Your complete resource for Vanderbilt football

Pre-game and post-game materials for the working media are updated regularly on the Vanderbilt Athletics website, vucommodores.com. Most documents are available in .pdf format.

Pre-game materials include game notes, current statistics, player and coaching bios, releases and press conference transcripts. A live radio feed and live statistic package are provided during games. Official game finals and statistics, and quotes from Coach Franklin, Commodore players and opponents are among the post-game materials.

Preseason camp coverage

The first three weeks of preseason camp will be open to media outlets.

Securing game credentials

Vanderbilt does not offer online credentialing for home games. Make credential requests by emailing Larry Leathers (larry.leathers@vanderbilt.edu). All applications will be notified of their status at least 10 days before the game day. Credentials will not be granted without signed approval of SEC credential policy.

When possible, credentials will be mailed 10 days in advance. However, credentials can also be picked up on Fridays before games at the Athletic Communications Office. On gamedays, Media Will Call is located at Gate 1 (stadium entrance nearest the Marriott).

Gameday media parking

Media parking will be located in Kensington Garage next to Memorial Gym. Please access the garage entrance off 25th Avenue. All media representatives must have a proper credential to access parking garage.

Press box access

Media must wear "PRESS" or "PHOTO" credentials to gain access to the stadium press box, which is located on the third floor. The field elevator is located near Gate 1. Seating charts are posted in various press box sites.

In-game field access

Field access is restricted to working photojournalists from kickoff until 5:00 remain in the game. To gain field access, photographers must pick up a "PHOTO" armband at Media Will Call (located at Gate 1 at stadium entrance nearest the Marriott).

Wireless in press box

The press box is equipped with wireless internet access for the working press. Working photographers should transmit in the press box transmit. Television production crews should order phone lines in advance. To order, call (615) 343-2012.

Coach Franklin’s postgame press conference

Coach Franklin’s post-game press conference is held after he addresses the team. Only properly credentialed media will be allowed into the conference.

Media wishing to participate in postgame interviews should meet at the elevator with 5:00 left to be escorted to the south end zone area of Dudley Field.

There is a new location in Vanderbilt Stadium this season for Franklin’s postgame press conference and player interviews. The Vanderbilt Press Conference Room is located in the north end zone, with access in the field tunnel.

Player postgame availability

The Vanderbilt Locker Room is closed. Up to five players will be made available for post-game interviews. These interviews will be conducted in the same room as Coach Franklin’s remarks. The players will enter when Franklin concludes.

During home games, the visiting team interview room is located in the south endzone of the stadium. The entrance is located in the stadium tunnel.
VANDERBILT'S NEW RADIO FLAGSHIP

Vanderbilt football and men's basketball games will be carried on one of the nation's strongest radio signals following a flagship agreement announced in August between Vanderbilt Athletics and Nashville's NewsRadio WLAC 1510.

Starting with the Vanderbilt opener against South Carolina on August 30, all Commodore football and men's basketball games will air on WLAC 1510, a station that boasts one of the radio's most powerful evening signals. WLAC 1510 can be heard across middle America, from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.

The flagship agreement was finalized in August by Vanderbilt Athletics, its multimedia rights holder IMG College and Clear Channel Media & Entertainment (CCM+E), one of America's largest media companies. NewsRadio WLAC 1510 will air all radio programming related to Vanderbilt football and men's basketball, including game broadcasts and weekly coach's call-in shows.

THE VANDERBILT RADIO NETWORK CREW

Joe Fisher, John Gromos and Kevin Ingram provide concise and insightful coverage on the Vanderbilt Radio Network.

A Nashville native, Fisher enters his 15th season as the team's play-by-play announcer. He handles similar duties for Vanderbilt men's basketball and baseball. Fisher also serves as Vanderbilt Athletics' Director of Broadcasting.

Prior to joining Vanderbilt, Fisher was a television sports anchor in the Nashville market from 1987-96, with stints at WSMV-4 and WKRN-2. He also worked two years in public relations.

Gromos enters his 17th season as color analyst. A former Commodore QB, Gromos ranks seventh on the team's career passing yardage charts.

