COVERING THE COMMODORES

GAME DAY MEDIA POLICIES

Credentials
The Vanderbilt Media Relations office issues season media credentials to authorized full-time or specified representatives of media outlets who cover Vanderbilt basketball on a regular basis. Single-game credentials also will be available for media who cover the team less frequently, should space allow. Please e-mail or fax credential requests on company letterhead to the attention of men’s basketball contact, Andy Boggs.

Credential Pick-Up
Credentials are available for pick-up at “Media Will Call” located near the playing floor at Memorial Gymnasium. Those media wishing to access “Media Will Call” should enter the service tunnel located at the end of Lot 71 behind the outfield wall of Vanderbilt’s Hawkins Field baseball stadium. Proceed through the tunnel until you arrive at the “Media Will Call” table. If enough advance notice is given, credentials can be mailed or sent via next-day carrier at the expense of the media organization making the request.

Media Parking
Media parking is located inside the 25th Avenue parking garage located at the corner of 25th Avenue and Jess Neely Drive. After parking, please enter Memorial Gymnasium through the service tunnel entrance located at the end of Lot 71 behind the outfield wall of Vanderbilt’s Hawkins Field baseball stadium. Vehicles parked in Lot 71 without the proper parking pass will be towed.

Media Seating
Media covering Vanderbilt basketball games are seated at various locations inside Memorial Gymnasium. 1.) A select number of seats are available on the floor, usually reserved for Nashville beatwriters and radio crews from both schools. 2.) An additional 20 seats are available inside Suite 5 located on the northside concourse, reserved for media following the visiting team and Nashville radio and television media. 3.) More than 40 seats are available in the third-level pressbox for additional media seating needs.

Media Workroom
Memorial Gymnasium’s media workroom is located in the northeast corner of the facility, nearest the opponents’ bench. This room will serve as a place for pregame meals as well as an area for the media to work after the game. The room is equipped with both telephone and data ports.
Covering the Commodores

General Communications Possibilities

Media sitting in any location inside Memorial Gymnasium have access to the Internet via wireless connection. If you do not have capabilities for such access, please contact Andy Boggs days prior to your arrival at Memorial Gymnasium. A select number of data lines are available.

A limited number of phones are available for local and calling card calls. Please contact a member of the media relations staff if you need your own phone. A fax machine is also available on press row.

Postgame Interview Format

The Vanderbilt locker room is closed to media following the game. After a 10-minute cooling off period, Coach Stallings will hold a press conference in the postgame media interview room located behind the Vanderbilt locker room in the northwest section of the building. After Coach Stallings, requested Vanderbilt players will be brought to the media interview room. Please make your player requests to the Vanderbilt Media Relations Office. At the visiting SID’s discretion, the visiting head coach and players may hold a press conference in the media room following the interview session with Vanderbilt players. Otherwise, the visiting coach and players will be available outside the visitor locker room located near the media workroom in the northeast corner of the facility.

Road Interview Policy

Vanderbilt's locker room will be closed to the media at road venues. Following a cooling off period, Coach Stallings and selected Commodore players will be available outside of the Vanderbilt locker room or in a formal postgame press conference at the discretion of the home SID.

Radio

ISDN and telephone lines are provided for visiting broadcasts. A limited number of telephone lines are available at the various media seating locations throughout the gymnasium.

The Vanderbilt Media Relations Office would like to thank a special group that has given countless hours assuring local and traveling media enjoy their visit to Memorial Gymnasium. Joanna Fitzpatrick (left), Irene Womack, Carolyn Cate and Dick Cate, serve as hospitality volunteers in the pregame media room. (Not Pictured: Julie Popp)
GENERAL MEDIA POLICIES

Interviewing the Commodores
Please coordinate all requests for player and coach interviews through Vanderbilt men's basketball media relations director Andre Foushee at least 24 hours in advance. Media should not contact a player or coach directly.

Practice Coverage
Vanderbilt players and coaches are available for interviews prior to practices on designated days. Practice schedules are sent via email to media multiple times each week during the season to help facilitate coverage. Contact Andy Boggs if you wish to receive these updates. Player interviews typically begin 45 minutes before practice at Memorial Gymnasium. Interviews with Coach Kevin Stallings follow. Media are typically allowed to attend practices. Gameday walk-throughs are closed to the media at both Memorial Gymnasium and all road venues.

Weekly Teleconference
The Southeastern Conference will conduct a men's basketball coaches teleconference twice each week during the league schedule. The teleconferences take place on Mondays and Thursdays, starting Jan. 7, and conclude March 10. Please contact either the Vanderbilt or SEC Media Relations offices for the teleconference phone number.

