

# HEAD COACH JAMES FRANKLIN



Doubters said it could not be done, but in two short years Vanderbilt Head Coach James Franklin has already taken Vanderbilt to heights not seen in decades, while completely changing the culture of the football program.

Armed with a tireless work ethic, contagious personality, strong leadership and an invigorating passion for his team, Franklin has guided Vanderbilt to back-to-back bowl games for the first time in school history, signed the highest rated recruiting class in team history for the second year in a row and mentored a team that continues to garner academic achievement recognition.

The program's all-around success has turned heads of fans and media members across the country as people look to learn more about the mind behind the team's rise from the depths of the SEC.

In two years, Franklin has reshaped the image of Vanderbilt football by not only his success, but also his energy and love for the program. He has created a fun, energetic and close-knit family atmosphere that players crave.

His passion for Vanderbilt is also on full display through his relentless promotion of the program and random acts of kindness. Whether it is speaking to local organizations and businesses in Nashville, helping freshmen students move into their dorm rooms, allowing an inspiring 11-year-old boy to lead the team onto the field for homecoming, passing out ice cream on campus or sitting in the home of a potential student-athlete, Franklin spreads his goodwill and vision for the program to all that will listen.

To help spread his message, Franklin has provided unprecedented access to what takes place behind the scenes with his program. From pregame and postgame locker room speeches, to team meetings and trips inside the war room on signing day, Franklin has made a conscious effort to provide the public with an inside look at his program.

His efforts have paid dividends in the media with feature stories and videos landing on prominent websites such as SI.com and SBNation.com and in publications such as Sports Illustrated and the Washington Post. Just last August, a video featuring Franklin awarding a scholarship to walk-on fullback Marc Panu went viral, collecting 400,000 views on YouTube and was featured on ESPN SportsCenter, FOX & Friends morning show and an abundance of newspapers across the nation.

Hired as the first African-American head coach in Vanderbilt gridiron history on Dec. 17, 2010, Franklin's off-the-field accomplishments have been outstanding, but the results on the field have simply been staggering.

In his first season with Vanderbilt in 2011, Franklin became the only first-year coach in school history to guide the Commodores to a bowl game and surpassed the total wins achieved by the program in each of its previous two seasons. As an encore, all Franklin did in his second season was run

## FRANKLIN COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2012

### **MOST WINS BY SECOND-YEAR COACH AT VANDERBILT IN MORE THAN A CENTURY**

Franklin's 14 victories in his first two years are the most by a Vanderbilt coach since Dan McGugin won 16 games in 1904-05.

### **BACK-TO-BACK BOWL APPEARANCES**

For the first time in school history, Vanderbilt is preparing for back-to-back bowl games. Before Franklin became the head coach in 2011, the Commodores played in just four bowls in 120 years.

### **EXPLOSIVE OFFENSE, TOUGH DEFENSE**

The Vanderbilt offense topped 40 points in five games for the first time since 1915. The Commodores also rank in the Top 20 nationally in both scoring defense and total defense.

### **MOST REGULAR SEASON WINS IN DECADES**

Vanderbilt concluded the 2012 regular season 8-4. It marks the most regular season wins by a Commodore squad since 1982.

### **DECISIVE VICTORIES IN CONFERENCE PLAY**

Under Franklin, Vanderbilt has captured four SEC games by 23 or more points. From 1957-2010, Vanderbilt had four total wins against SEC opponents by 23+ points.

### **MOST SEC WINS SINCE 1935**

Vanderbilt was 5-3 in SEC play this year. The program's only other five-win SEC season came in 1935.

### **EXPERIENCING NOVEMBER SUCCESS**

Vanderbilt is 6-2 in the month of November under Franklin. In the decade before he arrived on campus, Vanderbilt was 3-32 in November games.

### **ENTHUSIASM SOARS ON CAMPUS**

Vanderbilt played before three home sellouts, the most since 1996. Total home attendance spiked 14 percent from a year ago.





*Franklin celebrates a Commodore touchdown with junior Jared Morse.*

circles around what he achieved in 2011 and more, much more.

This year, he guided Vanderbilt to an 8-4 record during the regular season, including wins in the final six games. As a result, the team was rewarded with an invitation to the Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl against NC State. Franklin was also rewarded for his efforts with a new contract that included facility enhancements to McGugin Center and Vanderbilt Stadium.

