



TEAM OUTLOOK



MASON'S SQUAD LOOKS FOR MORE PROGRESS

Head Coach **Derek Mason** will welcome a more experienced Vanderbilt squad when he starts his third season on campus.

Twenty-one players who started at least four games in 2015 and 57 letterwinners will greet Mason when preseason camp opens in early August. The returnees include eight position starters and 25 letterwinners on offense, 11 starters and 28 letterwinners on defense, and two starting specialists.

Vanderbilt looks to improve on a 2015 campaign when they finished fourth in the SEC Eastern Division. Mason believes his staff and Commodore student-athletes are on the right path.

"A 'team first' attitude prevails on this squad. I see great effort and camaraderie throughout the roster," Mason said. "After two years, we also have more upperclassmen, guys that know what it takes to play and compete in SEC football. The added experience will help this team succeed."

Three key areas of continuity should benefit the Commodores. The team enters its second year with Strength Coach **James Dobson**, whose early impact drastically upgraded fitness and conditioning throughout the roster in 2015. It also marks the second year that **Andy Ludwig** will guide the Commodore offense, which looks to vastly improve this year. And lastly, it's the second year that Mason will coordinate the Vanderbilt defense that was one of the nation's most improved units last year.

Ludwig's offense features 11 players who started multiple games last year, including quarterback **Kyle Shurmur**, running back **Ralph Webb**, wide receivers **Trent Sherfield**, **Darius Sims** and **Caleb Scott**, and linemen **Will Holden** and **Barrett Gouger**. The offense also gets four key players who missed all or most of last year with injury: offensive tackle **Andrew Jelks**, wide receiver **C.J. Duncan**, and tight ends **DeAndre Woods**

and **Jared Pinkney**.

The defense returns several top players from 2015, including All-SEC linebacker **Zach Cunningham**, defensive linemen **Adam Butler** and **Nifae Lealao**, cornerbacks **Torren McGaster** and **Tre Herndon**, and safety/linebacker **Oren Burks**. The unit also gets former standout linebacker **Nigel Bowden** back from injury.

Mason expects the 2016 Commodores to be more competitive and physical, and play smarter, more efficient football.

Vanderbilt kicks off with a Thursday night matchup, hosting South Carolina on Sept. 1 before an ESPN national television audience.

The schedule features five more games on campus: Middle Tennessee on Sept. 10, Florida on Oct. 1, Tennessee State on Oct. 22, Ole Miss on Nov. 19, and Tennessee on Nov. 26.

KEYS TO SUCCESS

WINNING TURNOVER MARGIN

Limiting turnovers on offense and creating more on defense. Vanderbilt needs to improve from a year ago when they were minus-8 in the critical stat.

GREATER OFFENSIVE PRODUCTION

With more depth and experience, the Commodore offense look to show drastic progress under second-year coordinator **Andy Ludwig**.

MORE EXPECTED FROM SPECIAL TEAMS

Vanderbilt made key coaching changes aimed at necessary upgrades in several areas of special teams.

OUTLOOK: BACKFIELD



COMMODORES HAVE EXPERIENCE AT QUARTERBACK AND RUNNING BACK

The Vanderbilt backfield includes running backs Ralph Webb (No. 7) and Dallas Rivers (No. 28) and quarterbacks Wade Freebeck (back left) and Kyle Shurmur.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD

STARTERS BACK: 2 LETTERWINNERS: 6

Much has changed for second-year coordinator **Andy Ludwig**, who managed to develop several quality playmakers from an offensive backfield that ranked among the SEC's least experienced units last year.

The 2016 backfield looks to feature two quarterbacks with starting collegiate experience and the top four rushers from a year ago.

Ludwig also has new quarterback and running back coaches, with **Gerry Gdowski** directing the signal callers and first-year coach **Jeff Genyk** mentoring running backs.

Gdowski expects projected starting quarterback **Kyle Shurmur** (So.) to be much improved. Shurmur displayed leadership and maturity as the 2015 season endured, then continued to gain confidence during spring drills.

Wade Freebeck (R-So.) gives the Commodores a second quarterback with starting experience. A four-game starter in 2014, Freebeck showed impressed during Spring Ball.

Shawn Stankavage (R-So.) continued to develop during spring drills, bringing dual-threat abilities to the position. **Deuce Wallace** (Fr.) showed ability during the spring after enrolling in classes last January.

The strength of the 'Dore backfield could be in the running back corps where record-breaking **Ralph Webb** (R-Jr.) leads a solid contingent.

In two years, Webb has smashed freshman and sophomore rushing records, and sits No. 8 all-time on the Commodore career charts entering the season. With 2,059 rushing yards, he also ranks fourth among all SEC backs.

Two top reserve backs from last year, **Dallas Rivers** (Jr.) and **Josh Crawford** (So.), also return for the Commodores. They combined for 253 yards in 2015.

No Commodore made a better impression during Spring Ball than **Khari Blasingame**, a former defensive player who brings a physical presence to the Vanderbilt offensive backfield.

Jaire George (R-Fr.) will look to impress coaches in August camp.

The signing class includes running back prospect **Jamauri Wakefield**.

QUARTERBACKS

Wade Freebeck.....Jr.....2L
Shawn Stankavage..R-So.....RS
Kyle Shurmur.....So.....1L
John Webb.....So.....SQ
Deuce Wallace.....Fr.....HS

BACKS

Ralph Webb.....R-Jr.....2L
Dallas Rivers.....Jr.....2L
Khari Blasingame.....R-So.....1L
Josh Crawford.....So.....1L
Jaire George.....R-Fr.....RS
Jamauri Wakefield.....Fr.....HS



FIVE OF SIX TOP RECEIVERS RETURN FROM YEAR AGO

Among the leading Commodore returnees at the wide receiver and tight end positions are, from left, Darrius Sims, Caleb Scott, Trent Sherfield, Nathan Marcus and C.J. Duncan.

RECEIVING CORPS

STARTERS BACK: 3 LETTERWINNERS: 12

The Commodores return three starters and a dozen letterwinners in an improved receiving corps that looks for further development this year.

Seven of the team's top eight aerial targets are back for offensive coordinator **Andy Ludwig** and wide receivers coach **Cortez Hankton**. The corps also is bolstered by the return of a top performer from 2014 that missed the entire 2015 season with injury.