Gromos serves as Manager of Business Development for Turner Universal. He earned a degree in engineering from Vanderbilt in 1990.

Ingram enters his 11th season providing sideline commentary. A respected member of the Nashville radio market, Ingram co-hosts a popular morning show on 104.5 The Zone.

Bob Horner has served as producer and engineer for more than two decades.

COACH'S WEEKLY MEDIA AVAILABILITY

• WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE
  Coach Franklin meets with local media each Monday of game week, starting at 12 noon, CT. It will held in a new location this year – the Commodores’ Press Conference Room in Vanderbilt Stadium. It was formerly held in McGugin Center McCall Room.

• WEEKLY SEC TELECONFERENCE
  Each Wednesday of the season, Franklin is available to out-of-town media via the SEC Coaches’ Teleconference at 10:56 a.m., CT. Call 205-458-3010 for info.

NASHVILLE MEDIA OUTLETS

ASSOCIATED PRESS
  Teresa Walker, beat writer, Nashville bureau • 615-373-9988

NEWSPAPERS

THE TENNESSEAN (AM daily)
  Jeff Lockridge, beat • 615-259-8010 • tennessean.com

NASHVILLE CITY PAPER
  Jerome Boettcher, beat • 615-298-9833 • nashvillecitypaper.com

VANDERBILT HUSTLER (student publication)
  Box 1504, Station B, Nashville • 615-322-2424 • insidevandy.com

SPORTS RADIO

104.5-FM THE ZONE
  In-studio phone: 615-737-1045

102.5-FM THE GAME
  In-studio phone: 615-737-1025

WNSR, AM-560
  In-studio phone: 615-844-5600

TV STATIONS

WKRN-TV, ABC
  Nashville

WSMV-TV, NBC
  Nashville

WTVF-TV, CBS
  Nashville • 615-248-5285

WZTV-TV, FOX
  Nashville • 615-369-5562
Several substantial improvements are in progress at Vanderbilt Stadium, the Commodores’ on-campus venue for the last three decades.

Crews are nearing completion of the latest upgrades to the 40,550-capacity stadium opened in 1981, including construction of a fan-friendly hillside in the north end zone, installation of an expanded video board in the north end zone, new stadium lighting system, and a synthetic surface on Dudley Field.

The work adds to other major recent improvements. A thorough exterior renovation was completed in 2008-09, including new plazas and entrances at Gates 2 & 3, expansion of the concourse and an exterior paint and brick effort to unify Vanderbilt Stadium and the program’s two other biggest sporting venues, Hawkins Field and Memorial Gym.

The stadium was opened in 1981 on the same site as Dudley Field, which stood at the corner of Jess Neely Drive and Natchez Trace since 1922. Though the old stadium was demolished prior to the 1981 project, the Commodores continue to play on the original Dudley Field plot.
Game 1: South Carolina
Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville, Aug. 30
Kickoff: 6 pm CT; Television: ESPN

GENERAL INFORMATION
Location
Columbia, S.C.
Founded
1801
Undergraduate Enrollment
21,500
Nickname
Gamecocks
Conference
Southeastern
All-time Record
554-543-44 (.503)
2011 Record/SEC mark
11-2-6 (2nd/2)
Stadium
Williams-Brice (80,250)
Official Website
gamecocksonline.com

HEAD COACH
Steve Spurrier
Florida, 1967
Record at South Carolina
55-35 (8th year)
Career Head Coaching Record
193-75-2 (23rd year)

VS. SOUTH CAROLINA
Overall Series: Vanderbilt trails 2-17
VU-South Carolina @ Vanderbilt 2-8
VU-South Carolina @ Columbia 2-9

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Game 2: Northwestern
Ryan Field, Evanston, Ill., Sept. 8
Kickoff: 17 pm CT; Television: Big Ten Network

GENERAL INFORMATION
Location
Evanston, Ill.
Founded
1851
Undergraduate Enrollment
8,400
Nickname
Wildcats
Conference
Big Ten
All-time Record
495-629-44 (.442)
2011 Record/Big Ten mark
6-7-3-5 (5th-Legend)
Stadium
Ryan Field (47,130)
Official Website
nusports.com