Franklin's new contract came after a regular season in which the Commodores rewrote a number of Vanderbilt records. The team's eight wins were the most by a Commodore team since 1982, and the six-game win streak was the longest since 1955. The last time Vanderbilt closed the regular season with six straight wins was 1948.

Vanderbilt's SEC wins came at Missouri, Kentucky and Ole Miss and at home against Auburn and Tennessee. Vanderbilt's road win at Missouri was Franklin's first road triumph in the SEC. The team's 40-0 shutout at Kentucky was its second shutout of the season, marking the first time Vanderbilt had two shutouts in the same year since 1968.

The team's win at Ole Miss was its sixth win of the season and came after facing a 23-6 deficit in the third quarter. Vanderbilt's win against Tennessee was its first at home over the Volunteers since 1982.

Other wins came against Presbyterian, UMass and Wake Forest. Vanderbilt won at Wake Forest, 55-21, and scored the second-most points

ever allowed at BB&T Field. The win also helped Vanderbilt eclipse 300 points for the second straight year – a first in school history.

Vanderbilt excelled in all three phases of the game in 2012. On offense, the team scored 40-plus points on five occasions for the first time since 1915. The defense allowed just 18.2 points per game – the fewest since 1975. On special teams, Vanderbilt had an All-SEC punter and kicker in the same year for the first time in team history.

Franklin also helped mentor three players to school records in 2012. All-SEC running back Zac Stacy became Vanderbilt's all-time leading rusher and was the first player in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in back-to-back seasons. All-conference receiver Jordan Matthews set Vanderbilt's single-season receiving yardage record. Kicker Carey Spear set a new school record with 81 points scored and 19 field goals made. Six different players also received weekly awards from the SEC in 2012: Spear, cornerback Andre Hal, offensive linemen Wesley Johnson and Joe Townsend, defensive end Walker May and punter Richard Kent.

In two seasons at the helm, Franklin has compiled a 14-11 overall record. The 14 wins are the second most wins in school history of any second-year head coach. Only Dan McGugin registered more victories (16, 1904-05) in his first two seasons than Franklin has.

Franklin is 7-1 all-time in non-conference games and went 4-0 in non-conference games in 2011, marking the first undefeated non-SEC record since 1999.

In SEC play, Vanderbilt has also more than held its own. Four of Vanderbilt's SEC wins have come by 23 points or more. From 1957-2010, Vanderbilt had four total wins against SEC opponents by 23-plus points.

Before Franklin arrived, Vanderbilt had historically struggled to finish seasons on a strong note. However, it has been just the opposite under Franklin. For the first time since 1948, Vanderbilt finished undefeated in November. In two years, Franklin's teams are 6-2 in November. In the decade before he arrived on campus, Vanderbilt was 3-32 in November games.

The success of the team on the field has also translated to the stands. In 2012, attendance rose nearly 15 percent at the newly-renovated Vanderbilt Stadium, which hosted three sellouts for the first time since 1996.

In the offseason before the 2012 season, Vanderbilt installed a new video board in the south end zone, along with new hillside seating below the video board. New stadium lights and an artificial playing surface was also installed in place of natural grass. A new multipurpose facility is also currently being constructed and is scheduled to open in the fall of 2013.

In his first season at Vanderbilt, Franklin led the Commodores to the 2011 AutoZone Liberty Bowl in Memphis on New Year's Eve. The team totally reversed two consecutive seasons of disappointment by earning the fifth postseason appearance in school history.





## FRANKLIN'S VANDERBILT STAFF

### JOHN DONOVAN Offensive Coordinator/Backs

Helped Zac Stacy become the team's all-time leader with 3,036 rushing yards and 29 rushing touchdowns... Stacy rushed for team-record 1,193 yards and 14 TDs as All-SEC junior... Joined Franklin in coming from Maryland... Graduate of Johns Hopkins.

### BOB SHOOP Defensive Coordinator/Safeties

Former Columbia head coach... Has enjoyed superb success as coordinator at Vanderbilt... Shoop's units rank among the Top 20 in scoring defense, total defense, pass defense among other categories... Came from four-year stint guiding excellent defensive units at William & Mary.

