1031	10
10. Ohio State	2-1	1015	8
11. Georgia	3-0	940	13
12. Florida State	0-1	922	11
13. Virginia Tech	3-0	730	16
14. Miami	1-0	606	17
15. Auburn	2-1	596	—
16. TCU	3-0	553	20
17. Mississippi State	3-0	532	NR
18. Washington State	3-0	419	21
19. Louisville	2-1	356	14
20. Florida	1-1	308	24
21. South Florida	3-0	272	22
22. San Diego State	3-0	201	NR
23. Utah	3-0	194	NR
24. Oregon	3-0	158	NR
25. LSU	2-1	153	12

Dropped from rankings: Kansas State 18, Stanford 19, Tennessee 23, UCLA 25

Others receiving votes: West Virginia 114, Colorado 93, Maryland 84, **Vanderbilt 83**, Notre Dame 57, Memphis 21, California 19, Stanford 16, Kentucky 11, Duke 10, Kansas State 10, Tennessee 6, Texas Tech 4, Iowa 2, Wake Forest 2, Michigan State 1, Houston 1

Coaches Poll

Week 4

	Record	Points	Prev
1. Alabama (59)	3-0	1618	—
2. Clemson (6)	3-0	1535	—
3. Oklahoma	3-0	1505	—
4. Penn State	3-0	1364	5
5. USC	3-0	1348	4
6. Washington	3-0	1277	—
7. Oklahoma State	3-0	1219	8
8. Michigan	3-0	1171	7
9. Ohio State	2-1	1052	—
10. Wisconsin	3-0	1032	12
11. Florida State	0-1	985	10
12. Georgia	3-0	978	13
13. Virginia Tech	3-0	775	16
14. Miami	1-0	659	15
15. TCU	3-0	602	20
16. Auburn	2-1	555	17
17. South Florida	3-0	446	21
18. Washington State	3-0	441	22
19. Mississippi State	3-0	412	NR
20. Louisville	2-1	382	14
21. Utah	3-0	324	24
22. Florida	1-1	312	25
23. LSU	2-1	243	11
24. Oregon	3-0	208	NR
25. San Diego State	3-0	141	NR

Dropped from rankings: Kansas State 18, Stanford 19, Tennessee 23

Others receiving votes: West Virginia 100, **Vanderbilt 92**, Colorado 84, Maryland 48, Kansas State 45, Memphis 36, Notre Dame 24, Kentucky 18, California 18, Minnesota 14, Stanford 11, NC State 9, Houston 9, Duke 8, Navy 7, Iowa 6, Tennessee 3, Appalachian State 2, Wake Forest 2, Boise State 2, Michigan State 2, Arkansas 1

COACHING STAFF CONSISTENCY

One year after changing numerous coaching positions, head coach Derek Mason heads into his fourth season at Vanderbilt with a staff largely intact from a year ago.

The only offseason change Mason made was forced by illness. Warren Belin, a long-time Commodore defensive coach under Bobby Johnson, returned to campus, serving as Mason's outside linebackers coach.

Belin was enticed to Vanderbilt only after learning Osia Lewis would be leaving his duties to battle a liver cancer diagnosis. Lewis left his on-field responsibilities in February, moving into a senior defensive assistant/consultant to the head coach role.

Before the 2016 season, Mason brought on five new staffers: Lewis, Jeff Genyk (special teams coordinator/running backs), Cameron Norcross (offensive line), C.J. Ah You (defensive line) and Chris Marve (inside linebackers).

Only Gerry Gdowski remains from Mason's original staff. Last year, Gdowski mentored Vanderbilt quarterbacks after coaching tight ends in 2014-15.



BELIN

EXPERIENCE MATTERS

For the first time in the Derek Mason era the Commodores started an overwhelming amount of upperclassmen in 2016.

In the Dores' 13 games last year, 70.3% of the squad's starts went to juniors and seniors. The previous year just 54.2% of the starts went to older student-athletes and only 46.2% of the starts in Mason's first year in 2014.

THREE DORES BACK AFTER ALL-SEC FRESHMAN CAMPAIGNS

Vanderbilt sophomores Sam Loy, Ean Pfeifer and Jared Pinkney are coming off a season when they earned All-SEC Freshman honors from Athlon Sports.

Pfeifer and Pinkney were named to Athlon's first team all-freshman squad. Loy was named as Athlon's second-team punter.

CLEAR BAG POLICY

The SEC has adopted a league-wide clear bag policy for the 2017-18 season restricting what is allowed inside stadiums, including bats and stadium seat-backs.

LET'S BE CLEAR...

APPROVED ITEMS



NON-APPROVED ITEMS



The following clear bag policy will be in effect for all events that take place at Vanderbilt Stadium, Memorial Gym and Hawkins Field beginning in August 2017.



BURKS, WEBB EARN PRESEASON ALL-SEC NOD

Oren Burks and Ralph Webb were named preseason All-Southeastern Conference recipients by the league's head coaches prior to the season.

The duo also earned preseason recognition from the media attending SEC Media Days in July.

SEC head coaches voted Webb, a rising senior running back from Gainesville, Fla., and Burks, a rising senior linebacker from Fairfax Station, Va., as third-team all-conference recipients.

A preseason candidate for the Doak Walker and Maxwell awards, Webb enters his final season with 3,342 rushing yards. Webb ranks No. 20 on the SEC career rushing charts and could climb into the league's top five with a season comparable to last year when he set a new team single-season record with 1,283 rushing yards.

A Butkus Award candidate, Burks finished with 40 unassisted tackles, 59 total stops, 6.5 tackles for loss, 3.5 quarterback sacks and an interception last year. Burks' career statistics of 155 total tackles and four interceptions are active team highs.

POLY PIPELINE GROWING IN NASHVILLE

Vanderbilt's Poly pipeline continues to grow in 2017 with six student-athletes on the roster with Polynesian descent, doubling last year's total.

Senior Nifae Lealao is the elder statesman of the group and has been joined by now redshirt freshmen Josiah Sa'o and Sean McMoore. Sa'o plays alongside Lealao on the defensive line with McMoore on the offensive line. McMoore is the first Hawaiian to suit up for VU while Lealao and Sa'o both hail from California.

The Dore's freshman class features three new players with Poly blood, including two from The Rock in Feleti Afemui and Jonah Buchanan. Afemui is a linebacker from Kahului with Buchanan playing alongside Lealao and Sa'o on the defensive line from Honolulu. Michael Owusu rounds the gridiron group playing outside linebacker from Oxnard, Calif.

Vanderbilt's soccer team joined the Polynesian party, adding sophomore Taiana Tolleson to the growing 'ohana' (family) at Vanderbilt.

Even with seven Polynesians in athletics on West End, the most famous Polynesian in Nashville remains Heisman Trophy winner and Tennessee Titans QB Marcus Mariota.

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

WR Caleb Scott and DB Donovan Sheffield are second-generation Commodores. Both following their dad's collegiate path through Vanderbilt.

Scott is the son of former Commodore TE Chuck Scott (1981-84). Scott's dad was a 1983 All-America and two-time All-SEC pick who still ranks T-3rd all-time among Commodores with 20 TD catches, sixth in receiving yards (2,219), and seventh in receptions (145).

Sheffield is the son of DB Robert Sheffield (1993-95). Sheffield's dad was a three-year letterwinner at cornerback from 1993-95.

SEC STANDINGS

Eastern Division

Team	OVR	SEC	Home	Road	Strk
Kentucky	3-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	W3
Florida	1-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	W1
S. Carolina	2-1	1-1	0-1	1-0	L1
Georgia	3-0	0-0	2-0	1-0	W3
Vanderbilt	3-0	0-0	2-0	1-0	W3
Tennessee	2-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	L1
Missouri	1-2	0-1	1-2	0-0	L2

Western Division

Team	OVR	SEC	Home	Road	Strk
Miss. St.	3-0	1-0	2-0	1-0	W3
Alabama	3-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	W3
Ole Miss	2-1	0-0	2-0	0-1	L1
Auburn	2-1	0-0	2-0	0-1	W1
Texas A&M	2-1	0-0	2-0	0-1	W2
Arkansas	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	L1
LSU	2-1	0-1	2-0	0-1	L1

This Week in the SEC

Saturday, Sept. 23

UMass at Tennessee | 11 a.m. | SECN

Arkansas vs. Texas A&M | 11 a.m. | ESPN

Alabama at Vanderbilt | 2:30 p.m. | CBS

Louisiana Tech at South Carolina | 2:30 p.m. | SECN

Syracuse at LSU | 6 p.m. | ESPN2

Mississippi State at Georgia | 6 p.m. | ESPN

Auburn at Missouri | 6:30 p.m. | ESPNU

Florida at Kentucky | 6:30 p.m. | SECN

Next Week in the SEC

Saturday, Sept. 30

Ole Miss at Alabama | TBA | TBA

Troy at LSU | TBA | TBA

Georgia at Tennessee | TBA | TBA

Mississippi State at Auburn | TBA | TBA

Vanderbilt at Florida | TBA | TBA

New Mexico State at Arkansas | TBA | TBA

Eastern Michigan at Kentucky | TBA | TBA

South Carolina at Texas A&M | TBA | TBA

All times Central



GAME	FINAL	SCORE BY QUARTER				FIRST DOWNS				RUSHING			PASSING			OFFENSE		PUNTING	FUMBLES	PENALTY	THIRD	TOTAL
	SCORE	1	2	3	4	RU	PA	PN	TOT	ATT	YDS	TD	C-A-I	YDS	TD	ATT	YDS	NO-AVG	NO-LOST	NO-YDS	DOWNS	TOP
VU	28	14	7	7	0	5	10	0	15	35	71	1	20-28-0	296	3	63	367	7-41.9	1-0	6-69	8-16	36:33
MT	6	0	0	0	6	3	8	3	14	26	49	0	18-31-1	166	1	57	215	7-40.7	1-0	4-14	0-12	23:27
AAMU	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	2	7	32	59	0	8-21-2	44	0	53	103	10-35.4	1-0	5-21	2-14	29:19
VU	42	14	21	7	0	8	10	0	18	35	174	2	19-26-0	227	4	61	401	5-33.2	0-0	4-40	6-13	30:41
KSU	7	0	7	0	0	10	3	0	13	35	201	1	10-28-2	76	0	63	277	7-37.7	0-0	7-68	4-16	30:27
VU	14	7	0	0	7	2	9	0	11	32	65	1	14-23-0	205	1	55	270	8-33.5	1-1	5-50	4-13	29:33