HEAD COACH
Pat Fitzgerald
Northwestern, 1996
Record at Northwestern
40-36 (7th year)
Career Head Coaching Record
same

VS. NORTHWESTERN
Overall Series: Series is tied 1-1-1
VU-Northwestern @ Vanderbilt 0-1
VU-Northwestern @ Evanston 1-0-1

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Game 3: Presbyterian
Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville, Sept. 15
Kickoff: TBA; Television: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION
Location
Clinton, S.C.
Founded
1880
Undergraduate Enrollment
1,200
Nickname
Blue Hose
Conference
Big South
All-time Record
348-338-15 (.507)
2011 Record
7-4-1 (4-7)
Stadium
Bailey Memorial (6,500)
Official Website
gobluehose.com

HEAD COACH
Harold Nichols
Presbyterian, 1990
Record at Presbyterian
6-27 (4th year)
Career Head Coaching Record
same

VS. PRESBYTERIAN
This is the first meeting between schools

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Game 4: Georgia
Sanford Stadium, Athens, Ga., Sept. 22
Kickoff: TBA; Television: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION
Location
Athens, Ga.
Founded
1785
Undergraduate Enrollment
26,100
Nickname
Bulldogs
Conference
Southeastern
All-time Record
747-400-54 (.643)
2011 Record/SEC mark
10-4-1 (1st/1)
Stadium
 Sanford (92,746)
Official Website
GeorgiaDogs.com

HEAD COACH
Mark Richt
Miam (Fla.), 1982
Record at Georgia
106-38 (12th year)
Career Head Coaching Record
same

VS. GEORGIA
Overall Series: Series is tied 1-1-1
VU-Georgia @ Vanderbilt 2-8
VU-Georgia @ Columbia 2-9

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Game 5: Missouri
Memorial Stadium, Columbia, Mo., Oct. 6
Kickoff: TBA; Television: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION
Location
Columbia, Mo.
Founded
1839
Undergraduate Enrollment
25,100
Nickname
Tigers
Conference
Southeastern
All-time Record
623-517-53 (.544)
2011 Record/Big 12 mark
8-5-4 (3rd/12)
Stadium
Memorial/Faurot Field (71,004)
Official Website
MUTigers.com

HEAD COACH
Gary Pinkel
Kent State, 1973
Record at Missouri
85-54 (12th year)
Career Head Coaching Record
same

VS. MISSOURI
Overall Series: Series is tied 1-1-1
VU-Missouri @ Missouri 0-0-1
VU-Missouri @ Columbia/St. Louis 1-2

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Game 6: Florida
Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville, Oct. 13
Kickoff: TBA; Television: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION
Location
Gainesville, Fla.
Founded
1853
Undergraduate Enrollment
34,000
Nickname
Gators
Conference
Southeastern
All-time Record
669-381-40 (.632)
2011 Record/SEC mark
7-6-3-5 (3rd/12)
Stadium
Ben Hill Griffin/Florida Field (88,548)
Official Website
gatorzone.com

HEAD COACH
Will Muschamp
Georgia, 1995
Record at Florida
7-6 (2nd year)
Career Head Coaching Record
same

VS. FLORIDA
Overall Series: Vanderbilt trails 2-9 (2nd year)
VU-Florida @ Vanderbilt 7-13-1
VU-Florida @ Gainesville/Jacksonville 2-2-1

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Game 7: Auburn
Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville, Oct. 20
Kickoff: TBA; Television: TBA

General Information
Location: Auburn, Ala.
Founded: 1886
Undergraduate Enrollment: 20,400
Nickname: Tigers
Conference: Southeastern
All-time Record: 718-405-47 (.634)
2011 Record/SEC mark: 8-5-4-4 (4th/West)
Stadium: Jordan-Hare (87,451)
Official Website: AuburnTigers.com

Head Coach
Gene Chizik
Florida, 1982
Record at Auburn: 30-10 (4th year)
Career Head Coaching Record: 35-29 (6th year)

Vs. Auburn
Overall Series: Series is tied 20-20-1
VU-Auburn @ Vanderbilt: 11-7
VU-Auburn @ Auburn/Montgomery/Bham: 8-13-1

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Vanderbilt Football
University, Lexington, Ky.

