



# 2016-17 QUICK FACTS

## Quick Facts

Location.....Nashville, Tenn.  
 Founded.....1873  
 Conference.....Southeastern (East)  
 Enrollment.....6,738  
 Nickname.....Commodores  
 Colors.....Black and Gold  
 Home Arena.....Memorial Gymnasium (14,316)  
 Chancellor.....Nicholas Zeppos  
 Vice Chancellor.....David Williams II  
 Faculty Rep.....Susan Wente

## Basketball Staff

Head Coach.....Bryce Drew  
 Record Overall.....124-49 (5)  
 Record at Vanderbilt.....First year  
 Associate Head Coach.....Roger Powell, Jr.  
 Assistant Coaches.....Jake Diebler, Casey Shaw  
 Director of Recruiting and Player Personnel.....Omar Mance  
 Director of Operations.....Luke Simons  
 Athletic Trainer.....Shannon Gordon  
 Academic Counselor.....Neal Clark  
 Administrative Assistant.....Debbie Green  
 Strength and Conditioning Coach.....Jeremy Anderson  
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## History

Overall record.....1,571-1,106  
 NCAA Tournament Appearances.....14  
 Tournament Record.....10-15 (.400)  
 Total Tournament Games.....25  
 Last Appearance.....2016; Lost to Wichita State in First Four  
 Best Finishes at NCAA's.....Elite 8 (1965: field of 23)  
 .....Sweet 16 (1988, 1993: field of 64; 2004, 2007: field of 65)  
 NIT Appearances.....12 (1983, 1987, 1990, 1992, 1994  
 .....1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2015)  
 NIT Record.....20-12 (.625)  
 Total NIT Games.....32  
 Last Appearance.....2015; Lost at Stanford in Quarterfinals  
 Best Finishes at NIT.....Champion (1990); Runner-Up (1994)

## Team Information

2015-16 Record.....19-14  
 SEC Record/Finish.....11-7/5th  
 Home Record.....14-2  
 Away Record.....3-9  
 Neutral Record.....2-3  
 Postseason.....NCAA First Four (Lost 70-50 to Wichita State)  
 Final AP Ranking.....NA  
 Starters Returning/Lost.....3/2  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....9/6  
 Newcomers.....3

## Returning Players (2015-16 averages)

Name	P	Ht	Wt	CL	Pts	Rebs	A/B/S
Matthew Fisher-Davis	G	6'5	185	Jr.	9.7	3.6	1.1a
Jeff Roberson	F	6'6	224	Jr.	9.3	5.6	1.2a
Luke Kornet	F	7'1	240	Jr.	8.9	7.3	3.0b
Riley LaChance	G	6'2	192	Jr.	6.9	2.4	2.5a
Nolan Cressler	G	6'4	210	Sr.	4.8	2.2	0.8a
Joe Toye	F	6'7	208	So.	3.6	1.2	0.3a
Camron Justice	G	6'3	180	So.	3.3	1.0	0.3s
Phillip McGloin	G	6'1	183	Jr.	1.0	0.4	0.0a
Djery Baptiste	C	6'10	240	Fr.			Redshirted

## Letterwinners Lost

Name	P	Ht	Wt	CL	Pts	Rebs	A/B/S
Wade Baldwin IV	G	6'3	194	So.	14.1	4.0	5.2a
Damian Jones	C	7'0	245	Jr.	13.9	6.9	1.6b
Josh Henderson	C	7'0	237	Sr.	3.5	2.2	0.6a
Samir Sehic	F	6'9	247	Fr.	1.2	1.4	0.2a
Nathan Watkins	G	6'5	186	Sr.	0.3	0.4	0.1a
Carter Josephs	G	6'0	180	Sr.	0.2	0.3	1.8a

## Newcomers

Names	Ht	Wt	Hometown	Previous School
Larry Austin, Jr.	6'2	175	Springfield, Ill.	Xavier University
Clevon Brown	6'8	219	San Antonio, Tex.	Churchill HS
Payton Willis	6'4	182	Fayetteville, Ark.	Fayetteville HS