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Vanderbilt Long Plays

YARDS	RUSH	PASS	KR	PR	TD
20-29	-	4	-	-	2
30-39	1	5	-	-	1
40-49	-	1	-	-	1
50-59	-	-	-	-	-
60-69	-	-	-	-	-
70-79	-	1	-	-	1
80-89	-	-	-	-	-
90-99	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	1	11	0	0	5

Opponent Long Plays

YARDS	RUSH	PASS	KR	PR	TD
20-29	2	2	-	-	1
30-39	-	1	-	-	-
40-49	-	-	-	-	-
50-59	-	-	-	-	-
60-69	-	-	-	-	-
70-79	-	-	-	-	-
80-89	-	-	-	-	-
90-100	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	2	3	0	0	1

Three-&-Out Drives

VANDERBILT	OPPONENT
THREE-&-OUTS/DRIVES	THREE-&-OUTS/DRIVES
@Middle Tenn.	5/15 (33.3%)
Alabama A&M	1/13 (7.7%)
Kansas State	5/13 (38.5%)
Alabama	
@Florida	
Georgia	
@Ole Miss	
@S. Carolina	
W. Kentucky	
Kentucky	
Missouri	
@Tennessee	
11/41 (26.8%)	16/39 (41.0%)



Vanderbilt Scoring Drives

OPP	PLAYS	YARDS	TIME	SCORING PLAY
@MT	5	75	2:29	Lipscomb 37-yd pass from Shurmur
@MT	3	40	1:04	Webb 1-yd run
@MT	13	76	7:43	Lipscomb 4-yd pass from Shurmur
@MT	3	80	1:24	Webb 73-yd pass from Shurmur
AAMU	11	67	6:22	Webb 6-yd run
AAMU	6	54	3:10	Pinkney 10-yd pass from Shurmur
AAMU	6	81	2:33	Lipscomb 45-yard pass from Shurmur
AAMU	3	10	0:53	Shurmur 1-yd run
AAMU	4	65	1:28	Sherfield 25-yd pass from Shurmur
AAMU	1	23	0:06	Pinkney 23-yd pass from Shurmur
KSU	13	84	7:53	Duncan 2-yd pass from Shurmur
KSU	4	33	1:53	Shurmur 2-yd run

Opponent Scoring Drives

OPP	PLAYS	YARDS	TIME	SCORING PLAY
@MT	3	47	1:05	James 22-yd pass from Stockstill
KSU	8	75	4:13	Ertz 15-yd run

Scoring Drive Breakdown

Yardage	VANDERBILT		OPPONENT	
	TD	FG	TD	FG
No drive	-	-	-	-
Neg. Yards	-	-	-	-
0-9	-	-	-	-
10-19	1	-	-	-
20-29	1	-	-	-
30-39	1	-	-	-
40-49	1	-	1	-
50-59	1	-	-	-
60-69	2	-	-	-
70-79	2	-	1	-
80-89	3	-	-	-
90-99	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	12	0	2	0

Game-Opening Drives

OPP	VANDERBILT			OPPONENTS		
	PTS	1STS	YDS	PTS	1STS	YDS
@Middle Tenn.	7	3	75	0	2	31
Alabama A&M	7	4	67	0	1	2
Kansas State	0	0	6	0	0	5
Alabama						
@Florida						
Georgia						
@Ole Miss						
@S. Carolina						
W. Kentucky						
Kentucky						
Missouri						
@Tennessee						
TOTALS	14	7	148	0	3	38

Second Half-Opening Drives

OPP	VANDERBILT			OPPONENTS		
	PTS	1STS	YDS	PTS	1STS	YDS
@Middle Tenn.	7	0	80	0	0	9
Alabama A&M	0	1	10	0	0	5
Kansas State	0	2	38	0	2	24
Alabama						
@Florida						
Georgia						
@Ole Miss						
@S. Carolina						
W. Kentucky						
Kentucky						
Missouri						
@Tennessee						
TOTALS	7	3	128	0	2	38

Scoring Drive Superlatives

Most Plays/Result
Most Yards/Result
Most Time/Result

VANDERBILT
14/FGA at Middle Tenn.
84/TD vs. Kansas State
7:53/TD vs. Kansas State

OPPONENT
(2x) 9/FGA vs. Kansas State
75/TD vs. Kansas State
5:14/FGA vs. Kansas State



The Last Vanderbilt Player...

Player scored 3 TDs _____ Ralph Webb vs. Ole Miss (3, 11/19/2016)
 Player scored 4 TDs or more _____ Earl Bennett vs. Kentucky (5, 11/12/2005)
 QB passes for 3 TDs _____ Kyle Shurmur at Middle Tenn. (3, 9/2/2017)
 QB passes for 4+ TDs _____ Kyle Shurmur vs. Alabama A&M (4, 9/9/2017)
 QB passed for 200-299 yards _____ Kyle Shurmur vs. Kansas State (205, 9/16/2017)
 QB passed for 300-399 yards _____ J. McCrary vs. Austin Peay (368, 9/19/2015)
 QB passed for 400+ yards _____ Kyle Shurmur vs. Tennessee (416, 11/26/2016)
 70+ yard reception _____ Shurmur to Webb at Middle Tenn. (73, 9/2/2017)
 Rushed for 100-199 yards _____ Ralph Webb vs. NC State (111, 12/26/2016)
 Rushed for 200-299 yards _____ Ralph Webb vs. Middle Tennessee (211, 9/10/2016)
 Rushed for 300+ yards _____ Frank Mordica vs. Air Force (321, 11/18/1978)
 70+ yard rush _____ Ralph Webb at Florida (74, 11/7/2015)
 Rushed for 3+ TD _____ Ralph Webb vs. Ole Miss (3, 11/19/2016)
 Receiver had 100-199 yards _____ Ralph Webb at Middle Tenn. (104, 9/2/2017)
 Receiver had 200+ yards _____ Trent Sherfield vs. Austin Peay (240, 9/1/2015)
 Had 3+ TD receptions _____ Earl Bennett vs. Richmond (3, 9/1/2007)
 Returned kickoff for TD _____ Darrius Sims vs. South Carolina (100, 9/12/2014)
 Returned punt for TD _____ Jonathan Krause at Wake Forest (83, 11/24/2012)
 Returned INT for TD _____ Oren Burks vs. Kentucky (30, 11/14/2015)
 Returned fumble for TD _____ Taurean Ferguson at Kentucky (22, 10/8/2016)
 Kicked three or more FGs _____ Tommy Openshaw at Auburn (3, 11/5/2016)
 Kicked 50+ yard FG _____ Tommy Openshaw vs. NC State (52, 12/26/2016)
 Had 70+ yard punt _____ Tommy Openshaw vs. Missouri (78, 10/24/2015)
 Recorded 10+ tackles _____ Wiley (11), Smith (12) vs. Kansas St. (9/16/2017)
 Recorded 3+ tackles for loss _____ Odeyingbo, Wright at Middle Tenn. (3.0, 9/2/2017)
 Recorded 3+ sacks _____ Charles Wright at Middle Tenn. (3.0, 9/2/2017)
 Blocked opponent punt _____ Andrew Rector vs. Alabama A&M (9/9/2017)
 Returned blocked punt for TD _____ Stephen Weatherly vs. UMass (11, 9/13/2014)
 Blocked opponent FG _____ Zach Cunningham at Auburn (11/5/2016)
 Blocked a PAT attempt _____ Nifae Lealao at Middle Tenn. (9/2/2017)
 Scored on safety _____ Team vs. Middle Tennessee (9/10/2016)

The Last Time Vanderbilt...

Achieved 30+ first downs _____ vs. Old Dominion (33, 11/1/2014)
 Topped 500+ Yards in Total Offense _____ vs. Tennessee (608, 11/26/2016)
 300 or more passing yards _____ vs. Austin Peay (394, 9/19/2015)
 400 or more passing yards _____ vs. Tennessee (416, 11/26/2016)
 Rushed for 200-299 yards _____ vs. Middle Tennessee (231, 9/10/2016)
 Rushed for 300-399 yards _____ vs. Tennessee State (358, 10/22/2016)
 Rushed for 400+ yards _____ vs. Presbyterian (410, 9/15/2012)
 Scored 40 points or more _____ vs. Alabama A&M (42, 9/9/2017)
 Held foe under 100 total yards _____ vs. Chattanooga (93, 9/6/2003)
 Held foe to less than 200 total yards _____ vs. Alabama A&M (103, 9/9/2017)
 Held foe under 100 rushing yards _____ vs. Alabama A&M (59, 9/9/2017)
 Held foe under 100 passing yards _____ vs. Kansas State (76, 9/16/2017)
 Held foe scoreless _____ vs. Alabama A&M (42-0, 9/9/2017)

The Last Opposing Player...

Player scored 3 TDs _____ Jaylen Samuels (3, 12/26/16)
 Player scored 4 TDs or more _____ Justin Boyles Duke (4, 10/28/2006)
 QB passes for 3 TDs _____ Ryan Finley (3, 12/26/2016)
 QB passes for 4+ TDs _____ Johnny Manziel at Texas A&M (4, 10/26/2013)
 QB passed for 200-299 yards _____ Ryan Finley vs. NC State (235, 12/26/2016)
 QB passed for 300-399 yards _____ Joshua Dobbs vs. Tennessee (340, 11/26/2016)
 QB passed for 400+ yards _____ Bo Wallace Ole Miss (403, 11/10/2012)
 70+ yard reception _____ Lock to Moore at Missouri (82, 11/12/2016)
 Rushed for 100-199 yards _____ Jesse Ertz vs. Kansas State (126, 9/16/2017)
 Rushed for 200+ yards _____ Arian Foster Tennessee (223, 11/19/2005)
 Rushed for 3+ TDs _____ Dedrick Mills at Georgia Tech (3, 9/17/2016)
 70+ yard rush _____ Pharoh Cooper vs. So. Carolina (70, 9/20/2014)
 Receiver had 100-199 yards _____ Richie James at Middle Tenn. (112, 9/2/2017)
 Receiver had 200+ yards _____ Craig Yeast Kentucky (269, 11/13/1998)
 Had 3+ TD receptions _____ Jaylen Samuels vs. NC State (3, 12/26/2016)
 Returned kickoff for TD _____ Nyheim Hines vs. NC State (100, 12/26/2016)
 Returned punt for TD _____ Cameron Sutton at Tennessee (85, 11/28/2015)
 Returned INT for TD _____ Niles Clark vs. NC State (32, 12/26/2016)
 Returned fumble for TD _____ Christian Holmes at Miss. State (51, 11/22/2014)
 Kicked at least three FGs _____ Daniel Carlson at Auburn (3, 11/5/2016)
 Kicked 50+ yard FG _____ Daniel Carlson at Auburn (53, 11/5/2016)
 Had 70+ yard punt _____ Ryan Janvion vs. Wake Forest (71, 11/30/2013)
 Recorded 10+ total tackles _____ Harris, Brower vs. Alabama A&M (10, 9/9/2017)
 Recorded 3+ tackles for loss _____ Chris Johnson at WKU (4.0, 9/24/2016)
 Blocked VU punt _____ Drell Greene at WKU (9/24/2016)
 Returned blocked punt for TD _____ L. Mathis vs. Charleston So. (17., 10/11/2014)
 Blocked VU FG _____ Sharrif Floyd Florida (11/5/2011)
 Scored on VU safety _____ Team at Tennessee (11/28/2015)

The Last VU Opponent...