The corps is led by **Trent Sherfield** (Jr.) and **Caleb Scott** (Jr.), who combined for 75 catches, 998 receiving yards and five touchdowns in 2015 as first-time starters at wide receiver. Sherfield gained All-SEC consideration with a breakout campaign, registering 51 receptions, 659 yards and three TDs.

Four veterans – **Latevius Rayford** (Sr.), **Darrius Sims** (Sr.), **C.J. Duncan** (R-So.) and **Chandler Dorrell** (Sr.) – bring quality depth to the wide receiver unit. In 2014, Rayford and Duncan paced 'Dore WRs with 36 receptions and 441 receiving yards, respectively. The team's receiving production in 2015 was hindered by Duncan's season-ending injury that came in preseason camp.

The roster of wideouts includes **Trey Ellis** (Jr.) and three talented prospects in the 2016 signing class: **Kalija Lipscomb**, **Donaven Tennyson** and **Jackson Winrow**.

TIGHT ENDS

Sean Dowling.....	Sr.....	2L
Nathan Marcus.....	R-Jr.....	2L
DeAndre Woods.....	R-Jr.....	2L
Kyle Anderton.....	So.....	1L
Sam Dobbs.....	So.....	1L
Jared Pinkney.....	R-Fr.....	RS
Turner Cockrell.....	Fr.....	HS

At tight end, the Commodores must replace two-year starter and current New England Patriot **Steven Scheu**. The unit has five players who contributed in 2015, including **Nathan Marcus** (R-Jr.), blocking specialist **Sean Dowling** (Sr.) and **DeAndre Woods** (R-Jr.). Woods was impressive early in the year, posting seven catches, before an injury ended his season prematurely.

Three second-year tight ends – **Kyle Anderton** (So.), **Sam Dobbs** (So.) and **Jared Pinkney** (R-Fr.) – also showed promise last year.

Tight end **Turner Cockrell** also signed in the 2016 class.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Chandler Dorrell.....	Sr.....	2L
Latevius Rayford.....	Sr.....	3L
Darrius Sims.....	Sr.....	3L
Trey Ellis.....	Jr.....	2L
Caleb Scott.....	Jr.....	2L
Trent Sherfield.....	Jr.....	2L
C.J. Duncan.....	R-So.....	1L
Winston Guillory.....	So.....	SQ
Reese Wilson.....	So.....	SQ
Kalija Lipscomb.....	Fr.....	HS
Donaven Tennyson.....	Fr.....	HS
Jackson Winrow.....	Fr.....	HS

OUTLOOK: OFFENSIVE LINE



VETERAN QUARTET LEADS COMMODORE OFFENSIVE LINE

From left, Barrett Gouger, Andrew Jelks, Delando Crooks and Will Holden bring starting experience to the offensive line corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE

STARTERS BACK: 3 LETTERWINNERS: 8

The Vanderbilt offensive line features eight returning letterwinners, including five players who earned multiple starts last year.

The unit showed greater cohesiveness during Spring Ball under the direction of offensive line coach **Cameron Norcross**, who joined the staff in the offseason following a successful tenure at Fresno State.

Norcross concentrated on fundamentals and chemistry during spring drills. This August, he will have to determine who will fill voids left by the graduation of multi-year starters **Spencer Pulley** and **Jake Bernstein**.

The Commodore line is headlined by senior tackles **Will Holden** and **Andrew Jelks**. Both Holden, with 23 career starts, and Jelks, with 21 starts, possesses All-SEC abilities.

Holden protected the quarterback's blindside at left tackle last year after starting at right tackle as a sophomore in 2014. Holden's move was necessitated when Jelks, a 2013 Freshman All-America and SEC All-Freshman performer, suffered a season-ending injury in summer camp. Jelks has returned with an impressive offseason regiment and enters his final season at full strength.

Bailey Granier (R-So.) and **Justin Skule** (So.) will benefit substantially from limited starting assignments at tackle last year. **Jared Southers** (Fr.)

also impressed during spring drills and will compete for playing time.

Three players return with starting experience at guard: **Barrett Gouger** (Sr.), **Delando Crooks** (R-Jr.) and **Bruno Reagan** (R-Fr.). Gouger and Reagan were multi-game starters last year. The 'Dores need a healthy campaign from Crooks, who started the 2015 opener but struggled with injuries much of the year.

Egidio DellaRipa (Jr.) also will look to break into the guard rotation this August.

At center, Gouger, **Cole Hardin** (R-So.) and **Ean Pfeifer** (R-Fr.) are prospects to replace Pulley.

New arrivals on the offensive line include highly regarded signees **Sean Auwae-McMoore**, **Devin Cochran** and **Braden Kopp**.

OFFENSIVE LINE

Barrett Gouger (C/OG)	Sr	3L
Will Holden (OT)	Sr	3L
Andrew Jelks (OT)	Sr	2L
Delando Crooks (OG)	R-Jr	2L
Bailey Granier (OG/OT)	R-So	1L
Cole Hardin (C/OG)	R-So	1L
Bruno Reagan (OG)	R-So	1L
Egidio DellaRipa (OG)	Jr	SQ
Justin Skule (OT)	So	1L
Ean Pfeifer (C/OG)	R-Fr	RS
Jared Southers (OT)	R-Fr	RS
Devin Cochran	Fr	HS
Sean Auwae-McMoore	Fr	HS
Braden Kopp	Fr	HS



OUTLOOK: DEFENSIVE LINE



'DORES FEATURE SOLID DEPTH ON DEFENSIVE LINE
From left, Jonathan Wynn, Torey Agee, Adam Butler, Jay Woods and Nifae Lealao all return after earning starts last year on the Commodore defensive front.

DEFENSIVE LINE

STARTERS BACK: 5 LETTERWINNERS: 7

With five veterans back with starting experience, the defensive line appears to be one of the Commodores' deepest position groupings.

First-year defensive coach **C.J. Ah You** will welcome seven key letterwinners, including four tackles and two ends who earned multiple starts a year ago.

The Commodores feature **Nifae Lealao (Jr.)** and **Jay Woods (R-Jr.)** at the nose of their 3-4 defense. After totalling 18 tackles and concluding the 2015 season with four straight starts, Lealao continued to develop his skills during Spring Ball. Woods topped all defensive line returnees with 24 tackles and two forced fumbles as a five-game starter in 2015, but missed much of spring drills due to injury.

