

# BLACK & GOLD SPRING GAME RECAP



## Large Audience Watches Black & Gold Spring Game

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** – The Commodores concluded Spring Practice with Team Black earning a 33-0 win over Team Gold in the annual Black & Gold Spring Game at Vanderbilt Stadium.

Team Black, comprised mostly of first-teamers dominated the pass-heavy game on both sides of the ball, but it was the play of junior wide receiver Jordan Matthews and redshirt freshman wide receiver Josh Grady that the 8,500 in attendance will remember most.

Playing for Team Black, the duo combined to score three of Vanderbilt's touchdowns, including the final score of the game when Grady took a direct snap and found Matthews, who bobbled the pass a few times before hauling it in and racing down the field for a 54-yard score with 1:34 to play.

Matthews had scored earlier on a 17-yard strike from quarterback Jordan Rodgers in the second quarter and Grady rushed for an eight-yard touchdown out of the Wildcat formation in the third quarter.

Matthews finished with seven catches for 105 yards and two touchdowns. Grady did not catch a pass, but carried the ball three times for 35 yards and a score, and completed both of his passes for 58 yards and a touchdown.

It was the first real public glimpse at what Grady can do on the field after redshirting last season, and he did not disappoint.

Rodgers led Team Black through the air, completing 14-of-29 passes for 126 yards and touchdown passes to Matthews and tight end Austin Monahan. Rodgers' pass to Monahan was the first touchdown of the game, coming with 13:34 to play in the second quarter.

The first points of the game came off the foot of kicker Ryan Fowler, who made a 40-yard field goal with 11:19 to play in the first quarter. Fowler's field goal was setup after Austyn Carta-Samuels, the starting quarterback for Team Gold, had his pass attempt intercepted by Steven Clarke.

Team Black scored two more points on an errant snap by Team Gold that resulted in a safety with 7:25 to play in the fourth quarter after Carta-Samuels lost his footing in the end zone after scooping up the ball.

Carta-Samuels saw the bulk of the snaps for Team Gold and finished 6-of-12 passing for 47 yards. Patton Robinette went 3-for-9 for 24 yards for Team Gold, which struggled to move the ball for much of the game.

Senior running back Zac Stacy, the SEC's leading returning rusher, carried the ball just two times for one yard for Team Black. Grady led all ball carriers with 35 yards on three carries. Fitz Lassing carried the ball four times for 21 yards for Team Black.

Defensively, Eddie Foster paced Team Gold with a game-high eight tackles, including one for a loss, three pass breakups and one interception. Freshman Darreon Herring added a sack of Rodgers to go with five tackles. Team Black was led by Archibald Barnes, who had six tackles. Colt Nichter also added a sack.

The game was televised on a tape-delayed basis by CSS.



### BLACK & GOLD SPRING GAME STATS

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
<b>TEAM BLACK</b>	3	14	7	9	33
<b>TEAM GOLD</b>	0	0	0	0	0

**1ST QUARTER:** BLACK: Fowler 40-yard field goal, 11:19.  
**2ND QUARTER:** BLACK: 20-yard pass Rodgers-to-Monahan, 13:34.  
 BLACK: 17-yard pass Rodgers-to-Matthews, 4:13.  
**3RD QUARTER:** BLACK: Grady 8-yard run, 1:06.  
**4TH QUARTER:** BLACK: team safety, 7:25.  
 BLACK: 54-yard pass Grady-to-Matthews, 1:34.

#### INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE STATS

##### PASSING:

**BLACK** – Rodgers 14-29-126, 2 TD, 1 INT; Grady 2-2-58, 1 TD; Townsley 3-5-29.  
**GOLD** – Carta-Samuels 6-12-47, 1 INT; Robinette 3-9-24.

##### RUSHING:

**BLACK** – Grady 3-25, 1 TD; Lassing 5-21; Rodgers 3-12; Stacy 2-1;  
**GOLD** – Robinette 4-19; Kirk 1-13; Carta-Samuels 3-9; Clayton 5-6; Pruitt 1-(-1); Anders 1-(-2).

##### RECEIVING:

**BLACK** – Matthews 7-105, 2 TDs; Lassing 5-41; Kentera 2-25; Monahan 1-20, 1 TD; Boyd 3-9; Krause 1-4.  
**GOLD** – Pruitt 5-45; Kirk 2-11.

#### INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE STATS

##### BLACK

**TACKLES:** Foster 7-1-8; Herring 5-0-5; King 4-0-4; Dixon 3-0-3; Barbieri 2-0-2; Stewart 2-0-2; Williamson 1-1-2; Aiello 1-0-1; Hart 1-0-1; McIntosh 1-0-1; Williams 1-0-1; Woestmann 1-0-1.

**TACKLES FOR LOSS:** Foster 1-3; Herring 1-6; King 1-3; Stewart 1-6.

**SACKS (#-Yards):** Herring 1-6.

**INTERCEPTIONS (#-Yds):** Foster 1.

**QB HURRIES:** Williams 3; Woestmann 1.

**PASSES DEFENSED:** Foster 3; Franklin 2; King 1; McIntosh 1.

**FUMBLES FORCED:** Herring 1.

##### GOLD

**TACKLES:** Barnes 5-1-6; Butler 3-0-3; Samuels 2-1-3; Gregory 2-0-2; Hal 1-1-2; Nichter 1-1-2; Ladler 1-0-1.

**TACKLES FOR LOSS:** Nichter 1-6.

**SACKS (#-Yards):** Nichter 1-6.

**INTERCEPTIONS (#-Yards):** Clarke 1.

**QB HURRIES:** Garnham 2; Morse 2; Thomas 2; Butler 1; May 1; McHaney 1; Nichter 1.

**PASSES DEFENSED:** Butler 1; Clarke 1; Garnham 1; Samuels 1.

**FUMBLES FORCED:** Morse 1.

**FUMBLES RECOVERED:** Morse 1.