Achieved 30+ first downs in game _____ Ole Miss (30, 9/26/2015)
 Topped 500+ Yards in Total Offense _____ Tennessee (516, 11/26/2016)
 300 or more passing yards _____ Tennessee (340, 11/26/2016)
 400 or more passing yards _____ Ole Miss, (403 yds., 11/10/2012)
 Rushed for 200-299 yards _____ at Auburn (271, 11/5/2016)
 Rushed for 300-399 yards _____ Tennessee (331, 11/28/2015)
 Rushed for 400+ yards _____ vs. Georgia Tech (404, 10/31/2009)
 Scored 40 points or more _____ vs. NC State (41, 12/26/2016)
 Held Vanderbilt under 200 total yards _____ at Georgia (171, 10/15/2016)
 Held Vanderbilt under 100 rushing yards _____ vs. Kansas State (65, 9/16/2017)
 Held Vanderbilt under 100 passing yards _____ vs. South Carolina (73, 9/1/2016)
 Held Vanderbilt scoreless _____ vs. Texas A&M (25-0, 11/21/2015)



Vanderbilt Individual Season-Highs

Rush Attempts	24	Ralph Webb, @Middle Tenn.
Yards Rushing	64	Jamauri Wakefield, Alabama A&M
TD Rushes	1 (3x)	Webb, Shurmur, Alabama A&M
Long Rush	31	Khari Blasingame, Alabama A&M
Pass Attempts	28	Kyle Shurmur, @Middle Tenn.
Pass Completions	20	Kyle Shurmur, @Middle Tenn.
Yards Passing	296	Kyle Shurmur, @Middle Tenn.
TD Passes	4	Kyle Shurmur, Alabama A&M
Long Pass	73	Kyle Shurmur, @Middle Tenn.
Receptions	4 (3x)	Pinkney, Sherfield, Alabama A&M
Yards Receiving	104	Ralph Webb, @Middle Tenn.
TD Receptions	2 (2x)	Jared Pinkney, Alabama A&M
Long Reception	73	Ralph Webb, @Middle Tenn.
Field Goals		
Long Field Goal		
Punts	8	Sam Loy, Kansas State
Punting Avg.	41.9	Sam Loy, @Middle Tenn.
Long Punt	52	Sam Loy, @Middle Tenn.
Punts Inside 20	2	Sam Loy, Alabama A&M
Long Punt Return	11	Kalija Lipscomb, Alabama A&M
Long Kickoff Return	22	C.J. Duncan, Alabama A&M
Tackles	12	Emmanuel Smith, Kansas State
Sacks	3.0	Charles Wright, @Middle TN
Tackles for Loss	3.0 (2x)	Odeyingbo, Wright, @Middle Tenn.
Interceptions	1 (5x)	Wiley, White, Kansas State

Vanderbilt Team Game-Highs

Rushes	35 (2x)	Alabama A&M
Yards Rushing	174	Alabama A&M
Yards per Rush	5.0	Alabama A&M
TD Rushes	2	Alabama A&M
Pass Attempts	28	@Middle Tennessee
Pass Completions	20	@Middle Tennessee
Yards Passing	296	@Middle Tennessee
Yards per Pass Comp.	14.8	@Middle Tennessee
TD Passes	4	Alabama A&M
Total Plays	63	@Middle Tennessee
Total Offense	401	Alabama A&M
Yards per Play	6.6	Alabama A&M
Points	42	Alabama A&M
Sacks By	5	@Middle Tennessee
First Downs	18	Alabama A&M
Penalties	6	@Middle Tennessee
Penalty Yards	69	@Middle Tennessee
Turnovers	1	Kansas State
Interceptions By	2 (2x)	Kansas State
Punts	8	Kansas State
Punting Avg.	41.9	@Middle Tennessee
Long Punt	52	@Middle Tennessee
Punts Inside 20	3	Alabama A&M

Vanderbilt's Longest Plays

Rushing	31	Alabama A&M
Passing	73	@Middle Tennessee
Field Goal		
Punt	52	@Middle Tennessee
Punt Return	11	Alabama A&M
Kickoff Return	22	Alabama A&M
Interception Return	28	@Middle Tennessee
Fumble Return		

Opponent Individual Season-Highs

Rush Attempts	24	Jesse Ertz, Kansas State
Yards Rushing	126	Jesse Ertz, Kansas State
TD Rushes	1	Jesse Ertz, Kansas State
Long Rush	27	Jesse Ertz, Kansas State
Pass Attempts	31	Brent Stockstill, @Middle Tenn.
Pass Completions	18	Brent Stockstill, @Middle Tenn.
Yards Passing	166	Brent Stockstill, @Middle Tenn.
TD Passes	1	Brent Stockstill, @Middle Tenn.
Long Pass	31	Brent Stockstill, @Middle Tenn.
Receptions	10	Richie James, @Middle Tenn.
Yards Receiving	112	Richie James, @Middle Tenn.
TD Receptions	1	Richie James, @Middle Tenn.
Long Reception	31	Richie James, @Middle Tenn.
Field Goals		
Long Field Goal		
Punts	9	Nick Carden, Alabama A&M
Punting Avg.	42.0	Brent Stockstill, @Middle Tenn.
Long Punt	61	Nick Carden, Alabama A&M
Punts Inside 20	3	Nick Walsh, Kansas State
Long Punt Return	20	Richie James, @Middle Tenn.
Long Kickoff Return	12	Harvey Harris, Alabama A&M
Tackles	10 (2x)	Trent Tanking, Kansas State
Sacks	1.0 (2x)	Will Geary, Kansas State
Tackles for Loss	1.5	Malik Mancel, @Middle Tenn.
Interceptions		

Opponent Team Game-Highs

Rushes	35	Kansas State
Yards Rushing	201	Kansas State
Yards per Rush	5.7	Kansas State
TD Rushes	1	Kansas State
Pass Attempts	31	@Middle Tennessee
Pass Completions	18	@Middle Tennessee
Yards Passing	166	@Middle Tennessee
Yards per Pass Comp.	9.2	@Middle Tennessee
TD Passes	1	@Middle Tennessee
Total Plays	63	Kansas State
Total Offense	277	Kansas State
Yards per Play	4.4	Kansas State
Points	7	Kansas State
Sacks By	1 (2x)	Kansas State
First Downs	14	@Middle Tennessee
Penalties	7	Kansas State
Penalty Yards	68	Kansas State
Turnovers	2 (2x)	Kansas State
Interceptions By		
Punts	10	Alabama A&M
Punting Avg.	40.7	@Middle Tennessee
Long Punt	61	Alabama A&M
Punts Inside 20	4	Kansas State

Opponent's Longest plays

Rushing	27	Kansas State
Passing	31	@Middle Tennessee
Field Goal		
Punt	61	Alabama A&M
Punt Return	20	@Middle Tennessee
Kickoff Return	12	Alabama A&M
Interception Return		
Fumble Return		