# 2016-17 ROSTER

## 2016-17 Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.-Yr	Hometown (Previous School)
0	Camron Justice	G	6-3	180	So. - 2nd	Hindman, Ky. (Knott County Central)
1	Payton Willis	G	6-4	182	Fr. - 1st	Fayetteville, Ark. (Fayetteville)
2	Joe Toye	G/F	6-7	208	So. - 2nd	Chicago, Ill. (Whitney Young)
3	Luke Kornet	F	7-1	250	Sr. - 4th	Lantana, Texas (Liberty Christian)
5	Matthew Fisher-Davis	G	6-5	185	Jr. - 3rd	Charlotte, N.C. (Butler)
11	Jeff Roberson	F	6-6	224	Jr. - 3rd	Houston, Texas (The Kinkaid School)
12	Djery Baptiste	C	6-10	240	R-Fr. - 2nd	Gonaives, Haiti (Prestonwood Christian (Texas))
13	Riley LaChance	G	6-2	192	Jr. - 3rd	Brookfield, Wis. (Brookfield Central)
14	Larry Austin, Jr.	G	6-2	175	R-So. - 3rd	Springfield, Ill. (Xavier University/Lanphier)
15	Clevon Brown	F	6-8	219	Fr. - 1st	San Antonio, Texas (Churchill)
20	Phillip McGloin	G	6-1	183	Jr. - 3rd	Washington, D.C. (Mercersburg Academy)
24	Nolan Cressler	G	6-4	210	R-Sr. - 5th	Pittsburgh, Pa. (Cornell/Plum)

### COACHING STAFF

Head Coach ..... **Bryce Drew** (Valparaiso, 1998) - 1st  
 Associate Head Coach ..... **Roger Powell** (Illinois, 2005) - 1st  
 Assistant Coach ..... **Jake Diebler** (Valparaiso, 2009) - 1st  
 Assistant Coach ..... **Casey Shaw** (Toledo, 1998) - 1st  
 Director of Recruiting/Player Personnel.. **Omar Mance** (Rice, 2003) - 1st  
 Director of Operations..... **Luke Simons** (Purdue, 2005) - 1st

### SUPPORT STAFF

Athletic Communications Dir. .... **Andy Boggs** (Florida State, 1998)  
 Academic Support..... **Neal Clark** (Kentucky, 1992)  
 Athletic Trainer..... **Shannon Gordon** (Indiana State, 1992)  
 Strength and Conditioning ..... **Jeremy Anderson** (Liberty, 2011)

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Djery Baptiste..... **Jerry - Bap-TEEST**  
 Luke Kornet ..... **Kor-NET**  
 Jeff Roberson..... **ROE-ber-son**  
 Joe Toye ..... **TOY**  
 Clevon Brown..... **CLEE-von**  
 Jake Diebler ..... **DEEB-ler**

### ROSTER BY CLASS

#### Seniors (2)

**Luke Kornet**..... Lantana, Texas  
**Nolan Cressler** ..... Pittsburgh, Pa.

#### Juniors (4)

**Matthew Fisher-Davis** .....Charlotte, N.C.  
**Riley LaChance** ..... Brookfield, Wisc.  
**Phillip McGloin**..... Washington, D.C.  
**Jeff Roberson** ..... Houston, Texas

#### Sophomores (3)

**Larry Austin, Jr.**..... Springfield, Ill.  
**Camron Justice** ..... Hindman, Ky.  
**Joe Toye** .....Chicago, Ill.

#### Freshman (3)

**Djery Baptiste**..... Gonaives, Haiti  
**Clevon Brown**..... San Antonio, Texas  
**Payton Willis** ..... Fayetteville, Ark.



# 2016-17 PRESEASON NOTES

## Bryce Drew Takes Over

Bryce Drew, who spent five seasons at Valparaiso and compiled a 124-49 record with the Crusaders, became the ninth Commodore basketball coach of the modern era and the 27th all time in the spring of 2016. Drew was a three-time Horizon League Coach of the Year and two-time NABC District 12 Coach of the Year with Valparaiso, where he averaged 25 wins a season, won four regular season championships, and made four postseason appearances, two in the NCAA Tournament and two in the NIT, with the Crusaders.