Schedule (All Times CT)
Kevin Stallings (Vanderbilt) ...................................... 10 a.m.
Billy Donovan (Florida) ........................................... 10:07 a.m.
Dave Odom (South Carolina) .................................... 10:14 a.m.
Dennis Felton (Georgia) ........................................... 10:21 a.m.
John Brady (LSU) .................................................. 10:28 a.m.
Billy Gillispie (Kentucky) ......................................... 10:35 a.m.
Bruce Pearl (Tennessee) ........................................... 10:42 a.m.
John Pelphrey (Arkansas) ......................................... 10:49 a.m.
Mark Gottfried (Alabama) ........................................ 10:56 a.m.
Jeff Lebo (Auburn) ............................................... 11:03 a.m.
Andy Kennedy (Ole Miss) ....................................... 11:10 a.m.
Rick Stansbury (Miss. State) ................................... 11:17 a.m.

www.VUCommodores.com
The official web site of Vanderbilt Student Athletics has all of your information needs. Pregame notes, including updated statistics, can be easily downloaded in PDF format. Following each contest is a game summary, boxscore, and postgame notes and quotes.

Satellite Feeds
Vanderbilt will provide postgame highlight feeds of non-televised SEC contests at Memorial Gymnasium during the 2007-08 campaign. Please contact Andy Boggs for satellite coordinates and schedule information.

Photography
All photographers are restricted to the designated areas along the baseline opposite the home and visitor benches. Strobe lights may not be installed in Memorial Gymnasium without permission from the Vanderbilt Media Relations office. When using photo images provided by the Vanderbilt Media Relations office, please credit: Vanderbilt Photography.

Fisher, Thompson Courtside to Call Action on Vanderbilt-ISP Sports Network
Joe Fisher and Tim Thompson are back courtside this season, describing the action of every Commodore game to Vanderbilt followers throughout the Southeast.
Fisher, the Voice of the Commodores, will anchor Vanderbilt play-by-play for the ninth consecutive year.
A Nashville native, Fisher also handles the play-by-play broadcasting duties for Commodore football and a selected number of baseball games.
He also serves as the Director of Broadcasting for Vanderbilt Student Athletics.
Prior to working for Vanderbilt, Fisher served as a television sports anchor in the Nashville market (1987-1996), with stints at WSMV-4 and WKRN-2. He also worked in the public relations field for two years.
Thompson, who is in his seventh year providing color commentary, played for Vanderbilt from 1975-79, receiving the Outstanding Leader and Civitan Sportsmanship Awards.
He currently works with Nike College Sports Marketing.
Broadcast Engineer Bob Horner is in his 27th year courtside producing broadcasts of Commodore basketball. During his tenure, Horner has worked more than 750 games for Vanderbilt.
The broadcasts are produced by International Sports Properties (ISP), the exclusive multi-media rightsholder for Vanderbilt. Stacy Hall is the general manager.
DIRECTIONS TO MEMORIAL GYM

FROM THE SOUTH
Take I-65 North to I-40 West to Exit 209A (Broadway-West End). Turn left to go west on Broadway. When Broadway splits, stay to the right to enter West End Ave. Take West End past the University on the left and turn left on 25th Avenue. Proceed to the first stop sign where you will see the 25th Avenue Garage ahead on your left.

FROM THE NORTH
Take I-65 South to I-40 East to Exit 209B (Broadway-West End). Turn right on Broadway. When Broadway splits, stay to the right to enter West End Ave. Take West End past the University on the left and turn left on 25th Avenue. Proceed to the first stop sign where you will see the 25th Avenue Garage ahead on your left.

FROM THE EAST (AIRPORT)
Take I-40 West to Exit 209A (Broadway-West End). Turn left to go west on Broadway. When Broadway splits, stay to the right to enter West End Ave. Take West End past the University on the left and turn left on 25th Avenue. Proceed to the first stop sign where you will see the 25th Avenue Garage ahead on your left.

FROM THE WEST
Take I-40 East to I-440 East. Take the West End Exit heading east toward downtown. The Vanderbilt campus will be on your right. Turn right on 25th Avenue. Proceed to the first stop sign where you will see the 25th Avenue Garage ahead on your left.

FROM CHATTANOOGA
Take I-24 West to I-440 West. Take Exit 1 (West End). Turn right off the exit onto West End Ave. The Vanderbilt campus will be on your right. Turn right on 25th Avenue. Proceed to the first stop sign where you will see the 25th Avenue Garage ahead on your left.