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Roster A-Z			#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Year	CL	Hometown/High School (Other)
#	Name	Pos.								
17	Feleti Afemui	LB	2	Arnold Tarpley III	S	6-1	203	SR	3L	Pittsburgh, Pa./Central Catholic
18	Colin Anderson	LB	2	Deuce Wallace	QB	6-2	210	R-FR	RS	Sevierville, Tenn./Sevier County
78	Bryce Bailey	OL	3	Taurean Ferguson	CB	5-9	190	R-SR	3L	Jonesboro, Ga./Jonesboro
38	Gil Barksdale	DB	3	Shawn Stankavage	QB	6-2	205	R-JR	RS	Durham, N.C./Cardinal Gibbons
91	Drew Birchmeier	DL	4	Emmanuel Smith	LB	6-2	240	SR	3L	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Oakland
23	Khari Blasingame	RB	4	Donaven Tennyson	WR	5-10	170	SO	1L	Richmond, Va./Benedictine College Prep
81	James Bostic	WR	5	Ke'Shawn Vaughn	RB	5-10	215	JR	TR	Nashville, Tenn./Pearl-Cohn/Illinois
92	Jonah Buchanan	DL	5	LaDarius Wiley	S	6-1	210	R-JR	2L	Los Angeles, Calif./Cathedral
20	Oren Burks	LB	6	Zaire Jones	S	6-0	200	R-FR	RS	Meridian, Miss./Meridian
74	Cole Clemens	OL	7	Dimitri Moore	LB	6-3	215	FR	HS	Cedar Hill, Texas/Cedar Hill
77	Devin Cochran	OL	7	Ralph Webb	RB	5-10	202	R-SR	3L	Gainesville, Fla./Gainesville
82	Turner Cockrell	TE	8	Joejuan Williams	CB	6-3	208	SO	1L	Nashville, Tenn./Father Ryan/Hendersonville
35	Frank Coppet	DB	9	Caleb Peart	LB	6-1	235	R-SO	1L	Chandler, Ariz./Hamilton
22	Josh Crawford	RB	9	Caleb Scott	WR	6-2	202	SR	3L	Suwanee, Ga./North Gwinnett
12	Tae Daley	DB	10	Dayo Odeyingbo	DL	6-6	250	FR	HS	Irving, Texas/Carrollton Ranchview
96	Darion DeBrossard	OL	10	Trent Sherfield	WR	6-1	205	SR	3L	Danville, Ill./Danville
52	Brayden DeVault-Smith	LB	11	Charles Wright	LB	6-3	240	R-JR	2L	Irvine, Calif./Beckman
76	Egidio DellaRipa	OL	12	Tae Daley	DB	6-0	185	FR	HS	Warner Robins, Ga./Northside
84	Sam Dobbs	TE	12	Jacob Free	QB	6-4	215	FR	HS	Brantley, Ala./Brantley
19	C.J. Duncan	WR	13	Jackson Winrow	WR	6-1	195	R-FR	RS	Shawnee, Okla./Shawnee
99	Stone Edwards	DL	14	Kyle Shurmur	QB	6-4	227	JR	2L	Philadelphia, Pa./La Salle College
36	Trey Ellis	WR	14	Ryan White	S	5-10	190	GR	3L	Louisville, Ky./Trinity
3	Taurean Ferguson	CB	15	Elijah Hamilton	DB	6-2	200	R-FR	RS	Roswell, Ga./Blessed Trinity Catholic
55	David Floyd	OL	15	Alex Stump	WR	6-3	210	R-SO	TR	Avon, Ohio/St. Edward/Ohio State
12	Jacob Free	QB	16	Kalija Lipscomb	WR	6-1	200	SO	1L	New Orleans, La./Jesuit
28	Allan George	DB	17	Feleti Afemui	LB	6-3	235	FR	HS	Kahului, Hawaii/Maui
27	Jaire George	FB	17	Tommy Openshaw	K	6-2	200	GR	3L	Jacksonville, Fla./Creekside
75	Bailey Granier	OL	18	Colin Anderson	LB	6-2	215	FR	HS	Florence, Ala./Brooks
40	Jordan Griffin	LB	18	Hayden Pegley	QB	6-1	190	FR	HS	Burlingame, Calif./Menlo School
98	Ryley Guay	K	19	C.J. Duncan	WR	5-11	203	R-SR	3L	Montgomery, Ala./St. James School
15	Elijah Hamilton	DB	19	Sam Loy	P	6-1	190	SO	1L	San Clemente, Calif./Santa Margarita Catholic
24	Randall Haynie	DB	20	Oren Burks	LB	6-3	230	R-SR	3L	Fairfax Station, Va./South County
42	Kenny Hebert	LB	21	Donovan Sheffield	CB	6-0	190	JR	2L	Nashville, Tenn./Ensworth
31	Tre Herndon	DB	22	Josh Crawford	RB	5-10	198	JR	2L	Montgomery, Ala./Edgewood Acad.
33	Jay Hockaday	LB	23	Khari Blasingame	RB	6-1	235	R-JR	2L	Huntsville, Ala./Buckhorn
6	Zaire Jones	S	24	Randall Haynie	DB	6-0	185	FR	HS	Fort Lauderdale, Fla./Cardinal Gibbons
65	Braden Kopp	OL	25	Josh Smith	LB	6-4	240	JR	2L	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Oakland
77	Nifae Lealao	DL	26	Andrew Rector	S	6-0	205	JR	2L	Nashville, Tenn./Father Ryan
59	John Learned	OL	27	Jaire George	FB	6-1	230	R-SO	RS	Hyattville, Md./DeMatha Catholic HS
30	Bryce Lewis	CB	28	Allan George	DB	6-1	185	FR	HS	Andalusia, Ala./Andalusia
16	Kalija Lipscomb	WR	28	Dallas Rivers	RB	6-1	225	SR	3L	Stone Mountain, Ga./Stephenson
19	Sam Loy	P	29	Austin Quillen	S	5-11	190	R-FR	RS	Jenks, Okla./Jenks
83	Nathan Marcus	TE	30	Bryce Lewis	CB	6-0	185	R-JR	2L	Lilburn, Ga./Parkview
45	Cody Markel	TE	31	Tre Herndon	CB	6-1	188	SR	3L	Chattanooga, Tenn./East Hamilton
49	Alex Maxey	SN	32	Jamauri Wakefield	RB	6-1	220	R-FR	RS	Jacksonville, Fla./Providence
54	Kade Mayle	DL	33	Jay Hockaday	LB	6-3	230	R-SO	1L	Nashville, Tenn./Christ Presbyterian Acad.
39	Bailey McElwain	FB	34	Dare Odeyingbo	DE	6-2	272	JR	2L	Irving, Texas/Cistercian Prep
53	Sean McMoore	OL	35	Frank Coppet	DB	5-11	185	R-FR	RS	Fort Lauderdale, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas
63	Grant Miller	OL	36	Trey Ellis	WR	5-9	170	SR	2L	Charlotte, N.C./Ardrey Kell
48	Andre Mintze	LB	38	Gil Barksdale	DB	5-10	180	SO	1L	Solon, Ohio/Solon
7	Dimitri Moore	LB	39	Bailey McElwain	FB	6-1	238	SO	1L	Trussville, Ala./Hewitt-Trussville
97	Reid Nelson	P	40	Jordan Griffin	LB	6-0	223	JR	2L	Tampa, Fla./Armwood HS
34	Dare Odeyingbo	DE	40	Baffour Osei	RB	5-8	180	JR	SQ	Accra, Ghana/Oaks Christian
10	Dayo Odeyingbo	DL	42	Kenny Hebert	LB	6-4	228	R-FR	RS	New Orleans, La./Holy Cross
			44	Jalen Pinkney	DL	6-4	230	FR	HS	Norcross, Ga./Norcross
			45	Cody Markel	TE	6-5	245	R-FR	RS	Middleton, Wisc./Middleton



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#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Year	CL	Hometown/High School (Other)
46	Keithian Starling	WR	6-0	180	FR	HS	Nashville, Tenn./Nashville Christian
47	Tommy Schiager	FB/SN	6-0	220	R-FR	RS	Portland, Ore./Sunset
48	Andre Mintze	LB	6-3	235	R-FR	RS	Philadelphia, Pa./Imhotep Institute
49	Alex Maxey	SN	5-11	180	FR	HS	Phoenix, Ariz./Pinnacle
49	Jonathan Wynn	DE	6-5	265	R-SR	3L	Stone Mountain, Ga./Stephenson
51	Scott Sypniewski	LS	6-1	231	GR	TR	Ottawa, Ill./Marquette/Michigan
52	Brayden DeVault-Smith	LB	6-3	208	FR	HS	Nashville, Tenn./Pearl-Cohn
53	Sean McMoore	OL	6-4	305	R-FR	RS	Kapolei, Hawaii/Kapolei
54	Kade Mayle	DL	6-2	255	JR	SQ	McConnelsville, Ohio/Morgan
55	David Floyd	OL	6-5	300	R-FR	RS	Nashville, Tenn./Lipscomb Academy
56	Saige Young	OL	6-4	315	SO	TR	Versailles, Ky./Woodford Co./Dodge City CC
57	Ean Pfeifer	OL	6-4	300	R-SO	1L	Bentonville, Ark./Bentonville
57	Josiah Sa'o	DL	6-2	295	R-FR	RS	San Diego, Calif./Kearney
58	Justin Skule	OL	6-6	315	JR	2L	Clifton, Va./Centreville
59	John Learned	OL	6-3	285	FR	HS	Gulf Breeze, Fla./Gulf Breeze
61	Bruno Reagan	OL	6-3	315	R-JR	2L	Clarksville, Tenn./Clarksville
63	Grant Miller	OL	6-4	260	FR	HS	Fort Lauderdale, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas
65	Braden Kopp	OL	6-5	285	R-FR	RS	Houston, Texas/Houston Christian
66	Cameron Robinson	DL	6-0	300	FR	HS	Mobile, Ala./Murphy
71	Jared Southers	OL	6-5	310	R-SO	1L	South Orange, N.J./Seton Hall Prep
73	Johnathan Stewart	OL	6-8	305	FR	HS	Lawrenceville, Ga./Mountain View
74	Cole Clemens	OL	6-6	305	FR	HS	South Jordan, Utah/Bingham
74	Jay Woods	DL	6-3	285	R-SR	3L	Jackson, Ga./Jackson
75	Bailey Granier	OL	6-6	316	R-JR	2L	Galliano, La./South Lafourche
76	Egidio DellaRipa	OL	6-4	300	R-JR	RS	Castaic, Calif./West Ranch/Coll. of the Canyons (CA)
77	Devin Cochran	OL	6-7	305	R-FR	RS	Norcross, Ga./Greater Atlanta Christian
77	Nifae Lealao	DL	6-5	312	SR	3L	Sacramento, Calif./Capital Christian
78	Bryce Bailey	OL	6-5	305	FR	HS	Newburgh, Ind./Castle
80	Jared Pinkney	TE	6-4	255	R-SO	1L	Norcross, Ga./Norcross
81	James Bostic	WR	6-3	208	FR	HS	Fort Lauderdale, Fla./Cardinal Gibbons
82	Turner Cockrell	TE	6-5	230	R-FR	RS	Acworth, Ga./Allatoona
83	Nathan Marcus	TE	6-5	242	R-SR	3L	Glen Ellyn, Ill./Glenbard West
84	Sam Dobbs	TE	6-4	230	JR	2L	Douglasville, Ga./Landmark Christian
85	Chris Pierce	WR	6-4	208	FR	HS	Smithfield, Va./Smithfield
88	Michael Owusu	LB	6-5	228	FR	HS	Oxnard, Calif./Oaks Christian
90	Cameron Tidd	DL	6-3	290	R-FR	RS	Greenwood, Ind./Center Grove
91	Drew Birchmeier	DL	6-4	295	R-FR	RS	Midlothian, Va./Cosby
92	Jonah Buchanan	DL	6-4	270	FR	HS	Honolulu, Hawaii/Iolani
96	Darion DeBrossard	OL	6-4	295	R-SO	1L	Snellville, Ga./Shiloh
97	Reid Nelson	P	6-2	215	SR	1L	Hueytown, Ala./Hueytown HS
98	Ryley Guay	K	5-10	190	SO	1L	Naperville, Ill./Benet Academy
99	Stone Edwards	DL	6-5	245	FR	HS	Hillsborough, N.C./Orange

Roster A-Z

#	Name	Pos.
17	Tommy Openshaw	K
40	Baffour Osei	RB
88	Michael Owusu	LB
9	Caleb Peart	LB
18	Hayden Pegley	QB
57	Ean Pfeifer	OL
85	Chris Pierce	WR
44	Jalen Pinkney	DL
80	Jared Pinkney	TE
29	Austin Quillen	S
61	Bruno Reagan	OL
26	Andrew Rector	S
28	Dallas Rivers	RB
66	Cameron Robinson	DL
57	Josiah Sa'o	DL
47	Tommy Schiager	FB
9	Caleb Scott	WR
21	Donovan Sheffield	CB
10	Trent Sherfield	WR
14	Kyle Shurmur	QB
58	Justin Skule	OL
4	Emmanuel Smith	LB
25	Josh Smith	LB
71	Jared Southers	OL
3	Shawn Stankavage	QB
46	Keithian Starling	WR
73	Jonathan Stewart	OL
15	Alex Stump	WR
51	Scott Sypniewski	LS
2	Arnold Tarpley	S
4	Donaven Tennyson	WR
90	Cameron Tidd	DL
5	Ke'Shawn Vaughn	RB
32	Jamauri Wakefield	RB
2	Deuce Wallace	QB
7	Ralph Webb	RB
14	Ryan White	S
5	LaDarius Wiley	S
8	Joejuan Williams	CB
13	Jackson Winrow	WR
74	Jay Woods	DL
11	Charles Wright	OLB
49	Jonathan Wynn	DE
56	Saige Young	OL

Pronunciations

PLAYERS

Feleti (**fuh-le-TAY**) Afemui (**ah-fa-mooee**)
 Drew Birchmeier (**bersh-meyer**)
 Khari (**car-EE**) Blasingame
 Jaire (**JIE-air**) George
 Bailey Granier (**graun-YAE**)
 Nifae (**nee-FY**) Lealao (**lay-lau**)
 Kalija (**kuh-lie-JUH**) Lipscomb
 Josiah Sa'o (**sah-O**)
 Dare (**dar-AY**) Odeyingbo (**O-dang-B0**)

Dayo (**die-OH**) Odeyingbo (**O-dang-B0**)

Caleb Peart (**peert**)

COACHES

Warren Belin (**BEE-lin**)
 Gerry (**Jerry**) Gdowski (**guh-DOW-ski**)

Roster by Class

PLAYERS

Seniors - 19

Juniors - 20

Sophomores - 16

RS-Freshmen - 19

Freshmen - 24



VANDERBILT DEPTH CHART

**CJ Duncan** | WR

Duncan scored his first touchdown since 2014 with a two-yard catch in the first quarter, finishing with a team-high six catches in the win over Kansas State.