### CHARLES BANKINS Special Teams Coord./TEs

Coached at NFL, college and prep levels... Worked two years at Maryland with Franklin... Two of Vanderbilt's kicking specialists enjoyed career years in 2012. Carey Spear set team record making 19-of-22 FGs... Richard Kent set a career high in punting (44.8-yard avg.) that ranks among SEC & NCAA leaders.

### GEORGE BARLOW Def. Recruiting Coord./DBs

One of two new staff additions in 2012... Two of Barlow's pupils, cornerbacks Andre Hal and Trey Wilson, earned All-SEC consideration for their 2012 contributions... In 2011, started as New Mexico's defensive coordinator, then was named interim head coach after fourth game... Helped Lobos' Carmen Messina break MWC total tackles record.

### JOSH GATTIS Off. Recruiting Coordinator/WRs

First year at Vanderbilt... WR duo of Jordan Matthews & Chris Boyd rank as the SEC's No. 1 tandem... Matthews has set multiple school records... As assistant at Western Michigan in 2011, mentored WR Jordan White to best season in program history (140 catches, 1,911 yards)... Was All-ACC safety as Wake Forest undergrad.

### HERB HAND Offensive Line

Longest-tenured coach on staff (2010)... Done remarkable job blending veterans Wesley Johnson and Ryan Seymour with several young prospects... Two of his pupils (Johnson & Joe Townsend) have earned SEC Lineman of the Week honors this year... Unit has limited sacks and allowed offense to produce highest point total since 1948.

### BRENT PRY Co-Def. Coord./Linebackers

Son of college coach... On staff at East Stroudsburg when Franklin was QB... Has developed three new starters into productive LBs at Vanderbilt: Archibald Barnes and Chase Garnham in 2011, and Karl Butler in 2012... Former defensive coordinator at Georgia Southern.

### RICKY RAHNE Quarterbacks

Cornell grad... In 2011 helped Larry Smith increase completion percentage to career-high 55%... His current pupil Jordan Rodgers is enjoying career year: 59% completions, 2,400+ passing yards, 13 TDs and just five INTs... Recruited All-America QB Collin Klein to Kansas State... Worked with Josh Freeman at K-State.

### SEAN SPENCER Defensive Line

Coached Tim Fugger to All-SEC honors in 2011 before Fugger was drafted by the Colts... Helped several underclass interior linemen develop key roles in 2012... Emotional mentor who encourages players to attack like "wild African dogs"... Mentored three Buchanan Award finalists as assistant in FCS classification.

## THE FRANKLIN FILE

**AGE:** 40

**CAREER RECORD:** 14-11 (second season)

**ALMA MATER:** East Stroudsburg (Pa.) University; Playing career – 1991-94

**DEGREE:** Bachelor's: Psychology, East Stroudsburg, 1995

Master's: Educational Leadership, Washington State, 1999

**FAMILY:** Wife, Fumi; daughters: Addy and Shola

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## FRANKLIN'S CAREER AT A GLANCE

### 2011-12 VANDERBILT (head coach)

Win total after two seasons at Vanderbilt (14) is the most by second-year Commodore coach since 1904... Guides Commodores to 8-4 record in 2012, most regular season wins by Vanderbilt since 1982... Has squad preparing for first back-to-back bowl appearances in school history... Goes undefeated in November games for first time since 1982... 2012 offense featuring 1,000-yard rusher and 1,000-yard receiver ranks as team's best since 1948; 2012 defense is finest since 1997... His push for season tickets results in substantial increases in total attendance and helps Vanderbilt enjoy three home sellouts, including first consecutive home sellouts in 16 years... The 2012 team beat Missouri, Kentucky and Ole Miss in consecutive SEC road games, marking first time Vanderbilt has ever accomplished that feat... Guides 2011 Commodores to 6-6 regular season record and appearance in AutoZone Liberty Bowl in first year... Team shows vast improvement, ranking as the SEC's most improved offense and defense... Wins five home games in 2011, most by Vanderbilt in more than a decade... Four players earned postseason recognition, including defensive back Casey Hayward (All-America by Walter Camp Foundation) and team rushing record setter Zac Stacy... Builds enthusiasm among fan base and works non-stop growing support for program on campus and in the community... Excites fans after the season by inking strong signing class of prep recruits.