Coaches hope **Darion DeBrossard (R-Fr.)** can develop into a key contributor with Lealao and Woods.

Two fifth-year seniors, **Torey Agee** and **Adam Butler**, are proven performers who have the versatility to handle all three defensive line responsibilities. The duo combined for 35 tackles, 10 tackles for loss and five quarterback sacks last year.

At the end position, the Commodores can match Agee and Butler with **Jonathan Wynn (R-Jr.)** and **Nehemiah Mitchell (Sr.)**. After playing outside linebacker in 2014, Wynn contributed 21 tackles and added three tackles for loss as a four-game starter at end last year. Mitchell moved to end during spring drills after registering 24 tackles in 2015 as an outside linebacker.

Two young 'Dores who flashed in Spring Ball, **Dare Odeyingdo (So.)** and **Riley Tindol (Jr.)** could break into the playing rotation with a strong preseason camp.

The Commodores also added three defensive line prospects in the '16 signing class: **Drew Birchmeier**, **Josiah Sa'o** and **Cameron Tidd**.

DL CORPS

Torey Agee	.....Sr	.....3L
Adam Butler	.....Sr	.....3L
Nehemiah Mitchell	.....Sr	.....1L
Jay Woods	.....R-Jr	.....2L
Jonathan Wynn	.....R-Jr	.....2L
Nifae Lealao	.....Jr	.....2L
Riley Tindol	.....Jr	.....SQ
Dare Odeyingdo	.....So	.....1L
Darion DeBrossard	.....R-Fr	.....RS
Drew Birchmeier	.....Fr	.....HS
Josiah Sa'o	.....Fr	.....HS
Cameron Tidd	.....Fr	.....HS

OUTLOOK: LINEBACKERS



FOUR STARTERS RETURN IN LINEBACKING CORPS

From left, Zach Cunningham, Nigel Bowden, Landon Stokes and Oren Burks are veterans who have all started multiple games for the Vanderbilt defense.

LINEBACKERS

STARTERS BACK: 3 LETTERWINNERS: 10

Four starters and 10 letterwinners from a year ago highlight a talented Commodore linebacker corps.

The unit, headlined by the return of All-SEC performers **Zach Cunningham** (R-Jr.) and **Nigel Bowden** (R-Jr.), was a strength of the 2015 defense that ranked among the nation's most improved.

This year, the corps will be mentored by new position coaches **Osia Lewis** and **Chris Marve**. Lewis, hired by Derek Mason as a senior assistant, will coach outside linebackers in Vanderbilt's 3-4 base alignment. Marve, a former Commodore standout, will coach inside linebackers.

Potentially, Marve's inside duo of Cunningham and Bowden ranks among the nation's best. Cunningham enjoyed a breakout season in 2015, earning third team All-America and unanimous first team All-SEC honors after posting 103 tackles, 16.5 tackles for loss, four sacks, four forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries. Cunningham should benefit from the return of Bowden, a physical presence who missed nearly all of last year with injury after earning SEC All-Freshman recognition in 2014.

With 59 career tackles, **Ja'kari Thomas** (Sr.) provides experienced, quality inside depth.

The staff is eager to see the progress of a highly-regarded group of

second-year linebackers, including **Josh Smith** (So.), **Jordan Griffin** (So.) and **Jay Hockaday** (So.).

At outside linebacker, Lewis has **Landon Stokes** (Jr.) back after starting the last five games a year ago. Stokes contributed 24 tackles, including three for loss, in 2015.

Charles Wright (R-So.) was one of the top defensive performers in spring drills, showing speed and explosiveness as an edge rusher.

Caleb Peart (R-Fr.) also impressed the staff during Spring Ball with his continued development.

The entire corps was strengthened during the spring when **Oren Burks** (R-Jr.) moved to the hybrid 'Star' position. The physical former safety, who contributed a team-high three interceptions last year, brings tremendous versatility to the corps.

The Commodores also added two linebacker prospects in the 2016 signing class: **Kenny Hebert** and **Andre Mintze**.

LINEBACKERS

Ja'kari Thomas.....Sr.....	3L
Nigel Bowden.....R-Jr.....	1L
Oren Burks.....R-Jr.....	2L
Zach Cunningham.....R-Jr.....	2L
Landon Stokes.....R-Jr.....	2L
Bradyn Jasper.....Jr.....	SQ
Charles Wright.....R-So.....	1L
Jordan Griffin.....So.....	1L
Jay Hockaday.....So.....	1L
Josh Smith.....So.....	1L
Caleb Peart.....R-Fr.....	RS
Kenny Hebert.....Fr.....	HS
Andre Mintze.....Fr.....	HS



OUTLOOK: SECONDARY



THREE STARTERS RETURN IN COMMODORE SECONDARY

Senior Torren McGaster, center, returns as a two-year starter in the secondary. Other key contributors in the defensive backfield are (front row, from left) safety Ryan White and cornerback Taurean Ferguson, and safeties (back row) Emmanuel Smith and Arnold Tarpley.

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD

STARTERS BACK: 3 LETTERWINNERS: 10

Sporting one of the Southeastern Conference's leading cornerback duos, the Commodores return an athletic defensive secondary.

The youthful secondary includes just one senior performer among 10 returnees who played significant minutes a year ago.

This year, coach **Marc Mattioli** will look for the secondary to create more turnovers. In 2015, the unit registered just six interceptions and four fumble recoveries.

The unit is headlined by returning cornerback starters **Torren McGaster** (Sr.) and **Tre Herndon** (Jr.). McGaster, an All-SEC caliber player, was one of the league's most active defensive backs in 2015, registering 13 defensed passes and 41 solo tackles. Herndon impressed as a first-year starter last year, notching 35 solo tackles among 47 total stops.

Taurean Ferguson (R-Jr.), a seven-game career starter, is expected to push McGaster and Herndon for a starting role. Three young cornerbacks – **Donovan Sheffield** (So.), **Bryce Lewis** (R-So.) and freshman early enrollee **Joejuan Williams** – also impressed during Spring Ball and will contend for more playing time this year.