**LaDarius Wiley** | FS

Wiley had a career night against Kansas State, making a career-best 11 tackles and picking off the first pass of his career in the win.

Offense

WR	10 Trent Sherfield	6-1, 205, Sr.
	36 Trey Ellis	5-9, 170, Sr.
	9 Caleb Scott	6-2, 202, Sr.
TE	83 Nathan Marcus	6-5, 242, R-Sr.
	80 Jared Pinkney	6-4, 255, R-So.
LT	58 Justin Skule	6-6, 315, Jr.
	74 Cole Clemens	6-6, 305, Fr.
LG	57 Ean Pfeifer	6-4, 300, R-So.
	56 Saige Young	6-4, 315, So.
C	61 Bruno Reagan	6-3, 315, R-Jr.
	53 Sean McMoore	6-4, 305, R-Fr.
RG	71 Jared Southers	6-4, 310, R-So.
	76 Egidio DellaRipa	6-4, 300, R-Jr.
RT	77 Devin Cochran	6-7, 315, R-Fr.
	75 Bailey Granier	6-6, 316, R-Jr.
QB	14 Kyle Shurmur	6-4, 227, Jr.
	2 Deuce Wallace	6-2, 210, R-Fr.
RB	7 Ralph Webb	5-10, 202, R-Sr.
	23 Khari Blasingame	6-1, 235, R-Jr.
FB	28 Dallas Rivers	6-1, 225, Sr.
	39 Bailey McElwain	6-0, 238, So.
WR	19 C.J. Duncan	5-11, 203, R-Sr.
	or 16 Kalija Lipscomb	6-1, 200, So.

Defense

DL	49 Jonathan Wynn	6-4, 265, R-Sr.
	57 Josiah Sa'o	6-2, 295, R-Fr.
DL	77 Nifae Lealao	6-5, 315, Sr.
	34 Dare Odeyingbo	6-2, 272, Jr.
DL	74 Jay Woods	6-3, 285, R-Sr.
	90 Cameron Tidd	6-3, 290, R-Fr.
OLB	11 Charles Wright	6-3, 240, R-Jr.
	48 Andre Mintze	6-3, 235, R-Fr.
ILB	4 Emmanuel Smith	6-2, 235, Sr.
	40 Jordan Griffin	6-0, 223, Jr.
ILB	20 Oren Burks	6-3, 230, R-Sr.
	33 Jay Hockaday	6-3, 230, R-So.
OLB	9 Caleb Peart	6-1, 235, R-So.
	25 Josh Smith	6-3, 240, Jr.
CB	31 Tre Herndon	6-1, 188, Sr.
	15 Elijah Hamilton	6-2, 200, R-Fr.
SS	14 Ryan White	5-10, 190, Gr.
	6 Zaire Jones	6-0, 200, R-Fr.
FS	2 Arnold Tarpley	6-1, 203, Sr.
	or 5 LaDarius Wiley	6-1, 205, R-Jr.
CB	8 Joejuan Williams	6-3, 208, So.
	21 Donovan Sheffield	5-11, 190, Jr.

Special Teams

K	17 Tommy Openshaw	6-2, 200, Gr.
	98 Ryley Guay	5-10, 190, So.
PR	16 Kalija Lipscomb	6-1, 200, So.
	19 C.J. Duncan	5-11, 203, R-Sr.
P	19 Sam Loy	6-1, 190, So.
	97 Reid Nelson	6-2, 215, Sr.
KR	16 Kalija Lipscomb	6-1, 200, So.
	19 C.J. Duncan	5-11, 203, R-Sr.
H	97 Reid Nelson	6-2, 215, Sr.
SN	51 Scott Sypniewski	6-1, 220, Gr.

**OFF. STARTERS**

	WR	WR	WR/TE/FB	TE	QB	RB	LT	LG	C	RG	RT
at Middle Tennessee	Sherfield	Marcus (TE) Rivers		Pinkney	Shurmur	Webb	Skule	Pfeifer	Reagan	Southers	Cochran
Alabama A&M	Sherfield	Marcus (TE) Blasingame		Pinkney	Shurmur	Webb	Skule	Pfeifer	Reagan	Southers	Cochran
Kansas State	Sherfield	Marcus (TE) Duncan		Pinkney	Shurmur	Webb	Skule	Pfeifer	Reagan	Southers	Cochran
Alabama											
at Florida											
Georgia											
at Ole Miss											
at South Carolina											
Western Kentucky											
Kentucky											
Missouri											
at Tennessee											

DEF. STARTERS

	DL	DL	DL	OLB	ILB	ILB	OLB/NB	CB	SS	FS	CB
at Middle Tennessee	Dar. Odeyingbo	Lealao	Wynn	Wright	Burks	E. Smith	Wiley (NB)	Herndon	White	Tarpley	Williams
Alabama A&M	Dar. Odeyingbo	Lealao	Wynn	Wright	Burks	E. Smith	Peart (OLB)	Herndon	White	Wiley	Williams
Kansas State	Dar. Odeyingbo	Lealao	Wynn	Wright	Burks	E. Smith	Peart (OLB)	Herndon	White	Wiley	Williams
Alabama											
at Florida											
Georgia											
at Ole Miss											
at South Carolina											
Western Kentucky											
Kentucky											
Missouri											
at Tennessee											

EXPERIENCE ANALYSIS

The chart below shows Vanderbilt's offensive and defensive starting lineups over the last five years with numbers representing total starts by classes and percentages of total starts for the entire season.

Season	G	SR	JR	SO	FR	UpperCI%
2017	3 (3-0)	30 (45.5%)	19 (28.8%)	14 (21.2%)	3 (4.5%)	74.2%
2016	13 (6-7)	63 (22.0%)	138 (48.3%)	57 (19.9%)	28 (9.8%)	70.3%
2015	12 (4-8)	64 (24.2%)	79 (29.9%)	107 (40.5%)	14 (5.3%)	54.2%
2014	12 (3-9)	50 (18.9%)	72 (27.3%)	67 (25.4%)	75 (28.4%)	46.2%
2013	13 (9-4)	146 (51.1%)	62 (21.7%)	49 (17.1%)	29 (10.1%)	72.7%
2012	13 (9-4)	96 (33.6%)	122 (42.7%)	50 (17.5%)	18 (6.3%)	76.2%
2011	13 (6-7)	87 (30.4%)	106 (37.1%)	81 (28.3%)	12 (4.2%)	67.5%

SEASON/CAREER STARTS

OFFENSE	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	TOT	STRK	DEFENSE	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	TOT	STRK
R. Webb	3	13	12	12	-	40	40	O. Burks	3	10	12	7	-	32	3
T. Sherfield	3	7	12	0	-	22	3	T. Herndon	3	13	12	0	-	28	28
K. Shurmur	3	13	5	-	-	21	19	T. Ferguson	-	11	1	6	-	17	0
N. Marcus	3	12	2	3	-	20	12	J. Wynn	3	10	4	2	-	19	6
B. Reagan	3	13	2	-	-	18	18	N. Lealao	3	11	5	0	-	18	4
J. Skule	3	13	2	-	-	18	16	A. Tarpley	1	7	7	0	-	15	0
C. Scott	-	3	9	1	-	13	0	R. White	3	12	1	1	-	17	5
C. Duncan	1	3	0	9	-	13	1	J. Woods	-	0	5	5	-	10	0
E. Pfeifer	3	9	-	-	-	12	12	L. Wiley	3	7	0	0	-	10	3
K. Lipscomb	1	8	-	-	-	9	0	Dar. Odeyingbo	3	3	0	-	-	6	3
J. Pinkney	3	7	-	-	-	10	3	E. Smith	3	0	2	0	-	5	3
B. McElwain	-	4	-	-	-	4	0	B. Lewis	0	1	0	-	-	1	0
B. Granier	0	0	3	-	-	3	0	J. Griffin	0	1	0	-	-	1	0
K. Blasingame	1	1	1	-	-	3	0	J. Smith	0	1	0	-	-	1	0
S. Dobbs	0	1	1	-	-	2	0	J. Williams	3	0	-	-	-	3	3
D. Tennyson	-	1	-	-	-	1	0	C. Wright	3	0	0	-	-	3	3
D. Cochran	3	-	-	-	-	3	3	C. Peart	2	0	0	-	-	2	2
D. Rivers	1	0	0	0	-	1	0								
J. Southers	3	0	-	-	-	3	3								



2017 STATISTICS

SCORE (qtr)	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	OT	TOTAL
VANDERBILT	35	28	14	7	0	84
OPPONENTS	0	7	0	6	0	13