### 2008-10 MARYLAND (assistant head coach/offensive coordinator/QBs)

On December 23, 2007, Ralph Friedgen sways Franklin back to Maryland as the Terps' assistant head coach and offensive coordinator. In February 2009, Friedgen designates Franklin as his successor at Maryland... The Terrapins go 9-4 overall in 2010, finishing second in the ACC's Atlantic Division and winning the Military Bowl... Quarterback Danny O'Brien earns ACC Rookie of the Year and Freshman All-America honors under Franklin's mentorship, ranking third nationally among freshmen in pass efficiency rating... O'Brien throws for 22 touchdowns against only eight picks after becoming the team's starter in Week Four... Franklin's 2010 offense ranks among the nation's best in limiting turnovers... Torrey Smith also flourishes in 2010, catching 67 passes for 1,055 yards to earn first-team All-ACC honors... For the fourth time in his career, Franklin also is honored as a Top 25 recruiter by Rivals.com for helping to secure a class that included a number of four-star athletes... In 2008, the Terps defeat four ranked teams en route to a win in the Humanitarian Bowl to cap an 8-5 record... Terp WR Darrius Heyward-Bey becomes No. 9 overall pick of the 2009 NFL Draft.

### 2006-07 KANSAS STATE (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)

As K-State's offensive coordinator, Franklin helps Wildcats to 7-6 record in 2006, topped by a 45-42 win over No. 4 Texas. K-State lays in the Texas Bowl, its first postseason game in three years... Under Franklin's guidance, K-State offense in 2007 becomes first in team history to feature a 3,000-yard passer, 1,500-yard receiver and 1,000-yard rusher in the same season... QB Josh Freeman (eventual 2009 1st-round pick of Tampa Bay) sets many school records, including 3,353 passing yards... WR Jordy Nelson becomes an All-American by catching 122 passes, and is a high draft pick of the Packers... In 2011, Nelson starts on Green Bay's world champion squad.

### 2005 GREEN BAY PACKERS-NFL (assistant coach/wide receivers)

Assisting Head Coach Mike Sherman, Franklin mentors a strong receiving arsenal that includes Donald Driver, Javon Walker and Robert Ferguson catching passes from Brett Favre... Despite an injury to Walker, the Packers rank sixth in team receiving yards... Driver sets career highs with 86 receptions for 1,221 receiving yards.

### 2000-04 MARYLAND (wide receivers/recruiting coordinator)

Franklin helps Maryland to three consecutive bowl games starting with the 2001 squad... Maryland also achieves three straight seasons of 10 wins or more (2001-03), including appearance in 2002 FedEx Orange Bowl... Terps followed Orange Bowl berth with 30-3 victory over Tennessee in 2002 Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl and 41-7 win over West Virginia in 2003 Toyota Gator Bowl... Promoted to recruiting coordinator in 2003, Franklin delivers back-to-back recruiting classes that were ranked among the nation's Top 25.

### 1999 IDAHO STATE (wide receivers)

As receivers coach, Franklin helps ISU finish ninth nationally in total offense.

### 1998 WASHINGTON STATE (graduate assistant coach/tight ends)

Franklin joins highly successful Cougar Coach Mike Price as grad assistant.

### 1997 JAMES MADISON (wide receivers)

Franklin mentors James Madison wide receivers... Junior receiver Earnest Payton finishes his career as the school's leader in receptions with 185.

### 1996 EAST STROUDSBURG (defensive backs)

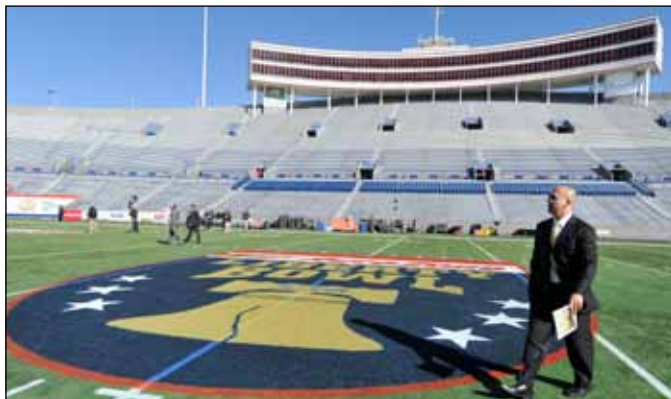
Franklin returns to his alma mater, Division II East Stroudsburg.