The 2016 signing class also includes prospective cornerbacks

CORNERBACKS

Torren McGaster	Sr	3L
Taurean Ferguson	R-Jr	2L
Tre Herndon	Jr	2L
Bryce Lewis	R-So	1L
Donovan Sheffield	So	1L
Frank Coppet	Fr	HS
Elijah Hamilton	Fr	HS
Joejuan Williams	Fr	HS

SAFETIES

Jalen Banks	R-Jr	2L
Ryan White	R-Jr	2L
Emmanuel Smith	Jr	2L
Arnold Tarpley	Jr	2L
LaDarius Wiley	R-So	1L
Andrew Rector	So	1L
Zaire Jones	Fr	HS
Austin Quillen	Fr	HS

Frank Coppet and Elijah Hamilton.

At safety, the Commodores lost a pair of starters, but return three veterans eager for expanded roles. **Ryan White** (R-Jr.), **Arnold Tarpley** (Jr.) and **Emmanuel Smith** (Jr.) bring starting experience from a year ago to the safety position. White enjoyed his finest year in 2015, providing leadership while contributing 28 tackles, a forced fumble and interception. Tarpley totalled 36 tackles as an eight-game starter. Smith also produced double-digit tackles in the secondary.

Jalen Banks (R-Jr.), **LaDarius Wiley** (R-So.), **Andrew Rector** (So.) early enrollee **Zaire Jones** (Fr.) and 2016 signee **Austin Quillen** will get plenty of opportunities this summer looking to break into the rotation.



OPENSHAW LEADS RETURNING SPECIALISTS

Kicker Tommy Openshaw, center, shown with punt returner Ryan White, left, and kick returner Darrius Sims.

SPECIAL TEAMS

STARTERS BACK: 3 LETTERWINNERS: 7

Derek Mason made substantial offseason changes intended to upgrade Commodore special teams. The most significant move was to attract **Jeff Genyk** aboard to coordinate the units.

Genyk, a former collegiate head coach who comes to Vanderbilt following successful stints at two Big Ten schools, will look to improve return and coverage squads that ranked low in the Southeastern Conference. Mason and Genyk focused attention to all aspects of special teams during Spring Ball.

One of Genyk's priorities is to lessen the workload on junior **Tommy Openshaw**. Genyk plans to have Openshaw, a dual kicker-punter last year, concentrate on placekicking where he has All-SEC potential. As a sophomore, Openshaw made 12 of 19 field goals, including seven of 11 from 40 yards and beyond, but tired late in the season.

Junior walk-on **Hayden Lekacz** will compete with Openshaw for the kicking duties. Lekacz also brings experience as a kickoff specialist.

Reid Nelson (Jr.) or **Sam Loy** (Fr.) are likely candidates to handle the team's punting responsibilities.

Two seniors, **Jacob Schultz** and **Wilson Johnson**, are expected to handle the Commodores' snap responsibilities. Schultz, who performed all snapping chores for much of the 2015 season, likely will snap for all conversions. Johnson is expected to be the team's long snapper.

Davis Winkie (Jr.) will compete with Schultz and Johnson for the

PLACEKICKERS

Tommy Openshaw.....R-Jr.....2L
Hayden Lekacz.....Jr.....2L

PUNTERS

Reid Nelson.....Jr.....SQ
Sam Loy.....Fr.....HS

SNAPPERS

Wilson Johnson (LS).....Sr.....1L
Jacob Schultz (SN).....Sr.....1L
Davis Winkie.....Jr.....SQ

RETURNERS

Darrius Sims (KR).....Sr.....3L
Ralph Webb (KR).....R-Jr.....2L
Ryan White (PR).....R-Jr.....2L
C.J. Duncan (PR).....R-So.....1L
Dallas Rivers (KR).....Jr.....2L

snapping roles.

Darrius Sims (Sr.), **Dallas Rivers**

(Jr.) and **Ralph Webb** (Jr.) are

expected to compete at kick returner, where the 2015 Commodores averaged less than 20 yards for the first time in seven years. Sims was one of the SEC's most explosive returners earlier in his career, averaging 24.5 yards as a sophomore in 2014.

C.J. Duncan (R-So.), **Ryan White** (R-Jr.) and **Trey Ellis** (Jr.) are potential punt returners where the Commodores averaged only 6.4 yards a year ago.

COMMODORE ROSTER

ROSTER A-Z

NO.	NAME	POS.
94	Torey Agee	DL
88	Kyle Anderton	TE
53	Sean Auwae-McMoore	OL
24	Jalen Banks	SAF
91	Drew Birchmeier	DL
23	Khari Blasingame	RB
52	Nigel Bowden	ILB
20	Oren Burks	STAR
69	Adam Butler	DL
77	Devin Cochran	OL
35	Frank Coppet	CB
22	Josh Crawford	RB
64	Delando Crooks	OL
41	Zach Cunningham	ILB
70	Darion DeBrossard	DL
76	Egidio DellaRipa	OL
84	Sam Dobbs	TE
18	Chandler Dorrell	WR
89	Sean Dowling	TE
19	C.J. Duncan	WR
36	Trey Ellis	WR
3	Taurean Ferguson	CB
12	Wade Freebeck	QB
27	Jaire George	RB
56	Barrett Gouger	OL
75	Bailey Granier	OL
43	Jordan Griffin	ILB
87	Winston Guillory	WR
15	Elijah Hamilton	CB
60	Cole Hardin	OL
42	Kenny Hebert	OLB
31	Tre Herndon	CB
33	Jay Hockaday	ILB
74	Will Holden	OL
56	Bradyn Jasper	LB
50	Andrew Jelks	OL
37	Wilson Johnson	SN
12	Zaire Jones	SAF
65	Braden Kopp	OL
77	Nifae Lealao	DL
93	Hayden Lekacz	PK
30	Bryce Lewis	CB
16	Kalija Lipscomb	WR
19	Sam Loy	P
83	Nathan Marcus	TE
54	Kade Mayle	DL
5	Torren McGaster	CB
48	Andre Mintze	OLB
44	Nehemiah Mitchell	DL
97	Reid Nelson	P
34	Dare Odeyingbo	DE
17	Tommy Openshaw	PK/P
9	Caleb Peart	OLB
57	Ean Pfeifer	OL
80	Jared Pinkney	TE
29	Austin Quillen	SAF
86	Latevius Rayford	WR