TEAM STATISTICS

	VANDERBILT	OPPONENT
SCORING	84	13
Points Per Game	28.0	4.3
Points Off Turnovers	21	0
FIRST DOWNS	44	34
Rushing	15	17
Passing	29	12
Penalty	0	5
RUSHING YARDAGE	310	309
Yards gained rushing	332	419
Yards lost rushing	22	110
Rushing Attempts	102	93
Average Per Rush	3.0	3.3
Average Per Game	103.3	103.0
TDs Rushing	4	1
PASSING YARDAGE	728	286
Comp-Att-Int	53-77-0	36-80-5
Average Per Pass	9.5	3.6
Average Per Catch	13.7	7.9
Average Per Game	242.7	95.3
TDs Passing	8	1
TOTAL OFFENSE	1038	595
Total Plays	179	173
Average Per Play	5.8	3.4
Average Per Game	346.0	198.3
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	1-22	3-34
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	5-63	8-42
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	5-48	0-0
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	22.0	11.3
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	12.6	5.2
INT RETURN AVERAGE	9.6	0.0
FUMBLES-LOST	2-1	2-0
PENALTIES-Yards	15-159	16-103
Average Per Game	53.0	34.3
PUNTS-Yards	20-727	24-903
Average Per Punt	36.3	37.6
Net punt average	32.2	35.0
KICKOFFS-Yards	15-944	5-299
Average Per Kick	62.9	59.8
Net kick average	40.7	40.4
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	32:16	27:44
3RD-DOWN Conversions	18/42	6/42
3rd-Down Pct	43%	14%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	1/2	1/4
4th-Down Pct	50%	25%
SACKS BY-Yards	10-65	2-8
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	12	2
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	0-2	0-1
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(7-9) 78%	(1-4) 25%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(7-9) 78%	(1-4) 25%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(12-12) 100%	(1-2) 50%
ATTENDANCE	66152	26717
Games/Avg Per Game	2/33076	1/26717

GAME RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	OVERALL	CONF.	TIME	ATT.
9/2	at Middle Tenn.	W	28-6	1-0	0-0	3:09	26717
9/9	Alabama A&M	W	42-0	2-0	0-0	3:13	25802
9/16	Kansas State	W	14-7	3-0	0-0	3:17	40350
9/23	Alabama						
9/30	at Florida						
10/7	Georgia						
10/14	at Ole Miss						
10/28	at South Carolina						
11/4	W. Kentucky						
11/11	Kentucky						
11/18	Missouri						
11/25	at Tennessee						

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

PASSING	GP	EFF.	ATT-COMP-INT	PCT	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/G
Kyle Shurmur	3	194.86	49-69-0	71.0	703	8	73	234.3
Deuce Wallace	1	65.66	3-7-0	42.9	19	0	13	19.0
S. Stankavage	1	150.40	1-1-0	100.0	6	0	6	6.0
Total	3	182.54	53-77-0	68.8	728	8	73	242.7
Opponents	3	66.65	36-80-5	45.0	286	1	31	95.3

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG	TD	LONG	AVG/G
Ralph Webb	3	58	155	6	149	2.6	2	9	49.7
K. Blasingame	3	19	94	1	93	4.9	0	31	31.0
J. Wakefield	2	15	65	1	64	4.3	0	13	32.0
Sam Dobbs	3	1	10	0	10	10.0	0	10	3.3
Kalija Lipscomb	3	1	5	0	5	5.0	0	5	1.7
Kyle Shurmur	3	4	3	8	-5	-1.2	2	2	-1.7
TEAM	3	4	0	6	-6	-1.5	0	0	-2.0
Total	3	102	332	22	310	3.0	4	31	103.3
Opponents	3	93	419	110	309	3.3	1	27	103.0

RECEIVING	GP	No.	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG	AVG/G
Trent Sherfield	3	12	234	19.5	1	36	78.0
C.J. Duncan	3	12	100	8.3	1	16	33.3
Jared Pinkney	3	9	125	13.9	2	38	41.7
Kalija Lipscomb	3	6	106	17.7	3	45	35.3
Ralph Webb	3	3	104	34.7	1	73	34.7
Nathan Marcus	3	3	10	3.3	0	4	3.3
Sam Dobbs	3	2	22	11.0	0	16	7.3
Trey Ellis	3	2	17	8.5	0	9	5.7
K. Blasingame	3	2	-1	-0.5	0	0	-0.3
Jackson Winrow	1	1	13	13.0	0	13	13.0
J. Wakefield	2	1	-2	-2.0	0	0	-1.0
Total	3	53	728	13.7	8	73	242.7
Opponents	3	36	286	7.9	1	31	95.3



2017 STATISTICS

TOTAL OFFENSE	GP	PLAYS	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	Avg/G
Kyle Shurmur	3	73	-5	703	698	232.7
Ralph Webb	3	58	149	0	149	49.7
K. Blasingame	3	19	93	0	93	31.0
J. Wakefield	2	15	64	0	64	32.0
Deuce Wallace	1	7	0	19	19	19.0
Sam Dobbs	3	1	10	0	10	3.3
S. Stankavage	1	1	0	6	6	6.0
Kalija Lipscomb	3	1	5	0	5	1.7
TEAM	3	4	-6	0	-6	-2.0
Total	3	179	310	728	1038	346.0
Opponents	3	173	309	286	595	198.3

ALL-PURPOSE	GP	RUSH	REC	PR	KOR	RET	TOTAL	Avg
Ralph Webb	3	149	104	0	0	0	253	84.3
Trent Sherfield	3	0	234	0	0	0	234	78.0
Kalija Lipscomb	3	5	106	26	0	0	137	45.7
Jared Pinkney	3	0	125	0	0	0	125	41.7
C.J. Duncan	3	0	100	0	22	0	122	40.7
K. Blasingame	3	93	-1	0	0	0	92	30.7
J. Wakefield	2	64	-2	0	0	0	62	31.0
Sam Dobbs	3	10	22	0	0	0	32	10.7
Andrew Rector	3	0	0	29	0	0	29	9.7
Bryce Lewis	2	0	0	0	0	28	28	14.0
Trey Ellis	3	0	17	0	0	0	17	5.7
Jackson Winrow	1	0	13	0	0	0	13	13.0
L. Wiley	3	0	0	0	0	11	11	3.7
Nathan Marcus	3	0	10	0	0	0	10	3.3
Oren Burks	3	0	0	0	0	9	9	3.0
Jalen Pinkney	3	0	0	8	0	0	8	2.7
Kyle Shurmur	3	-5	0	0	0	0	-5	-1.7
TEAM	3	-6	0	0	0	0	-6	-2.0
Total	3	310	728	63	22	48	1171	390.3
Opponents	3	309	286	42	34	0	671	223.7

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	%	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Lg	Bk
Tommy Openshaw	0-2	0.0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	-	-

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I-20	Bk
Sam Loy	18	678	37.7	52	2	1	3	10
Reid Nelson	2	49	24.5	30	0	0	1	00
Total	20	727	36.3	52	2	1	4	10
Opponents	24	903	37.6	61	0	11	7	31

PATs									
SCORING	TDs	FGs	Kick	RUSH	REC	PASS	DXP	SAF	Pts
Ralph Webb	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Kalija Lipscomb	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Jared Pinkney	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Tommy Openshaw	0	0-2	12-12	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Kyle Shurmur	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
C.J. Duncan	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Trent Sherfield	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Total	12	0-2	12-12	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	84
Opponents	2	0-1	1-2	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	13

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
C.J. Duncan	1	22	22.0	0	22
Total	1	22	22.0	0	22
Opponents	3	34	11.3	0	12

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Kalija Lipscomb	4	26	6.5	0	11
Andrew Rector	1	29	29.0	0	0
Jalen Pinkney	0	8	0.0	0	8
Total	5	63	12.6	0	11
Opponents	8	42	5.2	0	20

FIELD GOAL SEQUENCE	VANDERBILT	OPPONENT
at Middle Tennessee	31	--
Alabama A&M	56	--
Kansas State	--	42
Alabama		
at Florida		
Georgia		
at Ole Miss		
at South Carolina		
Western Kentucky		
Kentucky		
Missouri		
at Tennessee		

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate successful field goals.



2017 STATISTICS

PASSING

Com-Att-Yds-TD-Int

	K. Shurmur	D. Wallace	S. Stankavage
at Middle Tennessee	20-28-296-3-0	DNP	DNP
Alabama A&M	15-18-202-4-0	3-7-19-0-0	1-1-6-0-0
Kansas State	14-23-205-1-0	DNP	DNP

Alabama

at Florida

Georgia

at Ole Miss

at South Carolina

Western Kentucky

Kentucky

Missouri

at Tennessee

TOTALS	49-69-703-8-0	3-7-19-0-0	1-1-6-0-0
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RUSHING

	#-Yds/TD	MT	AAMU	KSU	ALA	FLA	UGA	MISS	SC	WKU	UK	MIZ	TENN
Ralph Webb	58-149/2	24-49/1	13-54/1	21-46/0									
K. Blasingame	19-93/0	8-31/0	6-55/0	5-7/0									
J. Wakefield	15-64/0	-	15-64/0	DNP									
Sam Dobbs	1-10/0	-	-	1-10/0									
Kalija Lipscomb	1-5/0	-	-	1-5/0									
Kyle Shurmur	4-(-5)/2	1-(-6)/0	1-1/1	2-0/1									
TEAM	4-(-6)/0	2-(-3)/0	-	2-(-3)/0									

RECEIVING

	#-Yds/TD	MT	AAMU	KSU	ALA	FLA	UGA	MISS	SC	WKU	UK	MIZ	TENN
Trent Sherfield	12-234/1	4-68/0	4-69/1	4-97/0									
Jared Pinkney	9-125/2	3-33/0	4-51/2	2-41/0									
Kalija Lipscomb	6-106/3	2-41/2	2-50/1	2-15/0									
Ralph Webb	3-104/1	3-104/1	-	-									
C.J. Duncan	12-100/1	3-19/0	3-29/0	6-52/1									
Sam Dobbs	2-22/0	1-16/0	1-6/0	-									
Trey Ellis	2-17/0	1-9/0	1-8/0	-									
Jackson Winrow	1-13/0	DNP	1-13/0	DNP									
Nathan Marcus	3-10/0	2-6/0	1-4/0	-									
K. Blasingame	2-(-1)/0	1-0/0	1-(-1)/0	-									
J. Wakefield	1-(-2)/0	-	1-(-2)/0	DNP									

PUNT RETURNS

	#-Yds	MT	AAMU	KSU	ALA	FLA	UGA	MISS	SC	WKU	UK	MIZ	TENN
Andrew Rector	1-29	-	1-29	-									
Kalija Lipscomb	4-26	-	4-26	-									