### NFL MINORITY COACHING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Franklin participates in the program in 1998, serving an internship with Miami. He also enjoyed stints with Philadelphia in 1999 and Minnesota in 2008.



**JAMES FRANKLIN HAS GUIDED VANDERBILT TO CONSECUTIVE NEW YEAR'S EVE APPEARANCES. THE BACK-TO-BACK BOWLS REPRESENT A NEW PROGRAM STANDARD. HERE'S A LOOK AT FRANKLIN'S 2012 - FROM THE LIBERTY TO MUSIC CITY BOWL.**



**FRANKLIN GUIDES 'DORES TO AUTOZONE LIBERTY BOWL ★ Dec. 31, 2011**

James Franklin concludes his first year as head coach by leading the Commodores to the AutoZone Liberty Bowl in Memphis. He becomes the initial Vanderbilt coach to guide the Commodores to a postseason appearance in his first season.

**NATIONAL SIGNING DAY ★ Feb. 1, 2012**

Fueled by the Liberty Bowl appearance, diligence and hard work, Franklin lands a 22-player class that keen recruiting observers describe as the best Commodores in decades. The class includes four 4-star prospects, including six of the best high school seniors across Tennessee.



**ATTENDANCE GROWS FOR 2ND BLACK & GOLD SPRING GAME ★ April 14, 2012**

Franklin's second spring drill on campus concludes with more than 8,000 spectators watching the Black squad earn a convincing 33-0 victory in the Black & Gold Spring Game. It marks the largest audience for the spring finale since the early 1990s.

**PACKED HOUSE FOR UNIFORM UNVEILING EVENT ★ July 11, 2012**

Commodore fans packed into Barnes & Noble at Vanderbilt in mid-July to watch Vanderbilt players unveil stylish new uniforms for the upcoming season. Serving as MC, Franklin brings down the house with introducing white helmets to the Commodore uniform collection.



**TEAM WELCOMES FACILITY UPGRADES AS SEASON NEARS ★ August 2012**

Excitement surrounds the Commodore program as players arrive on campus to open preseason camp. Inside the program, coaches, staff and student-athletes are thrilled to cut the ribbon on a massive McGugin Center facility upgrade that includes a 140-person auditorium and team room, and new meeting rooms for each position grouping. Across Jess Neely Drive, crews are putting the finishing touches on a state-of-the-art video board, 400-seating capacity berm and new artificial turf in Vanderbilt Stadium.

**EARNING SEC WIN AT MISSOURI ★ Oct. 6, 2012**

The Commodores share the national spotlight as they kick off ESPN's 2012 coverage of college football by hosting South Carolina on Thursday night.



**THE STREAK BEGINS WITH HOME WIN OVER AUBURN ★ Oct. 20 2012**

Playing before a second straight home sellout, the Commodores smother Auburn's offense and ride a huge rushing effort by Zac Stacy to a 17-13 win. Late in the game, Stacy breaks the team record for career rushing yards.

**BREWING A SHUTOUT IN KENTUCKY ★ Nov. 3, 2012**

Vanderbilt dominates the Wildcats in Lexington, earning a third straight victory by producing their first SEC road shutout since 1968.

**COMEBACK SEALS WIN IN OXFORD**

**★ Nov. 10, 2012**

Trailing 23-6 early in the third quarter, the Commodores rally with a last-minute touchdown to post a thrilling 27-26 victory in Oxford. Afterward, Franklin carries Mr. Commodore into the post-game locker room.



**HOW SWEET IT IS - VICTORY OVER TENNESSEE**

**★ Nov. 17, 2012**

Looking for their first victory over Tennessee in Nashville since 1982, the Commodores claim victory in convincing fashion, beating the Vols 41-18. It marks Vanderbilt's biggest margin of victory over Tennessee since 1954.

**ACCEPTING A MUSIC CITY INVITE**

**★ Dec. 2, 2012**

Commodore players celebration with nearly 2,000 fans in the Student Life Student as leaders of the Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl officially invite Vanderbilt to the Dec. 31st game in Nashville by presenting a guitar to Franklin.