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YEAR	CL.	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL (OTHER)
2	Deuce Wallace	QB	6-2	205	Fr.	HS	Sevierville, Tenn./Sevier Co.
2	Arnold Tarpley	SAF	6-1	200	Jr.	2L	Pittsburgh, Pa./Central Catholic
3	Taurean Ferguson	CB	5-9	190	Jr.	2L	Jonesboro, Ga./Jonesboro
3	Shawn Stankavage	QB	6-2	201	R-So.	RS	Durham, N.C./Cardinal Gibbons
4	Donaven Tennyson	WR	5-10	164	Fr.	HS	Richmond, Va./Benedictine Prep
4	John Webb	QB	6-0	200	So.	SQ	Dallas, Texas/St. Mark's
5	Torren McGaster	CB	6-0	198	Sr.	3L	Daphne, Ala./Daphne
6	Darrius Sims	WR	5-9	191	Sr.	3L	Memphis, Tenn./Whitehaven
7	Emmanuel Smith	SAF	6-2	219	Jr.	2L	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Oakland
7	Ralph Webb	RB	5-10	202	Jr.	2L	Gainesville, Fla./Gainesville
9	Caleb Peart	OLB	6-1	234	R-Fr.	RS	Gilbert, Ariz./Hamilton
9	Caleb Scott	WR	6-2	202	Jr.	2L	Suwanee, Ga./North Gwinnett
10	Trent Sherfield	WR	6-1	200	Jr.	2L	Danville, Ill./Danville
11	Jackson Winrow	WR	6-1	182	Fr.	HS	Shawnee, Okla./Shawnee
11	Charles Wright	OLB	6-3	237	R-So.	1L	Irvine, Calif./Beckman
12	Wade Freebeck	QB	6-5	225	Jr.	2L	Davie, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas
12	Zaire Jones	SAF	6-0	193	Fr.	HS	Meridian, Miss./Meridian
13	LaDarius Wiley	SAF	6-1	205	R-So.	1L	Los Angeles, Calif./Cathedral
14	Kyle Shurmur	QB	6-4	223	So.	HS	Philadelphia, Pa./LaSalle College
14	Ryan White	SAF	5-10	188	Jr.	2L	Louisville, Ky./Trinity
15	Elijah Hamilton	CB	6-2	195	Fr.	HS	Roswell, Ga./Blessed Trinity Catholic
16	Kalija Lipscomb	WR	6-1	190	Fr.	HS	New Orleans, La./Jesuit
17	Tommy Openshaw	PK/P	6-2	195	Jr.	2L	Jacksonville, Fla./Creekside
17	Joejuan Williams	CB	6-3	202	Fr.	HS	Nashville, Tenn./Father Ryan
18	Chandler Dorrell	WR	5-11	188	Sr.	2L	Nashville, Tenn./St. Thomas Aquinas
19	C.J. Duncan	WR	5-11	203	R-So.	1L	Montgomery, Ala./St. James School
19	Sam Loy	P	6-1	195	Fr.	HS	San Clemente, Calif./Catholic
20	Oren Burks	STAR	6-3	222	R-Jr.	2L	Fairfax Station, Va./South Co.
21	Donovan Sheffield	CB	5-11	190	So.	1L	Nashville, Tenn./Ensworth
22	Josh Crawford	RB	5-10	202	So.	1L	Wetumpka, Ala./Edgewood Academy
23	Khari Blasingame	RB	6-1	235	R-So.	1L	New Market, Ala./Buckhorn
24	Jalen Banks	SAF	5-11	204	R-Jr.	2L	Markham, Ill./Thornton Township
25	Josh Smith	OLB	6-3	236	So.	1L	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Oakland
26	Andrew Rector	SAF	6-0	198	So.	1L	Nashville, Tenn./Father Ryan
27	Jaire George	RB	6-1	210	R-Fr.	RS	Hyattville, Md./DeMatha Catholic
28	Dallas Rivers	RB	6-1	225	Jr.	2L	Stone Mtn., Ga./Stephenson
29	Austin Quillen	SAF	5-11	190	Fr.	HS	Jenks, Okla./Jenks
30	Bryce Lewis	CB	6-0	185	R-So.	1L	Lilburn, Ga./Parkview
31	Tre Herndon	CB	6-1	188	Jr.	2L	Chattanooga, Tenn./East Hamilton
32	Jamauri Wakefield	RB	6-1	215	Fr.	HS	Jacksonville, Fla./Providence
33	Jay Hockaday	ILB	6-3	220	So.	1L	Nashville, Tenn./Christ Presbyterian
34	Dare Odeyingbo	DE	6-2	262	So.	1L	Irving, Texas/Cistercian Prep
35	Frank Coppet	CB	5-11	185	Fr.	HS	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas
36	Trey Ellis	WR	5-9	170	Jr.	2L	Charlotte, N.C./Ardrey Kell
37	Wilson Johnson	SN	6-0	212	Sr.	1L	Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell
40	Ja'karri Thomas	ILB	6-1	225	Sr.	3L	Tallahassee, Fla./Godby
41	Zach Cunningham	ILB	6-4	230	R-Jr.	2L	Pinson, Ala./Pinson Valley