KICK RETURNS

	#-Yds	MT	AAMU	KSU	ALA	FLA	UGA	MISS	SC	WKU	UK	MIZ	TENN
C.J. Duncan	1-22	-	1-22	-									



2017 STATISTICS

DEFENSIVE STATS

#	Name	GP	Tackles			TFL/Yds	Sacks		Pass Def		QBH	Fumbles		Blocked	
			Solo	Ast	Total		No-Yards		Int-Yds	BrUp		Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf
4	Emmanuel Smith	3-3	15	13	28	2.5-11	0.5-3		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	L. Wiley	3-3	10	7	17	.	.		1-11	2	.	.	.	.	.
20	Oren Burks	3-3	9	7	16	3.0-7	.		1-9	1	.	.	.	.	.
11	Charles Wright	3-3	6	8	14	7.0-46	6.0-44		.	.	5	.	.	.	.
14	Ryan White	3-3	11	2	13	2.5-5	.		1-0	2	.	.	.	.	.
34	Dare Odeyingbo	3-3	8	2	10	5.5-22	2.5-15		.	2	3	.	1	.	.
8	J. Williams	3-3	6	2	8	0.5-2	.		.	4	.	.	.	.	.
31	Tre Herndon	3-3	5	3	8	.	.		.	4	.	.	.	.	.
21	D. Sheffield	3-0	4	2	6	.	.		.	1	.	.	.	.	.
2	Arnold Tarpley	3-1	3	2	5	.	.		.	1	.	.	.	.	.
74	Jay Woods	3-0	4	1	5	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Bryce Lewis	2-0	3	1	4	.	.		1-28	.	.	.	.	.	.
77	Nifae Lealao	3-3	.	4	4	1.0-3	.		.	1	1	.	.	1	.
26	Andrew Rector	3-0	2	1	3	.	.		.	.	1	.	.	1	.
25	Josh Smith	3-0	1	2	3	1.0-3	1.0-3		.	.	1	.	.	.	.
10	D. Odeyingbo	3-0	.	3	3	0.5-1	.		1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	Jordan Griffin	3-0	2	1	3	1.0-1	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Tae Daley	3-0	2	1	3	0.5-2	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49	Jonathan Wynn	3-3	2	1	3	1.0-1	.		.	.	1	.	.	.	.
6	Zaire Jones	2-0	1	2	3	1.0-2	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Kalija Lipscomb	3-0	1	.	1	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Jay Hockaday	3-0	.	1	1	0.5-2	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Caleb Peart	3-2	.	1	1	0.5-1	.		.	.	1	.	.	.	.
23	K. Blasingame	3-1	1	.	1	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
57	Josiah Sa'o	3-0	.	1	1	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Jalen Pinkney	3-0	.	.	.	.	.		.	1	.	.	.	.	.
Total		3-0	96	68	164	28-109	10-65		5-48	19	13	.	1	2	.
Opponents		3-0	108	78	186	10.0-19	2-8		.	10	6	1-0	1	.	.

INTERCEPTIONS/RET. No.-Yds MT AAMU KSU ALA FLA UGA MISS SC WKU UK MIZ TENN

Oren Burks	1-9	-	1-9	-										
Bryce Lewis	1-28	1-28	-	DNP										
D. Odeyingbo	1-0	-	1-0	-										
Ryan White	1-0	-	-	1-0										
L. Wiley	1-11	-	-	1-11										

QB SACKS UA-A-TOTAL MT AAMU KSU ALA FLA UGA MISS SC WKU UK MIZ TENN

Charles Wright	5-2-6.0	3.0-33	1.0-6	2.0-5										
Dare Odeyingbo	2-1-2.5	2.0-12	0.5-3	-										
Josh Smith	1-0-1.0	-	1.0-3	-										
Emmanuel Smith	0-1-0.5	-	0.5-3	-										



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TACKLES	SOLO-ASSISTED-TOTAL	MT	AAMU	KSU	ALA	FLA	UGA	MISS	SC	WKU	UK	MIZ	TENN
Emmanuel Smith	15-13-28	6-0	4-6	5-7									
L. Wiley	10-7-17	4-1	0-1	6-5									
Oren Burks	9-7-16	4-0	1-3	4-4									
Charles Wright	5-9-14	4-0	0-7	1-2									
Ryan White	11-2-13	6-0	3-0	2-2									
Dare Odeyingbo	8-2-10	3-0	2-1	3-1									
J. Williams	6-2-8	-	-	6-2									
Tre Herndon	5-3-8	3-1	-	2-2									
D. Sheffield	4-2-6	1-0	3-2	-									
Jay Woods	4-1-5	2-0	2-0	0-1									
Arnold Tarpley	3-2-5	1-1	1-0	1-1									
Bryce Lewis	3-1-4	3-1	-	DNP									
Nifae Lealao	0-4-4	-	0-3	0-1									
Jonathan Wynn	2-2-4	1-0	0-1	1-1									
Andrew Rector	2-1-3	-	2-1	-									
Josh Smith	1-2-3	-	1-2	-									
D. Odeyingbo	0-3-3	-	0-2	0-1									
Jordan Griffin	2-1-3	1-0	1-1	-									
Tae Daley	2-1-3	1-0	1-1	-									
Zaire Jones	1-2-3	DNP	1-2	-									
Kalija Lipscomb	1-0-1	-	-	1-0									
Jay Hockaday	0-1-1	-	0-1	-									
Caleb Peart	0-1-1	-	0-1	-									
K. Blasingame	1-0-1	-	1-0	-									
Josiah Sa'o	0-1-1	-	0-1	-									

FUMBLES	FF/FR	MT	AAMU	KSU	ALA	FLA	UGA	MISS	SC	WKU	UK	MIZ	TENN
Dare Odeyingbo	1/0	1/0	-	-									



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GAME-BY-GAME TEAM COMPARISONS (NOTE: GAME TOTALS ARE DISPLAYED IN THE FORMAT TEAM/OPPONENT FOR EACH CATEGORY)

	SCORE	1ST DOWNS	RUSHING	PASSING	RUSH Yds	PASS Yds	PLAYS-TOTAL Yds	RET. Yds	TURNOVERS
at Middle Tennessee	W 28-6	15/14	5/3	10/8	35-71/26-49	296/166	63-367/57-215	28/20	0/1
Alabama A&M	W 42-0	18/7	8/4	10/1	35-174/32-59	227/44	61-401/53-103	94/28	0/2
Kansas State	W 14-7	11/13	2/10	9/3	32-65/35-201	205/76	55-270/63-277	11/28	1/2
Alabama									
at Florida									
Georgia									
at Ole Miss									
at South Carolina									
Western Kentucky									
Kentucky									
Missouri									
at Tennessee									
Totals	84-13	44/34	15/17	29/12	102-310/93-309	728/286	179-1038/173-595	133/76	1/5

GAME-BY-GAME TEAM COMPARISONS (NOTE: GAME TOTALS ARE DISPLAYED IN THE FORMAT TEAM/OPPONENT FOR EACH CATEGORY)

	3RD DOWN	4TH DOWN	TIME POSS	MARGIN	Yds/RUSH	Yds/PASS	Yds/PLAY	PUNTING	PENALTY Yds
at Middle Tennessee	8-16/0-12	0-0/0-2	36:33/23:27	13:06	2.0/1.9	10.6/5.4	5.8/3.8	7-41.9/7-40.7	69/14
Alabama A&M	6-13/2-14	0-1/0-0	30:41/29:19	1:22	5.0/1.8	8.7/2.1	6.6/1.9	5-33.2/10-35.4	4-40/5-21
Kansas State	4-13/4-16	1-1/1-2	29:33/30:27	-0:54	2.0/5.7	8.9/2.7	4.9/4.4	8-33.5/7-37.7	5-50/7-68
Alabama									
at Florida									
Georgia									
at Ole Miss									
at South Carolina									
Western Kentucky									
Kentucky									
Missouri									
at Tennessee									
Totals	18-42/6-42	1-2/1-4	96:47/83:13	13:34	3.0/3.3	9.5/3.6	5.8/3.4	20-36.3/24-37.6	159/103



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3RD DOWNS

	SCORE	OVERALL	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR
at Middle Tennessee	W 28-6	8-16 (50.0%)	2-2 (100.0%)	4-6 (66.7%)	2-4 (50.0%)	0-4 (0.0%)
Alabama A&M	W 42-0	6-13 (46.2%)	2-2 (100.0%)	3-4 (75.0%)	1-3 (33.3%)	0-4 (0.0%)
Kansas State	W 14-7	4-13 (30.8%)	2-4 (50.0%)	0-4 (0.0%)	0-2 (0.0%)	2-3 (66.7%)
Alabama						
at Florida						
Georgia						
at Ole Miss						
at South Carolina						
Western Kentucky						
Kentucky						
Missouri						
at Tennessee						
Totals		18-42 (42.9%)	6-8 (75.0%)	7-14 (50.0%)	3-9 (33.3%)	2-11 (18.2%)
Opponents		6-42 (14.3%)	0-6 (0.0%)	3-14 (21.4%)	3-11 (27.3%)	0-11 (0.0%)

4TH DOWNS

	SCORE	OVERALL	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR
at Middle Tennessee	W 28-6	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)
Alabama A&M	W 42-0	0-1 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-1 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)
Kansas State	W 14-7	1-1 (100.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)
Alabama						
at Florida						
Georgia						
at Ole Miss						
at South Carolina						
Western Kentucky						
Kentucky						
Missouri						
at Tennessee						
Totals		1-2 (50.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)	0-1 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)
Opponents		1-4 (25.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-3 (0.0%)

VANDERBILT-INSIDE OPPONENT 20-YARD LINE

OPPONENT	SCORE	Times in RZ	Times SCORED	TOTAL PTS	TDs	RUSH TDs	PASS TDs	FG MADE	-----FAILED IN RED ZONE-----					
									FGA	DOWNs	INT	FUMB	HALF	GM
at Middle Tennessee	W 28-6	3	2	14	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Alabama A&M	W 42-0	3	3	21	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas State	W 14-7	3	2	14	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Alabama														
at Florida														
Georgia														
at Ole Miss														
at South Carolina														
Western Kentucky														
Kentucky														
Missouri														
at Tennessee														
VU Season Totals: 7 of 9 (77.8%)		9	7	49	7	4	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0

OPPONENTS-INSIDE VANDERBILT 20-YARD LINE

OPPONENT	SCORE	Times in RZ	Times SCORED	TOTAL PTS	TDs	RUSH TDs	PASS TDs	FG MADE	-----FAILED IN RED ZONE-----					
									FGA	DOWNs	INT	FUMB	HALF	GM
at Middle Tennessee	W 28-6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Alabama A&M	W 42-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas State	W 14-7	2	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Alabama														
at Florida														
Georgia														
at Ole Miss														
at South Carolina														
Western Kentucky														
Kentucky														
Missouri														
at Tennessee														
Opponent Season Totals: 1 of 4 (25.0%)		4	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0



GAME 1

Middle Tennessee
Sept. 2 | Murfreesboro

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -- Kyle Shurmur threw for 296 yards and tied his career-high with three touchdowns as the Vanderbilt Commodores beat Middle Tennessee 28-6 Saturday night in the season opener for both teams.

The Commodores snapped a five-year skid in season openers to give coach Derek Mason his first victory to kick off his fourth season in charge. They also won their third straight against the Conference USA school 37 miles away from Nashville.