**JOHN DONOVAN**  
**Off. Coordinator-Running Backs**  
**2nd year on Vanderbilt staff**

Donovan's offense continues to be a huge hit at Vanderbilt, a school that struggled with point production prior to Donovan's and James Franklin's arrival on campus.

This season, Donovan coordinated one of the most productive offenses in modern day team history. The 2012 Commodores' accumulation of 4,711 total yards ranks as the highest total in

modern Vanderbilt history. Vanderbilt also scored 352 points, the highest single-season total by a Commodore squad since World War I.

Donovan's balanced attack resulted in three of the finest individual seasons ever by Vanderbilt players. Senior Zac Stacy became the most decorated running back in team history, setting career record with 3,036 rushing yards and 29 rushing TDs. Stacy also became the first Commodore to ever produce back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons. Junior wide receiver Jordan Matthews set a team single-season record with 1,262 receiving yards. His 87-reception total also ranks No. 2 all-time among Commodores. Senior quarterback Jordan Rodgers also produced a career season, hitting 59.5 percent of his passes for 2,431 yards, and 13 touchdowns.

The offense also showed improvement in turnovers and third down efficiency.

Besides Stacy, Donovan also mentored a running back corps that included running backs Wesley Tate and Brian Kimbrow.

**MORE ON DONOVAN**

Donovan's offense, led by all-time rushing leader Zac Stacy, receiver Jordan Matthews and quarterback Jordan Rodgers, averaged 39.8 points during the Commodores' six-game win streak to conclude the regular season. It also topped 40 points in five games, the most by a Vanderbilt squad since 1915.



**BOB SHOOP**  
**Def. Coordinator-Safeties**  
**2nd year on Vanderbilt staff**

Bob Shoop's second defense at Vanderbilt continued the same positive trends that began in 2011 when the Commodore defense enjoyed stunning, across-the-board improvement.

Despite missing four standouts from a year ago, the 2012 defense ranks among the NCAA's Top 20 in several key categories, including scoring

defense, total defense and pass defense.

The unit ranks 15th in the NCAA with a 18.3-point scoring defense. That total ranks as the fewest points allowed by a Vanderbilt defense

since 1974. The team's total defense average of 326.4 yards ranks 17th in the NCAA. The unit is even better in pass defense, where it ranks 10th nationally with a 175.8-yard average.

Shoop's attacking squad also performs well forcing fourth downs. The unit ranks 12th nationally on third down situations.

The pressuring unit also leads the SEC with 93 tackles for loss this year, the most by any SEC defense.

Shoop's defense enjoyed widespread success with limited individual recognition. Cornerback Andre Hal was the only Commodore to garner all-conference postseason honors.

Shoop also mentored Commodore safeties, developing Kenny Ladler and Javon Marshall into extremely productive starters. Ladler and Marshall topped the defense in tackles.

**MORE ON SHOOP**

Despite missing four quality starters from a year ago, Shoop's Vanderbilt defense didn't miss a beat. The unit ranked among NCAA leaders in several categories. The defense also held five SEC opponents under 20 points and posted its first shutout in conference play since 1968.



**CHARLES BANKS**  
**Special Teams Coordinator-TES**  
**2nd year on Vanderbilt staff**

In his second season on campus, Banks continued his remarkable job of coaching Vanderbilt special teams.

Behind the placekicking of junior Carey Spear and the punting of senior Richard Kent, the Commodores put together arguably the finest combined special teams effort in team history.

Spear was sensational, setting a school record with 19 field goals and 81 points scored by a kicker. He also ranked as the SEC's most accurate kicker, hitting 86.4 percent of his field goal attempts (19-of-22).

Kent wasn't outdone by Spear. The third-year starter averaged 44.8 yards, the fourth highest single-season average ever by a Commodore. His outstanding ability to directionally punt was extremely effective in limiting returns and pinning teams deep inside their 20-yard line.

Junior Jonathan Krause also made huge strides as a punt returner.

His 11.2-yard average was the second highest by a Commodore in the 20 years. He also became the first Vanderbilt player since 1968 to register two punt returns for touchdowns in the same season.

Banks also mentored a young and improving corps of tight ends. A pair of redshirt freshmen who developed nicely during the season, Steven Scheu and Kris Kentera, combined for 16 receptions and three TD catches.