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42	Kenny Hebert	OLB	6-4	220	Fr.	HS	New Orleans, La./Holy Cross
43	Jordan Griffin	ILB	6-1	224	So.	1L	Tampa, Fla./Armwood
44	Nehemiah Mitchell	DL	6-4	260	Sr.	1L	Hayward, Calif./CC-San Francisco
46	Reese Wilson	WR	5-10	165	So.	HS	Rockwall, Texas/Rockwall-Heath
48	Andre Mintze	OLB	6-3	225	Fr.	HS	Philadelphia, Pa./Imhotep Institute
48	Jacob Schultz	SN	6-4	235	Sr.	1L	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Siegel
49	Jonathan Wynn	DE	6-4	258	R-Jr.	2L	Stone Mtn., Ga./Stephenson
50	Andrew Jelks	OL	6-6	305	Sr.	2L	Paris, Tenn./Henry Co.
51	Davis Winkie	SN	6-4	250	Jr.	SQ	Cumming, Ga./South Forsyth
52	Nigel Bowden	ILB	6-1	240	R-Jr.	2L	Macon, Ga./Central
53	Sean Auwae-McMoore	OL	6-5	308	Fr.	HS	Kapolei, Hawaii/Kapolei
54	Kade Mayle	DL	6-3	275	Jr.	SQ	McConnelsville, Ohio/Morgan
56	Barrett Gouger	OL	6-4	305	Sr.	3L	Soddy Daisy, Tenn./Baylor
56	Bradyn Jasper	ILB	6-1	245	Jr.	SQ	Washington, Mo./St. Francis Borgia
57	Ean Pfeifer	OL	6-4	290	R-Fr.	RS	Bentonville, Ark./Bentonville
57	Josiah Sa'o	DL	6-2	290	Fr.	HS	San Diego, Calif./Kearney
58	Justin Skule	OL	6-6	305	So.	1L	Clifton, Va./Centreville
60	Cole Hardin	OL	6-4	305	R-So.	1L	Florence, Ala./Florence
48	Jacob Schultz	SN	6-4	235	Sr.	1L	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Siegel
61	Bruno Reagan	OL	6-3	310	R-So.	1L	Clarksville, Tenn./Clarksville
64	Delando Crooks	OL	6-5	305	R-Jr.	2L	Atlanta, Ga./Carver
65	Braden Kopp	OL	6-5	280	Fr.	HS	Houston, Texas/Houston Christian
69	Adam Butler	DL	6-4	295	Sr.	3L	Duncanville, Texas/Duncanville
70	Darion DeBrossard	DL	6-4	290	R-Fr.	RS	Snellville, Ga./Shiloh
71	Jared Southers	OL	6-4	308	R-Fr.	RS	South Orange, N.J./Seton Hall Prep
74	Will Holden	OL	6-6	312	Sr.	3L	Green Cove Springs, Fla./Clay
74	Jay Woods	DL	6-3	285	R-Jr.	2L	Jackson, Ga./Jackson
75	Bailey Granier	OL	6-6	320	So.	1L	Galliano, La./South Lafourche
76	Egidio DellaRipa	OL	6-4	295	Jr.	SQ	Castaic, Calif./College of the Canyons
77	Devin Cochran	OL	6-7	305	Fr.	HS	Norcross, Ga./Greater Atl. Christian
77	Nifae Lealao	DL	6-5	312	Jr.	2L	Sacramento, Calif./Capital Christian
80	Jared Pinkney	TE	6-4	250	R-Fr.	RS	Norcross, Ga./Norcross
82	Turner Cockrell	TE	6-5	220	Fr.	HS	Acworth, Ga./Allatonna
83	Nathan Marcus	TE	6-5	244	Jr.	2L	Glen Ellyn, Ill./Glenbard West
84	Sam Dobbs	TE	6-4	220	So.	1L	Douglasville, Ga./Landmark Christian
85	DeAndre Woods	TE	6-3	238	Jr.	2L	Clay, Ala./Clay-Chalkville
86	Latevius Rayford	WR	6-1	201	Sr.	3L	Memphis, Tenn./Central
87	Winston Guillory	WR	5-11	170	So.	SQ	Dallas, Texas/Episcopal
88	Kyle Anderton	TE	6-4	255	So.	1L	Hendersonville, Tenn./Station Camp
89	Sean Dowling	TE	6-5	265	Sr.	2L	Fallbrook, Calif./Fallsbrook Union
90	Cameron Tidd	DL	6-3	275	Fr.	HS	Greenwood, Ind./Center Grove
91	Drew Birchmeier	DL	6-4	280	Fr.	HS	Midlothian, Va./Cosby
93	Hayden Lekacz	PK	6-0	195	Jr.	2L	Glen Ellyn, Ill./Glenbard West
94	Torey Agee	DL	6-4	285	Sr.	3L	Opelika, Ala./Opelika
95	Riley Tindol	DL	6-5	267	Jr.	SQ	Billingsley, Ala./Autauga Academy
97	Reid Nelson	P	6-2	215	Jr.	SQ	Hueytown, Ala./Hueytown
99	Landon Stokes	OLB	6-4	240	R-Jr.	2L	Orlando, Fla./Lake Highland Prep

ROSTER A-Z

NO.	NAME	POS.
61	Bruno Reagan	OL
29	Andrew Rector	SAF
28	Dallas Rivers	RB
57	Josiah Sa'o	DL
48	Jacob Schultz	SN
9	Caleb Scott	WR
21	Donovan Sheffield	CB
10	Trent Sherfield	WR
14	Kyle Shurmur	QB
6	Darrius Sims	WR
58	Justin Skule	OL
7	Emmanuel Smith	SAF
25	Josh Smith	LB
71	Jared Southers	OL
3	Shawn Stankavage	QB
99	Landon Stokes	OLB
2	Arnold Tarpley	SAF
4	Donaven Tennyson	WR
40	Ja'karri Thomas	ILB
90	Cameron Tidd	DL
95	Riley Tindol	DL
32	Jamauri Wakefield	RB
2	Deuce Wallace	QB
4	John Webb	QB
7	Ralph Webb	RB
14	Ryan White	SAF
13	LaDarius Wiley	SAF
17	Joejuan Williams	CB
46	Reese Wilson	WR
51	Davis Winkie	SN
11	Jackson Winrow	WR
85	DeAndre Woods	TE
74	Jay Woods	DL
11	Charles Wright	OLB
49	Jonathan Wynn	DE

PRONUNCIATIONS

PLAYERS

Sean Auwae (**Ah-way**)-McMoore
 Khari (**car-EE**) Blasingame
 Jaire (**JIE-air**) George
 Bailey Granier (**graun-ya-e**)
 Barrett Gouger (**Gow-gurr**)
 Nifae (**Knee-FY**) Lealao (**Lee-AL-oh**)
 Hayden Lekacz (**la-koch**)
 Andre Mintze (**mence**)
 Dare (**dar-ee**) Odeyingbo (**O-duh-yeng-BO**)
 Caleb Peart (**peert**)
 Latevius (**la-tay-vee-us**) Rayford
 Josiah Sa'o (**sah-O**)
 Darrius (**Dare-ee-us**) Sims
 Ja'karri (**jah-CAR-ee**) Thomas
 Riley Tindol (**ten-doll**)

COACHES

Gerry (**Jerry**) Gdowski (**Guh-DOW-ski**)
 Osia (**Oh-say**) Lewis
 C.J. Ah You (**ah U**)

POSITION DEPTH

Note: The listing below is not a preseason depth chart. It is intended to show position depth. Vanderbilt coaches will release an updated depth chart in late August. Players in **bold** started at least five games in 2015.