"It was really important because for us it's something we hadn't done here in my tenure, so we got it done tonight," Mason said. "So now we move on."

Vanderbilt came out throwing with Shurmur, and the junior quarterback didn't disappoint. He completed 13 of his first 14 passes, including a 37-yard TD pass to Kalija Lipscomb to cap the opening drive. He added a 4-yard TD pass to Lipscomb for a 21-0 lead minutes into the second quarter.

Ralph Webb, the Commodores' all-time leading rusher, also added a 1-yard TD run. Shurmur hit Webb on a swing pass that the senior took 73 yards for a 28-0 lead in the third.

The Commodores smothered what was a high-powered offense in 2016 with Middle Tennessee running up 495 yards against Vanderbilt last season. The Blue Raiders averaged 517.7 yards and ranked 12th nationally scoring 39.7 points per game.

Bryce Lewis intercepted a tipped pass to set up Webb's TD, and the Commodores also sacked Stockstill five times. The Blue Raiders avoided being shut out at home when Stockstill found Richie James for a 22-yard TD early in the fourth.

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
VU	14	7	7	0	28	1-0
MT	0	0	0	6	6	0-1

SCORING SUMMARY

Attendance: 26,717 **Time:** 3:09

Weather: 77, clear, wind NE 5 mph

1st: VANDY: Lipscomb 37-yd pass from Shurmur (Openshaw kick), 5-75 2:29.
VANDY: Webb 1 yd run (Openshaw kick), 3-40 1:04.

2nd: VANDY: Lipscomb 4-yd pass from Shurmur (Openshaw kick), 13-76 7:43.

3rd: VANDY: Webb 73-yd pass from Shurmur (Openshaw kick), 3-80 1:24.

4th: MT: James 22-yd pass from Stockstill (Rooker kick blocked), 3-47 1:05.

STATISTICS	VANDERBILT	MT
FIRST DOWNS	15	14
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	35-71	26-49
PASSING YDS (NET)	296	166
PASSES ATT-COMP-INT	28-20-0	31-18-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	63-367	57-215
FUMBLE RETURNS-YARDS	0-0	0-0
PUNT RETURNS-YARDS	0-0	3-20
KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS	0-0	0-0
INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS	1-28	0-0
PUNTS (NUMBER-AVG)	7-41.9	7-40.7
FUMBLES-LOST	1-0	1-0
PENALTIES-YARDS	6-69	4-14
POSSESSION TIME	36:33	23:27
THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	8 OF 16	0 OF 12
FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	0 OF 0	0 OF 2
RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES	2-3	0-2
SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS	5-45	1-6

RUSHING: VANDY-Webb 24-49; K. Blasingame 8-31; TEAM 2-(-3); Shurmur 1-(-6). MT-GORDON 7-26; TUCKER 2-21; JAMES 2-14; LEE 5-8; STOCKSTILL 10-(-20).

PASSING: VANDY-Shurmur 20-28-0-296. MT-STOCKSTILL 18-31-1-166.

RECEIVING: VANDY-Sherfield 4-68; Webb 3-104; Pinkney 3-33; Duncan 3-19; Lipscomb 2-41; Marcus 2-6; Dobbs 1-16; Ellis 1-9; K. Blasingame 1-0. MT-JAMES10-112; SMITH 3-29; WINDHAM 2-9; LEE 2-7; TUCKER 1-9.

GAME 2

Alabama A&M
Sept. 9 | Nashville

NASHVILLE -- Vanderbilt quarterback Kyle Shurmur threw four touchdown passes and ran for another as the Commodores smashed Alabama A&M 42-0 on Saturday, improving to 2-0 for the first time under fourth-year coach Derek Mason.

"I'm excited even if my face probably doesn't show it," Mason said. "You're excited to get the wins, but you know preparation is right around the corner. It's not about being comfortable, not about getting comfortable. It's just making sure we stay (focused)."

The Commodores dominated all facets of the game as they readied for next week's home challenge against 19th-ranked Kansas State. Shurmur completed 12-of-12 passes for 175 yards and three scores in the first half alone, finishing 15-for-18 for 202 yards. Vanderbilt outgained the Bulldogs 291-38 in the opening two quarters, holding Alabama A&M (0-2) to three first downs. The Commodores blocked one Bulldogs punt -- converting it into a touchdown -- and deflected another. Vanderbilt scored touchdowns on five-of-six possessions in the opening half.

"I thought our guys played a good first half," Mason said. "They scored points with Shurmur. That's the second week in a row he started fast. I like the way he played. I thought he had good command and that he saw everything he needed to see."

Playing in front of a crowd of 25,802, Vanderbilt recorded its first shutout since the Commodores blanked Kentucky 40-0 in 2012.

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TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
AAMU	0	0	0	0	0	0-2
VU	14	21	7	0	42	2-0

SCORING SUMMARY

Attendance: 25,802 **Time:** 3:13

Weather: 79, fair, wind NE 12 mph

1st: VANDY: Webb 6-yd run (Openshaw kick), 11-67 6:22. VANDY: Pinkney 10-yd pass from Shurmur (Openshaw kick), 6-54 3:10.

2nd: VANDY: Lipscomb 45-yd pass from Shurmur (Openshaw kick), 6-81 2:33. VANDY: Shurmur 1-yd run (Openshaw kick), 3-10 0:53. VANDY: Sherfield 25-yd pass from Shurmur (Openshaw kick), 4-65 1:28.

3rd: VANDY: Pinkney 23-yd pass from Shurmur (Openshaw kick), 1-23 0:06.

STATISTICS	AAMU	VANDERBILT
FIRST DOWNS	7	18
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	32-59	35-174
PASSING YDS (NET)	44	227
PASSES ATT-COMP-INT	21-8-2	26-19-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	53-103	61-401
FUMBLE RETURNS-YARDS	0-0	0-0
PUNT RETURNS-YARDS	1-5	5-63
KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS	2-23	1-22
INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS	0-0	2-9
PUNTS (NUMBER-AVG)	10-35.4	5-33.2
FUMBLES-LOST	1-0	0-0
PENALTIES-YARDS	5-21	4-40
POSSESSION TIME	29:19	30:41
THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	2 OF 14	6 OF 13
FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	0 OF 0	0 OF 1
RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES	0-0	3-3
SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS	0-0	3-15

RUSHING: AAMU-May 6-27; Walters 12-17; Burke 8-17; Brower 3-7; Glass 3-(-9). VANDY-J. Wakefield 15-64; K. Blasingame 6-55; Webb 13-54; Shurmur 1-1.

PASSING: AAMU-Glass 5-13-1-15; May 3-8-1-29. VANDY-Shurmur 15-18-0-202; Wallace 3-7-0-19; S. Stankavage 1-1-0-6.

RECEIVING: AAMU-Moore 3-5; Clash 2-10; O Miles 1-23; Randolph 1-4; Walters 1-2. VANDY-Sherfield 4-69; Pinkney 4-51; Duncan 3-29; Lipscomb 2-50; Winrow 1-13; Ellis 1-8; Dobbs 1-6; Marcus 1-4; K. Blasingame 1-(-1); J. Wakefield 1-(-2).

**GAME 3****#18 Kansas State
Sept. 16 | Nashville**

NASHVILLE -- Kyle Shurmur scored on a 2-yard run with 8:23 left, and Vanderbilt upset No. 18 Kansas State 14-7 on Saturday night for the Commodores' first victory over a ranked, nonconference opponent since 1946.

Vanderbilt improved to 3-0 for the first time since 2011 with the Commodores' first win over a ranked, nonconference opponent since beating North Carolina State. The Commodores also have won five straight at home dating to last season.

"We're trying to get all these monkeys off our back," Mason said.

Kansas State (2-1) last beat a Southeastern Conference team on the road in the regular season in 1982 at Kentucky.

Jesse Ertz tried to drive the Wildcats to the tying score. But he was tackled short on fourth-and-8 deep in Vanderbilt territory by Oren Burks and LaDarius Wiley with 1:06 left.

"I threw my hand up and said, 'Thank you Jesus,'" Mason said.

Shurmur drove the Commodores 84 yards using up half of the first quarter to put Vanderbilt up 7-0 with a 2-yard pass to C.J. Duncan.

Ertz answered for Kansas State with a 75-yard drive, and on fourth-and-1, Ertz took the ball wide left and ran 15 untouched for a TD.

Ryan White picked off Ertz's pass soon after at the Wildcats 33, and Vanderbilt needed only four plays before Shurmur scored the clinching TD after having to pick up the ball off the ground after the snap. Shurmur said he didn't want to make a bad play worse.

"Just trying to get all I could and maybe score I guess," Shurmur said.

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL	RECORD
KSU	0	7	0	0	7	2-1
VU	7	0	0	7	14	3-0

SCORING SUMMARY

Attendance: 40,350 **Time:** 3:17

Weather: 83, sunny, wind E 3 mph

1st: VANDY: Duncan 2-yd pass from Shurmur (Openshaw kick), 13-84 7:53.

2nd: KSU: Ertz 15-yd run (McCrane kick), 8-75 4:13.

4th: VANDY: Shurmur 2-yd run (Openshaw kick), 4-33 1:53.

STATISTICS	KSU	VANDERBILT
FIRST DOWNS	13	11
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	35-201	32-65
PASSING YDS (NET)	76	205
PASSES ATT-COMP-INT	28-10-2	23-14-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	63-277	55-270
FUMBLE RETURNS-YARDS	0-0	0-0
PUNT RETURNS-YARDS	4-17	0-0
KICKOFF RETURNS-YARDS	1-11	0-0
INTERCEPTION RETURNS-YARDS	0-0	2-11
PUNTS (NUMBER-AVG)	7-37.7	8-33.5
FUMBLES-LOST	0-0	1-1
PENALTIES-YARDS	7-68	5-50
POSSESSION TIME	30:27	29:33
THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	4 OF 16	4 OF 13
FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	1 OF 2	1 OF 1
RED-ZONE SCORES-CHANCES	1-2	2-3
SACKS BY: NUMBER-YARDS	1-2	2-5

RUSHING: KSU-Ertz 24-126; Silmon, 3-41; Barnes 8-34. VANDY-Webb 21-46; Dobbs 1-10; Blasingame 5-7; Lipscomb 1-5; Shurmur 2-0; TEAM 2-(-3).

PASSING: KSU-Ertz 10-28-2-76. VANDY-Shurmur 14-23-0-205.

RECEIVING: KSU-Zuber 4-37; Pringle 3-25; Valentine 1-8; Barnes 1-3; Dimel 1-3. VANDY-Duncan 6-52; Sherfield 4-97; Pinkney 2-41; Lipscomb 2-15.