**MORE ON BANKS**

For the first time in team history, both of Vanderbilt's specialists received All-Southeastern Conference recognition in the same season. Kicker Carey Spear was named Second Team All-SEC by Associated Press writers; punter Richard Kent earned Second Team All-SEC honors from the head coaches.





**George Barlow**  
**Def. Recruiting Coordinator-DBs**  
**1st year on Vanderbilt staff**

In his first season on the Vanderbilt staff, Barlow mentored the Commodore defensive backs into one of the Southeastern Conference's most productive units.

The defensive backs were part of a Vanderbilt defense that ranked among the NCAA's best in several pass defense categories. The

Commodores rank No. 10 in the NCAA – and third in the SEC – in pass defense, allowing just 175.8 yards. They are even better in defensive pass efficiency, ranking fifth in the nation with a 99.8 rating.

Barlow also did a superb job helping to develop first-year starting cornerback Andre Hal. The junior was named second team All-SEC for his outstanding play. receptions.

At the start of the season, Barlow became the third highly respected former NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) defensive coordinator on Franklin's staff, joining Bob Shoop and Brent Pry.

Barlow came to Vanderbilt after three years at New Mexico. In 2011, Barlow began the season as New Mexico's defensive coordinator and concluded as interim head coach.

Prior to New Mexico, Barlow served a highly successful decade mentoring defenses at James Madison (Va.) University, one of the top teams in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS).

**MORE ON BARLOW**

Barlow continued the recent run of outstanding Vanderbilt cornerbacks. Second-year starter Trey Wilson put together a solid year, and established a new team all-time record by returning two interceptions for touchdowns, running his career total to four. First-year starter Andre Hal turned plenty of heads, ranking third in the SEC in passes defending. Hal also became the fifth Commodore DB in the last six years to earn All-SEC recognition.



**Josh Gattis**  
**Off. Recruiting Coordinator-WRs**  
**1st year on Vanderbilt staff**

In his first year with the Commodores, Gattis mentored the most productive wide receiving corps in team history.

Gattis, who joined the Commodores after a successful season at Western Michigan, helped develop the talents of junior Jordan Matthews and redshirt sophomore Chris Boyd.

Combined, Matthews and Boyd put together receiving statistics

unmatched by any other Vanderbilt duo. The Matthews-Boyd tandem totalled 133 catches and 2,018 receiving yards, 138 yards more than the next closest Commodore duo.

Matthews was superb, earning consensus First Team All-SEC honors by ranking among the NCAA's Top Ten receivers with 87 catches and 1,262 receiving yards.

Boyd also enjoyed a sensational season with 46 catches and 756 receiving yards. They also combined to catch 11 touchdown passes.

Gattis came to Vanderbilt after mentoring Western Michigan receiver Jordan White to a spectacular All-America campaign in 2011. White set virtually every WMU receiving record working under Gattis' guidance.

**MORE ON GATTIS**

In 2011-12, Gattis' pupils have enjoyed staggering success at the wide receiver position. This year, Jordan Matthews has enjoyed arguably the greatest year ever by a Vanderbilt WR – 87 catches, 1,262 yards, seven TDs. In 2011, Gattis' top WR at Western Michigan, Jordan White, caught 140 passes for 1,911 receiving yards and 17 TDs.



**HERB HAND**  
**Offensive Line**  
**3rd year on Vanderbilt staff**

Hand continues to get excellent production from an offensive line that has lacked ideal size and depth.

This season, Hand continued to use innovation to maximize the effectiveness of his offensive line. Hand's belief in preparing linemen for multiple positions proved highly

beneficial when several players contributed key roles late in the year after shifting from their original position.

Hand's desire for versatility on the offensive front was on full display late in the season with the play of redshirt junior Wesley Johnson and senior Ryan Seymour. Johnson, recognized as an honorable mention All-SEC selection, played extremely well at right tackle after moving from left tackle. Seymour, a three-year starting guard who also took a few snaps at center, moved into Johnson's vacant left tackle role and performed at a high level.

Several other members of Hand's corps performed well as the Commodores featured one of the SEC's most balanced offensive attacks.

Senior Josh Jelesky continued to develop as a second-year offensive guard. When sophomore Joe Townsend was inserted at center, he played at a high level, earning SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week honors following his first career start. Another young prospect, redshirt freshman Jake Bernstein, blossomed as a starter in November.