OFFENSE

WR	18	Chandler Dorrell	5-11, 188, Sr.
	6	Darius Sims	5-9, 191, Sr.
	86	Latevius Rayford	6-1, 201, Sr.
	9	Caleb Scott	6-2, 202, Jr.
	10	Trent Sherfield	6-0, 200, Jr.
	36	Trey Ellis	5-9, 170, Jr.
	19	C.J. Duncan	5-11, 203, R-So.
	87	Winston Guillory	5-10, 170, So.
	46	Reese Wilson	5-10, 165, So.
	16	Kalija Lipscomb	6-1, 190, Fr.
	4	Donaven Tennyson	5-10, 164, Fr.
QB	11	Jackson Winrow	6-1, 182, Fr.
	12	Wade Freebeck	6-5, 225, Jr.
	3	Shawn Stankavage	6-2, 201, R-So.
	14	Kyle Shurmur	6-4, 223, So.
RB	4	John Webb	5-10, 200, So.
	2	Deuce Wallace	6-2, 205, Fr.
	7	Ralph Webb	5-10, 202, R-Jr.
	28	Dallas Rivers	6-1, 225, Jr.
	23	Khari Blasingame	6-1, 235, R-So.
	22	Josh Crawford	5-10, 202, So.
	27	Jaire George	6-1, 210, R-Fr.
TE	32	Jamauri Wakefield	6-1, 215, Fr.
	89	Sean Dowling	6-5, 265, Sr.
	83	Nathan Marcus	6-5, 244, R-Jr.
	85	DeAndre Woods	6-3, 238, R-Jr.
	88	Kyle Anderton	6-5, 255, So.
	84	Sam Dobbs	6-4, 220, So.
OT	80	Jared Pinkney	6-4, 250, R-Fr.
	82	Turner Cockrell	6-5, 220, Fr.
	74	Will Holden	6-7, 312, Sr.
	50	Andrew Jelks	6-6, 305, Sr.
	75	Bailey Granier	6-6, 320, So.
C/OG	58	Justin Skule	6-6, 305, So.
	71	Jared Southers	6-5, 308, R-Fr.
	77	Devin Cochran	6-7, 305, Fr.
	56	Barrett Gouger	6-4, 305, Sr.
	64	Delando Crooks	6-5, 305, R-Jr.
	76	Egidio DellaRipa	6-4, 295, Jr.
	60	Cole Hardin	6-4, 305, R-So.
	61	Bruno Reagan	6-3, 310, So.
	57	Ean Pfeifer	6-4, 290, R-Fr.
53	Sean Auwae-McMoore	6-4, 308, Fr.	
65	Braden Kopp	6-5, 280, Fr.	

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	17	Tommy Openshaw	6-2, 195, R-Jr.
	97	Reid Nelson	6-2, 215, R-So.
	19	Sam Loy	6-1, 195, Fr.
PK	17	Tommy Openshaw	6-2, 195, R-Jr.
	93	Hayden Lekacz	6-0, 195, Jr.

DEFENSE

DL	94	Torey Agee	6-4, 285, Sr.
	69	Adam Butler	6-5, 295, Sr.
	44	Nehemiah Mitchell	6-4, 260, Sr.
	74	Jay Woods	6-3, 285, R-Jr.
	77	Nifae Lealao	6-5, 312, Jr.
	95	Riley Tindol	6-5, 267, Jr.
	70	Darion DeBrossard	6-4, 295, R-Fr.
	49	Jonathan Wynn	6-5, 258, R-Jr.
	34	Dare Odeyingbo	6-2, 262, So.
	91	Drew Birchmeier	6-4, 280, Fr.
	57	Josiah Sa'o	6-2, 290, Fr.
LB	90	Cameron Tidd	6-3, 275, Fr.
	40	Ja'karri Thomas	6-1, 225, Sr.
	20	Oren Burks	6-3, 222, R-Jr.
	52	Nigel Bowden	6-1, 240, R-Jr.
	41	Zach Cunningham	6-4, 230, R-Jr.
	99	Landon Stokes	6-4, 240, R-Jr.
	56	Bradyn Jasper	6-2, 245, Jr.
	11	Charles Wright	6-3, 237, R-So.
	43	Jordan Griffin	6-1, 224, So.
	33	Jay Hockaday	6-3, 220, So.
	9	Caleb Peart	6-1, 234, So.
CB	25	Josh Smith	6-4, 236, So.
	42	Kenny Hebert	6-4, 220, Fr.
	48	Andre Mintze	6-3, 225, Fr.
	5	Torren McGaster	6-1, 198, Sr.
	3	Taurean Ferguson	5-9, 188, R-Jr.
	31	Tre Herndon	6-1, 188, Jr.
	30	Bryce Lewis	6-0, 185, R-So.
	21	Donovan Sheffield	5-11, 190, So.
	35	Frank Coppet	5-11, 180, Fr.
	15	Elijah Hamilton	6-2, 195, Fr.
	17	Joejuan Williams	6-3, 202, Fr.
SAFETY	24	Jalen Banks	5-11, 204, R-Jr.
	14	Ryan White	5-9, 188, R-Jr.
	7	Emmanuel Smith	6-2, 219, Jr.
	2	Arnold Tarpley	6-0, 200, Jr.
	13	LaDarius Wiley	6-1, 205, Jr.
	26	Andrew Rector	6-0, 198, So.
	12	Zaire Jones	6-0, 193, Fr.
29	Austin Quillen	5-11, 190, Fr.	

SPECIAL TEAMS

SN	37	Wilson Johnson	6-2, 212, Sr.
	60	Jacob Schultz	6-4, 235, Sr.
	51	Davis Winkie	6-4, 250, Jr.
HOLD	14	Kyle Shurmur	6-4, 223, So.
	6	Darius Sims	5-9, 191, Sr.
KOR	28	Dallas Rivers	6-1, 225, Jr.
	14	Ryan White	5-9, 188, R-Jr.
PR	14	Ryan White	5-9, 188, R-Jr.
	36	Trey Ellis	5-9, 170, Jr.