DISTANCES
Athens, Ga. .................................................. 315 miles
Atlanta, Ga. .................................................. 246 miles
Auburn, Ala. .................................................. 299 miles
Baton Rouge, La. ........................................... 452 miles
Birmingham, Ala. ........................................... 188 miles
Chattanooga .................................................. 128 miles
Columbia, S.C. .............................................. 437 miles
Fayetteville, Ark. ........................................... 541 miles
Gainesville, Fla. ............................................ 577 miles
Knoxville, Tenn. ............................................ 178 miles
Lexington, Ky. ............................................. 243 miles
Memphis, Tenn. ............................................ 210 miles
Oxford, Miss. .............................................. 257 miles
Starkville, Miss. ............................................ 330 miles
Tuscaloosa, Ala. .......................................... 247 miles

MEMORIAL GYM SEATING DIAGRAM
VANDERBILT'S FLAGSHIP: WGFX FM 104.5 "THE ZONE"
Vanderbilt, through its multi-media rights holder ISP Sports, is in its third season with Nashville's 104.5 FM "The Zone" (WGFX) as the Commodores' flagship radio station.

The top-ranked Nashville sports station will air all Vanderbilt men's basketball games, as well as the weekly Commodore Call-In Show with Head Coach Kevin Stallings.

NEWSPAPERS

The Tennessean (Nashville AM)
Maurice Patton, beat writer
215 Centerville Dr., Brentwood, 37027
Phone: (615) 373-9988, Fax: 376-0947

The Nashville City Paper (M-F)
Brett Hait, beat writer
P.O. Box 158434, Nashville, 37215
Phone: 615-298-9833 #254;
Fax: 298-2780

Murfreesboro Daily News Journal (PM)
Greg Pogue, Sports Editor
224 N. Walnut St., Murfreesboro, 37130
Phone: 615-278-5167, Fax: 893-4186

Columbia Daily Herald (PM)
Marion Wilkette, Sports Editor
P.O. Box 1425, Columbia, 38401
Phone: 931-388-6464;
Fax: 388-1003

Nashville Scene (Weekly)
Randi Horick, sports writer
2120 8th Avenue South, Nashville, 37204
Phone: 615-244-7989, Fax: 254-4743

Memphis Commercial-Appeal (AM)
Ron Higgins, SEC beat writer
495 Union Avenue, Memphis, 38101
Phone: 901-529-2366, Fax: 529-2362

Chattanooga Times-Free Press (AM)
Mark Wiedner, columnist
P.O. Box 951, Chattanooga, 37401
Phone: 423-756-1234, Fax: 752-3364

Vanderbilt Hustler (Student Newspaper)
Box 1504, Station B, Nashville, 37221
Phone: 615-322-2424, Fax: 322-3762

WIRE SERVICES

Associated Press
Teresa Walker, beat writer
215 Centerville Dr., Brentwood, 37027
Phone: (615) 373-9988, Fax: 376-0947

RADIO

WGFX, 104.5-FM (Flagship)
Mark Howard, Kevin Ingram & Frank Wycheck (AM drive time)
George Plaster, Willy Daunic & Darren McFarland (PM drive time)
506 2nd Avenue South, Nashville, 37205
Phone: 615-244-9533, Fax: 615-259-1271

WNRX, AM-560
Greg Pogue & David Coleman (AM)
Don West (early afternoon)
Bill King (PM drive time)
435 37th Avenue North, Nashville, 37209
Phone: 615-844-1039, Fax: 777-2284

WLAC, AM-1510
Brent Dougherty, Duncan Stewart & Conn Hamlet (evenings)
55 Music Square West, Nashville, 37203
Phone: 615-664-2400, Fax: 744-4743

THE FAN, 106.7-FM
Bob Bell, Jonathan Shaffer & Boots Donnelly (evenings)
10 Music Circle East, Nashville, 37203
Phone: 615-321-1067, Fax: 291-7268

TELEVISION

WKNR-TV, ABC, Channel 2
Gary Stout, Sports Director
Brandon Fisher, Joe Dubin, reporters
441 Murfreesboro Road, Nashville, 37210
Phone: 615-569-7290, Fax: 248-7239

WSMV-TV, NBC, Channel 4
Rudy Kalis, Steve Wrigley, reporters
PO Box 4, Nashville, 37202
Phone: 615-353-2407, Fax: 353-2343

WTVF-TV, CBS, Channel 5
Hope Hines, Sports Director
Eric Yutzy, Cam Carman reporters
474 J. Robertson Pkwy., Nashville, 37219
Phone: 615-248-5285, Fax: 244-9883

WZTV-TV, Fox, Channel 17
Paul Jones, Sports Director
Amy Fadool, Dan Phillips reporters
621 Mainstream, Nashville, 37228
Phone: 615-369-5561, Fax: 369-3299