**MORE ON HAND**

Hand's coaching job at Vanderbilt continues to get the attention of others. Two of his pupils – Wesley Johnson and Joe Townsend – received SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week honors after their outstanding individual effort in Commodore victories. The unit helped paved the way for a balanced attack that produced more points than other Vanderbilt offense since 1915.



## BRENT PRY

**Co-Defensive Coordinator-LBs  
2nd year on Vanderbilt staff**

Pry developed a linebacking corps that lacked depth and experience entering the year into one of the unit's most productive position groups by season's end.

Despite the graduation of team captain Chris Marve at middle

linebacker, Pry got career seasons from returning starters Chase Garnham and Archibald Barnes, developed Karl Butler into a quality third starting linebacker, and introduced three freshmen into key reserve roles.

After moving to middle linebacker during spring drills, Garnham topped the corps with 77 tackles and ranks among the SEC linebacker leaders with six quarterback sacks. Barnes contributed 66 tackles while Butler added 48 tackles while matching Garnham's team-high 11.5 tackles for loss.

Pry also mentored a pair of true freshmen, Darreon Herring and Jake Sealand, into key contributors. They combined for 53 tackles.

### MORE ON PRY

Pry's decision to move Chase Garnham to inside linebacker paid huge dividends. The junior earned All-SEC consideration after garnering 77 tackles, 11.5 tackles for loss and a team-high six sacks.



## SEAN SPENCER

**Defensive Line  
2nd year on Vanderbilt staff**

The Commodore defensive line corps continues to feed off the energy and enthusiasm of their mentor, Sean Spencer.

Several in the corps, including ends Johnell Thomas, Walker May and Kyle Woestmann, and interior

tackles Jared Morse and Barren Dixon, enjoyed career seasons in 2012 under Spencer's guidance.

In just two years, Spencer has developed one of the deepest lines in recent Vanderbilt memory. Up to five players rotated effectively this season at both the end and tackle positions.

Spencer's corps were topped by May, Morse, Thomas, senior tackle

Rob Lohr and freshman Caleb Azubike. May and Lohr topped the corps with 40 total tackles and 11 tackles for loss, respectively. Azubike and Woestmann shared the team high with four quarterback sacks. Thomas and Morse both registered career highs in total tackles.

### MORE ON SPENCER

Six different players mentored by Spencer posted career highs in total tackles, tackles for loss or quarterback sacks during the 2012 season.



## RICKY RAHNE

**Quarterbacks  
2nd year on Vanderbilt staff**

Rahne's work with redshirt senior Jordan Rodgers produced one of the finest campaigns ever by a Vanderbilt quarterback.

Rodgers, entering the season with seven career starts, prospered under Rahne's guidance. Rodgers' season

totals of 2,431 passing yards, 175 completions and 13 TD passes rank among the team's Top Ten single-season passing charts.

More importantly, Rodgers substantially improved from his junior to senior seasons in completion percentage and ball security. Rodgers pushed his completion percentage to a career-best 59.5% and threw just five interceptions.

Rahne also worked on the development of redshirt junior transfer

Austyn Carta-Samuels and promising freshman Patton Robinette.

### MORE ON RAHNE

One year after hitting 50 percent of his pass attempts, senior Jordan Rodgers was a totally different QB in 2012. He completed 59.5% of his passes, threw for the fifth highest yardage total ever by a Commodore, and compiled one of the SEC's best touchdown-to-interception ratios.



## DWIGHT GALT

**Dir. Performance Enhancement  
2nd year on Vanderbilt staff**

Vanderbilt Football student-athletes continue to flourish under the strength and conditioning program instituted by Director of Performance Enhancement, Dwight Galt.

Galt, along with assistants Chuck Losey and Barry Gant, direct a year-around program aimed at

improving speed, agility, strength, and power that the Commodore players have enthusiastically embraced.

The in-season training effort, aimed at maximizing results for the critical month of November, was extremely successful, with the Commodores using their enhanced preparedness to go 4-0 in the month. During the in-season training phase, the team's bench press average increased by 10.4 pounds.

### MORE ON GALT

Conditioning continues to be a big factor in Vanderbilt's success under James Franklin. For the second straight year, the Commodores reversed historical second half scoring trends. The 2012 'Dores outscored their opponents 181-119 after halftime.



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