## Baldwin IV, Jones Drafted In NBA First Round

Vanderbilt was one of only three schools (Kentucky, Washington) with two first-round selections in the 2016 NBA Draft when Wade Baldwin IV was drafted 17th by the Memphis Grizzlies and Damian Jones was selected 30th by the Golden State Warriors. Baldwin IV and Jones became the sixth and seventh first-round picks, respectively, in the history of the program, joining Will Perdue in 1988 (11th, Chicago), Jeff Turner in 1984 (7th, New Jersey), Clyde Lee in 1966 (3rd, San Francisco), and John Jenkins (23rd, Atlanta), and Festus Ezeli (30th, Golden State) in 2012.

## Nine Letterwinners Returning

The Commodores will return nine letterwinners for 2016-17, including three starters, Luke Kornet, Jeff Roberson, Matthew Fisher-Davis, and one other player, Riley LaChance, who has started 54 games in his two-year career. Fisher-Davis is the leading Commodore scorer after averaging 9.7 points per game in 2015-16.

## National Statistics

The Commodores finished in a tie for third nationally in three-point field goal percentage defense, limiting opponents to only 29.4% from three. Vanderbilt also finished fifth in field goal percentage defense (38.6%) and ninth in blocks per game (5.5). Luke Kornet tied for third nationally in blocks, averaging 3.0 per contest.

## Fisher-Davis leads SEC in 3-Point FG%, Kornet in blocks

Matthew Fisher-Davis led the SEC in three-point field goal percentage in 2015-16, converting on 44.6% of his attempts from beyond-the-arc. Luke Kornet led the conference in blocks with 3.0 per game.

## Commodores advance to 2016 NCAA Tournament

The Commodores made their 14th appearance in the NCAA Tournament and first appearance since 2012 in the 2016 NCAA Tournament when Vanderbilt advanced to the First Four in Dayton.

## SEC Wins

The 11 SEC wins last season (11-7) was the most since the Commodores registered 12 in 2009-10, and it was the 15th time in program history a Vanderbilt team has recorded 11 or more league victories.

## All-SEC Selections

Damian Jones, Wade Baldwin IV, and Luke Kornet were all honored by the SEC by the league's coaches in 2015-16. Jones was named a first-team All-SEC selection for the second consecutive season, Baldwin was named to the second team, and Kornet was named as an All-Defensive team member.

## Block Party

Junior Luke Kornet tied for third in the nation in blocks at 3.00 blocks per game, and spurred the team to 182 blocks on the season, which is 2nd all-time team total in program history. Vanderbilt also blocked 10 or shots in a game on three separate occasions. Damian Jones finished second on the career blocks list with 167, and his 1.69 blocks per game career mark is tied for the best in program history with current Golden State Warrior Festus Ezeli, while Kornet is fifth in the program's history in career blocks per game (1.49) and fourth in total blocks (139).

## Home Sweet Home

The Commodores finished the season 14-2 at home, their best winning percentage (.875) at home since 2009-10. Vanderbilt won eight in a row at home to end the year, and averaged 80.2 points per game and posted a scoring average of +16.8. VU shot 47.9% from the floor in the 16 home games and limited opponents to 37.8%, and converted on 40.7% of its shots from three. Opponents shot only 29.9% from three for the year at Memorial Gym.

## Florida, Tennessee Sweeps

Vanderbilt swept Florida and Tennessee in the regular season for the first time since 2010 (4 wins), and for only the second time since 1965-66, when VU knocked off Tennessee twice and Florida once that season.

## Career and Single-Season Lists

- Damian Jones finished his career with 1,313 points, which ranks third all-time on the Vanderbilt scoring list.
- Jones also finished third in field goal percentage at 56.7% (508-897).
- Wade Baldwin IV posted an assist average of 5.2 assists per game in 2015-16, which ranks sixth on Vanderbilt's single-season list.
- Baldwin IV is second on the career assist list with 4.81 assists per game.
- Baldwin IV departs Vanderbilt's as the program's all-time leader in single-season assists for a freshman and a sophomore.

## 964

Vanderbilt has made a 3-pointer in 964 consecutive games, a streak which began at the inception of the 3-point line in 1986-87. The Commodores rank second only to UNLV for the longest streak in Division I basketball. Vanderbilt, UNLV and Princeton are the only three schools in college basketball to have made at least one 3-pointer in every game played since the 3-point line was implemented.