TRAVEL, HOTEL AND RESTAURANT INFORMATION

Airlines
American ............................................. 800-433-7300
Continental ........................................... 800-523-FARE
Corporate .............................................. 888-555-6565
Northwest .............................................. 800-225-2525
Southwest .............................................. 800-435-9792
Trans World ........................................... 800-221-2000
United .................................................. 800-241-6522
US Airways ........................................... 900-256-8267

Auto Rentals (615)
Armada Vans ........................................... 256-8267
Avis .................................................... 361-1212
Budget ................................................. 366-0822
Enterprise ............................................. 872-7722
National ................................................. 361-7467
Thrifty .................................................. 275-4257

Bus Lines (615)
Gray Lines Tours .................................... 275-1180

TaxiCabs (615)
Allied Cabs ............................................ 244-7433
American Rivergate ................................ 865-4100
Music City Taxi ...................................... 262-0451
Yellow Cab ............................................ 256-0101

Hotels (615)
Courtyard by Marriott ......................... 327-990
1901 West End Avenue
Hampton Inn & Suites ......................... 320-6060
2330 Elliston Place
Hampton Inn .......................................... 329-1144
1919 West End Ave
Holiday Inn Select ............................... 327-5707
2613 West End Ave
Vanderbilt Marriott ......................... 321-1300
2555 West End Ave
Loews Vanderbilt Plaza ................. 320-1700
2100 West End Ave

Local Restaurants (615)
Blackstone's (Brewery/Pub Fare) .......... 327-9969
1918 West End Ave
Chili's (American Grill) ....................... 327-1588
2322 West End Ave
Ham & Goody's (Deli) ......................... 329-2093
2829 West End Ave
Logan's Roadhouse (Steak/Casual) ....... 320-1161
2400 Elliston Place
Outback Steakhouse ............................. 385-3440
3212 West End Ave
PF Chang's (Chinese) ......................... 329-8901
2525 West End Ave
Pancake Pantry (American) ............... 383-9333
1796 21st Ave. South
Rotier's (American) ....................... 327-9892
2413 Elliston Place
Ted's Montana Grille (American) ....... 329-3415
2817 West End
Vanderbilt Mission Statement on NCAA Compliance

It is the goal of Vanderbilt University Athletic Department's Compliance Program to assist coaches and staff by developing and maintaining a compliance program that will educate, monitor and provide interpretations of NCAA and SEC rules.

Staff members, student-athletes and supporters of Vanderbilt Athletics are encouraged to consult with the compliance staff when clarification is needed.

Institutional Control & Compliance

Institutional control of athletics is a fundamental requirement of NCAA legislation. Specifically, the NCAA constitution provides that each institution should be responsible for:

- Controlling its intercollegiate athletics program in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Association.
- Monitoring its programs to ensure compliance, identifying and reporting to the Association instances in which compliance has not been achieved and taking appropriate corrective actions.
- Insuring that members of the institution's staff, student-athletes and other individuals or groups representing the institution's athletics interests comply with all applicable Association rules.

Representatives of Athletics Interests (Boosters)

"A Representative of the Institution's Athletics Interests" (Booster) is an individual who is known (or should be known) by a member or members of the institution's executive or athletic administration to:

- Participate in or have been a member of a sport support group or booster club.
- Provide or have helped arrange employment for student-athletes.
- Have been involved, in any way, with the promotion of the Vanderbilt University athletic program
- NOTE: Once a person is identified as a “Representative of the Institution's Athletics Interests,” the person retains that identity FOREVER.

Recruiting

Recruitment of prospective student-athletes is the sole responsibility of Vanderbilt coaches. Do not become involved in the process.

Extra Benefits

Vanderbilt University's athletics interests (boosters) cannot provide an "extra benefit" or special arrangement to a prospect or to an enrolled student-athlete.

An extra benefit would include provision of any transportation, meals, clothes, entertainment, loans, or other benefits offered to a student-athlete or a student-athlete’s relatives or friends unavailable to the general student population.

Examples of extra benefits that you cannot provide an athlete include, but are not limited to:

- Signing or cosigning a note with an outside agency to arrange a loan.
- Giving gifts of any kind (e.g., clothing, airline tickets, or holiday cards/gifts) or services (e.g., car repair, dental, free round of golf).
- Providing special discounts for goods and services.

Consequences to Boosters for NCAA Violations

Institutions are required by the NCAA to notify boosters of consequences regarding rules violations. Boosters found in violation of NCAA rules are subject to losing benefits and privileges, including season tickets.

The NCAA Committee on Infractions has processed cases in which penalties have included both the disassociation of boosters with the institution and the loss of season ticket privileges.

Remember: Ask Before You Act

Should you have any questions regarding NCAA rules and regulations, please contact the Vanderbilt University Compliance Office at (615) 322-4727, or check on the official website at www.vucommodores.com/compliance.