Ethan Halbert, George MacIntyre, Bobby Johnson, James Franklin, Derek Mason, and Clark Lea. Four have led them to a conference championship: R. G. Acton, W. H. Watkins, James R. Henry, and Dan McGugin. McGugin is the leader in seasons coached and games won, with 198 victories during his 30 years at Vanderbilt. He was awarded two National Championships retroactively by Clyde Berryman.

Of the 29 different head coaches who have led the Commodores, McGugin, [3] Ray Morrison, [4] Red Sanders, [5] and Bill Edwards [6] have been inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

	Georgia Tech (dormant)
	Sewanee (historical)
Consensus All-	7 ^[1]
Americans	
Colors	Black and gold ^[2]
Fight song	Dynamite!
Mascot	Mr. C
Marching band	Spirit of Gold Marching
	Band
Outfitter	Nike
Website	vucommodores.com

The head coach is Clark Lea, who was hired on December 14, 2020.

Conference affiliations [edit]

Vanderbilt has been affiliated with the following conferences.

- Independent (1890–1891)
- SIAA (1892–1921)^[7]
- Southern Conference (1922–1932)[8]
- Southeastern Conference (1933–present)[9]

Championships [edit]

Conference championships [edit]

Vanderbilt has won 14 conference championships, with six shared and eight won outright.

Season	Conference	Coach	Overall record	Conference record
1897	SIAA	R. G. Acton	6–0–1	3–0–1
1901		W. H. Watkins	6–1–1	6–0–1
1903†		James H. Henry	6–1–1	5–1–1
1904		Dan McGugin	9–0	5–0
1905			7–1	6–0
1906†			8–1	6–0
1907			5–1–1	4–0
1910†			8-0-1	5–0
1911			8–1	6–0

1912		8–1–1	4-0-1		
1915			9–1	5–0	
1921†			7–0–1	4-0-1	
1922†	SoCon		8-0-1	3–0	
1923†			5–2–1	3-0-1	

† Co-champions

National championships [edit]

Vanderbilt has been awarded 6 national championships for the years 1906, 1910, 1911, 1918, 1921, and 1922. The school does not claim any of these national titles.

Season	Coach	Overall record	Conference record	National Championship Selector
1906		8–1–0	6-0-0	Billingsley Report ^{[10][11]}
1910		8-0-1	5-0-0	James Howell [12]
1911	Don McCugin	8–1–0	5-0-0	Billingsley Report ^{[13][14]}
1918	Dan McGugin	4-2-0	4-0-0	David Wilson [15][16]
1921		7–0–1	4-0-1	Berryman QPRS, ^[17] James Howell ^[18]
1922		8-0-1	3-0-0	Berryman QPRS, ^[19] James Howell ^[20]

Undefeated seasons [edit]

Vanderbilt has had 8 undefeated seasons in the years 1890, 1897, 1904, 1910, 1921, 1922, 1943, and 1944.

Bowl games [edit]

Vanderbilt has been invited to ten bowl games, with the Commodores garnering a record of 5–4–1 in bowl games.

Season	Coach	Bowl	Opponent	Result
1955	Art Guepe	Gator Bowl	Auburn	W 25–13
1974	Steve Sloan	Peach Bowl	Texas Tech	T 6–6
1982	George MacIntyre	Hall of Fame Classic	Air Force	L 28–36
2008	Bobby Johnson	Music City Bowl	Boston College	W 16–14
2011	James Franklin	Liberty Bowl	Cincinnati	L 24–31

2012		Music City Bowl	NC State	W 38–24
2013		BBVA Compass Bowl	Houston	W 41–24
2016	Derek Mason	Independence Bowl	NC State	L 17–41
2018	Derek Mason	Texas Bowl	Baylor	L 38–45
2024	Clark Lea	Birmingham Bowl	Georgia Tech	W 35–27

Rivalries [edit]

Georgia [edit]

Main article: Georgia-Vanderbilt football rivalry

Having started in 1893, the Georgia-Vanderbilt football series was played annually from 1968 to 2023. The two were divisional opponents in the SEC East from 1992 to 2023. The series, which rotates between Nashville, Tennessee, and Athens, Georgia, stands with Georgia leading 61-20–2 through the 2023 season. [21] Under the new SEC format, they are not scheduled to play each other again in the regular season until at least 2026. [22]



Kentucky [edit]

Main article: Kentucky-Vanderbilt football rivalry

Having started in 1896, the Kentucky-Vanderbilt football series has been played annually since 1953.^[23] The two were divisional opponents in the SEC East. The series, which rotates between Nashville, Tennessee and Lexington, Kentucky, is led by Kentucky at 48-44-4 with the average score being Vanderbilt 17.2-Kentucky 16.9^[24]

Ole Miss [edit]

Main article: Ole Miss-Vanderbilt football rivalry

Ole Miss was Vanderbilt's cross-divisional rival in the SEC from 1992 to 2023.