Game 8: Massachusetts
Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville, Oct. 27
Kickoff: TBA; Television: TBA

General Information
Location: Amherst, Mass.
Founded: 1863
Undergraduate Enrollment: 21,500
Nickname: Minutemen
Conference: Mid-American
All-time Record: 380-286-13 (.569)
2011 Record: 5-6
Stadium: Gillette (68,756)
Official Website: umassathletics.com

Head Coach
Charley Molnar
Lock Haven, 1984
Record at UMass: 1st year
Career Head Coaching Record: same

Vs. UMass
This marks the first meeting between schools

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Vanderbilt Football
University, Lexington, Ky.

Game 9: Kentucky
Commonwealth Stadium, Lexington, Ky., Nov. 3
Kickoff: TBA; Television: TBA

General Information
Location: Lexington, Ky.
Founded: 1865
Undergraduate Enrollment: 20,200
Nickname: Wildcats
Conference: Southeastern
All-time Record: 572-565-44 (.503)
2011 Record/SEC mark: 5-7/2-6 (5th/East)
Stadium: Commonwealth (67,942)
Official Website: UKathletics.com

Head Coach
Joker Phillips
Kentucky, 1986
Record at Kentucky: 12-14 (3rd year)
Career Head Coaching Record: same

Vs. Kentucky
Overall Series: Vanderbilt trails 39-41-4
VU-Kentucky @ Vanderbilt: 25-19-2
VU-Kentucky @ Oxford: 14-22-2

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Vanderbilt Football
University, Lexington, Ky.

Game 10: Ole Miss
Vaught-Hemingway Stadium, Oxford, Nov. 10
Kickoff: TBA; Television: TBA

General Information
Location: Oxford, Miss.
Founded: 1848
Undergraduate Enrollment: 14,300
Nickname: Rebels
Conference: Southeastern
All-time Record: 621-486-35 (.559)
2011 Record/SEC mark: 2-10/0-8 (6th/West)
Stadium: Vaught-Hemingway (60,580)
Official Website: OleMissSports.com

Head Coach
Hugh Freeze
Southern Mississippi, 1992
Record at Ole Miss: 1st year
Career Head Coaching Record: 35-29 (6th year)

Vs. Ole Miss
Overall Series: Vanderbilt trails 37-47-2
VU-Ole Miss @ Vanderbilt: 27-22-2
VU-Ole Miss @ Oxford/Jackson/Memphis: 10-25

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Vanderbilt Football
University, Lexington, Ky.

Game 11: Tennessee
Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville, Nov. 17
Kickoff: TBA; Television: TBA

General Information
Location: Knoxville, Tenn.
Founded: 1794
Undergraduate Enrollment: 27,107
Nickname: Volunteers
Conference: Southeastern
All-time Record: 794-347-53 (.689)
2011 Record/SEC mark: 5-7/2-6 (5th/East)
Stadium: Neyland (102,455)
Official Website: UTSports.com

Head Coach
Derek Dooley
Virginia, 1990
Record at Tennessee: 12-14 (3rd year)
Career Head Coaching Record: 28-34 (7th year)

Vs. Tennessee
Overall Series: Vanderbilt trails 28-73-5
VU-Tennessee @ Vanderbilt: 18-35-4
VU-Tennessee @ Knoxville: 10-38-1

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Vanderbilt Football
University, Lexington, Ky.