BY THE NUMBERS



VANDERBILT ROSTER BY STATE OF RESIDENCE

ALABAMA (10)		Landon Stokes	Orlando	KENTUCKY (1)		TENNESSEE (17)	
Torey Agee	Opelika	Ja'karri Thomas	Tallahassee	Ryan White	Louisville	Kyle Anderton	Hendersonville
Khari Blasingame	New Market	Jamauri Wakefield	Jacksonville			Chandler Dorrell	Nashville
Josh Crawford	Wetumpka	Ralph Webb	Gainesville	LOUISIANA (3)		Barrett Gouger	Soddy Daisy
Zach Cunningham	Pinson			Bailey Granier	Galliano	Tre Herndon	Chattanooga
C.J. Duncan	Montgomery	GEORGIA (14)		Kenny Hebert	New Orleans	Jay Hockaday	Nashville
Cole Hardin	Florence	Nigel Bowden	Macon	Kalija Lipscomb	New Orleans	Andrew Jelks	Paris
Torren McGaster	Daphne	Devin Cochran	Norcross			Wilson Johnson	Nashville
Reid Nelson	Hueytown	Turner Cockrell	Acworth	MARYLAND (1)		Latevius Rayford	Memphis
Riley Tindol	Billingsley	Delando Crooks	Atlanta	Jaire George	Hyattsville	Bruno Reagan	Clarksville
DeAndre Woods	Clay	Darion DeBrossard	Snellville			Andrew Rector	Nashville
		Sam Dobbs	Douglasville	MISSISSIPPI (1)		Jacob Schultz	Murfreesboro
ARKANSAS (1)		Taurean Ferguson	Jonesboro	Zaire Jones	Meridian	Donovan Sheffield	Nashville
Ean Pfeifer	Bentonville	Bryce Lewis	Lilburn			Darius Sims	Memphis
		Jared Pinkney	Norcross	MISSOURI (1)		Emmanuel Smith	Murfreesboro
ARIZONA (1)		Dallas Rivers	Stone Mountain	Brady Jasper	Washington	Josh Smith	Murfreesboro
Caleb Peart	Gilbert	Caleb Scott	Suwanee			Deuce Wallace	Sevierville
		Davis Winkie	Cumming	NEW JERSEY (1)		Joejuan Williams	Nashville
CALIFORNIA (8)		Jay Woods	Jackson	Jared Southers	South Orange		
Egidio DellaRipa	Cascaia	Jonathan Wynn	Stone Mountain			TEXAS (6)	
Sean Dowling	Fallbrook			NORTH CAROLINA (2)		Adam Butler	Duncanville
Nifae Lealao	Sacramento	HAWAII (1)		Trey Ellis	Charlotte	Winston Guillory	Dallas
Sam Loy	San Clemente	Sean Auwae-McMoore	Kapolei	Shawn Stankavage	Durham	Braden Kopp	Houston
Nehemiah Mitchell	Hayward					Dare Odeyingbo	Irving
Josiah Sa'o	San Diego	INDIANA (1)		OHIO (1)		John Webb	Dallas
LaDarius Wiley	Los Angeles	Cameron Tidd	Greenwood	Kade Mayle	McConnelsville	Reese Wilson	Rockwall
Charles Wright	Irvine						
FLORIDA (10)		ILLINOIS (4)		OKLAHOMA (2)		VIRGINIA (4)	
Frank Coppet	Fort Lauderdale	Jalen Banks	Markham	Austin Quillen	Jenks	Drew Birchmeier	Midlothian
Wade Freebeck	Davie	Hayden Lekacz	Glen Ellyn	Jackson Winrow	Shawnee	Oren Burks	Fairfax Station
Jordan Griffin	Tampa	Nathan Marcus	Glen Ellyn			Justin Skule	Clifton
Elijah Hamilton	Roswell	Trent Sherfield	Danville	PENNSYLVANIA (3)		Donaven Tennyson	Richmond
Will Holden	Green Cove Springs			Andre Mintze	Philadelphia		
Tommy Openshaw	Jacksonville			Kyle Shurmur	Philadelphia	Note: Position players shown in bold	
				Arnold Tarpley	Pittsburgh	started at least five games in 2015.	

ROSTER BY ELIGIBILITY CLASS

SENIORS (13) Torey Agee, Adam Butler, Chandler Dorrell, Barrett Gouger, Will Holden, Andrew Jelks, Wilson Johnson, Torren McGaster, Nehemiah Mitchell, Latevius Rayford, Jacob Schultz, Darius Sims, Ja'karri Thomas

JUNIORS (31) Jalen Banks, Nigel Bowden, Oren Burks, Delando Crooks, Zach Cunningham, Egidio DellaRipa, Sean Dowling, C.J. Duncan, Trey Ellis, Taurean Ferguson, Wade Freebeck, Tre Herndon, Brady Jasper, Nifae Lealao, Hayden Lekacz, Nathan Marcus, Kade Mayle, Tommy Openshaw, Dallas Rivers, Caleb Scott, Trent Sherfield, Emmanuel Smith, Landon Stokes, Arnold Tarpley, Ralph Webb, Ryan White, LaDarius Wiley, Davis Winkie, DeAndre Woods, Jay Woods, Jonathan Wynn

SOPHOMORES (23) Kyle Anderton, Khari Blasingame, Josh Crawford, Sam Dobbs, Bailey Granier, Jordan Griffin, Winston Guillory, Cole Hardin, Jay Hockaday, Bryce Lewis, Reid Nelson, Dare Odeyingbo, Bruno Reagan, Andrew Rector, Donovan Sheffield, Kyle Shurmur, Justin Skule, Josh Smith, Shawn Stankavage, Riley Tindol, John Webb, Reese Wilson, Charles Wright

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (6) Darion DeBrossard, Jaire George, Caleb Peart, Ean Pfeifer, Jared Pinkney, Jared Southers

FRESHMEN (20) Sean Auwae-McMoore, Drew Birchmeier, Devin Cochran, Turner Cockrell, Frank Coppet, Elijah Hamilton, Kenny Hebert, Zaire Jones, Braden Kopp, Kalija Lipscomb, Sam Loy, Andre Mintze, Austin Quillen, Josiah Sa'o, Donaven Tennyson, Cameron Tidd, Jamauri Wakefield, Deuce Wallace, Joejuan Williams, Jackson Winrow