Vanderbilt and Ole Miss have played 98 times since 1894.^[25] Ole Miss leads the series 56-40-2.^[25] The largest margin of victory was by 91 points won by Vanderbilt in 1915. Vanderbilt also holds the longest win streak in the series (18) from 1894 to 1938. Under the new SEC format, they are not scheduled to play again in the regular season until at least 2026.^[22]

Tennessee [edit]

Main article: Tennessee-Vanderbilt football rivalry

Traditionally, Vanderbilt has featured differing designs of gold helmets, black jerseys, and gold or black pants at home, and gold helmets, white jerseys and gold, or white pants on the road. Meanwhile, the traditional alternate uniform saw gold helmets and jerseys matched with white pants.^[33]

The James Franklin (2011–2013), and Derek Mason (2014–2020) eras saw the introduction of several new combinations- including "blackout" (i.e. all black), and "whiteout" (i.e. all white) uniforms. The team's gold alternate jerseys were also re-designed with the addition of black shoulders and a more muted gold. [34] Eventually, battleship gray was incorporated as well. [35]

The Clark Lea (2021–Present) era has seen a return to traditional gold helmets (note: featuring a modernized "V" logo), black jerseys, and gold pants at home, and gold helmets, white jerseys, and gold (or white) pants on the road. [36] More recently, Vanderbilt introduced new all white ("whiteout"), [37] and all black ("blackout") uniforms [38] for the 2024 season opening up the possibility of several different combinations.

Individual awards [edit]

College Football Hall of Fame [edit]

Vanderbilt Commodore football personnel have been inducted into the National Football Foundation's National College Football Hall of Fame.^[39]

Players [edit]

Name	Position	Career
John J. Tigert	НВ	1901–1903
Josh Cody	Т	1914–1916, 1919
Lynn Bomar	End	1921–1924
William Spears	QB	1925–1927
Carl Hinkle	С	1935–1937

Coaches [edit]

Name	Career
Dan McGugin	1904–1917, 1919–1934
Ray Morrison	1918, 1935–1939
Red Sanders	1940–1942, 1946–1948
Bill Edwards	1949–1952

All-Americans [edit]

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Player	Year	Position
Zach Cunningham	2016	LB
Jordan Matthews	2013	WR
Casey Hayward	2011	СВ
D.J. Moore	2008	DB
Earl Bennett	2006	WR
Jamie Winborn	1999	LB
Jamie Duncan	1997	LB
Bill Marinangel	1996	Р
Boo Mitchell	1988	WR
Chris Gaines	1987	LB
Ricky Anderson	1984	Р
Leonard Coleman	1983	DB
Chuck Scott	1983	TE
Jim Arnold	1982	Р
Allama Matthews	1982	TE
Preston Brown	1979	Back
Barry Burton	1974	TE
Bob Asher	1969	Т
Chip Healy	1968	LB
George Diedrich	1958	G
Charley Horton	1955	RB
Bill Wade	1951	QB
Bob Werckle	1951	Т
Bucky Curtis	1950	End
Bob Gude	1941	С
Carl Hinkle	1937	С
Pete Gracey	1932	С
Bull Brown	1929	G
Dick Abernathy	1928	End

Bill Spears	1926, 1927	QB
Gil Reese	1923, 1924	Back
Henry Wakefield	1923, 1924	End
Oliver Kuhn	1922	QB
Lynn Bomar	1922, 1923	End
Josh Cody	1914, 1915, 1919	Т
Irby Curry	1916	QB
Lewie Hardage	1912	Back
Ray Morrison	1911	QB
W. E. Metzger	1910	G
Bob Blake	1907	E
Owsley Manier	1906	Back

Consensus All-American [edit]

Vanderbilt has had seven consensus All-Americans in their history. In 2016, Zach Cunningham became the first unanimous All-American in Vanderbilt's history. [40]

Player	Year	Position
Lynn Bomar	1923	E
Hek Wakefield	1924	E
Pete Gracey	1932	С
George Deiderich	1958	G
Jim Arnold	1982	Р
Ricky Anderson	1984	Р
Zach Cunningham	2016	LB

All-Southerns [edit]

Main article: List of Vanderbilt Commodores football All-Southerns

Conference recognition [edit]

Vanderbilt Commodores personnel, including coaches and players, have received recognition from the Southeastern Conference for their performances on the football field.^[39]

Five Vanderbilt players have been awarded Most Valuable Player, with three of them being awarded over a six year span to Commodores.