Game 12: Wake Forest
BB&T Field, Winston-Salem, N.C., Nov. 24
Kickoff: TBA; Television: TBA

General Information
Location: Winston-Salem, N.C.
Founded: 1834
Undergraduate Enrollment: 4,600
Nickname: Demon Deacons
Conference: Atlantic Coast
All-time Record: 420-609-33 (.412)
2011 Record/ACC mark: 6-7/5-3 (T-2/Atlantic)
Stadium: BB&T Field (31,500)
Official Website: WakeForestSports.com

Head Coach
Jim Grobe
Virginia, 1975
Record at Wake Forest: 65-58 (11th year)
Career Head Coaching Record: 98-91-1 (17th year)

Vs. Wake Forest
Overall Series: Vanderbilt leads 8-6
VU-Wake Forest @ Vanderbilt: 3-5
VU-Wake Forest @ Winston-Salem: 5-1

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Thursday, Aug. 30
South Carolina at Vanderbilt
Texas A&M vs. La. Tech

Friday, Aug. 31
Tennessee vs. N.C. State #

Saturday, Sept. 1
Alabama vs. Michigan ^
Jacksonville St. at Arkansas
Bowling Green at Florida
Buffalo at Georgia
North Texas at LSU
Central Ark. at Ole Miss
Jackson State at Miss. State
SE Louisiana at Missouri
Auburn vs. Clemson #

Sunday, Sept. 2
Kentucky at Louisville

Saturday, Sept. 8
Auburn at Miss. State
Florida at Texas A&M
Georgia at Missouri
Western Ky. at Alabama
La.-Monroe at Arkansas @
Kent State at Kentucky
Washington at LSU
UTEP at Ole Miss
E. Carolina at South Carolina

Georgia State at Tennessee
UAB at Ole Miss
North Carolina at Georgia

Saturday, Sept. 15
Alabama at Arkansas
Florida at Tennessee
Fia. Atlantic at Georgia
Western Ky. at Kentucky
Idaho at LSU
Texas at Ole Miss
Miss. State at Troy
Arizona State at Missouri
UAB at South Carolina
Texas A&M at SMU
Presbyterian at Vanderbilt
La.-Monroe at Auburn

Saturday, Sept. 22
LSU at Auburn
Rutgers at Arkansas
Kentucky at Florida
Vanderbilt at Georgia
Missouri at South Carolina
Fla. Atlantic at Alabama
Ole Miss at Tulane
South Alabama at Miss. State
Akron at Tennessee
So. Carolina St. at Texas A&M

Saturday, Sept. 29
Arkansas at Texas A&M
Georgia at Georgia
South Carolina at Kentucky
Towson at LSU
Missouri at Central Florida

Saturday, Oct. 6
Arkansas at Auburn
LSU at Florida
Georgia at South Carolina
Texas A&M at Ole Miss
Vanderbilt at Missouri
Miss. State at Kentucky

Saturday, Oct. 13
Alabama at Missouri
Kentucky at Arkansas
Auburn at Ole Miss
Florida at Vanderbilt
South Carolina at LSU
Tennessee at Miss. State

Saturday, Oct. 20
Alabama at Tennessee
Auburn at Vanderbilt
Florida at Georgia
Louisiana at Kentucky
LSU at Texas A&M
MTSU at Miss. State

Saturday, Oct. 27
Ole Miss at Arkansas @
Texas A&M at Auburn
Florida vs. Georgia %
Kentucky at Missouri
Tennessee at South Carolina
Miss. State at Alabama
UMass at Vanderbilt

Saturday, Nov. 3
Alabama at LSU
New Mexico St. at Auburn
Missouri at Florida
Ole Miss at Georgia
Vanderbilt at Kentucky
Texas A&M at Miss. State
Troy at Tennessee
Tulsa at Arkansas

Saturday, Nov. 10
Texas A&M at Alabama
Arkansas at South Carolina
Georgia at Auburn
Miss. State at LSU
Vanderbilt at Ole Miss
Missouri at Tennessee
La.-Lafayette at Florida

Saturday, Nov. 17
Arkansas at Miss. State
Alabama A&M at Auburn

12-13 POSTSEASON BOWL SCHEDULE

INDIENCE
Dec. 28; SEC vs. ACC

MUSIC CITY
Dec. 31; SEC vs. ACC

LIBERTY
Dec. 31; SEC vs. CUSA

CHICK-FIL-A
Dec. 31; SEC vs. ACC

OUTBACK
Jan. 1; SEC vs. Big Ten

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