Name	Year
Willie Geny	1935
Carl Hinkle	1937
Jack Jenkins	1941
Bill Wade	1951
Bob Goodridge	1967

Offensive Player of the Year [edit]

One Vanderbilt player has won Offensive Player of the Year honors.

Name	Year
Jay Cutler	2005

Freshman of the Year [edit]

Two players have won Freshman of the Year while at Vanderbilt.

Name	Year
Kwane Doster	2002
Warren Norman	2009

Best Blocker [edit]

One Commodore has won Best Blocker, doing so twice.

Name	Year
Jack Jenkins	1941, 1942

Best Wide Receiver [edit]

Name	Year
Earl Bennett	2005–2007

Coach of the Year [edit]

Six Vanderbilt coaches have won Coach of the Year honors over the past century.

Name	Year
Ray Morrison	1937

Red Sanders	1941
Art Guepe	1955
George MacIntyre	1982
Bobby Johnson	2008
Clark Lea	2024

Future opponents [edit]

Conference opponents [edit]

From 1992 to 2023, Vanderbilt played in the East Division of the SEC and played each opponent in the division each year along with several teams from the West Division. The SEC will expand the conference to 16 teams and will eliminate its two divisions in 2024, causing a new scheduling format for the Commodores to play against the other members of the conference.^[41] Only the 2024 conference schedule was announced on June 14, 2023, while the conference still considers a new format for the future.^[42]

2024 Conference Schedule [edit]

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Opponent	Site	Result
at Missouri	Faurot Field · Columbia, MO	L 27-30
Alabama	FirstBank Stadium · Nashville, TN	W 40-35
at Kentucky	Kroger Field · Lexington, KY (rivalry)	W 20-13
Texas	FirstBank Stadium · Nashville, TN	L 24-27
at Auburn	Jordan-Hare Stadium · Auburn, AL	W 17-7
South Carolina	FirstBank Stadium · Nashville, TN	L 28-7
at LSU	Tiger Stadium · Baton Rouge, LA	L 24-17
Tennessee	FirstBank Stadium · Nashville, TN (rivalry)	L 36-23

2025 Conference Schedule [edit]

Opponent

at Alabama
Auburn
Kentucky
LSU
Missouri

at South Carolina
at Tennessee
at Texas

Non-conference opponents [edit]

Announced schedules as of December 12, 2024^[43]

No games are scheduled for the 2030 and 2031 seasons.

2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2032	2033
Virginia Tech	at Virginia Tech	Austin Peay	Eastern Kentucky	SMU	Purdue	at Stanford	Stanford
Alcorn State	Georgia State	NC State	at Stanford	at NC State	at SMU		
Ball State	Utah State	Delaware					
at Georgia State	Charleston Southern						

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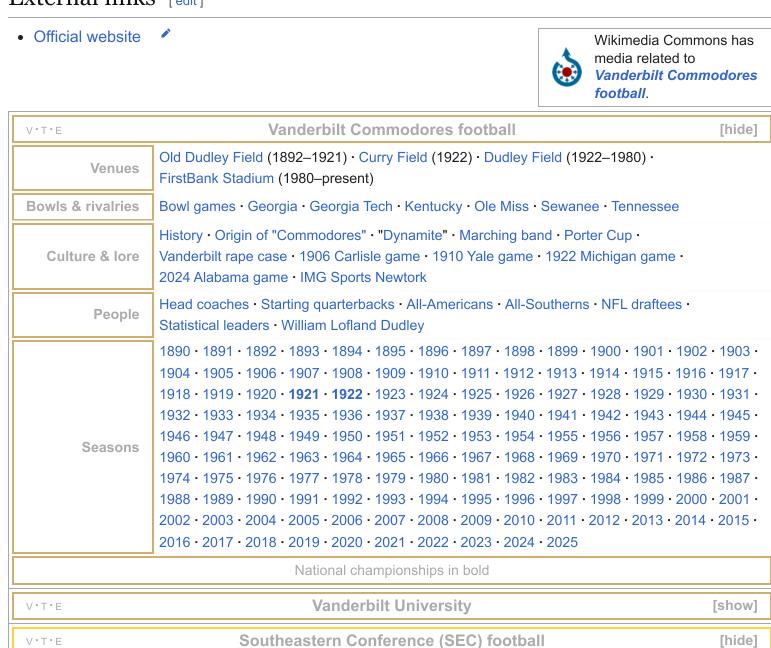
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